



The plan for the new Hawes Pool, which has come under some scrutiny at a recent Capital Outlay Committee meeting.

COURTESY PHOTO

Hawes Pool closing this summer a surprise to Capital Outlay Committee

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Capital Outlay Committee (COC) met last week and discussed the timeline for the rebuild of the Hawes Pool in South Norwood.

The big issue was that of the pool closing during the peak pool season this year. Many members were taken aback that the pool would be closed for the Norwood Recreation Department's summer camp programming, and said this was not what they remembered when discussing the issue in past meetings. The issue came up when COC member Gerry Miller said he had heard that construction might go late into the summer months.

"The original design for the replacement of the pool was that it was going to start at the end of the season and work all the way through the off-season so they'd be ready to go in the summer," he said. "Now, I just

heard a rumor that it might not be done in time and it would have to be closed for the summer."

Miller and many of the other Committee members found out that was the plan all along. Assistant Town Manager Mike Rosen said the original plan was that it was always going to be closed in the summer to do the work.

"The demo was going to happen (in the spring) and the build was going to happen in the summer and they were hoping that they could possibly be open by the end of August for maybe a soft opening, but it was always meant that the Hawes Pool was going to be closed for the summer," he said.

To be clear, the pool is expected to be closed this summer. A chorus of "I don't recall that," and "Wait wait wait," and "No I don't think so" came from the assembled committee members.

"I just remember that they said they weren't going to miss a beat," said member Ernie

Paciorkowski.

"That's what I remember," said member Sarah Sullivan. "This is a different story than what we were told."

"Father Mac's (pool) is not going to be able to handle what's going to happen when we close Hawes for the season," said Miller. "And I don't know what's holding it up, but my thought was it was going to be closed on Labor Day and the next day they start, and everything's already lined up and they should have plenty of time to construct it and put it all back together."

Town Manager Tony Mazucco confirmed closing the pool during the season was always part of the plan, but conceded that during the process, it was hoped that might be avoided.

Norwood Purchasing Department Budget Management Analyst Kevin Rutherford said

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Residents came to the Morrill Memorial Library last week for a big discussion (as opposed to small talk) about the weather.

PHOTO BY EMMA STOUT

Norwood's winter weather outlook from a local guy

Emma Stout
Staff Reporter

Earlier this week, Joe Dellicarpini, a meteorologist and science operations officer for the National Weather Service (NWS) of Boston/Norton, as well as a Norwood resident, presented on the role of the NWS and his outlook on Norwood's winter weather at the Morrill Memorial Library.

Dellicarpini began his presentation by describing the role of the NWS, which is an agency under the Department of Commerce and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA). The principal task of the NWS is to issue region-specific weather warnings for the United States and its territories.

But beyond monitoring and

advising for extreme weather, the NWS provides daily reports and forecasts to myriad entities (as well as the public on its website, Weather.gov). In partnership with the Federal Aviation Academy, each Air Route Traffic Control center has at least four meteorologists from the NWS. The NWS Boston/Norton office – one of 122 forecast offices in the U.S., covering all of Massachusetts (except for the Berkshire region), Rhode Island, and Northern, Central, and Northeastern Connecticut – does forecasts for nine New England airports.

The NWS also advises fire officials, the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Coastal Zone management organizations (fore-

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ZBA hears "friendly 40B" application for 1223 Washington Street

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Appeals (ZBA) met on Tuesday, Feb. 6 and discussed the proposed eight-unit building at 1223 Washington St. in South Norwood.

The ZBA ended up voting to continue the hearing until March 5 at 7 p.m. in a hybrid format, but ZBA members seemed amenable to the project during this hearing.

The vacant property, owned by former Selectman Helen Abdallah-Donohue and her family, has been the subject of redevelopment discussion for the last few years. It was first denied by the ZBA based on variance requirements (variances generally require unique land features in most Massachusetts municipalities to be approved, among other requirements), but now MPG Realty Capital and its representative,

Matt MacDonald, are trying again in what is called a Local Initiative Program (LIP) or a "Friendly 40B."

Attorney representing MPG, David Hern, explained that this method would use a comprehensive permit through the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40B process to wave several zoning requirements which include multi-fam-

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A rendering of the the proposed building at 1223 Washington St., planned for South Norwood.

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Will my WEP Reduction Go Away if I Continue Working?

Dear Rusty: I'm 63 years old and have not yet started my Social Security. I now work for the State of Illinois and will draw a pension from that state's university system. I don't pay into Social Security from this position and, as a result, my Social Security payment will be reduced. But I have also worked elsewhere and contributed to Social Security for 26 years.



Russell Gloor
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

If I retire from the state university and begin drawing my reduced Social Security payment, and then work in a different job which does contribute to SS, will the reduction to my Social Security payment ever be eliminated? Or will I be permanently stuck with the smaller Social Security payment?

Signed: Curious Educator

Dear Curious: A rule called the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) will apply to your Social Security benefit because your IL state pension was earned without paying into the Social Security program. The basic rule is that anyone with a pension earned without contributing to Social Security, and who is also entitled to Social Security benefits, is subject to WEP, which reduces that person's Social Security retirement benefit. It's a law enacted many years ago to equalize how SS benefits are paid to all Social Security beneficiaries. However, the WEP rules also provide relief for those who have only a small non-covered pension, and for those who have separately contributed to Social Security for a lot of years. For example:

- The WEP reduction to your SS benefit cannot be more than 50% of your non-covered (IL) pension
- The WEP reduction is smaller for each year over 20 years contributing to Social Security from substantial earnings
- WEP does not apply to those who have at least 30 years contributing to SS from substantial earnings

Although you could retire at 63 and collect your pension from the university and also collect your WEP-reduced Social Security, you have something else to consider if you take another job which pays into Social Security.

Social Security has an annual "earnings test" for those who collect benefits before their full retirement age (FRA). The earnings test limits how much you can earn while collecting early SS before they take away some of your benefits. The earnings limit for 2024 is \$22,320 and, if that is

exceeded, you will lose \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. If your work earnings substantially exceed the earnings limit, you would likely be temporarily ineligible to receive Social Security benefits. FYI, the earnings test no longer applies once you reach your full retirement age, which for you is 67.

Without knowing your expected income from a new job, I can't say how much of your SS you would be able to receive, but you can use this as a guide: Social Security will take away benefits equal to half of what you exceed the annual earnings limit by, and they typically recover by withholding future benefits. If 12 months or more of benefits are withheld, you will be temporarily ineligible to receive benefits until your earnings are less, or you reach your full retirement age (the earnings test no longer applies once you reach your FRA). So, depending on your expected annual work earnings, you may wish to defer claiming your Social Security until you either earn less or reach 67 years of age.

If you already have 26 years contributing to Social Security from "substantial earnings," your WEP reduction will already be mitigated, and any additional years of substantial earnings from which SS payroll taxes are deducted will result in an even smaller WEP reduction. If you can achieve 30 years of SS contributions from substantial work earnings, WEP will no longer apply. So, you may not be "stuck with" the WEP reduction permanently, but you will need to contact Social Security to request that your WEP reduction amount be reviewed in light of any additional years of SS-covered earnings (this should be done after you submit your income taxes each year you have additional SS-covered earnings).

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casting wind and wave height), and large events, such as the Boston Marathon and Newport Jazz Festival, for which they provide onsite decision support services.

"We're for protection of life and property," says Dellicarpini. This means that the NWS doesn't provide reports to private entities, such as ski resorts.

The NWS Boston/Norton office is currently engaging in four university research partnerships. In collaboration with the University of Massachusetts Boston and Dartmouth, for example, they are modeling and mapping storm surge flooding.

"We've made a lot of advancements on this in the past few years, but the thing we're working on now is new inundation maps. We work with Boston Emergency Management and show them the neighborhoods most at risk before a storm," said Dellicarpini.

Many may also be happy to know that the NWS is partnering with Boston University and the MBTA to mitigate flooding and winter weather impacts on public transportation.

Outside of forecasting, the NWS does a lot of work in science education, which is the sector in which Dellicarpini primarily works. The Boston/Norton office has hosted 25 severe weather trainings for TV meteorologists in NBC Connecticut and Boston. The group also hosts public webinars, which

saw over 1,200 attendees last year, and which many schools have incorporated into their science curriculum.

As a part of their science education efforts, the NWS encourages community members to engage in "citizen science" – research that uses data collected from ordinary citizens. If you're interested in helping the NWS with their data collection, Dellicarpini offered three ways to become involved: Skywarn, a program used to help citizens report storm damage or precipitation totals, mPing, a self-reporting application, and CoCoRaHS, a weather gauge that you can buy and install in your backyard.

"[mPing] is just a way you can send us current weather. We can see it at the office, and it's awesome," he said. "We use [CoCoRaHS] for drought assessment, too, so it's huge in New England. The more [data] have, the better assessment we can make."

One Norwood resident, Diane Maini, described how engaging in citizen science has always been a beloved pastime of hers.

"Growing up in New England, [I was] always waiting to see if there wasn't going to be school, and that never went away. Decades later, I still think it's so fascinating," she said. "It feels like you're a part of it. We lived in Rhode Island during the [2015] blizzard, and I had the yardstick out there. And to all my friends and family, whether they wanted it or not, I sent out photos of me going out measuring the snow."

Towards the end of his presentation, Dellicarpini gave predictions for Norwood's winter outlook and reviews of the season so far. Winter this year has

been warmer and wetter than normal, with below normal snowfall. This pattern has been dominated by a strong El Niño, a climate phenomenon where warmer-than-normal sea surface temperatures in the Equatorial Pacific affect the weather.

While there is so far no direct correlation between New England weather and El Niño, "We do know the stronger El Niños favor below-average snow and milder winters," said Dellicarpini.

"Last winter, it was pretty mild and dry. This winter, we've started out that way, but we just don't have the cold air – if we did, we'd have a lot more snow to talk about," he said. "For us to get a good shot of cold, the polar vortex needs to come all the way down here."

The polar vortex is essentially very cold air that is always circling the Arctic, and it occasionally drops down into the U.S., bringing frigid temperatures. "If the cold air is timed just right, we'll get a major snowstorm. That's not off the table," said Dellicarpini.

"But, 'where do we go from here?' well, that's a good question," he said. "We know we're in a period of warming temperatures, and we're going to leave politics out of this; we do know that it's warming."

Dellicarpini closed his presentation by urging everyone to have an emergency weather plan, especially because we're "way, way overdue" for a hurricane, considering that our last land-fall hurricane was Bob in 1991. He recommended always having food, water, and even a special-frequency weather radio, if possible.

TOWN OF NORWOOD

APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS/ LLC MANAGERS, CHANGE OF STOCK INTEREST, AND CHANGE OF PLEDGE OF LICENSE, STOCK OR INVENTORY

PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for a Change of Officers/Directors/LLC Managers, Change of Stock Interest and Change of Pledge of License, Stock or Inventory for Yankee Spirits, Inc., Manager of Record, Jose G. Santos, under Chapter 138, Section 15 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of All Alcoholic Beverages not to be drunk on the premises of 942 Boston Providence Turnpike, Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of premises is as follows: 24,487 square feet, one entrance and one exit.

Public hearing on this application will be held on **Tuesday, February 27th, 2024 at 7:15 P.M.** in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

Matthew E. Lane, Chairman
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TOWN OF NORWOOD APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF MANAGER PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for a Change of Manager from Jonathan Jepson to Mia Corsini Bailey for The Skating Club of Boston, 750 University Avenue, Norwood, Massachusetts under Chapter 138, Section 12 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Public hearing on this application will be held on **Tuesday, February 27th, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

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Norwood Police Chief William Brooks Announces Retirement

Norwood General Manager Tony Mazzucco, on behalf of the Town of Norwood and the Norwood Police Department, announced that Chief William G. Brooks III will retire at the end of April this year.

Chief Brooks has served Norwood as chief for the last 12 years, the Norwood Police Department for a total of 30 years and has been a law enforcement officer for a remarkable 47 years.

"I still love my job, but I cannot do it forever and so I have always known that I need to choose a time to depart when a smooth leadership succession can occur at the Department," said Chief Brooks.

"I'm happy that Chief Brooks will be able to spend more time with his wonderful wife Donna and his children and grandchildren. We are forever grateful to the Chief for his years of dedication to Norwood and his exemplary leadership of the department," said Mazzucco.

Chief Brooks further stated, "It has been an honor to serve as a police officer this long, and an amazing privilege to serve



Chief William G. Brooks III

as Norwood's Chief of Police. I'd like to thank General Manager Tony Mazzucco and the Board of Selectmen for their support, as well as past selectmen who have served during my tenure, as well as the late (former General Manager) John J. Carroll."

Mazzucco disputed the fact

that Chief Brooks could not be chief forever but accepted his retirement notice with gratitude on behalf of the thousands of Norwood residents and businesses whose lives have been made better by Chief Brooks.

The Town will conduct an internal search for its next Chief of Police.

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The Norwood Fire Department responded to a call reporting a fire in one of the ovens at the site, which spread to the ventilation system and other areas of the building.

PHOTO BY NORWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT

NFD returns to Home Market Foods

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Fire Department (NFD) reported responding to a call reporting a fire from 140 Morgan Dr. on Sunday morning around 5:30 a.m.

The call came in as what the department reported as "an abandoned 911 call" in which dispatchers could hear multiple people shouting "fire" during the call. A first alarm was pulled immediately, and more calls came in confirming the fire.

Norwood Fire Captain Jeff Campillio was reported on scene five minutes after

the initial call and found fire in one of Home Market Foods' commercial ovens. The NFD reported the fire had spread into the building and into the ventilation system of the building, and brought in Walpole Fire and Westwood Fire to the site to assist in operations.

NFD reported Engine 5 sending an attack line to the building itself and Ladder 1 heading to the roof of the building. Engine 4 provided water from a hydrant 800 feet away.

Ladder 1's crew reported finding the fire extending into the roof and multiple vents and exhaust stacks.

This triggered a second alarm and engines from the Sharon and Norfolk Fire departments were brought in, as well as one of Canton Fire's ladder trucks. NFD Chief Bailey was on scene and in command of the operation, and over the course of three hours the multiple crews knocked down the initial fire and all of its resultant extensions into the pipes and exhaust systems.

Foxboro, Dedham and Wrentham provided station coverage during the incident at the Norwood Public Safety Building. The NFD is

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FEBRUARY MONTHLY BALLROOM DANCE

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging will be sponsoring their monthly Ballroom Dance, on Friday, February 16th from 7-10 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood. Music will be provided by Dave Valerio and the cost is \$12.00 per person for your Ballroom Dancing pleasure. Coffee, tea, desserts & water are served & there are also door prizes. We look forward to welcoming newcomers of all ages.

There is a Facebook page so you can check the status of events offered by the Friends: Friends Of The Norwood Council On Aging | Facebook

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP TO MEET

The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 20, at The Grange, 28 Rockwood Road (Route 115) in Norfolk, MA from 7-9 pm. Mask if you will.

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. For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

IMPACT NORWOOD CREATING MAGAZINE

Calling all Norwood residents! How has physical and mental wellness impacted your life? Impact Norwood is a substance use prevention and mental health awareness coalition seeking to improve health in Norwood youth. We are creating a wellness magazine, Mindful Mustangs, focusing on stories of resilience, mental health, physical activity, community, and prioritizing overall wellbeing, but we need submissions! We are looking for articles and artwork from Norwood residents of all ages sharing any story about their own wellness journey or using one of our prompts. You can find the application and submit your response online at <http://tinyurl.com/Mindful-Mustangs24> or at one of our physical locations: the Civic Center, Morrill Memorial Library, Senior Center, and Town Hall. To find out more, please visit impactnorwood.org/mindful-mustangs or email mindfulmustangs@gmail.com with any questions

NORWOOD TOASTMASTERS CAN IMPROVE COMMUNICATION SKILLS

The Norwood Toastmasters Club, a not-for-profit educational organization is well into its 25th year! We develop communication and leadership skills for our members and the community at every level of ability. Guests are always welcome to come and see just how we do it! Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. We meet from 6:45 until 8:30 p.m. at the Lydon Suite in the Norwood Civic Center, 165 Nahatan St. in Norwood, Massachusetts. Please visit our website: <https://norwoodtoastmaster.toastmastersclubs.org/> for additional information."

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION	Docket No. NO24P0293EA
Estate of: Esther Flores Date of Death: 06/23/2022	Norfolk Probate and Family Court 35 Shawmut Road Canton, MA 02021 781-830-1200

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Sandra Tabares of North Attleboro, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:
Sandra Tabares of North Attleboro, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 A.M on the return day of 03/13/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 06, 2024
Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

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2023 Annual Real Estate Activity in Norfolk County

Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell reports that Norfolk County recordings for 2023 show indicators of less real estate activity as compared to 2022 with decreases in both the total number deeds and mortgages recorded. However, seasonal trends remained consistent, with a decrease in activity during the winter months and an uptick in the spring and summer months.



Register of Deeds
William O'Donnell

In 2023, there were 102,188 documents recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, a 21% decrease from 2022.

"Looking at the 2023 real estate market, I think most would agree that it was a slow year especially compared to 2021 and 2022's busy home sales. Consumers have been facing a limited inventory of available properties along with rising mortgage interest rates. As an example of these indicators property sales in Massachusetts have dropped 22.5% in 2023," remarked Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell. "However, Norfolk County's decline was less than the statewide average for the year."

Overall, the County's lending activity showed a continued downward trend. A total of 14,598 mortgages were recorded at the Registry in 2023, 37% less than a year earlier.

According to numbers from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the median interest rate of a 30-year fixed-rate conventional loan started at 6.42% in January 2023 and grew to 7.79% by October 2023.

Register O'Donnell noted, "Those who locked in lower interest rates in 2020 and 2021 are less inclined to refinance or buy property at current mortgage interest rates, leading to fewer mortgages being recorded and fewer existing homes on the market. Furthermore, buyers looking for new property may be hesitant to take on a new mortgage with average interest rates still above 7%."

The number of deeds for 2023, which reflect real estate sales and transfers, both commercial and residential, was 15,253 a decrease of 12% from 2022.

"The scarcity of available real estate due to fewer existing homes on the market and new construction not

the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has partnered with Quincy Community Action Programs (617-479-8181 x376) and NeighborWorks Housing Solutions (617-770-2227) to help anyone facing challenges paying their mortgage. Another option for homeowners is to contact the Massachusetts Attorney General's Consumer Advocacy and Response Division (CARD) at 617-727-8400.

"If you are having difficulty paying your monthly mortgage, please consider contacting one of these non-profit agencies for help and guidance," said O'Donnell.

Register O'Donnell concluded, "A limited inventory of properties for sale and buyers who have been facing rising interest rates resulted in an overall slow year for the housing market. While current market conditions may be frustrating to some, especially for first-time homebuyers, it may be comforting to know that Norfolk County's real estate market is doing better compared to state and national averages and remains a desirable place to both live and work in."

Follow this YouTube link to watch the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Year in Review segment on Quincy Access Television: <https://www.youtube.com/watch/bHXIGI-HAHg>

To learn more about Registry of Deed's events and initiatives, like us on Facebook® at facebook.com/NorfolkDeeds or follow us on Twitter® at twitter.com/NorfolkDeeds and Instagram® at instagram.com/NorfolkDeeds.

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds is located at 649 High Street in Dedham. The Registry is a resource for homeowners, title examiners, mortgage lenders, municipalities, and others with a need for secure, accurate, and accessible land record information. All land record research information can be found on the Registry's website www.norfolkdeeds.org.

Residents in need of assistance can contact the Registry of Deeds Customer Service Center via telephone at (781) 461-6101 or email us at registerodonnell@norfolkdeeds.org.

being able to keep pace with demand is making it more challenging for homebuyers in general, but especially for first-time homebuyers who must now deal with the added cost of higher interest rates," stated Register O'Donnell.

Sale prices for 2023 appear to have decreased slightly compared to 2022. The average sale price for all of Norfolk County, both commercial and residential, this year was \$1,083,609 an 8% decrease from 2022. The total dollar volume of commercial and residential sales is also down, decreasing by 26% from one year ago.

"I can understand the frustration some homebuyers may be feeling because right now it is a more complicated process for individuals looking to purchase a home and, especially, first-time homebuyers," said Register O'Donnell. "It is more expensive for home buyers because prices are still high relative to 2021 and 2020 values, and to add to this difficulty, there may be multiple people competing for the same property as well as higher interest rate costs."

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has been closely monitoring the foreclosure market. In 2023, there were 73 foreclosure deeds recorded, as a result of mortgage foreclosures taking place in Norfolk County, whereas in 2022, there were 68 recorded. Also concerning is in 2023, there were 339 notices to foreclose, the first step in the foreclosure process, compared to the 308 recorded in 2022.

"The increase in the number of foreclosure deeds and notices to foreclose is troubling. This could suggest that more of our neighbors may have financial difficulties in the future," said O'Donnell. "We will continue to monitor these figures in 2024."

For the past several years,

Coyotes becoming more active, but you can help keep them at bay

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Valentine's Day is almost here, and the local coyotes are getting into the spirit of the season, according to Norwood Animal Control Officer Henry Cerqueira.

"It's mating season for them, and so I'm starting to get some calls," he said. "They're chasing each other around and breeding now, so they'll be starting to have their puppies around April or so."

Cerqueira said that, like for most wild animals, the availability of food is the major factor for the spring birth cycle.

"That's when all the other animals start having their babies, so there's plenty of food for them," he said.

Many residents may have noticed an uptick in coyote activity in the last few years, and that means an uptick in coyote attacks on pets. Cerqueira said they can jump fences from eight-to-10 feet, and recommends being outside with your pets so as to keep an eye on them while they play or do their "business".

The main thing he said to do when you see a coyote, other than not stand there and take a photo, is to make yourself as large and as intimidating as possible.

"And to make noise, so they associate humans with danger," he said. "Not to try to take their picture, not to stay quiet, but to make yourself menacing to coyotes, as well as any foxes around you. You'll see them every once in a while now."

He said they go after cats, small dogs, fawns, rabbits; basically anything they can carry off.

"They're just a very intelligent species, and so we have to make it so that they stay wild, as opposed to assuming that humans are going to feed them or provide them food, which makes them dangerous in turn," he said.

Cerqueira said coyotes are very smart and observant, and will take their time with potential prey. Just recently, he said he got a call from the Norfolk Agricultural School in Walpole (Norwood and Walpole now share ACO resources and territory). He said that a cow had given birth to twins, but that coyotes managed to grab one of the calves before the mother or staff could do anything about it.

"The caretaker said there were nine coyotes and they grabbed one of the calves," he said. "Usually a cow gives



Wile E. Coyote

birth and protects the young, but she had one calf and then was giving birth to the other one and they saw she couldn't defend the birthed one, and so they grabbed it. The caretaker said he went over to them, but they stood their ground because they were eating the calf. So these are kinds of things I see all the time, but most people don't really know about."

Cerqueira said one major thing folks can do is to not leave food out for the coyotes or any other wild animal.

"Please, do not put out any food for them," he said. "Even bird feeders attract these animals. They attract the birds and the squirrels, and the rabbits and the turkeys and all the regular prey for the coyotes. So if you have a bird feeder out you usually get these animals coming out too."

He added that coyotes are opportunistic hunters and scavengers in the extreme, and will eat anything they can, even bread or fruit. He said residents should secure their own garbage cans, but added that coyotes have been known to go into restaurant dumpsters and waste receptacles as well.

"There is not too much they won't eat," he said. "A lot of their main food is voles, mice, rabbits, and they're opportunists. If they can go to a restaurant and get into the dumpster if the side door is open, they smell the food, they come in and they're very keen about knowing whether or not there is anyone around or not ... they're very smart. You know a raccoon will jump into the dumpster, but a coyote is smart enough to know they want to be able to see at all times what's coming at them."

Cerqueira emphasized that when dealing with a coyote, the best thing you can do is to make it afraid of humans.

"You know usually when someone calls about a coyote they're gone by the time I get

there," he said. "Most of the time when people are calling they're inside the house looking out a window or from a sliding door."

He said the only times he is able to take action against a coyote, as per Massachusetts state law, is when it is rabid, seriously injured or has attacked someone.

"If a coyote confronted you, there's usually a problem with them, because they usually associate humans with danger," he said. "Most of the calls I get are people standing on their porch and they go, 'The coyote is just staring at me. I can send you pictures of him.' Well, that's why he's just staring at you, because you're not posing any threat. I tell them to grab a broom and wave it at them or grab some pots and pans and bang on them and they'll take right off. If you don't, then they just see people and stand there. And then the biggest problem is if they're not afraid of bigger people, they're not going to be afraid of a small child."

Cerqueira said this is not a problem going away anytime soon. Coyotes have been seen in Boston and seem to thrive in urban and suburban environments alike. According to the DNA testing the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife have done on the local coyotes, our breeds appear to be a combination of coyote, dog and wolf, with the intelligence capacity of all three.

And you can't just hunt them to reduce their population either. Cerqueira said the mothers' birth numbers are based on the amount of available food, and populations have been known to bounce back quickly when prey species populations increase from a lack of predators.

For more information on local coyotes and what you can do to help keep them away (no photos, please), go to <http://tinyurl.com/4ezyxec2>

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ily units being forbidden in the zoning district, floor area ratio (FAR) requirements, density requirements and parking requirements. Hern pointed out that the ZBA approved the special permit requests (parking) but denied for FAR and multi-family units.

Hern said the original proposal 22 months ago was for 12 units, but after discussion with the Town and neighbors, it was reduced to eight units.

He pointed out that under the current zoning, you could only build a single-family dwelling on the property, which

he said doesn't make a whole lot of sense, considering the multi-family buildings near the site.

"A single-family home is not really what would fit in that section of Washington Street, it doesn't really solve the need, in any meaningful way, for more housing in our community," he said.

The proposal calls for 25 percent of the units to be affordable, adding all eight units to the subsidized housing index the state uses to calculate whether or not developers can build under the 40B statute.

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Chapter 40B requires that municipalities have 1.5 percent of its land or 10 percent of its housing stock dedicated to affordable housing, otherwise developers can ignore most of the local zoning laws.

ZBA Chair Mike Sheehan said he felt this was a good project and that he was impressed that MacDonald stuck with it.

"Hopefully we can move forward on this," he said. "I want to thank you (MacDonald), Mr. Hern and the Abdallah family for staying the course. I thought this was a good project for South Norwood, but a lot of developers would have walked away, but you folks all stayed committed. I think it's a worthwhile project."

ZBA member Al Porro said he was in favor of the original 12-unit proposal.

"I think they've done a great job staying the course, and I think it's excellent, not just for South Norwood, but for the Commonwealth as well," he said. "We're here looking for the betterment of Norwood."

Donohue said at this meeting that, because she was on the Board of Selectmen at the time of the original proposal, she didn't want to interfere with the ZBA process.

"I'm off now, so I'm interfering," she said to laughter of those present. "What I'm trying to say is that, the information that was so important two years ago, we didn't bring up. That was in regard to the density, if that building was proposed Uptown, it would have complied with the (Mixed-Use Overlay District [MUOD]) and we want South Norwood to be treated in the same great way Uptown is. And the new thing is that all of that new zoning around the train stations (MBTA Communities Act 3A), this density provides much more square footage per unit than all that other stuff. This is our chance to put in good housing in South Norwood."

Donohue also thanked the ZBA for continuing to hear the proposal.

"I want to say thank you for all your years of work on this project to make it something better for South Norwood," she said.

Norwood Town Planner Sarah Dixon said the proposal's LIP has been received and approved by the state already. The LIP allows the Massachusetts Office of Housing and Livable Communities (OHLC) to provide technical assistance for these kinds of projects, and issues a project eligibility letter (PEL) – the prerequisite approval from the state – if a project meets the requirements set out in the law.

"So the application that went to the state before the PEL was issued included information about the floor plans, the bedroom count breakdown, information about their marketing plan – as an affordable project they're obligated to affirmatively further fair housing for their marketing of those units and they provided that information – they provided information about rents for those affordable units; it's really a comprehensive package," she said. "Mr. MacDonald and I met a representative from OHLC and walked the site and reviewed the neighborhood."



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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on February 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Robert Randall (Case #24-04) with respect to property located at **121 Walpole Street [Map 2 Block 25 Lot 4], Norwood, MA 02062, in the Single Residence 2 (S2) Zoning District.** The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

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This Application requests retroactive relief in the form of a Variance pursuant to Zoning Bylaw Section 3.4.1.5 [Swimming Pools – Setbacks] and 10.2.2 [Board of Appeals – Variances] to allow a previously installed above ground pool to remain within the 30 ft. setback from the street line.

Any zoning relief that may be required in adherence to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw shall be considered by the Board. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeals and may be requested by emailing comdev@norwoodma.gov Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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**TOWN OF NORWOOD
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on February 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Hongfang Yang (Case #24-02) with respect to property located at **16 Day Street [Map 2 Block 8 Lot 2], Norwood, MA 02062, in the Central Business (CB) Zoning District.** The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

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This Application requests a Special Permit pursuant to Zoning Bylaw Section 3.1.5 [Use Regulations – Multifamily], Section 5.4.4 [Alteration of Nonconforming Structure], and Section 6.1.12 [Off Street Parking and Loading – Special Permit]. The application proposes to convert the Subject Property from a 2 family residential dwelling to a 3 unit residential dwelling. The Subject Property is preexisting nonconforming on lot area.

Any zoning relief that may be required in adherence to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw shall be considered by the Board. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

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the bid for the construction project is out now.

“It is out to bid now, and so one of the issues would be that if we did start, say, September 1, and we’re going into the ground, you’re pouring concrete when the ground is frozen,” he said. “And so you’d have problems there presumably. But in terms of this, it’s going out to bid to be closed at the period you are talking about.”

Sullivan said the committee was “specifically told” construction would start after Labor Day.

“The plan was for the work to get done before the ground froze, and we were never told in my recollection that the pool would be closed for the summer,” she said. “And we all understand that Father Mac’s is not up to it. It is what it is, but it is very distressing to be sitting at this table and be told something different. It was sold at Town Meeting this way and it’s not what any of us want.”

Sullivan asked that it be noted that the COC membership was not aware that the project called for the pool to be closed over the summer.

“I think it’s a really big issue,” she said.

“I think we would have looked at it differently,” said Miller.

“I think it’s just very concerning,” Sullivan said. “It’s going to come up when the pool is closed this summer. But honestly, I don’t know why we sit here if we’re not being told information correctly.”

After review of this item at the November Town Meeting (<http://tinyurl.com/kysefvpr>) and review of minutes of and recordings of previous COC meetings, verification of any timeline could

not be specifically found. However, the timeline put forth by Kuth Ranieri Architects in 2021 (<http://tinyurl.com/yauv2u4v>) somewhat split the difference. It estimated construction to end by July/start of August 2024.

Miller and Paciorkowski said this would be too big a disruption in their minds and floated the idea of starting construction this upcoming September.

“In this day and age, pouring concrete, I mean I don’t care what the temperature is I see them pouring concrete when it’s 12 degrees,” Miller said. “I just know the impact on Father Mac’s would be overwhelming.”

Member Anne Marie Mazzola asked if the Norwood Recreation Summer Camps were aware of the situation. Miller asked as well. The summer program guide for the Recreation Department’s summer camps for 2024 is not yet posted on the Town website. Rosen said he was not aware either way.

“All I know that in working with the Recreation Department, I was told this was always part of the plan,” he said. “I don’t remember the specific conversation that you’re talking about, but obviously you’re all having the same memory, so it must have happened. But I just don’t know when that was said, maybe about a year ago? I don’t know.”

Mazzucco said they are looking at providing shuttles from South Norwood to the Father Mac Pool for residents and campers who would otherwise be using Hawes. He said he believes, based on recent usage, that Father Mac’s would not be overwhelmed.

Rosen added that the recent Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC)

grant the Town obtained for \$500,000 had its own timeline as well and the construction was partly scheduled around that.

COC member and Selectman Robert Donnelly, Miller and Paciorkowski said after the meeting that the confusion came from the fact that the PARC grant had specific funding and spending requirements that could only be met with the summer construction plan.

Rosen and Mazzucco said they’re hoping for a possible “soft launch” in August, but Mazzucco said that’s a best case scenario, and that a six-to-nine-month construction schedule is the range they’re working with.

“And reasonably we can’t open unless we know we’re going to open; we’ve got to get life-guards, chemicals, supplies and all that,” he said.

Rutherford said bids on the project will be accepted until Feb. 22. Mazzucco said depending on where the bids come in for payment (originally the \$5.7 million project was slated for \$4 million, so things could change) and the timeline produced by the bids, the six-to-nine-month range is what they’re hoping for. He said starting in the fall is an option, but it’s riskier, since you’re doing construction in the unpredictable winter season.

“Running over those eight or nine months means we can completely finish construction, absorb any issues we have and run shuttles from Hawes up to Father Mac’s and deal with a smaller capacity pool,” he said. “No matter what, construction is going to take a period of time and either we definitively lose a season and plan around that, or we could take a risk that we’re going to lose a season and spend a lot of money and lose a lot of resources.”

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Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with Norwood-based Lifeworks Inc to bring a series of art classes called Sensory-friendly Art Classes for Adults to the library. The classes will be held weekly on Fridays from 10:30 am to 11:45 am in the Simoni Room.

Join the art instructor Stephanie Enloe for sensory-friendly art classes for adults, a program specially designed for adults with all levels of cognitive abilities. The attendees will get a chance to create an art piece in a sensory-friendly and inclusive environment.

ONE VOTE FEATURED

League of Women Voters, in partnership with Morrill Memorial Library, is excited to host the film screening of the documentary One Vote on Thursday February 29, at 6:30 PM in the Simoni Room at the library. The film will be followed by a discussion.

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Movie description: ONE VOTE is a small film about a big topic: American democracy. At a moment of unprecedented cynicism about the political process, ONE VOTE bears hopeful witness to the humanity and rich diversity of American voters, and to the unsung stories that comprise our exercise of democracy. It is an inspiring film that follows five diverse Americans on election day. At times funny, surprising and heart-wrenching, the film eschews partisan politics in favor of an honest portrayal of voters' Election Day experiences. It will move you to conquer their own obstacles and objections and to inspire one and all to participate in the democratic process. Run time: 1hr. 18 mins.

MONDAY MATINEE SERIES

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to launch Monday Movie Matinee, a film series starting in January. The series will run from January - May. The films will be shown on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. All showtimes at 1PM. Movie dates are: 2/26, 3/11, 3/25, 4/22, 5/13. February movies are: Judas and the Black Messiah (126 mins) and A Haunting in Venice (104 mins).

We thank the Norwood Senior Center for being our partner in promoting the film series.

BEYOND DYSTOPIA: WEAVING HOPE & JUSTICE THROUGH CLIMATE FICTION

As part of the Norwood Sustainability Series, Morrill Memorial Library is pleased to welcome back climate storyteller Tory Stephens for a virtual program, "Beyond Dystopia: Weaving Hope and Justice through Climate Fiction" on Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00pm on Zoom.

Dive into a future built on hope and justice! Join Tory Stephens, the Creative Manager at Grist's Imagine 2200 climate fiction initiative, for a captivating talk that will explore climate fiction and climate storytelling as a climate solution. Uncover the power of hope and community embedded in the genres of climate fiction, solarpunk, and thrutopia. Leave with a belief that story is an important missing link for society to muster the collective strength to overcome our climate crisis.

BOSTON'S CHOCOLATE HISTORY

As part of their Local Food Program, the Sustainable Business Network of Massachusetts is partnering with the Morrill Memorial Library to talk about Boston's chocolate history with Local Food Program Manager Kerry Kokkinogenis on Thursday, February 22 at 6:30pm in the Simoni Room.

February is National Chocolate Month, and holds one of our most chocolate-dependent holidays. From a colonial-era health tonic to an aphrodisiac, from a drink of the gods to everyone's favorite treat, chocolate has had many faces. Its roots are thousands of years deep in South and Central America, and chocolate has been held as spiritually, ceremonially, emotionally, physically, and economically impor-

tant for many empires and their cultures, across continents.

Boston, as a significant port city and place of trade has had its part in this history. You've probably heard of the Boston Tea Party, but did you know that hot chocolate's role in the pre-Revolutionary Boston and protest was just as crucial? And Boston played an important role in chocolate's history, at least here in the U.S. This fun talk will look at how chocolate was prepared by the Aztecs and colonial Bostonians, how it has journeyed from everyone's every meal, everyday beverage, to a treat of the most elite, and back to being accessible to everyone. Plus, we'll get a glimpse at some of the trends in local chocolate making.

THE HIDDEN HISTORY OF BLACK BOSTON

Celebrate Black History Month with the Morrill Memorial Library as we welcome award-winning educator, Joel Mackall, on Monday, February 26 at 6:30pm in the Simoni Room.

Joel will customize his guided tours of the City of Boston for our armchair traveling audience in an interactive presentation: The Hidden History of Black Boston.

Join us to learn Boston's 400-year African-American history! We will delve into the rich narratives of neighborhoods and pivotal sites, events, and figures from the eras of Faneuil Hall and Long Wharf, which marked Boston's connection to the Atlantic world, all the way to the vibrant Black communities that flourished in Beacon Hill in the early republic, and the South End and Roxbury in the early 20th century. Joel's presentation is built on engagement and responsiveness - moving at a pace that allows for in-depth exploration

and encourages participant interaction. We cover themes of Black organization and community formation across activism, religion, civil rights, and economics, connecting historical events to contemporary challenges.

The big idea? It's a conversation, and we definitely welcome and encourage questions.

SENSORY FRIENDLY LEGO CLUB FOR ADULTS

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with the L.E.A.D. program affiliated with Norwood High School to host a Sensory-friendly Lego Club for Adults. Our February Lego club meeting will be held in-person at the library on Thursday February 29, from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

Please join the L.E.A.D. students in this creative adventure. Just bring your imagination - we will provide the Legos. The Club is free, inclusive, and open to anyone ages 18+. It is specially designed for adults with different levels of abilities.

UNRAVELING MYTHS ABOUT TRANS PEOPLE IN SPORTS

The Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with a cohort of over 40 Massachusetts and New Hampshire public libraries to host journalist Erin Reed for a virtual presentation titled "The Real Score: Unraveling Myths About Trans People in Sports" on Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00pm on Zoom.

In this presentation, we will explore the complex and often misunderstood world of transgender athletes in sports. Delving into the history and current controversies, we will address the myths and misinformation surrounding "biological advantages." We will also discuss the discriminatory nature of recent sports bans targeting transgender individuals, and interrogate how similar arguments have been historically used to marginalize other minority groups. We will look at the real world impact of these sports bans, and how they might touch places you didn't think about. Finally, we'll put it all together in considering what transgender inclusion means for society at large.

About the presenter: Erin Reed (she/her) is a transgender journalist based in Washington, D.C. She tracks LGBTQ+ legislation around the United States for her subscription newsletter, Erin In The Morning. Her work has been cited by the AP, Reuters, The New York Times, The Washington Post, and many more major media outlets. You can follow her on twitter and tiktok @ErinInTheMorn.

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This Application requests retroactive relief in the form of a Variance pursuant to Norwood Zoning Bylaw Sections 3.4.1.5 [Swimming Pools – Setbacks] and 10.2.2 [Board of Appeals – Variances] to allow a previously installed above ground pool to remain within the 30 ft. setback from the street line.

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VITTORIA (Serratore) of Norwood and formally Curinga, Italy, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on February 5, 2024 at the age of 68. Beloved wife of Giuseppe "Joe" Bartucca for 47 years. Devoted and loving mother of Dominic Bartucca and his wife Jennifer of Norwood, Mario Bartucca and his wife Tracy of Bellingham and Frank and his wife Kelly of Kingston. Admired sister of Barbara Serratore and Giovanna Serratore and her husband Aldo of Curinga, Italy. Cherished and devoted Nonna of Mia, Jack, Michael, Joseph, Isabelle and Lily. Treasured daughter of the late Mario and Maria Serratore. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, Saturday February 10, 2024 at 9am followed by a funeral mass at 10am at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood. Visiting hours will be held on Friday, February 9, 2024 from 4-8pm. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA.

COX

Kenneth Allen Cox Jr, age 61, died unexpectedly in Biloxi, MS on January 23, 2024. He was a 1980 graduate of Norwood High School. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree from Boston University in 1984 and a Master of Science in Finance from the Carroll School of Business at Boston College in 1992. Ken built a successful 39-year career in the hospitality industry working most recently as the Chief Financial Officer of RPM Pizza in Gulfport, MS. RPM Pizza is the largest Domino's franchisee in the United States. He was an integral part of the team and will be deeply missed by many. Ken started his career as an accountant at Papa Gino's and eventually was promoted to Chief Financial Officer. Ken was born on July 10, 1962, in Boston, MA, the first of four boys to Ken and Marcia Cox. Ken lived his younger life in Norwood, with his three siblings Brian, Jeffrey, and Timothy along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends nearby. Growing up with three brothers, Ken could often be found at the ball field or hockey rink practicing with his brothers or competing against them.

Ken participated in various youth sports and later played baseball and hockey at Norwood High School. Ken's parents were always on the sideline cheering him on to victory and supporting him at every game. Ken enjoyed summer visits to his aunt's home in New Hampshire and skiing with his cousins and friends. Ken formed friendships at an early age that remained throughout the years and distance. Ken always looked forward to and enjoyed his yearly trip each summer to the Saratoga Racetrack with his father, brothers, and best friends from high school. Ken could often be found reading the Wall Street Journal or New York Times, checking the stocks and financial pages, looking for his next stock to invest in. Even after moving south to Mississippi, he continued to cheer on his beloved Boston sports teams, especially the New England Patriots. Ken leaves behind his three children he shared with Mary Beth Cox, Caroline G. Cox of South Boston, MA, Kenneth A. Cox III of Brooklyn, NY, and Christopher D. Cox of Norwood, MA, his mother Marcia K. Cox of Norwood, MA, and brothers Brian D. Cox (Donna) of Hampton, NH, Jeffrey M. Cox of Newton, MA, and Timothy D. Cox (Loretta) of Newton, MA, his companion Michelle LaVoie, as well as his aunts Sandra Tucker (Scott) of Bridgeport, CT, Brenda D'Agostino (Rob) of Plantsville, CT, and Jean Gallagher of Canton, MA. Ken also leaves behind many cousins, nieces, and nephews. Ken was predeceased by his father, Kenneth A. Cox, Sr., and his grandparents Charles and Grace Gallagher, Harry and Katheryn Cox, and Florence Cox. A funeral Mass was held on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at St. Timothy Parish, Norwood, MA, with burial to follow at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to The Norwood High School Alumni Association, a scholarship fund that offers a scholarship yearly to a child of a NHS alumni, Ken's son Christopher was awarded the scholarship in 2020. Norwood High School Alumni Association, 12 Leyton Road, Norwood, MA 02062.

HARBOUR

WILLIAM A. Jr. of Norwood, formerly of Dedham, passed away on January 30, 2024 at the age of 78. Beloved husband of Patricia (Cunningham) Harbour. Devoted and loving father of James R. Harbour of Norfolk, and the late Kathleen B.

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Harbour. Brother of John Harbour of the Philippines and Celia Serani of FL. Cherished grandfather of Jillian Harbour and Owen Harbour. Son of the late William A. Harbour Sr. and Dorothy (Perello) Serani. Stepson of Americo Serani of FL. William was a former member of many Hunting Clubs. He was active in College, Semi Pro and Pro Hockey as a scout. He grew up in Dedham MA and has many friends there. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. All other services and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation for Fighting Blindness P.O. Box 45740 Baltimore, MD 21297 - 5740 www.fightingblindness.org/chapters/boston-chapter

SMITH

LINDA C. of Norwood passed away on January 22, 2024 at the age of 73. Beloved daughter of the late John R. and Margaret H (Garrity) Smith. Loving sister of Nancy Smith and her husband Francis McLaughlin of Littleton, Mary Ellen Zablocki and her husband Henry of Norwood, Steven M. Smith and his wife Joanne of Marshfield and the late Robert E. Smith. Cherished aunt of Michelle, Andrew, Ashley, Evan and Brenden. Great aunt of Violet, Jameson, Salem and Vera. Linda was a 1968 graduate of Norwood High School. She was a Registered Nurse at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston for 40 years, spending the majority of that time in the Burn and Trauma Unit. Linda enjoyed spending

every summer for 40 years at Great East Lake watching her nieces and nephew grow up. She spent time sunning, boating and enjoying the neighborhood celebrations, especially our Labor Day Lobster Fest, but her legacy will be her enjoyment of gardening at GEL. Another enjoyment of hers was buying; pocketbooks, shoes, garden paraphernalia, and gifts for her nieces, nephews and their children. She was always up for a Patriots game, with particular attention to the Fifth Quarter. She was an admirer of chefs on some of her favorite cooking shows, paying attention to the preparation of a variety of fine cuisines. From the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to; JDRF One Walk c/o Marcia McChesney, Plymouth, MA 02360, a friend whose 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren have T1D (<https://www2.jdrf.org>) OR Pan-Mass Challenge (Dana-Farber), (<https://www.pmc.org>) Jane M Collins-Hastings, Brewster, MA 02631-who has biked this course for 3 decades. kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com

WILKOSKY

William E., Jr. "Chip" of Norwood, formerly of Dedham, February 3, 2024. Son of the late Donna Baron and William E. Wilkosky. Devoted father of Katelyn Wilkosky of Dedham. Brother of Robin and stepbrother of Raymond Baron. Private funeral services will be held. In remembrance of Chip's life, please donate to a local Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Office, P.O. Box 2407, James A. Farley Station, New York, NY 10116-2407. Online guestbook at

gfdoherty.com. Arrangements by George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, Dedham.

WYNNE



Thomas Joseph, age 88, of Norwood, passed away on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, surrounded by his family. He was the husband of Anne (Grodin) Wynne and the son of the late Thomas and Catherine (O'Leary) Wynne. Tom was predeceased by his wife Margaret (Reilly) Wynne. Tom took great joy in his family and loved holiday gatherings, cookouts on the deck and attending his grandchildren's activities. He enjoyed many years vacationing in Maine when his children were young, and the more recent family vacations in South Carolina and New Jersey. A graduate of Boston College, Class of 1960, he was an avid BC fan his entire life and enjoyed going to football games with Anne. Originally from Allston, Tom lived in Norwood for over 50 years, was a realtor for many years and served as an elected town official. He had a great interest in WWII, the military, and all things aviation. Tom was known for his sweet tooth and had a particular fondness for Smarties, jellybeans, Snickers and jelly-filled donuts. In addition to his wife Anne, he

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Ask The Doctor

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

KIA EV6 GT AWD

Electric cars have been all over the news these past few weeks, especially in the cold North East months. Charging time, as well as driving range, are the main concerns. I have had two electric cars, back to back, and will say the cold weather does affect both concerns. I don't have a charging station at home and use a standard 110-volt receptacle. Every night I do plug the cars in. I did get an average of 25 miles range each night. I did use my friend Joe Freiday's charging station one Saturday afternoon and in a few hours the car was at 80 percent. If you buy an electric vehicle, you should also buy a home charging station. I start with the KIA EV6 GT AWD with dual electric motors equaling 576 HP. That's correct: 576 HP. The EV6GT is a car that needs no optional equipment—everything is included. It has all driver assist technology, dual 12.3-inch display with Navigation, smart key, with push-button start and remote start, heated outboard seats front and rear, heated steering wheel and wireless phone charger. Our GT had 21-inch wheels with summer tires, power moon roof, Meridian audio system, and more. 10 year/100,000 mile power train and yes, battery warranty. Major parts and assembly in Korea. The exterior Runway Red paint with black interior and trim looks amazing. Power is instant and at any speed and any condition. Seats are firm and comfortable, the car seats four, and there is plenty of storage in the rear. Our car had one option, carpeted floor mats at \$170. Total MSRP with destination: \$62,865.

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

Monday, January 29

0653 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Collision Location/Address: Coolidge Ave + Nahatan St Caller would like to report a deer strike. Animal Control has been notified for the deer.

1022 Phone - PD-Parking Violation Location/Address: - Carnegie Row Caller reporting a tractor trailer illegally parked. 661 advised the driver who was waiting for Whole Market Foods.

1143 Initiated - PD-Parking Violation Location/Address: Carnegie Row 661 at the above location with a parking violation. Two tractor trailers advised and moved along.

1648 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Monroe St Caller reports a black male around 5'9" mid 30s with a beard wearing a gray sweatshirt and a blue sign that says "power." Caller believes the party ran off and got into a vehicle. Norwood 666 reports speaking to that reporting party, she was concerned due to the male party not stating the company he worked for. Parties were advised, all units clear.

1813 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: North Ave Caller on the business line reporting a dog continuously barking outside. ACO Henry notified and en route to handle.

2025 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Caller states there is someone outside their apartment. They do not know who this person is. White male wearing blue jacket Norwood 667 reports Norwood 674 transporting 1 male party back to the station in protective custody.

Tuesday January 30

0813 Radio - PD-Parking Violation Services Rendered Location/Address: Carnegie Row 4 Home Market Food tractor trailer trucks were spoken to, advised and moved along.

1126 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Elliot St Elderly male party wearing an orange hat looking through trash barrels. Both units spoke with the party. He stated he was collecting some recyclables. Party has been advised and sent on his way.

1437 Phone - PD-Threats Peace Restored Location/Address: - Winter St Caller stating her manager is making threats towards her and she feels unsafe. Spoke with the patient and staff. Patient was angry regarding an appt earlier. She has calmed down and the staff has her under control.

1813 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Gone on arrival Location/Address: Dunkin Donuts - Nahatan St Caller on the business line reporting a male party described as wearing a blue hoodie, blue jeans and white sneakers, throwing snow stakes at passing by vehicles. Norwood 664 reports units checked the area, that party was gone on arrival. All units clear.

2021 Initiated - PD-Parking Violation Spoke With Location/Address: Hoyle St Owner advised to move vehicles.

2111 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Central Chrysler Jeep & Dodge - Bos-Prov Hwy A manager of the dealership, reporting an unauthorized party using the electrical vehicle charger in the service department area. Manager reports that party has since left the property and his vehicle charging at the dealership. 676 reports MA Reg 5JTC78 Norwood 665 reports making contact with the owner. He stated the vehicle was about to die and needed to charge it. He will come down and take the car off the lot. Norwood 665 reports that vehicle was moved from the lot.

2256 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Trust Roofing - Wickham Way 911 caller reporting loud music has been blasting in the apartment for hours. Norwood 663 reports the music was turned down.

Wednesday, January 31

0442 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Location/Address: Windsor Gardens - Walpole St Negoshian's towed 5 vehicles.

1020 Phone - PD-Disturbance Transported to Hospital Location/Address: May Institute - Commerce Way 911 call for party attacking staff in the lobby. No weapons Police on scene requested FD. Section in hand.

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NWD 661 on board with NFD en route to the hospital, BI Needham.

1036 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Investigated Location/Address: Hickory Rd Caller reports hearing cars go by at a high rate of speed. She is concerned for the safety of the street.

1159 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Village Rd E Anonymous caller on the business line reports a dog being held out in the cold. ACO notified and will be en route to take a look.

1214 Phone - PD-Disturbance Investigated Location/Address: Negoshian Enterprises - Walpole St Caller on 911 states she is at this address. She states the company towed her car for no reason. While on 911, a verbal altercation ensued. RP was heard arguing with another party on site. This is a civil matter. Party will get money and look to come back and pay. Negoshian's does not want to press charges. All parties spoken with and satisfied.

1604 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St Neighbor dispute between two men out front of complex. Female caller states on 911 line that it is an ongoing dispute over noise complaints. No weapons reported. OFC's report one male party in custody. NWD 667 returning with male party in custody. NWD 661 returning with female in custody. Female OFC from Walpole coming to assist for a prisoner search. Arrest: Constantin, Christopher P Address: 853 Washington St Apt. #4 Norwood, Ma Age: 31 Charges: A&B ON +60/Disabled Drug, Possess Class B Straight Warrant Witness/Juror/Police/Court Official, Intimidate Threat To Commit Crime Arrest: Campbell, Brittany A Address: 853 Washington St Apt. #4 Norwood, Ma Age: 30 Charges: Straight Warrant

1628 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/

Address: Washington St Party wants to talk to an OFC for an ongoing neighbor issue with cigarette smoke.

Thursday, February 1

0112 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Vicinity of: Nahatan St + Lenox St 661 transporting one male party in custody to the station. Center Towing on scene. Units clear. Arrest: Fernandes, Alex Benny Pontes Address: 280 Walnut St Stoughton, Ma Age: 30 Charges: OUI-Liquor OR .08% Marked Lanes Violation Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Alcohol In MV, Possess Open Container Of

0341 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Lenox St + Plimpton Ave Call reporting a female walking at the above area in a white bath robe. Caller stated that the female walking in a bath robe is suspicious. Checked the area and nothing showing.

1304 911 - PD-Noise Complaint Investigated Location/Address: Hoyle St Neighbor has been playing loud music. OFC spoke to resident.

1425 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Investigated Location/Address: Yarmouth Rd Caller on business line reports two white males, one has a blue jacket with a full beard. One is younger. Caller states they said they were doing construction. But he did not see any vehicles around. OFC's spoke with parties. They check out. They registered with PD earlier. OFC's spoke with RP. He is satisfied.

1559 911 - PD-Suspicious Activity Investigated Location/Address: Spruce Rd 911- caller reports window envelope of possible marijuana inside. Caller just returned from vacation. It is on the front lawn and appears to be unopened. OFC retrieved items.

Friday, February 2

0947 Phone - PD-Parking Violation Services Rendered Location/Address: Carnegie Row On-going problems with tractor trailers parking violation. Security was in process of moving trucks along.

1305 Phone - PD-Larceny/ Forgery/Fraud Spoke With Location/Address: Village Road W Party in lobby would like to report a stolen cooler off deck. Spoke to other party involved and is waiting for call to be returned. Husband states he will return the cooler tomorrow.

1331 911 - PD-Threats Spoke With Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Caller states that she is getting ransom calls from a random number. Contact has been made between daughter and mother. Daughter states she is

okay.

1927 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Investigated Location/Address: Guild Street Apartments - Washington St Call from H.Q. Third party caller. GF is worried. She has not heard from her BF in a while. Unknown time. OFC's enroute to attempt to make contact with BF. Made contact with male party. He is all well. OFC's clear.

Saturday, February 3

1230 Initiated - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: Pleasant St + Dean St Arrest: Quish, Johnna P Address: Homeless Boston, Ma Age: 57 Charges: Straight Warrant

1837 Phone - PD-Assault Offenses Report Follows Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Call from H.Q. OFC's following up on a report of a stabbing at this address. Victim is being treated in a Boston area hospital. OFC's checking the area of the building for any signs of blood trails. NWD 661 reports a couple possible droplets of what the OFC believes could be blood on the right deck. Reported that incident occurred in the street outside of the unit at this address.

1912 Phone - PD-Larceny/ Forgery/Fraud Investigated Location/Address: Vanderbilt Club - Vanderbilt Ave Call from H.Q. Party wants to report his wallet was stolen.

1940 Phone - PD-Stolen Motor Vehicle Investigated Location/Address: Nahatan St RP on the business line is looking to speak with an OFC. He states he saw his stepmom's car around 10am today. Described as a white Kia SUV. He says he just went out now, and he no longer sees it. Parties at the station filling out stolen MV report.

2051 Phone - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: Village Rd E Caller who wanted to remain anonymous states she heard 7 gun shots in a row on Anson Court. OFC's on scene requesting k9. OFC reports a possible description of male party on a ring camera. Described as a 5'9-6ft skinny male, skinny jeans or sweats, with a possible hooded sweatshirt or dreads. Weymouth PD and Dedham PD have a ballistics K9 en route.

Sunday, February 4

0106 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Collision Report Follows Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy + University Ave 911 caller reports three car MVA. Police on scene report they are looking for third vehicle. Center auto on scene. H.Q requesting second tow. Negoshians on the way for second tow. NWD 674 returning with one male in custody. AR requested and assigned to NWD 674. Arrest: Bethancourth Zepeda, Juan Address: 216 Main St Woburn, Ma Age: 33 Charges: OUI-Liquor OR .08% Unlicensed Operation Of MV

1938 Radio - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: William Shyne Cir Buick on the side of the road and the caller says it's an ongoing issue and wants it moved. MA REG 5XS372 is the vehicle in question and the owner was advised.

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is survived by his children: Gerard (Sheila) of Scituate; Ellyn (Sabre) of Manassas, VA; Eileen (Jack) of Wakefield, MA; Kevin of Harwich; Brenda of Billerica; Brian of Foxboro; Neil (Erin) of Medfield; Glenn Jackson of Houston, TX, Patrice (Brian) Gilooly of Watervliet, NY; and Dennis (Meghan) of Chelmsford. Tom was the beloved brother of Maureen (William) Kelly of Waltham; Catherine Erbe of Waltham; John of Dedham; and Joseph (Chin) of Melbourne, Australia. He was the proud grandparent of Dillon, Andrew, Vivian, Allyssa, Ella, Shayla, Sheridan, Margaret, Bridget, Savannah, Gavin, Brenden, Jake, Katie, Thomas, and Colin, and his great grandson Dylan. He is also survived by his nieces Deirdre Watson, Christine Kelly, Caroline Rinehart, and Denise Melanson and his nephews Thomas and Robert Reilly. Services were held at Gilooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rt. 1A) NORWOOD on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 10 AM. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Norwood at 11 AM. Visiting Hours were held in the Funeral Home on Monday from 4-8 PM. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society or a charity of your choice.

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Domestic violence discussion

Morrill Memorial Library, in partnership with DOVE (Domestic Violence Ended), will be hosting a presentation on the topic of domestic violence on Thursday March 14, 2024 at 7PM in the Simoni Room. The presentation will cover the topics of healthy, unhealthy and abusive dating relationships; how to talk to your friends, family and children about safe and happy relationships.

One out of three girls, women and non-binary folks will experience an abusive relationship in their lifetime. Come for a discussion on what makes up a healthy relationship, signs and red flags of abuse and control and how to support someone currently experiencing abuse. The presentation will be followed by Q&A.

About the presenter: Jen Bolton, MSW, LICSW (she/her) is the Director of Prevention and Education and has been working at DOVE since 2009 giving presentations, training and workshops to community members, professionals and students on domestic violence. She holds a masters in social work and maintains a small caseload supporting survivors of domestic violence in group and individual settings.

This program is free and open to the public aged 18+. Registration is required. To register, please go to <https://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/> or call 781 769 0200 Ext 2

Norwood Orient Masons Lodge awards 2024 TONYs



The awardees are as follows: Tony Winners: Heather Begg, Kaylie Delamere, Kileigh Gorman, Sadie Lundin, Hillary Medeiros, Tressa Murphy, Hanika Purohit, Tricia Wladkowski, Joann Yamoah, and Vinamra Kalaighnar Anusha. The Mary Connolly Award: Hillary Medeiros. The Father Dwyer Award: Joann Yamoah. The Joe Pierce Scouting Award: Timothy Guarin.

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reporting there are no damage estimates at the time of publication, and no injuries were reported for any worker at the building or firefighter at the scene. Norwood Fire investigators, the Massachusetts State Police and the Department of Fire Services are investigating the incident.

This is not the first serious call to come out of the frozen food manufacturing site, as in December of 2022, a large ammonia leak caused the death of one worker and the injury of another at the factory with levels of ammonia that “dissolves tissue,” according to then NFD Chief David Hayes at the time.

“It’s essentially like an acid but on the other end of the spectrum,” he said. “It dissolves tissue. With the levels they were talking about, they had liquid anhydrous ammonia coming out of the pipe, we believe. It vaporizes very quickly and the levels were very high. We didn’t let anyone go in because I didn’t have the chemical protective gear.”

Hayes said at the time the levels of gas made rescue an impossibility.

“I can’t get into his injuries, but we knew it wasn’t going to be a rescue pretty quickly,” he said.

The plant has also come under scrutiny more re-



Firefighters worked on the roof to knock down fires that spread to the building’s ventilation system.

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cently as its delivery trucks are not queuing at the prescribed location on Route 1

in Foxboro and are instead clogging up the Vanderbilt Business Park.

TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on February 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Hongfang Yang (Case #24-03) with respect to property located at **19 Central Street (Map 2 Block 8 Lot 1), Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **Central Business (CB) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/xsu-pnjz-wua>
Or dial: (US) +1 941-254-1160 PIN: 402 158 920#

This Application requests a Special Permit pursuant to Zoning Bylaw Section 3.1.5 [Use Regulations – Multifamily] and Section 5.3.2 [Alteration of Nonconforming Structure] to convert a mixed use structure with two existing residential units to a 4 unit multifamily residential structure. The Subject Property is preexisting nonconforming on lot area.

Any zoning relief that may be required in adherence to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw shall be considered by the Board. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeals and may be requested by emailing comdev@norwoodma.gov Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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—V.C.

Novena to St. Clare

Ask St. Clare for three favors, 1 business, 2 impossible. Say nine Hail Marys for nine days, with lighted candle. Pray whether you believe or not. Publish on the ninth day. Powerful novena. Say “May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored, glorified, now and forever, throughout the whole world. Amen.” *Your request will be granted, no matter how impossible it may seem.*

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