



Dancing with the Norwood Stars is gearing up for its return in April after two years of COVID cancellations.

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Dancing with the Norwood Stars looking to make triumphant return

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The seminal Norwood tradition of Dancing with the Norwood Stars is looking to make its big comeback this April 15 at 7 p.m. at the Four Points by Sheraton on Route 1.

The event has always been a crowd favorite and has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation. The charity is focused on helping Norwood residents in need when medical or other emergencies pop up, following in the footsteps of Michelle Kennedy, in whose memory the Circle was founded. This year, COH organizer and

Board of Health member Carolyn Riccardi said the attention is on the show.

“Because of COVID we don’t have any fundraising right now,” she said. “This has been canceled for two years in a row and a good portion of the funds have already been raised. I don’t think they’ve all had their big ones yet, but they’ve been bringing money to us.”

Riccardi said if any dancer hosts any more fundraisers they will publicize them on the group’s Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NorwoodCOH/>. She said they’re not taking anything for granted and will again be broadcasting to satellite locations just in case there are more COVID variants

on the way.

“There will be satellite locations; because of COVID we’re not sure what the restrictions will be in April,” she said. “We would like to fill the hall, and we may just have to distance the tables a little more. But there will be satellite locations where you can vote.”

Riccardi said these locations currently include Lewis’, the Old Colonial Cafe and the Colonial House. Norwood Community Media (NCM) Station Manager Meghan Corbett said NCM and the COH have broadcast the event live both on NCM and to those satellite locations in the past so she expects no problems.

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The Finance Commission discussed ARPA funding that will help with stormwater infrastructure projects, something Norwood now knows to be critically important.

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FinCom reviews this year’s ARPA funds

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Finance Commission (FinCom) met on Feb. 3 and discussed the approximately \$9 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding the Town received.

“The ARPA program is providing about \$9 million in funding to the Town and the Board approved, about a month or two ago, spreading that out over three areas with a healthy contingency,” said Town Manager Tony Mazzucco. “Our money is received in part from the federal government directly and in part held in trust by the county, which has created some challenges.”

Mazzucco said the chal-

lenges created by this is the fact that the county government in Massachusetts is unlike many county governments in the country in that it is almost nonfunctional.

“They don’t actually have infrastructure, at least in the traditional sense,” he said.

The funds broke down to \$2.9 million in revenue replacement, which Mazzucco said included funds the Town used to settle the tax rate last year. He said \$2.6 million of that is for revenue replacement over two fiscal years and then \$300,000 of it is revenue replacement for the schools that will be deposited into several different funds, including transportation and arts

FinCom

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Businesses trying to bounce back

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Friends of Norwood Center President Charlotte Walsh and Neponset Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce President Thomas O’Rourke said businesses in the Norwood area are trying to bounce back after the Omicron surge this past January.



Businesses in Norwood are looking to bounce back after the Omicron surge this past holiday season.

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Lee Gilliam of Waltham, MA

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Lee Gilliam of Waltham, MA

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WITNESS, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court

Date: February 01, 2022

Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

Norwood Record: 02/10/22

SECTION A – ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
TOWN OF NORWOOD, MA

Sealed bids will be received up to 11:00 A.M. (Verizon time), February 25, 2022, in the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 for the following Public Project:

“Improvements to the Norwood Airport Observation Area”

The complete bid package may be obtained by registering and downloading online at: <https://bids.norwoodma.gov>. The bid must be filled out and signed as directed herein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed to the Purchasing Department, endorsed with the name and address of the bidder, and marked, **Airport Observation Area, CONTRACT # NAC-22-03**”.

An in-person pre-bid conference will be held on February 17, 2022 @ 11:00 A.M., outside the Mark Welch Administration Building, Norwood Municipal Airport, 111 Access Road, Norwood, MA 02062. Social distancing is required.

Should the Norwood Town Hall be closed due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, the pre-bid conference and/or the bid opening will be held the following business day that the Town Hall is open at the time originally scheduled.

A certified check or bid bond, with acceptable surety in favor of the Town of Norwood and equal to at least five percent (5%) of the bid, must be submitted with the bid. The successful bidder shall, within ten (10) days of notification of award furnish the Town a performance bond and labor and materials bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the bid.

Bids shall be prepared, considered, and the contract awarded in accordance with all statutes governing such contracts (MGL Chapter 30 and Chapter 149 as amended). Every General Bid shall be on forms furnished by the Town. Bids submitted on other forms may be rejected. The award of the contract shall be made within 30 working days after the opening of General Bids, Saturdays, and Sundays excluded.

An award will not be made to a Contractor who is not properly equipped to undertake and complete the work. The right is reserved to waive any informality and to reject any or all bids in accordance with the provisions of MGL as amended.

The Town of Norwood notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed or national origin in consideration for an award. Contractors shall take Affirmative Action to negotiate with qualified minority or women-owned subcontractors in accordance with MGL Chapter 193.

Wages are subject to minimum wage rates under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D inclusive, as most recently amended.

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

By: Tony Mazzucco
General Manager

Norwood Record: 2/10/22

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“It’s definitely been, between Omicron, the post holiday season and the weather, it’s been a bit of a slowdown for sure,” he said. “I think that all kind of works together. But I do see signs of optimism. The numbers are starting to go down.”

Walsh said she’s seeing several local businesses affected by many aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic, but both she and O’Rourke said they’re seeing signs of life in the local economy.

“I’m seeing lots of specials and sales posted on social media from our various small businesses,” Walsh said. “Restaurants are challenged by several pandemic related issues: staffing, supply chain, rising costs of food. But customers are coming out even with COVID and the colder, darker days. Valentine’s Day falls on a Monday this year and a lot of fine dining, like Byblos, Paprika or the Old Colonial Cafe, are closed on Mondays which is too bad. Vico Restaurant however is opening and taking reservations.”

O’Rourke said they have moved back some of their small business events and he said he was unsure a few weeks ago if they were going to hold any at all.

“We hadn’t planned any in-person events for a while, but we just filled the calendar for the spring because we anticipate people coming back out,” he said.

Walsh and O’Rourke both said the Chamber is also hosting a five-town restaurant week to help promote local eateries, and it will include restaurants from Norwood, Canton, Westwood, Walpole and Dedham. There will be special menus and pricing starting April 24 to April 28, and all menus will be posted at the Chamber’s website at <https://www.nrrchamber.com/>.

Walsh said there are also new businesses opening up around Town, including the Boston Sports Cards and Company at 717 Washington St.

“Apparently COVID has brought about a resurgence of the trading card and sport memorabilia trade and so shops are popping up all over,” she said. “A similar store in Franklin just opened.”

She added that Precision Paws also opened at 605 Washington St. and will be providing grooming services for dogs.

“Should be busy with all the pandemic dogs,” she said.

Walsh added that the Massachusetts Women’s Conference awarded a business grant to local eatery Cheff’n & Eetinn as part of an initiative to help women-owned businesses across the state. They were one of 80 businesses to be awarded such a grant. Walsh also said her shop, Charles River Running on Washington Street in the Downtown was voted as one of the Best Running Stores in America for 2021.

“This is the third time in their 10-year history that they’ve been

a recipient,” she said.

O’Rourke said he hadn’t heard of any local businesses getting any overflow from Boston after the city announced a vaccine mandate for most businesses, but he said Boston lost at least one customer.

“They got me for sure, I’m not going there,” he said with a laugh.

O’Rourke said they are looking to host their 128th annual meeting in the spring on March 10 in the morning at the Tiffany Ballroom in the Four Points Sheraton, 1123 Providence Hwy. in Norwood.

“It’s one of our bigger events, but we did postpone it once already,” he said. “We were going to have it in January but we moved it to March because we thought people would be more comfortable and apparently they are because they are signing up. We’ll also be doing some after-hours networking events in March, April and May. But for the annual meeting, we’ve got a speaker from the Massachusetts Office of Economic Development. We also got a grant from the state last year and we used some of that money to help local businesses redo their websites and social media, and so we’re going to talk about some of those businesses and highlight them.”

The meeting will start around 8 a.m. or 8:30 a.m., and O’Rourke said they’re meeting at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast and networking before that.

“The program won’t start probably until around 8:15 a.m.,” he said.

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“They have our broadcast on air and so they tally votes there and are able to call them in as well. So if you can’t get a ticket you can watch it anywhere, either at home or at our satellite locations,” she said. “It’s so good to be back doing these events, especially Dancing with the Norwood Stars and being able to give back to the COH and the Town of Norwood, it’s just so meaningful to us.”

Corbett added that the filming process has evolved over the years and NCM has gotten pretty adept at getting every step and smile in the frame and on the screen. She said the night can be crazy, but it’s a good challenge for the team.

“We shoot on the fly and also film the profile videos beforehand. We just kind of go with the flow. It’s a pretty fun challenge and our camera operators are great. They just listen to our direction and use their intuition and go with it.”

The dancers this year are Tracy Curran, Jeff Mahoney, Kathy Ducharme, Tony Mazzucco, Byran Glennon and Rachael Webber.

Riccardi is taking over from longtime organizer Katherine St. Cyr, who passed away in August of 2021.

“This is very difficult to do,”



Dancers are working on their moves, and since they've had two years to practice, organizers are expecting quite a show.

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Riccardi said. “We also lost another board member, Bob Doucette, and Kathy, and there will be a tribute to honor them on the night of. Kathy and Bobby’s presence will be missed. Kathy, I mean she was the founder of Dancing with the Norwood Stars. She started it. We didn’t think she could pull it off but she did. It is amazing.”

Riccardi added that the work they do hasn’t changed much since founder Lee Kennedy started the foundation decades ago to honor the wishes of her late daughter Michelle.

“We do all this from Lee

Kennedy’s dining room table,” she said. “We’re not a high-end organized group. We sit there and eat popcorn and talk about what we’re going to do, and who we’re going to help, and you know the Circle of Hope has no face to it because when we give money out it’s all anonymous. Nobody knows who it was. If you or anybody called me and said, ‘Carolyn, my neighbor lost her husband, I think she needs some help,’ I will send two people out there and interview them and see what their needs are and nobody else in the Town will know who they are, and that to me is the greatest power of the Circle of Hope.”



The Budget Balancing Committee also discussed the economic impact of the loss of the Norwood Hospital for the last two years.

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Norwood taxpayers getting a break this year

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Town-wide Budget Balancing Committee (BBC) met on Thursday in a virtual setting to discuss the upcoming budget, and Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said this year will be the lowest tax percentage increase in a long time.

“As a percentage of a tax levy, I’ve never entered a fiscal year with this much open levy capacity and I don’t think Norwood has at this stage of the game in many many years,” he said. “What we’re doing is not taxing as much as we could. It’s not money we can give back, but it’s money we’re not taking from residents.”

Mazzucco said they are

now estimating an extra levy capacity, that is the amount of money the Town is not increasing in taxes to residents, which totals around \$700,000. This is good for the Town’s finances. He did add the caveat that tax rates are not the only lever that can have an impact on a resident’s tax bill.

“It’s probably the smallest tax increase we’ve had in terms of the taxes we’re taking in the better part of a decade, but I want to caution that with the rise in residential property values it does mean people are still going to see a property tax increase,” he said. “That we can’t control, and we don’t get any additional money out of that. That’s the shift from the commercial base to

the residential base. So the average taxpayer gets screwed in a sense because they’re paying more, but the Town is not generating any more revenue.”

Regardless, Mazzucco said this is a good place for the Town to be in at this point.

“But to start the process with \$700,000 is a good position to be in,” he said. “Unused levy capacity functions sort of like a reserve. We always have a potential capacity to use in a future year.”

BBC member and Norwood School Committee member Kellie Noumi pointed out that they may need to make up the difference next year.

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Town Meeting Members Needed

The Norwood Town Clerk’s Office wishes to inform the residents of Norwood that as a result of Re-Districting in the Town there are vacancies for the office of Town Meeting Members in all Nine Town Meeting Districts.

The number of Town Meeting Members has increased to a total of 297 Members. Therefore there are 33 Vacancies in each Town Meeting District for the upcoming Annual Town Election to be held on Monday, April 4, 2022.

District 1: 33 Seats, **District 2:** 33 Seats
District 3: 33 Seats **District 4:** 33 Seats
District 5: 33 Seats **District 6:** 33 Seats
District 7: 33 Seats **District 8:** 33 Seats
District 9: 33 Seats

Any current Town Meeting Member who did not file the required “intent to seek re-election form” with the office of the Town Clerk must do so by Monday, February 14, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

Anyone else interested in running for the office of Town Meeting Member must file nomination papers signed by at least ten (10) registered voters in their District. Last day for filing with the Board of Registrars is Monday, February 14, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

If you have any question, please call the Town Clerk’s Office at 762-1240, ext. 6026 or 6027.

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THE TOWN OF NORWOOD 1872 – 2022

On February twenty-third, eighteen seventy-two
The people of South Dedham took the long view.
They formed a community, Norwood by name,
For seventeen-hundred folks, life was not the same.

Of schools there were two, and churches were four.
Education and religion made the spirit soar.
The first election was held, March eleventh the day,
Three Selectmen were chosen – Pond, Everett, and Gay.

In the eighteen-nineties, our progress was good,
Where none had existed, a library now stood.
A police force was established, railways came through,
With the Press and Tannery, the town slowly grew.

During the next fifteen years, the advance was not slight
As Norwood developed sewer, water, and light.
A new fire station was added and also a bank,
The taxes were lowered, with George Willett to thank.

Mr. Willett was a man with intellect keen,
His contributions to Norwood still can be seen.
Our Town Manager government which he helped to plan
Was the first in New England, the twelfth in the land.

In nineteen-fifteen, the Town Charter was installed,
“Crown Jewel of the Commonwealth,” it would be called.
To fourteen thousand residents the population grew
By Norwood’s fiftieth birthday in nineteen twenty-two.

Over the next quarter-century, our progress slowed down.
Depression and war had their effect on the town.
The Town Hall was completed, the Senior High too,
It was the time of Benny Murray and his athletic crew.

But the Fifties and Sixties saw the community rebound
As the population doubled and new industry was found.
Representative town meeting was here by that time,
Dividing us into districts numbering nine.

The next twenty-five years saw some retreat
In the population and along Washington Street.
The center was beautified, to the amazement of all,
But it was harder to compete with the shopping mall.

New housing construction was on the increase,
But five school buildings their operations did cease.
The Hospital removed Civic sports from the map,
But the National Guard Armory helped fill the gap.

The early two thousands caused some to frown
As many more buildings went up in the town.
But in the center was struck a new chord
The Norwood Theatre was grandly restored.

Concerts on the Common on a Summer night
Norwood Day and Farmer’s Market were a delight.
When COVID threatened our chances to eat
We opened outdoor dining on Central Street.

Many youth activities had been put into place,
With volunteers working at a feverish pace.
To offer young people a variety of sports
On fields and rinks and numerous courts.

Any Norwood history would be very bleak
Without mentioning its charitable streak.
From the Norwood Food Pantry to Circle of Hope
To Friends of St. Nick, who help people cope.

Whether it’s Toys for Tots or the TONY Award
Or Abundant Table doing the work of the Lord,
Dancing with Stars and Blood Drives galore
For those who are needy, no town does more.

After this brief review of a century and a half,
You can’t describe Norwood in a paragraph.
From three hundred and twenty dwellings back then,
We now have more than ten thousand and ten.

The cost of town government is greater to be sure,
But new public facilities boost our allure.
Thirty thousand folks in our township now dwell,
We hope recalling the past will help them excel.

Our community is not perfect, we admit without fuss,
But we can look back with pride over a century plus.
Much remains to be done, let’s not linger and boast,
Instead, fellow citizens, let us offer this toast:

To Norwood, one hundred and fifty today,
May God always guide her along the way.
May she have good leaders, and good people too,
Who will leave future generations a legacy true.

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February 23, 2022

COA gives thanks

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Friends of Norwood Council on Aging I would like to welcome the new board in office and wish them good luck in their endeavors.

I would also like to thank all the board members who have been with us since the very beginning since 2001. Many have passed away but we will never forget each and every one of them.

When we started we were asked to raise money for a new addition and with the help of so many businesses, banks, auto dealers, and the wonderful people and the town of Norwood we got the new addition and have gone on to buy two buses and many things in the Senior Center to enhance good for our seniors. We are happy to say we have raised close to six hundred thousand dollars, over five hundred thousand has already been spent at the Center.
Once again we thank each

and everyone who has been part of our 20 and half years in this journey.

*Bill McCoy
Norwood*

No right to impugn anyone’s character

To the Editor:

Norwood is still part of America, a country which, at least for the near future, extends democracy as a sacred right to its constituents. Here in Norwood, when it comes to our kids’ education, we have not only the right to weigh in on issues important to our kids (and grand kids too), in my view, we also have the responsibility to do so as well. Several years ago when my kids were young, and although my wife was teaching in the Norwood school system, I felt very strongly that the School Committee should have been taking more action to

strengthen its academic programming, with the goal of improving college placements for Norwood High School students. A small group of us parents went before the School Committee at the time, and held an open and honest dialog regarding our concerns. That night, we did not walk away getting everything we were seeking from the School Committee. But they did actively listen. And, over time, they did respond to our concerns. And, from my perspective, things got better in terms of the academic programming enhancements we were seeking.

In recent years, Norwood School Committee members have responded to strong (and often volatile) taxpayer sentiment related to the “new” high school (“too expensive”, “not big enough”, “no lights!”), or the proposed new middle school (“too expensive”, “not

necessary”, etc). And, of course, there’s the matter of how the School Committee has dealt with the issue of COVID these past two years (“kids shouldn’t wear masks”, “everyone should wear masks”, “don’t tell me what to do...just be quiet, and teach my kids”). If you’ve lived in Norwood long enough - and I’ve lived here my whole life - at some point you come to realize that there is perhaps a no more thankless job in the town, than being a member of the Norwood School Committee. And yet most of them will tell you that, because they feel so passionately about providing the highest quality of education, and under the best possible educational environment, they willingly take the “slings and arrows” that come their way from taxpayers, relative to school-related issues. But these people are not robots. They’re human beings who

care deeply about Norwood kids, about Norwood families. And while I feel strongly that parents and voters have every right to attack the issues, and to seek redress if aggrieved by policy, they have NO RIGHT to attack school members personally. In a recent letter to the editor, a Norwood parent found it necessary to belittle School Committee Chair Teresa Stewart, impugning her professional career, questioning the amount of time and effort that she dedicates to overseeing Norwood’s school system, and denigrating her genuine commitment to the students of Norwood. Norwood residents have every right to question the efficacy of school policies, but NO RIGHT to perform a hatchet job on someone from Norwood who has kids of her own in the Norwood system, who cares so passionately about the well-being of EV-

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ConCom needs friends

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Conservation Commission (ConCom) met in a hybrid format on Feb. 3 and discussed the need for the creation of a friends group for the Norwood Community Orchard.

The Orchard, which has recently been replanted after the winter of 2020 wiped out the original trees planted by the Department of Public Works, still has some growing to do before it produces its first fruit. The orchard includes apple trees, pear trees and even a couple of paw paw trees (New England's only

native fruit tree), but will need more care, according to members of the ConCom.

Chair Steven Washburn said they are now getting together those who have already participated in the formation of the orchard to not only help create the Friends of the Norwood Community Orchard organization, but also to help get the word out about its formation, goals and activities.

"There's a lot of parties potentially that have some level of investment in this and maybe some sense of ownership," he said. "So, I think it's really important, as we approach the for-

mation of this group, they will help support the success of the orchard in the future, that we kind of try to consider as many of these stakeholders, if you will, as possible. So the trails folks, the garden folks, (Boston Food Forest Representative) Mark Negron and his team, Conservation, et cetera. I think we need to get everybody at a table and have a conversation."

Washburn asked Conservation Agent Holly Jones to spearhead the talk between the different organizations to start an official friends group. The ConCom

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ERY Norwood student, and who, as Ms. Stewart stated in her closing remarks at the last meeting, "...would not vote for any (school board) initiative that fails to protect students' mental health, well-being and development...". Ms. Stewart deserves far better than she received in this personalized rant, sent recently to the Record's Editor.

If we want to be taken seriously regarding issues that have real meaning to us, we need to offer cogent, honest analysis, and to avoid specious, denigrating attacks fueled by vitriol. All of us should "seek first to understand" the genesis of Norwood's School Committee policy related to school start times. If that policy understanding does not yield acceptance, then we register strenuously our disagreement with that policy, simultaneously maintaining our credibility by avoiding personal attacks on School Committee members, instead focusing solely on the facts.

Michael J. Thornton, Jr.
Norwood

Personal attack uncalled for

To the Editor:

I was disappointed to read Mr. Jordan's slanderous personal attack on Ms. Stewart, the chair of the Norwood School Committee. It's disturbing that a parent in our community resorts to such bullying behavior in this day and age, especially when one of the goals of our highly dedicated board is to provide programs and education to help teach our children to do better.

The mission statement of the Norwood School Committee is to "Represent the needs, interests and achievement of all students in the district and place these above all else in the decisions we make". Parents and townspeople can certainly dis-

agree with decisions made by the School Committee or the recommendations of a Task Force, but that should result in respectful conversations and communication between parties, not negative repetitive letters to a town newspaper.

Norwood is so fortunate to have a School Committee made up of five extremely educated, intelligent and dedicated professionals. Did you know that collectively our five members hold Bachelors degrees in Physics, Science, English and Psychology; Masters degrees in Engineering, History, Education Leadership, Child Development and Public Health; and a Doctoral degree in Education? Professionally they work as a High School Teacher and Coach, an Electrical Engineer, a Sleep Consultant, an Associate Professor for a Graduate University Education Program, a Cancer Research Scientist, and two members have work published in respected journals. In addition to their personal and professional lives, they each volunteer approximately 25-80 hours a month in their roles as a School Committee member, which includes work on seven additional committees including but not limited to the Town Wide Budget Balancing Subcommittee, the Capital Outlay committee, seven different Union Negotiations, and the School Start Time Committee (which was voted to be formed on Feb 8, 2017, months before Ms. Stewart was elected to the SC board). Lastly, four of the five members currently have children in our school system, with four of those children presently in elementary school and two in high school.

We should not forget that we as a community have elected this board to make decisions for the Norwood school district based on the School Committee's mission statement

as noted above. Every year we are given the opportunity to elect or re-elect one or two people based on past service and qualifications. I encourage parents and townspeople who have either been displeased or supportive of the board's decisions to consider running for one of the two open positions available this April. The current expectations are tremendous for this volunteer position, but fortunately we continue to have some extraordinary people step up and do great work for our children. Many thanks to Ms. Stewart, Ms. Bodenhofer, Dr. Giblin, Ms. Mazzola, and Mr. Hiltz for their work throughout the pandemic and the work they continue to do for our children.

Katie Button
Norwood

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING

Norwood Hospital

800 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (the "Department") has received notification of Norwood Hospital's Intent to discontinue its Obstetrics Services. The Obstetrics services include 19 beds and 16 bassinets at Norwood Hospital in Norwood, MA.

Given the evolving nature of COVID-19, the Department will conduct a hearing pursuant to 105 CMR 130.122(D) virtually by conference call in order to promote public access. This hearing will not be adjudicatory in nature, but rather a public forum for the presentation of any comments which may be relevant to the Department's consideration of the proposed change.

The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 6:00PM-9:00 PM. Members of the public and other interested parties may join the hearing by phone using the following information:

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Passcode: 7972413

Written comments concerning this matter may be submitted to the Department of Public Health, Division of Health Care Facility Licensure and Certification, Attn: Closure Coordinator, 67 Forest Street, Marlborough, MA 01752 or by email to HFLLicenseAction@Mass.Gov. Comments will be accepted up to 9:00 PM on February 15th. All written comments submitted to the Department may be posted on the Department's website and released in response to a request for public records.

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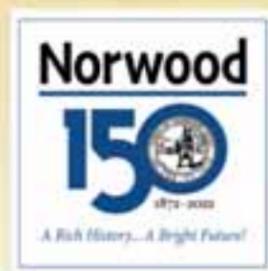
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NepRWA to do a Norwood Stormwater Bylaw presentation tonight

The Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA) Advocacy Director, Kerry Snyder, and the Town of Norwood MA Conservation Planner, Holly Jones, will review upcoming plans to update Norwood's current stormwater regulations via a free, public Zoom presentation on Thursday, February 10 at 7 pm. The presentation is co-sponsored by the Morrill Memorial Library, TogetherYes, and Progress Norwood.



law. The Town will present the by-law for a vote at the Norwood Town Meeting on March 14.

“Stormwater runoff can cause significant flooding, property damage, and local water pollution. As rainstorms

increase in intensity, the cost and consequences will increase over time. By taking steps to improve their stormwater regulations and comply with the EPA's stormwater permit, Norwood will reduce these negative impacts and the high cost associated with cleanup,” said Advocacy Director, Kerry Snyder.

The public is encouraged to attend the Zoom meeting and ask questions about stormwater and the proposed updated by-

14. Register for the Zoom presentation at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar or by calling 781-769-0200 x2.

The Neponset River Watershed Association is a grassroots, member-supported conservation group working since 1967 to clean up and protect the Neponset River, its tributaries, and surrounding watershed lands. To learn more, visit neponset.org

TOWN OF NORWOOD PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given under MGL Chapter 140 and amendments thereto that Farah and Sons, Manager of Record, Marie Momgiane has applied for a new Class II Auto Dealer's License to be used at 417 Nahatan Street for the sale of used vehicles.

Public hearing on this application will be held on **Tuesday, March 1st, 2022 at 7:45p.m.** in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

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LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF NORWOOD

The Town of Norwood hereby notifies all residents that the State Attorney General's office has approved the following amendment to the Norwood Zoning Map (Article 5) which was voted at the Special Town Meeting, October 18, 2021. The changes to amend the Zoning Map were as follows:

Article 5. That the Town vote to amend the Official Zoning Map by changing the Zoning District designation from a property located at 420-442 Walpole Street, also known as Big Y Plaza, Assessors Map 8, Block 5, Lot 5, from the Manufacturing Zoning District to the General Business Zoning District.

(Complete copy of this Map has been posted in the different locations listed below throughout the Town and are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.)

The above named article is posted in the following public places throughout the Town, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 32: District 1 & District 2, Municipal Building (Town Hall); District 3 & District 5, Morrill Memorial Library; Murph's Place; District 4, Walgreens Pharmacy, Walpole Street; District 6 & District 7, Nick's Package Store; Pam's Market Corner Pleasant & Rock Street; District 8, Shaws Market, CVS - Shaws Plaza; District 9, Gulf Gas Station, Neponset Street

Mary Lou Folan
Town Clerk

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TOWN OF NORWOOD APPLICATION FOR RETAILWINE AND MALT BEVERAGES LICENSE TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES. PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for Wine and Malt beverages for Oasis Caribbean Cuisine. dbaOasis Caribbean Cuisine, 487 Washington Street, Norwood, MA, Ercy Olivier. Manager, under Section 12, Chapter 138 and Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of Wine and Malt Beverages to be drunk on the premises of 487 Washington Street, Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of premises is as follows: One floor with a basement, 2 rooms upstairs, an oven, two fryers, a dishwasher, fridge for drinks next to main entrance, 3 tables seating two each inside and 2 tables sitting 2 each outside.

Public hearing on this application will be held on **Tuesday, March 1st, 2022 at 7:05 p.m.** in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

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TOWN OF NORWOOD APPLICATION FOR RETAILWINE AND MALT BEVERAGES LICENSE TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES. PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for Wine and Malt beverages for Luke Adams Inc., 83 Morse St. Building Number 2, Norwood, MA, Luke Adams, Manager of Record. Under Section 12, Chapter 138 and Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of Wine and Malt Beverages to be drunk on the premises of 83 Morse St. Building Number 2, Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of premises is as follows: 8,000 square foot interior area at ground floor level and approximately 1,000 square feet of exterior seating at Building Number 2 at the Norwood Space Center, 83 Morse Street, Norwood, Massachusetts.

Public hearing on this application will be held on **Tuesday, March 1st, 2022 at 7:15 p.m.** in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

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funds. Mazzucco said another \$4.5 million of the funds will be used for stormwater projects that the Meadowbrook Study identified as needed for the Town to help prevent flooding and waterway pollution.

“There are two stormwater projects we're going to be looking at from the Meadowbrook study,” he said. “We approved the general fund borrowing for the design of those projects at Town Meeting about a year ago and so this is a good chance to get a leg up on some of this incredibly expensive infrastructure work that we need.”

Mazzucco said about \$900,000 would be used to cover public health costs expected to be needed in the coming years during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“That's over a three-year period and those are items dictated by the Health Department to

supplement some of the areas they're working in, figuring that during a pandemic, there should be at least a little bit of an increase in public health spending,” he said.

Member Bob Donnelly said he felt these added funds were of a great use after the losses the Town suffered during the two years of pandemic-related uncertainty and losses.

“If not for the availability of the ARPA funds, it seems to me it would have been a lot more difficult a task to balance our budget,” he said. “If not for that \$2.9 million for revenue loss, your previous meeting with the Budget Balancing Committee (earlier that day) probably would have been talking about how we could make up that gap. So that's great.”

Donnelly said the stormwater funds at \$4.5 million would be helpful but asked if it would have any followup,

since the stormwater projects would be far more costly. Mazzucco said a municipality has to spend the ARPA funds within three years of the original revenue loss.

Donnelly went on, “We won't be done with stormwater projects in the next two fiscal years and it's nice to have this funding this time around, but down the line in future years we anticipate that federal funding won't be of assistance to us at that point,” he said.

Mazzucco agreed.

“Candidly, I don't think we'll be done with stormwater funding in my lifetime, given that it's ever-growing,” he said. “It's the often-ignored student of infrastructure, where it doesn't have its own funding source but everyone uses water and sewer all the time, but no one thinks how often they use stormwater. It's all the time. This is definitely a leg up, but I think the Meadowbrook Study alone recommended stormwater compliance and infrastructure spending the Town should undertake back in 2004 over \$10 million worth of projects and we're north of that now.”

Mazzucco said the Town is working on increasing focus on stormwater funding with the Ad Hoc Stormwater Utility Committee and the separate Stormwater Bylaw, but he noted that they are already looking to future projects and personnel for stormwater management.

“Compliance is also getting a lot more complicated,” he said. “A number of towns in Massachusetts have also started hiring stormwater compliance folks. We're not there yet, but I think some of our consulting engineers are going to recommend it. It's all going to continue to grow but this at least takes that first chunk out where we could make a significant improvement with a couple of projects and actually get them done.”

TOWN OF NORWOOD APPLICATION FOR POURING PERMIT PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for a Pouring Permit for Irish Brewing Boston, Inc., DBA Irish Brewing, Manager of Record, Carl Sharpley under Section 12, Chapter 138, S19C and Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for a pouring permit on the premises of 83 Morse St., Building 4 Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of premises is as follows: The leased space is approximately 4,600 square feet of which 1,200 is the brewery and 3,400 is the tasting room.

Public hearing on this application will be held on **Tuesday, March 1st, 2022 at 7:55 p.m.** in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

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“I don’t want to be devil’s advocate, because I think this is amazing that we’re able to do this and really save some taxpayers some increased taxes, but that said, my fear is we’ll get into the situation where one year we’ll go up 10 percent,” she said. “So are we just kicking the can down the road, where we’re saving money now to get a minimal increase, where we could end up hitting them with a whopper down the road because we’re saving this capacity now.”

Mazzucco said this was a possibility, but for now, residents should be saving money.

“Are we delaying a tax increase?” he said. “Yes, but there isn’t anything else we need to be spending the money on.”

Mazzucco added that this will be fulfilling a promise made to taxpayers during the last budget override in 2019.

“It still means the impact this year will be less,” Mazzucco said. “And we’re following through with an override pledge. The first year or two, we didn’t have other sources. That is something we said in the override pledge, that we’re going to max out every other revenue source we can, we’re going to use state money, federal money, our own money, we’re going to do everything else and the last thing we’re going to hit is the levy, and we only ended up using half the levy this year that we used last year. So it’s definitely a win. It’s hard to sell it that way, because we will still see a tax increase,

but it’s still the most taxpayer-friendly budget we’ve had in a while.”

BBC member Judith Langone said she was happy to have arrived at these numbers.

“To everyone involved, we should say thank you because our first round, compared to years prior, especially in the early 2000s when we were very very poor and shaking everybody down for every penny, this is good news,” she said. “Of course we haven’t seen the school department’s budget, but I’m sure we’re going to be able to work out things.”

Mazzucco also discussed the state aid program, otherwise known as Chapter 90, which he said could have an impact on the levy situation.

“The state aid program could change when the House and the Senate got through their budgets, but it’s almost always been more positive,” he said. “I wouldn’t expect a 10 or 20 percent increase, maybe it goes up another two or three percent on that side, and both the Town and the Schools need to refine their budgets.”

Mazzucco said the Override Stabilization Fund is at \$2.1 million, which he said was ahead of schedule, and if the Town decides to put another \$2 million or \$3 million in there from the Forbes Hill property sale, they will be in an even better position.

“If you’re looking at \$5 million, that’s a solid budget two-year plug, if you will,” he said.

In other news, Mazzucco said the hospital closure has

not financially affected the Town too badly. He said there are still some areas of the hospital using electricity and the lack of water use has not really affected the Town’s agreements with the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. But he added there have been other impacts.

“We’ve been able to weather it well, but there has been an impact on the expense side of the fire budget, and you will see that at Town Meeting and we will be probably asking for maintenance costs, and additional fuel costs because the fleet is taking a beating,” he said. “I don’t have any data on the job loss. I know at one point they had 1,400 employees, and our local unemployment data is low, it’s under 5 percent, which is still slightly better than peer communities and slightly higher than the workforce region average and so I don’t want to suggest there hasn’t been a financial impact on the workers and their families. There certainly has, but from a financial standpoint we’ve been able to get through it fairly well.”

Mazzucco added another significant negative impact has been on the surrounding businesses that benefitted from those 1,400 workers.



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, Section 81-U and the Norwood Subdivision Rules and Regulations, the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, February 28, 2022 at 7:05 P.M.** concerning a 20 lot definitive subdivision plan entitled "Prospect Grove Estates", which was filed with the Town Clerk on January 31, 2022. The public hearing will be a remote meeting via GoToMeeting:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/718185669>
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The applicants are The Marion Group, LLC and David Hern, Jr. Esq. The location of the proposed subdivision is: 76 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062. The property is shown on the Assessor's Maps as: Map 5, Block 5C, Lot 53. The subdivision plan and supporting information are on file with the Planning Board and may be reviewed during normal business hours by emailing cped@norwoodma.gov. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

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ANTONIO B. of Norwood passed away suddenly on February 4, 2022 at the age of 40. Beloved son of the late Armando and Rosalina A. (Bastos) Gomes. Devoted father of Jayda A. Gomes of Norwood. Longtime companion of Jessica Lannan of Norwood. Loving brother of Jose M. Gomes and his wife Lauren of NH and Mario B. Gomes of Walpole. Cherished uncle of Lucas and Elias. The family would like to thank Henry Cerqueira and Family for all their help over many years. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, Thursday February 10, 2022 at 10am followed by a funeral mass at 11am at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood.

Obituary Policy

The The Norwood Record publishes obituaries from information supplied by funeral homes. Relatives and friends also may supplement information by e-mailing to news@norwoodrecord.com by Monday at 1 p.m. Photos also will be accepted.

Deaths

KATCHPOLE



ELIZABETH A. (Donovan) of Centerville formerly of Dedham passed away on January 30, 2022 at the age of 75. Beloved wife of Joseph M. Katchpole. Devoted mother of Joseph M. Katchpole Jr. of Boston. Sister of Eileen Lento of CA and Mary Hines of Marston Mills. Daughter of the late Timothy J. and Mary F. (Nolan) Donovan. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Elizabeth was a retired Office Manager for Dr. Benoit's dental office in Dedham working there for almost 40 years. She was also a member of the Dental Assistant Association and a member of the Garden Club of Hyannis. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, Friday, February 11, 2022 at 9:30am followed by a funeral mass at 10:30am at St. Mary's Church Dedham, MA. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2022 from 4-8pm. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to the Garden Club of Hyannis, Scholarship Fund P.O. Box 663 West Hyannisport, MA 02672. Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 781-762-0482 w w w . K R A W - KORNACKFUNERALHOME.Com

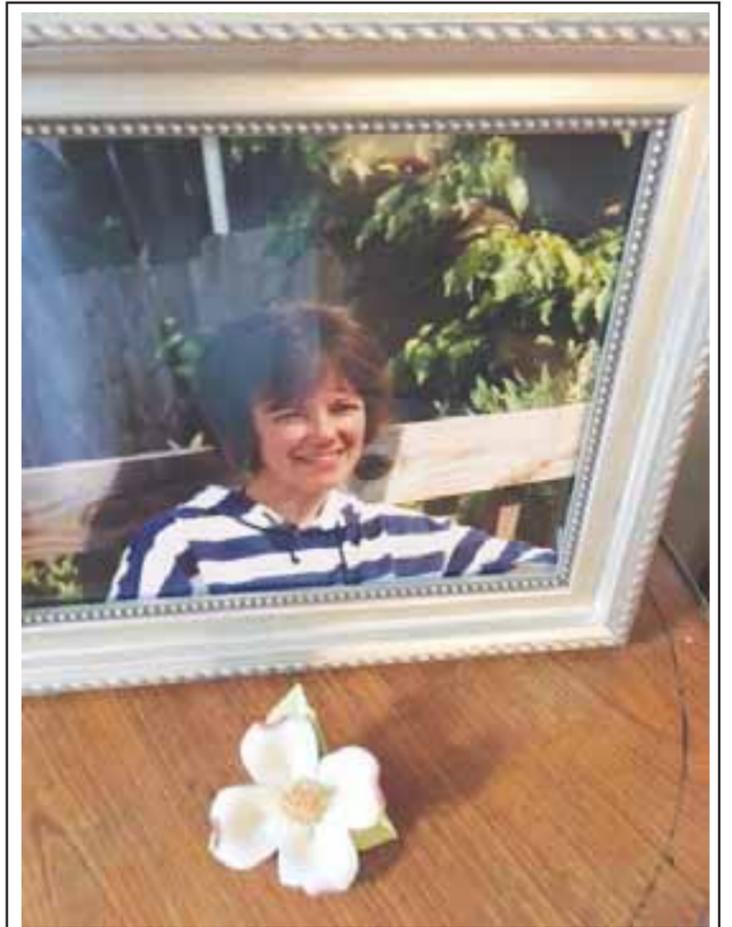
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Norman Richard of Norwood, Feb. 3. Beloved husband of the late Mary P. (Alberto) and companion of the late Carol Quintiliani. Loving father of David Longval and his wife Cathy of Medway, Debra Murphy and her husband John of Norwood, Normajean Longval of Norwood, Michael Longval and his wife Noura of Millis, and Teresa Gagliard and her husband Peter of Norwood. Brother of the late Leo Longval and brother-in-law of Mary's loving siblings Florence, Ann, Frances, Vera, Rosalie, and Louis. Caring uncle to his many nieces and nephews. Bestie of Gracie the mini labradoodle. Norman was a devoted grandfather of 17 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, all wrapped around his finger. A United States Navy veteran, retired Dedham firefighter, painter extraordinaire, and remembered fondly as "Mr. Norm" from Holy Name, Norman was happiest when on the golf course, watching the New York Giants and Montreal Canadiens, playing cards at the Senior Center, and spending time with his family and friends. Mass. National Cemetery, Bourne, for his Graveside Service.

McAULEY



GEORGE J. of Franklin formerly of Norwood passed away on February 5, 2022 at the age of 74. Son of the late Kenneth



SMITH

Janet E. of Norwood and Formerly of Foxboro died February 1, 2022 after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's. She was 72. Janet was born in Norwood, MA an attended St. Catherine School and Norwood High School, graduating with academic honors in 1968. She attended Boston University and Northeastern University where she earned a degree in Business Administration. Janet leaves her sister Joanne and brother-in-law Ralph Goode of Glendale, OH, her sister Harriet and brother-in-law Robert Critchley of Norwood, brother Mike and Sister-in-law Florence of Stoughton and her brother George and sister-in-law Cheryl of Stoughton. She leaves many nieces and nephews and her very loyal and wonderful friends, Nancy Tobin and Carolyn Koziol, also Nancy Puglia and Dawna Dewire. Donations in her memory may be made to Alzheimer's, Kindred Hospice or any charity of your choice. Funeral services were private. A celebration of life will be held in the spring. Janet was a beautiful person inside and out. She developed great empathy for other people and would do anything for her friends, family and people in need. We all loved her and will miss her very much.

and Doris C. (Crawford) McAuley. Loving brother of Marion F. Campisano of Franklin, Carol A. Catania of Quincy and the late Robert McAuley. Cherished Uncle of George Mullen, Michael Mullen, Linda Hayes and Kristin Catania. Great Uncle of Jacqueline,

Samantha, Daniel, Catherine and Nicole. George was a Vietnam US Marine Corp Veteran serving form 1967-1970 and was awarded the Purple Heart being wounded in action. He was also

Deaths

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TOWN OF NORWOOD

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given under MGL Chapter 140 and amendments thereto that Maserati North America, Inc., Boch Luxe M, Inc. dba Boch Maserati, Ernest Boch Jr., Manager of Record, for change of location from 441 Boston Providence Highway to 386 Neponset Street. The business will remain the same.

Public hearing on this application will be held on **Tuesday, March 1st, 2022 at 7:35 p.m.** in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

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APPLICATION FOR RETAILWINE AND MALT BEVERAGES LICENSE TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES.

PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for All Alcoholic Beverages for S & H Westbury Farms, Inc. DBA 1947 Norwood, located at 997 Boston Providence Highway, Norwood, MA. Mitesh Patel, Manager of Record, under Section 12, Chapter 138 and Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of All Alcoholic Beverages to be drunk on the premises of 997 Boston Providence Highway, Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of premises is as follows: One floor with kitchen (1,130 square feet), dining area with bar (1,100 square feet) and two restrooms.

Public hearing on this application will be held on **Tuesday, March 1st, 2022 at 7:25 p.m.** in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

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Attendees are encouraged to break out their formal wear, although anything from business casual to tuxedo is considered appropriate.

Tickets can be purchased for \$75 at <https://unipaygold.unibank.com/transactioninfo.aspx?TID=30400> or Town Hall.

The Skating Exhibition will showcase many of the best figure skaters in the world at Norwood's skating arena, 750 University Avenue, home to the Skating Club of Boston. The Celebration on Ice will feature two skating pairs, Audrey Lu & Misha Mitrofanov and Emily Chan & Spencer Howe. They finished third and fourth, respectively, and are first and second in line for the Olympics if either of the top two pairs cannot compete. And don't miss the Haydenettes, 28-time U.S. champions in synchronized skating.

GARDEN CLUB ON CREATING FOUNDATION GARDENS

The Norwood Evening Garden Club will virtually host Kathy

For the Record

Connolly from Speaking of Landscapes, on February 22, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The public is invited to attend for a \$5 donation. If you are interested in registering for this program, please send an email to: membership@NorwoodEveningGardenClub.com

In this program, Connolly will review the design problems posed by the foundation areas around our homes and other buildings. She maintains that the foundation garden does not need to be made up of imported plants such as boxwood or pachysandra, and that there are flowering perennials, shrubs, grasses, trees and ferns that both provide habitat for birds and pollinators as well as provide wonderful curb appeal. She will discuss which plants are best for foundation plantings.

Connolly is a landscape designer who specializes in naturalized designs, low-impact techniques, and native plants for homeowners, municipalities, and other organizations. She has a master's degree in landscape planning and design from the Conway School in Northampton, MA. She completed the advanced master gardener program and is an Accredited Organic Land Care Professional through NOFA. She is active in the Connecticut Invasive Plants Working Group, and she is a regular columnist for The Day community papers, which circulate throughout southeastern Connecticut.

The Club, open to novice and expert gardeners, draws its members from Norwood, Walpole,

Westwood, Dedham, Medfield and Randolph. For information about the Norwood Evening Garden Club, visit www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.com.

FUN ACTIVITIES AT BIRD PARK

Afternoon S'mores at the Park

Get outdoors with family and friends this February vacation and enjoy some delicious s'mores at your own private firepit at the park! Firepits at the park can be reserved by the hour and each firepit accommodates up to 6 people. We provide the fire, wood, seating, and s'mores kits (each person receives 1 marshmallow stick & makings for 1 s'more). Feel free to bring your own seating, a cozy blanket, and additional refreshments, if you'd like. Hot chocolate, bottled water, and additional s'more supplies will be available for purchase. Each group must include one responsible adult. Make sure to book in advance to secure your spot! This EVENT IS presented by the Trustees and will take place Saturday & Sunday, February 19 & 20; 1:00-4:00pm at the Music Court (stone stage) at Francis William Bird Park, East Walpole. Largest Parking Lot at Polley Lane (use "135 Polley Lane" for GPS).

Please register at <http://bit.ly/FWBParkevents> to book your firepit. Questions? Membership? Volunteering? Please contact Maura (mogara@thetrustees.org; 508.668.6136). For updates and announcements, please follow Bird Park programs on Facebook @friendsofbirdpark. For more information on Trustees and upcoming events, please visit www.thetrustees.org. Price: Member \$30; Nonmember \$40 per Group (1 hour for up to 6 guests, includes 1 s'mores kit/person)

Snow Fun Day

Celebrate the holiday with some outdoor fun in the snow on Saturday, February 26; 2:00-4:00pm. Bring your sleds to Francis William Bird Park and enjoy the ride down the popular (and gentle) slope next to the Music Court (stone stage). The Friends of Bird Park will be there with free hot chocolate to keep you warm as you make the most of your time off and the snow on the ground. The event only takes place if there is enough snow for sledding.

Presented by the Trustees and the Friends of Bird Park. Sledding takes place on the small hill beside Music Court (stone stage) at Francis William Bird Park, East Walpole. Largest Parking Lot at Polley Lane (use "135 Polley Lane" for GPS). No registration required. Questions? Membership? Volunteering? Please contact Maura (mogara@thetrustees.org; 508.668.6136). For updates and announcements, please follow Bird Park programs on Facebook @friendsofbirdpark. For more information on Trustees and upcoming events, please visit www.thetrustees.org. This event is FREE!

CHAMBER TO HOLD ITS 128TH ANNUAL MEETING

The Neponset River Regional Chamber is pleased to announce

that it will hold its 128th Annual Meeting on Thursday, March 10th at 7:30 am at the Four Points by Sheraton in Norwood.

Guest speaker for the meeting is Mike Kennealy, Secretary of Housing and Economic Development for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Secretary has worked closely with Chambers of Commerce across the state throughout the pandemic to coordinate relief efforts for local businesses. It was through his office that Chamber was able to access \$95,000 in grant funding to hold a "Regional Restaurant Week" and provide technical assistance to a number of small businesses in the region. Some of that work will be highlighted at the annual meeting.

The Annual Meeting will recognize member businesses for outstanding community involvement and support throughout the community. New board members and officers will also be elected at the meeting.

Cost to attend the event is \$30 for members (\$50 for non-members) and \$240 for a table of eight and includes a full breakfast. Reservations are required and can be made by visiting www.nrrchamber.com or calling 781-769-1126.

For information on membership or doing business in the region, please contact the Chamber at 781-769-1126, www.nrrchamber.com or tom@nrrchamber.com.

SENIORS CAN WORK OFF THEIR TAXES

The Town of Norwood provides opportunities for Norwood citizens over the age of 60 to reduce their property tax by volunteering in a town department. In 2021 the Town instituted a similar program for veterans in 2021. There is no age restriction for veterans. The Norwood Human Resources Department is currently accepting applications from interested seniors and veterans for

FY23 tax year. Information regarding both programs can be found on the Town website at www.norwoodma.gov. Select the link for Volunteer Opportunities under the Human Resources Department. Information is also available by contacting Human Resources at 781-762-1240, ext. 6073 or by emailing HR@norwoodma.gov.

NORWOOD DEMOCRATS TO HOLD CAUCUS FEBRUARY 12

Registered Democrats in Norwood will hold a caucus on Saturday, February 12 at 10:00 a.m. to elect Delegates and Alternates to the 2022 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention. The caucus will take place virtually. Democrats who wish to participate virtually may register at <https://tinyurl.com/02062caucus>.

This year's state convention will be held Saturday, June 4th (with opening events on Friday, June 3rd) where delegates will gather in-person at the DCU Center in Worcester (and virtually) to endorse candidates for statewide office and unite to elect Democrats down the ballot in November of 2022.

The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Norwood. Pre-registered Democrats who will be 16 by February 4, 2022 will be allowed to participate and run as a Delegate or Alternate. Norwood can elect 17 Delegates and 4 Alternates to the Convention.

Youth, minorities, people with disabilities and LGBTQ+ individuals who are not elected as a Delegate or Alternate may apply to be an Add-on Delegate at the caucus or at www.massdems.org.

Norwood Democrats will convene a regular business meeting immediately following the caucus.

Those interested in getting involved with the Norwood Democratic Town Committee should contact the committee at NorwoodDTC@gmail.com or check out their Facebook page at facebook.com/NorwoodDTC.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TOWN OF NORWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS

Sealed bids for "Water Main Cleaning and Lining - Neponset Street and Woodbine Road Neighborhoods - NPW-22-08" for the Town of Norwood, Massachusetts, acting by its General Manager, will be received at the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, Massachusetts 02062, until 11:00 A.M. Verizon time on March 1, 2022, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud.

The proposed work includes cleaning and cement mortar lining of approximately twenty-three thousand two hundred thirty (23,230) linear feet of 6-inch through 12-inch cast iron water pipe and water service replacements. The total length includes new cement lined ductile iron pipe installation at intersections, hydrant branches and areas of pipe diameter upsizing, as well as a Bid Alternate of approximately one thousand five hundred and ninety (1,590) linear feet. The work also includes installing bypass piping, valves, hydrants, fittings, service replacement and trench paving.

The Contract Documents, including Specifications and Drawings, may be downloaded online by registering at: <https://bids.norwoodma.gov> on and after February 8, 2022. Documents are only available electronically.

Each bid must be accompanied by bid security in the form of certified check, cashier's check, treasurer's check or bid bond in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the value of the bid, including all alternates.

Attention of bidders is called particularly to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum rates to be paid under the contract as determined by the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26-27H inclusive.

All bidders shall make positive efforts to achieve: (1) a minority employee work force hour goal of 15.30 percent, (2) a woman employee work force hour goal of 6.90 percent, (3) a goal of 4.2 percent participation of Minority-Owned Business Enterprise(s) (MBE), and (4) a goal of 8.8 percent participation of Woman-Owned Business Enterprise(s) (WBE). The contractor shall take all affirmative steps necessary to achieve these goals. The bidder shall submit completed MBE and WBE forms with the bid. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days (Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded) after the date of opening thereof.

A Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond, each in an amount equal to 100 percent of the contract price, will be required for the faithful performance of the Contract and provided within ten (10) calendar days of the award letter. The right is reserved to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids received, and to award the contract to any of the Contractors bidding on the work if, in the Town's opinion, the best interests of the Town thereby will be promoted.

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

TOWN OF NORWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS

Tony Mazzucco
General Manager

Norwood Record: 2/10/22

NORWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

LEGAL NOTICE

The Norwood Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under M.G.L. Ch. 40, Sec. 8C, The Conservation Commission Act, and Norwood Bylaw XXV, including any amendments thereto on Wednesday, February 16th, 2022 at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be conducted in person in room 24 of town hall and digitally using GoToMeeting. Public Participation may be accessed through your computer, tablet or smartphone <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/243297997>. You can also dial in using your phone, United States: +1 (669) 224-3412, Access Code:243-297-997

The Commission will discuss revisions of the regulations of the Norwood Wetlands Bylaw. Potential changes to the regulations may include but are not limited to changing the buffer zone regulations and the fee schedule.

Copies of proposed rules and regulations are available for viewing in the Conservation office or by emailing conservation@norwoodma.gov

Holly Jones
Conservation Planner

Norwood Record: 02/10/22

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Monday, January 31

0820 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Assisted Party Location/Address: Washington St Report after taking cell phone away from his son for disciplinary action, now son refuses to go to school. Juvenile refused to go to school, and is unhappy with parents. Issue was addressed and juvenile transported to school.

1101 Walk-In - Citizens Complaint Assisted Party Location/Address: Nichols St + Vernon St Party advised on a snow removal issue.

1138 Phone - Debris On Road Written Warning Location/Address: Wedgewood Dr + Robinwood Rd Report a snow blower fell out of a grey p-up truck, truck continued towards Neponset St. DPW sent. N664 then reports MA CO V92485 returned and was stopped Wedgewood/Longwood. N664 reports snow blower moved to side of road until it can be picked up, driver issued citation for unsecured load.

1246 Walk-In - Well Being Chk *Report Filed Location/Address: Rose Ct Male party in lobby seeking advice about prior incident with ex-girlfriend not letting him move stuff out of apartment. N664, N676 sent to check on the girlfriend. Units spoke to all parties, report filed.

1417 Other - Report Of Fire Police & Fire Notified/Respond Location/Address: Silver St Report of smoke in building. NFD reports it was a broken water pipe hit the heating element causing steam.

1927 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/

Address: Lane Dr Caller who owns the house reports she wants her brother to leave following a verbal argument with her nephew. N661 states that party was gone prior to arrival. Caller advised of her options going forward.

Tuesday, January 31

0157 Initiated - Motor Vehicle Stop *Arrest(S)Made N668 makes motor vehicle stop. N663 responded. Ma.Reg# 9cx181. As a result N663 transported 1 arrest back to station for OUI and unlicensed. Arrest: Yanes-Umanzor, Carlos Address: 40 Fisher St Norwood, Ma Age: 29 Charges: OUI-Liquor Or .08% License Suspended, Op Mv With Alcohol In Mv, Possess Open Container Of

0758 Phone - Unwanted Party *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Lane Dr Caller seeking advice on removing brother from home. As a result, N666 places brother under arrest on a warrant and transports to station. N669, N668 and Sharon PD K-9 search area for possible firearm-nothing found. Arrest: Espinal, Eric Ernesto Address: 16 Lane Dr Norwood, Ma Age: 34 Charges: Warrant Arrest Ammunition Without Fid Card, Possess

0915 Other - Larceny *Complaint/Summons Location/Address: U.S. Post Office Mailbox - Vanderbilt Ave N495 receives information of a mailbox fishing incident. As a result, N495 to file 3 Complaint Applications and reports.

0957 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Winter St Report have not seen resident in 2 days, contrac-



tor on scene, no answer at the door. N664 reports not a contractor it is complex maintenance worker. Also visiting nurse on scene reports resident not answering phone. Units open a window then door and then search apartment. N664 reports resident is not there, bed is made and purse etc. not inside, appears in order. N664 left a note.

1140 Cellular - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Lenox St Report 11yoa throwing things around and hitting mother and grandmother, N674 reports parties spoken to and provided resources.

1425 Phone - Trespassing *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Home Depot - Bos-Prov Hwy Asset Protection reports male, whom is subject of a Letter of Disinvite, is in the store. N674 places subject under arrest and transports to station. Arrest: Croft, Jeramie A Address: 7 Hamlet St Boston, Ma Age: 37 Charges: Trespass

1949 911 - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Charlwell Nursing Home - Walpole St Caller reports a family member causing issues with other family over a death in the family. N667 spoke to all parties involved, that family will be allowed to stay until the funeral home arrives.

2010 Phone - Assist Citizen Assisted Party Location/Address: Rama Wine & Spirits - Washington St Employee reports a female party refusing to leave the store after being denied service. Female was spoken to and left without incident.

2059 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Print Lofts - Guild St Mother request well being check on her daughter who she has not been able to reach for several days. Officers located the daughter, she is well, just choosing not to speak to her mother.

Wednesday, February 2

0044 911 - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Village Road W Caller seeking advice on 16 year old son who is being verbally disrespectful. N669 and N667 spoke to all parties involved, matter resolved.

0853 Cellular - Susp Person *Complaint/Summons Location/Address: Public Bench 728 Block - Washington St Report male sleeping/passed out and appears to have a firearm on his right hip. N664 reports it is a BB gun but he had double edged knife on him. N664 confiscates same and will file a Complaint Application and report.

0937 Cellular - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: ROJO - Bos-Prov Hwy Report customer/employee in heated argument in Laser Car Wash line. Multiple calls say they maybe going to fight. N663 reports verbal only, customer got his car washed and is on his way.

0953 Cellular - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Engamore Ln Resident requests to speak to officer in regards to what police need as evidence that someone enters her apartment at night and cuts her hair. N666 spoke to her, known to PD and this is her baseline, no one enters the apartment.

1417 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Lenox St Resident in lobby reports someone in hallway this morning yelled "I hate you" and "I'm gonna kill you" and he believes it was directed at him. N661 reports no evidence that any statement was directed toward him, no reason in his life anyone has spoken to or interacted badly with him. Informed to call when incident is occurring.

1504 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Village Rd E Report 1 sister trying to move out, other sister put her stuff into snow bank. N669 reports units stood by while items were removed, informed to recall police when they return for mattress if they feel there will be trouble.

Thursday, February 3

0104 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Lansdowne Way Caller reports a crying baby in the upstairs apartment. Units spoke with the residents, who were hearing impaired and matter was resolved.

1305 Phone - Message Delivery Unsuccessful Service Location/Address: Sumner St Request notify family that another family member has been in an industrial accident. N668 reports no answer, Walpole notified.

2121 Phone - Animal Complaint Area Search Negative Location/Address: North Ave + Irving St Dog barking for 2.5 hours. Upon arrival all was quite.

Friday, February 4

0242 Phone - Susp Activity Returned Home Location/Address: Prospect St + Cottage St 667 observed a male party run behind a house in the area of prospect and cottage, officer located male party in the area of Hawthorne and Vernon. Officers spoke with the subject and he was given a courtesy transport back to where he was staying

0847 Phone - Well Being Chk Transported To Hospital Location/Address: Bond St Party requesting to speak with professional about his mental health and relapsing on alcohol. He was transported to hospital for mental health evaluation by NFD.

Saturday, February 5

0146 Phone - ASSIST Citizen *Protective Custody Location/Address: Transformative Life Skills Dba Chris Mayya - Engamore Ln Caller reports female party is crying and said she lost her purse and can't get home. Officers made contact with the female, taken into protective custody.

0512 Phone - Animal Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Ridgewood Dr Caller reports neighbors dog has been outside barking for over an hour. Officers spoke to the owners and they brought the animal inside.

0836 Phone - Assist Other Agency *Report Filed Location/Address: Sullivan Tire - Everett St Fall River PD requests a message delivery at this address. N663 returns seized firearms to Fall River PD.

1122 Phone - Malicious Damage *Report Filed Location/Address: Oldham School (Acct# 1382d) -

Prospect St Several broken windows at school.

1553 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Ace Coin Laundry - Washington St Female verbally trespassed from property.

1831 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Area Search Negative Location/Address: Cottage St + Washington St 4-5 Teens W/M in dark clothing were arguing with a passenger boarding the 34 E bus. They also urinated on the wall of the Common Cafe and left on foot towards Nichols Street.

1835 Phone - Death Services Rendered Location/Address: Devon Rd Caller reports her Mother just passed away. NFD responded with N668 & N667. Hospice nurse arrived later and was advised on situation,

1952 Phone - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Launch Trampoline Park - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports verbal argument between several adults. N663 spoke to some parties involved and matter had been resolved prior to arrival.

2029 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Junior High North Savage Center Verbal disagreement involving a group of teenagers. Parties were asked to leave the gym. 2315 Phone - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Commerce Way Caller reports an upset teenage resident at this address. Units spoke with the caller and male party while utilizing de-escalation tactics. Matter was resolved and extra checks will be done overnight.

Sunday, February 6

1120 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Saunders Rd Caller reports her ex boyfriend knocking on her door looking to speak with his children. Party was GOA. Caller was spoken to and advised. No Court paperwork/ no threats.

1127 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Fales Ave Caller requests a wellness check on neighbor. Units spoke with the female resident and all is well.

1738 911 - Disturbance Area Search Negative Location/Address: Launch Trampoline Park - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports 2 vehicles cutting each other off in the parking lot, with possible weapons, described as large knives. No description of vehicles at time of call. N663 spoke to reporting party and manager who stated it is possibly a white pickup truck with lettering on side. Westwood PD notified. Units checked the area, nothing found. N663 will conduct frequent checks of the area.

2140 Phone - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Launch Trampoline Park - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports hearing loud bangs coming from the roof of the building. N663 and N676 checked the building everything is secure and nothing showing, manager is satisfied.

2214 911 - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Plymouth Dr Caller reports 14 yr old daughter walked away from home, while on the phone the daughter returned home. N676 spoke to mother and daughter, they had a small argument, daughter was sitting in stairwell.

2225 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Kathleen Ln Caller reports seeing a strange light through the treeline on the next street, possibly a new outside fixture installed. Officer searched the area, negative results.

Deaths *continued from page 8*

a member of the USS Jacob Jones VFW Post #2017 in Dedham, MA. Visiting hours will be held on Friday, February 11, 2022 11am-1pm at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. A funeral home service will be held on Friday, February 11, 2022 12:45pm followed by a private burial. At the request of the family Masks are required at all services. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the USS Jacob Jones VFW Post #2017 64 Eastern Ave. Dedham, MA 02026.

MIKSYS

VALERIE M. (Janks) of Barnstable formerly of Walpole & Cambridge, began her eternal life on February 4, 2022. She was 92. Beloved wife of the late Charles J. Miksis Jr. Devoted mother of Charles J. Miksis III and his wife Karolyn of Portsmouth, RI; Edward F. Miksis and his wife Stephanie of Franklin, MA & Robert J. Miksis and his wife Michelle of Barnstable, MA. Cherished grandmother of Joe & Jessica Miksis. Sister of Anthony Jankauskas of WY and the late Albin Janks. Daughter of the late Frank and Magdalena (Survillas) Janks. A visiting hour will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2022 from 8:30-9:30am at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. A funeral mass will be held on Saturday 10am at St. Mary's Church East Walpole, MA. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to Emmanuel College 400 The Fenway Boston, MA 02115 www.alumni.emmanuel.edu/make-a-gift

PARISE

Perina F. (Ferzoco) of Hopkinton, formerly of Norwood, passed away on January 30, 2022 at the age of 93. Beloved wife of the late Francis J. Parise; devoted mother of George Parise of CA, Corinne Hendren and her spouse Cheryl Piercy of CA, Paula Parise of Bahrain, Francine Parise of FL, Francis J. Parise and his wife Laurie of NH, Suzanne Johnston and her husband Steven of FL, Janice Walker and her husband Bill of Foxboro and Eileen Parise and her husband Rocco DelMonaco of VA; sister of Anna Hile of Ohio and 6 other late brothers and sisters; cherished grandmother of 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren; daughter of the late Constantino and Francesca (Tiberi) Ferzoco. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., NORWOOD, MA. Burial at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. www.stjude.org or to the Development office Shriners Hospitals for Children-Boston, 51 Blossom St., Boston, MA 02114. www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org/boston Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 781-762-0482. www.Kraw-KornackFuneralHome.com

Norwood Police Department Youth Academy registration

Registration for our 2022 Summer Youth Academy will be held at the police station on Saturday, February 12th from 8AM-Noon. An additional registration session will be held Wednesday, February

16th from 4PM-7PM.

We are excited to bring back our annual Summer Youth Academy for two sessions this year (July 25-29 and Aug 1-5).

The cost is \$150 and the

applicant must be a Norwood resident going into the 8th grade in September of this year. Interested persons should fill out an application and bring it to one of the two registration sessions we will be

hosting at the PD. Our website, linked below, has those dates and a link to the application.

Inquiries should be directed to youthacademy@norwoodma.gov or www.norwoodpolice.com

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The project team will provide updates regarding:

- Project Scope & Budget
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You must register in advance for this webinar through the project website or the link below:

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For more info, visit the project's website at: www.newcmsproject.org

Questions or comments can be sent to: cmsproject@norwoodma.gov



Volunteers have been working on the orchard this past fall, but the Conservation Commission is looking for a more permanent group.

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also agreed that they would be interested in hearing from neighbors or just residents interested in helping out. If you are interested in helping to bring the group to formation, shoot a message over to Conservation@norwoodma.gov.

Jones said she has also been in contact with Susan Claire, a representative of the adjacent Community Garden as well.

“And, she also was speaking with me about the potential like an interest in potentially expanding the parking lot near the garden and orchard to accommodate for larger volunteer days, along with gardeners and that type of thing,” she said. “There is, there’s no formal plan to do anything, yet, but my next step is to go look at it

with (DPW Director) Mark Ryan and seeing what he thinks about putting a gravel parking lot in.”

Washburn asked if she could speak with Ryan about the creation of a rain garden in the area to help with stormwater infiltration and pollution control. Jones also updated the ConCom on the spreading of \$400 worth of lime to help stabilize the soil at the orchard.

“The only concern is the one commissioner (Carly) Rocklen brought up, which was that of runoff,” Jones said. “So we didn’t get to apply to spread woodchips over the lime before in the snow. That’s something that I hope doesn’t happen then, that will have to at least keep an eye on. I

don’t think the lime will be harmful to the field there or to the wetlands downstream, but, I think it’s definitely worth doing another soil test over the summer to see where we’re at with that application whether more will be needed.”

In other news, Mark Copponi, the owner of Copponi’s Landscaping at 1400 Washington St., came into the meeting and discussed the issue of dumping that took place at the property. Copponi said the dumping happened before he bought the property, but will be working with Jones and the ConCom to resolve the issue.

The ConCom agreed and scheduled a visit to the site to further assess the situation.



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