



TOWN OF NORWOOD

MBTA COMMUNITIES ZONING

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

Hosted by the Town of Norwood's MBTA Communities Task Force

Tuesday, April 25, 2023
6:00 PM
Norwood Senior Center
275 Prospect Street

There is a new state law requiring MBTA Communities to zone for multifamily housing to help address the housing crisis.

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The 3A MBTA Communities Act has had a lot of information come out in the last year and Norwood is looking to break it down for residents next week.

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Town hosting 3A housing info session

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Town of Norwood is hosting a 3A MBTA Communities Act information presentation and public outreach session at the Norwood Senior Center on April 25 at 6 p.m.

The legislation requires any municipality in Massachusetts that has a bus hub, a subway stop or a commuter rail stop to rezone a minimum of 50 acres to multifamily housing by right. This legislation is aimed at creating more transit-oriented housing that doesn't necessarily increase traffic and road maintenance burdens on towns.

While at first the legislation was optional – not opting in would limit access to some state grants – the state has made participation mandatory, and while Norwood was debating the pros and cons of the program before it was made mandatory, now the Town has to find 50 acres around its three commuter rail stops to rezone as multifamily.

Acting Town Planner Sarah Bouchard said the meeting on the 25th is to start the engagement process with the community.

"This is really the kickoff for our community engagement process, which is arguably the most important part of this whole thing," she said. "I could put pen to paper tomorrow and draw a zoning district, but that's useless because it doesn't incorporate the needs and desires of the residents to make this the best thing for the Town itself."

Bouchard said this session will be mostly for education and to bring everyone up to date on what the law requires and where they are in the process.

"Pretty much every community engagement session after this is going to be the kind of roll up your sleeves, give-us-your-feedback-give-us-your-thoughts-kind-of session," she said. "But this one is a bit less so. The Task Force really wanted to focus on information and education first to really make sure we all know what the assignment is. We've talked about it in different ways and times, but this is really the first public event designed solely for this purpose."

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The Norwood Athletics Director Jonathan Longley came in to the School Committee to praise the winter sports teams and relate their accomplishments.

COURTESY PHOTO

Athletics, fees and engagement discussed at Callahan meeting

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

The School Committee held a marathon three-hour meeting at the Callahan Elementary School on Wednesday, April 12, discussing athletic achievements, fee structures, and how to communicate more effectively with the public and internally.

Callahan Principal Scarlett Grandt, who is in her first year in the role, greeted the committee members, giving them bottles of water and other gifts adorned with the Callahan Cares heart-shaped logo. She ex-

plained that she has worked to create a positive culture for the students.

"I just wanted to say that I'm so glad to be here," she said. "This is such a good experience. It feels like home to me."

Athletics dominated much of the meeting. Athletic Director Jonathan Longley praised the winter sports teams for their respective stellar seasons. The boys and girls basketball and hockey teams qualified for the state tournament and advanced to the Sweet 16.

"The winter season has been really successful for the past three or four years, and this year

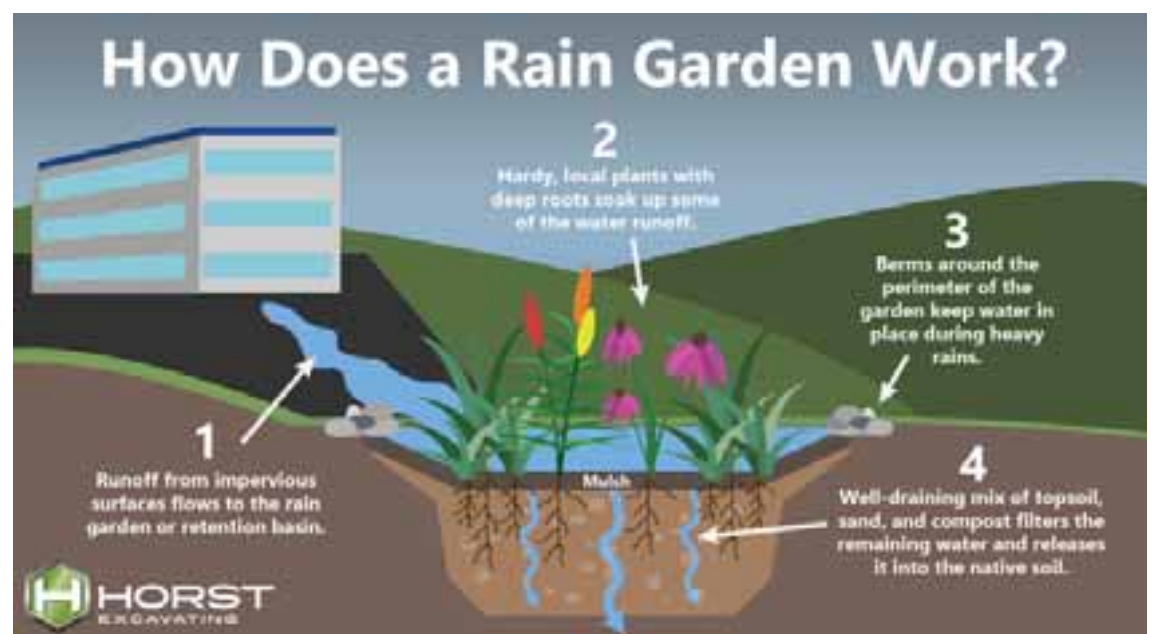
was no different," he said, noting that 10 different tournament games were held within 10 days.

"We had over 30 student athletes recognized by the Tri-Valley League with all-star or honorable mention awards."

Students participated in state championship meets in wrestling, swimming and diving, and track and field, Longley added. He also pointed out that the cheerleading team advanced to the state championships for the first time since 2013.

Longley's report dovetailed with the Athletic Department's

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NepRWA and Norwood will be creating more rain gardens in Town to help with stormwater issues in the area.

COURTESY PHOTO

NepRWA/ConCom discuss stormwater

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA) and the Norwood Conservation Department held an information session at the Morrill Memorial Li-

brary last week on the importance of stormwater and future projects to help control it.

The discussion focused around green stormwater infrastructure, which is designed to work more like natural drainage structures than the traditional con-

crete and metal infrastructure municipalities have been using.

NepRWA Environmental Scientist Declan Devine used the 2020 flood of the Norwood Hos-

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financial report presentation by Business Manager Karin Sheridan. This new report, she explained, covered the fall and winter sports, as spring sports registration had not taken place by the time the data was compiled.

“This report I’m hoping will help with future athletic decisions,” she said.

There were 36 fewer high schools athletes during the fall compared with the previous year, Sheridan said. The sharpest decline was in football, which went from 82 to 59 students this year, with field hockey second with a decrease of eight from 40 to 34 students. Girls ice hockey enrollment decreased from 30 to 21 students.

The popularity of the new volleyball and wrestling programs propelled enrollment numbers for middle school students, Sheridan noted, with 28 more athletes participating than in the previous year. Starting students off in sports at lower grade levels may bode well for future high school teams.

Longley said there are occasional “ebbs and flows” in athletic enrollments. For example, current spring team enrollment is up about 40 athletes.

Concurrently, athletic fees decreased by \$3,500, and game receipts were down \$3,674.

Sheridan said she also is in the process of reviewing the policy for waivers as well as reduced fees and is creating a universal application form for these requests. Waivers this year were “down substantially” compared with the previous year, decreasing from 43 to 28 in the fall and from 67 to 44 for the winter.

Longley noted that this is the second year the department has

used the UniPAY online payment system for enrollment fees. Now the majority of people pay fees in this manner.

Member Joan Giblin commented that, while she appreciated the report, “it would be helpful to know how much each sport spends” when it comes to decision making.

Member Teresa Stewart asked which sports required waivers so that middle school students could participate on the high school teams. Longley replied that in the fall, waivers were used for boys junior varsity soccer and girls JV field hockey. In the winter, waivers were used for boys and girls swim and dive, and a waiver for softball was just approved for the spring.

Other communities also have been using waivers, according to Longley. Junior varsity programs, in some cases, may not be able to run sometimes without using these waivers to get younger players, he explained.

The next sport on the horizon for middle school programming would be track and field, he added. The goal is to offer sports that don’t already have a youth program in Norwood. This past fall, he started an intramural tennis program, and he previously created an intramural cross country program.

Sheridan also performed an athletic fee analysis where she compared the fee structure with that of surrounding communities. She recommended that the fees stay the same for the upcoming year. Fees were comparable to surrounding towns for athletics, transportation technology, and extended day programming, Sheridan said.

This generated a debate between Giblin and Stewart. Giblin repeatedly said that fees should be raised gradually over the course of several years to avoid a situation like the one in 2017 for the Extended Day program. At that time, the committee realized that fees had not been raised in more than a decade, but the jump of 50 percent hit some families hard.

“I’m looking for more of a concrete process that we could look at,” Giblin said.

Stewart countered that because of the number of students from low-income families, it is important to keep fees manageable now to prevent inequity in who is able to participate in

sports.

The way the committee’s goals are organized for the upcoming school year generated substantial debate, with members questioning the language and categorization of its objectives.

Giblin suggested that the committee focus on three “overarching goals,” with the main ones being community engagement, equity and inclusion, and maximizing budget and operations. Tasks and priorities would then mostly fall in line with these broader areas of focus.

Stewart, who is a Policy Subcommittee member, said that last year, the priority list implemented “helps streamline our subcommittee work.” She asked if there would still be priorities as well as goals for the upcoming year.

“I think I’m just struggling with the process of it,” Stewart said, noting that there currently are five objectives in the strategic plan that the principals must follow. “But I do hear what you’re saying.”

She added that guidance on these objectives was provided by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

“There’s a difference between goals and things we have to do,” Giblin countered. She explained that she was advocating for an additional document for the overarching goals.

Member Kate Sibbing-Dunn said a goal workshop could provide more clarity if the current process needs to be altered. She noted the committee tends to be “more reactive” than proactive.

“This conversation seems inefficient because it’s hard for people to get on the same page about it,” she said.

Another discussion arose regarding the naming of the new middle school building, which will begin construction this summer. Vice Chair David Hiltz said he would like to see community engagement forums where residents submit suggested names. He described a process in Westwood where the first class to graduate from their new building got the final vote on its school name. He said current fifth-grade students potentially could decide among the top three names, giving them a vested interest in their new school.



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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 two ways: (1) 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); and (2) Call the Superintendent’s Office at **781.762.6804** by noon on the day of the hearing to register and receive a hearing link that will be accessible for public hearing only.

Norwood Record: 04/20/23

ZBA lifts owner occupancy requirement at 862 Washington

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) voted 4-1, with member Al Porro against, to eliminate Condition 5 of the Special Permit related to 862 Washington St. that required the 12-unit condo complex to be completely owner-occupied.

Representatives of the Norwood Central Condominium Association came to request the change after voting 80 percent in favor, which, under the association's bylaws, allowed them to come before the Board and request the removal.

Representative Bahare Sanaie-Movahed said they would like to be able to use their property as others have the right to use such property. She said the restriction is limiting because it put restrictions on them that other homeowners would not have to deal with.

"Some of us will have to move out, and already we have had two people move out and they were great neighbors, because they couldn't rent their property," she said. "I know they are great homeowners making sure they would rent that house to people who would like to provide a safe environment for all of us."

Sanaie-Movahed said they would restrict rental to long-term rentals and not allow Airbnb-type interactions.

"We have many first-time homebuyers who would like to keep their property when they move," she said. "We would like to keep the property in our name for future purposes. Like let's say I have my parents living in another country and they move here I would like them to live there be-

cause it is near the Norwood Hospital."

Resident Richard Leone said they didn't have the ability to do with their property what others could.

"We just want the same rights as other homeowners in the area," he said.

The restriction was originally put in place because at the time of the project's approval in 2019, there was a lot of opposition to rentals. In fact, in May of 2020 when developer John Roche came before the Board to shift from condos to rentals – with the argument that the recent COVID-19 outbreak had stalled the market – then member Patrick Mulvehill had this to say:

"I'm sitting here in utter shock to be honest with you, that the fact that this applicant is before us asking us to accept more rentals in this community when he knows full well that the only way he got approved for it was for it to be home ownership. With all due respect Mr. (Mark) Bobrowski, I'm a realtor of 25 years in the community, and things are selling, things are being shown."

Roche withdrew his request for rentals.

Member Al Porro said he felt the restriction was put in place for a good reason and it shouldn't be removed.

"One of the reasons why this development and these restrictions were put in place there was we were looking to establish homeownership," he said. "If these turn into rental units, it would take away the homeownership appearance we're trying to establish here."

Board member Paul Eysie is an abutter and had to recuse himself from the vote, but he said,

speaking as an abutter, Porro was correct. But that didn't mean he agreed with him in opposing the change.

"When the builder came to the neighborhood we had many many meetings, and he agreed we would not have an apartment building. Those units would not be there today if he didn't turn them into condominiums," he said. "But the reason why I support this is because it's a first-class operation. I see it every day. You guys take care of the property; you work well with the Guarino's Pastries. I mean, I can't say a bad thing about the building. They keep it up. The Town is winning because there's 12 units, and the Town's receiving 12 tax bills. That's not going to change. I don't know how someone's going to pay \$500,000 for a condo unit and rent it out for \$1,500 a month. The numbers just don't work."

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Correction

In last week's issue of the Norwood Record, the article on page 3 "Selectmen approve warrant, oppose Route 1 zoning change," the article incorrectly stated that the proposal from David Spiegel to put in a new business at 596 Boston Providence Turnpike and local residents were suing to reverse the decision. It is actually the other way around, in that the Board voted to stop the proposal and Spiegel is in land court appealing the decision. We apologize for the error.

OPINION

Lipstick on a pig

Just curious who on the Norwood 3A Task Force has been assigned to investigate the possibility of confronting the state on this forced housing, particularly if there are communities already considering a class action lawsuit to either stop this zoning designation completely or require the state to fund the additional costs borne by the cities and towns because of these new units? Don't forget, this is an "unfunded mandate" by the state, meaning there will be no extra money to support the municipal and educational costs imposed by all of these new residents. Is it unreasonable to think that the Commonwealth should impose a tax on everyone and allocate the money raised only to those cities and towns forced into compliance?

Please understand we are not down on the members of the 3A Task Force, who have stepped up to help mitigate the damages of 3A. And have no doubt, there will be damages. And we also like Acting Town Planner Sarah Bouchard and think if offered the job as permanent Town Planner would do an excellent job, but we are a little concerned about her naiveté early in her career, particularly when she makes statements like, "We'll do an overview too of potential benefits...there are a lot of other benefits that a town that is successful in crafting a zoning ordinance can realize." Really? We will be paying close attention to the "benefits" this forced housing will provide because right now we don't recognize any for a town like Norwood.

No one should drink the Kool-Aid. Remember when the concept of 3A was first introduced? It was referred to as a "tool" for cities and towns, and is not a mandate, more of a "guide" to help those involved in planning. Yeah, right. Then the idea was floated that those municipalities not opting in on 3A "may forfeit potential grant money." Then, the ruse was completely unveiled when it was determined by the state legislature (thanks Rogers and Rush for having Norwood's back) that 3A is, in fact, mandatory. This is only going to get worse for towns like Norwood that sit right in the crosshairs of housing advocates.

And when 3A Task Force member Ernie Paciorkowski says "There's a lot of misinformation out there...The one we hear all the time is that the state is making us build 2,000 apartments. Well that's not the case. That's really not what they're asking. They're asking for 50 acres of rezoning to allow for multifamily housing and 15 units of housing per acre..." he really sounds naïve. First of all, they're not "asking". Secondly, on paper the worst number of units to be built under 3A would be 50 acres x 15 units = 750 total units, all things being equal. But will all things be equal? Are all things ever equal? Are we here at Record Headquarters the only ones who envision the first of hundreds of lawsuits filed by developers against Towns because the 15 units per acre isn't cost effective and then the state siding with said developers allowing that the 15 units per acre be actually 25 or 30 or 50 units per acre? How many times did the state side with cities and towns when they or developers sued over 40B? The reality is the 2000 units Paciorkowski referred to may end up being a best estimate.

Recently, Lexington's Town Meeting voted to designate one of these 3A zones and, undoubtedly, many will point to this bucolic hamlet and say 'If Lexington can do it why can't everyone?' And the reason is not every town is Lexington, certainly Norwood isn't. Lexington is a municipality that should step up and then feel good about doing it because it doesn't already have the density Norwood has. Norwood has already stepped up and should already feel good about providing its share of multi-unit housing.

3A, just like 40B, provides zero benefits to cities and towns similar in size and scope to Norwood. Everyone needs to stop putting lipstick on the pig and at least recognize and admit that.

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The George Morse House in Norwood has been standing for at least 100 years and residents are advocating for its renovation.

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GEORGE HENRY MORSE HOUSE: WHY MORSE MATTERS

Jeff Sullivan

Staff Reporter

Toni M. Eosco, Norwood Historical Commission and representative on the Morse House Subcommittee Norwood, is fortunate to own an historic treasure – the simple but gracious Italianate home of George Henry Morse located at 1285 Washington Street in South Norwood. This month of May marks a unique 50th anniversary - as it was at the May 10, 1973, Special Town Meeting that town meeting members accepted the home on its approximate two-thirds acre parcel for \$1.00 as offered by the Bird family by a unanimous standing vote. (The property had been placed in a Bird family real estate holding company called The Home Building Company, Inc. of Walpole.) In 1975 the deed was recorded in Norfolk County. Also, in 1975, the seven-member Norwood Historical Commission (NHC) was established by Special Town Meeting with its aegis stemming from Chapter 40, Section 8D of the Massachusetts General Laws. The NHC has been advocating for this house and property for decades as its mission requires.

George Henry Morse was held in high esteem by his community. He served Norwood in various capacities from the beginning of Norwood's incorporation in 1872, as an Assessor, Selectman, Fire Chief, Surveyor of Highways... the list is impressive. He was a husband, father, farmer, auctioneer, musician, an Orient Lodge Mason, and a member of the Congregational Church. In his elder years, George sold much of his massive property holdings in 1913 to Walpole neighbor and businessman, Charles Sumner Bird. In the sale, George reserved a parcel of land to build a home for himself and his daughter, Ellen Florence. This is 1319 Washington Street, ad-



dress of record when he died. He and his family are buried in Old Parish Cemetery. Sixty years later, the home was offered back to Norwood by the Bird family – a generous and respectful story of two prominent families.

George Henry Morse (1834-1917) is a direct descendant of Samuel Morse – one of the original English Puritan settlers of Dedham, MA. He arrived in 1635 with family members on the ship, "INCREASE". He served two years as selectman in Dedham. Descendants of Samuel Morse include an impressive list of civic leaders, successful businessmen, and philanthropists. Samuel's grandson, zealous mill owner, Ezra Morse, possesses the title of Norwood's earliest settler who built his saltbox home circa 1678 on the present site of George Henry Morse's home. Two centuries later, George Henry Morse built his home circa 1868 as a substantial addition to Ezra's house, demolishing much of the older home that had been lived in by successive generations of Morses. His daughter, Ellen Florence, substantiated this account with great details.

Because the Morse ancestor line relates back to the founding of the "Mother Town" of Dedham, learning about George Henry Morse and his ancestors also helps us learn much about the early founding of nearby towns, as well as about the years before

Norwood was founded. We also learn how the Morses shaped Norwood's southernmost borderlines. When you read about the difficult and varied issues that early settlers dealt with, it enhances our understanding of the society and values of their time, and how society moved forward and evolved to our present day. We learn what worked well and what did not.

It has taken fifty years, but Norwood is currently taking a formal positive stand on the Morse House. After a year of meetings of the Morse House Subcommittee, several action items resulted. May marks the convening month of Annual and Special Town Meetings. This spring, there will be two Community Preservation Act funding articles related to the Morse House. The first article is a request for funds to hire a professional to assist with the application for the National Register of Historic Places of the George Henry Morse House. The only municipal building on the National Historic Register in Norwood is the Town Hall. (The private non-profit, Norwood Historical Society, owns and operates the Fred Holland Day House which is on the National Historic Register.) The second article requests community preservation funds to do some much needed rehabilitation work on the house. Town meeting members can make an 'historic vote' again by voting in favor of these two articles.

The Morse property unites all residents of Norwood because we all share its history. We are all making history here – whether you have lived here for six months, one year, or for decades. There will be a presentation by NHC on the Morse property in the Simoni Room at the Morrill Memorial Library on May 3rd, at 6:30. If you miss it, please look for it on Norwood Community Media as it will be taped.

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Fishing Derby returning on 29th

Jeff Sullivan

Staff Reporter

The 34th annual Norwood Fishing Derby and Duck Race are returning to Hawes Pond on April 29 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (registration starts at 2 p.m.).

The duck race itself will start at 4:30 p.m., and each ticket price of \$5 per person will include a hot dog and a soda.

Organizer and recently-minted Selectman Michael Saad said he's been helping to make the event a special day for Norwood's youth since he and several other volunteers dug out what has now become Hawes Pond.

"We dredged the ponds and got Conservation Commission approval. We had so many volunteers," he said. "That was the only project that John Carroll, Steve Costello and Bernie Cooper ever worked on as volunteers before. It was unbelievable. We had chainsaws going, excavators in the pond, and we dredged it all out and put tons of pure sand down there. We had 400 tons of sand donated by Dick Maloof of Bird Roofing and Tony Lorusso of SM Lorusso. All the people were just raking it in and making it look pretty. It's quite a little area for zero dollars."

Saad said the event draws residents and those from out of Town.

"I have people coming in from at least 10 towns around

Norwood, it's incredible," he said. "We have a DJ, we feed the folks, everybody gets a prize, we have the Gerry Miller Biggest Fish Award, the Most Fish Caught award, and we stock the ponds with golden trout, rainbow trout, brook trout and tiger trout. There's also sunfish in there, calico bass, catfish, eels, turtles, I mean, you should see what these kids catch, and it just might be their first catch and they do it with their parents, their brother, sister or neighbor. It's just an exciting event."

His favorite part is that it spurs interest in fishing for the kids, which is why he got into the derby in the first place.

"The next week or two weeks (after the derby), the kids are rushing down after school with their fishing rods to catch the biggest golden trout. We put some five-pound trout in there and they see them going by and want to catch them," he said. "That's the fun of it and that's the sport of it and, hopefully, their parents will gravitate to take the kids back down there and enjoy the outdoors, the fishing experience and the time spent together as a family, as friends, as buddies or whatever it is."

Saad is an angling enthusiast himself.

"When I grew up down the street I'd fish with my best friend, John Jacobowski," he said. "We'd go to Hawes Brook day-in and day-out during fishing sea-

son. We'd go to the ponds and then up to East Walpole. We just love fishing and when I saw all the trees and overgrowth at Hawes when I came back from my Jaycees stint, I thought we have to give something back to the community. And now it's gone from a local derby to a regional one."

He added he hasn't stopped fishing and goes on trips as far as South America to experience new and exciting catches.

Saad wanted to thank volunteers, donating organizations and sponsors, like Need Bait in Norfolk.

"They donate so much stuff," he said. "Everybody just pitches in."

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To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate and, by Petition of Petitioner **Donna M. Titus of Norwood, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate **Donna M. Titus 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.

Norwood Record : 04/20/2023

**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 9, 2023 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Edward Musto regarding property located at 241 Pleasant Street (Map 4 Block 18 Lot 2), Norwood, MA 02062, in the General Residence (G) 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>

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This Application requests a Variance under Zoning Bylaw Section 3.1.5.A.3 to construct an addition to the existing single family residence that would convert the structure to a two family residence that exceeds the maximum allowable floor area.

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 emailingcped@norwoodma.gov Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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Norwood 3A Task Force Member and Planning Board member Ernie Paciorkowski said it's too early in the process right now to get into the actual rezoning of land.

"It's too early to be talking about specific parcels of property; I mean that will come down the road," he said.

Bouchard said they want to dig in and get into as much detail as residents want on the process moving forward and what's required for 3A.

"It's not a background, it's not a brief overview, but let's sit and really get into this for some time," she said. "We also have Lily Linke coming from the Citizens' Housing & Planning Association (CHAPA) who will be helping us with the presentation, sharing information and fielding technical questions. I think it's going to be a great start."

Bouchard said this discussion will also have a "101" lesson on 3A, giving the background, how it came to be and what it requires of Norwood.

"We'll do an overview, too, of potential benefits," she said. "Certainly the goal of this law was to encourage housing production that is transit-oriented, but there are a lot of other benefits that a town that is successful in crafting a zoning ordinance can realize. And that's for the Task Force to really determine, to make this work for economic development, sustainability, revitalizing some of our landscape and our manufacturing areas."

Bouchard added that they will also have a discussion on current housing needs in Norwood and how they could use these zoning

regulations to help encourage development growth that fills those needs.

Paciorkowski said this is going to be the best opportunity for residents to come and learn exactly what the state is requiring from Norwood. He said he felt this was important, as since the legislation's announcement came out there have been a lot of changes and conflicting information.

"There's a lot of misinformation out there," he said. "The one we hear all the time is that the state is making us build 2,000 apartments. Well that's not the case. That's really not what they're asking. They're asking for 50 acres of rezoning to allow for multifamily housing and 15 units of housing per acre, and in places we allow that now. For Norwood, it won't be as impactful or bad as other Towns. I'm thinking of towns like Dover or Sherborn that don't really have any multifamily."

Paciorkowski said while he feels that the state could have definitely done a better job in addressing it, there is definitely a huge need for more housing in Massachusetts.

"There's definitely a housing need, but I am a little disappointed in the state on this one," he said. "Personally, I think it's the hand this Town was dealt so we have to play that hand, basically. All you hear from the state is 'affordable housing, affordable housing affordable housing,' but then you don't see that in this (3A) mandate. You just see 10 percent, well, that's nothing. You can go up to 20, but there are a lot of variables there."

For more information, go to tinyurl.com/norwoodmbta

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pital as an example as to why municipalities are moving toward more green infrastructure. Concrete and metal pipes have major downsides. The first is that the water they are able to collect and move is limited strictly by their size, and if water movements change over time and stormwater capacity needs to be increased, they are extremely expensive to replace or expand upon. The other downside is that they are designed to move water quickly, and therefore the water they are moving gets to a stream or natural water outflow much faster than it would under natural conditions, increasing the likelihood of flooding in the area.

Green stormwater infrastructure is designed to act more like a sponge than a pipe. Wetlands, bio-swailes and rain gardens generally already have a bit of water in them and if you've ever tried cleaning up a large spill with a dry towel, you know that water attracts water and the job is much quicker with a damp towel. Green stormwater infrastructure works much the same way. Devine explained that by holding the water you can reduce risks of flooding, increase bio-diversity, infiltrate polluted stormwater and beautify the area. The other big advantage of these constructions is that they are, relatively speaking, much cheaper to build and maintain and are much more easily scalable than traditional stormwater infrastructure.

Devine said that through a grant NepRWA and the Town are working to build two new rain gardens.

"The Town and NepRWA are collaborating to bring some rain gardens to the Cleveland Elementary School and at the Senior Center," he said. "This project was initially funded through a settlement and is now being funded by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council."

He said the sites had to be very carefully selected from Town-owned properties and that the ideal sites need specific soil components, drainage areas, pollution intake levels, be areas that have flooding issues, a good place where it would discharge and input from the Town on where it's looking to

pave. The area rain gardens will work like large sponges that collect and direct the water. The idea of a rain garden is to absorb as much water as possible. However, Devine said that if it does get overwhelmed, there's a backup plan for that.

"There's an overflow structure, which is a big grate so that if there's more water than can soak in, it will go into this grate and then go into the regular stormwater system," he said. "There's also potential to add other more interesting plants if you don't just want grass."

Devine said designs for both rain gardens are at 25 percent at the moment and there is time for more detail and more input from residents.

"So we are open to any feedback on the designs, mainly if people see conflicts with putting them in those locations, if there are any uses of the locations we haven't considered, whether it gets used for parking or play or other uses," he said.

It will be another six months before the designs move along, so residents have time to submit comments. To do so, send an email to the department at Conservation@norwoodma.gov.

Some residents said they were concerned that these rain gardens could increase mosquito populations, but Devine countered that they are designed to drain faster than most spawning periods.

"If they are full to capacity, I think it's 24 to 48 hours to drain, and usually they're about 12 inches or less," he said. "Because of the time in which they drain, it's not really an issue."

Conservation Agent Holly Jones said they are also looking to put in native plants and pollinator plants into the rain gardens.

Resident Eileen Hanlon asked about problematic stormwater drainage on their street. She said they would love to have some rain gardens near their sidewalks.

Jones said Hanlon should contact either herself or the Department of Public Works (DPW) if such issues continue.

"We are trying to map flooding in Norwood so that even if

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we can't address everything right away we can have an idea of where the places are that flood and that would be a great start," she said.

Devine said there have been private rain garden projects in the past. Jones added that recently a good number of municipalities have been introducing new zoning that allows for what is called "low-impact development," which allows for the construction of rain gardens, bio-swailes and other green stormwater infrastructure.

"This is where you might use these sorts of bio-swailes entirely without using almost any pipes at all," she said. "You might need to use a culvert to get it under a driveway or a road, but many Towns that have more subdivisions than Norwood incentivize that type of development by allowing smaller lot size or something like that in exchange for utilizing these management practices that are more eco-friendly."

During the meeting Jones also gave a presentation on stormwater issues specific to Norwood. She said in the last 100 years, there was a huge increase in paved area in Town.

"So when we built our storm drains, we weren't necessarily anticipating that and we weren't anticipating that our storms would start getting heavier, which they have been doing," she said. "The biggest storm that you have a 10 percent chance of having every year has increased in volume of rain by 20 percent since the 1960s."

Jones said more stormwater infrastructure is definitely needed, especially in areas that have not historically been prone to flooding. She pointed out that the federal government offers to help with flood insurance only if locations are near a body of water, but that most areas prone to flooding now in Norwood aren't near large bodies of water. So the Town will have to look to more stormwater controls in the future to deal with potential flood risks.

For more information on Norwood's stormwater plans and infrastructure, go to <https://bit.ly/41rKoZc>

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According to RentCafe.com, the average rent in Norwood is \$2,468 for the average 929-square-foot apartment in the Town.

Regardless of this, Acting Town Planner Sarah Bouchard said the legality of the enforcement of the special permit with the rental restriction is murky.

"I did have a chance to talk with Town Counsel about this," she said. "He said traditionally, these types of restrictions are held by the homeowners association. It's not often you find a restriction like this on the Town side kind of regulating those property rights to rent or mandate owner occupancy. As a zoning perspective it's very challenging to enforce."

The Board eventually voted 4-1 to lift the restriction.

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GARDENING WITH THE ENVIRONMENT

Join the Morrill Memorial Library, Progress Norwood, and Together Yes for our ongoing 2023 Sustainability Series program on Tuesday, April 25 at 7pm in the Simoni Room of the Library.

There's a new type of gardening afoot! We gardeners now can strategically plant our outdoor spaces to support biodiversity, to withstand and buffer climate change's extremes, and to efficiently use natural resources — while producing the beauty, food and resources we desire. Join us as we delve into: incorporating native plants into our personal green space, adopting maintenance practices that allow for ecological function, conserving water, and producing compost. This growing season make positive environmental change in your own greenspace. Use this presentation as a springboard!

Carly Rocklen is a Norwood resident and gardener. She has a background in Neponset River Watershed protection, natural resource conservation, natural history, and environmental education. She administers the "Gardening with the Environment in Norwood" Facebook Group and serves on the town Conservation Commission.

Registration is required for this in-person event. Sign up at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](https://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

MUSICAL SUNDAYS CONCERTS RETURN IN APRIL

Start your spring on a high note with the Morrill Memorial Library's Spring Musical Sunday's Concert Series. All concerts in this series will start at 3:00 pm in the Simoni Room and are funded by the Library Endowment Fund.

Next in our series on April 23 will be a returning favorite, Trio Spirito. Trio Spirito was created when three faculty members from the New School of Music in Cambridge joined forces and talents. The trio has performed widely in the greater Boston area for the better part of a decade with an extensive repertoire of classical music. This performance will feature Loren Pearson on violin and viola, Dr. Mary Jane Rupert on piano, and Pamela Ambrose on cello.

The third concert in our line-up on April 30 will be Shirim Klezmer band. Klezmer is the rollicking party music and soulful laments imbued with Mid Eastern flavors that was brought to America in the early 20th

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century by Jewish musicians from Eastern Europe.

The final concert in our spring series will be a special May 14 Mother's Day concert by classical group, Aurora Duo. Aurora Duo has performed in shows around New England since 1987 and has taken part in WGBH's Recording Sessions. The Duo will feature Loren Pearson on violin and viola and the renowned Kevin McGinty on piano.

Registration is required for each of these concerts. To learn more and to sign up, please visit the library's online calendar at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](https://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY MOVIE FRIDAYS

The Morrill Memorial Library is offering an in-person sensory-friendly movie on the 4th Friday of the month for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. In the month of April, the program will be held on the 28th, the last Friday of the month.

Join us for our Sensory-friendly Friday movie at the Library, a program specially designed for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This program will be held in-person in the Simoni Room on Friday April 28, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our April movie in the Sensory-friendly Friday movie series is Disney's Strange World, rated PG.

The Morrill Memorial Library and Lifeworks Inc of Norwood are excited to bring this program series to the Norwood community. We will be showing a movie in a sensory-friendly and inclusive environment on the last Friday of the month for adults with developmental disabilities.

Registration is required. This event is recommended for attendees aged 18 and up. Please register at <https://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/> or call 781 769 0200 Ext 2

SENSORY-FRIENDLY LEGO CLUB FOR ADULTS

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with the LEAD program affiliated with Norwood High

School to host a Sensory-friendly Lego Club for Adults. Our first Club meeting will be held in-person at the library on Thursday April 27, from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

Please join the LEAD 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 intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Registration is required. Sign up at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](https://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

KOREAN LOTUS LANTERN CRAFT WORKSHOP

May is the Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage month. Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with the Korean Spirit and Cultural Promotion Project (KSCPP) to mark the occasion with an in-person hybrid program called Korean Lotus Lantern Craft Workshop. This program will be held on May 15, from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm.

The registrants will be attending the program in person. The instructor will be on Zoom. The participants will be able to watch the instructor on the big screen in the Simoni Room. Join Younhee Shin to learn the history of the lotus flower lanterns in Korean culture. Then, using the lantern making kit provided, create your own lotus flower lantern. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Morrill Memorial Library. The program is free and open to ages 18+. Registration is required. To sign up please visit <https://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/> or call 781 769 0200 Ext 2

LONG-SERVING LIBRARY STAFF MEMBER TO RETIRE

Help us to Celebrate the Retirement of Michele DeGrazio from the Norwood Library! After over 50 years of faithful service to the people of Norwood, Michele will be retiring from her position as Circulation Chief at the Morrill Memorial Library. Please join us at an Open House on Friday, May 26, 2023 between 12:00pm - 3:00 pm at the Library, 33 Walpole St. Light refreshments will be served. If you can't celebrate with us on May 26, send Michele off with good wishes by writing in the guest book at the circulation department, available any time after May 12th. Please email sbunker@minlib.net with any questions. Thank you!

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CONCERNED CITIZENS OF NORWOOD HOSPITAL MEETING

Meeting April 27, Morrill Library 6:30-8:30PM. Purpose: To discuss Norwood Hospital reconstruction with NO Psychiatric/Substance Abuse beds. Breaks a pledge made with for-profit investor group that bought the chain of hospitals from Caritas. Services, including 20 beds, MUST BE INCLUDED in the plan, some of us strongly believe. (Replacing what the flood destroyed) Never knew there was a public meeting. Please join us to discuss this important public health matter: For or against, please bring your thoughts with you.

PRESCOTT SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP IS AVAILABLE

The Prescott School Parent Teacher Organization is pleased to announce that the Prescott School Graduate Scholarship application is now open for 2023 graduates. These two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors who completed 5th grade at the Prescott School.

The application can be found on the Prescott School website (norwood.k12.ma.us/prescott/index) or in the Norwood High School Guidance Office. The deadline to submit a completed application is Friday May 26, 2023. Additionally, applicants must provide a copy of their transcript to Principal Bryan Riley either via email (briley@norwood.k12.ma.us) or by mailing it to 66 Richland Road, Norwood MA 02062 ATTN: Principal Bryan Riley. Completed applications will be reviewed by a team of teachers and parents and notification will be made to all applicants by mid June.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER ROSARY

On Thursday, May 4 a National Day of Prayer Patriotic Rosary will take place at 1:00 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 547 Washington St., Norwood.

Come pray the beautiful Patriotic Rosary for our country. We are so in need of prayer! Pray for a return to the traditional values of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and one nation, under God. Come foster patriotism and love of God and country. We will sing all of our beloved patriotic songs. For more information call Rita Russo at 781-762-4391.

WHY THE MORSE HOUSE MATTERS

The Norwood Historical Commission is pleased to announce a presentation at the Norwood Morrill Memorial Library, Simoni Room, on Wednesday, May 3, at 6:30 p.m. The program is entitled: The George Henry Morse House: Why Morse Matters. The public is welcome. Light refreshments will be served. If you miss this program, please find it on NCM programming as it is being taped.

NORWOOD WOMAN'S CLUB LUNCHEON

Our luncheon will be held at Conrad's in Walpole. The lunch choices are Steak tips, baked haddock, or stuffed chicken breast. Cost \$30 checks made out to the Norwood Woman's Club with your choice of entrée in the memo. Checks need to be sent to Pat Cavanaugh, 42 Windsor Rd, Norwood by May 2nd. Hope to see you there at 12:30, Tuesday, May 9 th.

DAR GARAGE SALE

The Aaron Guild Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will be holding their Annual Garage/Estate Sale on Saturday, April 29 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Barlow Lane in Westwood (the first house on the right on Barlow Lane, just off Route 109). For sale will be household items, jewelry, kitchen utensils, bric-a-brac, toys, books, tools, small furniture, and estate items. Come early for the best selection! For

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Prayer to the Blessed Virgin
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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.
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.
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Michelle L. (Berard) of Attleboro, MA passed away on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 7:21 pm, at the All American Assisted Living, Wrentham, MA. She was 62. Born in Fall River, MA, and a longtime resident of Swansea, MA, she was a daughter of the late Paul & Joan (Silva) Berard. Michelle graduated from Diman Regional Technical High School, Fall River, MA in 1978, and received an associate degree in finance from Bentley College, Waltham, MA in 1997. While serving on active duty with the United States Air Force and Massachusetts Air National Guard she graduated from the NCO Leadership School in 1984, and Supervisory Development School in 1984. MSgt Michelle L. Burns served over 28 years on active duty with the United States Air Force and Massachusetts National Guard and retired on August 31, 2006. Shortly after Michelle's retirement she went to work for Silicon Valley Bank as an Executive Assistant. She was the loving mother of Justin M. Coots of Attleboro, MA, Nicholas A. Coots of Norwood, MA, and the late Joshua Paul Coots, who died on January 30, 1986; her husband William J. Burns of Wrentham, MA, stepdaughter Michele L. Burns of Marina Del Ray, CA, and stepson Michael S. Burns of Whitinsville, MA. Michelle cherished grandmother of Avery Rose Coots of Maynard, MA and Brody James Coots & Michelle Grace Coots of Norwood, MA; beloved sister of Joan Masters of Swansea, MA, Rachel Dias of Fall River, MA, Paul Berard, Jr. and his wife Cherilyn of Swansea, MA and the late Elaine Marie Berard, who passed away on February 14, 1977; and adored aunt to many nieces and nephews. After a 15-month-long battle with cancer she was able to leave us the way she wanted, surrounded by family and friends and finally at peace. Her visitation will be held on Monday, April 24, 2023 from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood, MA. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Mass of Christian Burial on

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 10:00 AM in St. Mary Parish, 1 Church Square, Franklin, MA followed by Military Honors on the Veteran Memorial Walkway in the Franklin Town Commons. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Michelle's memory to Tunnels to Towers Foundation at <https://t2t.org/donate>.

DONOVAN



Thomas Edward "Tom", of Norwood passed away on Monday April 10, 2023 at age 74 after a valiant fight with Frontal Temporal Dementia. Tom was the son of the late Dr. Edward L. Donovan and Margaret L. (Daval). He was the devoted brother of Nancy of Philadelphia, Steve and his wife Corinne of Duxbury, Robert of South Hadley, Ellen of Rochester NY, John and his wife Robin of Walpole, William of Cambridge, Michael of Norwood, Elizabeth of Norwood, and the late Edward L. Donovan, Jr. He was the proud uncle of Lisa, Laura and Amara, Jonathan, and great-uncle of Sienna, Luke, Tyler, and Christian. Like many youngsters of the sixties, Tom's life experiences began with a paper route where he quickly developed life-long skills in engaging with others. From early on his desire to achieve was clear. While lettering in sports, first at Norwood High then Amherst College, his academic endeavors led him to Honor Society status. Upon completion of his college years, he enjoyed time with friends where he traveled far and wide, from Hawaii to Corn Hill in Truro, adding to his life-long love of nature and the ocean. He especially loved the South of Coast Rhode Island enjoying yoga on the beach then dancing the afternoon away at the Ocean Mist. Tom embarked on a thirty-eight year career in human services by climbing the ranks to the position of unit director at Wrentham State School. His

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work with nurturing caregivers and clients fueled his dedication to those in need, leading to a life well lived. Tom's family would like to thank Newton Wellesley Alzheimer's Center for their care and support during Tom's illness. Their dedication to dementia care is inspiring. A Funeral Service was held in the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood on Thursday, April 13, 2023. Interment was at Highland Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Thomas' memory to the Norwood Circle of Hope, 24 Myrtle Street, Norwood MA 02062.

FLAHERTY



Susan F. (McInerney), of Norwood passed away on April 15, 2023. She was 91 years old. Born in Ireland in 1931, Susan came to the US in 1952 and married the love of her life Thomas Flaherty in 1957. She attended confectionery school in Ireland and took great pride in her craft, making wedding cakes for her family. She loved Irish music and dancing and loved to sing. She was a fantastic knitter and belonged to the knitting group at the Norwood Senior Center. She loved to travel, spending summers with her family at their home in Hyannis and also traveling the world to destinations such as Mexico

and her home in Ireland. Above all else, Susan was happiest surrounded by her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Susan was the dear and devoted wife of the late Thomas Flaherty Sr. Loving mother of Maryellen Ferrara and her husband John of RI, Thomas Flaherty Jr. Of Norwood, Kevin Flaherty of NJ, Linda Flaherty of Norwood and Joseph Flaherty and his wife Donna of Mendon. Cherished grandmother, "Nana," of Sarah, Ellen, Sean, Owen, Ayden, Brett and Scott and great-grandmother of Eoin, Sophie, Thomas, Cody and Layla. Dear sister of Noreen Trocki of Marshfield and the late Mary, Catherine, Anne, Bridget, Helena, Peggy, Stephen, Timothy and Michael. Daughter of the late John and Ellen (Cleary) McInerney. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Susan's Funeral will be from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. NORWOOD Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 9 a.m. followed by a funeral mass at St. Catherine of Siena Church at 10 a.m. Visiting hours will be held Friday, April 21, 2023 from 5-8 p.m. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. In lieu of flowers contributions in Susan's memory may be made to St. Catherine of Siena Church, 547 Washington St., Norwood MA 02062. Susan will be laid to rest with her beloved Thomas at Highland Cemetery in Norwood.

GREER



ROBERT J. of Foxborough, formerly of Norwood passed away suddenly on April 8, 2023 at the age of 55. Beloved husband of Diane M. (Flint) Greer. Devoted father of Lindsay N. Greer of Foxborough. Loving brother of Diane G. Stump and her husband John of Hampton, NH, Christine G. Sullivan and her husband Joseph of Bourne, James H. Greer and his companion Cheryl Foster of North Andover and Peter Greer and his wife Anne of Stoughton. Son of the late James H and Lorraine D. (Vasconcellos) Greer. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Robert's passions were his family, his country music band, and his cats. He enjoyed working on his Mustang and was a longtime member of the Mustang Club of America. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. Burial was private.

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Monday, April 10

0812 Radio - Be On The Look-out Services Rendered BOLO for strong armed robbery out of a vehicle on highway. NH PC 4740161 or MA PC 3DBA18, 2010 Mercedes E-Class Silver, stole I-Phones, last seen Rt95(S) Canton.

0838 911 - Pedestrian Accident *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwood Depot - Railroad Ave Report MA PC 2TC622 hit pedestrian in parking lot. NFD and Transit PD notified. 0911 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Oxford Rd Loud muffler in the driveway and left running often for 20 minutes. Car was gone and message left with family.

1742 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Prospect St Caller reports ongoing issue with children banging on the wall.

1841 Walk-In - Assaults *Report Filed Location/Address: Coakley Middle School - Washington St Parent in the lobby with her child reports previous altercation involving another student.

1928 Phone - Susp Activity *Report Filed Location/Address: Coakley Middle School Washington St Parent concerned after her child informed her that there had been rumors of violence that may occur at school tomorrow. Officer to follow up with SRO.

2016 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Civic Center - Nahatan St Staff reports unwanted juvenile giving them a hard time. Party verbally trespassed and left the property

Tuesday, April 11

0219 Phone - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Wickham Way Tow truck driver requests police assistance, while trying to tow vehicle he was approached by 3 male parties yelling at him. RI reg QI473. N667 spoke to parties involved and vehicle was towed, caller advised to call back if any further issues.

1021 Cellular - Complaint Of MV Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St + Walpole St Report 2 motorists stopping and taking pictures of each other's plates, 1 steps out yells profanities and spits on car of the other. N667 spoke to caller, n663 checked for other MV. N667 reports no violation observed by police, N663 reports the pick-up truck is GOA

1612 Phone - Well Being Chk

Spoken To Location/Address: Power Lane Social Security Ticket to Work Hotline requests check of a caller who made concerning statements. Officers spoke with him, stated he was just frustrated with their process. Checked OK, provided resources.

1932 911 - Shoplifting *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Home Depot - Bos-Prov Hwy Loss Prevention reports a known shoplifter has entered the store. That individual did attempt to leave the property with three chainsaws and a drill set. As a result, N667 stopped MA PC 4CDH84 at 1584 Boston Providence Highway. N664 placed operator under arrest. N667 transported him to the station. Center Autobody towed MA PC 4CDH84. Arrest: Sirois, Gregory Michael Jr Address: 397 Hartwell St Fall River, Ma Age: 26 Charges: Larceny Over \$1200 c266 §30(1) Receive Stolen Property +\$1200 c266 §60

2018 Phone - Drunk Person *Protective Custody Location/Address: Norwood Central Station - Broadway St Caller reports a white male party yelling and causing a disturbance. As a result, N665 placed that individual into protective custody. N661 transported him to the station. DPW assisted in transporting party's electrical bicycle to the station.

Wednesday, April 12

0538 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Longwood Ter + Elda Dr Caller reports a male party in a red SUV approached her stating he was from a news radio and asked her to do an interview. N669 checked the area, vehicle was GOA.

0709 911 - Disturbance *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Plymouth Dr Caller states 16 yr old son is acting out. NFD notified and responded for involuntary evaluation.

9726 1000 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Hazelwood Dr Resident concerned about a tow driver who was at her house to remove her car. Car was damaged last week but the claim is not settled. Officers report a misunderstanding and the car will stay until insurance handles the claim.

1330 Walk-In - Missing Person *Report Filed Location/Address: Belmont St Subject not home for several days. Phone ping located her in Hull .She refused treatment. Family ad-

Police Logs



vised.

1337 Phone - Motor Vehicle Accident *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy + Everett St MVA in traffic and a collision in the lot. Center and Negoshians towed.NFD responds. One under arrest for OUI and transported to BI.N667 also responds to Needham. Arrest: Warren, Joseph Carey Address: 32 Brier Rd Boston, Ma Age: 31 Charges: OUI-Liquor OR.08% C90 S24(1)(A)(1) Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle C90 S24(2)(A) State Hwy—Traffic Violation * 720 CMR S9.06

Thursday, April 13

0110 911 - Susp Activity Building Checked/Secured Location/Address: Prospect St Elderly female states that someone tried to get into her house and she is unsure of who they are or why they would be at her house. N661, N669, N674 respond. Officers spoke with home owner and advised her they will be making extra checks of the area throughout the night. No sign or visible damage to the front door or parts of the house, and NO entry was made. All units will be clear.

0829 Phone - Assist Citizen *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Nassau Gardens - Bahama Dr Suspect wanted for break is on the property wearing the same clothes observed in the video from last night.MC5 located the subject behind Boch on Neponset Street.BCI responded. As a result one transported under arrest. Arrest: Obrien, Frederick Address: 10 Douglas Ave Wilmington, Ma Age: 24 Charges: B&E Building Nighttime For Felony Vandalize Property c266 §126A Trespass

0903 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Roxana St Family can't reach the resident and she lives alone. Officers report she was home and not feeling well. Caller advised by Dispatch.

1250 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Hoyle St Caller requests a well being check for an individual who didn't show for a meeting. N669 reports that everything seems fine and will reach out to caller.

1719 Phone - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address:

Tremont Street Caller reports he can hear arguing in the apartment and kids crying. N679 reports all parties spoken to it is an on-going issue between neighbors.

Friday, April 14

1000 Walk-In - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Party reports someone took prescription medication from his apartment. 1631 Phone - Threats *Report Filed Location/Address: St Catherine Of Siena School - Nahatan St Threats made to school.

1840 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd Report of a party yelling. Officers spoke with that party, upset over inside smoking. 1853 911 - Mischief (Kids) Services Rendered Location/Address: Blossom St Caller reports a juvenile knocked a lawn sign over and is now following him down the street. Officer reports no damage to sign. Juvenile apologized.

1904 911 - Missing Person Services Rendered Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Caller reports her seven year old missing after playing at the playground. BOLO to the cars. Child located by parent prior to officers' arrival. Officer confirmed all is well. 1933 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Winslow Ave Dog barking. Spoke to resident who brought the dog inside. 2235 Phone - Loud Party Spoken To Location/Address: Lewis Ave Second floor reports loud party on third floor. 2251 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Services Rendered Location/Address: Workmen's Hall - Wilson St Report of juveniles lighting a fire. Officers spoke with them, small bon fire. They are leaving shortly.

2339 911 - Harassment Services Rendered Location/Address: Village Rd E Caller reports someone has been sending deliveries to her apartment all day. Pizza delivery refusing to leave until paid. N666 reports that party left without incident. Advised of options.

Saturday, April 15

0215 911 - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Churchill Dr Report people tried to get into home. N661 reports possibly just a dream, Elder Affairs officer to be notified. 0858 Walk-In - Neighbor Disturbance *Report Filed Location/Address: Coventry Ln Party in lobby reports on-going dispute with neighbor. 1104 Cellular - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Winter St Report 2 dogs at this home bit his dog as he was walking past house. 1322 Cellular - Mischief (Kids) Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St + Lenox St Report 3 W/M, teenagers, black pants, hoodies, climbing on RR bridge. Units located them, warned them, sent on their way. 1919 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Albemarle Rd Party out for a walk reports she spoke with a confused individual. Officers confirm they suffer from Alzheimer's. Neighbors to remain with that party until family arrives. 2153 911 - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Melville Ave Report of yelling coming address. Officer state that was a verbal dispute between land-

lord and tenant. Parties going separate ways. 2247 Phone - Loud Party Spoken To Location/Address: Valley Rd Officer reports small get together, no issues.

Sunday, April 16

0024 911 - Unwanted Party *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Day St Caller reports a party known to him in at his residence and assaulted him. NFD notified and responded. As a result, N665 returns with one female in custody. S/M 13456 @0051 Hrs. E/M 13456 @0054 Hrs. Dedham female officer assisted in search of prisoner.

0158 Initiated - Motor Vehicle Stop *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Advanced Auto Parts - Bos-Prov Hwy MA PC 2622NV. As a result, N663 returns with male party in custody. Center Auto tows same. Arrest: Sonnenberg, Jack David Address: 119 Bullard St Walpole, Ma Age: 19 Charges: OUI-Liquor OR .08% Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Speeding Rate Of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit Liquor ID Card/License, False/Misuse

0422 Radio - Mischief (Kids) Area Search Negative Location/Address: Certainteed - Pleasant St NFD on a detail, reports kids running around property. N679 nd N661 checked the area, negative results. N679 advised site supervisor to call back if kids return. 1226 Cellular - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Lancelot Ct Report dog running loose. 1615 Phone - Susp Person Spoken To Location/Address: Launch Trampoline Park - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports a man acting strangely near the front entrance with a knife in his hand. Officers made contact with that individual who stated he was a member of a knife throwing club. Party was advised regarding carrying an edged weapon at a children's amusement facility. Staff satisfied.

1705 911 - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Great Clips - Nahatan St Caller reports a vehicle following her vehicle. Other half also called to report that the caller had no plates on her vehicle but that he was not following her. MC7 spoke to all parties, misunderstanding between the two. Caller will be attaching her license plates 1839 911 - Missing Person *Report Filed Location/Address: Charwell Nursing Home - Walpole St Staff reports party left without permission an hour ago, has medical issues. No clothing description. Entered into NCIC. Party located by Stoneham PD and transported to Melrose Wakefield Hospital. Removed from NCIC.

1941 911 - Neighbor Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Rock St Resident reports another tenant walking up and down the hallway yelling and causing a disturbance. Party was in her own residence when officers arrived and did not answer the door.

2019 911 - Assaults *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reports she arrived home and was told two boys held a knife to her granddaughter.

2302 Phone - Animal Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Hillside Ave Dog barking for long period. Owner returning home shortly.

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**TOWN OF NORWOOD
APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS/LLC
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PLEDGE OF LICENSE, STOCK OR INVENTORY**

PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for a Change of Officers/Directors/LLC Managers, Change of Stock Interest and Change of Pledge of License, Stock or Inventory for Lewis Restaurant and Grill, Inc., Manager of Record, Giuseppe Tropeano, under Section 12, Chapter 138 and Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of All Alcoholic Beverages to be drunk on the premises of 92 Central Street, Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of premises is as follows: two dining rooms, kitchen and patio on street floor – all rooms and patio used for food and drink. Three entrances and exits,

Public hearing on this application will be held on **Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00 PM in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.**

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The Aaron Guild Chapter of the DAR is made up of members from the towns of Norwood, Westwood, Walpole, Canton, and Medfield, as well as other nearby communities. The Daughters of the American Revolution are a patriotic service organization, open to any woman over the age of 18, regardless of race, ethnic background, or creed, who can prove direct lineal descent from a soldier, sailor, or patriot rendering material aid to the American Revolution.

The Aaron Guild Chapter welcomes new members. Those who are interested in joining can call Sunny O'Malley at the above phone number for more information.

FREE BABYSITTING COURSE

The Women's Community Committee (WCC) is sponsoring a FREE babysitting course for 6th, 7th and 8th grade Norwood students. The one-week course will be held Monday, May 8th through Friday, May 12th from 3:30p.m. to 5:00p.m. at the Coakley Middle School.

Registration forms are available at the Coakley Middle School, the Morrill Memorial Library, St Catherine's School and the WCC Thrift Shop, 1091 Washington Street, Norwood. (Thrift Shop retail hours are Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

According to WCC Educational Committee Chairperson Helen Wyche, presenters at the annual babysitting course will include the

Norwood Police Department's safety officer, a NFD fire fighter, a registered nurse, a professional babysitter, a nursery school teacher, and a librarian. Certificates from the WCC (an all-volunteer, non-profit community service organization) will be given to students who complete the course.

60'S & 70'S OLDIES DANCE

Come to the Norwood Senior Center at 275 Prospect St., in Norwood on May 5, from 7-10 p.m. Cost is \$12 per person and includes coffee, tea, water & desserts. Music by Chuck Palmer. Presented by the Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging.

OPPV KICKS OFF SPRING WITH FIRST WORK DAYS

The non-profit organization, Old Parish Preservation Volunteers (OPPV) will begin their spring work days on Saturday, April 22, at the Old Parish Cemetery, located off Washington Street near Railroad Avenue. Volunteers will clean grave markers, reset stones, and repair those that are broken. Spring, 2023 work days include: April 22, 29; May 6, 13, 20, and 27. Anyone interested in helping preserve this important historic site can join the group working in the cemetery. The cemetery is open to the public during the time volunteers are working. For more information about OPPV, visit the web site: <https://www.oldparishpreservationvolunteers.com>

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APRIL MONTHLY BALLROOM DANCE

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging will be sponsoring their monthly Ballroom Dance, on Friday, April 21st 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 are served & there are also door prizes. We look forward to welcoming newcomers. 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

NHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME SEEKING NOMINATIONS

The Norwood High School Athletic Hall of Fame is looking for nominations for the 2023 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 and it has been 10 years since their class graduated. 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.

The Hall recently inducted the Class of 2022 - Tom Smelstor 1965, Steve Salvatore 1979, Kevin Keegan 1986, Bob Goonan 1986, Steve Grenham 1991, Andy McNulty 2003, Lauren Duggan 2011, Ali Maloof 2011 and Cory Ryan 2011 along with Coaches: John "Duffy" Doherty 1971-1982 and Jack Martinelli 1969-1982.

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 25, 2023.

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, 2023.

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