



As the sun sets on Steward, MPT is taking over management of the construction at the rebuild site of the Norwood Hospital.

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Steward out, Norwood Hospital under new management

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

As work on the Norwood Hospital is now focused on getting the building weatherized and protected from the elements, the site's landlord, Medical Properties Trust (MPT), recently made an announcement to the Town of Norwood.

"As of March 5, 2025, MPT has accepted and assumed all of Steward's rights, interest, and obligations in all contracts, permits, and licenses related to the construction of the new

replacement hospital on the Property, including the Construction Contract," said MPT Senior Vice President of Operations Rosa Hooper in a letter to the Town dated April 10.

This coincides with the Norwood Board of Selectmen being informed last week that construction will resume on the site that would include "Some work will begin again in the next few weeks as MPT is going to – as far as we've been told – at least seal off the building, finish the roof and do some exterior work," said Town Manager

Tony Mazzucco at the meeting. "They want to make sure the roof isn't damaged and make sure there's no damage to the work that's already been done. They're doing that in preparation or anticipation of the hospital being sold to potentially a new owner."

Norwood Building Inspector Gary Pelletier said the contractor on the site may already be starting this work. "Suffolk Construction, the Building Permit Holder, has informed me

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Middle School mistakes made on staffing

Chronic absenteeism also a problem

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee met on April 10 at the Savage Education Center and discussed projected staffing issues at the new Coakley Middle School, currently under construction.

School Committee member Teresa Stewart said back in 2021, they had underestimated the staffing needs of the new Coakley Middle School, which will be finished in 2025 and will be adding the fifth grade to the school. She said originally they were looking at adding six full-time positions to the new school.

"That number was way too low," she said. "Take a look at our education plan and all the things we're trying to accomplish and that justifies why we need the staff to implement these amazing things."

Stewart said they are looking at, hopefully, adding another 17 full-time equivalent positions. But she said with the current financial projection for the Town and Norwood Public Schools District (NPS), she's not exactly sure they can get all of them. Stewart said the original timelines and staffing amounts were set in 2021.

"A lot of things have changed since 2021," she said. "When we wrote the education plan and looked at staffing, I think unfortunately we underestimated what we would need."

Stewart said originally Coakley Principal Margo Fraczek presented two staffing plans, one for a "robust" number of teachers at 17.85 positions and one for a "basic" plan at 12. Both of these plans are for the fiscal year 2026.

"Since then, we've all been part of many budget conversations, and I am not sure we are going to get that robust plan, unless something drastically changes with the Town," she said.

Stewart said the schools' budget subcommittee and Fraczek have been meeting and prioritizing positions for the new school. "So if we can't get 17.85 in, if we can't get 12, what is the priority?" she asked. "So that work is going to be ongoing with the subcommittee and brought back to the School Committee this spring."

Stewart also discussed the issue of the fifth grade teachers

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Norwood Stars not missing a beat

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The 14th annual Circle of Hope (COH) Dancing with the Norwood Stars fundraiser went off like clockwork on Friday to the delight of more than 200 attendees at the Sheraton Four Points on the Auto Mile.

The night was to raise money for the COH, which distributes funds to families in need facing medical challenges. Emcees for the night, Tim McDonough and George

Usevich, said the organization has raised more than \$1.7 million and has distributed \$1.2 million over its lifespan.

"We're just amazed that it keeps growing and growing since its initial years," McDonough said. "It's just continued to grow and blossom."

Dancers Sean Connolly, Emma Petracca, Dave Dalton, Nina Kelley, Sean White and Meg Luizzo King all performed their hearts out with dance in-

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Dancer Meg Luizzo King after her performance at the Dancing with the Norwood Stars on Friday.

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going to the Coakley. She said they have asked all teachers interested in moving to the new school to let the committee and administration know so they can start the process of moving them around. Stewart pointed out that these teachers can come from any elementary teachers since teaching certifications aren't necessarily done by grade.

"We are going to be putting out a survey to the elementary staff over the break to get a sense of which elementary teachers are interested in moving up to the Coakley," she said. "Once we have that data, we'll be able to figure out what the approach is."

Stewart said she felt this work is needed, as separating all the shared services from the elementary schools into the fifth grade at the Coakley will be a challenge, and on top of that the committee has fallen behind on it.

"There are a lot of conversations and analysis to do, and I know I often say we're behind on things, and I don't want to say that in a negative way but we're behind on this," she said. "I want to publicly talk about it and hold us all accountable and make sure

that we all work together moving forward."

In other news, Muñoz discussed chronic absenteeism in the schools as part of the district's strategic plan. He said that schools are working to reduce chronic absenteeism among those populations having the most trouble with it. He said the definition of "chronic" is 18 missed days a year or more.

Muñoz showed that the average rate of chronic absenteeism is 25.9 percent of the district, at least for 2023. English learners, students with disabilities, low-income students and several populations of color had much higher rates of absenteeism than the average. Low income students had a 38.9 percent rate of chronic absenteeism, Black students a 36.7 rate, American Indian or Alaskan Native had 37.5 percent, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander had 36.7 percent, multi-race non-Hispanic or Latino had 26.7 percent and Hispanic or Latino had 41.4 percent.

Muñoz demonstrated a correlation in MCAS scores with low income and English learner students, which make up 39.6 percent and 14.6 per-

cent of the district respectively. He said low income students scored at almost half the rates of the district average in ELA and Math (25 to 47 in ELA in 2023 and 22 to 43 in Math in 2023), with English learner students not performing better (15 to 47 in ELA and 11 to 43 in Math for 2023).

Muñoz said they have been working with families to develop goals in order to reverse these trends, and said the most basic of those goals is to provide more Spanish and Portuguese language support. They will also be providing family support home visits, utilizing the Adult English classes as a platform for students, conducting mid- and end-of-year engagement surveys, provide more coaching for professional development and implement additional professional development to provide more learning structures for sheltered English immersion (SEI) for students and teachers.

Consolidation of what works is the goal. He said right now many teachers across the district have their own strategies for dealing with these issues and some are more successful than others.

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that work on site, primarily on the exterior shell, would be resuming as early as today," he said.

As of The Record's deadline, MPT has not responded to repeated requests for comment on the scope of the work and/or if any negotiations between MPT and an operator for the new hospital are taking place.

State Rep. John Rogers, however, stated on Friday he has filed legislation to allow Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) to purchase the site.

"Today I filed legislation to authorize the sale of Norwood Hospital to Mass General Hospital to restart the construction of the most modern hospital in Massachusetts and health care provided by the best hospital system in the world," Rogers wrote on Facebook on Thursday.

"Thanks to Senator Mike Rush and Congressman (Stephen) Lynch. Conferred with the owner of MPT and members of the MGB (Massachusetts General Brigham) board of directors who love the Norwood project and want the deal done. Spoke with Guv in her office just waiting on (Secretary of Health and Human Services) Kate Walsh."

However, according to Massachusetts General Brigham External Communications and Media Relations Director Jessica Pastore, the information issued by Rogers' office is news to them.

"Mass General Brigham is not seeking to purchase Norwood Hospital," she wrote in an email.

Suffolk Construction also appeared to mute enthusiasm by stating the current scope of work, at least for right now, is limited. "The work about to be-

gin on the Norwood Hospital jobsite is for weatherization only," stated Suffolk Vice President of Communications and Public Relations Daniel Antonellis. "We do not know if/when full construction will restart."

MPT recently sold 10 facilities in Utah, Dallas, California, New Jersey and Ontario for more than \$1.3 billion.

While it doesn't look like the sale of the hospital or the work to construct the hospital is starting any time soon, something is happening. At a minimum, Norwood Hospital is under new management.

"Please let this letter serve as notice to the Town of Norwood Building Department that MPT should be listed as owner on any and all permits, notices, and other construction-related documents issued by the Town of Norwood," Hooper said.

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Conservation Committee needs you Seed library now open

Kwot Anwey
Staff Reporter

For the Norwood Conservation Committee, spring is where their efforts truly begin to blossom. The committee's April 10 meeting in the Norwood Senior Center marked a fresh season, primarily bringing good news and discussing topics like the upcoming Earth Day Fair, continuing cooperation with local corporations and various successful conservation projects.

During the tail-end of the meeting, committee members talked about the difficult impending task of filling the void of the leaving of its two longest standing members, Peter Bamber and John Gear, emphasizing getting the word out wherever possible and specifically talking to community members who may be a great fit.

"There's some incredibly potent members of our community that contribute to conservation initiatives, open space initiatives, various engineering and other initiatives, but we get a little picky-choosy about what we contribute to, and I think if we all act in that way, commissions and boards and committees end up with slim pickings or maybe don't even have enough gas to run," said ConCom Chair Steve Washburn. "So I would just encourage any member of the community that takes interest or passion surrounding open space, greenspace, trails, engineering or otherwise to think long and hard about whether or not they could be a contributive force to this body because I think there's a lot of folks that would be welcome, I think there's a lot of folks that could provide an incredible contributive force — and I say this with a lot of affection — but tend to march to the beat of their own drum, and it would be great to see them play in the band."

Looking forward to the Earth Day Fair on April 21, members also discussed possible sources of outreach for Norwood residents. The Concom agreed that relevant materials will be made available at the fair, including information from the Neponset River Watershed Association, a possible map of Norwood that includes wetlands and ConCom lands and a description of what it takes to be a conservation commissioner for those looking to apply.

Also highlighted was the importance of some sort of way for homeowners to connect with the commission, especially following Norwood101, where residents got to meet some of the local organizations.

"I think that's kinda the biggest gap that I know of, that a lot of folks just don't know when they should anticipate interacting with the Conservation Commission," said Commissioner Kelsey Quinlan. "I just don't think a lot of people have any connection between this board, and how it affects their neighborhood. Like, where is the jurisdiction?"

Smiling from ear to ear, Commissioners also talked about the newly-functioning seed library at the Morrill Memorial Library. Locals can go to the library, choose five packets of seed, sign their name and write down what exactly they took. Vegetable seeds, herb seeds, native grass and native flower seeds and ornamental flower seeds are all available. Following the work of volunteers, library staff and helping sort through seeds and gaining seed donation information, and with funding through the Norwood Cultural Council, Massachusetts Cultural Council, and the commission itself, the hope is that during autumn, the library gains seed diversity through people donating their seeds; they also hope to teach those interested how to prepare native seeds for germination.

Three native redbud trees were recently planted at Edean Park as well. With plans in the works for a greenhouse at Edean, high school students, in collaboration with Norwood Conservation Agent Carly Rocklen, looked at alternative spots for the greenhouse downhill from trees and the existing food forest to allow enough space for it to grow down slope.

Rocklen also worked with David Mackwell, representing Moderna, to ensure changes made to their security island would lead to enough pervious surfaces to counter the amount of impervious surface they were planning on adding. Moderna plans to install two landscape islands in their parking lot that were previously removed, covering it in mulch and native woody plants, adding an additional 79 square feet of pervious surface than originally proposed.

FM Global is likely to be moving forward with stormwater inspections less frequently. According to Rocklen, the company reports good outcomes on the inspections following improvements, with everything going to plan.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Climate Resilience 1.0 regulation package public comment period has been extended by 60 days up until April 30, specifically asking local conservation committees for their

own thoughts and opinions on the proposed plans.

"Whenever we're — through MACC or our relation with Mass. DEP or otherwise — welcome to provide some feedback or input, well, speak now or forever hold your peace," said Washburn. "Don't complain later if you're not satisfied with discrepancies between federal, state, local regulations and otherwise because this is a cool way to put your two [cents] in."

According to Rocklen, the department aims to use more updated data to take into account greater rainfall as a result of climate change, encourage the use of environmental design and seeks more consistency between the state regulations

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TIGHTENING THE BIBLE BELT

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It is rural Tennessee. On the long drive out, I hear fire and brimstone sermons on radio, the likes of which you don't believe still exist. The area appears a microcosm of advancing intellectual homogenism. In the plant are characters from outlying hills cut from the basest generalizations one imagines of rural, uneducated poor, as well as fit, serious, and engaged IT personnel. I listen to one earnestly explain that he only sees his doctor on favored times and dates, his collusion of magic and primitive superstition his divining light. I listen to Tim, the IT guy, talk of personal faith in God, and he relates his personal revelation:

"I'll tell you why I'm not as religious as I used to be. I was living in Chattanooga. One night—Chattanooga doesn't get tornadoes. One night my wife, my two-year-old, my mother-in-law and me are in our house in Chattanooga. Big storm outside, and I don't know why, I'd never seen a tornado, Chattanooga had never had a tornado. I don't know why but I told them get in the bathroom. Get in the bathtub and cover up my two-year-old. My mother-in-law is like, what's wrong with Tim? I'd never seen a tornado, there was no warning, nothing on TV saying, 'watch out,' but I just made them do it. There was no reason in the world for me to do what I did, but I made them get into the bathroom.

"Next thing I know, I'm lying on the ground, it took me eighty yards. Looking around, I mean everything's leveled. The house is gone. Gone, I have a tree on my leg—my right leg was crushed, and I figure I'm gonna die and everyone else is probably dead. They were banged-up, they tumbled about one hundred yards the other way, they got real banged up but no broken bones, but my mother-in-law got crushed bad. Didn't die, but got hurt bad. I was lying there and figured I better start yelling and some neighbors heard me. I would have bled to death if they hadn't heard me.



"So, we're in the hospital. I don't know what happens to your mind. When you're in a bad accident, you dump what isn't necessary. You become very clear, and what I registered was who came to see me. And you know what I saw? It was the lost, the losers, the sinners that came—lost for me is how I looked at those outside the church, how I had been taught to look at those outside the church—but it was people who in their hearts came to see me, and wanted to know how I was doing. People I hadn't seen for ages, but they had it in their hearts to come see me. And the church people came too, but you could see they were ready to leave before they even came in, they were obligated, 'Hey, Tim's hurt and we gotta go see him', my parents would have been, 'Have you been to see Tim?' They were punching their tickets to God. They were obligated and that's when I saw that it wasn't the way I'd been taught.

"The Bible's this thick book, it don't matter so much about where we're from, but where we're going. One of them says, 'Well looks like God was looking out for you.' What does that mean? If I had died, was he not looking out for me? Was he not looking out for the others who died that night? What if it had been my time, what a great excuse for God, 'Hey, it was a tornado...'

"I don't believe God is looking out for us. I believe he sets us on our way, and it's up to us to look out for ourselves."

"Don Reddick is a writer from Norwood. He can be reached at donreddick534@gmail.com"

Letters to the Editor

TOWN MEETING DIDN'T SEE THE BIG PICTURE

To the Editor:

The editorial in last week's edition of the Norwood Record is spot on. Perhaps what Town Meeting did not realize when they voted for the MBTA Multi-Family Housing Law is the long-term effect it would have on Norwood's Public School System. The fact the schools say they do not have enough funds now will lead possibly to another override. In addition, it will have devastating consequences on the average residential taxpayer in town, as infla-

tion is already at an all-time high. There should be ways to cut expenditures as the School Committee makes up its own budget.

It appears students are getting everything the School Committee wants to give them, but what are Norwood taxpayers getting in return for the new high school, a new middle school and most likely down the road a new elementary school housing four grades due to the influx of families of this horrible mandatory multi-family law? Are test scores any better? How do those living here benefit if their quality of life

has diminished?

Instead of concentrating on academics, which is what schools are supposed to do, it appears that students' social challenges are top priority. The School Committee and the School Administration are not able nor should they be able to answer all the ills that affect students in Town. Parents should not rely on the school system to handle their children's social difficulties.

Students who are on social media all the time do a disservice to themselves, and parents

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Important to file Homestead Protection

Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell today reminded homeowners about the importance of filing for Homestead Protection.

In 2023 there were 9,693 declarations of Homestead filed at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, 14% less than in 2022.

"If you own a home, and it is your primary residence, you have an automatic homestead exemption of \$125,000. However, if you file a Declaration of Homestead at the Registry of Deeds, the exemption increases to \$500,000. The Homestead Law provides a homeowner with limited protection against the forced sale of their primary residence to satisfy unsecured debt up to \$500,000 if they have filed. This is especially important when you consider that for most of us, a home is our most valuable asset. Consumers should take steps to protect that asset," noted Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell.

Another feature of the Homestead Law is the allowance for the filing of an Elderly Homestead Declaration, which defines an elder as a person who is 62 years of age or older and provides protection of \$500,000 for each qualified person.

The Register further noted, "In March of 2011, the Homestead Law was updated so that a valid Homestead is not terminated when refinancing a mortgage. Other changes that took place back in 2011 state that a Homestead can provide protections for a primary home even if it is held in a trust. The definition of a primary residence was also ex-

panded to include a manufactured or mobile home."

A Declaration of Homestead also protects the sale proceeds if the home is sold for up to one year after the date of the sale or on the date when a new home is purchased with the proceeds, whichever comes first. Additionally, if the home is damaged by a fire, for example, the insurance proceeds are protected for two years after the date of the fire or on the date when the home is reconstructed or a new home is purchased, whichever is earlier.

While the Homestead Statute provides important protections for homeowners, it is important to note that certain debts are exempt from protection under the Homestead Act. These include federal, state, and local tax liens, as well as mortgages contracted for the purchase of a primary home and nursing home liens. Most other mortgages, debts, and encumbrances existing prior to the filing of the Declaration of Homestead, along with probate court executions for spousal and child support, are also not covered under the Homestead Protection Statute.

Declarations of Homestead are recorded at the Registry of Deeds for a state-imposed fee of \$36.00. Additional information about the Homestead Law and the forms are available at no cost by going to the Registry's website at www.norfolkdeeds.org.

Register O'Donnell concluded, "I want to reiterate that a Homestead provides limited protection against the forced sale of a homeowner's primary residence to satisfy unsecured debt up to \$500,000. While the debt is still owed, homeowners can have peace of mind knowing that with a Declaration of



Register of Deeds

William O'Donnell

Homestead recorded at the Registry of Deeds, their primary residence cannot be forcibly sold to satisfy some debts."

If you have any questions about a Homestead, please contact the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Customer Service Center at 781-461-6101, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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The Peeps are being sorted this week and will be ready to be placed in their own respective houses for residents to start work on their dioramas.

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Peeps on the move

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Morrill Memorial Library is hosting its third annual Peeps Diorama Contest.

Youth Services Director Kate Tigie said before you do anything, you have to register for the contest at <https://tinyurl.com/5xkex5w7> or in-person at the library. After that, you can pick up your peeps from the library starting on April 16 to May 1, with the winners being announced on May 3.

Tigie said Adult Services Librarian Heath Umbreit is responsible for the program being in Norwood after seeing it in Sharon. “We started it three years ago and it was a success immediately. People just really responded well to it.”

Each year has a different theme, the first year being “Literary Peeps,” with recre-

ations of pieces of literature. The second year’s theme was “The Motion-Peep-ture Academy Presents,” focusing on movies.

“Last year we had a reenactment of a Star Wars scene; it was really great,” she said.

This year’s theme is “Local Peeps,” which makes it a bit doubtful – but not impossible – for a Harry Potter submission to make it three years in a row (as it was submitted previously for both literary and film themes).

“It’s really fun,” Tigie said. “People can interpret how they want, but one of the reasons we chose this theme is we thought it would be really fun to see peeps out and about in Norwood.”

The library has their contestants submit photos of their finished products, which are then posted in the library for residents and patrons to vote on. “Obviously having something sugary and

sweet in the open air in the library for an extended period of time would not be a good idea,” she said.

People can vote in-person at the library or online, but the in-person votes will have a bit more weight to them.

“Those are ones we use to determine our winners,” she said. “We also have a Staff Favorite category. So there’s the People’s – ha ha ha ha get it? The People’s Choice Awards and the Staff Favorite categories, and the winners will be announced on Friday, May 3. Last year, we got almost 100 votes. We have a big display in the children’s room and one in the reference area. So we

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should be aware of the risks. How about reading the classics, instituting chess into after-school activities, or walking to school instead of getting a ride or taking the bus? How about preparing for the High School Quiz Show on PBS? Has Norwood ever participated?

Thank you so much to The Norwood Record for recognizing these major issues that seemed to have been overlooked by those Town Meeting members who voted in favor of the MBTA Multi-Family House Program. The name alone should make one feel uncomfortable about our small New England town’s future.

*Judith Howard
Norwood*

3A PLAN SHOULD HAVE BEEN VOTED ON

To the Editor:

When the 3A development plan was first introduced, I thought the whole Town should vote on how they wanted to handle it. I was told it was too expensive to do. The recent Town election proved that it should have been done that way because anyone who just voted saw a real waste of time and money. Also, it is interesting that the financial conditions of the school system were not discussed until after the 3A vote was taken. I believe these Town issues are relevant to each other. Don’t expect any help from your state representative or state senator. They have proven to be pretty useless in these matters.

*Henry Graham
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SCHOOL CHOICE – NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 7:10 P.M. the Norwood School Committee will be conducting a public hearing to discuss School Choice as outlined in the Education Reform Act of 1993. All school systems as of July 1, 1994 must participate in School Choice unless the School Committee votes to withdraw.

Public can access the hearing in person at the Savage Center or live via NCM on cable and online as it is live-streamed. For the cable channel guide and online link, please visit: <https://norwoodcommunitymedia.org/>.

Public participation for the public hearing can be accessed in person at the hearing (sign up in advance through Superintendent's Office by noon the day of the hearing to pre-register or sign in at the hearing).

Norwood Record: 04/18/24

TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on May 7, 2024, at 7:00 PM** on the request of **Hany Bandar (Case #24-09)** with respect to property located at **84 Bruce Road, Norwood, MA 02062 [Map 7 Block 8J Lot 95]**, in the **Single Residence (S) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/xsu-pnjz-wua>
Or dial: (US) +1 941-254-1160 PIN: 402 158 920#

This Application requests a **Special Permit** pursuant to Zoning Bylaw Section 5.4 for a proposed expansion of greater than 25% of the existing habitable floor area to add a second floor. The structure is pre-existing non-conforming in side setbacks.

Any zoning relief that may be required in adherence to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw shall be considered by the Board. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeals and may be requested by emailing comdev@norwoodma.gov Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Norwood Record: 04/18/24, 04/25/24

SECTION A ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID TOWN OF NORWOOD, MA

Sealed Bids will be received up until May 2, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. on Projectdog.com project code: **861745** for the following Public Project:

Optical Line Terminator Platform

The complete bid package may be obtained on projectdog.com using project code **861745**. No bid documents will be mailed and no hard copies will be available.

The bid must be filled out and signed as directed herein, endorsed with the name and address of the bidder, and marked, **“Optical Line Terminator Platform- NLD-24-03.”**

Bids shall be prepared, considered, and the contract awarded in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 30B and 164 and all other statutes governing such contracts. Every General Bid shall be on forms furnished by the Town. Bids submitted on other forms may be rejected. The award of the contract shall be made within 30 working days after the opening of General Bids, Saturdays, and Sundays excluded.

An award will not be made to a Contractor who is not properly equipped to undertake and complete the work. The right is reserved to waive any informality and to reject any or all proposals in accordance with the provisions of MGL as amended.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to accept any part of a bid or the one deemed best for the Town. A copy of the planholders' list can be obtained at the Town's website: www.norwoodma.gov.

BY: Tony Mazzucco
General Manager
Town of Norwood

Norwood Record: 4/18/2024

SECTION A ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID TOWN OF NORWOOD, MA

Sealed Bids will be received up until May 2, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. on Projectdog.com project code: **861746** for the following Public Project:

Juniper Network Equipment

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The bid must be filled out and signed as directed herein, endorsed with the name and address of the bidder, and marked, **“Juniper Network Equipment - NLD-24-04.”**

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The Norwood Record

CIRILLO

RALPH J. of Norwood passed away on April 13, 2024 at the age of 74. Beloved father of Matthew Cirillo of Norwood, Aaron J. Cirillo of Plainville and Michael S. Cirillo of Plainville. Brother of Catherine “Cathy” Furlong and her husband Thomas “Nick” of E. Walpole, Anthony V. Cirillo of Norwood, Richard S. Cirillo of Norwood and Ann Marie Cirillo and her Partner Ernie S. Rodriguez of CA. Cherished grandfather of Brendan Cirillo, Zoey Cirillo and Mykah Schooley. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Son of the late Samuel J. and Teresa B. (Denisi) Cirillo. Ralph was a longtime letter carrier in Roslindale before his retirement. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery. Ralph was a US Army Vietnam Veteran. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Ralph’s memory to Old Colony Hospice 321 Manley Street, West Bridgewater MA 02379.

LIBBEY



MARY E. (Faulkner) of Duxbury passed away on April 9, 2024 at the age of 86. Beloved mother of Stephen Libbey and his wife Mary (O’Brien) Libbey of Norwood, Kathy Greene and her husband Tim of CA, Eileen Mullins and her husband Jim of Quincy and the late David Libbey. Daughter of the Late Clyde and Ada Faulkner. Sister of the late Clyde Faulkner and his wife Kay, Tom Faulkner and his wife Kay, and Meg (Faulkner) Buckley and her husband Joe.

Deaths

Cherished grandmother of Johanna Greene and her husband João Baptista, Julie (Mullins) Gibbons and her husband Ryan, Patricia Greene and her husband Derek Kozak, Megan (Libbey) Vilas-Boas and her husband Felipe, the late Melissa (Libbey) Pentowski and her husband Chris, and Jay Mullins. Beloved great-grandmother of Leonor Greene Baptista, Evelyn Vilas-Boas, Dorothy Gibbons, Natalie Greene Baptista, Camille Kozak, and Nathan Vilas-Boas. Lovingly remembered as Grandmary, Mary adored her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and instilled in them the importance of education and self-reliance, as well as a great appreciation for culture and the arts. Her career was in nursing, but she was also an artist with a talent for acrylic and watercolor paintings, especially the flower portraits she was known for. She continuously challenged herself, biking across the country twice in her 60s. She will be dearly missed by her loved ones. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2024 from 4-8pm at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA 02062. All other services and burial will be private.

O'DAY

VIRGINIA T. (Prisco) of Norwood, formerly of Needham and Dedham, passed away on April 14, 2024 at the age of 90. Beloved wife of the late Raymond Francis O’Day. Devoted mother of Donna M. Corsini and her late husband Peter of Plymouth, Venetia F. Donnelly and her husband Stephen of N. Attleboro, Sandra T. Coughlin and her Partner Michael Emery of Attleboro and Raymond F. O’Day Jr. of Norwood. Loving sister of Charles Prisco and his wife Dorothy of Canton, Joanne Thomas and her husband Richard of Foxboro and Anthony Prisco Jr. and his wife Judith of Norton. Cherished grandmother of

Stephen, Christopher, Kathleen, Nicholas, Jaclyn, Sean and Daniel. Great grandmother of Jack, William, Nora, Jaime and Alberto. Daughter of the late Anthony F. and Mary F. (Spada) Prisco. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Virginia was a 1951 graduate of Dedham High School. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA, Saturday April 20, 2024 at 9am followed by a funeral mass at 10am at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood, MA. Visiting hours will be held on Friday, April 19, 2024 from 4-8pm. Burial will be at Brookdale Cemetery, Dedham, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the Beth Israel Deconess Hospital 330 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215 <http://www.bidmc.org/giving>

PENTOWSKI



MELISSA A. (Libbey) of Plymouth, formerly of Norwood, passed away suddenly on April 8, 2024 at the age of 30. Beloved wife of Christopher J. Pentowski. Cherished daughter of Stephen J. and Mary V. (O’Brien) Libbey of Norwood. Loving sister of Megan E. (Libbey) Vilas-Boas and her husband Felipe of Norwood. Cherished Auntie of Evelyn and Nathan Vilas-Boas, and treasured daughter-in-law of Steve and Marie Pentowski. She also leaves behind her beloved cat Noel. Melissa’s vivacious personality and sense of humor brought joy and laughter to everyone who met her. Her passion for education and self-betterment led her to graduate Summa Cum Laude with a Master’s degree from Bridgewater State University, followed by pursuit of LADC and LMHC certifications. Her compassion and drive led to a career helping others with mental illness and substance abuse in many capacities, culminating in her position as a Clinical Director. Her selfless nature was truly unmatched. She will be missed deeply by everyone who had the privilege to know and love her. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2024, from 4-8pm at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA 02062. All other services and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers and to honor Melissa’s memory, please do something kind for someone.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. NO24P0650EA

Estate of: Helen A. Paciorkowski
Date of Death: 11/25/2023

Norfolk Division

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of

**Petitioner: Carol H. Lembo of Mashpee, MA
Ernest E. Paciorkowski of Norwood, MA**

**a will has been admitted to informal probate
Carol H. Lembo of Mashpee, MA
Ernest E. Paciorkowski of Norwood, MA**

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Dancing with Stars *continued from page 1*

structors from the Norwood Fred Astaire Dance Studio. Dave Dalton won the 2024 Judges' Choice Award for the night, taking in the highest scores with his very physically-demanding routine.

Judge Jack McCarthy said during the scoring phase that he knew Dalton as a bartender, and remarked that he had not seen Dalton move like that before.

"With moves like that you should have been faster with my drinks!" he said to laughter from the room.

The Mirror Ball Trophy went to the dancer who raised the most money for the COH, and it was to uproarious applause, cheering and chanting of the winner's name, Nina Kelley. Kelley is a cancer survivor, and said she was one of the families the COH has helped over the years in her time of need. She said she was grateful and thankful for all the help.

Her husband, Jim Kelley, said she's always been a fire-brand.

"I call her, 'The Unsinkable Molly Brown,'" he said, naming the famous socialite who survived the Titanic sinking. "She's had cancer five or six times now. It keeps coming back and she keeps beating it. You just got to keep going."

Kelley added that he and the family got no previews of her dancing.

"She wanted it to be a big surprise," he said.

The COH was started by Lee Kennedy and her friends and family to honor the last wishes of her daughter Michelle. Michelle Kennedy was diagnosed several times with cancer, and during her treatment she said she wanted to help anyone going through what she went through, planting the seeds for what would eventually become the COH. Though she lost her battle, her memory has helped save the lives of many residents in Norwood through donations, many anonymous.

Lee Kennedy shared several stories of her daughter during the night, including outlining her daughter's battle with cancer throughout the years. She related one story when Michelle went into the high school ladies room and a beautiful girl was there fiddling with her hair.

"She was saying, over and over and over again, 'Look at my hair, I can't do anything with my hair! It looks awful,'" she said. "Michelle said, 'With me being bald, I went over to her, ripped off my wig and said, 'Here! Try mine!' I said, 'You didn't.' She said, 'Yeah I did!' 'You didn't.' 'I did,' 'No you didn't!' 'YEAH! I did.' This was Michelle. I asked

what happened, she said, 'You should have seen her run out of that room!' Michelle was just laughing. She was never down, she was always up."

Usevich and Lee Kennedy both said Michelle earned a gold high school diploma during her senior year of high school, a tradition Usevich carried on after Michelle's graduation. Usevich was the principal of the Norwood High School (NHS), and said the idea is to acknowledge the conquering of adversity.

"That was my very first one; I gave it to her," he said. "I was the principal from 1990 to 2015. I considered kids who got their diploma while surmounting adversity while getting it. Michelle was the very first one because of her leukemia. Each year thereafter I would look for a student who faced their own challenges."

Usevich is proud to be a part of the COH effort. "There's no administrative costs at all; nobody gets paid any salary on the board, it's all volunteers," he said. "Thanks to Lee, her two sons, Tim over here and the Board and all that they do to make this happen. It's just a pleasure to work with them."

Dancer Sam White said his training and preparation from the Fred Astaire Dance Studios were great. He said he also had a lot of support from the Norwood Recreation Department and the Civic Center.

"They do a phenomenal job," he said.

Isaac Romero, a contestant from last year, was also at the event this year. He said the event has created a sense of community. "It's become something I like to do, to see this kind of show," he said. "I want to see who wins tonight and I want to support COH when they help people. I mean I'm just here to support everybody."

Dancing with the Norwood Stars organizers Christiana Rose and Dave Tuttle said setting up for the event was definitely a process but nothing they minded.

"We're all hands on deck for this," Rose said. "And the dancers just put in so much effort in terms of fundraising and dancing."

"It's come together and it just came up fast," Tuttle said. "I mean a month ago I thought we had plenty of time and then all of a sudden holy cow it's here! It was so fast. This is our 14th one and the dancers have all been great. Coming into the evening they had raised about \$80,000, and we'll see how they do tonight."

Residents Lisa Mulroi and Kathleen Pierce said they came to support different dancers, Sean Connolly and Nina

Kelley respectively, which is somewhat uncommon.

"My husband did it before, and it's nerve racking because you know all the dedication and hard work that goes into it but only two people are going to walk away with something," said Mulroi. "But it's such a great cause it's worth it."

Residents Donna Kelly and Dick Berner said they came to support their son-in-law Sean Connolly, and that this was their first time to see him dance.

"It was all different," Kelly said. "We're very excited, and it's a great fundraiser."

"It's goes to a good charity and a good cause," said Berner.

Norwood Veterans Agent and ardent Emma Petracca supporter Ted Mulvehill said that it's events and occasions like these that solidify Norwood's essence.

"It's Norwood's big heart you know?" he said. "It's demonstrated here tonight. I mean every year the number of people who come out to support the COH, it's a testament to the big heart and good nature and compassion of this Town. Everybody takes care of each other, and that's the way it should be."

Sponsors for the event included the Sheraton Four Points, One Local Bank, Norwood Community Media (which will also have a recording of its coverage of the event up at NorwoodCommunityMedia.org) and more. For more information about the COH and to donate to the cause, go to <https://norwoodcoh.org>

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OPPV Receives National Recognition

Norwood's Old Parish Preservation Volunteers (OPPV), the non-profit organization founded in 2018 whose mission is to restore, enhance, and raise public awareness of the Old Parish Cemetery in Norwood has been informed that the Board of Trustees of the Association for Gravestone Studies (AGS) has voted unanimously to present them with the prestigious Fred & Rosalee Oakley Award for their work with the cemetery.

The AGS, an international organization, was founded in 1977 for the purpose of furthering the study and preservation of grave markers of all periods and styles. Through its publications, conferences, workshops, and exhibits, AGS promotes the study of stones from historical and artistic perspectives, expands public awareness of the significance of gravestones, and encourages individuals and groups to preserve these historic artifacts.

The Fred and Rosalee Oakley Certificate of Merit is presented periodically by the AGS Board of Trustees to individuals and groups that have helped to advance the mission of the Association. The award consists of a certificate as well as the gift of a book to the honoree's local library. Recipients will have their names printed in the annual report and the conference program book. In addition, they will be acknowledged at the awards reception at the annual conference.

The AGS Board of Trustees praise OPPV for their important contributions to gravestone studies, in particular the preserving and repairing of stones and the compilation of data on its website. In addition, OPPV was congratulated on its efforts to promote public awareness of historic cemeteries to a broader community through public events and activities, a publication, and documentary film.

Past honorees include organizations and individuals from across the United States, including the Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery in Portland, Oregon; Old Colony Burying Ground Volunteers in Granville, Ohio; the Georgia Municipal Cemetery Association in Georgia; the Friends of Mount Hope Cemetery in Rochester, New York; as well as other organizations in Tennessee, Virginia, Massachusetts and Maine.

This year the conference will take place June 18-23 at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, with the Awards Banquet held on Saturday June 22.

Morrill Library Events

Registration is required and free for all events below unless otherwise indicated. Sign up at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

VIOLA SASTAVICKAS SCHOLARSHIP

The family of Viola Sastavickas has made donations to the Morrill Memorial Library since 2007 in order to create a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 per year. This scholarship is to be awarded annually to a current or former library employee or library volunteer for one of the following purposes: undergraduate or graduate school, a formal course of study, or an enrichment opportunity (continuing education). The scholarship will once again be awarded in 2024 thanks to continued generosity by the Sastavickas Family. Viola Sastavickas was a life-long resident of Norwood and used the library frequently. According to her daughter Kathy, the scholarship is "a fitting tribute to our beautiful mother and to the library and staff who treated her with great respect and affection." A brief application form is available on the library's website. Please contact Clayton Cheever at (781) 769-0200 with any questions. Applications are due by Monday May 06, and they must be submitted electronically to the Director: ccheever@minlib.net. The scholarship will be awarded by June 31, 2024.

THIRD ANNUAL PEEPS DIORAMA CONTEST!

The Morrill Memorial Library is thrilled to announce our third annual Peeps Diorama Contest! Pick up a package of Peeps from the Library, create a diorama, and send a photo of the finished creation for a chance to win fun prizes and, more importantly, eternal bragging rights!

This year's theme is "Local Peeps," so we're looking for dioramas all about Norwood. Register to pick up a package of Peeps from the Library between Tuesday, April 16 and Monday, April 22. Contestants are asked to submit a photo of their completed dioramas

by April 23, with voting to begin at noon on April 24.

TALKING POETRY WITH DE LA PAZ

For National Poetry Month, the Morrill Memorial Library is honored to host Worcester Poet Laureate Oliver de la Paz for an in-person program called "Talking Poetry" on Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00pm in the Simoni Room.

Join us this evening for a reading by Oliver de la Paz, an award-winning poet currently serving as Poet Laureate of Worcester. Oliver will also talk about his writing process, experiences, and poetry as a form of writing; and answer questions from the audience.

GOLDEN LANE BRINGS IRISH MUSIC

Irish traditional music will join the Musical Sundays Concert Series line up at the Morrill Memorial Library on Sunday, April 28 at 3:00 pm. As always, admission will be free for this family-friendly show!

The group consists of members of "Golden Lane," an Irish traditional group that has been performing in the Cape Cod/SE Mass. area for the past three years.

In addition to traditional ballads (in English and Gaelic), the trio will perform some of the lively dance tunes (reels, jigs, polkas) that have made Irish traditional music so popular over the years with audiences of all ethnic backgrounds. Appearing with the group will be step-dancers from the Maureen Haley School of Dance.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY LEGO CLUB FOR ADULTS

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with the L.E.A.D. program affiliated with Norwood High School to host a Sensory-friendly Lego Club for Adults. Our April Lego club meeting will be held in-person at the library on Thursday April 25, from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

Please join the L.E.A.D. students in this creative adventure. Just bring your imagination - we will provide the Legos. The Club is free, inclusive, and open to anyone ages 18+. It is specially designed for adults with different levels of abilities.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY FRIDAY MOVIE

Join us for our Sensory-friendly Friday movie at the Library! This program will be held in-person in the Simoni Room on Friday April 26, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our April movie in the Sensory-friendly Friday movie series is Timothee Chalamet starring

in Warner Brother's Wonka, rated PG.

A CONVERSATION ABOUT OUR DEMOCRACY

The Morrill Memorial Library is honored to host author and researcher Ryan Bernsten for an in-person presentation called "50 States of Mind: A Community Conversation about Our Democracy" on Thursday, May 9 at 7 pm in the Simoni Room.

Is America as divided as it seems? As a graduate student at Oxford, Ryan Bernsten undertook a 23,000-mile journey through all 50 states to look beyond the news cycles and see his home country from the ground. Following in the footsteps of Alexis de Tocqueville, Bernsten leads with the desire to listen and find common humanity in Americans he meets across the country. In his book, '50 States of Mind: A Journey to Rediscover American Democracy,' Bernsten ultimately offers a hopeful vision for the future of America, as he embarks on a search for meaning and reflects on what it means to be American. His book is a companion to the podcast '50 States of Mind,' which showcases interviews from the journey and is available on all platforms.

About the presenter: Ryan Bernsten is a graduate of Northwestern University and Oxford's Creative Writing Master's program. He has written for The Oxford Political Review, USA Today, The Infatuation, and the Trevor Project, where he is the Senior Managing Editor. Ryan is an award-winning playwright whose plays have been performed across the US and UK.

INTRODUCTION TO ANTIQUE HAND FANS

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to bring a unique program to the library called Introduction to Antique Hand Fans. It will be held in-person on Saturday May 11, at 10:30 am in the Simoni Room.

Please join our presenter Shelly Goncalves and learn all about the history of antique fans. See 100 antique hand fans from the 18th & 19th century. Explore different materials used for this art including mother of pearl, bone, ivory, & celluloid. Have an antique hand fan at home? Bring it for identification.

About the presenter: Shelly J. Goncalves has been collecting antique hand fans for over 50 years. Goncalves is a member of the Fan Association of North America (FANA) and the Fan Circle International (FCI), where she serves on the board.

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Grateful thanks. —K.B.

St. Jude's Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 9th day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude. My Prayers were answered.
In gratitude for helping me. —J.H.

Miracle Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked You for many favours. This time, I ask you this very special one (mention favour). Take it, dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within Your own broken heart where Your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become Your favour, not mine. Amen.
Say for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted.

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Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The 35th annual Norwood Fishing Derby and Duck Race are hitting the Hawes Pond again this year on April 27 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The event will be held rain or shine, with the Duck Race starting at 4:20 p.m. Organizer and founder Michael Saad said he's looking forward to the race and added he is brewing up something special this year to help raise funds for local charities. He said they will be selling the regular ducks at \$5 a piece, but also, for \$10, they have a limited number of foam Norwood Light bucket trucks for sale to use in the race.

"I'm looking to get more from Kevin Shaughnessy at Norwood Light then that's \$200 or \$300 we can use for donating in South Norwood," he said. "We'll definitely make good use of it."

Saad also said the day will feature a stream derby, as many times when a trout is caught from the pond they will throw it into the stream, as it has a much better chance at survival. He said that has led to a local population of the fish in Hawes Brook.

"We had 37 people doing the stream fishing derby when it started two years ago and they got 15 fish, so it worked out perfect,"

he said. "We'll be doing that again this year."

For Saad, the big highlight is always the fishing competition. "It's the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat... of not catching a big fish," he said. "We've got some three-, four- and five-pounders going in there. We've got some rainbows, some goldens, some brookies too. It's going to be good."

Saad said the event has really grown since he started it as many years ago as the average age of a Millennial, and he's just glad to see it keep going.

"You know, everybody pitches in," he said. "If you look at the flyer, we've got Bank of Canton showing up this year, Rojo's, and a new one with the Dedham Savings Bank. It just seems like everybody wants to pitch in because it's such a great project. And you have to remember, I've been doing this since I was 30! It's been a long time, and maybe sometime soon we'll see who wants to pick up the ball and run with it, but who knows."

Registration for the derby begins at 2 p.m. the day of. For more information on the events, shoot an email Norwood Recreation Department representative (and Circle of Hope Dancer) Sam White at SWhite@NorwoodMA.gov or by calling 781-762-0466.



This year's theme is focused on local Norwood items, while the first year was aimed at recreating literary scenes, like this one recreating 'Make Way for Ducklings.'

COURTESY PHOTO

Peeps continued from page 5

have youth, adults, families all in to vote; people really get into it."

Contestants pick up their one package of peeps from the library over April vacation, but added that contestants are allowed to add more peeps if they choose.

"They usually have a couple of weeks to work on

whatever diorama they have at home, and they can use whatever supplemental materials they have," she said. "If they have leftover peeps from Easter and they want to use them, more power to them. If they have other candies or action figures or sets, or anything else they want to add, they can. So people start with

whatever diorama they have at home, and they can use whatever supplemental materials they have," she said. "If they have leftover peeps from Easter and they want to use them, more power to them. If they have other candies or action figures or sets, or anything else they want to add, they can. So people start with

a box of peeps and then go wherever their imagination takes them."

Tigue added the schedule was devised with families in mind.

"We like to do this not only for Easter but to give families something to do over the April break," she said.

NORWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

LEGAL NOTICE

The Norwood Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, The Wetlands Protection Act and the Norwood Bylaw XXV, including any amendments thereto on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be conducted in person at the Senior Center at 275 Prospect St and digitally using Google Meet. Public participation may be accessed through your computer, tablet or smartphone at the following link: <https://meet.google.com/qxr-awkv-kuj> or dial: (US) +1 402-627-0114 PIN: 610 701 599#

The Commission will hear a Notice of Intent from the Norwood Commerce Center concerning the installation of gas main and gas services in Bordering Land Subject to Flooding and Riverfront Area associated with Hawes Brook.

Project Location: 61 Endicott St., Map 8 Block 4D, Lot 44.

Carly Rocklen
Conservation Planner

Norwood Record: 04/18/24

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail!)

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you. —V.C.

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SECTION A – ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID TOWN OF NORWOOD, MA

Sealed bids will be received up until 11:00 A.M., Thursday, May 2, 2024, on Projectdog.com project code: **861750** for the following public project:

"Dean Street Drain Upgrades"

Bidders must be qualified to perform the work described in these specifications in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 30, Section 39M.

The complete bid package may be obtained digitally on Projectdog.com using the project code **861750**. The bid must be filled out and signed as directed herein, endorsed with the name and address of the bidder, and marked, "Dean Street Drain Upgrades NPW-24-05." Bid submissions are to occur digitally on Projectdog.com. No physical copies will be accepted.

The estimated dollar amount of this project is \$300,000.

A certified check or bid bond, with acceptable surety in favor of the Town of Norwood and equal to at least five percent (5%) of the bid, must be submitted with the bid. The successful bidder shall, within ten (10) days of notification of award, furnish the Town a payment bond and labor and materials bond in an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the bid.

Bids shall be prepared, considered, and the contract awarded in accordance with all statutes governing such contracts (Chapter 30 as amended). Every General Bid shall be on forms furnished by the Town. Bids submitted on other forms may be rejected. The award of the contract shall be made within 30 working days after the opening of General Bids, Saturdays, Sundays, and Legal Holidays excluded.

The Town of Norwood notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The successful bidder shall be required to submit documentation that all employees to be employed in the work subject to this bid have successfully completed a course in construction safety and health approved by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration that is at least 10 hours in duration. Any employee found on a worksite subject to this section without documentation of successful completion of a course in construction safety and health approved by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration that is at least 10 hours in duration shall be subject to immediate removal.

Wages are subject to minimum wage rates under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D inclusive, as most recently amended. Prevailing wage rates will be provided.

An award will not be made to a Contractor who is not properly equipped to undertake and complete the work. The right is reserved to waive any informality and to reject any or all bids in accordance with the provisions of MGL as amended.

BY: Tony Mazzucco, General Manager

Norwood Record: 4/18/2024



Ask The Doctor

Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns an 8-bay center in Middleboro, MA. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.

2024 Genesis GV60

It seems that the imports are taking over the car and SUV market. This week I had the 2024 Genesis GV60 — yes, another all electric SUV. Our loaner was the performance model. Base model has one electric motor rated at 225 HP, performance version: 429 HP. Range will vary between 230-300 miles. Prices range from \$52,000 to 69,500. Electric vehicles are not for everyone, however, this could be the perfect second family SUV. The GV60 is a first class SUV in every way — the interior reminds me of a Bentley with all the stitching and design. You get into the vehicle, push the button and the round shift ball rolls over to be turned and select a gear. From the plush leather, easy to use controls and audio system, large touchscreen, heated/ventilated front seats, heated steering wheel and rear seats. No battery worries — 10 year, 100,000 mile warranty. There is even a boost button that gives additional power for a 10 blast. Anyone considering an electric vehicle needs to buy a home charging station, it will be worth the investment. The GV60 is part of the Genesis family and quality fit and finish are exceptional. It is easy to enter and exit, seats four with comfort. Power is instant and smooth, ride is also smooth. Twenty-one inch tires are big and cushion the bumps. The GV60 has all the driver safety features possible. If an electric SUV is in your future, the GV60 is a must to road test.

Junior Damato, the "Auto Doctor," has agreed to field auto repair questions from Bulletin and Record readers. Please send your questions to news@bulletinnewspapers.com and we will do our best to get them answered.

Monday, April 8

0646 Phone - PD-911 Accidental Investigated Location/Address: Saunders Rd Caller on 911 states someone took his pants, Caller states no emergency. Contacted the staff at Sunrise Senior Living. Having a nurse go check on the caller. Supervisor confirms no emergency.

1502 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Plymouth Dr Caller on 911 reports student reports student refused to get on bus and now pulled emergency exit door. Norwood 661 reports all units clear for now, will follow up at a later date to review security footage.

1745 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Joy St Vehicle is parked outside her neighbor's home for a few hours and vehicle keeps moving back and forwards. MA REG 5BSA17. Don and Wally's en route. Don and Wally's has the vehicle. Units are standing by with operator to make arrangements for a ride. Units will be clear party denied a ride to the station.

2059 911 - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Jacobs Rd Male party reporting that his car's tires were slashed two weeks ago. Other male party that did this is there now. States he is intoxicated and causes problems. Arrest: Barrientos Torres, Jose Lucas Address: 43 Dean St Apt. #1 Norwood, Ma Age: 37 Charges: OUI-Liquor Or .08% Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Unlicensed Operation Of MV Alcohol In MV, Possess Open Container Of

2300 911 - Health & Welfare Check Area Search Negative Location/Address: Prospect Ave Calling party looking for son. States he has not taken his medication.

Tuesday, April 9

1428 Phone - PD-Police Information Services Rendered Location/Address: Prospect St 482 reports a refrigerator on the side walk with the doors open. DPW en route to remove the doors from that fridge.

1805 911 - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: Village Rd E Male party

hitting girl outside. Caller states he is near Caller states he is wearing a green army sweater with sweatpants Caller states he has a metal pole. 3 females bleeding. Send the ambulance All parties involved have been spoken to along with their parents. Declined any further medical attention from Norwood Fire

1933 911 - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: Cross St Female states she was jumped by a female. Caller states pepper sprayed her. Caller is 16 y/o Black shoes, shorts and blue top. 2nd female (light skinned female) is in a pink hoodie. No reported weapons. Physical fight and both have separated. Caller thinks female lives in Avalon. Other female involved is possibly out of the Avalon town houses. HQ reports the other involved party is located in the train station in a white Honda Accord NWD676 is transporting two juvenile females to Railroad Ave. Neither party wishes to pursue charges.

Wednesday, April 10

0203 911 - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Concord Ave e911 caller reporting a possible squatter in his attic. Caller reports hearing creaking floorboards and believes neighbors were also discussing a similar issue. No signs of forced entry or anything out of the ordinary. Cruisers responding. Unable to gain access to the attic. Advised to contact the landlord in the morning. Possibly an animal in the attic.

0910 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Report Follows Location/Address: Heather Dr Juvenile Arrest

0945 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Conrad's - Washington St Male and female arguing while walking down the road, worried for the wellbeing of the female. Stated they are approaching cottage and the common now. Female blue jeans brown jacket and white hat male black clothing. Female may have walked into relax and therapy center, the male is in front of Kinetic Dance studio. Units spoke with the male and female party involved. Mandarin language barrier used interpreter

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on scene. They stated there was no argument and were just speaking to each other. Units will be clear.

1112 Radio - PD-Warrant Report Follows Location/Address: - Nahatan St Out with DYS on a arrest warrant Juvenile Arrest

1558 Initiated - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Shaws Supermarket - Nahatan St Caller on the business line reporting 3 youths fighting near the seafood area. Stating one of the male parties is bloody. Officers Baker and Cedrone checked the area. One customer stated it looked like rough housing. Units were able to speak with 1 youth but denied anything and refused medical attention. Units will be clear.

1833 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Walnut Ave Caller on the business line stating a argument between her and her roommate. Caller states the roommate has fireworks in the front closet, unknown weapons. Caller states the male party could possibly be intoxicated. Norwood 669 reports speaking with both parties, they were advised of the civil issue. All units clear.

2209 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy + Dean St Norwood 665 reports off with a vehicle on the wrong side of the median. Don and Wally's en route for the tow. Norwood 665 reports 1 male party in custody at this time. Walpole PD responding to the station with a Spanish speaking officer. Arrest: Mendes, Carlos M Address: 55 Appleton St Apt. #1 Brockton, Ma Age: 53 Charges: State Hwy—Wrong Way OUI-Liquor OR .08% Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Registration Suspended, Op MV With C90 S23 Uninsured Motor Vehicle C90 S34J

Thursday, April 11

1549 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Morse St Caller expressing concern of suspicious activity from people on property for several hours. Parties in 2 vehicles, one described as a grey sedan with no vehicle plates. unknown description of other vehicle. 663 made contact with the party, the vehicle has broken down. The tow company is on scene with PD, all checks ok. Units clear.

1923 911 - PD-Assault Of-

fenses Report Follows Location/Address: Rock St 911 caller, 16 y/o female jumped by a group of people. Caller believes combination of 10 kids, boys and girls, dressed all in black. Caller denying medical at this time. Seeking to press charges. Caller states group fled towards Shaw's plaza in the rear. No weapons. Norwood 665 reports en route back to the station to speak with family members, OF assigned. All units clear.

2226 911 - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Guild St Caller states that her neighbor is banging on the wall of her apartment. Nothing can be heard verbally but caller states that she just hears banging on the walls of her bathroom and kitchen area. Norwood 665 reports unable to make contact with the residents out of APT 213. Calling party has made management aware of the ongoing situation. All units clear.

Friday, April 12

0903 Initiated - PD-Missing Person Report Follows Location/Address: Dean St From H.Q. Walk in party to report a missing child. Mother said her daughter did not come home from school yesterday. NWD SRO notified. NWD H.Q putting her into NCIC.

1151 Initiated - PD-Warrant Report Follows Location/Address: - E Cottage St NWD OFC's out with male party. WMS positive. Male party in custody by the NWD theater. Arrest: Hennigan, Matthew D Address: 41 Mountain Ave Norwood, Ma Age: 32 Charges: Default Warrant

1214 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Investigated Location/Address: McDonalds - Broadway Party in dining area sleeping. Employee called on the business line requesting for an officer to get him to leave. Tall H/M wearing white shoes and grey sweatshirt. Male party sent on way. Given letter of disinvite.

2321 Phone - PD-Disturbance Sent On Way Location/Address: Limey's Pub - Washington St Employee reporting an unruly guest causing a verbal altercation refusing to leave. B/M party wearing a white sweatshirt. Nothing physical at this time, no weapons reported. Party left without issue, units clear.

Saturday, April 13

0109 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Report Follows Vicinity of: Shaw's Supermarket - Nahatan St MVST w/ MA REG: 4ESM97. Arrest: Najera Perez, Eleonidas Ermelindo Address: 90 Rock St Apt. #2 Norwood, Ma Age: 29 Charges: OUI-Liquor OR .08% Unlicensed Operation Of MV Alcohol In MV, Possess Open Container Of Stop/Yield, Fail To

1703 Phone - PD-Assist Other Agency Spoke With Location/Address: McDonalds - Broadway Headquarters stating they received a call from McDonalds about kids smoking in the bathroom.

1751 Phone - PD-Assist Public Spoke With Location/Address: - Washington St Caller on emergency line reports a child, about 6 years old, walked across Washington Street alone and the caller had to slam on his brakes to avoid hitting him. Child is wearing a blue jacket with gray pants and brown shoes. Mother arrived while we were on the phone with heart skirt and beige top. Officer reports the child's mother owns a salon nearby and her son took off. Child is fine, officer cleared.

1808 Radio - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Garden Pkwy 911 Caller reporting 3 youths playing ding dong ditch yesterday at her residence and kicked her door and did damage. Filed a report. 911 caller recognized the youths today and started chasing them by foot and lost sight of them on Morningside Rd. Officers on scene located the kids and advised them and their parents. The calling party was also spoken with.

2107 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Mobil Gas - Wash./RR Av - Washington St Caller reports a male party appears to be asleep at the wheel near pump 8 in a black SUV. Officers report the party checks out. FD not needed.

Sunday, April 14

0108 Phone - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Jefferson Dr Caller on emergency line who preferred to remain anonymous, reported that there were 5-6 people on her street fighting and one person was hitting a car with their fists. She did not have a description of those involved and was not aware of any weapons. The disturbance started to break up as the officers arrived. The parties have been spoken to, the units are clear.

1420 911 - PD-Larceny/Forgery/Fraud Spoke With Location/Address: Washington St Down by the pool house, 2 teenagers stole another teen's bike. went down Washington w/m and b/m in their teens, one of the teens was wearing a blue cap, black jacket, black pants and yellow Jordan sneakers. The caller stated his bike is yellow with a number 4 on it. Bike has been located by Cedar Street on the train tracks with those two juveniles. Bike has been returned to the owner. Owner declines any further charges. Involved parties have also been warned about walking on the train tracks.

1914 Phone - PD-Vandalism Report Follows Location/Address: Village Rd E RP on business line states her car was keyed. She wants an OFC to document it. Her child was involved in a juvenile altercation on April 9th. She believes it has to do with that incident.

2232 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Verbal Warning Location/Address: Pond Ave + Baker Ave OFC out with a vehicle. Male party was asleep behind wheel. OFC's clear, male party checks out. He was just tired from a day of work.

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and EPA stormwater permit.

"To that point, I look at that and say anything we can do to improve design is gonna be needed because the way things are going right now, living here in Norwood, we're gonna be waterfront pretty quick," said Bamber. "You look at the flooding in Boston along the waterfront and in all the other cities, you look at the amount of rain that's coming down, it's been dramatic, and it's changing quicker, it seems, than anticipated. The correlation between state and federal and local regulation needs to be done well and quickly is what I'm saying."

The one anticipated public hearing, a notice of intent at 79-85 Astor Avenue, applied for by real estate development, management and leasing company Lazdowsky Michael Trustee & Howland Realty Trust, had a request for continuation. The public hearing is moved to the next ConCom public meeting, on May 1.

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Can I Claim Social Security and Still Work?

Dear Rusty: I will be turning 63 soon. Can I apply for Social Security and continue to work? Would I be limited to how many hours or how much I could make? I know my monthly SS amount would be cut by 30%, or somewhere around there, but how would working affect me? I was trying to read up on this, but the \$1 and \$2 thing confused me. I have an offer to take a work-at-home position and need to decide soon, but it is a cut in income. The cut would be okay if I could draw my Social Security too.

Signed: Wanting Work at Home

Dear Wanting: If you claim your Social Security to start in the month you turn 63, you'll be claiming 4 years before your full retirement age (FRA) of 67, which means your monthly benefit at 63 will be about 25% less than it would be if you claimed SS at age 67. And if you are working before your FRA, you'll be subject to Social Security's "earnings test."

The 2024 earnings limit for those collecting early Social Security benefits is \$22,320 (this limit changes annually). If your annual earnings exceed the limit, Social Security will assess a penalty of \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. They will recover that penalty amount by withholding future benefits until they recover what you owe. If your work earnings are under the annual limit, you will get all your monthly SS benefits. But if you exceed the limit, they will find that out after you submit your income tax return (the following year) and issue you an overpayment notice, telling you how much you owe for exceeding the limit last year. They will then withhold your benefits until they get back what you owe, or you can repay them in a lump sum. To avoid the overpayment notice, it is best to inform Social Security in advance that you will exceed the annual earnings limit, and they will simply withhold your monthly SS



Russell Gloor
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

benefits during the year for enough months to avoid overpaying you.

So, what you should do depends largely on how much your earnings from your new work-at-home position will be. If your earnings are below the annual limit, no penalty will be assessed. If you only exceed the annual limit by a little bit, then you can still work and earn and simply repay them what is owed for exceeding the limit (or have your SS benefit temporarily withheld). If you only exceed the earnings limit by a little, you'll still get benefits for most months of the year. But if you significantly exceed the annual earnings limit, you could even be ineligible to receive SS benefits until you either earn less or reach your full retirement age (the earnings limit goes away at your FRA).

So, what you should do depends on what "a cut in income" means in terms of your expected annual earnings amount. If your total annual earnings will be under the annual limit, your SS benefit won't be affected. If you only exceed the limit by a little bit, then you will get SS benefits for most months of the year. But if your annual earnings are significantly over each year's annual earnings limit, then you won't get SS benefits for most months of the year and may even be temporarily ineligible to receive benefits.

It now will have no effect on the survivor benefit she will get as your future widow.

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For the Record

NPS FINE ARTS FESTIVAL ON 26TH

The Norwood Public Schools' will be hosting its 25th Annual Fine Arts Festival on Friday, April 26th, from 4-8pm at the Norwood High School. The festival is a celebration of the award winning Norwood Public Schools Fine Arts program. The public is invited to view the visual arts displays and student television exhibits as well as enjoy performances by NPS music ensembles and the NHS Drama Troupe. In addition, the Fine Art parent booster groups will be selling items to support the Arts in the Norwood Public Schools. This festival is free and will be located at Norwood High School, 245 Nichols Street, Norwood, MA.

WOMAN'S CLUB LUNCHEON COMING UP

The Norwood Woman's Club luncheon will be at Conrad's in Walpole on May 14, at 12:00. Lunch choices are steak tips, baked haddock, stuffed chicken breasts. Checks should be made out to Norwood Woman's Club for \$30. Please put lunch choice on check and mail to Pat Cavanaugh, at 42 Windsor Road, by May 6. Hope to see you there.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME SEEKING NOMINATIONS

The Norwood High School Athletic Hall of Fame is looking for nominations for the 2024 Class.

Student-athletes, teams, coaches and special contributors are eligible. Candidates must meet the following criteria: Student-athletes must have graduated from Norwood High School, attended NHS for more than two years, been 10 years since their class graduated and are a respected member of the community. Coaches must have worked at Norwood High for at least seven years and have completed their coaching career. Teams must have achieved a significant accomplishment. Special contributors are individuals who have made a considerable contribution of time and energy to Norwood High School Athletics.

For more information and nomination forms, see the Norwood High School Athletic Department web page, www.norwoodmustangs.com or call Athletic Director, Jonathan Longley at 781-352-3529. The enshrinement ceremony will be held November 30.

Nominations must be submitted in writing to the Norwood Hall of Fame Committee 245 Nichols Street, Norwood MA 02062. The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2024.

Also, the NHS Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is looking for new committee members to continue to tell the story of Norwood High School Athletics and recognize its special students-athletes, coaches and teams. If interested, email Brian McDonough at bgmcdonough@gmail.com.

ROTARY INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP

The Norwood Rotary Club is pleased to announce the opening of applications for the prestigious Roy Smith \$1000 Memorial Scholarship. This annual scholarship, honoring the memory of Roy Smith, a dedicated community member and Rotarian, aims to support deserving students in pursuing their higher education goals.

Applications for the scholarship are now available and can be obtained from the guidance offices of Norwood High School, Blue Hills Regional Technical School, and Norfolk County Agricultural High School. Eligible candidates from these institutions are encouraged to apply and seize the opportunity to receive financial assistance towards their academic endeavors.

Applicants for the scholarship will be evaluated based on various criteria, including academic performance, extracurricular activities, leadership experience, and community service involvement. The selection process will be thorough and impartial, with the aim of identifying students who embody the values of Rotary and demonstrate a strong potential for future success.

The deadline for submitting applications is April 30th, and interested students are encouraged to act promptly to ensure their eligibility for this valuable scholarship opportunity. Completed applications should be submitted to the Norwood Rotary Club PO Box 763, Norwood, MA 02062.

For more information about the Roy Smith \$1000 Memorial Scholarship and the application process, interested candidates can contact the Norwood Rotary Club or visit the official website www.norwoodrotary.org. Don't miss this chance to pursue your educational dreams with the support of the Norwood Rotary Club!

APRIL MONTHLY BALLROOM DANCE

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging will be sponsoring their monthly Ballroom Dance, on Friday, April 19th from 7-10 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood. Music will be provided by Dave Valerio and the cost is \$12.00 per person for your Ballroom Dancing pleasure. Coffee, tea, desserts & water are served & there are also door prizes.

We look forward to welcoming newcomers of all ages. There is a Facebook page so you can check the status of events offered by the Friends: Friends Of The Norwood Council On Aging | Facebook

2024 EARTH DAY CLEANUP

On Sunday, April 21st, Progress Norwood & the Town of Norwood invites you to join neighbors and friends for the 2024 Norwood Earth Day Clean Up, Community Picnic, & Fair <https://www.facebook.com/events/772957448070818>

Cleanups will be held at various playgrounds and green spaces around Norwood from 10-11:30 am. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit tinyurl.com/earthdaynorwood2024. Alternatively, motivated people are invited to meet Charlotte Firth of Charles River Running at 11:30 at the Town

Common for plogging (combining jogging with picking up trash.) <https://www.facebook.com/events/1370475153600668> Immediately following the cleanup, grab lunch and join us at the Town Common, at the corner of Washington and Nahatan Street, for a community picnic, live music, and fair (11:30 am-1:30 pm). You will have a chance to visit over 20 local organizations to learn about their work to support the environment or what you can do to be more environmentally minded.

This event is FREE for all and family friendly. Cleanups will happen rain or shine, but in inclement weather, the picnic & fair will be held in the Norwood High School gymnasium at 245 Nichols Street.

A SPRING CONCERT IN NORWOOD

Parkway Concert Orchestra presents a spring concert on Sunday, May 5 at 3 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 100 Winter Street, Norwood. Music Director Thomas Kociela conducts the 50 piece non-profit orchestra in an exciting program including Outdoor Overture by Copland, music from Rosamunde by Schubert, and Grieg's Symphonic Dances. The program also features Scott Woolweaver, viola, in Andante and Hungarian Rondo by Carl Maria von Weber. Mr. Woolweaver's performance is supported by the Bill and Muriel Porter Memorial Fund.

The program is sponsored by Dedham Savings and is supported in part by an operating support grant through the Cultural Sector Recovery Grants for Organizations program from the Mass Cultural Council. Donation is \$15; \$10 for seniors and students; and free for children under 12 years old. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. For more information, please visit the orchestra's web site at www.ParkwayConcertOrchestra.org, call 781-444-5041 or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/parkwayconcertorchestra.

VFW MEAT RAFFLE

The Norwood V.F.W. Post 2452 hosts a Meat Raffle every Saturday from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The Meat Raffle is open to the Public and everyone is welcome. The price for each Drawing is only \$2.00. Ten Drawings are conducted each Saturday. A Pre-Buy for \$20.00 is available during the week at the Post. This Pre-Buy allows for entrance in all Ten Drawings conducted on Saturday. The winners of the Pre-Buys need not be present to win.

The Drawings also include a 50/50 Money Raffle. A separate Winner Takes All Raffle is conducted at the end for an additional \$5.00. The Norwood VFW is located at 193 Dean Street in Norwood. The Meat Raffle will continue every Saturday thru May.

The Norwood VFW is looking for new members. Veterans of the Gulf War, and personnel who have served overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan are welcome to visit the post at any time or come to one of the Monthly Meetings which are held on the Fourth Wednesday of each Month from September thru May (Except December).



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