

## Great first impression

### First tour of Whitman/Hanson wows crowd

Krystal Grow  
Staff Reporter

After roaming the hallways of Whitman/Hanson Regional High School Tuesday morning, there were only a few words Norwood visitors had to sum up the experience. Brenda Farulla, president of the Norwood Parents Music Association said the school was "impressive," and that the design was "beautiful."

The small group that attended Tuesday's tour mostly consisted of staff and teachers from Norwood, along with Interim Superintendent John Moretti and School Committee member Courtney Rau.

"The school is four years old, and it's holding up pretty well," he said, leading the group through the main entrance, which he said was the most striking

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## Special Ed positions considered

### Looking for ways to reduce out-of-district placement

Krystal Grow  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee is considering a recommendation by Interim Superintendent John Moretti to possibly reduce the school system's dependence on out-of-district placement for special education students.

During last Wednesday's meeting, Moretti recommended that the committee approve hiring two assistant administrators to more evenly divide the many responsibilities required to meet the needs of Norwood's special needs students.

Moretti said a major reason for his

Special Ed  
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Quick, hide the money! John Howard, Dan Salvucci, Carlo Caccio and Henry Viczarson take part in a rousing game of cribbage at the Norwood Senior Center.

PHOTO BY PAUL ELDRIDGE

## Norwood Light in the red?

### Town boards still seeking more detailed financial info

Krystal Grow  
Staff Reporter

It's been over three months since the Norwood Board of Selectmen strongly suggested that Norwood Light and Broadband begin submitting monthly financial statements, and some members are still not satisfied with the results.

In April, Board member Tom McQuaid recommended that the Light Department offer the selectmen more detailed information regarding their finances to get a better idea of exactly how much money they were making in an increasingly competitive market.

At the last board meeting, McQuaid again requested the proper documents, which were supposed to be part of Norwood Light's monthly report to the selectmen.

Now, Finance Commission Chair Judith Langone said similar request for financial information have gone largely unfulfilled.

"The FinCom is running out of patience," she said.

Langone said the FinCom has requested a set of what she called "regular, routine, standardized reports," and that while Norwood Light has submitted some facts and figures, she said the spreadsheet format they have received have been mostly "unreadable."

"We want to see collections versus billable, the number of delinquent accounts, and whether we're taking action on them," she said.

Langone said she has even gone so far as to request a list of the top 25 delinquent accounts, and has not seen that information either.

"The bottom line is: are we making money or not," she asked?

McQuaid expressed similar sentiments during the April 22 Selectmen's meeting, and was promised that detailed financial information would be submitted as part of the Light Departments monthly report to the board.

But on July 30, McQuaid again asked representatives from Norwood Light for their financial reports.

Norwood Light Broadband Assistant Superintendent James Collins said the department had tried to submit the reports, but said the main reason they had been unable to get the reports together in a more timely manner was due to a lack of staff to properly prepare the documents.

"The problem is that we don't have the manpower," he said. "It's a matter of getting the work done. We don't have a lot of people, so we just take the information and try to put it together."

But Langone says she believes the issue is that there is no formal structure to the

reports and no standard method of compiling information, and until one is created the reports will never reflect the sort of important numbers that the FinCom and the Selectmen are

looking for.

"The reporting structure is fragmented," she said. "A format hasn't been formalized for a low level clerk to use to plug in those numbers. It's basic information like actual income versus projected income that we need to know."

Town Accountant Bob Thornton said he acts as a conduit between the town boards and the Light Department, and has requested information from them on behalf of the FinCom that have yet to be answered.

*"The FinCom is running out of patience."*

- Finance Commission Chair  
Judith Langone

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# Neighbors on the watch

## Residents gather to learn about Community Policing

**Brad Cole**  
Staff Reporter

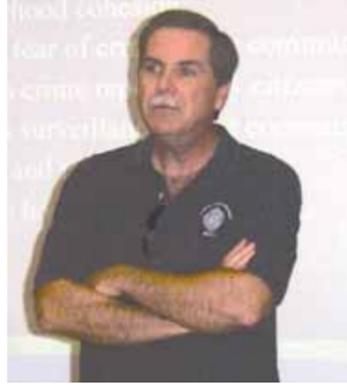
Crime is on the rise. Thieves are targeting open cars. Gas is being siphoned. Drive-offs are becoming more common. The police can't be everywhere, and are calling on the community for help.

"The police need you as our eyes and ears in the community," said Norwood Sergeant Peter Curran at the Neighborhood Watch Meeting held at the police station on July 30.

About 20 residents attended the event and listened to Curran dispense advice on how to successfully help the police in their ongoing battle against crime.

Curran's advice ranged from simple reminders like locking your car to keeping notes when you see someone or something suspicious in your neighborhood. He cited the importance of getting license plates numbers and a clear description of what a person looks like.

His overall message was clear: safety is key.



Norwood Police Sgt. Peter Curran

"One of your basic needs is a sense of security," Curran said, adding that more than five cars are needed to adequately patrol the neighborhood. You need the help of the whole community.

He urged the attendees to report any crimes they see to the police, regardless of how minor it might seem, as minor crimes can lead to more serious crimes.

Police Chief Bartley King also spoke at the meeting. He introduced his idea of starting an email program to let those interested or involved in the neighborhood watch learn about crimes that have been committed in their area, and what has been done to stop them.

He also echoed many of Curran's points about safety and the importance of a neighborhood watch.

"All of us outnumber all the bad guys, and together we can beat them," King said.

The strongest point made by both Curran and King was that people should never feel funny about calling the police.

"I want people to feel like they can call the police," Curran said.

Neighborhood Watch programs have been successful in Norwood before. Olga Abdallah praised the work done in South Norwood by residents and the police department.

"We have really improved the quality of life in our neighborhood," Abdallah said. "We have made so much progress with community policing- it really works!"

In order for it to be as successful in the rest of Norwood as it was in South Norwood, it will require help from the community as a whole. Safety is the goal, and it is one that can be achieved.

"We can't stop everybody, but we can move it out of your neighborhood and make it safer for you," Curran said.

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# Loud and Clear

## Schools explore broadband phone system

**Krystal Grow**  
Staff Reporter

The old "black and white" phone system in the Norwood schools may be on its way out.

Interim Superintendent John Moretti recommended that the School Committee consider signing on to Norwood Light Broadband's V-Centrix system, a move that could increase the number of lines and phones, and could save the schools about \$300 each month.

The current phone system is provided by Metropolitan Telephone Company, and does not provide teachers with individual voice mailboxes, and is a landline-based system.

Moretti said the V-Centrix system would reduce the number of actual phone numbers connected to the schools, while increasing the number of actual telephones from 100 to 200, and would offer 300 teacher mailboxes.

"The thing I like about it is

that it's town based," Moretti said, "so if there's ever a problem, they're right there."

Norwood Light Assistant Superintendent James Collins said the main perk of V-Centrix was its affordability.

"The benefits are mostly the costs," he said, "and that the money stays in the town system."

Collins said Norwood Light acted as a carrier of V-Centrix, but was still responsible for maintenance and repairs.

Members of the school committee said they were in favor of the system because of the added safety and security features that were included in the package, including panic buttons and immediate access for parents in the event of an emergency.

"I totally support this for security and safety in the classrooms," said member Mark Joseph. "For example, if you call the middle school and are calling someone on a black phone and they have a white phone,

they have to physically leave the classroom and find a black phone. That's ridiculous."

Committee member Bill Plasko, Jr. said he wanted regular progress reports on the system once it goes into order to make sure teachers and parents are satisfied with the service.

"We just installed a new phone system four years ago and we thought we were doing a good thing and we got nothing but complaints," he said.

But member Eleanor Travers said she wasn't totally sold on the system, and wanted to know if there were other offers from other companies before granting her approval to the system.

"I would like a little more detail on other opportunities," she said. Travers also questioned the reliability of the V-Centrix system.

Collins said most current customers don't report many

**Phone system**  
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## Assessors not counting on money yet

**Brad Cole**  
Staff Reporter

Approximately \$30 million dollars in tax revenue could be coming to the Town. The Massachusetts legislature has ruled that municipalities could tax telecommunications companies like Verizon for poles and wires that are on Town property.

However, Norwood cannot spend this money quite yet. Verizon, whose estimated taxable property in Town is valued at \$16 million, has appealed this decision, so the Town will have to put the money in a reserve fund in case a higher court overturns the decision, Chairman Paul Wanecek said at a meeting of assessors on Tuesday. He expects the appeal will be a lengthy process which could potentially take years.

"It's nice that all this money is coming in, but we might not be able to spend it for a few

years, if ever," said Wanecek.

The Board of Assessors has to turn over 16 different documents to the auditing firm. Most of these, such as the Record of Abatements and the Overlay Worksheets, are yearly requests.

Wanecek planned to have the documents turned over to Town Accountant Robert Thornton by late Tuesday. The 2009 state-mandated tri-annual certification of all taxable real estate and personal properties was also discussed.

The board has completed their review of personal property, and expects reports on residential property to be completed in the next two weeks. If all goes well, it expects certification from the state by the end of September.

Once certified, the Board of Assessors will meet with the Board of Selectmen to discuss the tax rate.

Wanecek expects this meeting will be held by mid-October, depending of the available of the Selectmen.

The board also approved the minutes from their July 15 meeting. The meeting ended with an executive session to go over property tax appeals.

## Norwood Light

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"Norwood Light is saying that they have to finish processing their expenditures for the fiscal year, and there is a two week grace period to file that information. It was agreed that their reports would be sent over at the end of June. It's not here yet," he said last Friday.

Thornton confirmed that the main requests from the town boards were for regularly filed, standardized financial reports.

"They're looking for these reports on a regular and timely basis," he said.

Langone said it was important to have a better understanding of Norwood Light

and Broadband's finances to ensure they are making a profit and to have sufficient knowledge in advance if they are not.

"It's a multi-million dollar company with huge competitors, and they are gaining," she said. "These late reports are not giving us a heads up if we're in trouble."

"We understand that some of that information is sensitive," said Langone, "but it needs to be made available to the decision makers and the elected officials, because we're the ones who have to answer to the voters."

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# Editorial

## TREAD CAREFULLY

The Board of Selectmen were notified about a week ago that a party may be interested in purchasing the almost 11 acres of land the town owns down in the University Avenue area. It is not the first time interest has been expressed of the property and won't be the last. Selectmen should explore the town's options, but not pull the trigger quickly.

The first answer most real estate developers will give when asked why they are always buying properties is that, "because they aren't making any more of it..." and though a quirky response, it is factually correct and the underlying reason why investors rarely take a beating in *terra firma*.

There is no bad time to invest in real estate. In a down market, like the one this economy is currently in, savvy buyers make a killing, so it is probably not a coincidence that a buyer has stepped forward now for this tract of land. Given market conditions, the valuation of this property will most likely be less than in the past and in the future, and the valuation is what this buyer will base his offer on. The same concept holds true if the buyer isn't a developer but an abutting property owner looking to enhance his current holdings.

In the town's case, the fact that any buyer is showing an interest in this particular property is a good thing, given multiple attempts have been made in the past to sell with little success. The proposal put forward by the YMCA for the property appeared good on paper, but the Y board of directors has proven once again it is a lot of bluster with little substance and their idea was smoke and mirrors.

Ultimately, the offer made on this property may be compelling enough for Norwood to make a move and put it on the tax rolls. However, the guess here is that any buyers in this market are looking for a score and the town needs to decide if they really need to move this property that badly.

As the saying goes, "there's a butt for every seat," and whether they sell to this interested party or not, somewhere down the line another buyer will step forward and make it worth the town's while. There's just no need to jump if one doesn't have to.

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problems.

"The majority of customers seem satisfied," he said. "Most people on fiber (optic) networks have not had many issues and seem happy with the service."

He also said the low cost was due partly to the fact that Norwood Light Broadband purchases V-Centrix systems at wholesale.

"We sell it at a retail rate which is still cheaper than most other retail prices," he said.

Moretti said it would cost a total of \$25,000 to install the new system, and that the money

is already available in the school system's budget.

"They'll essentially be paying back into the town system," Collins said.

"The fact that it's through the town is of the utmost importance," Moretti said.

The school committee voted 6 to 1 to allow Moretti to enter into discussions with Norwood Light Broadband to negotiate a three-year contract with V-Centrix phone systems.

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*Kim Weineck and Julie Vecchio at the Gallery.*

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# Life is a bowl of... Gallery 9 opens up to the public

**Krystal Grow**  
*Staff Reporter*

Humor Columnist Erma Bombeck once asked, "If life is a bowl of cherries, what am I doing in the pits?"

Now, the owner and gallery director of Gallery 9 want Norwood's artists to interpret

the phrase in their first ever open show, "Life is a bowl of..."

Gallery 9, located inside Custom Art Framing on Washington Street, has always welcomed local artists to show their work, but this will be the first time they have made an open call to any and all artists who may have a clever response to their fill-in-the-blank

art show.

"It's such a fun, open phrase," said gallery director Kim Weineck, "I'm already so excited about some of the ideas our in-house artists have come up with."

Weineck said some artists

**Gallery**

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## Letters to the Editor

### CENTER NOT A DANCE HALL

*To the Editor:*

Mr. Slater, (RE: July 31, 2008, "Dancing on thin air?")

I read your comment in the paper, that you have a problem with the Senior addition being built as a dance hall. It wasn't, but how would you know? When are you up there to see what is going on? It is a function hall not a dance hall. Examples, bingo once a week, exercises 3 to 5 times a week, movies twice a month, crafts once a week, fix it shop twice a month, meetings of the C.O.A. and Friends once a month, line dancing once a week, square dancing once a week, rehearsals for shows the seniors put on, Whist parties once a month and glee club once a month. The dance is once a month. Triad is once a month.

Also Flu shots will be given out there this year, along with daily hot meals beginning in September. And last but not least, in case of emergency, the hall will become a shelter. I don't remember seeing you at one of these functions. It would seem to me that it goes back to the \$50,000 that the Friends received back from the town. I know you were not happy with that nor was Mr. Gundlach. His remarks a few weeks ago in the paper about that were without merit. The selectmen signed for the check to be for an O.P.M. only.

There are committees all over

this town for the high school, fire and police station, public works etc but not once was it suggested a committee of town officials be appointed for the Senior Center Addition. I guess no one cared. Well I do and as long as I live I will speak up for the Seniors when people try to discredit them. Last but not least, we have our meetings on the first Thursday of the month, COA at 1:00PM. and the Friends at 2:00PM. open to the public. So come and join us, you might just learn something.

Sincerely,

*Bill McCoy, President  
Friends of Norwood C.O.A.*

### DO NOT PUSH AGENDA

*To the Editor:*

As a former educator, I read with interest the recent editorial and letter regarding the controversy surrounding the appointment to the Norwood School Committee.

Of particular concern to me was that Ms. Rau was identified as working now in the Newton School System. As your editorial writer pointed out, that school system has pushed for a very costly new school, one which has become an object of ridicule because of its extravagance.

Of additional concern to me is that the Newton School System is notorious for promotion of a homosexual agenda in the curriculum. Many concerned parents have

pulled their children out of those Health courses under the "opt-out" provisions available to them. Let's hope that Ms. Rau will not be pushing such an agenda in her new role in the Norwood School System.

*Millie Peterson  
Norwood*

### THE RIGHT NOTES

*To the Editor:*

On Sunday evening, July 27, 2008, the Concert on the Common committee had scheduled "Norwood Pops Night." Unfortunately the committee cancelled the event because of bad weather.

We would like to openly thank our generous sponsors for supporting Norwood Pops Night. The sponsors for the evening were Chestnut Hill Realty and BMW Gallery. The committee appreciates their help for this event very much, as well as Starbucks Coffee, Shaw's Supermarket, Martignetti Companies and Apollo Function Facility.

We would also like to extend our special thanks to everyone that attends and supports the concert program and especially thank the wonderful volunteers who make the Norwood Pops Night a delightful event. Many thank again for all of your help.

*Dolores Elias and Olga  
Abdallah Co-chairs, Norwood  
Pops Night*

# School Committee sets goals set for new Super

**Krystal Grow**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee is putting Interim Superintendent John Moretti to work.

While Moretti has already taken a proactive approach to the position, the school committee unanimously approved a set of goals and a comprehensive action plan for the upcoming school year.

There is undoubtedly a lot of work to do this school year, but a subcommittee, with Moretti's help, has outlined six specific goals and a comprehensive action plan for addressing the priorities of the Norwood School System.

"This is very important information, and a working document that covers every area we've talked about and what we're looking for in the year ahead," said School Committee Chairman Paul Samargedlis.

Committee members Bill Plasko Jr., Eleanor Travers and Mark Joseph were appointed to a subcommittee to study the pending needs of the system and to find out the best ways to use Moretti's skills as a leader to ensure the timely and successful accomplishment of the goals they laid out.

"The subcommittee has met and has discussed where the school system is going and how to bring the schools forward," said Travers, and outlined the goals for the committee.

According to the subcommittee, the superintendent's first priority is to help the school committee develop a successful and effective strategy to encourage a positive response from the community regarding the construction of a new Norwood

High School.

"We're really moving quickly, but also smartly on where we're going as a community," Moretti said of the first goal.

Travers said the second goal was to enhance communication and teamwork between the school administration and building principals.

To do this, the subcommittee recommended that the superintendent meet weekly with district administrators and monthly with school directors and principals.

Moretti said he has met with all Norwood's school principals, and plans to begin the weekly meetings on Aug. 12.

The subcommittee identified that Moretti's third goal would be to examine the current instructional practices at the Coakley Middle School in relation to academic scheduling, which Moretti said he plans to have completed by December.

"This one is fairly complex," Moretti said. "We are looking at models for a middle school that will enhance learning, and I will chair those discussions," he said, adding that he met with a task force that has been examining the scheduling practices at the Coakley, and asked them to temporarily suspend their work so they can explore other options.

The fourth goal on the subcommittee's list is to have Moretti examine the administration in the central office and in each school across the system, which they said would include reviewing and updating job descriptions and taking to administrators to determine the effectiveness of the current system.

"We're working on that as we speak," Moretti said.

The subcommittee also established the need to create professional development practices for teachers to help improve MCAS scores.

"We've done an analysis of MCAS scores and the percentage of students performing in the advanced and proficient categories, and we've identified improvement goals for the system," Moretti said, "but we have to look at this systematically rather than trying to fix a particular subgroup."

Subcommittee members said an important part of achieving this goal was to determine how professional development specifically enhances student test scores and to examine how MCAS data would be used to formulate programs of instruction for teacher and students.

The last task is for the superintendent and the school committee to work together to enhance collaboration and communication.

"I've been here a month, and I feel that collectively, we're functioning at a very high rate," Moretti said.



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recommendation was to try and centralize the town's special education administrative tasks and to reduce the system's dependence on out-of-district programs.

"We need to streamline the process, and we need to reduce our reliance on out-of-district programs," Moretti said. "They handcuff school districts every year. We need consistency and continuity."

If approved, Moretti would hire two assistant special edu-

cation coordinators. One would focus on K-5 students, while the other would handle 6-12th graders. Once hired, the administrators would take the place of the assistant special education coordinator and the out-of-district coordinator. Both positions are currently vacant, leaving \$128,000 available in the FY09 budget.

"I think having a leader at these grade levels will help students transition between grades and will definitely streamline

the process," said committee member Courtney Rau.

Vice Chairman Dick Kief agreed that the school system needed to look at ways to better address the growing needs of the community's special needs students.

"We need to provide services for our students and be more consistent among the district," he said.

Moretti said his ultimate goal and first priority was to find ways to provide more specialized programs for students within the school system instead of sending them to other districts, which he said could lead to a tremendous cost savings for Norwood schools.

"This would be my number one priority," he said. "If it's not, and we continue along this path, we will be bankrupt. The more money we spend out of district, the less money we have internally."

According to Moretti, the school system currently spends close to \$5 million every year to provide Norwood's 90 out of district students with the specialized lesson plans they need. He said close to \$1 million of that is spent in transportation alone.

Moretti said he eventually envisioned taking students from each school in Norwood and bringing them to a central location in town for their lessons.

"We need to have the staff and the expertise to create internal programs, and we need to have the facility," he said.

But some members were reluctant to endorse Moretti's plan initially, saying they wanted more information before they made a decision.

"I think it's a good idea, but I'm concerned about our priorities," Kief said. "We're starting to cut into the FY09 budget, and I know we're tight there. I'd rather see an overview of the budget so we know where we're at and where we're going."

Member Mark Joseph said he wanted to see more details on how the district would house special education programs, and if it would be financially sound to reconstruct the Special Education administration.

"Do we really have the capacity for this," he asked, "and will these positions end up paying for themselves over time?"

Moretti said the positions would pay for themselves "ten-fold" as special needs students re-enter the district.

The School Committee is expected to vote on Moretti's recommendation at their next meeting on Aug. 13th.

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School visit *continued from page 1*

ing part of the building.

"More design work and better materials were used in the front of the building to produce that 'wow' factor," he said. "We want people to be impressed when they first walk into the building."

Lee said the classrooms at Whitman/Hanson were typically smaller than the MSBA required, while still adequately addressing the needs of the teachers and comfortably housing the approximately 1250 students who attend the school.

The performing arts auditorium at Whitman/Hanson seats 850 people. Its sprawling stadium seats, dramatic acoustic baffles and designated orchestra pit helped bring extra revenue into the school system through performances and concerts.

"We've had people come from as far as Carver to see our shows," Lee said. "The performance center encourages community use and brings revenue into the school system."

The high school also boasts a large gymnasium complete with an elevated walking track that Lee said is used frequently by the community. He said during graduation, they fit 2000 people in the gymnasium without using the bleachers.

Whitman/Hanson's music department includes two separate storage facilities and room for digital recording. Their art room is complete with kilns for clay molding and is flooded with natural light from the campus courtyard.

"This school has a nice balance," Rau said. "It's welcoming, friendly and spacious. It would really behoove us to consider this seriously."

"I honestly don't see any flaws with this design," Lee said at the end of the tour, "and if the MSBA is considering this as their model, then I guess we've done something right."

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are contemplating still life pieces, while others are crafting specialty ceramic bowls to include in the show.

"There are just so many ways to interpret it, which is why we thought it would be great to open this up to the public," owner Julie Vecchio said.

The show will also help fill the bowls of some of Norwood's neediest, as half of any sales made during the month long show will be donated to the Norwood Food Pantry.

"We're really trying to get the community involved through art," Vecchio said.

Weineck and Vecchio have opened the exhibit not only in the number of artists that can submit work, but in the types of work they will place in the show.

"We're open to all mediums," Weineck said. "We really want to see what people can do with this."

The only restriction is in size, which Vecchio and Weineck have capped at a generous 40"x60".

The pieces must also be in salable condition, so a portion of the proceeds can go to the food pantry.

Custom Art Framing will also provide framing and matting service for interested artists at a discounted price.

"We just want everyone to have fun with this, and we want to try and break down some of the barriers for the public," Weineck said. "Sometimes you walk into a gallery on Newbury Street and the people at the desk won't give you the time of day,

but we're totally approachable and we really want to help people who are interested in exploring art for themselves."

The public will also have the opportunity to vote on a "fan favorite." The winning artist will receive a \$200 gift certificate to Custom Art Framing.

"We want everyone to participate," Vecchio said, "because art really can be for everybody. Even people who don't submit can still participate by voting for their favorite and helping out an artist they particularly like, and it's an opportunity for less experienced artists who may have never shown their work in a gallery to get out there and meet other artists."

"A lot of people are just sort of scared," said Weineck. "They think it's going to be that high end atmosphere and that intimidates a people. But we're the alternative to that. We're a little bit of Newbury Street right here in Norwood."

Submissions for "Life is a bowl of..." will be accepted through Aug. 22. Artwork will be hung the week of Aug. 29, and the show will run through September. The opening reception will be held the weekend of Sept. 12 and 13.

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact Julie Vecchio and Kim Weineck at Custom Art Framing and Gallery 9 by calling (781) 762-3300 or visiting their website at [www.customartframing.com](http://www.customartframing.com).

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# Sports



Whale of a win! Norwood pitcher Shannon Whalen was a picture of excellence in the Mustangs' thrilling 2-1 over Dedham last week. Whalen allowed only three hits, while striking out eight and walking none.

PHOTO BY MIKE STOLLER

## FLYING HIGH! Mustangs soar over Eagles in 18-and-under softball playoffs

Mike Stoller  
Staff Reporter

When it counted the most, the Norwood 18-and-under girls' squad got the job done Monday night in a stunning 3-1 win over Sharon in the opening round of the Hockomock Girls Summer Softball League playoffs. (The next two rounds were slated to be played after The Record's press time).

The win avenged a 6-3 loss to the Eagles during the regular season, when Norwood finished in third place with an 8-2 record among the competitive 13-team division.

The Mustangs did it with the strong pitching of Ali Maloof and Lauren Duggan, and it was the former who registered 12 strikeouts in a brilliant performance against Sharon in the first postseason tilt.

Norwood was scheduled to battle second place King Phillip Pride Team 1 in the semifinals on Tuesday night, while King Phillip Pride Team 2 was to play Mansfield, with the winners advancing to the championship game on Wednesday.

"Ali Maloof showed poise and control on the mound," said league luminary Donna David, who coaches the 14-and-under team. "(And) her teammates gave her the offense needed."

The Mustangs scored first in the third inning when Maeve Finneran came across on a bases loaded walk.

There was no scoring again until the fifth, when Sharon tied the game in the top of the frame, but Norwood came back strong in the bottom half.

Finneran led off with a walk

and Maloof singled, before a passed ball advanced the runners to second and third.

Alex Dukas reached on a perfectly placed bunt, as Finneran scored to make it 2-1 on the well-executed squeeze play. Maloof came across on a wild pitch for the insurance run.

The Mustangs had all the runs they needed, thanks to their strong defense, particularly Gina Mancini's game-saving catch of a blistering line drive to third in the last inning with a runner on first.

Also playing well in the field was second baseman Stephanie Callahan and first baseman Duggan.

"(Callahan) had an outstanding game at second," said David. "(And) Duggan made a key double play on a bunt."

## Hockomock girls fall to Dedham

Mike Stoller  
Staff Reporter

After defeating Dedham twice during the regular season, the Norwood 12-under softball team wasn't as fortunate in its first-round playoff joust against its rival on Monday night in Plainville. The Mustangs fell, 5-1, in the Hockomock Girls Summer Softball League West postseason tilt.

"The first inning was tough," said Norwood head coach Maria Gorman. "Errors cost us three runs."

That didn't take away from another solid pitching outing by Shannon Whalen, who beat Dedham, 2-1, in the final regular season game last week (see pg. 8).

"(She) pitched a good game, and we had some great plays after that, but we just could not

produce with the bats," said Gorman of the playoff loss. "The last inning we came back and fought hard."

During the last frame, Jessica Gorman led off with a walk, and Sydney Cherella reached on an error. Kacie Smith singled in Gorman for Norwood's only run of the night.

Gorman also noted that Emily Kelley "had two great hits and both times the centerfielder made two great diving plays..."

"Dedham came out to win," Gorman added. "They are a great team, and it was probably the only team I did not want to face in the playoffs. It is hard to beat the same team three times. (But) the girls had a great season, and we ended up finishing second in the league."



Kacie at the bat: Kacie Smith drops down a perfectly placed bunt hit to start a second inning rally that produced a run in Norwood's 2-1 win over Dedham last week.

PHOTO BY MIKE STOLLER



That's Sandy being Sandy: Norwood left fielder Sandy Lynch steps up to the plate after making a terrific catch in last week's 2-1 regular season win over Dedham in the Hockomock Girls Summer Softball League.

PHOTO BY MIKE STOLLER

# PLAYOFF BOUND

## Hockomock girls finish winning season with victory over Dedham

Mike Stoller  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood squad age 12-and-under rode a strong 7-3 record into this week's playoffs in the Hockomock Girls Summer Softball League. The Mustangs were scheduled to open the postseason against Dedham this past Monday night in Plainville (see pg. 7), after finishing the regular season with a stunning 2-1 win over the same team last week at Kelley Field. The win gave Norwood a season sweep over Dedham, as the Mustangs also defeated their rival, 6-4, on June 25.

Riding the arm of right-hander Shannon Whalen, Norwood was in playoff form in its latest victory over Dedham. Whalen allowed only three hits while striking out eight and walking none.

"Shannon pitched an unbelievable game, she had no walks," said Norwood head coach Maria Gorman. "It was a team effort after that, the way they ran the bases, the way they hit, just everything."

Everything would include one heck of a catch by left fielder Sandy Lynch in the top of the fourth inning. With one out,

the fleet-footed outfielder ranged to her right to snare a sharp liner heading for the corner.

"Sandy Lynch made an unbelievable catch," said Gorman, whose squad led, 2-0, at the time. "That was huge."

Whalen, meanwhile, was almost flawless after surrendering a lofted double into right in the opening frame. She got out of that jam with a pair of come-backers to the mound and a strikeout.

That was enough to motivate the offense, which took a 1-0 lead in the bottom half of the inning. Speedy centerfielder Jenna Whelan reached on an infield hit to the left side and stole second. Whelan advanced to third on a groundout by Kayla Garczynski and scored on a single to right by Emily Kelly.

After Whalen struck out two more in the second, Norwood scored again in the bottom of the frame. The rally was similar to that of the first inning.

Kacie Smith beat out a perfectly placed bunt and stole second. She moved to third on a groundout by Lauren Harrington and scored on a slow grounder to the pitcher by Megan McCarthy.

Allison Fitzgerald kept the inning going with an infield hit and reached second on a wild throw. She stole third, but the threat ended with a fly out to right.

Whalen again fanned two in the third, but Dedham also got some solid pitching as the Mustangs were also retired in order, including two strikeouts.

Lynch's great catch in left in the fourth kept the momentum in Norwood's favor, though the Mustangs failed to score in the bottom half, despite a single to center and a stolen base by Garczynski.

Whalen surrendered a lead-off hit in the fifth, but retired the next three hitters on a pair of groundouts and her seventh strikeout of the night.

She rang up number eight in the sixth for the second out, after an error and stolen base put a runner on second. Another miscue allowed the visitors to break the shut out, but Whalen got the last hitter on a pop out to first.

The 10-and-under group was slated to open its playoff round against the Norton Team A squad on Monday, while the 18-and-under juggernaut was scheduled to play Sharon.



Above: Jenna Whelan singled to start the first inning rally in the Hockomock League's 12-and-under softball team match-up against Dedham. Below: Sydney Cherella throws the ball in from third base.

PHOTO BY MIKE STOLLER



## 10-and-under squad advances

Mike Stoller  
Staff Reporter

Powered by a pair of two-run doubles by Kara Shea and Sydney Macquillen and an RBI single down the right field line by Hannah Gillis, the Norwood 10-and-under softball team routed first-place Norton, 13-4, to advance to the West Division championship game in the Hockomock Girls Summer Softball League Monday night in Plainville. Norwood (8-3) was scheduled to take on third-place Plainville in the title grudge match Tuesday night, after the fourth-ranked Mustangs lost by a run, 10-9, to the Pride during the regu-

lar season.

"We really hit the ball better than we hit all year," said head coach Ellen Flynn of Monday's win against Norton (9-2), whose only loss came at the hands of Norwood during the regular campaign. "We just beat them with our bats."

Kristen Flynn went the distance on the hill, and got out of several jams.

"In the third inning, with the bases loaded, I went out to the mound and asked her if she was tired, and she said, 'No,' as she typically does," said her mother and coach. "I said, 'Okay, you walk (the next batter), you're done.'"

The ace hurler then provided the heroics, striking out the next two batters to secure

what was only a two-run lead at the time.

"I was ready to pull her," said the coach. "It's tough being a mother, but she struck out the next two hitters."

Catcher Erin Garczynski put in her usual stellar effort behind the plate.

"She's one of the great attributes to our team," said Ellen Flynn. "She's got a great arm. Defensively, she's solid and just makes a huge difference on a team."

"Last year was my dream team, but this is the team that did things we didn't expect it to," added the coach, whose team rebounded after a heartbreaking 7-6 opening day loss to Walpole.

## Weekly Property Transactions

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Wiksten, Eric P	McClellan, John C	5 Blossom St	\$387,000

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## NHS athletics department launches online registration

To help improve efficiency and communication to parents and athletes, the Norwood High School Athletic Department has instituted an on-line registration for all students interested in playing a sport at Norwood High School. The registration can be accomplished by logging onto [www.norwoodmustangs.com](http://www.norwoodmustangs.com).

A new section has been added to the web site for Sport Registration. The registration consists of filling in basic information or selecting from a pop-up window. The information includes sport, name, address, phone number, cell number, emails of parents and athletes, date of birth, and grade.

A question is also asked if the student transferred from another school.

The unofficial date of the student's last physical should also be entered.

Please note a copy of the physical must be sent to the school along with permission form and user fee. Permission forms can be downloaded from this page and must be signed and returned before the student can participate in practice.

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Or they can be dropped off at the Athletic Director's office.

This new on-line registration will create an email database. The database will allow better communication between the Athletic Department/coaches and individual athletes, teams, and parents, providing information on upcoming sporting events.

# Deaths

**BEDER**

Vida L. of Norwood, July 28. Beloved daughter of Rostislav & Regina Beder of Westwood. Dear sister of Mark Beder and his wife Inga of CA. Loving aunt of Stephanie and Danielle. Funeral arrangements by the Casper Funeral Home. Interment Forest Hills Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Vida's memory to Lithuanian Children's Relief, 261 Thatcher St., Brockton, MA 02302.

**GERAGHTY**

Irma C. (Schoener) of Westwood, died August 1st at age 100. Beloved wife of the late Joseph P. Geraghty. Loving mother of Joseph P. Geraghty Jr. and his wife Joan of Franklin, formerly of Walpole & Norwood and the late E. Robert Geraghty and his late wife Carol. Irma is survived by 7 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and many loving nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by nine brothers and four sisters. Funeral arrangements by the Holden, Dunn and Lawler Funeral Home. Interment at Old Westwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Irma's memory to the Deutsches Altenheim, 2222 Centre St., West Roxbury, MA 02132 or to the Friends of the Westwood Council on Aging, 60 Nahatan St, Westwood, MA 02090.

**HESSELSCHWERDT**

Margaret M. (O'Brien) of Roslindale, July 31. Beloved wife of the late John J. Hesselschwerdt. Devoted mother of John Hesse and his wife Cheryl of Northbridge, Irene McDonnell and her husband Gregory of Florida, Marylou Jarasitis and her husband Gerard of Chelmsford, Paul Hesselschwerdt and his wife Janet of Norwood and the late Diane and Jeanne Hesselschwerdt. Also survived by 10 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and many nieces and neph-

ews. Sister of Mary McDermott of Norwood and the late Catherine Rosata and John O'Brien. Funeral from the P.E. Murray-George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home. Interment in Gethsemane Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers expressions of sympathy may be made in Margaret's memory to St. John Chrysostom Church, 4750 Washington St., West Roxbury, MA 02132.

**KOZAK**

Virginia Frances (Miele) of Norwood, formerly of Dedham, Aug. 1. Beloved wife of the late Robert M. "Andy", devoted mother of Kenneth R. and his wife Jeanne of Norwood and Stephen A. and his wife Deborah of Millis. Also survived by four grandchildren, Kenneth J. and his wife Pamela, Mark, Lisa, Michael and one great-grandchild, Olivia. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, donations in her name to Alzheimer's Assoc., 311 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 02472 would be appreciated.

**VINSON**

Kenneth of Walpole, died July 30. He was the husband of Patricia (Doe) Vinson. He was the loving father of Derek Vinson of Norwood, and Karen A. Leggett of South Carolina, and was the dear brother of Joseph and George Vinson of Norwood, Marcelle Holmes of Duxbury, Maryann Henderson of Norwood, and the late Evelyn Chase. He was the devoted grandfather of Suzanne and Sophia Leggett. Funeral from the RJ Ross Funeral Home. A Memorial Service will be planned at a later date. Donations in his memory may be made to the Caritas Good Samaritan Hospice, 3 Edgewater Drive, Norwood, MA 02062, or to the Jimmy Fund, 10 Brookline Place West 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7295.

# The Record Book

**DIAMOND CLUB LEAGUE**

The Norwood Diamond Club will be sponsoring a Fall Baseball League for "Babe Ruth" age boys who played Babe Ruth baseball this year or will be eligible to play Babe Ruth in 2009 (players born between 5/1/92 - 4/30/96). The league is looking for both players and coaches. Each team will play 12 games over six weekends beginning in September. Games will be scheduled on Friday nights, Saturdays, and Sundays. In addition to the scheduled games, there will be clinics held by the Norwood High School baseball staff and members of the NHS baseball team. The cost is \$125 per player (\$120 registration fee, plus \$5 Town of Norwood field usage fee). Checks should be made payable to the Norwood Diamond Club. Registration forms are available at the Norwood Recreation Department, Kelley Field, or contact: Ed Hickey (617) 759-3472, Tracey Black (781) 762-9931, or Bill Marchant (781) 762-5411. Registrations must be received by Aug. 15.

**LADIES AUXILIARY CAR WASH**

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Norwood VFW will be holding a car wash On Saturday, Aug. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The car wash will be in the parking lot of the VFW at 193 Dean St., Norwood. The cost is \$5 per vehicle. All proceeds will benefit the programs the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW.

**WIDOWED LIFELINE**

Widowed Lifeline meets every Thursday night at the Grace Episcopal Church on Chapel St. For more information, call Rita Carpenito at (781) 762-6018.

**TOASTMASTERS CLUB MEETING**

The Norwood Toastmasters Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Emerald Court Nursing Home, 460 Washington St. Visitors welcome. Contact Mary McNamara-Cullinane, (508) 850-0077 or email marymc5@msn.com.

**MORSE HOUSE TOURS**

The George H. Morse Meeting House, Museum and Education Center will be opened for guided tours on Aug. 10. All tours are from 1-4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

**THRIFT SHOP SUMMER HOURS**

The thrift shop, located at 1194 Washington St., will be closed on Thursday s in July and August. The shop is open Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Donations of clean clothing and small household goods, are accepted during regular business hours.

**ST. CATHERINE'S OPENINGS**

St. Catherine's of Siena school has limited openings in the three-day (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) and four day (Monday-Thursday) programs for pre-K age children. If interested, call Karen Gillis at (781) 769-5354, ext. 262 for registration information or a tour of the school.

**MUSIC CAMP PREPARES STUDENTS**

The annual music camp begins on Aug. 17 for a week of practice and fun. More than 80 students will travel to Camp Tapawingo in southern Maine, along with teachers, adult chaperones and staff.

Norwood students in eighth grade or above are eligible to attend music camp. School music groups include the Marching Band, Color Guard, String Orchestra, Madrigal Singers and other choral ensembles. To learn more about Norwood's music camp, visit [www.norwoodpma.org/camp.html](http://www.norwoodpma.org/camp.html) or contact Dotty Cronan at (781) 762-0381.

**CRAFT WORKSHOPS IN AUGUST**

In August, the Morrill Memorial Library is offering three craft workshops on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. On Thursday, Aug. 7, Marty Khudairi will conduct a class making a pair of earrings from semi precious stones. This class is limited to 12 people and there is a materials fee of \$14. On Thursday, Aug. 14, Marj Corjay will conduct a stenciling class — stencil your own tote bag! This class is limited to 15 people. Materials are free. On Thursday, Aug. 21, Marty Khudairi will conduct a class on making a hand-knotted freshwater pearl necklace. Marty is an experienced jewelry maker, conducts classes, workshops and demonstrations. This class is limited to 12 people and there is a materials fee of \$14. Call (781) 769-0200, ext. 223 to register.

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

Ray Leach & The Suburbanaires Big Band perform on Aug. 10 and The Olde Kids on he Block take to the gazebo on Aug. 17 followed by the Boston City Band on Aug. 24. The 2008 series concludes on Aug. 31 with the South Shore Circus Concert Band. All performances are 7-9pm at the Walter J. Dempsey Bandstand on the Norwood Town Common.

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### 07/29/2008 - Tuesday

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0809 phone. B & E of motor vehicle. Location/address: 15 High St.

0919 911. Trespassing. Location/address: 83 Ledgeview Dr. Caller reports kids entered his yard last evening and must have climbed the fence to swim in his pool. He noticed pool furniture moved around this morning as it was used to exit fenced area.

1627 walk-in. B & E of motor vehicle Norwood Plaza, 130 Nahatan St.

1821 walk-in. Larceny investigated. Jiffy Lube, 770 Bos-Prov Hwy. Walk-in reported theft of a GPS device from a vehicle.

1850 walk-in. Stolen bicycle. Norwood Central MBTA Station, Broadway St. Caller reported stolen bike from train station.

1948 initiated. Lost and found services rendered. Mobil Gas, 499 Washington St. Officer reported finding purse. Returned to owner.

1955 phone. Drunk person. Protective custody. Balch School, 1168 Washington St. Caller reported intoxicated male on bike falling into traffic. Transport assist to 30 Dean St. Subject released to custody of a friend.

2006 phone. Fraud investigated. Location/address: 82 Railroad Ave. Caller reported unauthorized use of a credit card. N661 reports caller does not have a credit

card. Caller will speak w/Sovereign Bank in a.m. about credit, if compromised. Will re-call PD for report.

2220 phone. Unwanted party. Location/address: 200 Buckminster Dr., #105. Caller requested assistance with unwanted party. Subject removed from residence.

### 07/30/2008 - Wednesday

0041 phone. Violation of town bylaw, spoken to. Location/address: Lenox St. Caller reports truck idling in lot in front of sign. N661 sent and spoke to driver who had since moved to upper lot and advised.

0300 phone. Violation of town bylaw, spoken to. Location/address: D&G Deli Inc., 301 Nahatan St. Truck making delivery. N662 sent, officer located driver on Washington St., by Perks. Driver making bread delivery and was advised of complaint. He will shut down truck to minimize noise.

0321 initiated. Susp. activity spoken to Location/address: Napper Tandy's, 46 Day St. N668 speaking with Tiffany Albert and three other females. N662 responded. Fio'd and sent on their way.

0947 911. Unwanted party, services rendered. Location/address: 310 Dean St. Caller reports he wants girlfriend removed from home for the second time today. Officers speak to her, she is there for medications and will leave.

1538 walk-in. Fraud. Location/address: Citizens Bank, 134 Nahatan St. Woman

from Cambridge and works in Dedham came into station To report misuse of lost (lost in June) credit card.

1803 phone. Sex offenses. Arrest(s) made. Call taker: dispatcher Joseph C Sampson. Location/address: 650 block - Pleasant St. Incident on Mon. 7/28/08. B.C.I. assists, State Police assist with evidence recovery at station. N665 assist at station with photo array. Attempt arrest, 15 Allen Rd. No answer. Transport victim to hospital. Arrest: O'Neill, Michael t Address: 15 Allen Rd. Norwood, MA. DOB: 08/25/1976. Charges: rape

2057 cellular. Susp. person, area search negative. Location/address: 42 Chapel St. Report w/m, dark hair, blk shirt, jeans, was interrupted by neighbors near back deck of house (one resident home) as if he was going to climb onto same. Left towards Washington St.

2149 Walk-in. Auto theft. Location/address: 12 Vernon St. Party states her vehicle was either towed or stolen from the parking lot that runs behind Perks.

2254 initiated. Vandalism, services rendered, Oldham School, 165 Prospect St. N665 reports other side of a pane that was already broken, then taped, is now broken.

### 07/31/2008 - Thursday

0303 initiated. Susp. activity, group moved. Location/address: Wilson St. N679 off with three individuals at Wilson St. Park. N663 sent. All parties FIO'd. (

Krystal Boswell, Patrick Haley, Michael Gekht) and sent on their way.

0440 phone. Fire alarm. Spoken to. Location/address: 61 Maple St. Resident out for walk reports fire alarm beeping at #61 Maple. N663 sent and spoke with home owner who had placed alarm on porch. All in order and he will take care of it.

0455 phone. Violation of town bylaw, gone on arrival. Location/address: Lenox St. Park. Call for truck running in between buildings.

0540 phone. Sex offenses, services rendered. Norwood Hospital, 800 Washington St. N663 transports item from Norwood Hospital to BCI.

0746 phone. Larceny ICI/Delux Paints (is also called "ICI"), 375 Vanderbilt Ave. Converter taken off delivery truck.

1030 phone. B & E of motor vehicle. Residence Inn by Marriot, 275 Norwood Pk. B&E of mv overnight.

1108 phone. Trespassing. Spoken to. Location/address: Olde Derby Village, 4 Olde Derby Rd. Marsha from Olde Derby office reports the "super" saw Barbara Ryan on the property. Letter of disinvite in affect. No further information could be provided. Subject has left the property, they will call if she returns.

1206 911. Threats, spoken to. Location/address: Raymond James Financial Ser-

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vice, 89 Access Rd. Caller Dave Nicholson feels he was threatened by employee he terminated by phone.

1421 phone. Animal complaint, area search negative. Location/address: 4 Burnley Rd. Mary Laughlin reports her son's two dogs were attacked by a Chocolate Lab. He was scratched and she was bitten defending the smaller dogs. They have taken pets to vets and are not home. Off. Guarino checked area for dog, nothing showing. NACO also notified.

1510 phone. Animal complaint, services rendered. Location/address: 141 Devon Rd. Previous animal call, dog located at 141 Devon Rd. NACO took dog into custody. Dog does not belong at that address, just located there.

1538 phone - Suicide /or threat. Location/address: Plymouth Drive. Maintenance finds resident with plastic bag over her head, He removed it and believes she is breathing.

1551 walk-in. Lost and found taken/referred to other Location/address: Grossman's Bargain Outlet, 160 Lenox St. Plate found by business, MA 99bb87. Resident of Franklin. Franklin PD notified to go by house. No phone listed.

1627 phone. Shoplifting. Arrest(s) made. Location/address: TJ Maxx, 146 Nahatan St. Loss prevention states shoplifter in custody. Arrest: Shalbey, Garrett G. Address: 71 Winter St., Norwood, MA. DOB: 06/08/1983. Charges: shoplifting.

1917 phone. Unwanted party. Location/address: 84 Alandale Pkwy. Caller states Sean Cooley will not leave residence.

1927 phone. Animal complaint, services rendered. Location/address: Endicott St. Caller states goose has two broken wings and one broken leg. NACO notified.

2010 phone. Mischief (kids), gone on arrival. Location/address: Norwood Depot - Railroad Ave. MBTA station chief called, stated engineer on Stoubound Franklin line train passed through Norwood Depot Station. Reported five youths on tracks, attempting to hang onto train as it was mov-

ing. Offs. Checked area. No kids youths could be located.

**08/01/2008 - Friday**

0234 phone. Noise complaint. Location/address: Keegan's Norwood Jewelers - 1135 Washington St. Caller reports kids in car hanging out in rear lot. Second caller reports fight took place in rear lot and a male party is injured. Patient refusal. N665 Responded with camera. Report filed.

0901 phone. Assist citizen, spoken to. Location/address: Four Points Sheraton - 1151 Bos-Prov Hwy. Management request police presence for guest in room #358. She will not let management into her room without an officer. She is a problem guest. Matter resolved, guest left without incident.

1317 phone. Auto theft services rendered Location/address: Norwood Hospital, 800 Washington St. Sandra Bemis reports her car is missing. She parked it in the rear of hospital on street and it is not there. Blue Hyundai. Vehicle and owner reunited, not stolen just misplaced.

1604 phone. Report of fight. Location/address: 35 Tremont St. A. Report of two males, one female, fight, maybe an injury. NFD sent. Bolo for MV that left towards Walpole. 1854 hrs-info received that subject we are trying to ID has returned. Units sent. N663 reports all parties spoken to, simple assault, advised of rights to go to court, report filed.

1711 phone. Noise complaint spoken to. Location/address: 92 Bornwood Dr. Party from Redwood Dr. in lobby complaining of neighbors making noise. N677 spoke to same, #92 not a good address. Not making noise now, informed to call PD at time of incident.

1726 walk-in. Vandalism, spoken to. Location/address: 405 Neponset St. A. Party in lobby reports she believed nail in her tire was deliberate due to past house B&E's in area earlier in year. Already had it fixed. Mc7 spoke to her, appears not to be a malicious act.

1829 911. Susp.. person.. Location/ad-

dress: 116 Ledgeview Dr. Report w/m, white bb cap, painters outfit, all white, white mv, stating there to power wash house. Homeowner did not order same. Bolo to cars, 1901-subject returned, units sent back- address mix-up-116 Edgehill Rd.

2214 phone. Susp. vehicle. Services rendered. Location/address: Lenox St. Party in lobby reports that around 2120 hrs on Lenox St., in area of Concannon's, while her daughter and friend were walking along street an older red car, male operator, 30's slowed down, looked at them and drove away. N670 spoke to mother and both girls, there was no contact made, no plate #.

2219 phone. Trespassing. Location/address: 125 Jefferson Dr. Female, crying, stated dk subject in area, letter of disinvite in effect. Units spoke to caller, did not wish to be involved, units checked streets, footpath to Bahama Etc. for Subject- goa.

2243 911. Report of fight, taken/referred to other. Location/address: [can] 184 Sherman St. Canton PD notified.

2307 phone. Noise complaint spoken to Location/address: 92 - Jacobsen Dr. Report people talking loudly on back deck. N663 reports party breaking up upon arrival.

2345 phone. Phone hrassment. Location/address: 23 Folan Ave.

**08/02/2008 - Saturday**

0013 phone. Fire alarm, peace restored. Location/address: 13 Hartford St. Caller reports that she has heard the fire alarm across the Street. NFD responding. NFD located the alarm and entered the bui9ling to shut it Off. Property owner was notified via phone that the apartment was entered

0356 phone. Missing person. Location/address: Community Living Program, 103 Winter St. Caller reports that some residents have not returned home. N663 dispatched Officer takes reports for Michelle Cleare and Ninoshka Boczenowski. Both females entered into LEAPS as missing persons.

0845 phone. Lost and found services rendered. Location/address: Home Depot

- 1415 Bos-Prov Hwy. Report two bicycles in lot for over a week. DPW sent w/p-up truck and returned them to station.

1032 phone. Unwanted party, services rendered. Location/address: Norwood Hospital, 800 Washington St. Hospital staff request removal of unwanted person. N661 reports this is a medical. Female walked into E/R from Generator Bldg. area.

1045 walk-in. Threats. Location/address: 1 Oxford Rd. Party in lobby reports subject in an upcoming court case called him. N665 to file compl. App.(intimdate witness) and Report. Summons: Brennan, John J. Address: 114 Normandy Dr., Norwood, MA. DOB: 05/13/1989 Charges: witness, intimidate

1117 phone. Auto theft. Complaint/summons. Location/address: 635 Norwest Dr. Report brother took MA pc 323aa9. Entered into LEAPS. 1220- Caller reports mv and brother returned. Units to home, while enroute two subjects fled to rear yard 630 Nahatan St. then left there. Units locate 635 Nahatan, n661 transports back to apt, n661 to file compl. App.(using w/out auth.) And Report. Summons: Harris, Anthony. Address: 835 Huntington, 602, Boston, MA. DOB: 02/20/1964 Charges: use MV without authority. License suspended, op. mv with.

1130 phone. Susp. person spoken to Location/address: 26 Summit Ave. Report w/m, blk hair, gry sht, dark pants, blu p-up w/cap in Driveway, subject at back door with pliers trying to get into home, home is vacant. N661(enroute to another call also stops at scene) units locate same, sub-contractor of bank putting in new locks.

1755 phone. Parking violation. Spoken to. Location/address: 16 Monroe St. Cars blocking street. Officer spoke with owner, vehicle moved.

1840 phone. Assist MCI/hosp. Services rendered. Location/address: Norwood Hospital, 800 Washington St. Prisoner en route from MCI Walpole.

1942 911 - drunk person. Protective custody. Location/address: 290 Vernon St. 911 caller states male in middle of street

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yelling and may be drunk. N677 and n661 sent. N677 places male into protective custody then releases party to custody of girlfriend. P/c: Watson, Matthew E. Address: 268 Vernon St. Norwood, MA. DOB: 09/01/1986. Charges: protective custody.

2104 phone. Juvenile offenses. Gone on arrival. Location/address: 16 Leyton Rd. Caller reported four juveniles placed cans of tomato sauce under her ve-

hicles tires. Parties left towards Westover Parkway.

2323 initiated. Susp. vehicle, services rendered. Location/address: Willett School, 100 Westover Pkwy. Officer reported finding pc MA 16lh80 in parking lot with debris all over it. Owner's parents contacted, will pick up vehicle.

#### 08/03/2008 - Sunday

0136 initiated - Susp. person. Location/address: Ridge Rd @ Access Rd. Officer reported male party placed into protective custody. Subject transport to 170 Prospect St. P/C: Phaneuf, Wayne C Address: 170 Prospect St. 59, Norwood, MA. DOB: 12/09/1977. Charges: protective custody.

0940 phone. Assist MCI/hosp. Services rendered. Location/address: Norwood Hospital, 800 Washington St.

0954 phone. Drunk driver. Services rendered. Location/address: 1000 Bos-Prov Hwy @ 200

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Dean St. Caller (would not leave name) reports possible drunken driver (glassy eyes, slurred words) asked for directions to RI, left Route 1 (South). BOLO to cars for 60s, red Pontiac.

1009 phone. Parking violation, citation/warning issued. Location/address: 55 David Terrace. Fire Lane violation. Tagged.

1151 phone. Breaking and entering. Location/address: Davey Allen Tree Experts, 674 Pleasant St.

1226 phone. Assist other agency. Services rendered. Location/address: Norwood Hospital, 800 Washington St., E/R room 4. Psych patient may escalate to violence. N668 Reports subject cooperative now, will recall PD if needed.

1319 phone. B & E of motor vehicle. Location/address: 152 Fulton St. Past B&E motor vehicle.

1328 911. Assist citizen, spoken to. Location/address: 73 Alandale Pkwy. Caller reports she returned home from vacation to find door open. NFD reported that the were in home early for a

report of smell of gas. All ok

1422 phone. B & E of motor vehicle. Location/address: 114 Fulton St. Motor vehickes broken into.

1434 911. Breaking and entering. Location/address: 114 Codman Rd.

2019 phone. Assist other agency. Normal response. Location/address: Norwood Hospital, 800 Washington St. MCI Norfolk bringing one to Norwood Hospital. N662 sent and MCI arrived, all ok.

2041 radio. Assist citizen, normal response. Location: Town Common. N661 assist with crowd after concert.

2055 911. Kids gathering, area search negative. Location/address: Murphy Field, 19 Lenox Ave.

2115 911. Susp. activity, gone on arrival. Location/address: Engamore Lane at Coventry Lane. Caller reported hearing pellet or bb gun being fired into trees.

2200 phone. Dispute. Location/address: 12 Morse Ave. Caller reported verbal argument in the street. Officers spoke with involved parties, verbal argument only.

2216 initiated. Assaults, spoken to. Location/address: Citgo - 960 Bos-Prov Hwy. Party approached 668 to report he was scratched by an unknown female, but would not reveal location or details. Subject did not want report taken at this time.

2257 initiated. Community police services rendered. Location/address: Broadway St. 668 walked tracks north of Norwood Central station.

2335 phone. Assaults. Location/address: Holtmans - Everett St. Westwood PD requested officer to assist with a possible assault. Assault occurred in Norwood. 669 transport one female to station

#### 08/04/2008 - Monday

0022 phone. Report of fire vehicle towed. Location/address: Norwood High School, 245 Nichols St. Caller reported car fire. Norwood Fire notified. Vehicle extinguished. Towed by Negoshians.

0104 walk-in. Repossession, vehicle towed. Location/address: 400 Engamore Ln. Tow file added to NCIC.

0218 Initiated. Susp. person taken to family/guardian. Location/address: Cedar St. Officer

out with three youths.

1045 Phone. Vandalism. Report filed. Location/Address: Napper Tandy's, 46 Day St. R. Harkins reports his MV keyed while parked in municipal lot across from Napper Tandy's on Friday night.

1047 Walk-in. Larceny. Location/Address: East Vernon St. Ladders removed from truck.

1115 Phone. Assist citizen. Location/Address: 225 Neponset St. @ Bahama Drive. Woman reports a green fence across from Bahama Drive has an opening in it and kids are making it bigger. Officer to determine who fence belongs to. Fence belongs to ITT on Route 1. ITT contacted, message left. Property owned by Bobson. Realty, they were contacted and will check the fence.

1324 Phone. Animal complaint. Spoken, to. Location/Address: Building #19 3/4, 1450 BOS-PROV Highway. Dog inside Volvo wagon. Windows are barely cracked open. Dog inside over half hour. Owner spoken to. Dog is safe.

1514 Phone. Violation of town bylaw. Location/Address: Gazebo, Town Common, 566 Washington St. Kids on Gazebo. Skateboard confiscated. Mother to come in for same.

1536 Phone. Assist citizen. Location/Address: Birch Road. Three trash bags in wheelbarrow left in the street near trash day that he did not want tossed out. Trash was left, but the wheelbarrow was picked up. Off. Reen will attempt to find the landscape company that may have removed it. No crime at this time .

1604 Phone. Drunk person. Arrest(s) made. Location/Address: 15 Vernon St. As a result, N662 places suspect under arrest. P/C: Macphee, Kenneth J. Address: 15 Vernon ST., 2, Norwood, MA. DOB: 05/14/1965. Charges: Disorderly conduct, protective custody.

1900 Phone. Mischief (kids), spoken to. Report seven kids, one threw something at her MV parked in driveway. Ran towards Normandy Drive. No damage. Located two seperate groups of kids. One group not involved. Spoke to second group and they were sent on their way.

2015 Phone. Mischief (kids). Location/Address: 639 Norwest Drive. Parent called reporting kid wants to fight her son.

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