



Norwood Public School faculty, staff and students are all adjusting to the new requirements of education during COVID-19.

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School Committee gets peek into the "new normal"

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee met on Wednesday, Oct. 7 and got a glimpse into a typical school day at both the elementary and high school levels now that COVID-19-related policies have been implemented. It is also looking toward the future with an update on the proposed new middle school.

Superintendent Dr. David Thomson noted that he had visited the Balch School earlier that day to observe staff collaboration time.

"I told them every teacher is a first-year teacher," he said, describing teaching during a pandemic. "This is totally new and something we never imagined doing. The whole idea is to facilitate continued growth and improvement. We're off to a very, very good start, and I

compliment the teaching staff and the administrative staff on how well we have started with this."

Thomson added that he has visited classes, both in person and online. He noted how "absolutely heartwarming it is to see the students so engaged and actively learning."

During the meeting, he showed the committee a video produced by Norwood High School students showing safety precautions that are now taken during a school day in the new normal.

"When you look at the videos, it does kind of demonstrate how we've had to rethink every single aspect of schooling in Norwood," Thomson said.

Students, filing in at a distance of six feet apart, now enter through three different doors and have to be wearing masks. They must go straight to class and follow the arrows on the

floor to provide direction. Sanitizer dispensers are provided throughout the hallways as students travel to their classrooms and go straight to their assigned seats.

As needed, students can raise their hands for mask breaks. They must wipe off their desks and chairs with sanitizing wipes. There is a one-way path in the courtyard for breaks.

Next, Thomson showed a video of the Balch School. Each school made a similar video produced by Norwood Community Media (NCM). Principal Diane Ferreira narrated the safety procedures of the school. Where all students once congregated in the schoolyard before class, now they must file in a distanced manner to assigned doors, as their high school peers do.

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The Norwood Ecumenical Food Pantry is changing its hours and requesting more heartier foods for the winter.

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Food pantry changing hours, donation needs

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Ecumenical Food Pantry announced recently it will be changing its hours of operation in preparation of the coming winter months and, consequentially, its donation needs.

Food Pantry Manager Deb Devine said they are changing their distribution hours starting on Nov. 7. Instead of the current hours of 8:30 a.m. to 10:40 a.m., they will be 9 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.

"We have decided to continue the grab n' go outside, and because there's still the inside restriction, we can't have more than 25 people in an inside area," she said. "If we were to bring our clients in during the

winter, we'd probably be there until 4 or 5 in the afternoon serving people."

She said the idea is to keep as much sunlight on the food boxes, volunteers and clients as possible.

"We'll allow our clients to show up a little more safely and daylight savings will help us out with that," she said. "Hopefully, we're going to be able to have the lot plowed and I think all around it will work well. Clients will be inside their cars, safe and warm, while we're filling their food orders. We are prepared to have frequent changes in our volunteers who are going to be standing outside, because obviously you're out there taking food orders in

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They must sanitize their hands upon entering their classroom. Then they can go to the bathroom and wash their hands with soap and water before returning to class. They break mid-morning for a mask and snack break, often having a chance to play outdoors.

Lunch is completely reconfigured, with students sitting at assigned desks similar to the ones in class. Each desk has a number in the corner. Students pre-order their meals so they no longer wait in line, and the meal is waiting for them. Students clean and sanitize the desks as they leave.

"One of the other exciting things is that we did get a new playground here at the Balch, which has helped us immensely to separate kids out," Ferreira said. Students are assigned to the new playground or the old one for recess depending upon the day.

A benefit of the hybrid system is the smaller class size, Thomson said. Particularly at the elementary levels, students seem to benefit from the increased teacher attention. This is also helping them catch up with any material they may have missed since

the COVID crisis began this spring.

He stressed that the system cannot offer programming such as athletics and music without adherence to mask wearing and social distancing. Without following these policies, COVID-19 rates may spike, extracurriculars will end, and schools may have to go to full remote if there an outbreak.

"We cannot have what we've seen in other towns around us with kids getting together not wearing masks in large numbers," Thomson said. "That is just a recipe for disaster."

Thomson has since posted online that a member of the "high school learning community" has tested positive for COVID-19, and that safety protocols and contact tracing have been completed by the Norwood Health Department. He said all exposed parties have been notified and will remain in quarantine.

Also regarding COVID-19 and safety, the School Committee welcomed Sigalle Reiss, Director of the Health Department and Kathleen Bishop, Chair of the Board of Health. Reiss announced that Norwood just moved to the green level of safety, which is a lower risk level of safety than Norwood has been at for six weeks. She received the news an hour before the meeting.

There are four classifications based on the average daily case count per 100,000 people: red, yellow, green and gray. A gray community has fewer than five cases per 100,000, "because the risk is too small a number to calculate the rate," according to Reiss. If it is between zero and four, it is a green community. Between four and eight is a moderate, or yellow, community. A red, or high-risk, community has more than eight cases per 100,000.

"I always want to make the point that, the smaller the population, the more fluctuation you see in the number of cases," she added. "It can make a drastic impact on our rate, whereas if you look at a community like Boston or other larger jurisdictions, one or two cases doesn't have that much of an influence on the rate."

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has issued guidelines that state that schools should have red rates for three weeks before pivoting to remote learning.

"But like most things with COVID, it depends," Reiss explained. If there is a cluster in a school, they may pivot to remote learning in that case. At that point, Reiss said she would have a joint meeting between the Board of Health and the School Committee to come to a mutual decision.



The schools are still doing adequately well despite one confirmed case last week in the high school.

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"I think it's important that you said that if we go red once that it's not automatic that we go to remote learning," School Committee Chair Teresa Stewart said. "There's been some confusion and miscommunication just in the general public about this around that."

Myev Bodenhofer asked about the threshold to push Norwood into the red. Reiss said the number over two weeks would be 34.

"I want people to be aware that it doesn't take much to push us into the red," Bodenhofer noted.

"It doesn't mean we can let down our guard in any way," Reiss added, stressing the importance of social distancing and wearing masks in keeping the rate down.

Reiss said if a student tested positive for COVID-19 in the Norwood Public Schools, the class will be notified. There is a higher chance of getting the virus if a person is exposed to the student for fifteen minutes at six feet away. Stewart said this additional level of contacting people is in effect in addition to regular contact tracing to protect students and school personnel. A PCR test will be required to return to school if a child shows symptoms.

In other news, Stewart shared that the Middle School Building Committee met to consider six designer proposals for the new middle school. Between now and November, there will be presentations before the MSBA, and a designer will be selected.

Norwood needs to decide whether it wants a grade five through eight or six through eight configuration by the end of the school year in June 2021. There will be an update on the process at a School Committee meeting in December. Thomson will begin making community presentations in the next month.

"We recognize that this is a huge decision for our town," Stewart said. "And we really want to make sure that we are getting the feedback from stakeholders and also educating our community on what the pros and cons are of the five-through-eight and six-through-eight."

"We really need to be reaching out to younger families," added Bodenhofer. "I think when people hear this is a middle school project, they think it applies to middle school parents. But current middle school kids will never see this new middle school. It's the preschoolers who this is going to impact most of all."

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Selectmen grant a six month extension for Olivadi's liquor license

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen met on Oct. 13 for its regular meeting and discussed an array of issues during its hour-and-a-half session.

The Board voted unanimously to continue a show cause hearing for the liquor license currently held by Olivadi, which closed down restaurant operations at 32 Guild St. in June.

David Hern, the attorney representing owner Anthony Delapa and his family, said they have owned and operated the restaurant for almost 12 years.

"But I suspect most of you know the present circumstances we're all enduring in the pandemic is really what has led us to the present situation where the restaurant has closed," he said. "It was a very successful run, but the circumstances of the Coronavirus pandemic has basically reduced the income to the point where it made no sense to keep the restaurant open."

Hern said the family is currently looking into their options for the property.

"The hope is that down the road there will be a use of that building as a restaurant, but the Delapa family for the time being is looking into their options on that," he said. "We also know that you've been willing in the past to allow businesses the opportunity to try to figure what they can do with the license they've been allowed to develop and use for the public benefit."

Anthony Delapa said one mitigating circumstance is his father, Anthony Delapa Sr., passed away in April unexpectedly and the family is still trying to pick up the pieces.

"It has been a tough time, but we know that my father took a lot of pride in that building and was there every day making sure everything looked perfect, and he took great pride in seeing everyone in the Town of Norwood and the surrounding towns come in and enjoy themselves," he said. "It was a difficult decision

to close but we didn't see any other avenue with the current restrictions for the type of restaurant we are."

Delapa said they are still dealing with several issues related to the business and his father passing.

"So that's all still up in the air, but we definitely know that it's a place he and I spent 12 years building and working it it and we want something good to happen to it. We're definitely invested in the property and that's our plan," he said. "We'll do some research on what we want to do and we'll get back to you as soon as we find out."

"We're very sorry for the loss of your father and we appreciate the beautiful job you've done fixing up that building for our Town," said Selectman Helen Abdallah-Donohue. "Your loss is our loss."

The Board also unanimously voted to approve a request from AM Ventures Boston for a new Class I Auto Dealer License at 700 Boston Providence Turnpike. Owner of the site, Michael Argiros, also runs Cadillac of Norwood and will be using the property for a second dealership of Aston Martin vehicles. Attorney David Hern also represented Argiros, and said this will just be a new brand for the site.

"He has the franchise, he purchased the dealership and proposed to put it at 700 Boston Providence," Hern said. "The property has been used as an auto dealership for years and has been improved over the years, including the construction of a new building built about seven or eight years ago... And so the site is permitted for the sale of automobiles, we don't need any special permit or anything like that. This a new dealership with a new entity that will be responsible for the Aston Martin side of it."

The Board approved the license application and hours of operation for 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10

a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

The Board also heard from Norwood Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Mark Ryan on the general state of DPW projects in Town. Most notable is that the Dean Street Bridge project has been completed.

"It came in a little under schedule, which is good, and right on budget, which is even better and I think we're all happy with the project and the quality of work, as well as the benefit of half a million dollars from (the Massachusetts Department of Transportation) for that work," said Ryan.

Ryan also said he learned today that Campanelli, the owner of the Upland Woods subdivision off of Plantingfield Road (formerly Upland Woods Circle) has contracted with a firm to start designing the required lighted intersection between Route 1A and Plantingfield Road. He said also the Prospect Street/Fulton Street traffic circle just up the road on Route 1A is set for construction in 2022, according to MassDOT.

"It's all good, and it's good for the development where Moderna is and the Upland Woods developments and all the residents who use Prospect, Fulton, Washington and Plantingfield Road," he said. "So starting next year you could see some construction."

The Board also approved a plan from Jeffrey Morrill at 16 Rosemary St. to put in new bath-

Selectmen

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OPINION

My body, my right?

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Why, just the other day my better half was sitting around reading our monthly "Piercings, Why Not?" available on magazine racks everywhere with the motto, "If you have no more holes to plug, create new ones" when she said, "You know, I've been wanting to get the webbings of my fingers and toes perforated for a long time now and there's a place on the North Shore that is advertising a two for one deal. So, for a great price I can get my ribs and clit pierced at the same time as my fingers and toes. What idiot wouldn't take advantage of that?"

So, I sat and wondered aloud the genius of my wife's argument when it suddenly struck me, "Why should I have to travel that far past The Mass Pike when I should be able to get legitimate artwork performed right here where I live?"

The reason you need to travel beyond Norwood's borders is due to current limitations as to what is allowed and what isn't and how those limitations will more than likely be more restrictive in the future. In this week's Record, we detail exactly the existing conditions of tattooing and piercings. It makes for a very interesting read. The bottom line is tattoos and other body art are limited to areas of Rte 1. Currently, there are no body art establishments in Norwood, but Heath Department Director Sigalle Reiss said that could very well change with new trends coming down the road.

This writer has always questioned the logic of permanently placing other people's designs and philosophies on one's body, or creating holes Mother Nature never intended, but never questioned the right of anyone of adult age to do so. And admittedly, when done tastefully, some of that stuff looks pretty darned good. The question at this address is whether or not the Board of Health should be involved at all. No one would question the wisdom of placing restrictions on places serving food or booze, and tracking diseases and substance abuses and trying to mitigate the harm caused is just common sense. Harm caused by vaping, though debatable, is documented enough to make it a health department issue. But Body art? Keeping an eye on the cleanliness and proper practices of these places seems reasonable, but where these places should be allowed to conduct their business or limiting how many seems out of the purview of the health department.

The world is changing. And though body art has been around since the dawn of mankind, like everything else it is evolving. Whether for the better or not is certainly open to debate, but Town officials seeking to severely restrict what is considered a legal activity should tread carefully, for the courts have continually found that doing so is tantamount to discrimination. And the last place Norwood wants to find itself is back in court, where it has a recent history of having their hats handed to them based on unwise decisions.

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Letters to the Editor

BUILDERS ARE NOT OUR FRIENDS

To the Editor:

It is interesting to me that last year the Town's zoning board pushed for changes to the zoning laws to allow for more apartment buildings downtown. They told the people of Norwood that this would bring much needed development downtown. The first major development to be discussed wants to change the new code to double the density of building that the new code allows. I can't believe the board of appeals is even talking about this. I do not believe it's the Town's job to make land owners and developers rich. If the code we have is so poor why did the town change to this just last year? That is the first question to be asked.

I thought we had paid consultants to help design the new code. Are these the same people advising the Town on the Route 1 development? It seems to be the trend in Norwood to build as many apartments as possible. If developers can't find a way to build under the new code then they shouldn't build in Norwood. Town Meeting members should not be the ones to decide if more changes should be made to the building codes. I think it is time for the residents of Norwood to have a vote on what they want Norwood to become. Do they want a mini Boston with all its problems or do they want to slow down on all this building? The Town should learn that developers are not our friends, they are in this to make the most money that they can. I would hope that the people of

Norwood would give their opinions, either pro or con, and let Town officials know what we think. This is too important to leave these decisions to the few people that are making them now.

Henry Graham
Norwood

RANK CHOICE VOTING IS THE RIGHT CHOICE

To the Editor:

On November 3, I hope everyone votes Yes on 2 for Ranked Choice Voting (RCV). The two arguments I keep hearing against it just don't hold water. The first, that it is too confusing. You know I don't have to understand how refrigerators work to know that I want one. Second, that computers are involved so it is subject to hacking. Well considering nearly everything these days has computers involved, I call this one a conspiracy theory. Should we also be suspicious about the food supply chain, municipal water pressure, and television signals? Give me a break!

So what will RCV do for Massachusetts? If adopted, RCV would apply starting with the 2022 state-run elections. It will help reduce the polarization and angry divisiveness currently in our politics. Anyone else tired of this? It will encourage new people to run for office. And simply, it will mean candidates who get the majority of votes win. On your ballot, you would still be able to vote for just one candidate like before, or you have the option to rank your first, second, and third choice.

1. With RCV, if no candidate gets the majority on the initial count, voters' second and third choices are still in play and counted until one candidate wins a majority. Given the ability to rank their preference, each voter's voice is stronger, and the winner truly represents the choice of the majority.

2. RCV promotes a diversity of viewpoints and reduces polarization and infighting. Candidates with new or different ideas have a greater chance to influence the conversation. It encourages people to run for office. And, knowing that their victory requires a majority, candidates will focus less on insults and more on issues that matter.

3. You can vote early without wasting your vote. In the Massachusetts Democratic primary, over 60,000 people cast early votes for a candidate who had already dropped out by election day. With RCV, their votes for second and third choice could still have counted.

RCV would have been extremely useful in the recent 4th Congressional District Democratic primary next door. More than five candidates sought the Democratic nomination, but in the end, Jake Auchincloss won with only 22.4% of the vote. That is a broken system if 77% of voters did not vote for Auchincloss yet he still won. If voters had been able to rank their choices, the winner would have at least 50% support from their own constituents.

Please join me by voting "Yes" on Question 2.

Nora Zaldivar
Norwood

BOH mulls where you can and can't get a piercing or tattoo

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Health met on Tuesday, Oct. 13, for its regularly scheduled meeting.

One item for discussion was body art, which includes tattoos, permanent makeup, scarification and body piercings. Currently, there are no body art establishments in Norwood, but Heath Department Director Sigalle Reiss said that could very well change with the new trend of microblading.

According to Reiss and members of the Norwood Planning Board, several businesses have asked Norwood about whether its zoning allows microblading or not, and it was going to be one of the zoning warrants for the Fall Special Town Meeting on Nov. 12, but Reiss said recently the Planning Board has tabled that item until the spring.

Microblading is not technically a tattoo or body paint. According to Norwood Public Health Nurse Nicholas

Crowninshield, "It's a form of tattooing but it's semi-permanent," he said. "What's also different is how the tattoo is put on. With a tattoo gun, we have a very small needle going in and continuously injecting the pigment.... With microblading, it's a very small instrument that looks like a scalpel that has about 12 to 15 needles and it's used to scrape the top layer of skin. I've never seen it done for anything but eyebrows, and it creates scratches that look like eyebrows. It's something that Massachusetts municipalities have had to bring up lately as it has been taking off in popularity."

Crowninshield said the pigment lasts about a year, and that eight municipalities in Massachusetts currently have it as a defined allowable use.

"Most towns do not specifically address microblading, but they allow it under body art," he said.

Reiss said the practice has been growing, so the Planning Board and the Health Department wants to be explicit in what

would be allowed or required for microblading.

"And really spell it out," she said.

Reiss said that currently, tattoos and body art are only allowed in the Highway Business District on Route 1, but a zoning change may allow it Downtown and possibly in light manufacturing zones like those at Winsmith Mill. Crowninshield went over all the different types of piercings and body art or body modifications there are in the United States currently to educate the Board on what might be submitted to the Town in the future.

He said tattoos are allowed for adults and minors with parental consent, but it's a moot point here because there are no tattoo parlors in Town. Piercings are allowed with the same caveat. Board members balked at the idea of allowing a minor to get a tattoo with parental permission.

"Who's to say who is actually giving permission and who

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the parents are?" said member Joan Jacobs. "If you can't tell I'm not fond of tattoos."

For ear piercings at least, the Board seemed okay with parental permission for minors, though parental verification was not discussed.

On the subject of piercings, Crowninshield discussed the 17 different types of piercings that are not currently allowed in the Town by the Health Department. Those types of piercings include uveula, tracheal area, neck, ankle, ribs, vertebrae, web area of the hand or foot, lingual frenum (tongue web), clitoris, chest or deep muscle (excluding the nipple), anus, eye, the form of piercing known as pocketing (a long metal jewelry piece under the skin with exposed jewelry on either end), piercing of the gums, piercing or skewering of a testicle, deep piercing of the penis (through the shaft or any "trans-penis" piercing), deep piercing of the scrotum (see previous) and deep piercings of the vagina.

"I'd like to see that list the way it is and disallow all genital piercing," said Jacobs, which Crowninshield said was an option.

Reiss said any changes to the regulations could and should be made before the Spring Town Meeting when the zoning allowing those kinds of shops comes into play, and said the board would have to mull its options in the meantime. She said each type of use, whether it's piercing or tattoos,

would have to have a separate license and area of operation.

Board Member Kathleen Bishop said she would also like to consider limiting the number of establishments within a certain area.

"Winsmith would have some places be able to open up there and I think we should think about limiting how many places we have, just like we do with cigarettes and tobacco," she said.

Board Member Carolyn Riccardi said she agreed and didn't want Norwood to become the home for all body art and modification.

Reiss also discussed the new fines from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on selling tobacco to minors, which have increase from \$100 for first offense, \$200 for second and \$500 for third to \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$5,000 respectively. She said they will be heading to Town Meeting in the fall to request a revolving fund be set up that would fund enforcement and prevention activities for the department. She said that includes inspections and secret shopper compliance checks they currently do with youth buyers, much like the Norwood Police Department currently does for alcohol establishments.

"We have these heavy fines and we don't want to just use them for Town revenue," she said. "This is not just a revenue grab for the Town."

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the frigid weather you can't be out there too long. We're going to be doing our best to do this."

Devine said they will be allowing pedestrian residents to come inside to pick up their food so they can warm up a bit before venturing back out into the cold.

"That will be our one exception," she said. "We generally don't service too many walkers, so we think we're going to be able to meet the requirement to have no more than 25 people inside."

Devine said right now, instead of cash donations they need donations of food items.

"We're having a bit of an issue ordering bulk items," she said. "Some of the stores are unable to supply large quantities to us. It's a supply chain issue and so a lot of the items, we're just buying off the shelf... I'm asking the community to help us by looking at the list of requested food items we post on the website. We also keep signs on our donations boxes right outside the pantry with listed items, which change constantly."

Right now, Devine said they are looking for hearty items, like hash, beef stew, chili,

chunky canned soups and chowders, spaghetti sauce, pasta, boxed rice, canned fruit, canned chicken, canned white albacore tuna (small cans preferred), macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables and canned beans, just to name a few.

"We're not asking folks to go out and buy wholesale items for us, but if an item goes on sale and they happen to be in the store, we'd like them to pick up couple of cans of whatever fits the list of what they can easily obtain and they can drop them off at the pantry pretty much any day with the exception of Saturday morning," she said. "We do have volunteers checking the donation bins on a daily basis and sometimes twice a day, so no concern about leaving them."

Devine said they also have donation boxes in two stores, Stop and Shop and Big Y. She said COVID-19 sanitization is taken very seriously by both the pantry and supermarket staff in both locations.

Devine said they need more donations now more than ever as the holidays approach, but she said she's confident in the generosity of Norwood residents. She said currently they

serve hundreds of families every week.

"What we have noticed in the last few weeks is the community has been donating a lot of soups and stews and I think they're becoming more aware in the change in temperature that the clients who patronize the pantry will be needing more and more of these types of items," she said. "Norwood's a wonderful Town, and our community has always rallied behind us and I think they're going to step up and help us throughout the winter as well. We've had already a couple of organizations or individuals who belong to organizations contact us and let us know they intend to do food drives beginning in November for Thanksgiving, and then they intend to do a secondary drive for us in December focusing on the winter holidays. We anticipate a good amount of support in the next couple of months coming from the community."

For more information on the food pantry, donation lists and how to donate money online, go to the pantry website at norwoodpantry.org/donate-food.

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rooms for his rental property of single-occupancy rooms (SROs). Morrill said he wants to put in two new bathrooms to reduce the amount of sharing bathrooms between residents during the times of

COVID-19.

"There are fewer and fewer people who want to share a bathroom and I just want to make it easier," he said. "I have a 16 SRO license, which I purchased in

2014, and that's what I'd like to operate it at... After these two bathrooms are installed I want to increase the building wherever I can later without increasing the footprint or number of SROs."

The Board voted unanimously to approve a request from Lee Kennedy on behalf of the Norwood Circle of Hope to host its annual Luminary Night event on Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Town Common and to block off parking spaces on Washington Street.

The Board also voted to hold interviews with potential alternate Zoning Board of Appeals members at a later date and to hold a public hearing because of an application from David DePree to operate an all alcohol beverage license for the Magic Room at 83 Morse St. at the Norwood Space Center.

The Board voted 3-1 with Chair Bill Plasko against and Abdallah-Donohue abstaining (presumably because she holds a liquor license) to decrease alcohol license fees for this year by 50 percent.

"I'm thinking it might be wise for us to follow the lead of certain other communities and reduce the section 12 and a section of 15 for license fees for the upcoming year," said Selectman Thomas Maloney.

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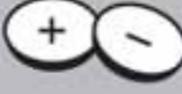
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Climate Change happening Oct. 22 at Norwood Library

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Together Yes Norwood, Progress Norwood, the Morrill Memorial Library and the Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA) is hosting its Fall 2020 Sustainability Series on Oct. 22 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The talk will feature NepRWA Executive Director Ian Cooke, who said he will discuss water infrastructure and flooding-related issues as they relate to climate change. The talk will take place online as well as in-person at the library. Seating is limited due to social distancing. The title of the discussion is Climate Change: It's Happening.

Cooke said Norwood had a stark reminder that climate change is distorting normal weather patterns in the form of the June 28 massive flood, and Cooke said it's going to become even more frequent.

"It's been a huge trend; Norwood really got clobbered this summer, and those kinds of small but very intense rainfall events are going to be a much more common feature of our day-to-day lives in the future, both in Norwood and in the Neponset Watershed," he said.

Cooke said residents and officials need to start thinking of rainfall in this way and the changes they should consider to reduce the impact of highly-localized instances like that of

June 28.

"When you look at future projections of climate change, there's a big disparity on what outcomes may occur depending on happens with future emissions; some very challenging outcomes if emissions continue to be high and still some serious things we need to care of if things go favorably," he said.

During his talk he will discuss how land management plays a role in reducing flood impact, as well as water infrastructure in the form of drinking water distribution, stormwater infrastructure and sewer infrastructure.

"The areas around the Downtown hit by these storms are particularly challenging to deal with because these once-natural streams are now piped and the carrying capacity of that system becomes very strictly limited," he said. "It works great until there's too much water and then it suddenly works very badly. I think there are definitely some constrictions and other improvements in the collection system to look at. I think (Town officials) are preparing."

Cooke said in considering the longer term, Norwood should be looking at the areas upstream from the Downtown area and its piped infrastructure.

"One of the challenges the pipes face is there's a lot of runoff coming from parking lots and rooftops where water

can't sort of naturally soak into the ground the way it might in an undeveloped area," he said. "That can produce very high rates of runoff trying to get into the storm drain system and it overwhelms the system. So it's a kind of two-part solution. It's making sure the pipes and all that infrastructure are working well, they're big enough and they don't have constrictions in them, but also thinking how over time we can install what are called green infrastructure techniques."

Some of those green infrastructure techniques include rain gardens, bioswales, planter boxes, permeable pavements, green streets and alleys, green parking green roofs, urban tree canopy, land conservation and more.

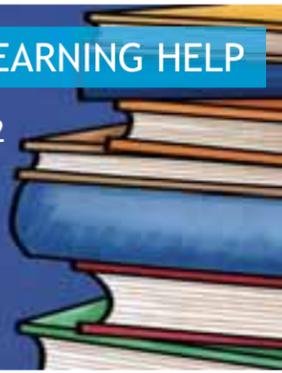
"We're trying to remove pavement or catch water and slow it down before it gets into the drain system and start to overwhelm it," he said. "How can we get more of it to soak back into the ground; how can we get it filtered through plants and soils to help clean it up. Another problem we have is that pavement water isn't very clean either."

Cooke said rain gardens can help with this greatly, but added that one problem municipalities have faced is that an architect will design a beautiful-looking garden full of bright plants designed to soak

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Monday, October 5

0808 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St Report dumpster was picked up this morning at 0500 Hrs. N664 called Dooley Disposal and informed them of by-law and spoke to caller.

0837 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St Report of a girl sleeping on front steps of office building. N667 reports known to PD., sent on her way.

0928 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Walnut Ave Resident in lobby reporting multiple issues, most important is downstairs neighbor noise complaint over them having parties. N665 advised her to call when incident is occurring, other issues—nothing criminal at this time.

1053 Phone - Malicious Damage *Report Filed Location/Address: Bay State Wine And Liquor - Walpole St Report front door window spider webbed by a subject after 1900 hrs 10/4.

1101 Phone - Civil Dispute Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Pods Inc - University Ave Report customer yelling, banging on door, and finger gesturing. N677 reports customer upset over Covid-19 mask issue and a rental, she left in MA PC 7KL478 before officers' arrival.

1723 Walk-In - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Hillside Ave Party received a suspicious bill claiming to be from Norwood Light Broadband. Bill forwarded to ELD, they will look into it with the customer.

2055 Phone - Civil Dispute Spoken To Location/Address: Convenient Food Mart - Washington St Employee reports an argument with a customer. N679 states that was over the wearing of a mask, all parties advised.

2138 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood Central Station Building - Broadway St Caller reports he can hear a female screaming. N678 spoke to that party and she says she is fine.

2139 911 - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address:

Jefferson Dr Caller reports his daughter's friend is unwelcome and won't leave. All parties advised and separated.

2215 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Maple St + Cottage St Caller reports she can hear a male and female arguing in the street. N667 spoke to those parties and they reports they were just speaking loudly, all is ok.

Tuesday, October 6

0006 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Central St Caller reports a female yelling. N662 spoke to that party and she said she is ok.

0759 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Dedham Savings Bank - Central St Manager reports someone sleeping in the ATM vestibule. Party was spoken to and sent on her way.

1355 Phone - Unwanted Party *Protective Custody Location/Address: Plantation Cir Unwanted DK female party. She was brought back to station and placed into PC. S/M 31322 1444 Hrs. E/M 31326 1451 Hrs.

1402 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Katie's Way

1850 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Adams St Riverside check and officer she is fine. Number provided to call Riverside.

Wednesday, October 7

0500 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Plantation Cir Caller reports her sister returned to her home and she does not want her there. N670 gave female party courtesy transport to Residence Inn S/M 31376.5 @ 0542 HRS, E/M 31378.7 @0547 HRS.

0657 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Lenox St Caller reports she misplaced her keys, linens, and masks. She will call back if she has any other information.

0807 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Walpole St Caller reports a female sleeping in the business hallway. Party was spoken to and left without is-

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sue.

0808 Phone - Found Syringe Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St Caller reports she found a syringe. N663 picks up that item and returns to the station to get rid of it.

1122 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Katie's Way Caller seeking information about getting a family member some help with addiction. N662 spoke to that party and he was advised.

1134 Phone - Citizens Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports individuals panhandling in the parking lot. N663 spoke to that party and they were moved along.

1302 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Milana's Marketing - Washington St 13 YR old daughter home and Mom worried because the deck umbrella with strong winds blew it up on the roof. Mom arrived prior to Officers arrival and will deal with it.

1305 Phone - B & E Commercial *Report Filed Location/Address: Unique Nails Salon And Skin Care - Washington St Owner reports she has cleaned up after finding a B&E today. BCI responds.

1357 Phone - Citizens Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Adams St Party advised on a neighbor issue.

1524 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Katie's Way Party requests a wellness check on a relative. N663 reports all is ok and party checks out.

1602 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Alandale Pkwy Possible RO violation. No violation RO was expired. She was advised on getting another RO.

1745 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Spoken To Location/Address: Civic Center - Nahatan St Caller reports a teen rode his bike down the stairs and almost

hit a group of children. Officers locate him and ID. Caller advised.

1913 Phone - Susp Person Spoken To Location/Address: Fulton St W/M ,Short Hair, Glasses, Blue top, Tan pants appeared to jump in front of her car. He also opened a vehicle door near #10 and left it open. Last on Washington Street towards town. Officers locate him at Alden Park. Subject checked on and was upset over a few things. He is calm now and no damage or items removed from the parked vehicle.

2004 Phone - Report Of Fire Electric/Light Dpt Notified Location/Address: Plantation Cir Caller reports a tree on fire above the wires. FD notified. NLD notified.

2043 911 - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Limey's Pub - Washington St Caller reports patron was causing a disturbance inside the establishment and then proceeded to do so outside as well. N670 and N667 responded. N667 spoke to patron, stated he was upset with wearing a mask and the service provided. All parties advised.

2104 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Spoken To Location/Address: Nichols St Caller states that kids are playing ding dong ditch and harassing his household. N667 advised.

2110 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Mckinley Rd Caller seeking advice on her child's behavior. N669 spoke to her and she was advised.

2319 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: West St Caller reports his upstairs neighbors are being loud. N667 spoke to the neighbors and they will keep the noise down.

Thursday, October 8

0550 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Tremont St Caller upset over ongoing issue with a male party in the neighborhood. Officers spoke with her, she blocked his number and will speak to her therapist further.

0719 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Balch School Acct# 1379d - Washington St Caller reports dog bit her dog earlier this morning. Ongoing issue with the same dog. NACO notified.

1116 Walk-In - Harassment Services Rendered Location/Address: Winter St Party advised on a past issue.

1630 Initiated - Neighbor Disturbance *Report Filed Location/

Address: Katie's Way + Weld Ave While on a responding to a call 20-21410, N677 reports there is an ongoing neighbor disturbance.

1949 Phone - Assist Citizen Assisted Party Location/Address: Tremont St Caller reports ongoing issue with landlord coming into her property. Advice given.

2047 Initiated - Illegal Trash Disposal State Dpw/Norwood Dpw Notified Location/Address: Charwell - Walpole St Refrigerator with doors still attached found on sidewalk. N678 removed those doors, DPW responded to dispose of item. Charwell does not believe their facility brought the refrigerator out.

Friday, October 9

0017 Phone - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Village Rd W Child reports male party approached her front door and she is unable to wake her mother. Officers checked the area with negative results. Made contact with child and mother, child was scared someone was walking by her house.

1033 Phone - Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Quiet upon arrival. Units spoke to all parties involved, no issues.

1447 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy Group of people pan handling by the road. They were advised on options.

2221 Phone - Animal Complaint Could Not Locate Location/Address: Nichols St + Shattuck Pk Rd Caller reports white and brown dog running around the area. N666 checked with negative results.

Saturday, October 10

1148 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Winfield St Loud argument could be heard between two females. Open line and phone line # shows ownership to this residence. Officers are unable to speak with anyone at the house. Neighbor assisted with reaching the owner. She is in Newton and Newton PD resolving the argument there.

1232 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: George Willet Pkwy + Walpole St Female with a walker and the caller was concerned she left Charwell .Officer located the local resident who was out for frequent 2 mile walk.

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Marilyn Age 92, of Norwood, passed away on October 8, 2020. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald T. (Tom) Groh. She is survived by her daughter, Linda Keith of Virginia Beach, Virginia and her sons Donald G. Groh of Norwood and Michael V. Groh and his wife Cheryl Groh of North Attleboro, as well as her grandchildren, Amanda Keith of Harrisburg, North Carolina, Valerie Mueller (and husband Aaron Mueller) of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, Paul Groh of North Attleboro, and Katelyn Groh of North Attleboro, and great-grandson Noah Mueller. Several nieces and nephews also survive her. A longtime resident of Norwood, Marilyn was born in Dorchester to parents Peter Vincent and Mary (Rotch) Breen. She grew up in a large and close-knit family that included brothers and sisters and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Marilyn worked as a bookkeeper and business manager for several local companies. She also served in the US Naval Reserve for twenty years. She was a member of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Norwood. Marilyn was an avid traveler in her retirement years and enjoyed reading and attending lectures and events at the library. A private Funeral Service will be held. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Morrill Memorial Library, 33 Walpole Street, Norwood, MA 02062. For online guestbook, please visit Gillolyfuneralhome.com



SILVA

Carol Ann (Johnson), 68, of Norwood, passed away October 3, 2020. Born December 31, 1951 in Norwood to Edward and Dolores (Mitchell) Johnson. She was predeceased by her husband, Oswald A. Silva, beloved son, Emmanuel Silva, step father, Robert and brother, Edward Johnson. Carol will be deeply missed by her adored son Anthony Silva and his wife Katie; Granddaughter Annie Bretti, Great grandson Jaxon Gately; brother Robert Johnson; sister Jean Johnson and cousin Elaine Gustafson as well as many nieces and nephews. Carol brought her love for nature and all things beautiful to paper and canvas through her paintings. She had a great passion for gardening and Norwood Senior housing will never look the same without her green thumb. She most enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She was loving, caring, kind and compassionate to all and will be deeply missed during every moment and with each breath. Services will be held privately.



WHITEHOUSE

Marie E. Age 80, of Norwood and formerly of Randolph, passed away peacefully at home on the evening of October 5, 2020. Marie was born in Darlington, England, and immigrated to the United States many years ago. Marie was predeceased by her parents and by her sister, Anne Kaizer. She leaves her nieces, AnneMarie Clark and her husband Ron, Cathleen Brown and her husband Jay; nephew, Edward and his wife Mary and their children, Charlotte and Sam; her loyal English Group; dear friends, Freda Barker, and the lads in Darlington, England. Funeral Services and interment at Wildwood Cemetery in Wilmington will be held privately. Gillooly Funeral Home Norwood GilloolyFuneralHome.com

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2232 911 - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Nichols St Caller states she is on scene to retrieve property but is being refused entry. Caller was able to get her belongings all is ok.

2237 911 - Mischief (Kids) Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Cvs Pharmacy - Nahatan St Caller reports a group of five juveniles were verbally abusive to him in the parking lot and then went into CVS.

2357 911 - Well Being Chk *Report Filed Location/Address: Tremont St.

Sunday, October 11

0154 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Hampton Inn (Dba) For Aldk Norwood Llc - Bos-Prov Hwy Falmouth P.D. reports they received a call from a father in S. Carolina who states his daughter is on the Cape and states she is calling from a hotel room ,had a few drinks and is covered in blood. She was not on the Cape, she was in Norwood at Hampton Inn. NFD,N677,N666 responded. Female was fine, not hurt, everything in order in her room and answered all the officers questions. Falmouth P.D. was notified of results.

0823 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Phillips Ave Caller reports deceased cat in her yard that looks like it had been attacked is trying to contact animal control. Call made to ACO and WACO is responding.

0920 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Sycamore St

1615 Phone - Susp Person *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Shaws Supermarket - Nahatan St Employee reports a party acting strangely, possibly under the influence of drugs or alcohol. That individual was located leaving the store. As a result, N669 placed him under arrest, N670 transported him to the station. Refer To Arrest: 20-243-AR Arrest: Ramsdell, Roy D Address: 16 Rosemary St Apt. #11 Norwood, Ma Age: 55 Charges: Warrant Arrest Drug, Possess Class A, Subsq.Off.

1634 911 - Noise Complaint No Violation Location/Address: Harding Rd Caller upset that her neighbor on Saunders is cutting wood. Advised to call back if activity goes into the night.

2019 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: St Paul Ave Caller reports she is bleeding after her cat scratched her. NFD notified and responded. NACO took possession of that animal.

2139 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Cleveland St Caller reports loud music. N666 spoke to those parties and they will turn it down for the night.

2248 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Area Search Negative Location: Pendergast Circle Caller reports kids on bicycles in the road.



Lucas Babb stands on the front steps of the First Congregational Church in Norwood after being awarded the God and Family Religious Medal.

COURTESY PHOTO

Babb recognized by First Congregational Church

On Sunday, September 18, during the worship service at the First Congregational Church in Norwood, Lucas Babb was recognized for earning the God and Family Religious Medal by Rev. Michele Bagby Allan. The award, which is part of the Scouting program, is available to all children in the 4th and 5th grade who are church members. The Scouting program offers a variety of religious medals for different religions for youth in grade 2 through high school.

To earn the award, Lucas met with Rev. Bagby Allan to discuss God and people's connections to him in their lives. Through those meetings, he deepened his connection to God and discovered new meaning for church and God in his life. In addition to the medal which he will wear on his scout uniform, Lucas also received a religious knot patch from Scouts BSA to display on his uniform.

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for the upcoming State Presidential Election to be held on November 3, 2020. The information is as follows: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020 – FRIDAY OCTOBER 30, 2020, MEMORIAL HALL – 1ST FLOOR, NORWOOD TOWN HALL, 566 WASHINGTON STREET, NORWOOD. HOURS:

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SUNDAY – 10/25/20 – 8:00 AM TO 12:00 PM,

MONDAY – 10/26/20 – THURSDAY – 10/29/20: 8:30 AM TO 3:30 PM,

FRIDAY – 10/30/20 – 8:30 AM TO 12:30 PM.

The only entrance for early voting will be the memorial hall

front door entrance (corner of Washington Street and Nahatan Street)

WOMAN'S CLUB STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Norwood Woman's Club will not be meeting in 2020, hopefully we can resume meetings in the spring. We will not be collecting dues. If you would like to make a donation to help support our many charities (Veteran's Services, Morrill Library, Norwood High Scholarship, Concerts on the Common, 4th of July Parade, etc) please send a check made out to the Norwood Woman's Club to the treasurer Mary Ann Naumann at 31 Fulton Street, Norwood, Ma..

THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!

The Epiphany Pumpkin Patch is open through October 31, 2020. Hours of operation are M-F 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and weekends 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We are taking precautions to make the patch a safe place to find

that perfect pumpkin for your front porch or window. Workers and customers will be required to wear masks and practice social distancing while at the patch. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own wagons when shopping, but we will have some available during staffed hours and provide cleaning materials to help sanitize them between customers.

CELEBRATE NORWOOD WITH ICONIC PHOTOS

Friends of Norwood Center is excited to launch its first Norwood calendar, adorned with 13 local photographs submitted by Norwood photographers. We need your artistic eye to vote the top photo that will grace the cover of its 2021 Norwood Calendar.

More than 200 photographs capturing scenes from throughout Norwood were submitted over the last weeks by twenty-five local photographers. All 13 photos will be posted on the FNC Facebook page (www.facebook.com/NorwoodCenter) for selection of Fan Favorite. The photo with the most votes in the calendar album will be featured as the cover! Voting will be open through September 22nd at 8 p.m.

Calendar sales begin in mid-October and all orders will be online and shipped to requested address. Calendars are \$25 and support the work of Friends of Norwood Center.

Be sure to follow Friends of Norwood Center at our website www.NorwoodCenter.org for updates, as well as Facebook, Twitter (@NorwoodCenter), and Instagram (@FriendsofNorwoodCenter.)

Questions: please email FNC at norwoodcenter@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF BIRD PARK SET GOAL OF 100 NEW TREES

The Friends of Bird Park, a citizen volunteer group that supports Francis William Bird Park in Walpole, MA, has launched "The Bird Park Tree Project," a year-long campaign to raise funds for the purchase and maintenance of 100 trees at Bird Park.

According to Mike Keimig, President of the Friends of Bird Park, "The diversity and number of trees at Bird Park make it a truly special place, but many of the trees are as old or older than the park and are aging out. Plus, storm damage and invasive species have taken their toll on the park's tree population. Our mission as an orga-

nization is to support the park, and the best way to do that now is to help ensure that the public, now and in the future, can enjoy the beauty and benefits of the park's trees as the Bird Family intended when the park opened almost 100 years ago."

In the last two years, The Trustees, the nonprofit organization that owns and manages the park, had to remove over 100 trees that were in hazardous condition. Another 25 came down last year due to severe storms. Each year, more of the stately hemlocks that were planted to provide a shield from the hustle and bustle of life outside the park fall or are removed because of damage by the hemlock woolly adelgid, a tiny sap-sucking insect that is causing widespread death and decline of hemlock trees in the eastern United States.

The Friends of Bird Park are partnering with The Trustees on the project, which will support a multi-year effort by the Trustees to remove the park's hazardous trees, improve conditions for remaining trees, and plant replacement trees. The choice and placement of new trees will be based on current and anticipated environmental conditions, the lifespan and other key characteristics of the trees, and the original park plans created by John Nolen, the landscape architect who designed the park. A wide variety of species are expected to be planted at the park, including oak, willow, fir, birch, hickory, sweetgum, tuliptree, magnolia, maple, sassafras, shadebush and holly.

The Friends have set a goal of raising \$15K for the Bird Park Tree Project. They are thrilled to announce that every dollar donated will be matched thanks to a generous donation by the Charles Sumner Bird Foundation. Individuals and businesses can donate through the project's Go Fund Me page: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/BirdParkTreeProject>. A link to the page can also be found on the Friends Facebook page: www.facebook.com/friendsofbirdpark. All donations will be dedicated to the purchase and maintenance of new trees at the park. Donations at any level are most welcome. Individuals and businesses donating \$500 or more will receive permanent recognition at the park's Memorial Kiosk.

Questions about the fundraiser may be directed to Michael Keimig, President of the Friends of Bird Park at mkeimig@gmail.com or Maura O'Gara, Bird Park Engagement Manager at mogara@thetrustees.org.

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up rain water, but those color-intensive plants can also be labor intensive.

"And the poor Department of Public Works is suddenly now in charge of flower beds they can't maintain," he said. "You can design them so

they're just sort of grass features or have other kinds of native plants tolerant to different levels of pollution, PH and wetness and dryness... People sometimes do get into trouble when the architect comes in and designs something pretty

without having the conversation about how can we really manage and maintain the beds."

Cooke said that Together Yes came to him and asked him to speak on the project, and Together Yes and Progress Norwood organizer Susan Claire said she's really looking forward to the talk.

"Together Yes has been doing these Sustainability Series for about 10 or 12 years now, and it was very successful over the years so we just kept doing it," she said.

Claire said it's important for residents to be educated in the local and global effects of climate change, as the June 28 flood gave them a stark reminder.

"The Town is definitely learning about the effects yes," she said. "It's moving faster than we thought it was going to and so the Town has appropriately jumped on board and is working with the Sustainability Commission and the planning of infrastructure and restructuring and hiring and appointing committee as they need to deal with this. Norwood is definitely willing to learn and we are learning fast."

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FALL FAMILY BAKING— PUMPKING CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES!

Join Chef Rob Scott via Zoom on Tuesday, October 20 at 4:00 pm as he shows us how to bake delicious pumpkin chocolate chip cookies. This program is appropriate for all ages. You can either bake along with Chef Rob or make the cookies later at your convenience. You will receive an email with the recipe and the Zoom link before the program. Registration is required. To sign up, please go to our online events page at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar. Bon appetit!

CLIMATE CHANGE— IT'S HAPPENING

The Fall 2020 Sustainability Series, sponsored by Together Yes and Progress Norwood, will resume via Zoom. Join us for the first event on Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 pm for a presentation on climate change with Ian Cooke, Executive Director of the Neponset River Watershed Association. Floods and droughts caused by climate change are destroying the Earth's ecosystems as well as its inhabitants. Mr. Cooke will talk about what is accelerating climate change, what we can do to slow it

down, and how we might prepare for (and cope with) unpredictable and extreme weather events. Registration is required. To sign up, please visit our events page at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar. You will receive an email with the Zoom link the day before the program and again shortly before it begins.

SEWSTAINABILITY 2020: MAKING MASKS FOR THE HOMELESS...FROM HOME

For this year's charitable work project, Together Yes has decided once again to make warm fleece scarves for the homeless in collaboration with Making Masks in Norwood. Between September and November, anyone interested can sew scarves from home to be delivered in December to nearby shelters. Some fleece is available, but donations of additional fleece are needed. Pickup and delivery of materials as well as the finished scarves will be arranged.

You can participate by sewing scarves, donating fleece, or giving advice and en-

couragement on the Facebook page below. For more information, instructions, or questions, please email sustain@tgyes.org or go to Making Masks in Norwood on Facebook. For instructions on making scarves, click on Patterns and Instructions on the right of the Facebook page. Any help you can offer to our neighbors in need is most welcome.

LIBRARY AWARDED FEDERAL GRANT

The Morrill Memorial Library was recently awarded a federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant for \$7500 from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). "We are proud to deliver grant funding to libraries for projects that fill unique needs of libraries across Massachusetts," said Rob Favini, Head of Library Advisory and Development at the MBLC. "Libraries continue to be a vital resource to the communities they serve. Programs funded through LSTA grants illustrate the diverse range of topics and audiences served by Massachusetts libraries."

The Morrill Memorial Library plans to work with local organizations and the Town of Norwood on a year-long project, Norwood's Civic Hub. This project will create spaces both virtual and in-person, as health and safety guidelines allow, for our residents to engage with topics facing our community on local to global levels. Thanks to our community partners TogetherYes, Progress Norwood, and Norwood Conversations for helping us secure this vital grant funding, as well as to other partner organizations already hosting timely discussion events. We have plans in the works for the coming year but we're always looking for suggestions: if you have any comments or questions about the project or suggestions for topics we might cover, please contact Adult Services Librarian Liz Reed at lreed@minlib.net.

LIBRARY OFFERING PHONE CALL HELP

Librarians at the Morrill Memorial Library are now offering phone call help to our patrons. While the chat feature on our website, norwoodlibrary.org, provides a good way to ask us questions 24/7, in some cases you may rather talk on the phone for help. To reach us by phone, please call 781-769-0200 x110.

SECTION A

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
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The Town of Norwood invites sealed bids for the upgrade of the Norwood Civic Center elevator, located at 165 Nahatan Street, Norwood, MA, in accordance with Contract Documents prepared by Salamone & Associates, P.C., 116 North Plains Industrial Road, Wallingford, CT 06492.

Bidding procedures and award of the Contract will be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 149 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended. The estimated cost of the project is \$400,000.

Each general bid on this Contract must be accompanied by a copy of a Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management showing that the bidder has the classification General Building Construction and capacity rating to perform the work required. In order to be eligible to bid on this Contract, a general bidder must be certified for the estimated project cost of \$400,000. Each general bid must also be accompanied by a Contractor Qualification Statement Update. Any bid submitted without the appropriate Certificate of Eligibility and Contractor Qualification Statement Update shall be invalid.

Sealed bids shall be submitted on a form furnished by the Awarding Authority and clearly identified as a bid, endorsed with the name and address of the bidder and the name of the project (Civic Center Elevator) and Contract #NRD-21-01, and **submitted to:**

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The Norwood Town Hall building is open by appointment only due to COVID-19. Bids and filed sub-bids are to be mailed via the U.S. Postal Service, Fedex, UPS, or delivered to the Town Hall mailbox located beneath the Town Hall tower at the corner of Nahatan Street and Washington Street. Bids must still be received prior to 11:00 A.M. Call 781-762-1240, x6036 or x6037 to confirm delivery.

Sealed bids for the General Contract (DCAMM category: General Building Construction) will be received until 11:00 A.M., Monday, November 9, 2020. The bid opening will be held via GoToMeeting. General Bids - Civic Center Elevator Upgrade Mon. Nov 9, 2020 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (EST)

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A pre-bid meeting will be held on October 27, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. at the Norwood Civic Center, 165 Nahatan Street, Norwood, MA 02062. Please limit said site visit to one representative from each bidder, maintaining social distancing as required.

Each filed sub-bid on this Contract must be accompanied by a copy of a Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management showing that the bidder has the classification Sub-Bidder in the Electrical category and/or Elevator category and capacity rating to perform the work required. Each filed sub-bid must also be accompanied by a Contractor Qualification Statement Update. Any bid submitted without the appropriate Certificate of Eligibility and Contractor Qualification Statement Update shall be invalid. All bids may be mailed or hand-delivered to the above specified receiving address prior to the time specified hereunder, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS.

Each general bid shall be submitted and will be considered in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and the other Contract Documents, and shall be accompanied by a bid bond (a) in form satisfactory to the Awarding Authority substantially conforming to the sample contained in the Contract Documents, (b) with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and satisfactory to the Awarding Authority, and (c) conditioned upon the faithful performance by the principal of the agreements contained in the bid; or cash; or a certified check; or a treasurer's check; or by cashier's check; issued by a responsible bank or trust company, made payable to the Town of Norwood, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid amount.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available **after 11:00 am on Wednesday, October 21, 2020**, electronically only. Bidders may register and download documents electronically at: <https://bids.norwoodma.gov>. Addenda will be sent via email to all plan holders. Documents will not be available via mail or shipping.

Each bidder is advised to visit the site of the proposed work, become fully acquainted with conditions as they exist, and thoroughly examine the Contract Documents. Failure of any bidder to visit the site, and to examine the Contract Documents shall in no way relieve the bidder from any obligation with regard to the bid as submitted.

The successful Bidder will be required to provide a Labor and Materials Payment Bond, and Performance Bond each bond being in the amount of 100 percent of the Contract Amount. Bonds must be written with a company qualified to do business in Massachusetts and acceptable to the Awarding Authority.

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.

The minimum wages to be paid for all labor on the project are established in a schedule issued by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, in accordance with Section 26A - 27D, of Chapter 149 of the M.G.L., as amended, said schedule being made a part of the Contract Documents and is included therein.

Section 6(f) of Chapter 64H of Massachusetts General Laws exempts Massachusetts sales tax on building materials and supplies to be used in the project, and bidders shall not include in their bids any amount therefor.

The successful Bidder must agree to commence work as stipulated in the receipt of Notice to Proceed, and complete the work in accordance with the times established in the Contract.

The Awarding Authority will reject bids when required to do so by the above-referenced General Laws. In addition, the Awarding Authority reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all bids if it be in the public interest to do so. Attention of all bidders is directed to the requirements of the Supplemental Equal Opportunity, Anti-Discrimination and Affirmative Action Program of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which is incorporated in the Contract Documents.

By: Tony Mazzucco
General Manager