

Hello all Randolph Residents and Readers,

My name is Nahlya Hall, and I am a rising senior at the South Shore Charter Public School (SSCPS) in Norwell, MA, but for all 17 years of my life I have been a Randolph resident. Through my personal experiences of being in Randolph Youth Council, previously attending Randolph Community Middle School, and most recently becoming employed as a summer teen intern for the Community Wellness Plan I have gained an insight on the issues that relate to Randolph.

On the first day (July 11, 2022), I was able to take a deeper look at what I seemingly found normal, but in actuality has been carefully accounted for by the Community Wellness Plan through a slide presentation, and activities, such as a poster board that was conducted by Hoai Thuong Tran (Community Wellness Planner) and Sasha Parodi (MAPC Event and Special Projects Specialist). The Community Wellness Project strives to improve Community, Healthcare and Public Health, Transportation, Housing, Parks, Open Space, and Recreation, Healthy Food, and Schools. With a stress on equity instead of equality, justice instead of the standard, and health in its many forms: physical, mental, and social. As well as what was mentioned, an essential part of what we learned on our first day was how none of this matters if we don't have the people in Randolph of different cultural, racial, and ethnic backgrounds being represented. What I found special was that along with my colleagues, I am able to represent a pool of Randolph residents in order to represent them.

On the second day (July 12, 2022), I embarked on my first project, and had the pleasure of working on researching the current impact of Housing, and Schools in Randolph, and presenting them to my colleagues. Personally, I resonated more with the School goal, since it is a major factor in my life, and a healthy environment, and resources is something I not only want for myself, but also

for my classmates (but affordable Housing is just as important as it leads to homeless which was an eye-opener). Also, I found it intriguing how equity is an almost ignored, but vital component of schools. Whether people have transportations, or are immobilized should not play a factor in them being able to feel included, and be able to participate.

On the third day, I presented what I had discovered to my colleagues. After I finished, I saw others present their findings, and I became most interested in understanding how I can improve Transportation, and Parks, and Recreations because it seems as a Randolph resident alone I can only do so much, but with this new position I have been given it feels like I have more of opportunity, and responsibility to do more, and share what I have learned. Going forward, I would say Healthy Food is where my passion lies because of thrown out school lunches, and strictly fast food restaurants as opposed to vegan restaurants.

As I write to you now closing on my third day (July 13, 2022), I am excited for what is ahead, and make sure to look out for my colleagues, Tina, and Alex, and I at the Town Hall, and the Turner Free Library, and in a podcast that is coming your way!

Thank you Randolph,

Nahlya Hall