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Welcome to our 125th Anniversary Celebration.

Founded in January 1894 as the Norwood Business Association and changing its name to the Norwood Chamber of Commerce in 1926, the Chamber has supported our community through decades of momentous change. It created a community chest during the Great Depression, and helped soldiers returning from WWII.

In the post-war era, the press, binderies, ink mills and tannery that had anchored the local business community began to fade, and eventually were replaced by defense contractors, manufacturers and financial services companies.

By the late '70s, the Chamber was growing rapidly and holding its annual meeting at the Norwood Airport, where members were offered free airplane rides and a boiled lobster dinner was on the table. Annual dues were \$18.

As the Chamber moved into the '90s, its focus turned to business development, networking and educational seminars. One of its most notable achievements in the early 2000s was its advocacy for the expansion of Route 128 between Randolph and Wellesley, a project that has eased some of the region's traffic congestion.

The most important role the Chamber fills today is providing connections.

That's why we changed our name in 2019 to the Neponset River Regional Chamber – to honor the river that connects all our communities. The river upon which the very first industrial businesses in the region established themselves and grew.

-Dana Bottorff, Former Chair of the Board

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