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Norwood 150 Launches Rolling Church Tour, and Culture and Arts Festival

Thanks to everyone who came by the Norwood 150 booth at Norwood Day! If you missed the chance to pick up a mug, a glass, a shirt, or other Norwood 150 merchandise, do not despair.

Some choice items are still available at the Morrill Memorial Library, 33 Walpole Street.

One of the visitors to the booth talked about the stash of loot he had acquired at the 100th anniversary – and how he had let it all go over the years. Don't let that be you in 2072!

On September 20, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, the Norwood Historical Society will host a book club discussion of Patricia Fanning's new book, "Keeping the Faith: Norwood at 150."

The discussion will be held at Day House, 93 Day Street. For more information, **go to** infor@norwoodhistoricalsociety.org.

Rolling Church Tour. The Norwood 150th Rolling Church Tour begins on Sunday, September 18, at St. Catherine's, and runs through the end of October. Check the Norwood 150 website periodically to see any changes in the program, including churches added or deleted and any changes in dates or times.

Churches that have announced their program details will offer opportunities to tour the facilities; information on the church, its building and its history; and refreshments. Some churches have provided more specific program details, which are shown below.

SUN, SEP 18: St. Catherine's of Siena Catholic Church, 549 Washington Street, 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Four tour guides will be available, each equipped with information on the church and its history, including the stained glass windows. While visitors wait for the next tour to start, they will be shown a pre-tour video, which will also be posted to the church's website, along with the full script used by the tour guides. Visitors will also be given a brochure highlighting some of the historic and artistic aspects of the church and parish. Tours will begin at the main entrance to the church.

SAT, SEP 24: Trinity Community Church, 234 Walpole Street, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

SAT, SEP 24: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 24 Berwick Street; and Grace Episcopal Church, 150 Chapel Street, both from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The two churches, located on the same block, are coordinating so that visitors can start with either church, then take the 5-minute walk to the other church.

SUN, SEP 25: First Congregational Church, 100 Winter Street, 12 to 2 pm. (Time corrected from a previous press release.) An Open House will include coffee, juice, water, cake, cookies, and "other things to eat." Visitors will be given a one-page summary of the history of the church and current activities. Church members will be available to give quick tours of the building. Visitors will be informed of the tour at the First Baptist Church, which is scheduled to run at the same time.

SUN, SEP 25: First Baptist Church and Anglican Church of the Redeemer, 71 Bond Street, 2 to 4 pm (time changed from previous press releases). The two churches will jointly host an open house at the First Baptist Church, whose facilities are also used for services by the Anglican Church. A reception will be offered in the Carriage House (church hall), where coffee, tea and pastries will be provided, and each church will have information on its history on display in the Carriage House. Brief tours will be offered.

SAT, OCT 1: Fulfilled Life Ministries, 661 Pleasant Street, 2:00 to 3:00 pm. The tour will include refreshments and church history, as well as a tour of various rooms used in church programs, including a free baby store, the kitchen, a clothing and bedding store, and spaces supporting the grocery program.

SAT, OCT 8: Waters Church, 9:30 to 11:30 am.

SAT, OCT 8: Heritage Baptist Church, 615 Washington Street, 1:30 to 3:00 pm.

SUN, OCT 30: First Church of Christ, Scientist, 751 Washington Street, Noon to 2:00 pm.

SUN, OCT 30: St. George Orthodox Church, 6 Atwood Avenue, 2:00 to 3:00 pm.

For more information, please send your questions to Pastor Veronica Truell, Chair of the Norwood 150 Evangelical Committee, at revveronicaxpa@gmail.com, and to the committee at johnrhalljr48@gmail.com.

The Norwood 150 **Culture and Arts Festival** will be held on October 1, from 2:00 to 10:00 pm, at the Norwood Space Center, 83 Morse Street. The festival will be a wonderful day for Norwood neighbors and friends to experience some of the artistic and cultural richness represented in our town. The hope is to involve as many cultural and artistic community members/groups as possible.

Check the festival page on the Norwood 150 website (www.norwoodma150.gov) for updated information. For more information, please contact the event organizer, Katie Sibbing-Dunn, at katie.sibbing@gmail.com.

Before 7:00 pm:

- There will be family activities including bocce courts, storytelling, and a workshop by Norwood author Scott SanGiacomo, to name a few;
- Take a look inside the Space Center tenants stores, including Luke Adams (Glass) Studio, Giving the Glam, Little Bird, Irish Brewing Boston, Morva Stone, Salvage Angel, and Alex Jones Photography Studio.
- There will also be resident artist open studios, artist vendors, and booths featuring information on the many countries that have given us current or historic Norwood residents. These will be hosted by volunteer neighbors and in some cases local cultural organizations.
- International food offerings will be available for sampling and noshing.

Musical and dance performances will be in the outdoor courtyard “main stage” unless there is rain, when the main stage will be indoors. From 2:00 to 8:00 pm, performances will include:

- Triveni Indian Dance Company (4:00 to 4:30 pm);
- Los Sugar Kings (6:15 to 7:00 pm);
- Cristian Uribe Colombian Folk Dancers (7:15 to 8:00 pm)

More announcements are coming soon.

At 7:00 pm, vendors and information booths will close and all are invited to join DJ Prof, Norwood's own Willie Rodriguez, at the main stage for international music until 10:00 pm.

A Welcome Center will feature a festival information booth and displays by the Norwood 150 Committee, the Morrill Memorial Library, and the Norwood Historical Society. They will offer a glimpse into some of Norwood's archival depictions of the town's culture and diverse communities.

On October 10, from 4:00 pm to midnight, the Norwood High School Alumni Association will sponsor its annual Scavenger Hunt fund-raiser. You need be an NHS alum to participate. The event costs \$100, and you can register at <http://norwoodhighschoolalumniassociation.org>.

Hunters will assemble at the Norwood Sheraton Four Points, 1125 Boston-Providence Turnpike, at 4:00 pm to pick up their limo and begin a two-hour scavenger hunt, after which they will return to the Sheraton for a buffet dinner.

A model rocketry event will be held in October. On October 16, at 4:15 pm, there will be a model rocketry demonstration at the Coakley Middle School, 1315 Washington Street. Norwood elementary school students and their families are invited to register to build and launch their own model rockets. The deadline for registration is Saturday, September 24, at www.orientlodge.org/rocket. A workshop for participants to pick up and assemble their rocket kits will be held on Saturday, October 8, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, at the Norwood Masonic Building, at 76 Day Street. The registration fee ranges from \$15 to \$23, depending on the type of rocket selected, and includes a model rocket kit (chosen by the grade level of the student), two engines for two flights on launch day, and a Norwood 150 commemorative mission patch. Students and families who already have a rocket kit and two engines can participate for a reduced, mission patch only fee of \$7.

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, including a costume parade at 5:30 pm and a jack-o-lantern lighting at 6:00 pm, just after sunset.

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