



The areas around Norwood's train stations may soon be zoned for much more dense housing than is there now.

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Planning for 2,700 units in multi-family housing

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Planning Board met on Monday, March 7 and discussed new guidelines established by the state requiring multi-family zoning around MBTA Commuter Rail Stations.

The law, Section 3A of Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) 40A, also known as the Zoning Act, would require any community with one or more commuter rail stations, subway stations or bus hubs to have 50 acres of land within at least a half-mile of their stations be zoned to allow multi-family housing, to the tune of at least 2,700 units be legally allowed.

"I think at this stage of the game, the biggest thing for everybody to remember is that this is not production legislation," said Assistant Town Plan-

ner Sarah Bouchard. "It's not about how many units we have. We don't come into compliance because we have multi-families built or come into compliance with a certain number of units within a certain number of years. This is a zoning legislation. We have to create zoning that could, theoretically, allow for a certain amount of multi-family housing to be constructed."

Town Planner Paul Halkiotis said the Town already has a leg up on this because of the Downtown Mixed-Use Overlay District (MUOD) Town Meeting approved back in 2019. The district allows for 20 units per acre as of right and 32 with a special permit – which he said they might have to rework – but he said that's only a first step and it's going to be a lot of work to complete by the state deadline which is

the end of 2022 (if not completed by then, said municipalities are required to submit an action plan on how they would come into compliance).

Bouchard added that multi-family buildings already constructed or already in the pipeline would not count towards the overall zoning goal.

"What counts is what's on our zoning books, but Paul's point is a good one because one space where we already kind of have an advantage is we do have zones in Town – some of which are within a half-mile of the train station – which are zoned for multi-family housing," Bouchard said. "Not by right, so we clearly have some work to do, but it's not a new concept. We've already identified areas where it would be appropriate, which is a huge

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Residents came out to see the full extent of the wear and tear the Coakley Middle School has taken over the years.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

Coakley tours highlight school replacement need MSBA approves Norwood's funding

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Public School District (NPS) commenced a series of tours starting on Saturday, March 5 at 10 a.m. to highlight the major issues that have motivated the effort to try to replace the aging building. In recently announced news, the Middle School Building Authority unanimously approved funding the state's portion of the Norwood project of \$46 million.

The school's current estimated price tag is \$150 million,

with \$46 million to be paid by the MSBA in a reimbursement and \$104 million by Norwood's taxpayers (go to NewCMSproject.org to check out the group's tax impact calculator so you can get a good estimate on how that could affect your taxes).

Coakley Middle School Principal Margo Fraczek said the first tours were just the start of the outreach the district is doing to try to include everyone and anyone who is interested. March 5 was only the start of the tours with two other

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CPC endorses funding Bernie Cooper Park

Maureen King
Staff Reporter

On Thursday March 3, the Norwood Community Preservation Committee (CPC) unanimously voted to recommend Town Meeting approves spending \$800,000 in funding for the Bernie Cooper Memorial Riverfront Park project.

A four-member subcommittee that met over three weeks presented a prepared report that was described by CPA (Community Preservation Act) board member John Hall as, "Refreshing,

complete and persuasive."

During Thursday's meeting, CPC member Joseph Greeley clarified the subcommittee's recommendation for funding the CPC project from the Undesignated and Unbudgeted account – the part of the Community Preservation Act Fund not designated for any of the three CPA buckets (affordable housing, historic preservation and open space and recreation) rather than draining

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The Community Preservation Committee voted to accept the funding plan for the Bernie Cooper Memorial Riverfront Park at the Saint Streets Lot in South Norwood.

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A Town Meeting primer

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Special Town Meeting commences March 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Norwood High School.

Norwood will be hosting more detailed information sessions including a hybrid session at the Norwood Senior Center (275 Prospect St.).

The biggest issue is the support sought for the \$150 million Coakley Middle School replacement. The Town is asking TM to approve a \$150 million loan, \$46 million of which will be paid by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). The MSBA recently unanimously voted to approve the project, and if TM endorses the article the

only obstacle left will be at the ballot box on April. 4.

The new school will have three floors for fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders. If you're a homeowner, go to <https://newcmsproject.org/> for the tax impact calculator to see how it will affect you personally.

TM will also have to decide whether or not to approve a request from the Norwood Planning Board, Moderna and its landlord Alexandria Real Estate. The Planning Board is seeking to turn the old Polaroid Campus off of Route 1A near the Westwood border into a biotech hub. The Life Sciences Development District will allow for contiguous zoning that would be advantageous for life science developers. It would also allow

for Moderna to build its new 80-foot logistics center as-of-right, which, according to Town Planner Paul Halkiotis, is just the start, as Moderna is looking to expand further beyond that.

Article 4 of Warrant 1 is the "Discontinuance of Certain Portions of Linden Street and Winter Street as Town Ways for Hospital Construction & sale and conveyance of Town Easement for Hospital Construction." What does all that mean? Essentially, the hospital was built over an easement about 100 years ago, in this case a paper street (a street that only exists on maps or paper) and that easement is owned by the Town. For the rebuild of the

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Special Election Registration

The Board of Registrars wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that a special registration session has been set for the April 4, 2022 Annual Town Election.

An evening special registration session will be held at the Municipal Building, Room 32 on Tuesday March 15,

from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

This is the FINAL REGISTRATION SESSION prior to the Annual Town Election.

Daily registration of voters will be conducted at the Town Clerk's office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 P.M.

A mail-in registration form is now available at Norwood

Morrill Memorial Library and the Norwood Post Office.

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Oates will be performing with Guthrie Trapp, left, at the Norwood Theatre on March 19.

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John Oates coming to Norwood

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

John Oates, one half of the 80 million-plus album selling machine Hall and Oates, will be coming to the Norwood Theater on March 19 at 7:30 p.m. with his recent performing partner Guthrie Trapp for “An Evening of Songs and Stories with John Oates.”

The singer-songwriter is likely best known for his work with Daryl Hall, but since 2002, he’s been writing and performing his own music all over the world. He’s taken on genres like funk, country, rock and more and is now focusing on the origins of pop and rock through playing blues favorites. He said his latest album, *Arkansas*, was created out of a desire to play the songs of one of his heroes, Mississippi John Hurt.

“It started out as a tribute to him,” he said. “He was a childhood hero of mine, one of my earliest influences. But as the album evolved, it kind of became a snapshot of the early history of American pop music, and so that piqued my interest to really explore the idea of when American pop music really started.”

Oates said many people think pop started in the 50s with big cars, malt shakes and waitresses on roller skates.

“It didn’t, it started when

radio and a phonograph machine were invented,” he said. “It started when people could hear music in their homes and they didn’t have to be there when someone was performing it. It seems quaint now to talk about things like that, but it was an entire cultural shift, and it really paved the way for American popular music to evolve into rock n’ roll and onward. So I got very interested in it, and the show we’re doing now is kind of a retrospective in that regard.”

The music he and Trapp started playing for this tour was a look back at the music that made Oates the performer he is today, “the music that made me who I am as an individual artist before I started with Daryl Hall. By looking back I’ve been able to move forward,” he said. “I have seven solo albums and I’ve written a lot of contemporary songs, and those songs have a lot to do with these early American influences that I reference in the show.”

One song, Mississippi John Hurt’s rendition of the classic *Stagger Lee* (known as *Stack O Lee* on Hurt’s records) has been one of his favorites since he was a kid, and they will perform it at the upcoming live show.

“But again, it’s evolved; we’ve taken it to another level in terms of the feel and the

vibe and the groove. I’m not the kind of person who wants

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OPINION

Yes for a new school and skyline

The upcoming Special Town Meeting, commencing on March 14, means a lot of things to a lot of people, but for everyone living in and, particularly if paying taxes, the biggest motivation should be self interest which, let's face it, is most everyone's primary concern.

A group of Residents, employees and public officials are seeking TM's blessing for funding to build a replacement for the Coakley Middle School. The total cost for the project is \$150 million of which \$46 million will be paid by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). The MSBA recently unanimously voted to approve the project, and if TM endorses the article the only obstacle left will be at the ballot box on April. 4.

Some have argued that not enough actual cost based/benefit analysis has been conducted to justify taxpayers getting whacked once again in support of a better Norwood. And an argument could be made that a detailed analysis of the dollars and cents, as was produced prior to the new high school being approved, is justification enough for denying the endorsement. This newspaper doesn't agree.

First and foremost, almost a third of the project is being picked up by the state, and that should alone mitigate, at least to a certain degree, the queasiness of some to spend the money. If someone was to offer to pay a third of your house purchase, no strings attached, how many would say 'no thanks, I really need more time to do my due diligence.'? When opportunity knocks, you jump. And it's not like the decision to build new was made in a vacuum. Plenty of very smart people over the last few years have determined this is the right direction to take, and we agree. This vote will only promote property values, so TM endorsing the money is a no-brainer and should pass unanimously.

TM will also have to decide whether or not to approve a request from the Norwood Planning Board, Moderna and its landlord to turn the old Polaroid Campus off of Route 1A near the Westwood border into a biotech hub. What this does, if approved, is allow for Moderna to build its new 80-foot logistics center and possibly more very tall buildings (up to 100') in the future. And though it pains us to admit it, this newspaper feels the approval should be granted.

Substantial arguments can be made to deny the approval, but the overriding motivation for residents is the tax benefits (yes, even though there will probably be TIFs granted) and the fact that huge multi-unit rental buildings is probably the alternative. It would be wonderful if that land could stay untouched and appreciated for the open space it currently provides, but the reality is that land is just too valuable for profiteers to let that happen. It really is the better of awful choices.

Norwood is already fighting the perception that it is more a city than a suburb and the last thing it needs is more housing monoliths. There is also a certain degree of panache to having one of the leading biotechnology firms in the world located here. Yes, the skyline will most likely change, but some satisfaction should be garnered from the fact that because the sun rises in the east and sets in the west, the shadows cast will probably bother Westwood residents more than Norwood's. I mean come on, that alone should lessen the pain!

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Skating Club made it a special event

To The Skating Club of Boston:

The Norwood 150th Committee, and especially the Skating Event subcommittee, would like to take this opportunity to thank The Skating Club of Boston for a truly memorable evening.

When we walked into the Club Saturday afternoon for rehearsal we were blown away by the professional production team you had waiting for us. It looked like Mission Control! Everything from the lighting, the sound system, and graphics was far beyond what we expected. We deeply appreciate all the people at The Skating Club of Boston for all their hard work, extra effort, as well as their time. Many thanks also to all of the skaters who volunteered their time to showcase their extraordinary talents that evening for the people of Norwood.

The Skating Club went above and beyond such as having parking lot attendants so our volunteers wouldn't have to be out in the cold, providing pizzas for the volunteers, getting chairs for our seniors who needed them, creating and publishing a first-class program for spectators, skaters signing autographs after the event, hosting a reception so the 1972 hockey team could gather and re-connect and allowing us to recognize them in a ceremony during the event. These may seem like little things to some, but to us they were huge and greatly appreciated.

Many people from the community spoke to our committee members during and after the event and all had the reaction "WOW, we never knew The Boston Skating Club's new home on University Ave. was such an incredible facility or knew the incredible talent who train there."

We think the community got a chance to see what the committee has known since we first started this journey together over a year ago. We believe The Skating Club of Boston and the Norwood community make a great team and will continue to grow in the future. As a primary home

for figure skating, you have embraced Norwood High School Hockey and its history and have dedicated a rink for it. You have embraced the Norwood community by allowing Norwood High School students to usher at your events and the NHS Madrigal's choir singing at several events. A great bond with Jack Tolman and the staff at Norwood Community Media TV has been formed and hopefully this is only the start of a great relationship.

The one constant throughout the year-long planning process was that the committee all agreed that working with The Skating Club of Boston has been one of the most pleasurable experiences in our volunteering lives. The cooperation, generosity, hospitality and support the Club has given us made for an incredible "150th Celebration On Ice"!

Norwood 150th Committee

Not a city in the suburbs

To the Editor:

Special Town Meeting will be held next week and many important Articles on the Warrant will be discussed. One of great importance will be Article 2, to amend the Zoning Bylaw and insert a new Zoning District entitled: Life Sciences Development District. Please note the word Development. This has such significance because of the profound effects it will have on the TOWN OF NORWOOD.

The Districts in Norwood are divided into 3 classes: Residential, Businesses, and Industrial. Each class indicates various uses that include but are not limited to Single or Multifamily residences, Central Business, the Boston Providence Highway Mixed Use, and now the Life Sciences Development District (LSDD). The Table of Dimensional Requirements for LSDD lists, among other things, the Maximum Building Height to be 80 feet. However, there are caveats, and Footnote 20 states: "Increase by one foot for each foot by which all setback and yard requirements are exceeded, to a Maximum of 100 feet in height" with the required ap-

proval of the Planning Board and the FAA (Norwood Airport) (emphasis added).

The maximum building height for the Boston Providence Mixed Use Overlay District is 60 feet. Now, with this LSDD, the applicant, Alexandria Real Estate Equities (who leases it to Moderna) wants to change the maximum height to 80 feet for some buildings, and 100 feet for another with a Special Permit from the Planning Board. Planned for one building now, but how many in future?

The Planning Board approves practically everything that comes before it by promoting the interests of applicants and fails to notice what could be adverse effects on the community and its residents. There was no dissent by the Planning Board with this request, not one, so as expected the Planning Board gave unanimous approval to the height requests.

Forbes Hill is already the highest hill in Town. An 80 foot or 100 foot tall building will change the airspace and skyline on Upland Road and Norwood forever. Residents will resent seeing Moderna's skyscrapers as they ride by one of the last woods in Town.

William Cameron Forbes willed the property to the Town in the 1960s. The Town rejected it. Then Harvard, Forbes's alma mater, and a contractor offered it to the Town and again, rejected. Then came Polaroid, Putnam Investments, Universal Technology Institute (UTI), Mercer, now all out of business. The Town bought and sold it to Alexandria. So how long do you think Moderna will be in business? No one knows. But if it is not long term, the Town of Norwood will be left with several empty buildings with maximum heights of 80 and 100 feet. Kindly note Moderna was approved for underground storage of chemicals, and recently got a Tax Incentive Finance Agreement.

"Economic development" already is having negative effects on our Town with "unintended consequences" over those who live here. Who are we as a Town if Town Officials are not the caretakers and guardians of constituents? A changed skyline, deforestation of trees, large high-density apartment complexes, open lot storage for unregistered vehicles are not in the best interests of our Town.

The TOWN OF NORWOOD is not a "city in the suburbs." It has Represent-

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Coakley receives MSBA support

The Town of Norwood is pleased to report that the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) voted during its March 2 meeting to support a new Coakley Middle School building.

The unanimous vote indicates that the MSBA intends to participate in the funding of the project, contributing a grant of up to approximately \$46 million. At this time, the project is estimated to cost a total of about \$150 million, resulting in a current expected town share of approximately \$104 million.

Norwood residents will vote on the project's associated Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion at Town Meeting on Monday, March 14, and again in a ballot vote on Monday, April 4.

Several local boards and committees have already voted unanimously to support the project, including the Finance Committee (Feb. 24, 2022), School Committee

(Dec. 15, 2021), Board of Selectmen (Dec. 14, 2021) and Middle School Building Committee (Dec. 13, 2021).

"I would like to thank the Middle School Building Committee for their hard work and commitment throughout the process thus far to ensure the Town of Norwood would receive grant funding to support this essential project," Norwood Public Schools Superintendent David Thomson said.

The approval of the Project Scope and Budget follows the submission of Schematic Design documents. The new building will be constructed behind the current Coakley building. The building will have a four-story academic core and house grades 5-8. Read more about the proposed design here.

A district's Educational Plan - a document required for all MSBA-supported building projects - is consid-

ered throughout the design process to ensure a new building is responsive to the educational needs and activities of the district. Norwood's Educational Plan, which can be found here, was lauded by the MSBA.

"Upon completion, this project will provide a new 21st century learning environment for students in Norwood," said Deborah B. Goldberg, Chair of the MSBA Board of Directors and State Treasurer.

As one of the next steps, the district and MSBA will enter into a Project Funding Agreement, which will detail the project's scope and budget, along with the conditions under which the district will receive its MSBA grant. If approved through town votes, the project will advance the proposed school design and procure construction bids, and construction would begin in 2023.

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hospital it has been determined that the Town should give up the easements to the hospital for planning purposes (presumably, since no plan has been publicly presented).

The easements were respected by the hospital in the past, as it allowed for public access through the hospital from Winter Street to the

other side of the hospital near the Emergency Room.

Article 5 would create a medical services district to help ease the design of the hospital.

Article 7 would authorize the Town to purchase the Roman column extravaganza that is the Bank of America at 699 Washington St. The reasoning for this purchase is

that it's an "Architecturally significant building" and because the Town Hall is at capacity more offices could be placed there. Also, the Town points out in the article that to buy it now and sell it later if the Town so chose would be advantageous, since it could further restrict how the property is used or developed.

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—V.C.

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APPLICATION FOR ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
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PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for a All Alcoholic Beverages License for On-Premises consumption 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 29th, 2022 at 6:35 p.m.** in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

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first step because I think a lot of communities haven't even done that."

Bouchard said those 50 acres could be in and around any of the three train stations in Norwood.

"They don't have to be contiguous but there are certain size requirements, and so it can't be a bunch of two-acre lots," she said.

Halkiotis said the biggest concern would be getting the necessary paperwork to the state in time. He said the Planning staff would be hard-pressed to do it all, and suggested the Planning Board put together a working committee, which would include members of the Planning Board, Planning Department staff and a citizen at-large to put everything together. He said the Town may need to hire a consultant to take care of compliance requirements from the State Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

"DHCD is requiring basically a build-out analysis, on a lot-by-lot basis, how many multi-family units could be developed," he said. "That's a detailed build-out analysis that needs to account for development constraints. We right now don't have the staffing or ability to do a detailed analysis of a 50-acre zoning district lot-by-

lot to be able to submit to the state – which would need to certify our regulations – that we could build 2,700 additional housing units."

Halkiotis said the Planning Department feels an appropriation for a consultant – like Ted Brovitz, who helped out on the Route 1 Planning Study for the mixed-use districts along the highway there – to help get this together would be advisable. He said they would also look at grants from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council and the state for hiring consultants, which he said he felt was likely to happen.

The Board also discussed the proposed construction of six single-family lots on a new subdivision at 295 Dean St. Attorney Dave Hern represented applicant Patrick McDonagh and reviewed a myriad of drainage concerns from residents, particularly stormwater runoff because they already get water either in their residences or on their properties. While engineer for McDonagh Tim Power and Hern said they have designed a system that is likely better than what is there now in terms of keeping water from spreading off the property, many residents said they were not convinced.

"When we design these subdivisions, the systems that are put in place are better than what

is there now," Hern said. "They're better than what's put in on Tamworth Road or Richland Road or Cranmore Road, because those were built at a time when the regulations we now have weren't in effect, and so the idea of these systems we've laid out in the plans is that the flow from our property post construction will not be greater than what presently flows off the property untreated."

Resident Andrew Parenteau summed up what many residents asked for during the two-hour-plus hearing on the subdivision.

"Just some independent studies to corroborate the efficacy of the designs being proposed," he said. "Obviously, the engineer has a financial incentive to put forth a plan to the developer, the Board and Town Engineer have financial incentives via increased property tax revenue, and so to alleviate the concerns of the residents – both with the environmental impact study and also the independent review of the drainage system would go a long way to reassuring residents that everything is designed appropriately and will mitigate as much of the effects of the development on the neighborhood as possible."

Planning Board Chair Joseph Sheehan said the independent engineer is very much on the table. The Board voted to continue the hearing until March 28, where the Board will also be discussing the proposed plan for the Norwood Hospital and the 76 Prospect St. subdivision.

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tative Town Government. It is one of the best communities around but it is changing. People shouldn't come here because they like it, but then want to alter this Town's By-laws, traditions and culture to fit their own plans.

Hopefully, Town Meeting Members will amend Article 2 and keep the Maximum Building Height of the LSDD to 60 feet.

*Judith Howard
TMM – 3*

We honor with respect the 150 years of tenacity

To the Editor:

Please know I OWN the words that get printed. Yes, I'm the resident responsible for various and sundry observations hoping it results in a response from any other resident. I care enough to dialogue with my neighbor.

Stunning observations in "our town" as we acknowledge and honor with respect the 150 years of tenacity, hard work and respect to create this incredible village. My family has been here since 1899.

Yes, we can count on change and that brings me to the thought that we may be knocked out of Ripley's "best towniest town". Steward doesn't want anyone born in Norwood. Who is this interloper dictating like Putin, no children born in Norwood; this thinking makes me sick.

Or, maybe the fact that we don't have our 911 center is appropriate because those having babies can just go directly to Boston at their own speed as there is no Norwood Taxi anymore. Perhaps there is no interest and during the next 150 years we will lay claim to a drug company, a huge marijuana brownie, multiple apartments and let's not forget the Irish Beer....

I embrace progress if it results in good for all. I'm not an inventor but I do believe the greatest and most detrimental change is that it was "let me do good" and now it's "what's in it for me?"

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**NORWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE**

The Norwood Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, The Wetlands Protection Act and Norwood Bylaw XXV, including any amendments thereto on Wednesday, March 16th, 2022 at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be conducted 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 hear a Notice of Intent from the Norwood Department of Public Works represented by Magdalena Lofstedt of CDM Smith. The proposed project is the lining of sewer manholes. The project will involve temporary impacts to Bordering Vegetated Wetland and Riverfront area for access and staging.

Project Location: Sewer Right-of-Way, Assessors Parcels 21-13-1-1, 209 Access Road-- 21-13-2, Access Road-- 21-22-57: Off Meadow Street-- and 21-13-6: Off Neponset Street

Holly Jones
Conservation Planner

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THE NORWOOD IRISH MUSIC CLUB
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**Special appearance by the Irish step dancers from
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John Oates *continued from page 3*

to replicate the past," he said. "I want to use the past as a reference point for moving forward.

"You know I'm old enough to remember a time before rock n' roll," he said. "In the early days of rock n' roll, when rock was first played on the radio, I was old enough to know something important was happening and, as a musician, all these influential people – Chuck Berry, Little Richard, Elvis, Buddy Holly, Bo Diddley – all those influences as a little kid and especially as a young guitar player, I was trying to absorb and learn it all. Now, as a professional musician who's had a very long career, I'm able to draw on a very deep well of influences in order to create on my own."

He's actually starting the show with the first song he ever played and sang in public, Don Gibson's Old Lonesome Me. "It's kind of a way of putting a timestamp on it you know?" he said. "Like this is where I was when I was eight years old and this is what I did, and then we go on from there."

Oates said Trapp and he first met 15 years ago at the Telluride Bluegrass Festival.

"I was just blown away by his playing; we became friends and started playing together in the studio in dif-

ferent band configurations over the years," he said. "And after the last Hall and Oates tour in December of 2021, he and I picked up some guitars and started playing. After awhile we just looked at each other and said, 'Man, this is fun.' It was just so easy and it just sounded so cool and pure. We both were thinking 'I wish we could bring the living room to the stage,' and we looked at each other and said, 'Hey that's a pretty cool idea.'"

Oates said while he's never been to Norwood, he has a lot of deep connections in the area.

"I'm from New York and Philadelphia but I spent a lot of time in Boston," he said. "I actually did some work at the Berklee College of Music as a visiting professor-type deal, which was really cool." He's also recently written a few songs with Boston artist Adam Ezra.

Oates said while they will be performing some of his older material – albeit with new spins – he wants listeners to know that new songs can become old favorites.

"I kind of like to remind people of that," he said with a laugh. "Everyone wants to hear their old favorites, you know, which I fully understand, but at the same time keep an open mind for the new

songs because eventually they'll be the same old songs."

He said he would be telling the stories and origins of the songs he will play during the show.

"I always find that the audience seems to really like it when they understand where the song's coming from and you're not just going 'Here's another new song, and another and another new song I wrote,'" he said. "So you put the songs into some context and they have more meaning. We play a couple of Hall and Oates songs as well. We do them in a kind of acoustic reimagined style I guess you could say."

For more details and to purchase tickets (ranging from \$40 - \$70, and \$100 for a VIP Sound Check) to the Norwood show, information is available at <https://bit.ly/3MAV4hM>.

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INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Suffolk Division

Estate of: Catherine Morley **DOCKET No. SU21P2656EA**

Date of Death: May 13, 2021

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Mary Gearty of Norwood, MA**

Mary Gearty of Norwood, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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<p>Norwood Planning Board</p> <p>Joseph F. Sheehan, Chairman Ernie Paciorkowski, Vice Chairman Debbie Holmwood, Clerk Robert Bamber Brian Hachey Derek Mason, Associate Member</p>	<p>Director of Community Planning and Economic Development</p> <p>Paul Halkiotis, AICP</p> <p>Assistant Town Planner</p> <p>Sarah Dixon Bouchard</p>
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Public Hearing Notice
Norwood Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on March 28, 2022 at 7:05 PM** on the request of Stephen VanNess of Steward Health Care and James Hilliard, Esq., with respect to property located at **800 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062, in the General Business (GB) Zoning District and Medical Services Overlay District (MSOD)**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center at 275 Prospect Street, Norwood MA 02062 as well as remotely via GoToMeeting:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/718185669>

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The Applicant requests a public hearing under Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 9.9.12 [Medical Services Overlay District – Process of Establishing and Developing]. The Planning Board will review the concept plan for development of a new Norwood Hospital campus.

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

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Planning Board and may be requested by emailing cped@norwoodma.gov or by calling 781-762-1240 ext. 6055, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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Cooper Park *continued from page 1*

the entirety of open space and recreation.

"It's like flipping a coin," said Greeley. "It's one of those cases of pay me now or pay me later. I'd rather not tap that out," referring to the Open Space and Recreation account.

CPC Coordinator Kristen Phelps reminded the board that grant applications from the federal government and Mass Open Trails may be added to CPC funds as well that would boost the levels of both funds. A \$100,000 in state matching funds will also add to the total.

The CPC voted to recommend \$800,000 as part of an assumed 50/50 split with the Town as recommended by

Town Manager Tony Mazzucco (which would also have to be approved at Town Meeting). The total application amount requested for The Riverfront Park Project is \$1.6 million. The CPC currently has \$20,000 in the Open Space and Recreation fund and \$1.8 million in the Undesignated and Unbudgeted accounts.

Hall voiced concerns about using the undesignated fund account over open space funds.

"As I understand it, if we go with the recommended approach we will have more money for other small open space projects," he said. "If instead, we have more of that money (undesignated funds)

protected for other large projects like public housing."

Town Conservation Agent and Environmental Planner Holly Jones pointed out that all the work for the Riverfront Park project should be completed in one phase for financial reasons, as building costs are expected to go up in the next year.

Further business brought suggestions for more advertising of CPA-completed projects through posted photographs and CPC signage around Town. The Pavilion Project, featuring stamped concrete, was described by member Cheryl Doyle as, "A great project for small money," with a final price tag of \$15,000. Like-minded dis-

cussion spawned an informal agreement to require new applicants to build CPC signage into their design budget for final signoff. Soon-to-be-checked off as a completed project is the CPC Historical Restoration of The Memorial Town Hall Carillon Bells. The unique instrument includes fifty bells and was installed with the rest of the Town Hall in 1928 by Walter F. Tilton.

Also during the meeting, Hall said he's heard from residents that there could be some confusion regarding funding sources for CPC projects at Town Meeting. Hall suggested that during TM, a table be set up with a presentation of project phases and funding sources from the Town and the CPC would end with a final row describing future

care. In an effort to provide, "clarity and not more confusion" as Hall describes it, the presentation would, "allow people in the Town Meeting who tend to think that anything not right in front of them is being hidden...At least that way every aspect of the project would be right there in front of them."

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Middle School Tour *continued from page 1*

sessions happening this past week, along with another community forum on the project. The Town also has tours scheduled for Saturday, March 19 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and Saturday, March 26 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Fraczek said during the tour that it's unlike any of the other tours of any school she's ever done.

"I'm doing the opposite of most of the tours I normally do," she said with a laugh. "I'm like, 'Look at this really horrible thing and this other horrible thing!' It's very unusual."

She said she's very happy with the outreach they've been able to do, and she feels that the importance of the project is

being conveyed as best as they can.

"I think we've done as much as we possibly can, whether we're sharing it, asking our principals to share it and sharing it on social media and the project has its own website," she said. "Outside of stopping by everyone's home, I don't know how we could get more people to know what's happening with it. Sometimes it's just clearing up misinformation, but I do think we're providing lots of opportunities for people to be a part of this."

Fraczek said the two biggest concerns she hears are the cost and why a 50-year-old building needs to be replaced. She pointed out that a school sees a

much different kind of use than say, a residential home.

"I was looking at the 3D rendering video and I thought if they want to make it a little more accurate the kids need to be running around, smack the top of every doorway every time they move through and popping over the new tables and everything," she said. "I want them to show what the new building can handle!"

"There also has been a bit of misinformation out there, like we haven't been maintaining the building since 2017, which is not the case. We definitely have done reasonable upgrades."

She said the concern she knows residents are still going

to have is the \$150 million project is cost and the associated tax burden.

"I know that can be challenging for people," she said. "But we've been very well supported by Town Meeting members so far, and so I'm optimistic that we'll get a yes vote. Everyone who came through the tour on Saturday said they agreed that we need a new building, and I think the Town has always been very supportive. I think they understand that this is an investment in the community and their children."

Fraczek said she's looking forward to the new building, as the grades will be a little more stratified between the three floors of the new design. She said with the current layout, sixth graders may be learning more from the older students than faculty may be comfortable with.

"We're finding our sixth graders are getting older, faster," she said. "The difference between a sixth grader and a seventh grader is phenomenally different, not only physically, but also where they're at mentally. It will be really nice to have a fifth and sixth grade together, and then you go on to seventh and eighth grade."

Fraczek said the teaching styles are somewhat different when you move from sixth grade to seventh and eighth grades, "where we kind of lock you up and see what happens when you come out on the other side," she said with a laugh. "No, we love our seventh and eighth graders, but we want to keep them separate."

Fraczek said one big challenge for the old building is accessibility.

"I do currently have a student in a wheelchair who also has a therapy dog," she said. "He, his paraprofessional and

the dog all have to get into the elevator. Sometimes we just walk the dog up the stairs, because he just does not fit. If you look, the elevator is about half the size of what is now the standard elevator, and they no longer make parts for this elevator."

Fraczek added that the elevator is out of compliance with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, as, like the old Town Hall elevator, it was built before that law went into effect.

She also said the modular classrooms installed years ago to increase classroom size are showing their age.

"They weren't designed to be here for almost 20 years," she said. "They were temporary pods put in around 2002. They were supposed to be gone by 2010."

Fraczek said the windows can leak, the siding is stripping off and pests can also be a problem. "The carpets are getting old, the walls are starting to come apart and we do have some extra fun friends who come to live in the pods and around the whole building, which we do our best to maintain," she said.

During the shop portion of the tour, Fraczek pointed out the STEM (science, technology engineering and math) and workshop area has no air conditioning and can regularly get into the 85 degree range during the spring and fall. She said the cafeteria has had its air conditioning fail, and so now it faces a similar problem.

The Town Meeting vote on the new middle school building is scheduled for March 14. The town-wide ballot vote, which will occur if Town Meeting votes to support the measure, will happen on April 4.



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Morrill Library News

ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS IN NORWOOD

“Energy Efficiency Programs in Norwood” with David Ruggiero, Energy Manager for the Town of Norwood, Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

The Morrill Memorial Library, with co-sponsors Progress Norwood, Together Yes, and Norwood Community Media, continues our regular Sustainability Series with a Zoom presentation on local energy efficiency programs by town Energy Manager David Ruggiero on Thursday, March 13 at 7:00 pm. The presentation will provide information about the various energy efficiency programs in Norwood that residents can participate in. Plenty has changed in the last few weeks, with more changes coming over the next 30 years!

Registration for this program is required. Attendees can sign up to attend virtually via the Library calendar at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or by calling the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. Zoom access details will be sent upon registration and again two days prior to the program.

SEWSTAINABILITY STASH SHARE ON 12TH

Come to the Morrill Memorial Library’s Simoni Room on Saturday, March 12, between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm for Sewstainability’s annual StashShare. At this event, people share with one another rather than having to buy sewing/needlework and crafting materials and equipment. Come drop off materials from your personal Stash that don’t seem to get used so others can enjoy them. While there, browse to find things you’d like to work with and take them home. Come even if you don’t have anything to bring; this is a Share, not an even swap. If you come on the early side (11:00am to noon), others will get a chance to see your offerings. If you are unable to come on Saturday, you may drop things off at the Simoni Room on Friday afternoon. No registration is required: drop in to the event, leave things, browse for yourself, and go home ready for productive and pleasant winter days. Community is how we work, and community works! No money needed. The Share is for people in Norwood and surrounding communities; NO businesses please.

Mask wearing is strongly encouraged as a number of our visitors may be from vulnerable populations. Please, respect your neighbors and do your part to keep us all healthy this winter. Thank you. Call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2 with questions or for more information.

HER STORY FILM SERIES IN-PERSON

Join the Morrill Memorial Library for the Her Story Film series, in honor of Women’s History Month. All movies in this series will begin at 6:30 pm and will be shown in the library’s second floor handicapped-accessible Simoni Room. Registration is required; please sign up for each film separately on the corresponding calendar listing for each film. The series will begin on Thursday, March 14 with “Elizabeth: The Golden Age,” rated PG-13, 115 minutes runtime. Other films in this series will include: Tuesday 3/15 - Suffragette (rated PG-13, 106 minutes), Thursday 3/17 - Joy Luck Club (rated R, 139 minutes), Tuesday 3/22 - Hidden Figures (rated PG, 127 minutes), Wednesday 3/23 - Harriet (rated PG-13, 125 minutes), Thursday 3/24 - On the Basis of Sex (rated PG-13, 120 minutes), Monday 3/28 - The Glorias (rated R, 139 minutes), Wednesday 3/30 - He Named Me Malala (rated PG-13, 120 minutes), Thursday 3/31 - For Colored Girls (rated R, 120 minutes)

Registration is required; please register for each film separately by visiting our online events calendar at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, by calling 781-769-0200 x2, or by visiting the Reference desk.

AWARD WINNING NOVELIST TO SPEAK IN-PERSON

The Morrill Memorial Library invites you to join us for an in-person author event on Monday, March 21 at 7:00 pm.

Award-winning novelist Erica Ferencik has received glowing critical praise for her literary thrillers featuring women who face extreme physical challenges in nature, even as they grapple with internal struggles. Inspired and informed by a month-long trip to Greenland, Ferencik sets GIRL IN ICE in one of the most unforgiving, unforgettable landscapes imaginable. Successful yet sheltered linguist Val Chesterfield, struggling to understand the apparent suicide of her climate scientist brother Andy, ventures to a remote Arctic outpost to try to unravel what really happened during his final days. And at the same time, she’s asked by Andy’s research partner Wyatt to help him with a scientific impossibility—he’s found a young girl frozen in the ice who thaws out alive, speaking a language that no one understands—and he needs Val to communicate with her.

Join us for an evening discussing her research trip to Greenland, Q & A with the author and the opportunity to purchase this novel as well as her two previous novels INTO THE JUNGLE and THE RIVER AT NIGHT, courtesy of Dick Haley from Haley Booksellers.

Special thanks to Norwood Community Media (NCM) for recording this thrilling event. Registration is required. Please sign up by visiting the library’s online calendar, norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call 781-769-0200 x2.

PEEPS DIORAMA CONTEST

First ever Peeps Diorama Contest at Morrill Memorial Library, starting on Tuesday, April 19, with community voting to take place

Library

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Deaths

DONOVAN



ETHEL M. (McDonough) of Norwood passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on March 3, 2022 at the age of 86. Beloved wife of John Francis Donovan Jr. Devoted mother of John F. Donovan III and his wife Janet of Norwood, Maureen D. McDonough and her husband Kevin of Norwood, Michael G. Donovan and his wife Cathleen of Kingston, Brian J. Donovan of Marshfield and Steven J. Donovan and his wife Karin of AZ. Sister of Alice Benkley and her husband Fred of Lexington, James Mahoney of Norwood, Mary Newman of Norton, Janice Mahoney of Westwood and Karen Sullivan of Foxboro and the late Robert McDonough. Daughter of the late John Joseph and Ethel V. (Johnson) McDonough. Cherished grandmother of 9 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Ethel was an avid gardener and enjoyed walking. She was well known for her amazing cooking. Ethel had a devout love for her husband, children and grandchildren and was extremely hospitable to all. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA. Burial at Highland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made

in her memory to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516 www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate

YELAPI



JOHN F. of Norwood passed away on February 24, 2022 at the age of 90. Son of the late Andrew & Giovanna (Bretti) Ielapi. Loving Brother of Andrew and Joseph Yelapi of Norwood, Robert Ielapi of East Walpole, Mary Ann Grandinetti of Lakewood NJ, Frances Webster of Norwood, Joan Haley of South Yarmouth and Elizabeth McNeil of Foxboro. Devoted and loving Uncle, Great Uncle and Great, Great Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Pre-deceased brother Joseph and Anthony Yelapi, Rose Patton and Barbara Miller. John graduated from Norwood High School in 1949 and went on to receive his degree from Northeastern University. He worked for many years as a government chemist at the Watertown Arsenal. He was the past President of the Alibi Ski Club and a member of the Retired Men’s Club of Norwood. At the request of the family all services will be private. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the VNA Hospice & Palliative Care Fund Development Office, 199 Rosewood Drive, Suite 180 Danvers, MA 01923-4539.

RILEY



Thomas G. of Walpole passed away on January 28th surrounded by his loving family at the age of 69. Beloved husband of Doreen (Elliott) Riley of 43 Years. Son of the late William J and Katherine (Goodwin) Riley Devoted father of Thomas J. Riley and his wife Lauren of Walpole and Kenneth J. Riley of Walpole. Cherished brother of Ann Reynolds and her husband Jack of CT, William Riley and his wife Maryellen of Westwood and Gail Maloney and her husband Daniel of East Walpole. Loving “Grampa” of Abigail, Katherine and Elizabeth Riley. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends. Funeral by Alexander F. Thomas & Sons Funeral Home, Walpole. Please in lieu of flowers all donations can be made to THE FUND FOR XAVERIAN.



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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.
Grateful thanks. —K.B.

St. Jude’s Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 9th day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude. My Prayers were answered.
In gratitude for helping me. —J.H.

Miracle Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked You for many favours. This time, I ask you this very special one (mention favour). Take it, dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within Your own broken heart where Your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become Your favour, not mine. Amen. Say for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted.

—D.J.

All Prayers: \$22 (1 column x 3 inches)

Call 781-769-1725 to place your prayer in the Norwood Record or order online at www.norwoodrecord.com

MANY PRAYER CHOICES AVAILABLE

Monday, February 28

0921 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Fairview Rd Caller reports wellness check on sister. Units spoke with her and all is well.

1017 Radio - Search Warrant *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Folan Ave BCI places one female under arrest. Arrest: Brennick, Michelle N Address: 22 Folan Ave Apt. #3fl Norwood, Ma Age: 33 Charges: Cocaine, Trafficking In Drug, Possess To Distrib Class B Drug, Possess To Distrib Class B Drug, Possess To Distrib Class D Drug Violation Near School/Park C94c §32j Drug, Possess To Distrib Class E

1419 Phone - Well Being Chk Police & Fire Notified/Respond Location/Address: Bahama Dr Resident requested a transported to BI to be evaluated.

1446 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Engamore Ln Resident reports he is missing money after a money order was stolen last week. Officer reports he was able to contact the counselor for the resident. They will assist him going forward. No crime.

2028 Phone - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reports while walking her dog she can people yelling from the apartment. N663 reports that was kids playing loudly and mom trying to tell them to keep it down. All checks out.

Tuesday, March 1

0549 911 - Assist Citizen Area Search Negative Location/Address: Village Rd E Caller reports waking up to an open exterior door. Requests to speak with an officer. Officers checked the home. All appeared in order and resident was satisfied.

1044 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Boch Nissan - Dcd N Norwood Inc. - Bos-Prov Hwy Manager reports a larceny of auto parts overnight.

1717 Phone - Kids Gathering Spoken To Location/Address: Management Office - Norwest Dr Caller reports about 6 juveniles gathering outside management office yelling and throwing snow. N661 spoke to juveniles, advised and moved along.

1746 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Engamore Ln Riverside re-

questing a well being check on the resident since he has not returned any phone calls. Riverside also responding for an evaluation. N661 reports that party was evaluated he checks out ok.

2147 911 - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reports yelling outside between neighbors. N661 states it was verbal argument between tenants about quiet hours. Both parties have been advised.

2232 911 - Threats *Report Filed Location/Address: St Joseph Ave Caller reports a friend called him and made threats toward him and his family.

Wednesday, March 2

0808 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reports hearing screaming and loud banging coming from the apartment. N667 & N669 reports female at the residence was talking loudly on phone.

1359 Phone - B & E Residence *Report Filed Location/Address: Weld Ave Male party reports a possible past B&E residence.

1537 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Spoken To Location/Address: West Border Rd Caller reports 2 juveniles throwing snowballs at vehicles. N678 spoke to those kids.

2156 Phone - Road Hazard State Dpw/Norwood Dpw Notified Location/Address: Washington St Caller reports manhole cover flipped, open hole in road. N667 secured manhole cover, 2nd time this week cover has come loose. DPW notified.

Thursday, March 3

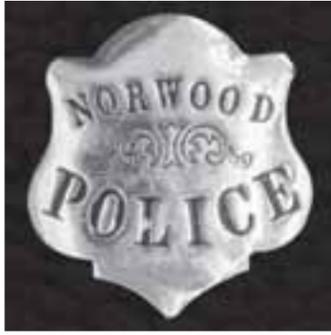
0205 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Boch Maserti (Boch Luxe M Inc.) - Bos-Prov Hwy Truck driver passing Maserati lot reports seeing a male party, dressed in black, walking the lot. Officers responded and spoke to security guard on premises. All in order.

0552 Cellular - Road Hazard Services Rendered Location/Address: Salon Site - Dean St Caller reports an item of some sort in middle of roadway under the train overpass. N678 responded and located a small piece of plywood that was moved off the roadway.

1153 Phone - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Cedar St Resident surrenders firearm and ammunition that belonged to a deceased party.

1227 Phone - Drunk Person *Protective Custody Location/Address: Granite St Caller reports her neighbor is intoxicated and that she took her car keys and blocked her car in as a precau-

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tion. As a result, N677 placed that female into protective custody.

1319 Phone - Civil Dispute Services Rendered Location/Address: Carmax Auto Superstore - Bos-Prov Hwy Civil dispute regarding registration of purchased vehicle. N669 attempted to reach that party, left a message.

1430 Phone - Phone - Well Being Chk - Spoken To Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd Staff from Elliot House in Needham states a resident made suicidal remarks to one of their clients. Officers spoke to her, she states that was a miscommunication and she does not feel suicidal. Party will be reaching out to her advocate from Riverside. Negative LTC/FSI.

1915 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Garden Pkwy Caller reports a past verbal argument with his adult brother. N678 spoke with caller and his mother, all is well.

Friday, March 4

0143 Initiated - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Rojo Co Inc Dba Cravings On The Go - Bos-Prov Hwy N669 locates party believed to be sleeping in parking lot. N665 responds and after speaking with him, gives him a courtesy transport him over to the Hampton Inn for the night. Everything appeared in order. (MI Reg# 5935841w)

0312 Initiated - Motor Vehicle Stop *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Launch Trampoline Park - Bos-Prov Hwy MA. REG@ 97Z680. As a result, N669 returns with 1 under arrest for OUI. Center Autobody towed vehicle. Refer To Arrest: 22-68-AR Arrest: Mendoza, Eddy Address: 11 Overlook Ridge Dr Apt. #303 Revere, Ma Age: 28 Charges: OUI-Liquor Or .08% C90 S24(1)(A)(1) Marked Lanes Violation *C89 S4a Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle C90 S24(2)(A)

0736 911 - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address:

Launch Trampoline Park - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports a vehicle in the parking lot running and a person appears to be sleeping inside. N666 responded and spoke to party who states he was waiting for a friend. Everything was ok.

1306 Phone - Assist Citizen Under Investigation Location/Address: Garden Pkwy Female student at Salem State reports past sexual assault that occurred in Norwood.

1750 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Bahama Dr Party seeking advice on a trespass notice he received for this address since his disabled nephew lives there and he is the acting caregiver to his nephew. N664 spoke to that party he was advised to call the PD if needed for wellbeing checks.

1924 Radio - Assist Fire Dept Police & Fire Notified/Respond Location/Address: Central St FD requesting assistance with a vehicle parked and is leaking gas. N668 reports that party spoke to fire and will try to get that vehicle home.

1926 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Lansdowne Way Child crying loudly. Officer spoke with parents, all OK, advised.

1933 911 - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St Caller asking for a ride home after shopping, after dispatch advised her we do not give rides she stated someone was following her. N664 reports nobody in the area matching the description the caller gave him, she is walking home and N664 will remain in the area.

1938 911 - Mischief (Kids) Services Rendered Location/Address: Short St Caller reports a group of four juveniles about to fight. Officers made contact with them; they are friends and were horse playing. Advised.

2048 911 - Runaway Child Returned Home Location/Address: Village Rd W Caller reports her 11 year old is out with friends, refusing to come home. BOLO to the cars. While officers spoke to parent, child returned home.

2345 911 - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: 5-7 Surtavent Ave Llc - Sturtevant Ave Caller states he hears an argument going on. N666 reports no argument just kids and parents being loud all is well.

Saturday, March 5

0730 Walk-In - Susp Activity *Report Filed Location/Address: Railroad Ave Female party seeking advice on filing a report about someone being in her house overnight and taking prescription medication.

1037 Cellular - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: 595 Block - Nichols St Report blk/bro dog, no collar in/out of yards and sidewalk. 1134 Phone - Well Being Chk Area Search Negative Location/Address: Upland Rd + Washington St Report male on a bicycle, broom on back, riding in the lane of travel, last seen towards center of town. 1244 Phone - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Home Depot - Bos-Prov Hwy Report 2 males in RI 212404, white work van, attempted to use receipt and walk out with a 2nd set of identical items they already

purchased. BOLO to cars and South District. N662 reports 2nd set of items are recovered and Loss Prevention does not wish to pursue the matter. Also see Call#: 22-5641 1244 Hrs today.

1403 Phone - Trespassing Services Rendered Location/Address: Celtic Way Caller reports male neighbor entered her basement, took pictures and video of basement, contractors cleaning up after flood damage. N665 reports common basement for 2 condo's/ apts but they are separated and believe he was documenting damage in case water came onto his side, caller did not want neighbor spoken to, just log entry.

1435 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Westover Pkwy Resident in lobby reports he was given an older Marine sword for free but now that seems suspicious. N666 spoke to resident, he got it for free, no Norwood PD reports about a stolen sword at this time, he will keep it. 1737 Walk-In - Harassment Spoken To Location/Address: Rock St Walk in reports neighbor is harassing her. N666 spoke to all parties involved and reports no harassment occurred, all parties satisfied.

1753 Phone - Assist Citizen Assisted Party Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd Caller reports her food pantry delivery was stolen. Delivery was never made due to resident's hospitalization.

1809 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Engamore Ln Therapist would like a well being check on her patient

2258 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Rock St Caller believes neighbors upstairs are creating intentional noise to disturb him. All parties were spoken to, advised, referred to housing authority.

Sunday, March 6

1158 Phone - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Savers - Bos-Prov Hwy Employee reports 2 parties arguing in the store. N666 reports both parties spoken to and they have left the area.

1327 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood Central Station Building - Broadway St W/M Blue hat, blue coat and black pants appears DK yelling at people. Officers spoke to all involved.

1359 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Liberty Ln Caller reports his mother is having trouble with the residents renting her basement. Officers report the noise was over the sounds of walker and resolved.

1958 Phone - Citizens Complaint *Report Filed Location/Address: Cross St Caller reports someone shot pellets from a BB gun through his house windows.

2010 Initiated - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Nahatan St N662 reports a white pickup truck with two occupants were yelling at a person walking on the sidewalk. Units check the area with negative results.

2327 Phone - Malicious Damage *Report Filed Location/Address: Elliot St Caller reports his window of his vehicle is smashed. Officers responded and report was filed.

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between April 27 and May 4, and winners announced on Friday, May 6.

The Morrill Memorial Library is thrilled to announce our first-ever Peeps Diorama Contest! Pick up a package of Peeps from the Library, create a diorama to fit the theme "Literary People," and send a photo of the finished creation for a

chance to win fun prizes and, more importantly, eternal bragging rights! Interested parties can find the full contest rules on the Library's event calendar: norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar.

No time to create a masterpiece of your own? No problem! Support our contestants by coming into the Library, checking out

photos of the entries, and voting for your favorites! You can also log on to social media to "Like" and comment on photos.

Registration is required! Register on norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar or by calling (781) 769-0200 x2. Limit one registration per household, please, as supplies are limited.

Public forum on Middle School on March 24

The Town of Norwood would like to share with community members several upcoming meetings and events that will provide the public opportunities to provide feedback and learn about the Coakley Middle School Building Project.

One community forum is left on March 24 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Updates on the project will be presented, cost projections will be shared and there will be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions related to the project. "We encourage Norwood residents to attend the upcoming forum to learn more about the project and ask

questions or share feedback," Norwood General Manager Tony Mazzucco said. "This is an important and impactful project for our community, and we want to make sure residents are well-informed on the process, what's happened so far and the next steps."

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**SPECIAL
REGISTRATION
FOR APRIL 4 ELECTION**

The Board of Registrars wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that a special registration session has been set for the April 4, 2022 Annual Town Election.

An evening special registration session will be held at the Municipal Building, Room 32 on Tuesday March 15, from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

This is the FINAL REGISTRATION SESSION prior to the Annual Town Election.

Daily registration of voters will be conducted at the Town Clerk's office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 P.M.

A mail-in registration form is now available at Norwood Morrill Memorial Library and the Norwood Post Office.

You may also register to vote on-line at sec.state.ma.us

Qualifications to register to vote are that the applicants must be 18 years old on or before election day and must either be born in the United States or be a Naturalized Citizen.

BLESSINGS

BOUTIQUE COMING UP

Blessings Boutique Thrift Shop at First Baptist Church, 71 Bond St., Norwood. Saturday March 12. 10:00 AM - noon. We have great clothes for all ages. Everything is in very good condition, stylish. We have the name brands you and your kids love to wear. This week you can Fill a Bag with clothes for only \$6.00. You won't find a deal like that anywhere else! We also have a lot of purses, books, movies, music, Easter decorations, jewelry, and lots more. Come in and look around!

**FRIENDS SPONSORING
A DANCE**

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging are sponsoring a dance on March 18, at 7 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood. Music will be by The DB Band and the cost is \$10.00 per person for your Ballroom Dancing pleasure. Coffee, tea & dessert will be served & there will be door prizes.

There is a Facebook page so you can check on the status of the dance, in case of inclement weather: Friends Of The Norwood Council On Aging | Facebook

**OPEN AUDITIONS
for "Our Town"**

On April 5-6, the Old Parish Preservation Volunteers will hold open auditions for their August production of "Our Town," presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals (www.concordtheatricals.com) on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. The play will be presented on Saturday, August 13, in the Old Parish Cemetery – very appropriately because the entire third act of "Our Town" takes place in a cemetery.

Thornton Wilder's 1938 Pulitzer-Prize-winning play is one of the most enduring and popular plays in U.S. history, having been produced in more than 650 communities.

"Our Town" is set in the fictional town of Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, in 1901. Grover's Corners was inspired by the real town of Peterborough, whose population in 1900 was around 2,500 – or roughly the same as Norwood at

the end of its first decade. It is not stretching a point to say that watching the story of Grover's Corners is like watching life in the new town of Norwood.

If you would like to try out for a part in the Norwood production of "Our Town," go to <https://www.oldparishpreservationvolunteers.com/2022-our-town>. On this page, you will find buttons to download an audition form, character descriptions, and script sides. Auditions will be conducted at the Norwood High School Auditorium, 245 Nichols Street, between 3:00 and 7:00 pm, on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 5 and 6.

Auditions will be under the supervision of the play's director, Tom Frye of Wichita, KS, who has lengthy experience in acting, writing, directing, producing, and teaching theater.

"Our Town" has nine roles for age 40 and up (six women and three men), six roles for age 15 and up (four girls and two boys), and two roles for age 9 and up (one boy and one girl). The production will also need back stage crew, including a Stage Manager and Assistant Stage Manager; people to handle costumes, props, and makeup. People who are interested in taking on these roles are encouraged to contact John Grove and Tom Frye at norwoodoldparish@gmail.com. In late April, a press release will be issued with cast information.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
TOURS THIS MONTH**

The Town of Norwood would like to invite community members to participate in upcoming tours of the current Coakley Middle School

building.

In 2017, The Coakley Middle School was identified as the school with the most building deficiencies. Residents are encouraged to attend any of the scheduled tours to learn about the current building conditions and deficiencies, and learn about the improvements and design components expected of the proposed new building.

Coakley Middle School tours are scheduled for March 16 from 6-8 p.m., Saturday, March 19 from 10:30-11:45 a.m., and Saturday, March 26 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Registration is not required, and multiple brief tours will be led through the building during each time window.

About the Project: The proposed new Coakley Middle School would open in 2025 for approximately 1,070 middle school students. The town is currently in the Schematic Design Phase of the project, which will establish the final Project Scope and Budget.

Norwood residents will vote on the project's associated Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion at Town Meeting on Monday, March 14, and again in a ballot vote on Monday, April 4.

Learn more about the project including the building's existing conditions and plans for a new building, and subscribe to receive email updates at newcmsproject.org.

**FAIRBANKS AND
STUDENTS MARCH
EXHIBIT**

Art has sustained us through the pandemic. For many years the Norwood Art Association has been

blessed to have Jonathan Leo Fairbanks as an active member and teacher. (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jonathan_Leo_Fairbanks)

The works on display for the month of March at the Walpole Public Library are from the students who have been working with him during COVID. In weekly classes members focus on their own work and are guided and critiqued. We hope you will go and enjoy the creative works of our local artists.

Work is on display in both the community room and the lobby gallery.

Most works on display are available for sale by contacting each artist directly. Please consider supporting our local artists!

Interested in becoming a member? Please contact the Norwood Art Association at norwoodartassociation@gmail.com or message us on Facebook. Membership includes professional and non-professional artists as well as everyone interested in art. Membership is open to all and annual dues are twenty dollars.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS MAPPING NORWOOD

The Norwood Historical Society is sponsoring a March 15th book discussion of Mapping Norwood by Charles Fanning. The book discussion may be converted to a virtual meeting, as was done for the January book discussion.

If you are interested in attending a Norwood Historical Society event, contact the Society at info@norwoodhistoricalsociety.org. The same address will also provide site information if the event is conducted by remote (e.g., Zoom) link.

Norwood 150 events comply with federal, state and local COVID requirements, as well as requirements set by the venue, if any.

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