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## ***Norwood 150 Mid-Fall Program Includes Special Events for Halloween and Thanksgiving***

The last three of Norwood's currently scheduled Rolling Church Tours will be held at the end of October. Feedback received on the first of the tours has been uniformly positive. The last three tours will be held at:

- Heritage Baptist Church on Saturday, October 29, 615 Washington Street, from 10:00 am to noon. (This tour was first announced with a different date and time. Please note the current schedule.)
- St. George Orthodox Church on Sunday, October 30, 6 Atwood Avenue, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.
- First Church of Christ, Scientist, also on Sunday, October 30, 751 Washington Street, from noon to 2:00 pm. More details on the program are now available: Tours will include information on the church and its history. Printed brochures will be available. Visitors will be invited to conclude their tour with a stop at the church's Reading Room (across the street), where light refreshments will be available.

The Reading Room is a combination library and bookstore, which has been open in downtown Norwood since 1938. Parking is available on both Washington and Guild Streets or across the street in the Post Office parking lot.

The first Norwood 150 event in the second half of October will be a model rocketry event, on Saturday, October 16, at 4:15 pm, at the Coakley Middle School, 1315 Washington Street.

Deadlines to register to participate and to pick up rocket kits were previously published and have now passed, but you can still attend and enjoy the show!

There will be a presentation titled “Our New Town: Norwood’s First Town Officials,” on Saturday, October 22, at the Old Parish Cemetery, 480 Washington Street Rear, from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Norwood historian Patricia Fanning is overseeing the presentation and reports that several of Norwood’s first town officials – including the first selectman, the first town clerk, the first assessor, the first constable, the first fire engineer (the old title for fire chief) and the first keeper at the town pound -- are buried at the Old Parish Cemetery. This presentation will tell their stories.

A Halloween festival will be held on the Town Common, Washington and Nahatan Streets, on October 23, from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Family-oriented, non-threatening activities are expected to include a scarecrow building contest, contests for carving and/or painting jack-o-lanterns, a Halloween electric train ride, pumpkin bowling, face painting, and a hay bale maze, followed by a costume parade at 5:30 pm and a jack-o-lantern lighting at 6:00 pm.

For those who missed Norfolk County Register Bill O’Donnell’s presentation earlier this year -- then heard how fascinating, educational and fun it proved to be -- good news! On Thursday, October 27, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, at the Morrill Memorial Library, 33 Walpole Street, there will be a presentation of treasures from the Registry of Deeds and what they have to tell us about the story of the Town of Norwood. There will also be a presentation about notable individuals from the 150-year history of Norwood. For more information on this lecture and others in this series, go to <https://www.norwoodlibrary.org>.

Beginning on Monday, October 24, students of Norwood High School, using 3D Design & Studio software, will kick off a two-week celebration on *Coloring the Old Parish Landscape: Visual Interpretations of Norwood's Historical Data*. Students will create a visual image in fabric with representations of historical data, such as birth rates and miles of roads within the town. On October 24 to 28, you can watch the display being installed at the Old Parish Cemetery at 480 Washington Street Rear. Then on Saturday, October 29, at 2:00 pm, you can attend the Grand Opening. The show will continue through Saturday, November 5. During the show's two-week run, the cemetery will be open from dawn to dusk.

A Veterans' Day program will be held on Friday, November 11, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, at the Old Parish Cemetery, 480 Washington Street Rear. Details will be provided later, closer to the date.

On Tuesday, November 15, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, the Norwood Historical Society will present a Book Group discussion of "The Children's Librarian" by A. Heppler. The free discussion will take place at the F. Holland Day House, 93 Day Street. To request more details or express interest, go to [info@norwoodhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@norwoodhistoricalsociety.org).

On Saturday, November 26, the Norwood Hall of Fame will conduct an annual event at Norwood High School at 245 Nichols Street. On Sunday, November 27, three days after Thanksgiving, there will be a Holiday Stroll. Details on both these events will be provided later, closer to the dates of the events.