



Now FlightLevel will be joining in the lawsuit fray after and somewhat because of the resolution of the BEH lawsuit.

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Middle School Building Committee kicks off

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Middle School Building Committee met last week on Sept. 17 to start official discussion on a possible replacement or renovation of the Coakley Middle School.

The committee worked primarily on language for a request for qualifications (RFQ) for an owners' project manager (OPM), to conduct a feasibility study on what a replacement or renovation would look like.

The committee was set up under the requirements of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) process for building a new school. Right now, Norwood is going through the tail end of the Eligibility Period in the process and will be moving on to the Feasibility Step, if all goes according to plan, in February of next year. After that, the MSBA will determine if Norwood can move on to the next phase of the process in 2020 or if it will have to wait for a later date.

The next step is approving a feasibility study for which the Town will be presenting a warrant article for \$1.5 million (with 50 to 70 percent to be reimbursed by the MSBA depending on the MSBA's funding cycle) to be voted on at the next Town Meeting in October. From there, the process reviews all the possible plans the Middle School Committee could make – total school replacement, a redevelopment of the

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Just when you thought the troubles were over...

FlightLevel sues Town and BEH

Matthew MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The latest action in the ongoing legal battles involving Boston Executive Helicopters (BEH), the Town, and FlightLevel Norwood picked up on Aug. 26 when FlightLevel filed a lawsuit in Norfolk Superior Court seeking damages against the Town (the Board of Selectmen and the Norwood Airport Commission [NAC] were named) and BEH.

FlightLevel's complaint was filed as the result of a settlement reached this past July between the Town and BEH that closed what had been a protracted federal case.

In that lawsuit, BEH argued that it had been unfairly treated by the NAC

regarding its application for a fixed base operator permit (FBO), which allows the holder a broad range of Airport business activities, including fuel sales.

As part of the settlement, BEH received its FBO permit and enough apron space – made available through lease – to make it economically viable for it to run its FBO business.

Prior to that agreement, FlightLevel had been the Airport's only fixed base operator and had played a major role in BEH's litigation, with the plaintiff arguing that the lone FBO had received preferential treatment from the Airport Commission.

During the settlement dispute between the Town and BEH, a key point of contention had to do with whether or not FlightLevel would be able to access its fuel farm by way of apron space that

would be leased by BEH as part of the agreement.

The Town's draft version of the agreement had allowed this, while BEH's version hadn't.

The final settlement did not include this right of access, leading to FlightLevel's Aug. 26 suit, in which it contends that its property rights are being violated by the Town and BEH.

In its complaint, FlightLevel cites several contracts – including two sub-leases and an agreement licensing access to its fuel farm – that had been transferred to it when it purchased Eastern Air Center's (EAC) assets and began operating at the Airport in 2008.

Its complaint contends that – be-

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Planning Board recommends zoning amendment

Matthew MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Planning Board met on Monday night, Sept. 23 at Town Hall for a session that ran two and a half hours and featured four appointments. Debbie Holmwood was absent.

The main hearing – regarding a zoning bylaw amendment article on the Oct. 7 Special Town Meeting warrant – required a recommendation vote from the Board.

The proposed amendment concerned the conversion of certain historic residential structures in the Town. It had been brought forward by Robert Pegurri and Barbara Rand, long-

time owners of 289 Walpole St. (aka the Winslow-Allen Mansion, the Governor's Mansion, Oak View, the Dollhouse Museum, et cetera).

Pegurri was at the hearing with real estate consultant Michael Viano and attorney David Hern, who presented amendment's details to the Board and a gallery of about 10 people.

The amendment – if approved at Town Meeting – would give owners of single-family residences built before 1930 and containing at least 4,000 square feet of habitable space the option of applying to the Planning Board for a special permit spelled out in the bylaw.

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Town Meeting will have to decide on the zoning amendment to allow the owner to split this house up into four condos, without changing the outward appearance.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

Residents raise hundreds



Local residents Emma and Ryan, pictured with the Norwood Police Department, decided to drop an Anchor of Kindness for the Thomas Strong Foundation and raised \$380 on Sunday at their lemonade stand. According to foundation organizers, they left Anchors around the neighborhood asking residents to perform an act of kindness in honor of Thomas Jordan. The pair's small act of kindness blossomed into \$380 for the foundation. For more information on the foundation, go to <https://bit.ly/2mK4S19>

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cause of the settlement between the Town and BEH – the terms of those contracts between the Town and FlightLevel are now out of compliance.

Consequently, it is seeking judicial intervention to enforce those agreements, as well as monetary damages resulting from the settlement between the Town and BEH.

The complaint further argues that the Town – through the NAC – had agreed to work with FlightLevel to establish a non-exclusive access easement to its fuel farm, citing a Feb. 15, 2017 NAC meeting at which this motion was approved without further action.

The complaint requests an additional injunction ordering compliance with that NAC vote.

Responding – via email – regarding the purpose of the NAC’s vote for a non-exclusive access easement when prior agreements with the Town had already established access rights, FlightLevel’s legal representation (Freeman Mathis & Gary, LLP) noted that the NAC had wanted to memorialize those access rights in a written document because it had been

offering increasingly large portions of the Town’s public ramp to BEH.

In addition to the breach of contract created by the settlement between the Town and BEH, FlightLevel’s complaint also singles out Boston Executive for tortious interference: wrongful interference in its contractual and business relationships with the Town.

Contractually, the lawsuit contends that “BEH knowingly induced the Town Defendants to breach” FlightLevel’s access licensing agreement and its tank farm sublease, further arguing that this interference was intentional and improper “to disrupt FlightLevel’s fueling operations, to block, prevent, or otherwise obstruct fueling vehicles from accessing FlightLevel’s fuel farm, and to drive FlightLevel out of business as an FBO.”

Regarding FlightLevel’s business relationship with the Town, the lawsuit puts forward that BEH knew that the NAC had voted to create an easement (or something similar) that would allow it to access its fuel farm and then interfered with that by forcing the Town – in the settlement – to offer it an apron lease not subject to those accessing rights.

“As a result of BEH’s interference with FlightLevel’s

access rights over Lot H,” this section of the complaint concludes, “FlightLevel has incurred and will continue to incur damages, including but not limited to lost fuel sales, increased fueling costs, loss of value of its FBO at the Airport, and loss of value of” its subleases and license agreement.

A statement from Freeman Mathis & Gary noted that FlightLevel had made “numerous attempts” to inform the Town of its access rights but that, in “their apparent haste to settle their lawsuit with Boston Executive Helicopters, the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen either failed or refused to acknowledge the existence of FlightLevel’s rights, overriding the more cautious approach taken by the Norwood Airport Commission.”

Neither Board of Selectmen Chair Paul Bishop nor NAC Chair Mark Ryan – both reached at Town Hall – wished to comment regarding the case.

As of going to press, attempts to reach the legal representation for Boston Executive Helicopters have gone without response.

The case remains pending in Norfolk Superior Court, with no further action having been taken on it since its Aug. 26 filing.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING in Room 12 of the Municipal Office Building on October 15, 2019 at 7:30PM** on the request of Daniel Jones (Case #19-19) with respect to property located on 153 Morse Street, in a M-Manufacturing District.

This Application requests a SPECIAL PERMIT under Section 3.1.F.10 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow a fitness facility to open and operate at a property currently located in a manufacturing zone. No exterior construction is needed nor any additions or alterations to the exterior of the property. Applicant will bring the interior up to code.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be viewed during normal working hours, Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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Selectmen approve Producer Plastic Responsibility Pledge

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen approved by a 5-0 vote a Producer Plastic Responsibility Pledge at its meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at Town Hall.

The measure allows Norwood to join several other Massachusetts communities in calling upon the state Legislature to enact legislation that would require businesses to use more environmentally friendly packaging.

Mark Ryan, Director of the Department of Public Works, gave a presentation along with Town Manager Tony Mazucco about the importance of making the switch to biodegradable packaging materials, as Canada and the European Union already have done.

"We need to make sure that packaging materials are recyclable and compostable, in some cases," Mazucco said, noting that the Town now spends more money in trash collection costs annually than it does on roads. "Where do the costs come from? Right out of our municipal budget."

These costs are expected to increase now that the China Sword policy is in effect, Ryan noted. The United States had been sending the bulk of its recycling products to China for disposal, but China has now balked under the current U.S. trade policy.

"China had been the world's dumping ground for trash," Selectman Thomas Maloney said. "China has now recoiled, forcing us to take a look at how we dispose of our trash."

Also included in the pledge is a reconsideration of the bottle bill. Currently, consumers pay a five-cent fee to recycle soda cans and plastic bottles. The measure seeks to possibly raise the fee to ten cents and include the recycling of other materials, such as glass and sports bottles.

The last time the bottle bill was under consideration was in 2014, according to Ryan.

"It failed miserably, but recycling costs were much less then," he said.

If Norwood's trash budget was reduced by 10 percent, it

would save the Town \$165,000. If consumers were encouraged to recycle more and reuse more products, and the trash budget could be reduced by 30 percent, that amount would equal nearly half a million dollars.

While the situation is not dire, Mazucco described the growing costs for recycling as a "ticking time bomb" that needs to be tackled.

"It's always been an environmental imperative," he said. "But trash removal costs are beginning to strangle municipal budgets."

He added that this is the time for the state, and ultimately the federal government, to take action.

Selectman Chair Paul Bishop said he buys bottled water by the case. While some may not feel compelled to return the bottles if they are only receiving 60 cents in return, they will have more incentive for \$1.20, he said.

Selectman David Hajjar, while in favor of recycling, called for a word change in the measure from "instruct" to "encourage."

"I didn't know the Board of Selectmen has the right to instruct the Legislature to do anything," he said.

He also disliked the habitual usage of the word "crisis."

"Nowadays we use the word crisis for everything," he said. "And I kind of take exception to the phrase 'overconsumption of material goods.'"

Hajjar also said consumers would be getting hit with increased costs twice – once on the manufacturing end, and once on the increased recycling costs.

"I think we're really going to get it tucked to us on both ends," he said.

"It was a well thought out decision," Ryan noted. "I challenge all of us, how many of us throw away things we will never use again?"

Mazucco said Massachusetts will become the first state to adopt such a policy, if it is enacted.

Ryan said that what will be key is to create a "circular economy," where packaging and paper bags will be used that

are biodegradable.

He also urged consumers to buy concentrates, which can be diluted, and use cloth rather than paper towels.

"We have to start acting responsibly," Bishop said, "for our grandchildren and our grandchildren's grandchildren."

In other news, the attorney for the Hibachi Steak House, which closed in July, appeared before the Board to ask for a continuance. The owner is looking to either sell or transfer his license to a prospective new tenant. However, no real estate agent has been involved in the proceedings yet.

The board granted a six month continuance to March 24 by a 5-0 vote.

Also, Ibrahim Eloiseau, proprietor of Supreme Auto Plug at 145 Broadway, will come back before the Board next week with more detailed plans. He did not present a square-foot plan of his proposed use car dealership showing how many cars the business could hold. The main concern was that all operations be held indoors.



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Couldn't have done it without him

Dennis Cawley
Editor

Last Sunday evening as I headed to Braintree to attend the wake of Joe Mont, I was feeling every one of my 60 years. Not that I'm complaining because I'm one of the lucky ones. I'm not one of the ones who needed to be concerned about a sudden back ache being anything more than just a simple back ache. I'm one of the guys who never had to worry if my temperature rose a degree or two because I'm one of the lucky ones. Joe wasn't so lucky.

As I wound my way through traffic I had time to think back over two decades when my partner Paul DiModica and I decided to bring what little experience we had in newspaper publishing to the City of Boston. We had already established a couple of suburban weeklies and, because ignorance is bliss, we just assumed we could do the same in city neighborhoods. It didn't take us long to understand how little we knew.

As we sat in our first upstairs office in West Roxbury trying to figure out the mess we had gotten ourselves into, in walks this guy who couldn't have been more than 100lbs soaking wet, wearing a scally cap and a big grin, grabs a seat in front of my desk and announces he is here to help. Suspecting he was a salesman of some kind, we tried to explain to Joe that we were broke and couldn't afford to buy anything.

"No, you don't understand," he said. "I'm here to help you generate news. I've seen your first editions and trust me, you need my help." And as Rick Blaine said to Captain Louis Renault in the film *Casablanca*, "Louis, I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship."

I think it is safe to say that The Bulletin Newspapers owes plenty to Joe Mont, if not its continued existence. Joe was a newspaper guy, we weren't. We needed him in the field at first, but in short order recognized he would be much more beneficial to us managing the news. He recognized writing talent, but that was the easy part. Joe took it a step further in his hiring, seeking out those who not only could construct coherent paragraphs, but also grasped the importance of what we were doing. To Joe, local news was sacred. Joe hired reporters who didn't look at community news as a means to an end. He sought people who didn't see reporting assignments as just more work, but as continued opportunities to excel and to be a member of a team that wanted to make a difference. When I think back to all the excellent staff we have had over the years, it is largely attributable to Joe personally, or to the bar he set after he left.

Some of my best memories are of Joe holding story board meetings with his feet up and brainstorming with reporters on the best way to cover news. And every story was important; it didn't matter if it was criminal, civil or human interest. Every one of those meetings was serious and comedic at the same time. Everyone loved working with Joe Mont.

I also remember the not so great times, when Joe would need time off to deal with health issues. He shared with me some of those issues, not because he was looking for sympathy but to explain why he wouldn't be in the office for awhile. Without going into detail, Joe was a sick man, and had been since a child. One day he said to me, "Yeah, I'm heading in to have some tests done and if the results aren't good, they will probably just fill me up with sawdust and end it." He was like that, Joe was a pragmatist and his health was just something to deal with, no more or no less than the next story board meeting.

After years of being a good friend and the creative force within our group, Joe announced he was leaving. Not because he was unhappy, but because his talents were continually being recognized by others, most notably Jim Cramer's organization, TheStreet.com. Imagine, one of our folks was recruited by a national firm. Of course he had to take the job, and we were all devastated to see him go.

However, I was doggedly determined not to lose him entirely. I said to him before he left, "Hey Joe, would you ever consider writing our editorials for us while you go on to bigger and greater things?" He didn't hesitate. "Hell yeah, he said, I'll do it for as long as I can." That's the way Joe was, he was heading to the big time but still thought it important enough to stay in touch locally. Many don't realize it, but Joe Mont had been our editorial writer for the past 20 or so years.

As I pulled into the funeral home parking lot, I dreaded having to go in, and dreaded even more the waiting in line until my turn to view Joe. It was an open casket; Joe looked at rest. And on his lap was one of his famous Irish hats, and pinned to that hat was a press badge with his name and The Bulletin Newspapers adorned on it. I like to think it was Joe's way of saying he valued our friendship as much as we valued his, as distant as it had gotten. With a tear in my eye I turned to leave and thought that I will forever miss Joe Mont. He was the best in every possible way.

Letters to the Editor

NOT THE RIGHT TIME FOR NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

To the Editor:

In a Special Town Meeting scheduled to begin on October 7th, members will be asked to appropriate approximately \$1.5 million for a feasibility study to build a new middle school.

Many taxpayers are "tapped out" after seeing a major increase in property taxes this year, caused first by a revaluation of properties that caused bills to go up, and most recently, the passage of a nearly \$6 million a year operational override of Proposition 2-1/2 in early June.

This is not the time to build a new middle school.

For one thing, Norwood taxpayers are still paying down the town's share of costs in constructing a new high school. For another, the current middle school building (the Coakley

School) was built in the mid 1970's and is the second-newest building in the district-only the high school is a newer building.

Some will mention crowding in the current building. But given the fact that the Coakley School is about 45 years old, a more prudent way to solve the "Middle School Problem" is to construct an addition to the present building.

Besides solving the overcrowding problem, an addition to the existing middle school will cost Norwood taxpayers much, much less than constructing a new building.

Town Meeting members should insist that any study made with the money appropriated should also include the option of constructing an addition to the existing structure.

*Joseph Gallant
Norwood*

Remembering Joseph Mont

David Colbert

*Special to the
Bulletin Newspapers*

Between 2002 and 2004 I was given the chance to edit and report for the Bulletin Newspapers. It could be a sleep-deprived grind through late-night production deadlines and neighborhood board meetings, but, also, by turns satisfying, thrilling, and fun. I shared many of the ups and downs of the job with Joseph Mont, who died far too soon on September 17. To Joe, one of the smartest, kindest, funniest, and most talented people I have ever met, I owe much of the joy those days provided. Election returns were more exciting when he was at the desk next to you, setbacks were a little easier to swallow, and everything was much, much funnier.

I remember a column in which he praised the democratic exercise of neighborhood elections covered in-depth by local newspapers like ours, because, he wrote, "Dark horses gallop alongside frontrunners". The line stuck with me because it was unusually flowery for Joe, and the kind of writing I, a journalist trained to write dry and directly, would have been afraid to use. Yet it worked. Like all his writing it grabbed the reader's attention and elevated the topic.

In one such election, Joe, who made few mistakes, mis-transcribed a candidate's last name in a headline. The next day, without saying anything about the typo to him, I arranged for my sister to call him on the phone masquerading as the candidate to make increasingly outlandish demands on the increasingly

squirming Joe to make amends, finally asking for a series on "the making of a candidate" similar to what the Boston Globe had been doing for John Kerry at the time.

It was one of the few instances I was able to outwit Joe, who always had his coworkers laughing, be it with his imitations, his penchant for verbally or performatively recasting every situation, or his ability to find the perfect pop-culture reference to whatever had just happened. For a period, visits from the sales department invariably elicited lines from Glengarry Glenn Ross.

I can recall far more brilliant moments from Joe than fit here. Once I returned from a trip involving my first flight on Southwest, and Joe summarized the experience perfectly: "If it were technically possible to have the passengers stick out oars and row, that's what they would do". There was the time when, after fielding an angry phone call, he slammed all his change into a "swears-for-cares" jar he had invented earlier that day and then let loose. The time he got a hold of my sentimental column in tribute to my family cockapoos, written for a special advertising supplement on pets, and then laid it out side-by-side with his far superior response advocating for "dog's dogs" like German shepherds: "This country used to make steel. We rode horses and tamed the West. We watched football and drank Schlitz. Now we dedicate teams of scientists in an underground laboratory to breed such Stepford pets as cockapoos and labradoodles or whatever the next Frankenpup variation is that you can order from Sharper Image like so many Sea Monkeys from a Jughead comic book."



Joe Mont

Joe was willing to target himself with his humor too. Once he returned from a night meeting in one of the rougher neighborhoods in Jamaica Plain and readily shared the highlight: on the way, he had passed a surly teen who shouted at him from his porch: "Man, you so skinny I could squeeze you through a Cheerio!"

None of this is to say that Joe was not a serious journalist. As another former co-worker of his posted on social media, overhearing Joe interviewing was a master class in human interaction. Joe seemed to know everything because people loved talking to him, not only for his humor, but also for his incisive analysis, his ability to see multiple layers in every topic or happening. An occasional typo like the one I wrote about above notwithstanding, he worked hard and long and got the facts right. He was a person of integrity and his sources, like his friends and co-workers, instinctively and rightfully trusted him.

Joe's death has made me realize just how much his friendship meant to me, and I only wish I had kept in closer touch over the years. It is hard to believe that I won't get to have another conversation with him now. Anybody who had the privilege of knowing Joe feels a void at his passing.



Members of the Boston Area Toy Collector's Club came into the Morrill Memorial Library on Friday to install their exhibit.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

Boston Toy Club comes to Morrill

The Boston Area Toy Collector's Club (BATCC) commenced its month-long exhibition on Friday, Sept. 20 at the Morrill Memorial Library.

The club was founded by like-minded individuals who just love classic toys. There's not really a specific type or vintage of toy; the only thing required is an appreciation of the subject.

The organization started in the Boston area about 23 years ago, but resident Gregory Andrews said he joined about six years ago.

"I've been a matchbox collector since I was a kid, and now I've got 10,000 matchbox cars," he said,

pointing to several now on display at the Library front desk. "I just heard about them (the group) through another collector and I went to one of their meetings. It's just a good bunch of guys."

Andrews said the group works together to further each other's collections.

"We help each other, you know?" he said. "If one of us goes to Wal Mart and sees something they'll let everybody else know."

Andrews said that kind of support really helps a collector get what they respectively need for their specific interests.

"If we can't find something they'll pick it up for

us," he said.

The exhibit at the Morrill will stay up until the end of October and features classic toys like Matchbox Cars and large G.I. Joe action figures. The exhibit also contains more modern collectibles like Lego Batman or the Marvel Cinematic Universe Avengers. Andrews said that while the group does not discriminate against a particular toy set, they want to keep it as general as possible. He said many of the comic book conventions are focused on comic book heroes and not necessarily toy lines, like die cast models or toys them-

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The Committee is tasked with overseeing the application process to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for reimbursement if and when the Town moves to replace the Coakley Middle School.

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Coakley, partial replacement etc. – and would present the Town’s recommendations to the MSBA. If the MSBA wants to move on the project, a schematic design would be completed, funding approved, detailed design and, finally, construction and completion.

While officials have said they expect the building needed to be replaced, Norwood Schools Facilities Manager Paul Riccardi said that the Town has to show they considered all options before submitting a final recommendation.

All costs associated with the project would be at least partially reimbursed by the MSBA. Riccardi said at an earlier Norwood School Committee meeting that the completion date, even in the best case scenario is still very far off, likely somewhere around 2026.

The committee is made up of Norwood officials including Superintendent of Schools David Thomson, Coakley Prin-

icipal Margo Fraczek, Finance Commission Member Alan Slater, Town Manager Tony Mazzucco, Norwood Building Inspector Mark Chubet, Selectman Tom Maloney, Contract Administrator Catherine Carney, and School Committee Members David Catania and Theresa Stewart along with Riccardi.

Thomson reminded the committee that even with the approval of Town Meeting, work on the feasibility study cannot start until the MSBA approves the application and allows Norwood to continue through the process next February.

“All we’ve been doing now is showing the MSBA that the Town is willing and behind us moving into that feasibility stage,” he said. “It’s all about the ground work and the background work.”

Mazzucco said that the Town can start putting together the RFQ for an OPM to con-

duct the feasibility study so that they can have a company lined up and ready to go.

“We don’t want to get the approval spend a 90-day process preparing an RFQ and then sending it out and getting responses back. This will drag the project out longer and longer,” he said. “I think we can work on that, it’s a pretty standard model.”

Mazzucco also suggested that the group take a tour of the building so they are up to date on the issues the current school presents.

“I know I haven’t been here, well, probably about nine or 10 years since my last one finished up here,” said Slater.

Thomson said they should be concerned with how the building is constructed relative to grade configurations. He said each grade doesn’t need its own campus, but they should be separated.

“How you build the building determines how the educa-



The school building itself is aged and far over its expected lifespan. According to Facilities Manager Paul Riccardi the costs of permanently fixing the heating system could cost more over five or six years than just replacing the building.

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tion is done,” he said. “The problem we are up against is people are in a junior high school, with everybody milling around with the issue of ‘how can these little kids be with the big kids.’ In a modern middle school, the fifth grade is over here the sixth is over here, the seventh grade is over here and the eighth grade is over there. They are not mixing their

teams; it is a totally different educational footprint.”

Mazzucco and Thomson said they would work on putting together a presentation for Town Meeting. Thomson said he would work with the district to figure out tours of other middle schools in the area, and added they would most likely take a tour of the Coakley at the group’s next meeting in October.

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selves, so they wanted to keep the club an outlet specifically for those collectors.

Andrews said he doesn’t remember when his obsession started.

“My parents just started getting them for me and my brothers and they were just cool to play with,” he said. “I mostly just liked the trucks.”

Resident Christine Bielakowski said they held their first toy show in Norwood back in March at the VFW Post on Dean Street.

“It was the very first toy show they ever did and I guess it went really well,” she said.

“It was so successful we were trying to do another one this year, but we were just too late,” Andrews said. “So we’re going to try to do two next year.”

Bielakowski said she’s been a member for about six years and just loves classic cars and classic car toys and models. She said she can’t afford to buy all the classic cars she wants, so she gets the next best things.

For more information on the BATCC, go to bostontoyclub.com.

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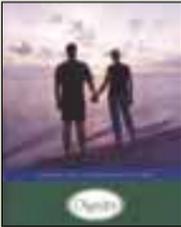
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If applied for and granted, the special permit would authorize any qualifying single-family to be converted to two, three, or four separate units “provided that the historic exterior of the structure is substantially maintained without major change or alteration.”

Approximately half a dozen Norwood homes would be eligible for this conversion if the bylaw amendment were to go into effect.

As Hern described it, the proposed amendment would be a way of preserving the exteriors of these houses while allowing for the re-purposing of their interiors “for use more in keeping with today’s needs, today’s desires of homeowners.”

Referring to the 9 bedroom, 6.5 bath 289 Walpole St. as an example, Hern brought up – as he did repeatedly during the hearing – what he considered to be its likely fate, and the fate of the handful of other houses in Town like it, without the new bylaw:

“There aren’t too many people out there who would buy this house,” he put forward. “There are plenty of people who would buy the property and knock down the house.”

Hern also brought up the issue of the increased density that a conversion would bring, esti-

imating that – should a large family move into one of these houses – the density effect would be about the same as the residents of three or four condominium units might bring.

During the Board comment period, Vice Chair Joe Sheehan brought up a concern held by his colleagues regarding the house, which is a landmark for passers by. “The criteria for us is to make sure that the curb appeal is still there and that people can enjoy it.”

In response, Hern offered the draft of an additional bylaw paragraph with language providing “reasonable conditions” for historic conversion special permits “related to the location of newly constructed or newly located buildings upon the lot.”

Responding to this, Board member Al Porro asked if the bylaw could restrict subdivisions.

“You can’t restrict subdivisions,” Hern replied. “But you can restrict where the buildings go on any new lots.”

Board member Robert Bamber continued:

“So right now, for Town Meeting, people could look at this one of two ways: you save the house, turn it into condos, and maybe get some more buildings in the back.

“Not necessarily in the

back,” Hern clarified. “It could be in the front. It depends on how things could be laid out.”

Bamber brought up the second option. “Or it’s knock the building down, subdivide the land, and maybe get four units out of it.”

Looking at a diagram of the two acre lot and its as-of-right potential, Hern confirmed that estimate. “You could get four houses here, easily, if you knock down the house.”

During the public comment portion of the hearing, Chair Ernie Paciorkowski confirmed that – depending on the size of a lot, and its zoning category – its owner can subdivide it without a special permit. He explained this in relation to the proposed bylaw:

“The bylaw would be that if it [new construction] is going to block the view of the house, we wouldn’t allow it after the fact. But they can do that today, if they have enough land.”

All three of the commenting members of the gallery spoke in opposition to the amendment. Toni Eosco – in so doing – commented on the extreme historical significance of the house to the Town and noted that the new bylaw would neither rule out its demolition nor the increased lot density

that any new construction would bring.

Eosco alluded to the possibility of Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds being used toward preserving the property in its entirety, while suggesting that the Town create a sub-committee to look into it, while concluding, “This house IS Norwood’s history.”

After closing the hearing, the Board voted unanimously for a favorable recommenda-

tion of the proposed amendment to Town Meeting.

In the other Town Meeting recommendation hearing, the Board voted 4-0 for a favorable recommendation to add the Dempsey Insurance Agency (145 Railroad Ave.) and the Town owned portion of the MBTA lot next to it to the mixed use overlay district.

The next Planning Board meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

Next Saturday Class - October 12th 9:00am-3:30pm
 Next Sunday Class - November 17th 9:00am-3:30pm
 Next 1 Week Class - December 23rd 9:00am-3:30pm
 And Saturday Class - January 18th 9:00am-3:30pm
 And 1 Week Class - February 17th 9:00am-3:30pm

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SECTION A
INVITATION FOR BID
TOWN OF NORWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS

Sealed Bids will be received up to 11:00 A.M. (Verizon time), October 17, 2019, in the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, Massachusetts 02062 for the following public services:

Provide all labor, materials, equipment, tools, and supervision necessary to service the routine and emergency ELECTRICAL needs during the period November 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, for all Municipal and School Buildings.

The Town of Norwood reserves, at its sole discretion, to renew this contract for a second term (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021) at the existing prices.

A package including contract documents and related specifications may be obtained at no cost in the Purchasing Department, Town of Norwood, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. or may be obtained electronically by registering and downloading online at <https://bids.norwoodma.gov>. The bid must be filled out and signed as directed herein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed to the General Manager, endorsed with the name and address of the bidder, and marked, "ELECTRICAL SERVICES – NGM-20-05". Bids will be valid only when accompanied by:

1. A certified check or bid bond, by a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts satisfactory to the awarding authority in favor of the Town of Norwood and equal to at least five percent (5%) of the total bid price must be submitted with the Bid.

The successful bidder shall, within five (5) days of notification of award, furnish the Town a performance bond and labor and materials bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the first term of the bid. Renewal of bonds required on anniversary date of award.

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

Wages are subject to minimum wage rates under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D inclusive, as most recently amended. Filed sub bids are not required and will not be taken. The estimated value over an eighteen month period is \$105,000.

The Town of Norwood is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

The right is reserved to reject any or all Bids or to accept any part of a Bid or the one deemed best for the Town.

All questions and requests for information shall be directed to: Catherine Carney, Purchasing Department, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062 (781) 762-1240. CONTRACT # NGM-20-05. A copy of the planholders' list can be obtained at the Town of Norwood's website: purchasing.norwoodma.gov.

BY: Tony Mazzucco
General Manager

Norwood Record: 9/26/19

SECTION A - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
TOWN OF NORWOOD, MA
TEL: 781-762-1240, EXT 107
FAX: 781-278-3015

Sealed Proposals will be received not later than 11:00 A.M., on October 21, 2019, in the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 for the following:

Lease of a portion of Town-owned property located at 190 Central Street (also known as 188-190 Central Street), identified as Map 1, Section 8, Lot 11, consisting of approximately 3,264 square feet of building, and the lavatory and basement associated therewith, together with the right to use, in common with others entitled thereto, the hallways and stairways necessary for access to the Leased Premises. Parcel located in a central business zone. The term of the lease is as follows: Original term is five (5) years with the option for the Town of Norwood to renew the lease for three additional five-year terms at the Town's sole discretion. The potential length of the lease is twenty (20) years, with renewals.

Value assessed by the Town of Norwood Assessor's Office in 2019 at \$407,300.

The minimum acceptable annual rental fee is \$21,425.00; the successful proposer shall be responsible for payment of taxes in the amount of 68% of the real estate taxes assessed on the property of which the premises are a part.

The complete Proposal package may be obtained at no cost in the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 between the hours of 8:15 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, or electronically by registering and downloading the documents online at: <https://bids.norwoodma.gov>. A MANDATORY pre-proposal conference is scheduled for October 16, 2019, at 11:00 A.M. at 566 Washington Street, Room 24, Norwood, MA, followed by a site visit of 190 Central Street, Norwood. This will be the only opportunity for prospective proposers to view non-public areas of the premises.

The Proposal must be filled out and signed as directed therein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed to the Purchasing Department, endorsed with the name and address of the Proposer, and marked, "LEASE OF 190 CENTRAL STREET, Contract #NGM-20-04".

A certified check or money order payable to the Town of Norwood in the amount of \$1,000 must be submitted as a surety deposit along with the proposal to lease the property. The purpose of the deposit is to guarantee that the proposer shall hold firm his/her price until an award is made and a contract is signed. The deposits of those unsuccessful proposers shall be returned within ten days of the bid opening, and the deposit of the successful proposer shall be returned upon the execution of a signed contract.

The Proposal shall be prepared, considered, and be submitted on forms furnished by the Town. The lease shall be made in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.) Chapter 30B. The lease shall be made within 30 working days after the opening of Proposals, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays excluded.

The Town shall have the right to reject any and all offers or parts thereof and to waive any defect or irregularities as to form therein in accordance with M.G.L. The Town also reserves the right to award the contract to that proposer whose proposal is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

The Town of Norwood notifies that all Proposers will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex or national origin or handicapped status in consideration of a sale.

BY: Tony Mazzucco
General Manager

Norwood Record: 9/19/19, 9/26/19

Bank of Canton honored for generosity

Bank of Canton was recently recognized along with other honorees at the Boston Business Journal's annual Corporate Citizenship Awards event, for ranking among the largest corporate charitable contributors in Massachusetts last year.

The Corporate Citizenship Awards, held at South Boston's Capo Restaurant and Supper Club, recognized 105 businesses that gave at least \$100,000 in cash contributions to Massachusetts-based charities or social-service nonprofits last fiscal year. In addition to Bank of Canton, honorees included multi-million dollar corporations and represented a range of industries such as healthcare, insurance, legal, accounting and finance, among others.

"We're proud to receive the Corporate Citizenship Award," said Stephen P. Costello, president and CEO of Bank of Canton, "and we share this honor with our customers: the terrific families, individuals and businesses whose patronage fuels our charitable giving program.

"The recognition we've received for our community involvement this year – first



with the Greater Boston Community Contribution award, and now the Corporate Citizenship Award – is due to the people and businesses who bank with us," Costello continued, "and we thank them."

In June, Bank of Canton was honored at the 2019 Banking Choice Awards in Springfield, Massachusetts, for ranking second in the independent Banking Benchmarks® survey's Community Contribution category for the Greater Boston region.

Since 2005, Bank of Can-

ton has given more than \$2.1 million to local charities and nonprofit organizations through donations and sponsorships. The bank's contributions have helped fund financial literacy programs for children and seniors, educational workshops for first-time home buyers, and cultural and artistic enrichment programs. The bank's employees hold leadership positions in several civic and nonprofit organizations across the Greater Boston and South Shore areas as well.

SENIOR NEWS

BINGO: Every Wednesday, from 12:45 PM to 3:00 PM, \$5.00 to get started. For \$1.00, we have a game with a winner take all prize! You must be here by 12:45 PM to play this game!

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC: Walpole VNA will be available for blood pressure screening on the first Wednesday of each month. Ellis Nursing Home will offer blood pressure screening on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The Walpole VNA will provide blood pressure screening on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 AM.

BRIDGE: Our bridge club meets on Thursdays at 9:00 AM, in the Library.

CAMERA CLUB: Join the club to share your love of photography, and learn new skills. Group meets on Wednesdays 11am-noon Will return October 9th and 23rd.

COMPUTER CLUB: The computer club meets every Wednesday at 1:00 PM.

CRIBBAGE: Our seniors meet every Monday and Friday at 12:45 PM to play cribbage.

DIGITAL PHOTO ORGANIZATION & EDITING: will take place the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, at 11:30 AM.

HANDCRAFTERS: Handcrafters meet every Monday from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

LEARN TO PLAY MAH JONG: -Thursdays and Fridays at 12:30 PM.

LINE DANCE Classes are held each Tuesday. Class will be held from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM.

MAH JONG: Mah Jong players meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10:00 AM - Noon.

MANICURES: Friday, Sept. 27, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

MASSAGE THERAPIST: Karen is here on the first Monday of each month. Please sign up at front desk. Massages are \$30.00 for half an hour.

NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB: The Board of Directors meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 9:30AM, at the Senior Center. The club membership meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks Lodge, at 10:00 AM.

SCRABBLE: Thursday afternoons at 1:00 PM. Come and join us for a game.

SHINE: We have two SHINE Counselors. Carole is here to help you with your medical insurance needs on Tuesdays from 10:00 AM. - 2:00 PM. Amy will be here on Fridays from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Please call 781-762-1201 for an appointment.

TAP DANCE: Thursdays at 11:15 AM. All levels are welcome and encouraged to join the fun.

WHIST: Whist players meet on Tuesdays at 12:45 PM, in the library.

September Events
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PUMPKIN PATCH OPENS SEPTEMBER 28TH

Throughout the Halloween season Epiphany Parish of Walpole will once again be selling pumpkins, gourds, mums and cornstalks. This annual sale, first held in 2006, has become a favorite fall event for many area families searching for that perfect Halloween pumpkin. This year, as always, the Epiphany Pumpkin Patch will have a huge variety of sizes, shapes and prices of pumpkins, including a large selection of miniature pumpkins and gourds.

The Epiphany Pumpkin Patch, located at 62 Front Street, Walpole, will be open beginning September 28, 2019 through October 31, 2019. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. In addition to a great selection of pumpkins for sale, this year's patch will also feature a variety of mums and cornstalks for sale from Epiphany's partner vendor, Pioneer Farms of Walpole. There will also be a weekly raffle for a giant pumpkin. Proceeds from the sale of pumpkins will benefit Epiphany Parish of Walpole and the Navajo Reservation in Farmington, New Mexico, where the pumpkins are grown.

FALL CONCERTS AT ST. GABRIEL'S

The Chapel of St. Gabriel the Archangel at Highland Cemetery in Norwood will once again be the venue for free concerts this fall.

On Sunday, October 6, at 3:00 pm, harpist Lizary Rodriguez Rios will present a solo performance on the concert harp. She has performed at numerous venues and festivals, including the Casals Festival in Puerto Rico and has won numerous prizes in competitions such as the International Tournament of Musicians in France.

On Sunday, November 10, at 3:00 pm, musician Steve Marchena will present a selection of classical works on the acoustic guitar. Mr. Marchena has performed in concert and on recordings in such varied styles as classical, rock, jazz, and delta blues.

The Chapel of St. Gabriel the Archangel is located at Highland Cemetery on Winter Street in Norwood. A quaint and picturesque chapel, at the time of its donation to the town in 1903 it was regarded as one of the most beautiful struc-

tures of its kind in the nation. After a careful restoration, the Chapel is once again available free of charge for small burial and memorial services. It is hoped these concerts will increase the public's awareness of this unique, contemplative space. With the cooperation of the Town of Norwood's Cemetery Department, the Concerts in the Chapel are organized by the Friends of St. Gabriel's under the auspices of the Old Parish Preservation Volunteers, a local non-profit organization.

The concerts are free and open to the public. Seating is limited and on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, the group can be reached at norwoodoldparish@gmail.com

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET

The Norwood Woman's Club will hold a meeting on Tuesday, October 8, at 12:20 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 572 Nichols St., Norwood. The Swing Fever Trio will entertain us with tunes from the Great American Song Book. There will be a sampling of music from the 30's to the 50's. A light lunch will be served. We welcome potential members as guests. For more information contact Trina at 781-762-8173 or Nancy at 781-762-8892.

CLASS OF 89' REUNION COMING UP

The Class of 1989 will be celebrating their 30th reunion on October 12th at 6pm at the OCC, 171 Nahatan Street, Norwood, MA. Tickets at the door: \$55 per person.

FARRELL

Rosemary, of West Yarmouth, formerly of Norwood, Burlington, and Arlington, passed away on September 9, 2019 at the age of 93. Rosemary was an energetic and talented woman with a flair for quilting, ceramics, and a strong devotion to her extended family. Beloved daughter of John J. Farrell and Elizabeth R. Farrell of Cambridge and Arlington, predeceased by sister Barbara A. Wilson of Norwood and brother Staff Sergeant John J. Farrell, Jr., U.S. Army, killed in Germany in WWII. Devoted aunt of Nancy J. Wilson of Dennis Port, John L. Wilson and his wife Mary of Harvard, Mark F. Wilson and his wife Paula of Yarmouth Port, Susan W. McQuaid and her husband Thomas of Norwood and Michael J. Wilson and his wife Jenny Morton of Marblehead and many great-nieces and great-nephews. Rosemary was a graduate of Arlington High School and was employed by Thermo Electron (now Thermo Fisher Scientific) as a Personnel Manager for many decades. She was a wonderful woman who cared deeply about her faith, her family, and her many close friends. An outgoing personality who loved bright colors, please consider wearing the same if attending services. Visiting Hours: Friday, September 27, 2019 from 4-7 PM, at Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, NORWOOD, MA. Her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Timothy's Roman Catholic Church, 650 Nichols Street, Norwood, MA on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 10:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be kindly made to: Norwood Military Family Support Group, 566 Washington Street, Room 3, Ground Floor, Norwood, MA 02062. For more information, visit GilloolyFuneralHome.com

MADDEN

John Patrick of Norwood, formerly of Caherdavin, Limerick, Ireland passed peacefully from this earth on September 23, 2019. Born in Limerick on August 31st, 1942, John was the son of the late Mary and Ned Madden. A dedicated family man, John always put family first. Whether here in the States or back in his beloved Limerick, John went to great lengths to make sure that they always felt his love. He loved to travel and did so extensively throughout his life, exposing his children and grandchildren to the wonders of this world. His love of travel was kindled and nurtured during his 25 years as a tour director for CIE in Ireland. It was on one of his tours that he met and fell in love with his wife, Kathy. In his younger days, while working as a Bus Conductor for CIE in Limerick, he became an ama-

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teur handball player developing a reputation as a formidable opponent on the courts of the CIE Club. Arriving in America, with his family in 1987, he quickly put his people skills back to work as a train conductor with Amtrak on the Boston commuter rails. John was well-known on the trains and was loved by his regulars who came to enjoy a quick joke, charming wit, and friendly Irish banter. He was a lifelong Munster and Young Munster rugby supporter who quickly adjusted to life in America by becoming an avid Patriots fan. John was a fixture at the area libraries and could often be seen around town walking his loyal dog, Rocky. A devoted brother, father, grandfather, and friend, John is survived by his loving wife, Kathy, to whom he was married for more than 51 years, son Stephen and daughter-in-law, Laura, son David and daughter-in-law, Elise, daughter, Eve and granddaughter, Vivienne, his grandson, Colin, and his granddaughter, Sr. Maria Corredemptrix. He is also survived by his sisters Maureen and Joan of Janesboro, Limerick, and his brother, Eamon and sister-in-law, Noreen of

Donoughmore, Co.Limerick. He was predeceased by his brother, Paddy, who is waiting to greet him. He also leaves behind Paddy's longtime partner, Maura, brothers-in law and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and friends. In his lifetime, John survived a house collapse and a train crash, so despite his courageous fight, this time the Lord was ready to bring him safely home. Our family would like to thank everyone who supported John during his long illness. We especially want to thank Frank Murphy, Pat Bachelder, and Christine Murphy, who worked diligently to get him to his many appointments, always doing so with a loving smile and an encouraging word. Our family is truly blessed to have such wonderful family and friends.

PENDRAKE

Gloria Jean, 74, formerly of Norwood died on September 14, 2019. She is survived by her children; Ann Marie Ragosta of Milford, Kristin Monty of Villa Rica, Georgia and Paul Cotelleso of Yellow Springs, Ohio. Gloria was a secretary for many years at the Middlesex County District Attorney's office. A memorial mass will be held at a later date. To leave a condolence and read the entire obituary, go to watsoncolonialfuneralhome@yahoo.com

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TAROT CARDS DE-MYSTIFIED

Get in the spirit of the season with a Learn to Read Tarot Cards program at the Morrill Memorial Library on Wednesday, October 2, at 6:30-8:00 pm. A long-time lover of books and art, Marissa Monteiro became attracted to tarot when she realized that the cards tell stories. Marissa says, if you like to read books, you'll probably be good at reading tarot cards. In this program, Marissa will touch on the history of tarot and show examples of different decks, then give participants the chance to try their own readings. Attendees will receive a tarot workbook zine to take home. This program is for adults and teens, and space is limited. Please note: Marissa will not be giving tarot readings for people. This is a purely instructional program. To register, please visit the library's online events calendar at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call us at 781-769-0200 x110, or visit the Reference or Information Desk.

EXPLORE INDONESIA

Come to the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, October 3, at 7:00 pm for a unique travel experience. Bill Dalton will take us on a photographic journey with his presentation, "Indonesia: The World's Largest Archipelago!" Considered a foremost travel expert on Indonesia, for the past 48 years Bill Dalton has visited more than 100 of the country's 17,341 islands, lectured onboard cruise lines and led adventure tours all over this watery archipelago for New York's Museum of Natural History and Asia Transpacific Journeys in Boulder, Colorado. Bill founded Moon Publications in 1973, which went on to produce 67 award-winning guides to countries and regions around the world as well as to a number of U.S. states. Currently published under an imprint of Hachette Book Group, Moon Travel has over 200 active guidebooks. Now working as a free-lance journalist for the Bali Advertiser, Jakarta Post, Indonesia's main English-language newspaper and Tempo, the "Time" magazine of Indonesia, Bill has published hundreds of travel features, book reviews, interviews and culture columns about this vast and maddeningly complex island-nation. Please register for this fascinating program by

visiting the library's online calendar at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, calling 781-769-0200 x110, or stopping by the Reference or Information desk.

PARANORMAL INVESTIGATIONS AT THE FAIRBANKS HOUSE

Did you know that the Fairbanks House in Dedham—the oldest wooden structure in North America—may also be one of its most haunted? Learn more about the mysteries of this dwelling that housed eight generations of the Fairbanks family at the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. Enough paranormal activity has been observed in the house, where many Fairbanks family members died, to have attracted the attention of ghost hunters far and wide. Join Curator Daniel Neff as we talk about what ghost hunters actually do, and look at (and listen to) some of the most remarkable evidence of paranormal captured at the Fairbanks House. To register for this program, go to our events page at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call 781-769-0200, x110, or stop by the Reference or Information Desk.

FESTIVAL FABRIC WREATH WORKSHOP

Fall has returned to New England and we're once again in crafting season! The Morrill Memorial library invites you to a crafting workshop on Wednesday, October 9th being offered at 10:00 am and again at 6:30 pm in the Simoni Room. Join fabric artisan Marg Corjay for a fun, free craft workshop to make your own colorful scrap fabric wreath. These attractive, cheerful wreaths make a great gift or accent to your home or door to welcome in autumn. All materials are provided, and class size is limited. Participants ages 14 and up are encouraged to register. To sign up for this workshop, funded by the Friends of the Library, please visit the library's online events calendar at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, or stop

by the library Reference or Information Desk.

BOOK GROUP TO DISCUSS "GONE SO LONG"

The Morrill Memorial Library's Turn the Page Book Group will meet again on Wednesday, October 16 at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm to talk about "Gone So Long" by Andre Dubus III. This month's discussion will be led by Patty Bailey and Technology Librarian Brian DeFelice. An ex-con who did time for murder, the estranged daughter he hasn't seen in 40 years, and the grandmother angry enough to kill him all come together in this riveting family drama. According to Goodreads, "Gone So Long," like the author's memoir "Townie" and his novel "The House of Sand and Fog," is a profound exploration of the struggle between the selves we wish to be and the ones we cannot escape. To register for either session, please visit the library's online events calendar at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call 781-769-0200 x110, or stop by the Reference or Information Desk. Copies of the book in a variety of formats, along with discussion questions, are available to check out at the Circulation Desk. Refreshments will be served.

MEDITATION FOR BEGINNERS

Come to an introductory meditation session at the Morrill Memorial Library on Saturday, October 19 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. to find out about Isha Kriya, a simple practice to help you learn to meditate. It can easily be done while sitting in a chair, and no experience is necessary. The class will be taught by a volunteer from the Isha Foundation, an international non-profit organization dedicated to achieving well-being through yoga and meditation. Handouts will be available to take home. The class is open to everyone age 12 and up and can accommodate 32 participants. To register, please go to our online events calendar at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call 781-769-0200,

x110, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

TRIO SPIRITO TO KICK OFF FALL MUSICAL SUNDAYS

The Morrill Memorial Library's popular Fall Musical Sundays series will start off with a repeat performance by Trio Spirito on Sunday, October 20 at 3:00 p.m. The talented trio will perform a program of chamber music by Tchaikovsky and Beethoven. Three faculty members from the New School of Music in Cambridge created Trio Spirito six years ago. While living in Germany, violinist Loren Pearson studied and performed in orchestras throughout Europe. Dr. Mary Jane Rupert, a concert pianist and harpist, has toured nationally and internationally, most recently in New Zealand. Cellist Pamela Ambrose has also toured throughout Europe as well as Russia. To register for this concert, made possible through the library Endowment Fund, please visit our events page at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call 781-769-0200, x110, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR HERO, DR. JOSEPH WARREN

Join author Christian Di Spigna at the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m. for his presentation, "Founding Martyr: the Life and Death of Dr. Joseph Warren, the American Revolution's Lost Hero." "Founding Martyr" is an illuminating biography of America's forgotten Founding Father, Joseph Warren, the patriot physician and major general who fomented rebellion and died heroically at the Battle of Bunker Hill. Warren was involved in almost every major insurrectionary act in the Boston area from 1765-1775, from the Stamp Act protests and the Boston Massacre to the Boston Tea Party. His incendiary writings included the famous Suffolk Resolves, which helped unite the colonies against Britain and inspired the Declaration of Independence. During his presentation, Mr. Di Spigna

will talk about new discoveries he made regarding Dr. Warren. He will also deconstruct the many Warren legends and explore his resistance activities as he rose to the heights of power. Autographed copies of "Founding Martyr" will be available for purchase after the program. To register for this event, go to www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call 781-769-0200 x110, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

TALES OF A RELUCTANT WORLD TRAVELER

Join author and performer Randy Ross at the Morrill Memorial Library on Wednesday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. as he shares his ups and downs over the course of 16 weeks, four continents, and three bungee jumps. Randy will tell the story of how a Somerville homebody turned a solo trip around the globe into a comedic novel and a one-man show. This multi-media event includes a slide show and readings from his book, "God Bless Cambodia," which will be available to purchase after the program. To register, please visit our library's online events calendar at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call 781-769-0200 x110, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

BEING MORE INTENTIONAL WITH OUR WORDS

The Fall Sustainability Series at the Morrill Memorial Library, sponsored by TogetherYes and Progress Norwood, will continue on Monday, October 28 at 6:30 pm. Join us for a presentation by the Principal of the Public Schools of Brookline, Dr. Asa Sevelius. How can we help children understand the things they see and hear, and resolve their confusion and conflict? Dr. Sevelius will talk about language, resources, and ways to approach conversations with children and families regarding LGBTQ+ lives, history, and current events. There will be time for discussion afterwards. To register, please visit the library's online events calendar at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call 781-769-0200 x110, or stop by the Reference or Information Desk.



Ask The Doctor

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

To the Doctor: I have a 2013 Lincoln MKZ with a four-cylinder engine. I've had to replace the battery twice in five years – that's three batteries in five years! Why would this be necessary? The car gives no warning – it just won't start, even with a jump.

From the Doctor: Battery life on average is three to four years. Some batteries can last a lot longer. A lot depends on the climate, the type of driving one does, and how often the car is driven. Local driving, stop and go, and hot climates all contribute to battery life. Like any other product, quality also plays a role. If the vehicle checks out with no problems, have the technician install an AGM dry-cell battery. It will cost more than a conventional battery, but in my opinion, it is worth the money and most have a free three-year replacement warranty.

To the Doctor: I own a 2004 Mercedes-Benz C320 with all-wheel-drive and 88,000 miles. It has a 3.2-liter, six-cylinder engine and five-speed transmission. I was told it used synthetic oil. For convenience, I had oil changes done at a local shop, not the dealer. They used a blended oil. I experienced oil leaks (since corrected), which I learned from your column happens when oil is switched. Am I correct? Also, can I go back to Mercedes for future oil changes using full-synthetic oil without creating problems? Or must I continue with blended oil?

From the Doctor: The use of full synthetic oil may leak where there are already seeping seals or gaskets. The actual synthetic oil does not cause leaks. Full synthetic oil flows much easier than conventional oil. Older Mercedes engines do have some seal leakage, especially at the rear cylinder head camshaft seals. I would continue to use full synthetic oil at the service shop of my choice.

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

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OPV WORK SATURDAYS

The aim of the OPV is to properly clean stone grave markers, repair and reset broken stones, and document this historic site. With care and attention, the cemetery will continue to be a valuable historical and cultural resource for the town. Saturday work

days this fall include: September 28, October 12, October 26, and November 2. The groups will also host a tour of the cemetery titled "The Women of Old Parish Cemetery" on Saturday, October 19, at 2:00 pm. (Rain date Sunday, October 20 at 2).

Anyone interested in helping preserve this site can join the group working in the cemetery, or visit the group's web site: <https://www.oldparishpreservationvolunteers.com> The cemetery is open to the public during the time volunteers are working.

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