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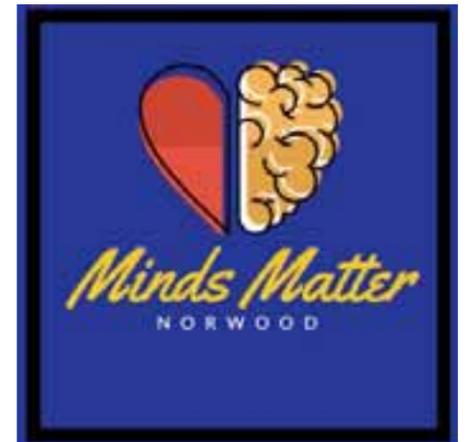
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TOWN MEETING | 2/8/21

The Route 1 rezoning effort fell short in a close vote but could be back this spring or fall at the Norwood Town Meeting.

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Impact Norwood to gauge Town's mental health

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The local organization Impact Norwood Prevention Coalition wants to gauge the general mental health of Norwood residents with a new survey the group is asking everyone to take.

According to Program Director Aubrey Ciol, the new survey is part of a program that started as an independent venture from Impact called Mind Matters. She said it commenced a few years ago to help promote the Interfaith Mental Health Referral Hotline set up by Impact.

“Impact Norwood has kind of absorbed Mind Matters, because mental health and substance abuse youth prevention go hand-in-hand,” she said. “And the purpose of the survey is we didn’t want to start doing programs in the community assuming we knew what all the problems were.”

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Town Meeting Night Two draws first blood

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Special Town Meeting went into its second night on Feb. 8 and lasted about 4 hours.

Combined with the late start of Night 1 on Feb. 4, that brings the total to seven hours for a meeting that, if held during normal times, would have also included the meeting held in November. But these are anything but normal times. And there’s at least one more night to go (for Night One’s coverage, please see Page 2).

“I think after about 10 sessions we could get pretty good at this,” said Town Moderator David Hern.

The biggest time-consumer by far was Article 12. Night one ended after passing Article 10, and Article 11 passed with not too much fuss at 160

to 0. Article 11 was brought forth because the Town wanted to update its Zoning Map to the digital age to include geographic information system (GIS) software and allow much more ease of digital access for the Town’s zoning code and property lines.

Article 12, on the other hand, failed to carry into a positive vote, however it was close. This article dealt with the rezoning of Route 1 as the Boston Providence Highway District, which failed to pass not because residents didn’t think it was necessary, but because it included measures for mixed-use zoning. Residents said they were not against the idea take all four zoning districts along the highway and make it a consistent one district, but because of the inclusion of mixed-use development, Town Meeting members balked.

The idea, according to Town Plan-

ner Paul Halkiotis, was to put more dense housing and commercial districts – places to live, play and work – in three intersections along Route 1 (Dean Street, Neponset Street and Everett Street/University Avenue).

Town Meeting Member Paula Flanagan said she was concerned that no residents in and around those three areas were notified that their properties or nearby properties would have their zoning changed. In the area closest to Flanagan, parcels were planned to be rezoned to make the zoning consistent and take care of areas that had parcels with two different zoning districts. Several single-family homes on Dean Street were also taken out of the zoning district the previous week because of

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Senior Center helping to book vaccine appointments

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Senior Center announced that it is helping to book vaccine appointments for qualified Norwood residents over the age of 75.

Senior Center Director Kerri McCarthy said this program is for residents who do not have the ability to make an appointment online or someone to help them.

“If you’re a Norwood resident and you’re 75 or older, it does not matter if you’ve never come here; if you need help signing up for a vaccine we will help you, but it’s not a quick process,” McCarthy

said.

Currently, the center is serving about 200 residents, (with about 100 people registered through the program at different sites since Feb. 1), and when there’s a spot available for the vaccine, they call the resident and get them signed up over the phone. McCarthy reiterated this option is for residents who do not have the help of a younger or internet-savvy family member, as again the process is not quicker than the online process. She said the option is necessary, however, because some seniors are just not good with computers.

“You have to realize that there’s a
Senior Vaccines
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Residents who have issues making appointments themselves can call the Senior Center for help.

COURTESY PHOTO

CPA projects take up night one of Town Meeting

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The first night of the Norwood Town Meeting went on for almost three-and-a-half hours and failed to move past Article 10 (out of 25).

Article 10, detailing the disbursement of Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds as recommended by the Town's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) took up most of the time. The five projects up for funds were then

further separated into single motions so Town Meeting Members could vote on them individually. This was due to an amendment motion that passed as submitted by Town Meeting member and former Planning Board member

Debbie Holmwood.

"I know the CPC has done a lot of work on these and I'd like to have them voted on separately," she said.

The five projects included \$28,000 for a master plan for the Old Parish Cemetery (to see where work needs to be done to preserve the historic cemetery), \$50,000 for a feasibility study and master plan for the Morse House (to repair the building and bring it in line with modern needs), \$17,025 for the Murphy Field Basketball Court rehabilitation plan from the Parks and Recreation Department, an additional \$200,000 for the Carillon rehabilitation project and \$80,000 for a Town pool assessment (to see where the Town would be best positioned to renovate which pool or build a new one).

The Old Parish motion passed 151 to two with little discussion. The Morse House motion, however, was a different matter. Firstly, Town Meeting member Brian Clark asked how the feasibility study cost estimations were arrived at, as they added up to a "large chunk of change."

"Between the Morse House study and the cemetery study and the other study, you're talking about \$160,000 (\$158,000 exactly) and if you include (Article 3's Town Em-

ployee Compensation Comprehensive Study at \$165,000), you're talking about \$295,000 in feasibility studies," said Clark.

Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said they look at what similar studies have cost other towns in the area.

Town Meeting Member Sarah Quinn asked about possibly pausing work on the Morse House until the Coakley Middle School (which is right next door to the house) replacement project is completed, as they may interfere with each other and therefore said she was voting against.

Town Meeting member Eric Bodenhofer said he doesn't disagree that the feasibility study was a good idea, but questioned the possible use of the house for the Town. He said if there is no need for the house now, why seek to improve it for potentially nonexistent increased need.

CPC Chair Peter McFarland said the biggest problem is accessibility to the property, and that hinders the house's usability. He said the Fire Department rates the building currently at 49 people and it does not have Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant bathrooms.

"Judith Howard and Toni

CPC Hurdles

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The Norwood Youth Football and Cheer, Inc.
will be holding their annual election of officers and directors on **Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 7pm** at their annual meeting.

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Board of Selectmen call for hearing on UAVE gravel pit

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The saga of the UAVE LLC property at 973 University Ave. is not yet over, at least according to the Norwood Board of Selectmen.

The Board dealt with two items on its agenda concerning UAVE, the first being the submission of a copy of the Zoning Board of Appeals' (ZBA) decision to grant UAVE its special permit to continue operations with certain conditions.

UAVE is currently a gravel pit that owner Joseph Federico is clearing with the purported intention (according to attorneys) to develop it into some sort of commercial use. UAVE had to stop work in the winter of 2020 both because the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Town Building Inspector found issues at the site. On the Town's side, it was found that UAVE did not renew its special permit originally granted two years back in 2013. From the EPA, it was found that UAVE had not set up proper infiltration and stormwater retention infrastructure when it started its gravel removal operation.

The ZBA granted a special permit to continue operations about a month ago with special conditions designed to prevent further violations from happening. Selectmen Chair Bill Plasko said he was not exactly thrilled with the decision.

"I'm disheartened by their decision and I think they missed a couple of important points," he said. "Particularly on the special permit considerations, the social, economic and community needs. I think that proposal down there provides zero in that category and certainly there was nothing at the public hearing that the applicant

offered or was really requested by the Zoning Board to show that they would meet those criteria."

Plasko also said that without a closing plan or some sort of inking as to what Federico plans to do with the property once it's developable, there is the potential that the excavated gravel pit could remain an excavated gravel pit in perpetuity.

"There's no way to know that there's going to be anything down there but the eyesore it is today," he said.

Plasko did say that the purview of the ZBA is the ZBA's business and he allowed that several conditions were in place as well as taking comments from the Town Engineer, the Town Planner and Department of Public Works Director Mark Ryan.

"So we've got something there," Plasko said.

The call for a hearing is the result of an issue UAVE had with its neighbor MS Walker, on which UAVE admitted a hired landscaper cut down dozens of trees on MS Walker property. Walker has since become an opponent to the excavation site, and has now filed a complaint, according to Plasko, asking the Board of Selectmen to hold a hearing to look into safety issues at the site. Plasko said Town General Bylaw Article 12 Section 10, gives the Board of Selectmen the authority to hold hearings on areas that would require fencing. Since the gravel pit does have a few almost shear drops on its site, Plasko said he feels that holding a hearing with MS Walker, UAVE, Federico, DPW Director Ryan, the Town Engineer and other relevant parties would be appropriate.

Plasko said Town Counsel David Deluca said holding a hearing would be the best course of action, if any.

"Town Counsel advises that it's good for us to hear this information, see any documents, any photos and take all matters into consideration so that when we render any decision, even if it is to do nothing, we will be well-informed and have a basis to defend whatever position we take," he said.

No date was decided on but Plasko did say they will host the meeting in a few weeks.

The Board also voted to send a letter from resident Michael Sangalang to the Norwood Broadband Department asking the cable provider to remove Fox News and Fox Business News from its offerings.

The Board voted 4-1, with
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OPINION

How far are the Thought Police willing to go?

Arguably, the Town of Norwood is considered a slightly right of center demographic. Positioned politically far right of The People's Republic of Cambridge and far left of anywhere south of the Mason Dixon line, election analysts can usually count on Norwood to back the least radically positioned agendas and candidates at the ballot box. A lunch pail community at its roots, the populace reasonably considers all points of view and renders decisions more closely aligned with the "working man's" mentality which, from this newspaper's point of view, is laudable.

That's why the recent request by a resident of this community to Selectmen to cease offering Fox News and Fox Business Channels through Norwood Light and Broadband was so interesting to us. There was no surprise at this address that there are residents of this fair hamlet who consider themselves "woke", and work hard to suppress the thoughts of others and to rewrite history. They're everywhere and the numbers appear to be growing. What we waited in wild anticipation for was Selectmen's reaction to said request at their meeting Tuesday evening. Though commentary during the meeting ended up minimal and disappointing, their resulting decision was actually a correct one.

Even though Selectmen are the commissioners of Norwood's light and cable department, it doesn't make them experts on the subject matter. Should they have voted down the request, they would have been just as guilty as the Thought Police petitioner of subverting the potential merit of the request itself (and no, we don't think there is any merit). Selectmen decided to defer the decision to those running the operation which is what good managers should do. However, what was disappointing was that most Selectmen deferred in rendering an opinion while in the process of doing so. Residents deserved more, and they have a right to be disappointed.

Selectman David Hajjar will be considered by many as a hero for voicing his convictions on the issue and voting not to forward the request to cable folks. And though we applaud him for voicing his opinion without ambiguity and with conviction, we don't agree with his decision to vote against moving the request forward, he being the only one to do so.

Selectman Maloney voiced some skepticism on the request, but in a milquetoast kind of fashion. And those viewing the meeting could tell Selectman Lane was torn between what was perhaps a friendship with the requester and maybe, just maybe, some appreciation of the request. And if that's the case, than he is the most disappointing of any of them for not having the strength of character to speak up. For now, we're giving him the benefit of the doubt.

Selectmen Donohue and Plasko said virtually nothing on the issue but voted to forward the request.

The bottom line is the request will die on the vine. As in all things in a capitalistic society, the decision to remove Fox News will be based on nothing more than an understanding of the bean counters at Norwood Broadband that removing Fox will be bad for business. Subscribers will voice their opinions on the decision by choosing another cable provider, and Norwood is fortunate to have multiple options.

What makes this country as great as it is is that the guy making the request can do so without fear of governmental recrimination. No one will come knocking at his door to lock him up for voicing an opinion and making a request. The wish here is that that same guy would appreciate that those of a dissimilar mindset have the same rights to listen to or watch what they would like without worrying about governments shutting their opinions and values down.

This issue is so much more substantive than the value or lack thereof of Fox News. And yet, the simplest solution for most is right in the palm of your hands. Use said palm to change the channel instead of trying to change the world over something so ridiculous.

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Ciol said the idea is that to be able to do the most good, you have to figure out first where your resources will have the greatest impact.

"We want to find out what's happening around mental health in Norwood and we can look at the data and then do really tailored programming or marketing campaigns to talk about mental health and normalize mental health and help support the mental health of residents," she said.

The survey is in several languages, including Albanian, Haitian-Creole, Portuguese, and Spanish. Participating residents will also be entered to win a \$50 gift card from the SPoT! Bakery.

"They'll be able to use it in the new SPoT! location, which is exciting," she said.

Ciol said the survey itself is designed to inform Impact about residents' feelings on mental health, how they care for their mental health and

how they view their mental well-being in terms of levels of importance.

"Then we can really take a deep dive into that data and find out are there barriers to people seeking mental healthcare or is there a cultural stigma around for some of our residents, or is there fear in getting help because of stigma from society in Norwood," she said. "But I would say people in Norwood are certainly more open to having these discussions. I think the prior Town Meeting people were talking about it but as a society in general there is still a stigma associated with it and our goal is eventually to make people aware that mental health is just as important as physical health."

While pre-COVID-19 life could be stressful in and of itself, Ciol pointed out someone who may not have been feeling great back then may have had their situation worsened

since the introduction of the social isolation required to fight the pandemic.

"Mental health has always been an important topic, but since the pandemic, I think it's really been exacerbated, and I think people who may have been kind of hanging on, well now they're just hanging on by a thread," she said. "We're certainly hearing more stories of people struggling with anxiety and depression because of all the isolation and uncertainty."

To start the survey, go to <https://bit.ly/3rxcgcs>.

Ciol said alongside the survey, Impact is hosting an anxiety workshop with Shine Bright virtually on Feb. 15 at 7 p.m.

"We want to give people tangible strategies on how to cope with anxiety," she said. "It's free for anyone."

To sign up for the workshop, go to <https://bit.ly/36UHLW4>

Letters to the Editor

THANK YOU FOR PRESERVING OUR HISTORY

To the Editor:

The Norwood Historical Commission would like to thank Town Meeting Members for their overwhelming support for Article 10 last Thursday evening, all projects endorsed by the Community Preservation Committee. The Commission also would like to thank the Board of Selectmen who voted unanimously to support this Article. Proponents for three of the projects were of an historic nature: Old Parish Cemetery Master Plan (\$28,000); The Morse House Feasibility Study and Master Plan (\$50,000); and The Rehabilitation of the Carillon at Town Hall (\$200,000).

The three projects are so significant to Norwood's mag-

nificent and rich history, and their approval reflects the interest in preserving them. Moreover, it indicates the importance of the Community Preservation Act to fund needed projects not sufficiently provided by General Government. Like our counterparts in surrounding towns, the Norwood Historical Commission through the Community Preservation Act continues to voice its mission to promote and protect Norwood's treasures that have such cultural, educational, and historic value to the Town itself, to its residents and to its future.

Norwood Historical Commission

*Charles D. Burgess,
Cheryl Doyle, Antoinette Eosco, Marion Gaw, Thomas Guiod, Judith Howard,
Caroline Pannes*

GET KIDS BACK TO SCHOOL

To the Editor,

Maybe the Town of Norwood should put building a new school on the back burner for now and find a way to get the children of Norwood back to school or maybe we should just send the money to St. Catherine's and have them educate the children of Norwood. They seem to be able to keep their children in school during the pandemic while we as a Town cannot. The school superintendent and the school committee seem to have only one function that they are very good at and that is complaining about never having enough money to spend.

*Henry Graham
Norwood*

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Selectman David Hajjar against.

"I'm not in favor of this because I think it's a wrong letter and I think it sends a bad message that we're even considering dropping channels," Hajjar said. "The individual is not even a customer of Norwood Light or the Cable Broadband system. I don't really see the purpose of it. I'm against the motion and think we should drop it. To think we're actually going to send letters like this just because someone

has an opinion? There's no absolute facts the individual is putting forward, it's his concerns and like I said he's not even a customer."

Selectman Thomas Maloney said he's heard similar complaints from residents apparently on the other side of the spectrum.

"I agree entirely with Mr. Hajjar, but it's a funny thing, as I had somebody talk to me not too long ago, not in a letter but just personally saying very much the same thing about a

different news station which is sort of 180 degrees opposed to Fox News," he said. "It's the same type of thing, 'why do we include this type of garbage in our channel lineup in Town?' You know, there's a lot of people in this world who don't seem to understand that there are a lot of other people in this world who see the world differently than they do."

Maloney added that a diversity of opinions is exactly what makes a free society.

Norwood Scout places 5th in statewide essay contest

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Norwood Boy Scout Lucas Babb took fifth place for this year's V.F.W. Department of Massachusetts Patriot's Pen Scholarship Essay contest.

Babb won first place in the local and regional contest, and placed fifth in the state. Norwood Auxiliary V.F.W. Post #2452's Lisa Silletti said it was amazing to see a Norwood scout go so far in the contest.

"It's a great essay, and he's 12 and he came in fifth in the entire state," she said. "He came in fifth for all the state entrants. It's so wonderful. Last year we also had a student place in the top 10 in the state, and we're truly blessed the Coakley Middle School teachers support this contest. We had 17 entries just from Norwood and we had two entries that moved on to the next level. It's unusual to have so many entries, but it's just wonderful young people will take the time, because this was not an assignment they would get graded on."

Babb himself said he had no idea that his words would travel so far.

"I was very surprised at the outcome, because I never ex-



Lucas Babb

pected to even go past the Town," he said.

The essay detailed his exploits as a scout in Norwood and what patriotism and service means to him personally. "Like retiring the flag the correct way, volunteering to help clean up or changing the flags at the cemetery," he said.

Babb said he started scouts about six years ago.

"I didn't even know that any of my friends would be in it, but it was just something that piqued my interest," he said.

Lucas' mother Rebecca Babb said over the years Lucas has learned more and more about his family's contribution

to the United State military, as Lucas' grandfather served in the Armed Forces and so did his scout leader.

"I encouraged him to write the essay because we wanted him to appreciate his grandfather's history in the military and to teach him the importance of extra credit assignments too," she said. "It has turned out to be just a little bit more beneficial than we anticipated."

Rebecca Babb said the award process was a roller coaster. Both said they were very surprised Lucas had won first place in the Town and then

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Eosco have also done a walk-through with Gienapp Architects, and that's where the \$50,000 figure comes from," he said. "They did a couple hours of walk-through, and it's not as detailed as a feasibility study would be but they touched on everything that should be addressed."

He added that there's a possibility the beehive oven in the building could predate the 1800s construction back to the 1600s and they want to explore that as well.

Mazzucco added he would not be averse to using the site as a bed and breakfast or an Airbnb and make some money from the site if the Town deems that acceptable.

"The (Board of) Selectmen control the rental and use of the property and I think we'd want to get as much use out of the property as possible," he

said. "How much of that will come? I don't know how competitive it would be for a hotel or wedding rentals or things like that but certainly we would market it and try to get as much use out of it as possible."

Member Michael Bergeron said he was concerned that the cost of the Morse House feasibility study was too high. Mazzucco pointed out to do historical restoration on a property can require a lot more work than a regular modern home or building and that accounts for the increased cost.

The vote passed 121 for and 27 against. The Murphy Field rehabilitation also passed by a wide margin, 142 to 9.

For the Town Pool Assessment, residents had similar concerns. Member Gerri

Slater said the costs associated with upgrading the pools were high and that this assessment would turn any potential future project into a "huge price tag" suggesting instead that the CPC do a five-year master plan. McFarland pointed out that the CPC can only approve projects submitted by residents or Town officials, not generate them itself. He did say, however, that Slater should speak with the Capital Outlay Committee to get potential projects on that group's timeline.

This led into a discussion about whether CPC should be used to fund regular Town improvements that would be better handled by the general budget. Holmwood spoke to this point while the Carillon issue was discussed, but said she felt the same way about the pools.

"At the inception of the CPA, the voters' concern was that this would just be another funding source for general government, and everybody who volunteered for the CPA volunteered to make sure this was not the case," she said. "This is for underfunded projects, for projects that never get taken out of the Town budget. Places that have other funding sources, like the Department of Public works or the general government, they have other funding sources. Historic preservation and greenspace do not have other funding sources."

Holmwood said the open space and recreation portion of the CPA (CPA requires that its funds be spent at a minimum of 10 percent of total funds on historic preservation, open space or recreation and affordable housing) has been neglected, and while CPC member John Hall pointed out there have not been many open space acquisition proposals sent to the CPC, Holmwood said those funds do not have to be spent every year and can increase over time to the point where they could be used to purchase a significant piece of property.

"The pools fall under general government in my opinion," she said.

The vote passed 112 to 44. Member and Town Carillon Lee Leach spoke to the importance of the Carillon restoration project.

"The bells we hear today are the same bells that were heard 90 years ago, and this successful initiative, that should be completed by the middle of the summer if not

before, will be a benefit to the Town for the next 90 years," he said.

The appropriation was for an additional \$200,000 for unforeseen work requirements for a total of \$415,000 for the entire rehabilitation project. The vote passed 138 to 10.

Town Meeting also approved Article 2, a walking path along the Hawes Pool Park/Pond area. The article calls for the transfer of about \$19,000 from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Fund (the Rideshare fund to which Uber and Lyft contribute). The vote passed 153 to 4 against. Article 1 had to do with moving funds from the Free Cash portion of the budget to the Perpetual Cemetery Fund. Article 3 appropriated \$165,000 to study Town Employee compensation, which has not been looked at in a comprehensive way since 2002. Article 4 approved the ability of the Board of Selectmen to sell a small parcel of property on Roosevelt Avenue to a neighboring resident. Articles 5, 6, and 7 were to increase property tax abatement allowances for local seniors per Massachusetts State Law. Article 8 increased tax abatements for disabled veterans. Article 9 increased tax abatements for those residents who are legally blind. All these articles passed with at least a majority of 150 of the 172 attendees in favor. For a full explanation about those articles, go to <http://cms5.revize.com/revize/norwoodma/Clerk/yellow%20sheet.pdf>.

The meeting was continued to Monday, Feb. 8 for several large zoning matters.



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notification concerns.

Halkiotis echoed residents' sentiments that the rezoning process under state law does not require notification to residents, but he said the process was not held in a secret cabal either.

"It's important to note regarding the notice to people who will be affected by this zoning change, that this has not been done in a vacuum," he said. "We've had two public hearings, three public information sessions and multiple-."

Halkiotis was cut off at that point by the moderator Michael Reilly (Hern had to recuse himself for this article and Articles 13, 14 and 15) as he was answering another question at that point, but did not get the chance to discuss the point regarding public meetings further.

Town Meeting members Sarah Sullivan and Edward Ferris said they were concerned about putting high-density mixed-use complexes at key intersections on Route 1. Ferris pointed out that Neponset Street is Norwood's direct link to Route 95, with few if any other connections to the highway, and it's almost always clogged with traffic. He said he felt increasing the population in that area would only increase those issues. He also pointed out that Norwood is number 39 in the state for population density and has the

highest density of any town around it.

Planning Board member and Town Meeting member Ernie Paciorkowski, along with several members – including Hern who spoke as a resident and a business owner in Town – said they supported the measure, and Paciorkowski said those mixed-use developments would be allowable by special permit only and would have to be reviewed and approved by the Planning Board. Ferris introduced a motion for indefinite postponement, which was seconded by Gerri Slater.

This brought everything to a bit of a standstill, as the Planning Board would not be able to bring the article back to Town Meeting for two years under that specific Town Meeting mechanism. Town Counsel David DeLuca explained after someone suggested it to him that Town Meeting could also vote to refer the matter back to the Planning Board for further study, and the article could be brought back in the spring or fall. Many of those who spoke against the article said they wanted to approve some of it, but the language in the article made that impossible to do on the fly. This proved to be a problem for later articles.

The motion for referral passed 89 to 70. Halkiotis said he hopes to see all who voted to refer the article at upcom-

ing Planning Board meetings to help the board come to an agreeable solution.

Article 13 regarded open lot storage and also failed primarily because it was tied to Article 12. The zoning amendment stated that all open lot storage for vehicles would have to be in the Boston Providence Highway District, which because of the Article 12 vote does not exist. A vote to amend the proposal to switch to the Highway Business District instead of Boston Providence failed 79 to 61, as Halkiotis and Assistant Town Planner Patrick Deschenes said there could be unintended consequences. Many of the design restrictions for the open lot storage were in Article 12. The Town voted then to refer the article back to the Planning Board, which leaves open lot storage in the same problematic area it has been since the Town put a one-year moratorium on it in 2019.

Article 16 passed an amendment to the zoning code to create the Medical Services Overlay District to allow the Norwood Hospital to rebuild its facility bigger and better than it was. Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said the hospital has informed him that they are going to have to rebuild the whole hospital.

"The hospital is looking at a total loss," he said. "It's

probably north of \$200 million. Once a building sustains a certain amount of damage it needs to be brought up to code, and the cost to bringing a building up to code ends up exceeding the cost of building new, hence Steward is looking at a substantial insurance claim."

Several nurses spoke of the need to keep the hospital in Norwood and the need for the Town to do whatever it can to help. Norwood Fire Department (NFD) Chief George Morrice and NFD Firefighter Paul Ronco both said the lack of a hospital has negatively impacted Norwood's EMS re-

sponse times. Town Meeting voted 135 to 1 to approve the amendment.

Article 14 amended the zoning code to require new drive-thrus to have an escape lane for vehicles, something the Town does not currently require. It passed 121 to seven.

Article 15 dealt with a proposal from the Norwood Space Center to give its tenants access to the three remaining beer and wine licenses available to businesses in South Norwood. The article passed 133 to seven.

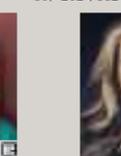
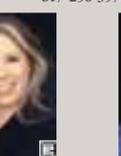
A motion to adjourn passed 119 to two. The meeting will resume on Feb. 11 digitally at 6:30 p.m.

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Signed: Confused by Friends

Dear Confused: Yours is a perfect example of why you should always check with a reputable source when receiving Social Security advice from friends.

Whenever Social Security (SS) benefits are claimed before reaching full retirement age (FRA), the so-called "earnings test" applies. This sets an earnings limit, which for 2021 is \$18,960 annually - an amount you will have exceeded by the time you start your SS benefits in June. However, Social Security also has a special "first year" rule which applies to anyone who claims early Social Security benefits mid-year.

The first-year rule essentially waives using the annual earnings limit in your first year and, instead, applies a monthly earnings limit for the remainder of the year after your benefits start. The monthly limit is 1/12th the amount of the annual limit, so in 2021 the monthly limit is \$1,580. Provided you don't exceed the monthly limit after your benefits start and during the period from June 2021 through December 2021 (and if you're fully retiring from work you won't), you'll not exceed the earnings limit during your first year collecting benefits. Note, your pension and other "passive" income doesn't count toward the earnings limit; only earnings from working count. So essentially, using the "first year" rule means your earnings before you claim benefits

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Starting in 2022, should you decide to return to work, you'll be subject to the annual limit, which will be a bit more than the 2021 limit because the limit changes annually with changes to the National Average Wage Index. The earnings limit applies until you reach your full retirement age, after which you can earn as much as you like without jeopardizing your Social Security benefits. In the year you reach your full retirement age of 66 ½, your annual earnings limit will increase by about 2.6 times, further mitigating risk of exceeding the earnings limit in the year you attain FRA.

For awareness, if you were to return to work in any year between 2022 and the year prior to the year you attain FRA, and you exceed the annual earnings limit, Social Security will take back benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. In the year you reach FRA, if you were to work and exceed the increased limit, SS will take back benefits equal to \$1 for every \$3 you exceed the limit by. However, at your FRA you'll receive time-credit for any months your benefits were withheld because you exceeded the earnings limit, which will result in your benefit amount being increased slightly at your full retirement age. In this way, you may, over time, recover any benefits which were withheld because you exceeded the earnings limit.

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Monday, February 1

0933 Phone - Lost And Found Services Rendered Location/Address: Hawthorne St Resident found a phone on the sidewalk and turned it .Post left on NPJ Facebook page.

1430 Phone - Unwanted Party Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Yankee Spirit - Bos-Prov Hwy Report they wanted a customer to leave and he wouldn't, eventually left, possibly DK. BOLO to cars and South District. N677 reports manager did not want to get a Letter of Disinvite at this time.

1654 Phone - BE ON THE LOOK-OUT AREA SEARCH NEGATIVE Bolo out of Westwood for a blue Impala that struck a light pole and fled toward Norwood. BOLO sent to the cars at 1653 Hrs.

Tuesday, February 2

0509 911 - Wires Down Services Rendered Location/Address: Anne Rd Caller reports wires down and he drove into the wires with his truck. NLD notified. N664 reports that individual was in no danger and was sent on his way.

0847 Phone - Citizens Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Walkhill Rd Report nursing home is plowing snow into his yard/driveway. N667 reports civil matter, resolved for now.

230 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St DCF made a request to check on a student who could be home alone. 7 year old found at home with mom's boyfriend in charge. DCF advised because he was left alone for 15 minutes as the boyfriend did an errand. DCF will follow up.

1520 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Nassau Gardens - Bahama Dr Complex management looking for information on Letter of Disinvite. N669 spoke to him, case is actively under investigation, arresting officer will reach out to management.

1743 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Two parties ar-

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going over a parking spot that was shoveled out. N679 spoke to both parties and the issue has been resolved. N679 also told both parties to speak with management.

1801 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Nahatan Builders - Central St Caller reports a female party keeps entering the building asking for the bathroom key and will not leave. N670 reports that party is ok just waiting on a ride home.

1949 Phone - Unwanted Party *Protective Custody Location/Address: Jake N Joes Sports Grille - Bos-Prov Hwy Employee reports an intoxicated female party disrupting other customers and refusing to leave. As a result N664 returns to the station with one female in protective custody S/M 46001, 2000 Hrs, E/M 46001.8, 2004 Hrs. Party was entered in CJIS as suicidal after banging her head numerous times on the concrete slab in the cell.

2026 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Fulton St Caller looking to speak with an officer about an on going issue with family. N679 spoke and advised that party.

2304 Phone - Susp Person Area Search Negative Location/Address: Dan O'brien Kia - Bos-Prov Hwy Monitoring company reports a male party walking around the lot throwing items and breaking limbs off trees. N 666, N 665, N 667, N 668 searched the area, N668 reports no apparent damage to any vehicles.

2324 Phone - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: Bank Of America - Washington St Subject in the lobby. Officer assisted and sent him on his way.

Wednesday, February 3

0319 Phone - Susp Activity Police & Fire Notified/Respond Location/Address: Bank Of America

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- Washington St Homeless subject in the lobby transported to the hospital.

1011 Cellular - Attempt To Commit Crime Spoken To Location/Address: Pleasant St Report passenger side door does not close properly. N665 reports no damage and just wanted advice on how to protect his car.

1028 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Charlwell Nursing Home - Walpole St Staff reports an unwanted male party. Upon arrival that party was gone, caller was satisfied.

1048 Other - Assist Other Agency Services Rendered Location/Address: Sturtevant Ave N407,N435 investigate a student issue.

1113 Initiated - Susp Vehicle *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Longfellow Rd + Emerson Dr B.C.I. receives information of car in area. N667 trying to stop TX Buyer Plate 970651FI. Units and Walpole and Westwood PD assisted. N665 lost site Brook St. Walpole. N665 locates it stopped in front of 383 Fisher St. Walpole. Negoshian's tows MA VIN 1HGCG5558WA181573. State Police drug K9 responds to scene. One male placed under arrest. Refer To Arrest: 21-33-AR Arrest: Cruz, Hipolito Jr Address: 47 W Dedham St Boston, Ma Age: 53 Charges: Stop For Police, Fail Drug, Possess To Distrib Class B, Subsq. C94c §32a(B) Drug, Possess To Distrib Class B, Subsq. C94c §32a(B) License Suspended, Op Mv With, Subsq.Off Marked Lanes Violation Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Unregistered Motor Vehicle Uninsured Motor Vehicle

1220 Phone - Well Being Chk Police & Fire Notified/Respond Location/Address: Walpole St + Elliot St Caller reports a male party having difficulty walking. NFD responded, but he refused transport.

1242 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Fulton St Female resident yelling out the window and making noise in-

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2 Year Term (1 Seat) (To Fill A Vacancy)
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1 Year Term (1 Seat) (To Fill A Vacancy)
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2 Year Term (4 Seats) (To Fill A Vacancy)
1 Year Term (1 Seat) (To Fill A Vacancy)
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- District 7:** 3 Year Term (5 Seats)
2 Year Term (2 Seats)
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1450 Radio - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Post Office - Central St Customer upset and yelling at staff. W/M, 50's Yellow top. Matter resolved.
1712 Phone - Report Of Fight *Report Filed Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy + Dean St Multiple calls for men fighting in front of the Mobil. MA 9AP959 MA 1TZF15 involved. BOLO on S District and Officers met with one subject at Staples.
1756 Phone - Animal Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St N667 spoke to the owner of that dog, she reports he is a large dog that prefers to be outside. The dog has shelter and food.
1930 Phone - Shoplifting *Report Filed Location/Address: Stop & Shop - Bos-Prov Hwy Lost prevention reports price tags switched on items. Suspect with them.

Thursday, February 4

0031 911 - Susp Vehicle Spoken To Location/Address: Railroad Ave Caller reports car is parked in front of her house. N677 reports that party just pulled over because he was tired, he has been sent on his way.
0719 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Ridgewood Dr Caller requests a wellness check on an employee who has not shown up to work. Units report no answer at the door and no vehicle parked in driveway.
0847 Walk-In - Missing Person Spoken To Location/Address: Ridgewood Dr Daughter in lobby reports her father is not answering phone/door and did not show up for work. Upon further investigation N662, N668 inform daughter that father has passed away and where he and his car is located.
21-2556 1032 Phone - Unwanted Party Gone On Arrival Location/Address: C&E Auto Collision - Pleasant St Caller reports an unwanted female inside the business. Party was GOA and caller satisfied.
1039 Phone - Assist Citizen Ser-

vices Rendered Location/Address: Pleasant St Verbal dispute over a dog. Parties were separated and matter resolved.
1215 Phone - Well Being Chk *Report Filed Location/Address: Hampton Inn - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports his son is at the hotel and suicidal. He was also arrested in Dedham this week. Officer located him and requested to be seen at the hospital. NFD responds and transports.
1505 Walk-In - Susp Activity *Report Filed Location/Address: Nichols St
21-2577 1629 911 - Complaint Of Mv *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Saunders Rd Caller reports her friend is intoxicated and hit her car and the garage. As a result N667 returns to the station with one male party under arrest. MA PC 1YDA16 is towed by Center Auto Body. Refer To Arrest: 21-36-ARArrest: Alighieri, Matthew S Address: 16 Saunders Rd Norwood, Ma Age: 40 Charges: Oui-Liquor Or .08% Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle
1930 Phone - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Adams St Female calling for help in the driveway. Officer locates her and she was yelling for help as she shoveled snow.
2340 Phone - Animal Complaint Area Search Negative Location/Address: David Ter Caller reports a dog barking for hours. N678 reports no dogs barking in the area.

Friday, February 5

21-2633 0910 Initiated - Assist Other Agency Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood High School - Nichols St As a result of School Admin. wanting to check a student's back pack, student ran from school. Student located in yard at Prospect St. N667 transports him back to school S/M 21961 0922 Hrs, E/M 21962 0925 Hrs. Parents notified.
1046 Phone - Disturbance *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Cfm Variety (Convenience Food Mart) - Walpole St Clerk asked customer to wear a mask and argument ensued. While investigating, 2nd call from Planet Fitness for gym customer assaulted staff member. N668 reports mental health issue. DPW sent to bring bicycle to station. NFD sent. Transported to Good Samaritan. N667 on board and N666 following to the hospital.
1317 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Eisenhower Rd Walk in reports his neighbor is pushing snow onto his property. Advice given on a civil matter and was advised it would be documented.
1354 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Albemarle Rd + Brook St Request check of W/M, no shirt, shorts, taking cell phone pictures of sky. N666 checked area- PD familiar with him, normal behavior.
1422 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St Request check of patient who keeps calling them talking about falling and he seemed confused. N667 reports he is ok, prescription medication question he wanted answered. Dr. notified.

1649 Phone - Harassment Services Rendered Location/Address: Highview St Parties both claim the other person has been following/harrasing them. No violation of court order. Both individuals advised.
2059 911 - Assist Citizen Taken/ Referred To Other Agency Location/Address: White Sisters Way SMS call on 911 where caller was reporting social media bullying and possible danger in Essex, Maryland. Matter was referred to Canton for a well being check at the address the call was emanating from. Canton reports it was a juvenile playing a practical joke.
2337 Phone - Animal Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: David Ter Dog outside barking for several hours. Dog brought inside.

Saturday, February 6

0050 911 - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Gulf - Sky Mart - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller ran out of gas and was able to get some from Mobil Station but she doesn't know how to put it in. N669 responded to assist.
0229 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Amazon - Everett St Caller reports a truck driver in lot is laying on his horn for several minutes now. N669 responded and spoke to a driver who was trying to get someone to open the sally port. Advised.
1325 Cellular - Well Being Chk Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Chapel St + Walpole St Report male, no winter clothes on for weather, shirt pulled up around his chest, no shoes on, walking Chapel towards Walpole.
1336 Phone - Assist Fire Dept Police & Fire Notified/Respond Location/Address: Weld Ave NFD, on scene from previous call, reports they got a 2nd call from a Central Station monitoring company with no verbal response and door is in open position with no one answering. N674, N669 sent. 1341 Hrs-NFD reports contact made, units canceled.
1734 911 - Disturbance *Report Filed Location/Address: Washington St Caller reports her roommate threatened her with a knife. Parties separated for the night.
2054 Phone - Animal Complaint Could Not Locate Location/Address: Meadow St Report of a barking dog outside. Officer searched the area, all quiet.

Sunday, February 7

0036 911 - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Leyton Rd Caller states someone ringing his doorbell. N679, N674 responded and checked the area. Everything in order. Caller satisfied.
0149 911 - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Jefferson Dr + Roosevelt Ave Caller reports arguing going on outside, corner of Jefferson and Roosevelt. N669, N674, N668 responded. Neighbors claim it was a verbal argument. Everyone separated for the night.



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whole generation out there who do not have computer knowledge," she said. "Nor do they want it. They're in their late 80s, early 90s, and though some do have computer knowledge, many don't, whether it be for affordability reasons or they just don't want it. Not everybody has a smartphone either. And they're expensive. If you're on a fixed income, not

everybody feels that is a good option on how to spend their money."

Even if you can use a computer, the state does not make it easy to navigate its system. McCarthy said every clinic has its own web site and system by which residents can sign up for the vaccine, and it's not very efficient.

"As I'm sure you've seen in the news, it's become a nightmare," she said. "The website is very difficult to navigate. Every clinic has a different form to fill out, and you have to kind of navigate around this little star and you can go through the whole registration process and then get to the final step to find out the appointment you were booking for has now been taken."

McCarthy said they help residents sign up for vaccina-

tions either at the Town Hall or at Gillette Stadium. She said most residents would prefer Norwood, but the Town just doesn't get that many doses.

"The state is only giving the local health departments very minimal doses, about 100 doses of the vaccine per week," she said. "That's very limiting because there's obviously thousands of people 75 or older in Town. I do see a lot of older children helping their grandparents and parents get to Gillette, and from what I've heard from the few seniors who have gone and then called me, it was a flawless system. It was very well-organized at Gillette. There was not a lot of walking, people were very helpful and you could schedule your next appointment before you left.

The process isn't easy,



The Moderna Vaccine as presented by Assistant Health Director Stacy Lane earlier this year.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

but McCarthy said the result is very satisfying.

"It's worth its while when the times comes and you get to call someone up and tell them they're signed up. Just the sigh of relief, it's worth every minute we're spending on it," she said.

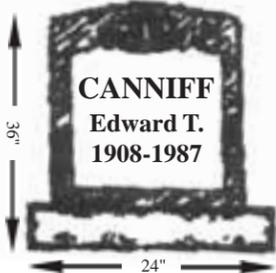
McCarthy added that the Town has been very helpful too. "I'm so grateful for this Town."

Give the Senior Center a call if you are interested in the vaccination registration program at (781) 762-1201.

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Deaths

BASILE

Mirdza "Jackie" Age 87, passed away peacefully at her home on February 2, 2021 with her family by her side. She was the loving wife to the late Gene "Joe" Basile. The couple lived in Roslindale for a few years before moving to Norwood, where they raised their nine children. She leaves behind: Linda and her husband Kevin Moriarty, Joseph, Christopher and his wife Deborah Ryan, Jean, Marjorie, Marie, Rocky, Laura and her husband Brian Olson, and Barbara and her husband Michael Lawrie. She had fourteen grandchildren; Jennifer, Melissa, Kevin, Rocky, Lija, Darius, Samantha, Darryl, Andrea, Elizabeth, Jake, Katherine, Luke, and Maximillian, and seven great-grandchildren; Isaiah, Connor, Riley, Cooper, Elijah, Penelope and Bennett. She also leaves behind her four nieces; Rita, Rosemarie, Silvia and Dorothy; a nephew John and extended family. Funeral Services and Burial at Highland Cemetery in Norwood will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Mirdza's memory to The Alzheimer's Association, 480 Pleasant Street, Watertown, MA 02472, or to Accent Care Hospice, 30 Perwal St., 1st Floor, Westwood, MA 02090. Gilooly Funeral Home Norwood GiloolyFuneralHome.com

February 11, 2021, 11am at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 547 Washington St. Norwood, MA. All other services will be private. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the Casserly House, 42 Stellman Rd, Roslindale, MA 02131. www.casserlyhouse.org/donate

PARSONS

Richard Edward, 74, of Norwood, passed away February 2, 2021, from cancer. Born September 11, 1946, to Charles and Mary (Costello) Parsons. Dick was born and raised in Norwood, a St. Catherine of Siena School graduate and 1965 Norwood High School graduate. Dick was a Veteran of the United States Army and worked as a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Norwood for 38 years. He was passionate about golf, skiing, and especially enjoyed spending time with his family. He was a proud "girl dad" and never missed a dance recital or event involving his daughters. Dick is survived by his beloved wife of 42 years, Barbara (Farrell) Parsons; his loving daughters, Caroline A. Parsons of Norwood, and Jennifer R. Linehan and her husband Timothy of Weymouth; and his cherished grandson, Thomas Edward Linehan. He is also survived by his brother, Charles, of NC, and his sister, Ann Florest, of ME. Dick was a loving brother-in-law to William Farrell of Norwood and proud uncle to Bill's children, Brett and Molly Farrell of Natick. Services will be held privately; Dick will be laid to rest at Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne. For the online guest book please visit: GiloolyFuneralHome.com



HAINES

ELLEN M. (Wiggin) of Norfolk formerly of Norwood passed away on February 6, 2021 at the age of 63. Beloved wife of the late Gordon W. Haines. Daughter of the late Wilmer E. and Ellen J. (Hayes) Wiggin. Loving sister of Edward F. Wiggin and his wife Kathleen of Walpole, Donna L. Golas and her husband Michael of Sandwich, Dennis H. Wiggin and his wife Mary Mulready of Braintree and Ann Sullivan and her husband Michael of Fairfax, VT. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Ellen graduated from Norwood High School and was a Passionate member of the MSPCA. A funeral mass was held on Thursday,



Scout Wins Award

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first in the region. For the state finals, only 10 essayists remained.

“They did a live Zoom call on Jan. 24 live to announce the 10 finalists, one for each district,” she said. “When they went through finalists 10 to six and Lucas’ name hadn’t been named yet, it just hit us that he was in the top five. It was really, really awesome and he

just kept saying ‘I can’t believe my essay won fifth place!’”

Lucas himself said he’s going to continue writing essays for more extra credit and, hopefully, more scholarship wins. Silletti said it warmed her heart to see scouts like Lucas in the Town.

“Just that patriotism and citizenship is alive and well in Norwood,” she said.

TROIANO

William J. “Billy” Age 55 of Norwood passed away on January 27th, 2021. Born August 14th, 1965 to the late Mary Troiano (Lally) and Arthur Troiano. He was survived by his wife of 26 years Patti Troiano (Fisler) of Norwood. Cherished father of Meaghan and her husband Shane McBride and Kevin Troiano, all of Norwood. He was also the proud papa to Finn McBride of Norwood. Beloved brother of Nick Troiano and his wife Joanne of Walpole, Linda Troiano of Weymouth; as well as the late

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Michael Troiano, Maryann Troiano and Frances Ciardi (Troiano). He was also survived by his children Melissa, William, Daniel, and Joseph Troiano and their children; as well as many nieces and nephews. He worked for the Town of Westwood for over 20 years and was involved throughout his life in the towing industry; working at Mike’s Automotive and eventually owning Bill and Mike’s Automotive in Dedham. He loved working on cars in his spare time, especially rebuilding his 1985 Chevy C-10 truck. He also

enjoyed vacationing with his family, spending time with them at home in his backyard, cooking for them on Sundays and hosting his infamous pig roasts during the summer. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of William J. Troiano may be made to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org. Holden-Dunn-Lawler. www.hdlfuneralhome.net

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Woman's Club food drive

The Norwood Woman's Club will be conducting a food drive for the Ecumenical Food Pantry. Items most needed are small jars instant decaf coffee, #6 diapers, fruit/pineapple, pears, peaches - 15 oz., marmalade, apricot jam, black tea, mayonnaise, canned lentils, minestrone soup, hash, crunchy peanut butter-small jars, raisin bran, cocoa 8-12 count/ any brand (with or without marshmallows), Ritz or saltine crackers. These items can be dropped off at Mary Jasinski's, 595 Nichols St, on February 16 and will be delivered to the Food Pantry on February 18. You need not be a member of the Norwood Woman's Club to contribute.

Footlighters open their virtual playhouse

The Walpole Footlighters, having pivoted to virtual theatre since the pandemic shutdown, will move back into the Playhouse for a streamed production of The 39 Steps: A Live Radio Play by Joe Landry. The Footlighters motto of "Quality Theater, Close to Home" has never been more

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appropriate, as audiences will be able to stream the performance from the comfort of their own living room. The 39 Steps is a radio play adaptation of the Alfred Hitchcock movie of the same name. The audience will be transported to a radio studio in 1946 to see a live broadcast of the play. Director Sheila Kelleher is working with the Footlighters for the first time on the production, but she has been involved in community theater on the south shore for 20 years and has been directing for 8 years. Despite having seen the show dozens of times in rehearsal, Ms. Kelleher says, "I never get tired of hearing the cast play this out. The quick British wit and the fun sound effects amuse me every single time. It never gets old. The actors vary their accents and add wardrobe pieces to enhance each character. The Foley artists are so interesting to watch. It's surprising sometimes to see what they use to create a sound!" The Footlighters are building a socially distanced radio studio as the set of the production. Each actor will have their own clear plastic "broadcast booth", keeping them separated from their cast mates but still able to see them. The offstage crew, including the cameramen, will be masked and socially distanced. The production plan has been approved by the Walpole Board of Health. A live performance of The 39 Steps will be recorded with assistance from Walpole Media, and will be available for streaming three weekends of February 12, 19, and 26. Tickets are \$15,

and must be purchased online at www.footlighters.com. One ticket must be purchased for each device. Once purchased, the stream will be available until 11:59 PM on the last date of the weekend purchased (February 14, 21, or 27). Note, the last weekend ends on Saturday, not Sunday, to comply with our licensing rights. This production is sponsored in part by the Walpole Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Author discusses history of America's Hurricanes

Join the Morrill Memorial Library, Progress Norwood, and TogetherYes for a very special program with author Eric Jay Dolin via Zoom on Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00 pm to learn about his book, "A Furious Sky: The Five-Hundred-Year History of America's Hurricanes." This book is a New York Times Editor's Choice for 2020, was named One of 50 Notable works of Nonfiction for 2020 by the Washington Post, and is one of Kirkus Review's top 100 non-fiction books of 2020 (also a finalist for the Kirkus Prize).

From the moment European colonists laid violent claim to this land, hurricanes have had a profound and visceral impact on American history—yet, no one has attempted to write the definitive account of America's entanglement with these meteorological behemoths. Now, bestselling historian Eric Jay Dolin presents the five-hundred-year story

of American hurricanes, from the nameless storms that threatened Columbus' New World voyages, to the devastation wrought by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and the escalation of hurricane season as a result of global warming. Weaving a story of shipwrecks and devastated cities, of heroism and folly, Dolin introduces a rich cast of characters, including Benjamin Franklin, Ernest Hemingway, Katherine Hepburn, and Steven Spielberg, and puts us in the middle of the most devastating storms of the past, none worse than the Galveston hurricane of 1900, which killed at least 6,000 people, the highest toll of any natural disaster in American history. A necessary work of environmental and cultural history, "A Furious Sky" will change the way we understand the storms on the horizon of America's future. To learn more about this book, and its author, please visit www.ericjaydolin.com.

Registration for this program is required. Please sign up by visiting our online events calendar, norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or by calling the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. Zoom access details will be sent out the day before and the day of the program.

This program is part of Norwood's Civic Hub, a year-long series of LSTA grant programs brought to you with federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. This program is also the latest in-

stallment in Progress Norwood and TogetherYes' Spring 2021 Sustainability Series.

Dog Licenses now available

The Town Clerk's Office would like to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that the 2021 Dog Licenses are now available. All dogs three months old or over must be licensed. Licenses are issued on a calendar basis, January 1st through December 31st.

Fees are \$20 for both Male and Female dogs, \$15 for Spayed Female and Neutered Male. Certificate showing the dog was spayed or neutered must be shown. Rabies Certificate must also be shown.

Due to the Town Hall being closed all dog licenses have to be registered through the mail.

Election nomination papers are now available

The Town Clerk's Office wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that nomination papers for the Annual Town Election to be held on Monday, April 5, 2021 are available in the Town Clerk's Office. Please call (781-762-1240 Ext. 6026) or e-mail: clerk@norwoodma.gov to obtain Nomination Papers.

Requirements for filing nomination papers:

Major offices need 50 signatures of qualified voters.

Anyone wishing to run for Town Meeting Member who is not a candidate for re-election needs to obtain 10 signatures of qualified voters in their district.

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