



Matt Brown, middle, helped get the funds together to provide Quetta with a brand new Pacifica to ride around in.

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Brown reasons that one good turn deserves another

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Back in January, Bishop Feehan senior AJ Quetta was playing hockey with his fellow Shamrocks against Pope Francis Prep in West Springfield when he suffered a severe spinal cord injury.

Fundraisers have been set up to help him and his family deal with the pain and trauma of such an injury. As of the time of publication, the GoFundMe page dedicated to helping him and his family, found at <http://bitly.ws/e2LD>, has raised \$1.02 million. There are now two separate fundraisers set up, a golf tournament and hockey tournament, to help raise money for Quetta's family as he goes

through rehabilitation.

Norwood resident Matt Brown had a similar journey. He suffered a spinal cord injury a little over 10 years ago playing hockey for Norwood High School, and now he and several others in the community have banded together to give Quetta a fully-accessible vehicle, which he will probably need, as he will be undergoing rehabilitation in Canton for the next few weeks.

Brown said at least part of the idea came when he was discussing the issues of homecoming with a few friends, Thomas Smith of the Thomas E. Smith Foundation and former Boston Pride player Denna Lang, who also suffered spinal cord injuries.

"We had gotten together via

Zoom in early February and we had a lot of ideas trying to figure out what we did right and what we did wrong. Well, not what we did wrong, but what we might change about our home modification," he said. "We had about four or five weekly calls during which we talked about what we thought AJ would want when he got home. Tom Smith has just been a leader getting AJ's home done."

Brown said he kept in touch with Quetta, his family and Smith over the next few months. He said the Boston Bruins Foundation had been helping the family outfit the home for Quetta's return earlier in May, and

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The VFW will be hosting a public appreciation event for new recruits shipping off to basic training this summer.

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VFW hosting sendoff for military recruits

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood VFW Auxiliary and VFW Post 2452 are hosting a celebration on June 17 at 7 p.m. to give local high school seniors going into the U.S. Armed Forces a proper farewell.

VFW Auxiliary President Lisa Silletti said the idea is to have a short ceremony to honor local Norwood recruits and others from around the neighboring towns.

"It's really just to recognize that they're leaving and making a commitment to serve their country and that we respect that and support them in their decision," she said. "We'll have a small flag ceremony, and I'm hoping to have some of the students from the Norwood High School music program sing the national anthem. We'll also give them a certificate and we've got members of the Se-

lect Board coming too. We're looking forward to it."

Silletti said members of the Norfolk County Marine Corps League, the VFW, local politicians and the general public are invited to attend.

"It's going to be awesome," she said. "It's going to be a really fun time and I'm really excited to be able to recognize members of our local community who are willing to make this commitment."

Silletti said there is a perception out there that the teenagers and twenty-somethings of this current generation can be egocentric and not generally put the welfare of others above their own. She said she felt that was unfair, and that part of this ceremony is to help disprove that notion.

"People think this generation of young people are not as altruistic as other generations

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Dasuri in a class by himself

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

For Venkata Dasuri, Norwood High School's valedictorian, actions speak louder than words.

Dasuri, better known by his middle name of Siva, excelled academically, taking six Advanced Placement courses in his final year during the pandemic. He also found time to volunteer and publish his first academic article.

In an interview with The Norwood Record, Dasuri was humble about his achievements.

"The six AP classes are mostly related to the sciences," he explained, noting that he took the college-level courses in physics, chemistry and biology alongside calculus, French and English. "So they all kind of lend a hand to each other. They're not as difficult, per se, because they are not six independent fields of study. That was something that I really enjoyed."

These courses formed the building blocks for Dasuri's future course of study. He plans to study neuroscience and biology at Penn State University this fall. He will be able to continue his pursuit of medical research, following in the footsteps of both of his parents. He was inspired to do so because of a student he met.

"During the transition between my sophomore and junior year, a major event for me was during the Cleveland Middle School Math and Science Night," Dasuri said. "I was able to meet a kid called Liam. His story about how he had to deal with the extent of his muscular dystrophy inspired me a lot and how it basically impacted his life. That's something that I wanted to study more in the future, both in how biomedical engineering and different routes of studies can create different therapies. I wanted to do something to help alleviate his suffering."

His biggest academic achievement was publishing an



Venkata Dasuri

academic paper in the Journal of Emerging Investigators with science teacher John Churchill. It was based upon his science experiment on radish seed germination.

"It was about the effects of sulforaphane and vitamin E on free radicals generated by hydrogen peroxide," he said. "Free radicals are very reactive particles and come from ionizing radiation sources such as the sun, second-hand smoke exposure, from smoked foods

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Brown said Smith then began thinking about how Quetta would be getting to and from his home and everywhere he needs to get to. Smith teamed up with the Boston Bruins Foundation and the Travis Roy Foundation and then approached Matt and his foundation.

"We talked with our board of directors and everyone signed off on it," he said. "And, you know, for me, the Travis Roy Foundation purchased my first van back in 2010, and the Boston Bruins Foundation purchased my first kind of real, state-of-the-art wheelchair back in 2012. And so to be able to team up with them and help someone who is in a situation so familiar to me, it hit home. It really was an honor and I was so happy I was able to team up with them. I look up to Tom Smith so much."

Smith then reached out to Brown again and asked him to test out potential vehicles for Quetta, since they are relatively similar in build and height.

"Some were super nice but just didn't fit, and then this Pacifica was just a perfect," he said. "Tons of room, spacious, really cool looking – it's got the black rims and dark tint – you know for AJ, an 18-year-old, it's just nice. It's super nice. Being able to do that in the last few weeks really meant a lot."

Brown said it's a 2021 vehicle and it was outfitted specifically here in Norwood at Mobility Works.

"It was super easy to work with them, and Mary Murphy at Mobility Works is one of the smartest people in the game and knows everything about every type of chair and car and she immediately directed us towards this," he said. "I think he's really going to like it and I think the family is really going to like it."

Brown said he's been seeing a lot more of Quetta, since they both are now undergoing rehabilitation at Journey Forward in Canton.

"Just two hockey guys back in the gym together," he said with a laugh.

Brown said Journey Forward has been critical to keeping his hope and drive to recovery alive for him.

"If you asked me that first week I got hurt, would I have wanted it faster than 11 years? I would have said absolutely," he said. "But you know, I set a goal. It's to work as hard as I can for as long as it takes to get out of this chair. To walk again and to skate again, and that goal and that drive is never going to stop. But just because I'm not at that goal now it doesn't mean I'm going to let it dictate my life and keep me inside all day. I'm going to get out there, hang out with friends and family and I'm going to enjoy life along the way. And I'm hoping AJ has the same drive."

For more information on what Brown, Smith, and the Roy foundations are doing, go to MattBrownFoundation.org, ThomasESmithFoundation.org and the TravisRoyFoundation.org. For more information on the Boston Bruins Foundation, go to nhl.com/bruins/community/foundation-about/.

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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, June 28 2021 at 7:05 P.M.** concerning a 4 lot definitive subdivision plan entitled "Brookside Subdivision", which was filed with the Town Clerk on May 3, 2021. The public hearing will be a remote meeting through GoToMeeting due to the COVID-19 state of emergency and in compliance with the Governor's March 12, 2020 Executive Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law MGL C. 30A, §18 and the Governor's March 23 2020 Emergency Order imposing limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place. Those wishing to participate are encouraged to use GoToMeeting:

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The property owner and applicant is Lorenzo Quinones Torres of 60 Union Street, Norwood, MA 02062. The location of the proposed subdivision is: 60 Union Street, Norwood, MA 02062. The property is shown on the Assessor's Maps as: Map 15, Block 1, Lots 5-6. The applicant proposes to create a new 24' wide roadway entitled Brookside Lane to create three new buildable lots where single family homes are proposed for construction. The property lines for the existing property and single family home on Union Street are also proposed to be changed. The subdivision plan and supporting information are on file with the Planning Board and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

Debbie Holmwood, Clerk

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that have come before or willing to put their own plans on hold to serve their country," she said. "That's just not true."

Silletti said this year has been particularly difficult for many young people.

"I just feel like with the pandemic it's been doubly hard for young people," she said. "Having to be home and still go to school, or sometimes in school and then sometimes at home, it's been a rollercoaster ride. They've been able to stick with it and finish and then now that everything's opening up,

they're willing to go into a place that's very structured and not all about themselves."

Silletti added that the ceremony will be short and to the point.

"It will be more of a loose atmosphere of people coming to congratulate the recruits. Maybe once in while a member of the Select Board will stand up and ask to say something and that would be fine, but there are no planned speeches like the ceremonies for Veterans Day or Memorial Day," she said. "I'm just hop-

ing it will be uplifting."

Silletti said any recent recruits interested in attending should reach out to her at lisasilletti@gmail.com and RSVP. She said currently they have three Norwood seniors ready to attend, and they're actively looking in the area for anyone else who may be interested.

"We've been speaking with the recruiting officers at the office on Route 1 in Norwood, which is a combined U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps office," she said.

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Selectmen refuse to be dragged into issue at Library

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

If you haven't been following this newspaper or maybe just skipped the Letters to the Editor section, you may be forgiven for perhaps not knowing what the Board of Selectmen were discussing on Tuesday, June 8, when the item titled "Library Programming Correspondence" came up.

"We received some correspondence about some of the programming the library director has planned for the month of June, which is Pride Month," said Chair Tom Maloney. "When we do get a lot of correspondence on a matter, I think it's a good idea to put it on the agenda, if nothing else to let people know we received the correspondence and discussed the matter."

"Pride Month" is the only time the Board came close to saying out loud what the correspondence was actually referencing: Story Hour with Drag Kings, Queens & Friends at the Morrill Memorial Library (coming up on June 16 at 4 p.m. virtually).

In the last few weeks since the story hour was announced, residents have strongly voiced their opposition or support for the event, which is aimed at children of all ages, according to the Morrill website. According to that website, the event is simply

a virtual story-time with drag performers reading the stories. According to DragQueenStoryHour.org, the story hour is "just what it sounds like." The idea is to use stories to capture the imagination and to give children "unabashedly queer role models" in an environment where "dress up is real."

While each of the Board members seemed to have their own opinions on the story hour itself, the idea of adjudicating or influencing the event was not even put on the table, due largely to jurisdictional issues. Basically, the chain of command at the Library goes from the Library Director to the Library Board of Trustees, with the Town Manager interacting with the Library Director on day-to-day issues.

"Because the Library Board of Trustees is a volunteer board," said Maloney. "It just seems to me perhaps this is a matter people should take up with the Library Board of Trustees, if they're displeased with that body. It is an elected body."

Plasko said that as a political body, the Board of Selectmen does not have jurisdiction over the Library Board.

"We could individually try to influence them and tell them how we feel, but that's an individual thing I think, and it's not anything that has any political or legal con-

trol over the operations of the library," he said. "There are others who are in charge of that and we respect that's their decision to make, whether we agree with them or not. That's pretty much all I have to say. I think it's a difficult thing; people have strong, strong opinions on all sides and I try to be respectful of all of God's children and be inclusive of everyone and ask everyone to take a deep breath and consider both sides and be polite to each other."

Maloney pointed out that the idea of tolerance necessarily means tolerating views and people you don't agree with.

"It's easy to be tolerant of people you agree with," he said.

Earlier that day, several people on both sides of the issue picketed in front of Town Hall to voice their opinions. Earlier in the week, someone had written in chalk messages supporting diversity near the library, which became a point of contention among the Board. Selectman David Hajjar said while he felt the words and sentiment were kind and well-intentioned, they were still on public property. He said while it's just chalk and will probably get washed away in the next rainstorm, next time it might not be chalk.

As far as the story hour itself, Hajjar pointed out that the programming is not part of any required curriculum and is completely voluntary.

"Just because people are different doesn't make them bad and no one's forcing anyone to go to these," he said. "And I sort of equated this while I was gathering my own thoughts. I would never support banning of books, I'm not going to say that we

Selectmen

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Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw Section 7.3 Drive-Through Windows and section 3 Table of Use Regulations.

Article 16. That the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw by inserting a new section 9.9 Medical Services Overlay District.

Article 17. That the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw section 6.4 Landscaping & screening.

Article 11. That the Town vote to adopt the new Official Zoning Map dated February 4, 2021.

(Complete copies of these bylaws have been posted in the different locations listed below throughout the Town and are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.)

The above named articles are 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.

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LGBTQ AGENDA MAY BE SINCERE BUT MISGUIDED

To the Editor:

The Morrill Memorial Library has come a long way from the wholesome story hours of Miss Hope Anderson to unwholesome Drag Queen Story Hours promoted by Adult Services Librarian Hilary Umbreit, who says, "I'm non-binary, I use they/them pronouns, and my gender expression is fluid from day to day." Since coming to Norwood recently from Sharon, Umbreit has "dive(d) into a number of projects, but the one that is most near and dear to my heart is the upcoming slate of programs we have planned in celebration/observance of Pride Month."

The program that has caught the most attention in the pages of The Norwood Record is the Drag Queen Story Hour (DQSH). While a previous writer has quoted the DQSH website as benignly celebrating "reading through the glamorous art of drag," the website also says that they are really presenting "unabashedly queer role models" to little children. In other words, their goal is to groom children between the ages of three and eight to accept the sexually confusing LGBTQ agenda.

Children can be helped to develop reading skills without exposing them to men garishly dressed as women reading such books as *The Boy Princess*, *Santa's Husband*, and *The Hips on the Drag Queen Go Swish, Swish, Swish* (sung to the tune of "The Wheels on the Bus"). It's not being bigoted or homophobic to object to this kind of event, which is funded by our tax dollars. Rather, it's being solicitous about keeping little children innocent and not exposing them to crude and inappropriate adult behavior.

But with this kind of propaganda everywhere, is it any wonder that some children are ambivalent about their sexuality? Some have been brainwashed into thinking that they are in the wrong body. So they go to ethically challenged doctors, who give them puberty blocking hormones or surgically mutilate their bodies. A recent episode of 60 Minutes featured interviews with young

people who now profoundly regret going through sex changes. It was heartbreaking to hear them describe how counselors and physicians rushed them through treatments that later prompted thoughts of suicide and altered their lives forever.

Those promoting the LGBTQ agenda may be sincere in their misguided beliefs, and it is not hateful to question their wisdom and prudence. Children are very impressionable, and it is events like the DQSH that have sparked a sharp increase in children claiming to be trapped in the wrong body. There was one gender clinic in this country in 2007; now there are 300. Parents, teachers, and doctors are being told to affirm a self-diagnosis by children, instead of discussing the dangers involved. When was the last time your doctor treated you on the basis of a self-diagnosis?

In what other area to do we allow children to make such life-changing decisions? Do we let them decide their bedtime hour, or whether or not to go to school? And yet some parents are apparently willing to inflict unnecessary drugs and surgery on their children. That's not responsible parenting; it's child abuse. Children need our love and compassion, not affirmation of destructive choices. And they need to be kept away from Drag Queen Story Hours.

Jim Drummey
Norwood

TAKES OFFENSE TO LIBRARY PROGRAM

To the Editor::

I am writing to express my extreme disapproval of the programs being presented this month at Norwood Library, specifically, "The Pineapple Project", a play about gender creativity for 3 to 8 year olds, and "Story Hour with Drag Kings, Queens, & Friends", a lively pop-up session with drag performers and sparkly friends. These programs are clearly aimed at grooming and sexualizing our children.

Despite the fact that there

is a significant LGBTQ community in our country today, it is not main stream. Parents have the right and obligation to address these issues themselves, in their own home, with their own children. They alone should decide what is appropriate and best for their children. Just imagine what content the technology savvy elementary school child of today will find if he or she Googles "Drag Queen". It is material no child should see.

The library should be a source of information for those wanting to find it. It should not be an advertising arm of an agenda!

How dare Norwood allow liberal library staff to decide what radical material they can promote to take away our children's innocence. American children are attacked from every side by content in our culture that used to be unthinkable. This is NOT a better world for the growth and development of a child's mind and character. Yes, the LGBTQ movement is growing. So is the number of suicides of people who realize they have been deceived and sold a bizarre bill of goods that will never make them happy.

We need to stop these programs geared at our young, impressionable children. The reputation of our town as a good place to raise a family is about to be severely tarnished.

Rita Russo
Norwood

RE: THE LIBRARY IS IN WORTHWHILE TERRITORY....

To the Editor:

Our Norwood Library has always been another home for my family. It is a place that opens up new worlds and experiences. It is one of the resources that helps us understand how to walk in another human being's footsteps and how to go inside our own hearts and souls to better understand who we are and who we can be.

The heading on the Dennis Cawley opinion piece "Library in unchartered waters but worthwhile territory" (June 3, 2021) suggested that we would learn more about the resources our Library is offering our community. Only the 4th paragraph seems directed at this purpose. The rest of the article is confusing at best and appalling at worst.

Knowing that you are "old school" might suggest the value of having someone with a "new school" view look at opinion pieces and provide a more nuanced view. I think the first 3 paragraphs may have been intended to provide some context for the lonely paragraph about the library. Instead, they seriously muddy the water while feeding into stereotypes about

how society has perceived boys and girls are supposed to act. These perceptions are the problem and cause great harm to individuals who just want to be who they are from the inside out.

The diatribe about Demi Lovato, non-binary people and pronouns seems to really take this piece off the rails. What does this have to do with the Library? But the most upsetting sentence is this one: "Nature dictates whether you are a 0 or a 1 and if that is confusing to you then just look between your legs." This crass statement is a rejection of everything we have learned about the complicated nature of gender identity. To conclude this piece with "It" as a preferred designation for any human being is incomprehensible.

Our observations of other people are incredibly limited and so very subjective. We all have tunnel vision based on our experiences and upbringing. Our human job is to try to move out of that tunnel into the light of new perspectives, engaged by human stories and finding new ways of being with each other. Wouldn't it be helpful, for instance, for us to listen and learn from the stories of people who have struggled with their gender identity or who feel victimized by narrow social constructs or who simply have a different point of view?

My job as a parent was to help my daughters become independent thinkers, to be open to the breadth of human experience around them, to be compassionate rather than judgmental and, at all times, to be respectful to others. I wanted them to continuously learn and grow because we all have to get through our own tunnels to the other side. I thank heaven the Norwood Library was and is one of the powerful resources bringing that light.

Susan McFarland
Norwood

SCIENCE SUPPORTS NON BINARY POSITIONS

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the opinion editorial in the June 3rd edition of the Norwood Record. Mr. Cawley starts by saying he applauds the efforts of the library to provide programming that allows kids to acknowledge and be accepting of those that are different, but quickly writes that he is not so open. In particular, he writes how he is "...not accepting of non-binary culture..." and that "...nature dictates whether you are a 0 or a 1." I would like to point out to Mr. Cawley that, in fact, nature provides a spectrum of gender outcomes, and there is evidence for that.

Having taught biology for fifteen years, it is a subject that

is most often asked about and interesting to the students almost every year. Until only the last decade or so, the simple answer was if you have two X chromosomes, you are a female and if you have an X and a Y chromosome, you are male. This made things easy and you could even do a nice punnett square to show why there is a 50% chance of a person being born male or female. However, since early human records, there have been documented cases of people who didn't fit into this version of a 0 or a 1.

What could be the cause of this? There are numerous scientific reasons why someone who is born with certain characteristics of one sex may not identify or develop to identify with that gender. There could be mutations on chromosomes, there could be hormone receptors that don't work, hormones that are overproduced, under produced or even produced at the wrong time. There could be extra or missing chromosomes that add to or subtract from the functioning of the development of the individual that may not show up until puberty arises. The Scientific American has a piece that explains things visually and can be found by searching 'visualizing sex as a spectrum' and look at the first image that appears. It also explains the difference between sex, gender and sexuality, which is helpful for those of us who grew up with a more traditional view of gender norms.

Nature dictates a spectrum between a traditional male and female and has since the beginning of humankind, it is just those that haven't fit neatly into those two areas have not felt comfortable enough to voice their discomfort with those assignments for fear of ridicule, abuse or worse.

It doesn't have to be this way. In fact, there are numerous cultures where those who are born that are somewhere along this spectrum are revered and honored, not dehumanized like Mr. Cawley flippantly does in his piece. This attitude further perpetuates the stereotype that those who don't fit into his neatly defined "0 or 1" system are abnormal which leads directly to the acceptability of prejudice, exclusion and oppression. These views are harmful to people that are our family, friends and neighbors and should not stand.

I am happy the library is offering programs that will allow my kids to have a more nuanced view of the world and others and appreciate that nature dictates some amazing variety in their fellow humans, all of whom deserve love and respect for who they truly are.

Bryan Dunn
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Firecracker 5K race rip roaring and ready to go

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

It can be safe to assume that many people in the world, Norwood residents included, have seen their fitness routines fall off a bit this past year.

Well, on July 3 at 9 a.m., residents will have an opportunity to get back in the swing of things and help support the Norwood Fourth of July Parade Committee at the Firecracker 5K.

“It feels fantastic,” said race organizer and Winged Foot Running owner Jim Henry.

Henry said they already have about 38 runners signed up and ready to go, and he added that there will definitely be many day-of sign-ups as well. He said in the past, sometimes that was the full number of folks who came out, but he felt that was due to the timing.

“It used to be later in the day on the Fourth of July,” he

said. “I think when we ask for a 5 p.m. road race and 6 p.m. parade, I think people are just more comfortable where they are at that point. Moving it to the morning is a great idea, and the response I got from runners, the morning is so much better for them. It still might be hot, but it’s not like 5 p.m. And you know on the Fourth people are out at cook-outs and whatnot, they’ve had

Firecracker

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USE POLITICAL CLOUT TO GET HOSPITAL MOVING

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in regard to the nurses’ rally at the Norwood Hospital on June 21st. The Hospital services 23 towns and has placed a tremendous burden on the surrounding hospitals. I do believe that Norwood is part of Massachusetts, and it’s time for the governor and our two senators to lend their political clout to get this moving in the right direction.

Stewart does not have the greatest reputation; just ask the people who work there. We need to get our town offi-

cial to contact these three officials and have them attend the nurses’ rally on June 21st. That’s the least they can do for our Town. We should also have a weekly report published in the Norwood Record on what progress is being made.

As it stands now, we are all in the dark on what’s going on with the hospital. Norwood Hospital is the Town’s biggest asset. It brings the most people into the Town but all we get is promises. The Town spent \$50,000 to upgrade the center. The town needs to do all it can to get the construction started on our most important asset the Town has.

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Norwood

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Runners are gearing up to get out on July 3 once again for the Firecracker 5K.

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some food and maybe a couple of beverages, and running a road race does not sound too appealing for day-of road race sign-ups.”

The race helps to raise funds for the Norwood Fourth of July Parade Committee, which funds and organizes the parade each year. The parade will be returning as well so runners can head up to the Norwood Common after the race.

“It all goes into the Town coffers and the Town puts it back into the Fourth Parade,” he said. “Some businesses sponsor it too. It’s a great tradition that’s gone on for years, not just the race but the parade. I can remember going to the parade when I was a kid in the 70s and as far back as the late 60s. It’s been going on for more than 75 years.”

Henry said there was actually some hesitancy in the Town, as the race is contingent on the Fourth of July Parade. This past year saw the passing of Norwood Assistant Town Manager and hometown legend Bernie Cooper, who spearheaded the event every year (along with a myriad of other Town-related events).

“I wasn’t sure if there was going to be any type of event at all, and Travis Farley from the Recreation Department called me a couple of weeks ago asking if I wanted to do the race and I said sure, definitely,” he said. “It’s sort of short notice, but it’s definitely one of those things. I know that many runners have some pent up energy right now and they want to get out there again. So we’ve had a good response to the race so far.”

Henry said Cooper’s loss will be felt, particularly this year.

“It was amazing how much work he did for the Town,” he said. “I certainly hope they’ll be honoring him on the Fourth this year.”

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and even your Wi-Fi router.”

The body’s antioxidants fight against free radicals, Dasuri added, by binding to cells such as DNA. But the negative effects can accumulate over time. Vitamin E is one antioxidant that helps to neutralize free radicals.

“Basically I wanted to test the effects of this new antioxidant called sulforaphane,” he said. “It was found in cruciferous vegetables such as broccoli. I wanted to test how effective it was compared to other known antioxidants out there.”

By combining hydrogen peroxide with germinating radish seeds, he created an environment where the seeds could not flourish. Then, he added sulforaphane to one group of seeds and vitamin E to another. In his experiment, the seeds with sulforaphane germinated twice as quickly as the ones treated with vitamin E, demonstrating its potency.

“This could lend a hand in showing that just by eating Brussels sprouts and broccoli every day, you could help reduce your risk of developing diseases such as atherosclerosis and certain types of cancers as well.”

During his high school career, Dasuri became involved in the medical field in a different capacity. He served as a donor ambassador for the Red Cross, where he helped to organize blood drives.

“I helped the phlebotomists to be able to recruit blood donors and to help them get through the process smoothly,” he said.

Dasuri also enjoyed participating in the math team in both middle school and high school. He was able to serve as a mentor to younger students, teaching them different concepts. He was also a member of the robot-

ics club.

“That’s really a lot of fun to be a part of,” he said. “You get to work with new systems and help teach younger generations about new technologies that they might have not heard about yet.”

Dasuri moved to Norwood for middle school, having spent most of his childhood beforehand in Louisiana. Prior to that, he lived in Canada.

“Norwood is a really nice place to be,” he said. “From first through fifth grade, I lived in Louisiana. Then I moved to Boston and my life completely changed from kind of like a rural area to a suburban area.”

When he started studying in Norwood, Dasuri said he was shy.

“I’d have to say that the accepting community at Norwood High helped to contribute to my growth and development over the years,” he explained. “And obviously the middle school played a part in that. Prior to that, I wasn’t very outgoing. But because of the support of teachers, I was able to do well, particularly during science projects and helping me to publish an academic paper. I don’t think I would have found that support at any other kind of school.”

“It’s all really personal here,” he continued. “The teachers really care about how you grow and develop, not only during your high school career but post-high school as well.”

His advice for fellow students was not to be afraid to do new things.

“I feel like, if you are more outgoing from the start, you’d be able to find a lot more opportunities and diversity yourself,” he said. “Having those experiences can really help you identify where you would like to go after your high school life.”

Dasuri also said he was appreciative of the efforts that the

school staff has made to ensure that the final year for his class was memorable for more than just the hardships of the pandemic. He recently attended the senior field day, where he was able to share memories with classmates over ice cream.

“The pandemic was difficult to get accustomed to at first,” he admitted, especially when classes switched to virtual instruction. “A lot of clubs were canceled and a lot of activities were put on hold.”

One of his passions was participating on the cross country team, particularly during his junior year.

“With cross country, they basically changed how they organized events because of the pandemic,” Dasuri noted. “Although I wasn’t able to be a part of it this year, it was fun prior to that. I plan to continue it in college.”

“I’ve met a lot of friends here, and I’ve been able to become a better part of my community,” he said. “It’s because of those social events that it hasn’t been as hard on us during the pandemic as it would have maybe been for others.”

Dasuri has won a number of awards, including the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Certificate of Academic Excellence and a scholarship from Big Y. He was also a state candidate for the U.S. Presidential Scholars program.

He was very self-effacing about his achievements.

“I don’t really see them as accomplishments,” he said. “I just see them as memorable experiences to me.”

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail!)

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.

—S.G.H.

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Planning Board reviews Route 1 zoning in prep for TM

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

The Planning Board met recently to review the language of the zoning bylaw amendments it will present at the June Special Town Meeting on the Route 1 rezoning initiative and its three proposed mixed-use overlay districts (MUOD).

These were approved together in a 5-0 vote after discussions modifying the language, particularly in the case of prohibiting open lots for vehicle storage.

Beforehand, the board reviewed a letter from attorney David Hern requesting that a small parcel at the Westwood border on Everett Street be added to the proposed Boston Providence Highway District (BPHD). The parcel is about three-quarters of an acre and is adjacent to a lot currently used for open lot storage. Because of its size, it would not be suitable for development, according to Town Planner Paul Halkiotis.

“By including it in the Boston Providence Highway District, it allows them some additional options and kind of improves the feasibility of being able to build anything on that small parcel,” he said.

This request was approved by a 5-0 vote.

As discussed at the previous meeting, there is “one major change” to the BPHD zoning

bylaw amendment. The setback requirement for the rear or side of the property facing the residential district will now be 80 feet. Within that 80 feet, the 30 feet closest to residential property must be a “well-vegetated buffer” with evergreen vegetation and fencing to block light and sound. This area was extended as a benefit to residents.

The 50 feet closest to the building can be used as parking, a loading zone or a fire lane. It can be used for “regular, commercial-type activity,” Halkiotis said.

He also explained that the main BPHD zoning article would require a two-thirds vote at Town Meeting, while the three bylaw amendments on the landscape buffer strip, open lot storage and storm water management required a majority vote for approval. That led to them being separated out from the main article.

“The approval of these articles is somewhat interdependent of the previous article,” he said of the BPHD. “If the BPHD is not approved, the MUOD articles for University Avenue, Neponset Street and the Vanderbilt Park MUOD cannot move forward.”

Planning consultant Ted Brovitz said that there were homes originally included in the BPHD that their owners did not want included. Consequently, these properties were returned to

being zoned in a residential district.

Commercial use would be allowed on the first floor in most of the areas, with residential development permitted on upper floors. This would create new housing opportunities, which would lead to potential centralized shoppers for the new businesses. The vegetation required would help mitigate the impact of climate change and reduce noise.

Member Ernie Paciorkowski asked if there had to be a certain percentage of commercial development versus other uses.

“It would really be up to the board to sort of determine ratios to use on a given site,” Brovitz said, noting that each case could be reviewed independently by the Planning Board.

“The more I look at these sites, the more I believe we’ve got three very good sites that work,” Paciorkowski said. “The Nahatan Street site will be the hardest sell.”

Halkiotis said that a traffic study is in the process of being completed on the impact of the three MUODs.

Rick Bryant, who attended the meeting, had previously prepared a traffic study for the owner of the Nahatan Street property being considered in that MUOD.

“What was really interesting was that he projected that the af-

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department

SUFFOLK Division Docket No. NO21C0071CA

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Norfolk Probate and Family Court
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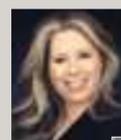

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Deaths

ELLIOT



SUSAN J. (Kemmett) of Norwood passed away suddenly on June 1, 2021 at the age of 59. Wife of William H. Elliot. Devoted mother of Shannon L. Elliot of Norwood and William R. Elliot of Norwood. Cherished grandmother of Alyssa Elliot of Dedham, Logan Elliot and Jaeligh Elliot both of Norwood. Sister of Al Kemmett of Walpole, John Kemmett of CA, Debra Kemmett of Hyde Park and the late Robert Kemmett. The family would like to invite everyone to attend a celebration of Susan's life which will be held on Saturday June 12th from 12pm-4pm at the Colonial House Restaurant 33 Savin Ave. Norwood, MA 02062. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to a charity of your choice. Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home.

LYNCH

Joseph Edward Age 87, of Franklin, formerly of Norwood, passed away May 22, 2021 surrounded by loved ones. Born December 22, 1933 to Edward and Catherine (Norton) Lynch. Joe's greatest passion in life was his family. His favorite moments were always spending time with

his children and grandchildren, whether attending their school functions, sporting events, vacationing at New Seabury in the summer or going on many memorable family trips to Disney World - family was the most important thing to him. He was a proud graduate of Boston College, class of 1955 and received his Master's degree from his alma mater in 1965. He worked for GTE Government Systems in Needham for 35 years as a Software Engineer. He loved playing basketball in his younger days and golf in his later years. He was a lector and Eucharistic Minister at St. Timothy's Church in Norwood for many years. He was also a longtime member of the Norwood Knights of Columbus. Known to many as a soft spoken listener and friend to all, he will always be remembered for his calm and gentle demeanor. Joseph is survived by his beloved wife of 61 and a half years, Geraldine (Coghlan) Lynch; his loving children, Alicia Gibson and her husband Lee of Norfolk, Edward Lynch and his wife Allysen of Franklin, and Susan Ledwith and her husband Robert of Walpole; his adored 10 grandchildren and his cherished 4 great-grandchildren. Joseph was predeceased by his son, Joseph Lynch Jr. Also survived by a brother, Thomas Lynch of Brooksville, FL; Sister Marie Lynch of Maryknoll Sisters in Ossining, NY; and brother Edward and wife Sheila of West Dennis, MA. His sister Aileen McNulty predeceased him. Services were held through Gillooly Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St Jude's

Church in Norfolk on Friday, June 4, 2021. In lieu of flowers, memorial contribution may be made in Joseph's memory to Old Colony Hospice & Palliative Care, 321 Manley Street, West Bridgewater, MA 02379, <https://www.oldcolonyhospice.org> Gillooly Funeral Home Norwood [GilloolyFuneralHome.com](https://www.GilloolyFuneralHome.com)

SWANSON



James E. of Walpole, formerly of Norwood, passed away on June 4, 2021, at the age of 85. Beloved husband of Marie Q. (Quartarone) Swanson. Devoted father of Alaina M. Manning and her husband Thomas of Walpole. Brother of Tom Swanson of RI, Bill Swanson of RI, Bob Swanson of Swampscott, and the late Don Swanson and Mary Gousie. Cherished grandfather of James and Charlotte Manning. Son of the late William C. and Margaret (Gill) Swanson. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. James was a former member of the Dedham Retired Men's Club and the Dedham

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For The Record

THE SACCO & VANZETTI TRIAL 100 YEARS LATER

On May 21, 1921, the infamous trial of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti commenced at the Norfolk Superior Court in Dedham. The two were accused of murdering a payroll clerk and his guard the previous year; on July 14, 1921, both men were convicted and in August of 1927 were executed. They were Italian immigrants and avowed anarchists. The trial spurred international outrage and condemnation, with claims that their conviction was not based on evidence but on their political ideology and bigotry toward immigrants. A century later, this webinar will present the storyline, historic context, and hold a discussion of parallels with the present time. The guest speakers will be Appeals Court Justice Peter Agnes (Ret.) and Professor Michele Fazio, University of N.C. To register in advance for this webinar you may use the QR code, visit www.dedhamhistorical.org/current-events, or use <http://bit.ly/3fHJTfi>. Call 781.326.1385 with questions. Please note that the next Third Thursday Webinar will be held September 16th, 2021.

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The Norwood Woman's Club will hold a luncheon at 12:00 on June 22 at 4 Points Sheridan. The choices are chicken or fish at a cost of 30.00. Checks to be made out to Norwood Woman's Club with chicken or fish in the memo box and mailed to Mary Henneberry, 6 Washington Green. East Walpole Ma. 02032, by June 8. Hope to see you there.

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING CALLED

A Special Town Meeting has been called for June 14. The warrant for this Special Town Meeting will include articles of recommendation to consider a series of important amendments to Norwood's Zoning Bylaw. The proposed amendments establish a new Boston-Providence Highway District which is intended to both expand uses and create consistent zoning regulations along the Route 1 corridor.

The Planning Board encourages interested residents and Town Meeting Members to learn more about these proposed amendments at a series of information sessions scheduled prior to Town Meeting. Sessions will be offered both virtually and in person to give residents an array of opportunities to participate. Please consider attending one of the following sessions to learn more: June 13 at 9 am: Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street.

Copies of the Zoning Bylaw amendments are available in the Office of the Town Clerk, the Planning & Community Development office, and on the Planning Department web page located at <http://www.norwoodma.gov/>. If you have questions, comments, or need to request a reasonable accommodation or language assistance to participate, please contact the Planning Department at cped@norwoodma.gov or 781-762-1240.

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The Town of Norwood hereby notifies all residents that the State Attorney General's office has approved the following amendments to the Town By-Laws which were voted at the Special Town Meeting, February 4, 2021 namely:

Article 23. To amend the General By-Laws as follows:
Article XXXXVI – Revolving Funds – establish a Tobacco Control Revolving Fund as voted on by Town Meeting.

Article 24. To strike Article XVII – Permanent Building Construction Committee and replace with a new proposed bylaw which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

(Complete copies of this bylaw 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 – Shaw's Market Plaza; District 9, Gulf Gas Station, Neponset Street.

Mary Lou Folan
Town Clerk

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ternoon traffic in a mixed-use overlay buildup would actually be less than it is today," Halkiotis said. "I think that's because of the different types of uses."

Currently, there is a manufacturer in that space with shift workers. However, if housing were there, people would be leaving at different times and not as severely impact the rush hour.

After a long discussion, Paciorkowski made a motion not to include open lot storage in the mixed-use overlay district, which was approved 5-0. However, the three that are currently there are grandfathered in.

"It's important that everyone understand that these would be triggered for a new development," Halkiotis said.

The open lot storage bylaw amendment also was approved by a 5-0 vote to include it in the warrant.

Halkiotis also prepared an article that would delete the exemption for the 20-foot buffer strip in the BPHD. Before, there would be an allowance to reduce it to 10 feet if the applicant agreed to put in twice the landscaping.

"I can tell you that a 10-foot strip really isn't wide enough for a shade tree," he said. "They really need a little more space for the roots."

Paciorkowski added a re-

quirement for a sidewalk.

"They're trying to make Route 1 walker friendly, so let's put it in there," he said. This was approved 5-0.

The Board has been criticized by Town Meeting members and residents in the past for not notifying them regarding the BPHD, most notably at the February Town Meeting where members voted to send the BPHD rezoning back to the Planning Board. This took place despite several public hearings on the issue and numerous public meetings of the Planning Board over the last year.

"The most important point that I want to communicate to the public is that we're at Town Hall from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day and we're available to answer questions in person or through emails," he said. "And for us, that's preferable than to do that at Town Meeting."

In addition to discussing the Route 1 zoning bylaw amendments, Halkiotis said that the stormwater bylaw amendment will not get forward to the Special Town Meeting. He discussed it with Conservation Agent Holly Jones and his new staff members, Assistant Town Planner Sarah Bouchard and office manager Lynn Marchand, who were introduced at the meeting. They agreed that Norwood should

adopt a standalone bylaw for stormwater management. This change also was recommended by the Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA).

Halkiotis added that the standalone bylaw could be introduced at Fall Town Meeting and still meet the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

A similar situation came up regarding floodplain management. Halkiotis said he was notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued a new flood zone bylaw, which all member towns must adopt. However, the state's Department of Environmental Management (DEM) said that there would be changes coming up next year in the language, which would necessitate going before Town Meeting again.

"We'd rather just take one bite of the apple at this," Halkiotis said, "and not have to bring it back in front of Town Meeting for a second time."

In other news, the board approved by a 5-0 vote a sign request for applicant Luis Paulo Jiu Jitsu. Brandon Pelchat, speaking on behalf of the applicant, said that the sign would be lit by a gooseneck lamp.

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Bowling League. He was also a member of the Boston Teacher's Union and a former Catholic Priest in RI. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., NORWOOD. Burial at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452. Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home Kraw-Kornackfuneralhome.com Family Owned and Operated 781-762-0482.

WEBBER

Robert David Webber, 62, of Wrentham, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Friday, May 28, 2021. He was surrounded by the love of his life, Rebecca and his daughters, Nicole and Sarah along with their spouses. Robert worked very hard during his career as a trucker/rigger, specializing in heavy hauling. He was employed by Shaughnessy & Ahern for 25 years and a proud member of Teamsters Local 25 of Boston. Robert loved nothing more than spending time with his family. He enjoyed playing with his grandchildren most of all. He loved sports, especially the New England Patriots, the Boston Bruins and Nascar. Robert was preceded in death by his son; Robert David Webber Jr.; his mother Marjorie Collins and stepfather Robert, his father, Edward A. Webber and his stepmother, Priscilla; his loving sister-in-law Lois Webber; his mother-in-law Mary E. Lopez and many other loved ones. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Rebecca M. (Lopez) Webber; loving daughters, Nicole Heidke and her husband David of North Attleboro, and Sarah Crompton and her husband Jeffrey of Lincoln, RI; his adored grandchildren, Logan and Emily Heidke, and Zachery Crompton; his brothers, William of Fryeburg, ME, Edward and wife Nancy of Walpole, Joseph and wife Debbie of Sandwich; and many cherished nieces and nephews. Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood/GilloolyFuneralHome.com



WEINER

Maurice Coppel of Norwood, passed away on June 5, 2021 at 84 years of age. Devoted son of Dr. Harry Weiner and Dobie Primack. Beloved husband of 56 years to Edith (Rovner) Weiner. Loving father of Alan Weiner, Steven Weiner, and Norman Weiner and his wife, Laura Lieber. Cherished grandfather of Julian and Daniel Weiner. Dear brother of Barbara Rosemark (Bob), Herbert Weiner (Sandy), and James Weiner (Julie Low). Loving uncle of several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. A Chapel Service was held at Schlossberg Family's Chapel on the Hill, 824 Washington Street, CANTON, on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 9:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations in Maury's memory may be made to the Sean M. Healey & AMG Center for ALS at Mass General, Fruit St., Boston, MA 02114, www.massgeneral.org/als/support/ or Compassionate Care ALS, PO Box 1052, West Falmouth, MA 02574 or B'nai Tikvah, 1301 Washington St., Canton, MA 02021. Schlossberg Chapel on the Hill "Family Owned" 781-828-6990 www.SchlossbergChapel.com

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Selectmen *continued from page 3*

should be banning artistic thinking just because it's different than mine. Again, no one is being forced to go."

Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue said she had some concerns about the story hour at the library.

"What my concern is, I have great respect for both sides of the question, of the issue, but what I'm having a hard time understanding is, is the Town of Norwood public library the proper forum to address the issue?" she asked. "To me, that's a personal issue that should be addressed with family, or a smaller group, I don't know a church group."

Donohue added she felt writing on public property was a problem.

"If you want to write with chalk, write on your own sidewalk, write on your own driveway," she said. "We don't want anybody writing – this is the Town of Norwood. I went up there, and I read the words. The words were kind words, loving words, but they were written by an adult, they weren't written by a child. The words were perfectly-shaped, the letters were perfect and the writer used the

word 'diversity.' That's a big word. A child couldn't write diversity."

Donohue added that any time a member of the public wants to put up any kind of public sign on a public way, they have to ask permission.

In a related matter, the Board voted unanimously to approve a late-file application to use the Town Common on Saturday, June 12 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. for a Pride Celebration and picnic. The only issues of contention was that the Board felt that picnics on the Common might be a problem and should be looked into and also that by approving late-file matters they are not encouraging residents to file them within the allowable deadline.

Progress Norwood organizer Kate Sibbing-Dunn the picnic is open to any who want to attend, and that it is aimed at both celebrating Pride Month in Norwood in general and is a response of support to the story hour at the library. She said the hour itself is at best, misunderstood.

"It's just teaching children self-acceptance and acceptance of others, which comes very naturally to children," she said. "What's con-

fusing and harmful for children is teaching them the Golden Rule but then saying there are these exceptions to the Golden Rule, and that leads to intolerance and harm."

As far as the picnic, Sibbing-Dunn said residents are encouraged to come to support Pride in general, the story hour specifically or just to have a picnic in the summer weather.

"This picnic is to meet the demand we understand is in Norwood for celebrating LGBTQ families and individuals, and so we look forward to being able to do that with our community," she said.



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.

2020 Toyota Highlander Limited AWD

The Highlander has been around for many years FWD or AWD. Each year Toyota continues to enhance their vehicles. My own shop loaner is a 2005 Highlander V/6 AWD with 205,000 miles.

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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.

Calendar *continued from page 8*

We are currently accepting requests for possible grants or funding assistance. If your organization or community group is planning a related celebration and would like to submit a proposal, please submit your proposal in writing (be as specific as possible, including contact information, funding amount requested, and a description of your event and how it fits with the Norwood 150 celebration) to the Norwood 150th Steering Committee at the following email address: chris@norwoodma150.gov. Proposals may also be submitted electronically on our website, <https://norwoodma150.gov/grant-application>. Proposals will be accepted until June 17th, 2021. The Steering Committee will review proposals as they are submitted and those selected will be contacted.

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
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Sealed proposals will be received up to 11:00 A.M., June 24, 2021, in the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA for feasibility and design services to replace track and field and install lighting at Norwood High School.

The proposal must be filled out and signed as directed therein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed as follows: Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062, endorsed with the name and address of the offer, and marked "Proposal for Design Services High School Track & Field - CONTRACT #NSD-21-07". Proposers shall submit an original and three (3) copies of his/her proposal and one (1) electronic version on CD or thumb drive. The estimated construction cost is to be determined. Bids are to be mailed via the U.S. Postal Service, Fedex, UPS, or delivered to the greater located at Door #1 of the Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA. Call 781-762-1240, x6036 or x6037 to confirm delivery.

Scope of services includes Phase #1 - data collection and site analysis, in-depth exploration services, feasibility study for concession stand/restrooms and outdoor lights, schematic design for track/field replacement, and cost estimates. Phase #2 - final design, construction documents, bidding, award of construction contract(s). Phase #3 - construction administration, final commissioning closeout and warranty period of the referenced Project. The fee is to be negotiated. Note that the Town reserves the right to award Phase 1 only, Phase 1 & 2 only, or all three phases.

A pre-proposal meeting will be held on June 15, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at the Norwood Senior High School at the Press Box area to the rear of the building, 245 Nichols Street, Norwood, MA 02062. This pre-proposal meeting is not mandatory but highly recommended. Social distancing and masks will be required.

The selected proposer will be required to be currently registered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a landscape architect or civil engineer, and shall have proven experience in public bid construction work as well as experience working with synthetic turf fields and synthetic tracks. Responsibilities and duties shall be as outlined in the Scope of Service and otherwise comply with the Massachusetts General Law Chapter 7C.

Scope of Designers Services and information packets shall be available by registering and downloading online at: <https://bids.norwoodma.gov>. Questions can be directed to Catherine Carney at CCarney@norwoodma.gov or by calling (781) 762-1240, ext. 6036.

The Town of Norwood shall have the right to reject any and all proposals or parts thereof, or items therein, and to waive any defect of irregularities as to form, therein in accordance with MGL. The Town of Norwood notifies all participants that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex or national origin or handicapped status in consideration for an award.

BY: Tony Mazzucco, General Manager

Norwood Record: 6/10/21

**SECTION A - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
TOWN OF NORWOOD, MA**

Sealed bids will be received up to 11:00 A.M. (Verizon time), June 25, 2021, in the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 for the following Public Project:

"Pavement Markings"

Bids are to be mailed via the U.S. Postal Service, Fedex, UPS, or delivered to the greater located at Door #1 at the Norwood Town. Call 781-762-1240, x106 or x107 to confirm delivery.

The complete bid package may be obtained by contacting the Purchasing Department during regular business hours at (781) 762-1240, x106 or x107. Documents can also be obtained electronically by registering and downloading online at: <https://bids.norwoodma.gov>. The bid must be filled out and signed as directed herein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed to the General Manager, endorsed with the name and address of the bidder, and marked, Pavement Markings, CONTRACT #NPW-21-07".

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, gender, 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. All bidders shall confirm that they have read and are aware of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts COVID-19 Employee Health, protection, guidance and prevention guidelines.

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: 6/10/21

The Norwood Record

Monday, May 31

911 Threats Spoken To Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd Caller reports she can hear her neighbor talking about her and making threats. N669, N663 responded. N669 reports ongoing issue between neighbors. Both parties advised. Message will be left for Officer Shore.

1147 911 - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Engamore Ln Female reports someone trying to break into apartment, then said someone banging on door, then stated a males name and told him to get out. N667 reports male left prior to officer's arrival and female is uncooperative and will not give any more information.

1316 Phone - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Alden Dr Resident reports he accidentally discharged his fire-arm inside his home.

1550 Phone - Assaults *Report Filed Location/Address: Rama Fitness - Washington St Caller reports that a 14 y/o boy was punched in the face by another teen. The second half of the altercation was GOA.

2121 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Rock St Party requesting log note that neighbor is hacking her phone. Ongoing issue.

Tuesday, June 1

0930 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Lenox St Party in lobby reports an Avon clutch bag and CVS sunglasses are missing. N458 notified.

1037 Phone - Malicious Damage *Report Filed Location/Address: Elliot Park - Washington St Graffiti on basketball court. Covered by DPW. Report filed.

1052 Walk-In - Citizens Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Juniper Dr Report neighbor's kids play hockey and hit her home and A/C unit with the ball when they miss the net. N669 spoke to neighbor ad they will re-position the net. There is no damage to either item at this time.

1122 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Rock St Report 7 years ago she gave neighbor a lock and key for storage unit but now she wants it back. N667 will attempt to speak to neighbor and resolve the issue.

1145 Phone - Citizens Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Stash's Pizza - Dean St Report they would like to disinvite a customer as a result of an incident last night and another one today. N669 reports they changed their mind and are ok for now.

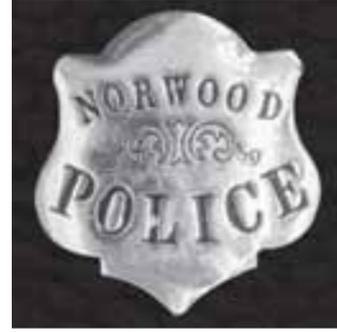
1819 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Rock St Caller would like to get her lock and key back from a neighbor. N667 spoke to that party and she was advised to go to small claims court.

2326 Phone - Death *Report Filed Location/Address: Prospect St Unconscious party due to diabetic reaction. NFD notified and responded. N666, N667, N668 responded. Medical Examiner took charge.

Wednesday, June 2

0941 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Coolidge Rd Report landscaping company for neighbor left the grass debris on his property. N666 spoke to homeowner

Police
Logs



and landscape company notified to remove same.

1206 Phone - Assaults Services Rendered Location/Address: Group Home - Roxana St Caller, known to PD and in Newton Wellesley Hospital Psych. Unit reports 2 weeks ago she was assaulted by staff and other clients in the home. N667 reports caller terminated the call and would not talk to officer.

1733 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Lenox St Caller reports 2-4 males were trying to get into the pool area of the complex, after she confronted them they began yelling at her. N669 spoke to those parties they were advised and the SRO will be notified.

1800 Walk-In - Missing Person *Report Filed Location/Address: Jacobs Rd DCF social worker reports a missing juvenile. Party entered into NCIC. BOLO to the cars and surrounding and cities and towns.

1847 Phone - Assist Citizen Assisted Party Location/Address: Lincoln St Caller reports his son was playing with a set of handcuffs and they do not have a key.

2020 Phone - Neighbor Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Rockhill St Residents have verbal dispute. Separated prior to officer's arrival and were advised to stay away from one another.

Thursday, June 3

0645 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Lenox St Caller reports neighbor is running some kind of machinery as well as playing a guitar on porch since 5:00am. N677 responded and spoke to resident who stated he was not aware of by-law and apologized.

1115 Phone - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Buckingham Rd Caller reports an ongoing issue with her neighbor. Both parties were advised.

1214 Phone - Assist Citizen No Action Required Location/Address: Rock St Female reports an ongoing issue with her neighbor. She does not wish to speak to an officer, but will attempt to get an HPO from court.

1311 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Tremont St Third floor resident extremely agitated and screaming about her neighbors harassing her. Officers attempted to give advice. She will go back inside, 2ND floor resident left prior to arrival.

2352 Phone - Susp Person Area Search Negative Location/Address: Highview St + Upton Ave Caller reports a male party walking around the neighborhood and vehicles are pulling up and then driving away. Units checked the area.

Friday, June 4

0016 Phone - Susp Person Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Dean St + Pleasant St Caller reports Asian male party in his 20's rang her door bell and was talking about a flag and left. Officers checked the area with negative results.

0228 Phone - Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Davis Ave Loud music. Music was turned off when officers arrived, resident would not open door. All quiet at the time.

0404 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Davis Ave Caller requesting officer stand by while he lives for the night do to ongoing issue with neighbor. Officers attempted to speak with neighbor but he would not open door. Caller left for the night, N669 to follow up.

0628 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Murphy Field - Lenox Ave Caller reports female in black sedan appears to be asleep. Officers spoke with her, she was looking down at her phone and checks out.

0930 Phone - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Lenox Ave Caller reports an ongoing issue with a group of kids.

1556 911 - Death *Report Filed Location/Address: Rosemary St Caller reports unresponsive male party. FD notified. N668 reports ME office, CPac, and BCI all declined at 1710 Hrs. Delaney funeral home notified at 1726 Hrs and responding. Delaney arrived at 1801 Hrs.

1614 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Lane Dr Walk in reports he gave his vehicle to a friend to fix and now he can't get the vehicle back. N664 reports after speaking to the party that did the repairs there are additional fees that are owed.

2129 Phone - Well Being Chk Area Search Negative Location/Address: Lincoln St + Winter St Caller reports a 4 yr old walking down the street by himself. N663, N664 searched the area.

Saturday, June 5

0011 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: North Ave People being loud outside.

1034 Phone - Unwanted Party *Report Filed Location/Address: Chapel St Report when patient was asked to wear a mask, he took out a knife and cut the mask he was wearing, now he is in hallway outside office. N666 reports he was escorted out of building.

1035 Cellular - Malicious Damage Services Rendered Location/Address: Morrill Memorial Library - Walpole St Report chalk graffiti on public sidewalk in front of building. N678 reports nothing profane/derogatory and it is related to protesting that Library is hosting events related to Royal Panel-Drag Performers and LGBTQ issues.

1259 Phone - Unwanted Party No Action Required Location/Address: Central Chrysler Jeep & Dodge Of Norwood - Bos-Prov Hwy Report customer, who defecated on himself, will not leave. N663, N678 sent. 1300 Hrs- customer left.

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Kelliher named Teacher of the Year

Remote Learning Academy and Cleveland School Teacher Patricia Kelliher was named the 2021 Norwood Teacher of the Year.

Organized annually by the Orient Lodge of Masons, the Norwood Teacher of the Year awards recognize teachers for their dedication and commitment to the education of Norwood students. Kelliher received two nominations from parents, both of which underscored the creative ways she kept first graders engaged in an all-remote program, and the extra steps she took to make her students feel special and be excited to learn, from frequent visits to student homes to drop off goody bags on birthdays and holiday to her constant encouraging refrain that her class were the G.O.A.T.s — the greatest of all time.

“One of the challenges of online learning is that they are in their home setting. It’s easy for a child to stay in home mode instead of school mode. Mrs. Kelliher keeps a watchful eye and gently reminds the student



Patricia Kelliher

has them get up and move around or if they appear to need a break from the screen she has them do an activity on paper.”

Courtney Rau Rogers, who served as one of the program’s three judges, said, “What struck me about all the nominees this year was how many teachers from the Remote Learning Academy were nominated. Teachers had to build the plane while flying it this year, and all of these essays showed a determination and love of their craft that they were going to teach the kids in front of them. They weren’t just boxes on a screen; they were kids who needed so much more than ever, and these teachers delivered.”

Kelliher receives a \$1,000 award and an award plaque. The F.A. Cleveland School will also receive a \$1,000 charitable donation and a plaque for the school building. The five finalists also receive a \$100 gift card to One Bistro of Norwood in recognition of their achievement. Finalists included Elizabeth Robin, Kim Beaudet, Sterling Blonder, and Jennifer Hartnett.

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