



The lighting has become a signature event in Norwood after just one iteration last year.

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## Menorah Lighting draws big, festive crowd

**Matthew MacDonald**  
Staff Reporter

On Sunday, Dec. 22, about 100 local residents and officials gathered at sunset on the Nahatan Street side of the Common for the Town's second annual Menorah Lighting.

The ceremony marked the start of Hanukkah – the Jewish Festival of Lights – an eight-day commemoration of the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem after the Maccabees' vic-

tory over the Seleucid Empire of Syria more than two thousand years ago.

The lighting ceremony was prefaced by remarks from Board of Selectmen Chair Paul Bishop and an introduction by Rabbi Mendy Horowitz of the Chai Jewish Center – the Canton (580 Washington St.) community center and synagogue sponsoring the event.

In his opening comments, Horowitz spoke of the Norwood ceremony – first held in 2018 – as an immediate response to the mass shooting that had happened at

Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue in October of that year resulting in 11 deaths. "We decided," he said of his public menorah inspiration, "what better way to fight darkness than with light."

Speaking after the lighting, Rivka Horowitz – the rabbi's wife – added more detail as to how the Canton based center came to sponsor a menorah cer-

**Menorah**

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## ZBA reviews conversion plans

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Zoning Board of Appeals met last week and discussed several properties concerning two and three-family housing proposals.

The Board discussed a dual proposal from resident Joseph Gulla for 15 and 17 Howard St. The Board voted to continue a hearing for 15 Howard St. to Jan. 7, but to approve 17 Howard. The plans request a complete demolition and reconstruction of the two-family residence at 15 Howard with a bigger footprint, requiring a special permit and a variance. Both requests require that the new building not be more of a detriment to the neighborhood than the original building, for which the Board had to decide. The proposal at 17 Howard is pretty much the same, except that it will now be a three-family. The building currently at 15 Howard faces the street while 17 Howard is almost directly behind the building at 15 Howard.

Gulla said the need for the reconstruction, is obvious, at least to him. "They're both falling apart," he said.

One of the biggest issues is the driveway at 17 Howard. Since the building is in the back, there is a driveway for 15 Howard on the north side of the property and a driveway going behind 15 to 17 Howard on the right side of 15 Howard.

"This drives everybody crazy,"

**ZBA**

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## Norwood's 2019 in review

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

Norwood had a banner year in terms of firsts for the Town for 2019, the first financial budget override, the establishment of new committees and a brand new Zoning Overlay District for Downtown.

The two big ticket items on everybody's minds were the Budget Override and the status of the Forbes

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One of the biggest changes to Norwood would be the downtown zoning change in the Mixed-Use Overlay District, which now allows property owners more flexibility for density and massing.

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Hill property. A Budget override had been discussed for years, however the Town was always able to come up with funds in the face of budget shortfalls, either through departmental cuts or by using free cash or other one-time funding sources, but in 2019 there was little in the way of extra cash and budgets had been cut to the bone.

The Town voted by a wide margin to pass Proposition 3 on June 3rd. Despite the large number of signs throughout the Town suggesting the Override would pass, officials were still nervous as to the actual outcome, as Town Manager Tony Mazzucco pointed out at the time, "Signs don't vote."

The majority of the \$5.95 million the override raised (\$4.7 million) will be going to fix the structural deficit in the Norwood Schools. Officials from the department lauded the decision, as without the Override many felt the cuts required to get to a balanced budget would have devastating consequences on the School Department's level of services, creating a snowball effect on the Town's property values.

The Override did not address the need for a new middle school, as the Coakley nears its functional obsolescence. According to School Facilities Manager Paul Riccardi, the boiler system and heating and ventilation systems are getting

to the point where in the next five years, it would actually be cheaper to build a new school than to fix the current systems. So, the Town is now going through the process with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) to plan and design a new school. The Town is projecting that at least half of the costs of designing and building a new school will be reimbursed through the MSBA, but Norwood still has to pay the full upfront costs. The Town at the Fall Town Meeting approved \$1.5 million for a feasibility study into a new school or renovation.

The other big issue has been the projected sale of the Forbes Hill property, including the Forbes Mansion, for which the Town bought for \$13 million in 2017 for the express purpose of avoiding another massive housing project slated for the property. The Town formed a Forbes Hill Task Force which, with the

help of the Planning Department, outlined a Zoning Overlay District to allow for more flexibility and predictability for potential developers and buyers of the property. After reviewing multiple proposals, the Town decided to go with a plan put forth by Dr. Roberto Feliz to build a "Medical City of Norwood", with medical facilities and housing, rather than just the two housing proposals submitted after the Town released its Request for Proposal (RFP). The future of this proposal is still up in the air, however, since Dr. Feliz has yet to finalize funding, and has until Jan. 31 before the Board of Selectmen will reconsider its options.

The year also saw the completion of the Mark C. Welch Memorial Administration Building at the Norwood Memorial Airport. The Town dedicated the building to Welch because of his service to both his country in the U.S. Marine Corps and to the Town of Norwood. Welch grew up on Barberry Lane and Attended St. Catherine's School before moving on to Xaverian in Westwood. As a helicopter pilot in the Corps, he served two tours in Iraq and assisted in the relief efforts in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina. Welch received four Presidential Unit Citation Awards for Heroism,

the National Defense Service Medal, the Naval and Marine Achievement Medal and the Kosovo Service Medal. He passed in 2016 at age 44.

This year also brought some much needed updates to the Town Hall including the start of a project to make the elevator in the Town Hall compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (the elevator was built in 1988). The other, perhaps more re-sounding project at Town Hall was approved at the May Town Meeting from the Community Preservation Fund to refurbish and renovate the Carillon in the Town Hall Tower. The Carillon is a set of bells played with a keyboard, and is one of a very select few left in the country. It was placed in the Memorial Town Hall in 1928, dedicated by then Gov. Elect Charles Allen (look out for the documentary on him on Norwood Broadband Channel 9 this New Year's Day at 7 p.m.). But the bells have tolled for too long without maintenance, and at the behest of local Carilloner Lee Leach, the Town approved \$492,441 for the renovation, as well as the renovation for the Lower Balch Field and the Lower Pond Pavilion on Endicott Street.

All these projects and more can be found in more detail at [NorwoodRecord.com/back-issues-2019.html](http://NorwoodRecord.com/back-issues-2019.html).

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL – PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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 January 7, 2020 at 7:15 PM** on the request of Pathway Vet Alliance LLC dba: Norwood Animal Hospital (Case # 20-01) with respect to property located on **437 Walpole Street**, in a **G-General Business District**.

This Application requests a **SPECIAL PERMIT** under Section 6.2.16 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow a non-internally illuminated double-sided standing sign fabricated of carved sign foam and mounted on two aluminum posts @ 5'5 1/2" overall height. The sign panel measures 3'3" x 6'0" @ 19.5 sf. The sign will be set back 5'6" from the front property line to the leading edge of the sign pane to read: **Norwood Animal Hospital (#437)**

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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# Looking ahead in Norwood

Norwood has a good deal on the horizon after the resounding changes to many of the budgets and local organizations.

One of the biggest hopes for the new year is an increase in density to the Downtown area due to the new Mixed-Use Overlay District (MUOD), which will allow for taller buildings and residential development. The idea wasn't new, as something like this had been proposed years before, according to Town Planner Paul Halkiotis. The hope is to encourage more residents to utilize the Downtown area not just to shop, but to potentially live in order to stimulate Norwood's local businesses and allow for fewer cars, since residents will have more opportunities to walk, bike and utilize the two MBTA Commuter Rail Stations in close proximity.

Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said these kinds of developments are the smart move for growing communities, especially seeing how shopping habits have changed in favor of more convenience. It is hoped that residents will be enticed to patronize their local stores and achieve immediate satisfaction rather than waiting at least a whole day for shipping from online retailers.

The first MUOD application submitted to the Norwood Planning Board was in October for 12-14 Day St. The proposal was to allow for a modest increase in density to the property for owner Lewis Colten. He wanted to add three units to the two-family building already there. The Planning Board tabled the issue at the time as plans were not finalized, but it was a start. Then, at the fall Town Meeting, members voted to include a property at 145 Railroad Ave., which contains Dempsey Insurance and a dental practice. The owner of the property asked for the inclusion as he was under the impression before spring Town Meeting that his property was already included, and it does at least imply he may want to do something further in development of that location.

The Town will also be seeing some new blood on the Board of Selectmen, as both current Chairman Paul Bishop and member Allan Howard opted not to run in 2020.

Norwood also saw the purchase of the "Saints Street Lot" on Morse Street by Boch Automotive after business manager Michael Clemmey agreed to sell a portion of the property to the Town if officials agreed to allow development of an automobile storage facility. Discussions by multiple parties, including residents were quite contentious, however the upside is that in 2020 conservation land will be designated at the site, something Norwood is defi-

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# Police Logs

**Monday, December**

16 0857 Phone - Susp Activity Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Jefferson Dr Report that a dark skinned male, red hoodie, goes into wooded area behind home, removed something from a jar, smoked it, then left area. N665 reports subject is GOA, spoke to caller.

1307 Phone - Assist Other Agency Spoken To Location/Address: Callahan School (Acct# 1380d) - Garfield Ave Student acting up

1421 Cellular - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St Report MBTA bus with "Call Police" sign lit up. N663 stops same Washington/Cottage. N663 reports accidental by driver.

1611 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Adams St HESSCO requests check of resident who did not answer door for Meals on Wheels today. Officer spoke to her, all is well.

2200 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Fulton St Caller reports neighbors are being loud. N664 spoke to the neighbors they are having a birthday party and will keep it down.

**Tuesday, December 17**

0554 911 - Misdialed Call Assisted Party Location/Address: Victoria Haven Nursing Home - Nichols St A patient with dementia called 911 several times trying to get intouch with a nurse. N669 re-

sponded and spoke with the patient and nurses.

0850 Phone - Susp Activity \*Report Filed Location/Address: St John Ave Caller reports SP activity at the end of his street. Area searched negative.

1022 Phone - Report Of Fire Police & Fire Notified/Respond Location/Address: Washington St Report of a stove fire. 1444 Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Cameron Rd NACO removed a raccoon from the front yard.

1721 Walk-In - Warrant Service \*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Nahatan St Female arrives to be arrested for two warrants. Officers take her into custody. Arrest: Bailey, Tiffany M Address: 159 Edgehill Rd Norwood, Ma Age: 23 Charges: Warrant Arrest Warrant Arrest

1928 Phone - Drug Law Violation \*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Papa Gino's Nahatan - Nahatan St Subject in the bathroom may be under the influence . As a result one under arrest. Arrest: Gustowski, Shawn Steven Address: 82 Monroe St Norwood, Ma Age: 44 Charges: Drug, Possess Class B, Subsq.Off. Drug, Possess Class E

**Wednesday, December 18**

1448 Walk-In - Susp Activity

Removed Hazard Location/Address: Melville Ave Party reports possibly seeing a package taken from his neighbor's house. N677 will follow up with the resident.

1645 911 - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: Winslow Ave Caller reports he would like his grandson to leave. N662 reports it was a verbal argument and the parties have been advised.

1830 911 - Animal Complaint No Action Required Location/Address: Elliot St Caller reports a dog has been outside for a few hours. Caller notified us that the dog is now in the house.

**Thursday, December 19**

0207 911 - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Garfield Ave Caller reports her neighbor/friend's dog has been outside nearly 2 hours and appeared to be whining. She is concerned as she was not able to reach them by phone. N677 responded and spoke with homeowner who states the dog does have access in and out. Neighbor notified.

0531 Initiated - Road Hazard State DPW/Norwood DPW Notified Location/Address: Verizon - Access Rd N677 reports deep pot hole on Access Rd. just before the Verizon

**Police Logs**

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## Will Foreign Earnings Count toward my U.S. Social Security?

**Dear Rusty:** I am looking for advice on how our recent decision to take up work in the United Kingdom will affect our U.S. Social Security benefits. I want to understand whether we need to be prepared for a loss in future Social Security benefits, in comparison to what we'd get by continuing to work in the U.S. Signed: Working Abroad.



**Russell Gloor**  
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Working Abroad:** I'll start by noting that the U.S. and the U.K. have a bilateral "totalization" agreement which helps those who have worked in both countries qualify for Social Security benefits in the other, but this relates only to you earning enough credits to be eligible for benefits. Your foreign earned income won't be included when computing your U.S. Social Security benefits.

Under the "totalization agreement if, from your work in the U.S., you have earned only 30 credits toward the 40 needed to qualify for U.S. Social Security benefits, and you went to work in the U.K. and earned 10 credits toward the U.K.'s eligibility requirement, those 10 U.K. credits would be added to your 30 U.S. credits to give you the 40 needed to be eligible for U.S. Social Security benefits. However, your U.S. Social Security benefit when it is claimed would be based upon your U.S. earned income only and would not include your U.K. earned income.

To determine your U.S. benefit amount, Social Security uses the highest-earning 35 years of your U.S. earned income during which SS FICA payroll taxes were withheld from your earnings. Your lifetime U.S. earnings are adjusted for inflation and the highest earning 35 years are used to arrive at your "average indexed monthly earnings" (AIME). Your AIME is then used to determine

your "primary insurance amount" (PIA), which is the benefit you are due at your full retirement age. If you don't have a full 35 years of U.S. earnings because you spent a number of years working in the U.K., Social Security will put in enough zeros to make 35 years. Those zeros in your earnings record will reduce your U.S. Social Security benefit amount.

So, by comparison, if you were to remain in the U.S. and continue working (and contributing to SS) here, your eventual Social Security benefits will be higher, because your U.S. earnings will count toward your AIME, and will eliminate some or all of any zero years in the 35 used to compute your benefit. Conversely, your earnings from working in the U.K. will not count toward your U.S. Social Security earnings history (won't be included in your AIME), meaning you'll show zeros in your U.S. earnings record for the years you worked in the U.K, and thus your U.S. SS benefit will be lower than if you instead continued to work in the U.S. Of course, if you already have at least 35 years of U.S. earnings you will not have zeros in your work history, but your U.K. earnings still will not count toward your U.S. Social Security benefit and will not eliminate any lower-earning years in your 35-year U.S. work history.

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## Girls Bball selling hats for charity



*This year the Norwood Girls Basketball teams is selling Mustangs Hats for their Helping Hands Fundraiser. Funds raised go back to help Norwood families in need. The cost is \$ 15 and can be bought at upcoming games.*

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nately in short supply of.

This year will also see the completion of a pilot program from the Norwood Police Department using hybrid SUV's for patrol and pursuit vehicles, a first for Norwood. Chief Brooks has said that hybrids would save the Town money in operating costs, but it was unclear if they had the raw power to maintain pursuits and act as sufficient police vehicles.

This year also saw the completion of the renovations at the St. Gabriel Chapel at Highland Cemetery. The chapel is now offering memorial and funeral services, but the Town will have to decide if winter concerts are allowable too. The Town allows concerts there in the spring, fall and summer, but winter provides a unique problem. The chapel was not designed for 49 people sitting or

standing for hours on end at a concert, and the ventilation system is virtually non-existent. In better weather, the doors and windows can be opened, but that's not the case in winter, and the Community Preservation Committee publicly stated it did not provide funding for a ventilation system. The feeling then was that it should be brought to Town Meeting in 2020 to allow residents to have a say whether winter concerts are worth the \$25,000 price tag currently estimated for the upgrade.

Also seeing a big change in Norwood is the purchase of the Universal Technical Institute by Moderna Inc, which will be moving hundreds of high-paying jobs from Cambridge to Norwood and increase Norwood's commercial tax base not insignificantly.

# She has an axe to grid

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

Rachael Webber will be hosting a fundraiser in her bid to promote the Circle of Hope's 2020 Dancing with the Norwood Stars a bit differently than most.

The fundraiser? Mixing alcohol and axes. Webber announced recently she will be hosting a fundraiser at the Percival Brewing Company at 83 Morse St. on Jan. 25 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

"It seems fun, right?" she asked. "I just wanted to do something different. I'm doing a few other fundraisers and I wanted to do something fun and appealing to different age groups and demographics, and so I saw Percival had done these kinds of events in the past and I thought, 'that's perfect.'"

And just so no one thinks she's trying to rig the contest, she said she does not have any additional axe-throwing experience.

"Oh no, I haven't done it before, but I'm very excited about it and I had wanted to do it for a while now," she

said. "I'm just winging it, if I can hit the board or anywhere near it, I'll be thrilled."

This is also her first participation with Dancing with the Norwood Stars and said she'll start training in January.

"I've donated to the Circle of Hope every year for quite a few years now, but I had never participated in an event. I actually reached out to one of the Board members and begged and pleaded with them to let me participate," she said. "I love dancing and they recommended me and now I'm just really, really excited."

Webber said she will be starting her training at the Savaria Dance Studio on Route 1 on Jan. 10 and will train hard until the day of the dance.

"The Circle of Hope takes care of everything, and so they work with this dance studio, and I think



Axe throwing is becoming more popular as a bar sport in the United States, and now local resident Rachel Webber wants to put that popularity to some good use.

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they've been doing it for many years," she said.

Webber said she's been out on the dance floor many times in her day, but the prospect of fundraising is a little bit more intimidating for her. She said she just believes that the Circle of Hope does so much good for the Town of Norwood that she doesn't want to let them or the Town down.

"It's an honor really. I never dreamed I would be a part of something so much bigger than me, and they really do so much for people, and it's just such a thrill to be part of something so amazing," she said. "I'm not nervous about the dancing; my only nerves come from making sure I can raise enough money for the Foundation. I'm a people person, so be-

ing with people and having fun is something I really enjoy. The nerves are really around how well I can do for our neighbors."

For more information on the event, go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/540419036510262/>. For more information on the Circle of Hope, go to <http://norwoodcoh.org/>

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emony in a different town:

“Many towns around here have what’s called a public menorah lighting where they do something publicly for the holiday, and Norwood didn’t have anything,” she explained, adding that “we knew some Jewish people who worked at Town Hall and we just asked.”

There, she and her husband were referred to Aaron Greenfield, a Norwood resident since 1971 and owner of Brenner’s Children’s Shop (694 Washington St.) since 1973.

“He was very excited about doing something Jewish in a town that never had a public display of Hanukkah,” Rivka said of Greenfield’s reaction to their menorah lighting idea, adding that he became the driving force

that would bring it to reality in 2018.

Greenfield – who was born in Poland in 1926, survived nine concentration camps through World War II, and immigrated to the United States as a 22-year-old – would go on to kindle that inaugural Town Menorah. He was again granted the honor this year.

As Rabbi Horowitz explained in his introduction, the revolt that led to the celebration of Hanukkah today had to do with the Maccabees’ struggle to practice their religion freely and – after their unlikely triumph – with the miracle that followed the retaking of the Temple, during which a one day supply of purifying oil lit its lamps for a full eight days.

“And this is what we are gath-



The night might have been a bit cold, but everyone seemed to be filled with warmth and regard for their fellow neighbors.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

ered here tonight to celebrate,” Horowitz explained to the people gathered before him. “The power of light over darkness, freedom over oppression, and that no one can define you based on what they want to impose upon you.”

Introducing Greenfield, Horowitz went on. “So really, tonight, as we kindle the menorah, we pay tribute to the Jewish heroes during the Holocaust, and throughout the centuries, and to all who have fought and stood up to practice their religion freely.”

Though the Town menorah’s nine lights (there are eight for each day of Hanukkah and one – the “shamash” or helper – from which the others are lit) are electric bulbs, for the ceremony two candles were used, and Greenfield and Horowitz lit the shamash and the end candle with a tiki lamp as they said and sang the blessings to recorded music, and the people waved their lit cell phones and glow sticks that had been handed out earlier.

As Rivka clarified afterwards, over the eight days of Hanukkah a candle is added to the menorah each night, as celebrants gather around it for a half hour to tell stories of Hanukkah and to eat food that has been fried in oil to commemorate the Temple miracle.

This was reflected at the conclusion of the Town ceremony. Though some headed out of the increasingly chilly night, many stuck around, chatting, singing, dancing, and clapping to the music being played (“The Dreidel Song” was cued up and ready to go), while sampling hot latkes and sufganiyot (jelly doughnuts) made with dough from Israel.

Participating in all of these activities were Greenfield and his wife, Martha, who had turned 76 the day before. During a break they took a moment to chat about the evening.

“I feel very good,” Aaron said as Martha chimed in, “It feels very great. Wonderful.”

Aaron continued, focusing on the menorah lighting itself, and its importance to him. “I feel free – being in Norwood – that I can actually do that. You know what I mean?”

Martha framed Aaron’s question. “Forty years ago we couldn’t.”

As the post-lighting celebration wound down about an hour after the ceremony had begun, Rabbi Horowitz also shared his thoughts about Hanukkah and the Town Menorah:

“It shows a lot about the energy of this town and the people that are here who are really so supportive.” He said as his family loaded up into their car to go back home. “It’s really very special to see how positive they are. They came out – even though it was cold and chilly – to celebrate religious freedom, so it really warms our hearts to see that.”

Hanukkah ends at sundown on Monday, Dec. 30, 2019.

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The owner of both properties, front house, 15 Howard, and the red one behind it, 17 Howard, is looking to demolish and replace them.

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Gulla said. “This is an existing right-of-way, and it goes up here and it’s the access for the rear lot,” he said. “(Building Inspector Mark Chubet) wanted me to wait until he retired to do this.”

The Board said they didn’t have a problem with it as long as the driveways remain where they are.

Another problem the Board had with each proposal is that there are slight differences, by a few feet, between the plans that were on file in the ZBA office and those Gulla presented at the hearing. Gulla said deception was not his intention, but the board felt that it may lead to some confusion to a layperson resident reading the plans in the ZBA office to see if they agree or disagree with the plans.

“The public is entitled to notice for what’s going on, that’s the whole reason for notice by mail, notice by publication and a sign on the property and so forth,” he said. “The problem is that one of the things that the notice says is that any member of the public may come to the office and view the plans so they have a better idea by looking at a plan, so it gets a little bit wonky to suddenly decide at the hearing to change the plan and the plan now is not the one that was on file that somebody was going to look at. We could be subject to some criticism,” said Philip Riley”

Riley said he didn’t feel it likely in this specific case since it’s not likely that a resident will have a problem with a change of a few feet, but the Board would have to vote to accept the amended plans.

The Board also voted unanimously to approve a

proposal for 95 Nichols St. in which the proponent, Michael Shields, requested a zoning variance to allow a conversion of an existing single-family home to a two-family home. The lot is 14,999 square feet, with 15,000 square feet required for two-family housing in a General Residence (GR) district.

“I have never seen something like this before,” said Chair Thomas Brady. “I’ll hold back any joke comment, but those measurements, they’re legit I’m sure, but still.”

Shields said the impetus for the conversion is that his father and mother in law are selling their house down the street because it is too big and they will be moving into the second dwelling unit.

“We’re a foot short so I’m here for a variance to add a two-family to my house,” Shields said.

“What was your reaction when they told you you were a foot short?” Brady asked.

“To make sure they measured it properly, but they did what they did and it is what it is,” Shields said.

Brady said he noticed plenty of two-families in the area and that there are similar odd-shaped lots in the neighborhood.

“Our obvious major concern is one square foot, which obviously isn’t much of a concern,” Riley said.

But he brought up another concern; he felt it wasn’t entirely clear that the lot was in fact, one single lot. Shields said it had been combined in the past, but Riley said to double check on that, as it would have implications with the ZBA and possibly the Planning Board for more required approvals, since both

lots would be undersized for a two-family or two single-family homes.

“You should check just to make sure,” he said.

Direct abutter Brian Teague said he had no problems with the conversion.

“If I could give them the foot, I’d give them the foot,” he said. “I’d be happy to.”



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# Weather doesn't stop carolers

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

Almost 20 residents came out on the bitterly cold night of Friday, Dec. 20, to bring holiday cheer to those less fortunate.

The singers were mostly members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Berwick Street, and Pastor Amanda Warner said the tradition started three years ago and has grown a lot since then.

"This is our third year, and some people said 'we should go caroling,' and we said yeah, let's do it," she said.

Warner said they reached out to members of their church first, who they knew were not able to get out and about as easily as most.

"A few years ago we went to three of our members, and last year we went to Charwell Nursing Home and then the 3C folks, and this year we have more members of the parish

who are available and we're going to them," she said.

Warner added the reaction from residents is always amazing.

"They love it and they're always just thrilled," she said. "It really brings a lot of joy to these folks."

Singer Chris Alberg said he is always amazed at the reactions from recipients, and to be able to sing for his own community is a great opportunity.

"I love to sing, I'm in the Community Chorus in Jamaica Plain, I do karaoke, and I just love to sing in general," he said, but said he had never sung in such cold weather before. "Ask me about it again after, I'll let you know."

Youth members Abigail Warner, sisters Caroline and Katerina Gebhardt and Joey Gundal all said they have a great time singing in the caroling procession, though Gundal said this is his first time out.

"My mom brought me, but



The Parish has gone out every year for four years now to bring some holiday cheer to those in need.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

I like singing and so I very much enjoy this the first time she brought me and now I come voluntarily," said Abigail Warner.

"It's really fun and we're a very close-knit church community," said Katerina Gebhardt. "It's a lot of fun to go out and sing to members of our church who can't always come to church and sing to people who

don't normally get Christmas caroler."

"It's good we get to go back and see the home bound members and see that they're still connecting to the church," said Caroline Gebhardt.

Gundal said he hasn't always been interested in church, but lately the camaradery and community he's been feeling has made him

want to get involved.

"As I've gotten older I've gotten more close to my church and I think I want to be with my community and do good community service and I think this will go very well," he said.

For more information on the Emmanuel Lutheran Church and its events, go to <http://wip.emmanuelnorwood.org/>.

## SENIOR NEWS

**BASIC COMPUTER COURSE:** A four-part basic computer course is frequently offered to those who wish to learn how to use a computer. Sign-up at the front desk. \$2.00 a class.

**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. Walpole VNA on the 5th.

**BOOK CLUB:** Our next book club

meeting will be on Jan. 27th, 2020 at 10:00 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 Jan.

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

**COUNCIL ON AGING:** COA Board meeting will be held on January 9, 1:00 PM Friends of COA meeting will follow (note new day).

**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.

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**ORED PENCILS:** Classes Jan. 11AM-12:15PM. \$3.00 a session, all materials included.

**FRIENDS EVENING DANCE:** January 17th, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM DB Band.

**GLEE CLUB:** Every Tuesday at 11:15 am new members always welcome.

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

**HEARING SOLUTIONS:** Hearing Aide clinic will return on Wednesday, January 22nd at 11:30.

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

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

**LINE DANCE W/ SUSAN:** come join the Friends of the COA and dance. Friday, January 31st at 1: 00

pm \$5.00. MAH JONG: Mah Jong players meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10:00 AM - Noon.

**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. Jan. 6, Monday.

**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

10:00AM - 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.

**TRIAD:** Monday, January 27th, 2020 at 1PM - Norfolk County Sheriff McDermott.

**WATER COLOR:** The next session is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 9th, at 9:00 AM. Payment of \$20.00 must be made at time of sign up.

**WAXING with Erin:** Jan. 27th, Monday 9:00 AM - Noon.

**WHIST:** Whist players meet on Tuesdays at 12:45 PM, in the library. Let's laugh Yoga, Monday, January 6th 1pm-2pm.

Gary Hylander, Friday, January 17th 1PM. Bruce Hambro, The Legendary Judy Garland, Friday, January 24th, 1pm.



## Ask The Doctor

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### The SUV/TRUCK CRAZE

This past November was the month of Pickup trucks and SUV'S at Automotion in Middleboro. The competition in the Pickup and SUV market is what the car market was 10 years ago.

Lincoln brought in the new Aviators. One with the plug-in hybrid system pumping out 494 horse power, the other, the standard gas version 3.0 V/6 twin turbocharged. The 10-speed automatic is smooth shifting. Lincoln has gone to great lengths to make this the best Aviator yet. The interior feels bigger than it is and it has all the safety and luxury appointments available. Multiple models and options make it a very luxurious SUV.

Cadillac brought in their SUV line up, and there is a Cadillac for all sizes with the XT4, XT5, XT6, and Escalade.

GMC has their all-new line up, including the HD Denali pick up with 35,000 lb towing. The GMC Denali offers up to 5 camera, 2 trailer cameras, 1st time offered a 10 speed automatic in the diesel, optional build in block heater plug in the lower left front fender. Storage behind both rear seat backs. GMC also improved their SUV line up like Cadillac with 3 sizes.

Ford came in with the new Ranger Pickup that has grown to what the F150 used to be. Ram brought along their offerings and their version of a mid-size Pickup is the Jeep Gladiator. The Gladiator is not just a Wrangler stretched, it is actually a frame and rear suspension of its own.

The Ram pick up trucks have been updated over the years to be the very best yet. One of my favorite changes is the lowered suspension and new look.

The bottom line... buying a truck or SUV is the buyers choice. There are so many options for the buyer, a 2-year lease is an option so you do not get locked in for a 4-5 year loan payment. Remember, you can buy the vehicle at the end of the lease or release the vehicle again.

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**BALL**

Agnes C. (Aussant) of Norwood, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at the age of 79. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth C. Ball. Loving mother of Kevin Ball & his wife Carolyn of Walpole, Jeanette Jankowski & her husband Peter of Walpole, Thomas Ball & his wife Tara of Wrentham and Joan Scanlon & her husband Armand of Norwood. Cherished grandmother of Emily, Casey and Sarah Ball; Matthew, Katie and Krissy Jankowski and Aidan and Amanda Scanlon. Devoted sister of Rita Norton and Eileen Bullard. Predeceased by her son Brion Ball, daughter Janice Ball, and cousin, Robert Menz. Funeral from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., NORWOOD. Interment in Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton. In lieu of flowers, remembrances in her name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452. Gillooly Funeral Home [www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com)

**BOBROWSKI**



OLGA M. (Fatch) of Walpole passed away on December 25, 2019 at the age of 96. Beloved wife of the late Charles W. Bobrowski. Devoted mother of William C. Bobrowski and his wife Marilee of Marblehead, Richard M. Bobrowski and his wife Victoria of FL and Michael S. Bobrowski of Walpole. Cherished grandmother of Alaina Howard and Richard Bobrowski. Great grandmother of Oliver and Olivia. Sister of the late Frank, Michael, Renaldo, Ann and Velia. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Daughter of the late Nicholas and Bambina Fatch. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood. Burial at Highland Cemetery Norwood.

# DEATHS

**COTTER**



CHRISTINE M. of Walpole formerly of Norwood passed away on December 26, 2019 at the age of 53. Loving daughter of Marie E. (Lento) Pelletier of Walpole and the late Paul Cotter. Stepdaughter of Victor J. Pelletier of Walpole. Sister of Timothy Cotter of Buzards Bay. Aunt of Kristi Cotter US Navy of San Diego, CA and James Cotter of Falmouth. Christine was a Norwood High School graduate and a graduate of Bridgewater State College. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, Saturday January 4, 2020 at 9:00am followed by a funeral mass at 11am at St. Catherine of Siena Church Norwood. Visiting hours will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2020 from 9:00am-10:30am. Burial will be at St. Francis Cemetery Walpole. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to Massachusetts General Hospital, Development Office, 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540 Boston, MA 02114. Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home [www.KRAW-KORNACKFUNERALHOME.COM](http://www.KRAW-KORNACKFUNERALHOME.COM) FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED 781-762-0482.

**GOLDSTEIN**

Anny (Rozenberg) of Norwood, passed away on Friday, December 20, 2019. Devoted daughter of the late Joseph & Jeannette (Salomon) Rozenberg. Beloved wife of the late Paul Goldstein. Loving mother of Lee, Marc and Adam & his wife Arielle. Cherished grandmother of Nathan Joseph Goldstein. Dedicated Ad-

ministrative Assistant at the Hanlon Elementary School in Westwood for over 20 years. Graveside Services for family and close friends were held at the Beth El Cemetery, 776 Baker St., West Roxbury on Monday, December 23 at 1:00 pm. Memorial Observance to be announced. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice. Schlossberg Memorial Chapel "Family Owned" 781 828-6990 [www.schlossbergchapel.com](http://www.schlossbergchapel.com)

**HASENFUS**

STEPHEN F. of Norwood passed away suddenly on December 26, 2019 at the age of 69. Beloved husband of Barbara A. (Weir) Hasenfus. Devoted father of Katherina M. Hasenfus of Norwood and Anna M. Hasenfus of Norwood. Brother of William Hasenfus of FL, David Hasenfus of Sandwich, Paul Hasenfus of Norfolk and Robert Hasenfus of Bourne. Cherished grandfather of Jacob and Sean Bodensiek. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Son of the late Robet W. and Theresa M. (Paquette) Hasenfus. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, Friday January 3, 2020 at 8:30am followed by a funeral mass at 11am at St. Catherine of Siena Church Norwood. Visiting hours will be held on Friday, January 3, 2020 from 8:30am-10:30am. At the request of the family burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the American Heart Assoc. 20 Speen St. Framingham, MA 01701 or the American Diabetes Assoc. 260 Cochituate Rd #200, Framingham, MA 01701. Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home [www.KRAW-KORNACKFUNERALHOME.COM](http://www.KRAW-KORNACKFUNERALHOME.COM) FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED 781-762-0482.

**HESS**

CHARLES Balfe of Norwood passed away on December 23, 2019 at the age of 82. Beloved husband of Gudrun (Dippel) Hess. Devoted father of John Hess and his wife Robin of Beverly and Katherina "Kathy" Riley of Norwood. Brother of Carolyn Kelleher of Braintree. Cherished grandfather of 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Also sur-

vived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, great nieces and great nephews. Son of the late Charles and Madeline (Casey) Hess. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood. At the request of the family all other services will be private. US Army Veteran.

**PHALEN**

Veronica Joan (Daunt) of Norwood and Duxbury, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully in her Norwood home on December 21, 2019, at age 95. She is on her way to reuniting with her beloved husband of 62 years, George Phalen. Veronica was born in Norwood on July 17, 1924, to Katherine and John Daunt, who had emigrated from Ireland to the Boston area in the early 1900s. She and George married in 1947 and became parents to seven children: Mary Hood (John), James Phalen (Rosemary), Ann Flaherty, Joan Phalen (Charles), Patricia Godbolt, David Phalen (Jean), and Stephen Phalen (Carol). During the Civil Rights Movement, Veronica told her husband that she wanted to be a freedom rider. He gently reminded her that they had seven kids under 19. Then, after reading an article in the Boston Globe that said that 70 percent of the black boys in foster care would end up in prison by the time they were 21, she said, "Let's adopt an African American boy." Shortly thereafter, George and Veronica adopted their eighth child, Earl Phalen, out of foster care at the age of two. Veronica was a steadfast supporter of her family, traveling the world with her husband, supporting his career and encouraging all her children to pursue a wide variety of interests, passions, and extra-curricular activities. She believed in the power of education and was a strong supporter of the Norwood schools. She also had an enormous capacity to love. Her children remember their mother's profound love for them but also for so many others whose lives intersected with hers. This included many neighbors and friends – she was an avid golfer and longtime member of the Marshfield County Club – but also strangers she happened to meet in the course of her day to day life. She firmly believed that every individual was important, no matter what their life cir-

cumstances might be, and that everyone had an interesting story to tell. And she'd often remember these stories years down the road, as her ability to recall the details of people's lives was unparalleled. This eventually extended to the 30 grandchildren to whom Veronica became a cherished "Nana." As the family expanded, Nana still somehow managed to know the names, ages, birthdays, interests, and recent life milestones of every single grandchild: Jake, Pat, Daniel, Michael, Jaime, Kristin, Brian, Kevin, Ben, Chris, Donald, Leah, Caroline, Keith, Lino, Sean, Aaron, Veronica, Jordan, Kyle, Anthony, Joseph, William, James, Catherine, Elizabeth, Nicole, Casey, Rachel, and Amy. Nana also seemed to always be able to keep track of each of their whereabouts at any given time during the epic summer family reunions playing whiffle ball and Kick the Can, and she would somehow never seem to forget (much to their chagrin) who had been accused of cheating during the annual Thanksgiving flag football games. Despite being able to keep everyone on their toes, Nana will also be forever remembered as an exceedingly dedicated, loving, and generous grandmother who not only always believed in her grandchildren but was their biggest cheerleader as they pursued their hopes and dreams. Nana also leaves behind 20 great-grandchildren who will no doubt carry on her family legacy. Nana's legacy is also carried on through the charter school network founded by her son Earl in 2013. The George and Veronica Phalen Leadership Academy was the first of twenty charter schools that are part of the national Phalen Leadership Academy (PLA) network, which has become the largest African American-run charter school network in the country. Today, PLA serves more than 10,000 students and many of its charter schools are among the highest-performing schools in their districts. Before becoming Mom and Nana, Veronica graduated from Norwood High's class of 1942 and received her Nursing degree from Boston City Hospital in 1945. She grew up with five siblings, all predeceased: John, Jerome, Ann, Mary, and Peg. She also leaves behind many loving nieces and nephews. Veronica's family will have a private Celebration of her Life. In lieu of flowers, please consider leaving a gift in her memory to Phalen Leadership Academies at [phalenaacademies.org](http://phalenaacademies.org) [www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com)



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## B'NAI TIKVAH PRESENTS "THE BANDIT'S VISIT"

Join B'nai Tikvah, 1301 Washington Street Canton, January 5th, 1:00 p.m. for a showing of "The Band's Visit." Sponsored by the temple's Adult Education Committee, the film tells the story of a fading Egyptian band who are set to play at the Arab Cultural Center in Israel.

When they take the wrong bus, they find themselves in a desolate Israeli village and must spend the night. This leads to a cross-cultural event, teaching that two distinctly different groups can experience the universal bonds of love, music, and life. The movie is free and open to the public. However, please reserve your space by calling the temple office at 781-828-5250. Refreshments will be served.

## BRIDGES® by EPOCH HOSTS COMPLIMENTARY EVENTS FOR CAREGIVERS

Bridges® by EPOCH at Westwood, a memory care assisted living community located at 140 University Avenue, will host the following complimentary events in January. Caregiver Support Group: January 2 at 6 p.m. — Family caregivers are invited to Bridges® by EPOCH at Westwood for expert support and guidance from dementia care professionals. Caregivers can socialize and share stories with other caregivers on similar journeys. Dinner will be served. Guests are invited to bring their loved one with memory loss to join the Life Enrichment team for dinner and an activity during the session. Call 781-725-2046 to

RSVP. Lunch & Learn: Various Forms of Dementia: January 14 at 12 p.m.; Facilitated by Alicia Seaver, Vice President of Memory Care Operations and Certified Memory Impairment Specialist — Family caregivers are invited to Bridges® by EPOCH at Westwood to ask questions and learn from dementia expert Alicia Seaver. Learn the different symptoms, behaviors and recommended care techniques for Alzheimer's, Lewy body, vascular, Parkinson's and other forms of dementia so you can better meet your loved one's unique needs. Guests are invited to bring their loved one with memory loss to join the Life Enrichment team for an activity during the session. Call 781-725-2046 to RSVP. Dementia Live® Experience: January 22 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; In partnership with Old Colony Hospice — Family caregivers are invited to Bridges® by EPOCH at Westwood for a unique opportunity to step into the body and mind of dementia. This is a powerful virtual experience that will allow you to see, hear and feel what life is like for those living with dementia. Lunch will be served. Guests are invited to bring their loved one with memory loss to join the Life Enrichment team for lunch and an activity during the

session. Spots are limited; RSVPs are required. Call 781-725-2046 to RSVP. Call 781-725-2046 for more information or click here to RSVP.

## MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group will hold its monthly meeting in the Willett Conference Room in the Lorusso Building at Norwood Hospital (800 Washington St., Norwood, MA) from 7-9 pm on Thursday, January 2. Note: this is the conference room beyond the Cafeteria.

Mental illness is a label for a variety of diseases of the brain. Often it strikes in late adolescence, devastating the afflicted person and the family. The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group is composed of such families who find mutual support and join together to advocate for their loved ones. We welcome all families in the South Norfolk Area who are dealing with mental illness and their loved ones. In case of inclement weather, we will align with the Norwood schools.If

they close, the meeting will be cancelled. For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

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## Police Logs *continued from page 4*

Building. DPW notified and will handle same.

1305 Other - Drug Law Violation \*Report Filed Location/Address: Norwood High School - Nichols St Possession of marijuana. 2116 Phone - Well Being Chk \*Report Filed Location/Address: Washington St Caller concerned about her mom because she was upset earlier. Officers made entry with landlord, party was sleeping. Caller notified. 2319 Initiated - Motor Vehicle Stop \*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Home Depot Storage - University Ave MA PC 9YV667. N677 placed one party under arrest and transported her to the station. S/M 19289 at 2334, E/M 19292 at 2340. Don and Wally's towed MA PC 9YV667. Refer To Arrest: 19-490-AR Arrest: Jones, Christine Diane Address: 2 Sunnybrook Ln Canton, Ma Age: 20 Charges: Warrant Arrest

### Friday, December 20

0133 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Washington St Caller reports there are kids in her backyard and believes they are trying to get into cellar. N664, N666 responded. No signs of break or anyone in yard or area. Caller satisfied. 0137 911 - Susp Vehicle Spoken To Location/Address: Oolah Ave Anonymous caller states there is a Mercedes parked in front of the house and believes they are kids in vehicle drinking. N664, N666 responded and

spoke to driver who is dropping off his friend. No drinking. Vehicle has now left the area.

0823 911 - Lockout Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: Dedham Medical Associates - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports small child is locked in vehicle. NFD, N677 responded. NFD handled same. Child is fine.

1302 Initiated - Warrant Service \*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Male party transported to court.

1354 Phone - Susp Person Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Lenox St + Willow St Report s/p couple possibly removing decorations from residences in the area. N665 checks area, no signs of any tampering with decorations.

1544 Phone - Robbery \*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Norwood Bank - Central St Caller reports a robbery at this location. BOLO to the cars and surrounding cities and towns. Suspect located at Norwood Hospital and placed under arrest by N662. Refer To Arrest: 19-492-AR Arrest: Bretti, Matthew J Address: 28 Savin Ave Norwood, Ma Age: 35 Charges: Robbery, Armed Warrant Arrest

1610 Phone - Complaint Of Mv Citation Fine Location/Address: Broadway MA PC 629ZC8 operating erratically. Officers spoke to operator, no intoxication.

2251 Phone - Loud Party Spoken To Location/Address: Lenox St Music turned down.

### Saturday, December 21

0000 911 - Well Being Chk \*Report Filed Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd Mother concerned about her son. N665, N669 responded. Report filed.

0405 Phone - Assist Citizen Area Search Negative Location: Olivardi's Caller reports his girlfriend didn't come home from work. He called her job and manager stated she had left earlier in evening. He requested if we could check the parking lots in the area of Olivardi's where she works. N664, N665, N669 checked the area parking lots. Unsuccessful. Boyfriend notified. ( Ma.Reg# 1BPN65 )2001 Toyota Camry

0433 911 - Motor Vehicle Accident \*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Devon Rd Caller reports a crash into her fence. N665, N664, NFD responded. No P.I. As a result, N665 returned with 1 under arrest for OUI. Don & Wally's towed (Ma.Reg# 6DB482) Arrest: Erickson, Brian A Address: 40 Amherst St Roslindale, Ma Age: 32 Charges: OUI-Liquor Or .08% Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Marked Lanes Violation

1022 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St + Hill St Bike rider in the traffic flipping off. Subject located and denied the actions.

1307 Phone - Citizens Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Upland Rd Man cutting trees down. Officer reports the man is cutting logs that were on the side of the road.

1416 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Pleasant St: Report of a female yelling inside the house. Officers assist with advice over a work issue that is causing some stress.

1543 Phone - Well Being Chk Transported To Hospital Location/Address: Garfield Ave

1925 911 - Missing Person \*Report Filed Location/Address: Next Step Healthcare - Washington St Caller reports one of the patients signed himself out of the facility and has not returned. N664 requested a ping

of the phone.

1942 Assist Other Agency \*Protective Custody Location/Address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Norwood hospital requesting assistance with a patient. As the result N662 returns with one in protective custody S/M 23522, 2004 Hrs, E/M 23522, 2006 Hrs.

### Sunday, December 22

0107 Other - Well Being Chk Area Search Negative Location/Address: Mcdonalds - Broadway St Report of a male party sitting on the curb.

0112 Phone - Animal Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Barberry Ln Caller reports neighbors dog is barking and she can't sleep. N664 spoke to the resident and he reports his dog was not outside.

0226 Phone - Susp Person Area Search Negative Location/Address: Nahatan St + Washington St Caller reports a female party knocked on her vehicle window while she was stopped at the lights and said she was cold. 1054 Phone - Well Being Chk \*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Topline Construction - Washington St Female appears not dressed for the weather and may have left the hospital. NFD responds and transports her.

1316 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Monkey Sports Ma, Inc - Bos-Prov Hwy Two hockey sticks removed last night but two were also purchased. Matter resolved after call back to the store from the customer. Two sticks will be returned.

1906 Phone - Motor Vehicle Accident \*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Washington St + Upland Rd NFD notified and responded. Negoshian's towed MA PC 1DG396. Don and Wally's towed MA PC 98EB73. During this incident, MA PC 4WR593 was pulled over. As a result of that stop, N664 placed

the operator under arrest. N677 transported him back to the station. Negoshian's towed MA PC 4WR593. Arrest: Peak, Charles Address: 20 Myrtle St Dedham, Ma Age: 29 Charges: OUI-Liquor Or .08% Resist Arrest Drug, Possess Class B Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Alcohol In Mv, Possess Open Container Of

### Monday, December 23

0001 911 - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Lenox St Caller reports loud music and dog barking. Party was spoken to.

0018 911 - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Caller believed someone was in her apartment. She then reported the noise was from the laundry room and no one is in her apartment. Officers spoke with her and confirmed.

1133 Phone - Larceny \*Report Filed Location/Address: Pleasant St Past larceny at this address. 1248 Initiated - Prisoner Transport \*Arrest(S)Made Location: Logan Airport Units transport one prisoner from Logan Airport to station. Refer To Arrest: 19-499-Ar Arrest: Kingston, Gordon Kwusi Address: 1610 Brack St Kissimmee, Fl Age: 45 Charges: Warrant Arrest Fugitive From Justice On Court Warrant

2359 Phone - Kids Gathering Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Belmont St Caller reports group of kids walking in the area. N662 checked with negative results.



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This adult class, limited to the first 15 participants to sign up, is designed to promote a positive vibe and mindset by connecting through art and music. At the end of the evening we hope you'll feel refreshed and more relaxed as we ring in the new decade. To register, please visit our online events page at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), call 781-769-0200, x110, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING 101

Together Yes and Progress Norwood will present an informational forum on affordable housing at the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, January 9 at 6:30 pm as part of the 2020 Sustainability Series. Panelists will give an overview of what constitutes affordable housing and how it works in Norwood. They will also provide information on the different entities involved in affordable housing, both in Norwood and across the state, and explore what other municipalities are doing to address the need for more affordable housing. Panelists will include experts from the Mass. Housing Partnership, NeighborWorks House Solutions, and several other local affordable housing advocates. To register for this program, visit our online events page at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), call 781-769-0200, x110 or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

## BOOK GROUP TO DISCUSS

### "EVERY NOTE PLAYED"

The first meeting of the Morrill Memorial Library's Turn the Page Book Group in 2020 will take place on Wednesday, January 15 at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Patty Bailey and guest host Carla Howard will lead the discussion of Lisa Genova's "Every Note Played."

Karina blames her ex-husband Richard, an ac-

complished concert pianist, for their failed marriage. When Richard is diagnosed with ALS, Karina becomes his reluctant caretaker. As his disease progresses, they must both try to reconcile their past before it's too late. To register for either the morning or evening session, please visit our events page at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), call 781-769-0200 x110, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk. Copies of the book in a variety of formats are available to check out at the Circulation Desk. Refreshments will be provided.

## DIVORCE – HELP WITH HANDLING IT

The Morrill Memorial Library is holding an informative seminar on Thursday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. to help those dealing with divorce. We all have family and friends, and maybe even ourselves, who have been affected by divorce, which can be difficult and often confusing. This discussion, hosted by attorney Scott Murphy and social worker Mary Vanderveer, will cover some of the legal and emotional aspects of divorce. All questions are welcome. Scott Murphy maintains a law practice in Norwood, and Mary Vanderveer runs divorce support groups in the local area. To register for this program, please visit our events page at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), call 781-769-0200 x110, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

## RODGERS & HART...RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN

Bruce Hambro, music and film historian, will return to the Morrill Memorial Library on Wednesday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m. to present "Rodgers & Hart...Rodgers & Hammerstein." Richard Rodgers composed popular music for more than 50 years, along with lyricists Lorenz (Larry) Hart and Oscar Hammerstein II. After Larry Hart's death in 1943, Rodgers joined forces with Oscar Hammerstein II, and their collective body of work became the most well-known creative output in Broadway musical history. Hambro's entertaining multimedia presentation celebrates the most renowned music that arose from these two famous alliances. Audience members are encouraged to sing along to several of their iconic hits. To sign up for this program, funded by the Friends of the Library, please go to our events page at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), call 781-769-0200 x110, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.



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