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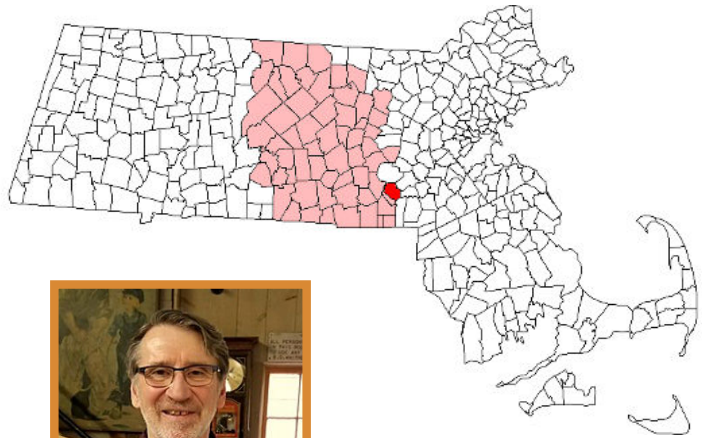
# Worcester Registry of Deeds

## Newsletter

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Hello and happy Fall. Now that we have a very wet summer in our rear view mirror we can focus on learning about our communities. This month I have been self-tasked with learning about the people of Milford. The residents of Milford are more than likely well versed in their notable people, but the remaining 54 districts in our district are about to be enlightened. The list of notable people from Milford is long and interesting, I am going to mention a few that piqued my interest and share some information on them. **Norm Abram**, carpenter and co-host of the wildly popular *This Old House* and host of the *New Yankee Workshop*, is a Milford native. As I write this note (October 3) Norm turns 74 years young. His career spanned 43 years. Norm was an inquisitive kid on anything mechanical. He gained his skills from his dad in his parent's basement in Milford, MA. Norm Abram's

role model was his dad. Norm began by sweeping the floor after a day of woodworking. One of his first projects was a wooden truck for his sister. Norm worked in the region in construction. In 1979, Norm was "discovered" when he was commissioned to build a barn. The first *This*

*Old House* project centered on a renovation of a home in Dorchester, MA. Norm and his TV shows received a combined 117 Emmy nominations and 20 wins. The Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Norm in 2022. If you hear the line

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### Community Statistics

Worcester South District

339

Number of Recordings in September 2023

\$490K

Median Home Value

67.5%

Homes Owned vs. Rented

10,945

Total Housing Units

734

Density (Houses per Square Mile)



# Town Spotlight

## Milford

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“Measure twice and cut once” you can thank Norm for promoting this skill.

**Charles Laquidara**, longtime WBCN DJ played what he wanted to play and said what he wanted to say. I can attest his streak remains. I am a follower of Laquidara on social media. Charles is 84 years young and a native of Milford MA. Recently the *Boston Globe* wrote an article on the Boston radio legend. He was quoted: “we were positive that we were going to change the world” referring to the “hippy dippy glory days”. Laquidara hosted a radio show “The Big Mattress” from 1972-1995. Laquidara was hired by a local radio station to replace Peter Wolf, who vacated to join the J. Geils Band (Worcester based rock band). Laquidara is

notable for calling a boycott of Shell Oil. Laquidara had local favorites: Steven Tyler and Roger Clemens on ads cutting up their Shell Oil credit cards. Some say Howard Stern was inspired by Laquidara, a humble Laquidara publicly cites a mutual respect.

**Paul Coyne**, in continuing on my public figure research, I learned about Coyne. His career began as an assistant editor, then editor and finally a producer of many popular television shows. The most notable shows include: Survivor, The Amazing Race, Big Brother, The Bachelor, Beyond Scared Straight and The Joe Schmo Show. So to show you the reader what inspires me to pick a topic, here you go: Coyne trained to be a professional scrabble player; is a diner history expert; and a genealogy junkie. Coyne has traced family ancestral roots which include: Henry

Alcott, Lady Mac Beth, Jack Kerouac (identified as his 5th cousin) and passengers on the Mayflower.

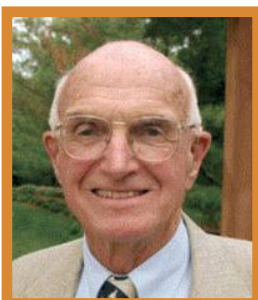
**Joseph E. Murray, MD** recipient of the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1990. Murray was part of the team that performed the first human organ transplant. Murray was a graduate of Milford High School, class of 1936; attended and graduated from The College of the Holy Cross and completed his schooling at Harvard Medical School. It was in 1954 that Murray was on the team that successfully transplanted a kidney from an identical twin brother. Honestly the list of notable people from Milford is very long, I could have provided pages of facts and insights gleaned from information I read. It has been fun taking a trip into the people of Milford, thank you for reading and learning what I have shared from my research.



Charles Laquidara



Paul Coyne



Joseph E. Murray, MD

# Halloween Word Search

B H F I G E A N S A M O I C P L J E K D  
 R S T A B F R A N K E N S T E I N V S U  
 S W E S P O O K Y A E Y K E B C N O P B  
 P E G N D A O R N T S L A E F O P H A L  
 I R A Z O M B I E B A A E A G A G A O A  
 D A S P A I E N A O H A B T H O G H P C  
 E S F T G B F O P A O E A W O W D A C K  
 R I V T C A N D Y U C C H A S N C A I C  
 O A A S P O T I O N M T W I T C H M B A  
 E A M F T A S A E R A P A N A M A U S T  
 N E P U A B A T S A E T K A D A U M M A  
 B A I T S A F E U A K E V I L L N M A A  
 A B R O O M A O N M A T O E N A T P M A  
 T I E H A L L O W E E N B L W C E C T Y  
 A T Z H A Y L L A X O W E E N A D C R T

Ghost	Costume	Broom	Spider	Spooky
Boo	Frankenstein	Bat	Black Cat	Potion
Witch	Skeleton	Mummy	Halloween	Haunted
Pumpkin	Candy	Vampire	Fall	Zombie

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# Recipe: My Mom's Apple Crisp

## Instructions:

- 1 - Core, peel and slice 10 cups of apples
- 2 - Place in a 9 x 13 pan
- 3 - Sprinkle Cinnamon over cut apples
- 4 - Topping
  - 1 stick of butter softened
  - 1 cup of granulated sugar
  - 1 cup of flour
  - Mix until crumbly
- 5 - Spread mixture over apples
- 6 - Bake at 350 for 50 - 60 minutes

**ENJOY! Really good with vanilla ice cream.**



## Make a Bird Feeder

Choose a plastic bottle in a size you like. Take the label off the plastic bottle and wash and dry it. Be sure to keep the lid. On the side of

the bottle, close to the bottom, cut a horseshoe shaped semi-circle (not a complete hole) that is about 1.25 inches in size. Leave the plastic

attached on the bottom of the hole so that it makes a flap that you pull out and down. Push the handle of a wooden spoon through this hole and straight across the bottle till it taps the opposite side of the bottle. Mark that spot with a marker and cut a small slit. Push the spoon

handle through the small opening you just cut. Do the exact same thing for the second spoon about half way up the bottle starting from a different direction than the first spoon. Perhaps making a right angle from the first spoon. Position the spoons so that the bowl is up.



## Upcoming Speaking Events

If there are any other Senior Center organizations that would like Katie Toomey to come and do a presentation about the Worcester Registry of Deeds please email me at:

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or call 508-368-7000

(Deeds, Trusts, Life Estates and how to plan for the future)