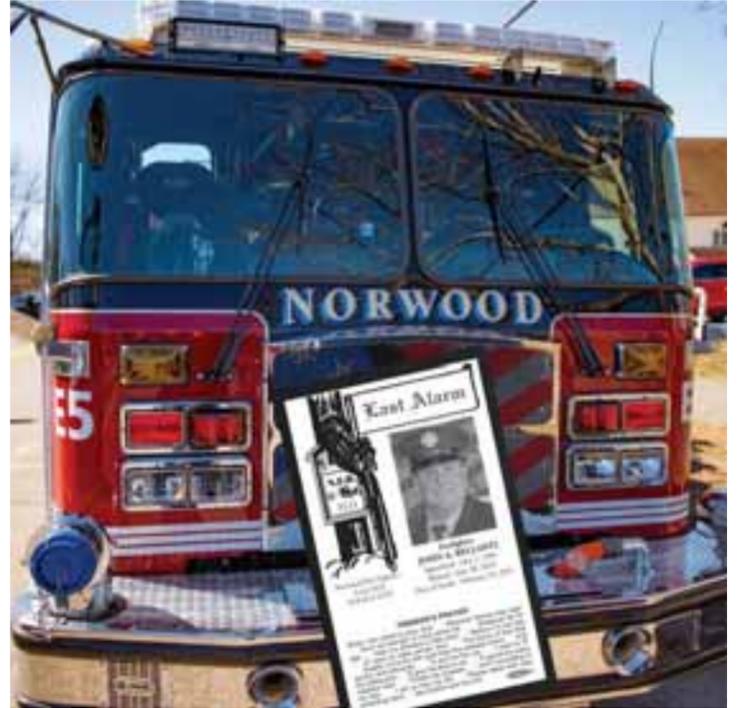




Town Meeting members may have a menu of mixed-use options at the next Town Meeting so that the Route 1 Rezoning effort will pass.

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Norwood firefighters remembered John Bellanti this week.

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## Do you want your zoning district well-done, medium or rare?

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Planning Board met on Monday, March 8 in a virtual format and discussed a possible new kind of Town Meeting zoning item that has a different flavor than how Norwood has done it in the past.

Back in February, Town Meeting struck down a proposed rezoning of the Route 1 Highway Business District. Most Town Meeting members appeared in favor of most of the provisions, but it failed 89 to 70, with a vote to refer the matter

back to the Planning Board. Town Meeting members tried to pick and choose what they didn't like about the rezoning, called Article 12 at the time. It included three districts of mixed-use zoning that would allow for denser residential buildings (exactly like what Town Meeting approved in the Mixed-Use Overlay District for the Downtown). TM wanted to remove districts from the article, but Town Planner Paul Halkiotis said they could not be readily extricated in a way that would allow a vote.

Halkiotis and the Planning Board have been deliberating on how best to reintroduce

the measure to TM, hopefully for the Spring Town Meeting in May, so that it will more than likely pass. Taking one or two of the three mixed-use districts out was tossed around, but how could they know which zones would be preferred by the 250 potential Town Meeting members?

Simple. Just do it a la carte.

"I received a public hearing notice from the Town of Westwood for some zoning bylaw and map amendments. What caught my eye was that they gave the vot-

**Zoning**

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## NFD remembers John Bellanti Department working on promoting cancer awareness

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

department.

Ronco said Bellanti was a fun guy to be around in the station.

"John was a once-in-a-lifetime personality," Ronco said with a laugh. "He was a character for sure. He loved his motorcycles, he loved traveling, but most of all he loved his family. His wife Joanne, his daughter Michelle and her husband Nick. He was just a character around the station and he did a lot of

**Bellanti**

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## School Com looking to solidify start time plans

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee (NSC) met on March 3 and started whittling down options for changing school start times.

The initiative comes as research shows that adolescent minds need different amounts of sleep at different times to function properly and be able to learn at a rate consistent with the educational system. The School Committee is scheduled to meet with the School Start Time Task Force

on March 10, after The Norwood Record's deadline.

The Committee voted on Jan. 13 unanimously to approve changes to school start times pending a community feedback survey. Chair Teresa Stewart said the surveys have recently come back.

"The Task Force met on Monday (March 1) and they did share all the information they had," she said. "We had 1,330 people across the district who took the surveys. It is about 200 fewer than who took our fall

**School Committee**

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School buses could be moving out earlier next school year.

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# Save money, save water, save the planet and stop the flooding

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

Fresh water and the monumental system that brings it to faucets across the country is an amazing feat of ingenuity and architecture. So much so that people take for granted that when the faucet is opened water will flow out.

Though many people's water bills are not staggering by any means, the United States is in tough economic straits right now. That's one of the reasons Progress Norwood has teamed with the Hyde Park-based Great American Rain Barrel Company to provide a discounted price from the company for rain barrels until April 18. The barrels are designed to collect and store rain water for outdoor use, mostly for lawn and garden needs.

Progress Norwood's Heather Murray said they started the program last year and helped to bring 60 barrels to Norwood residents.

"They take repurposed food shipping barrels and convert them into rain collection barrels," she said. "We used ours for the first time last summer. It was great; we had plenty of water for our



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Rain collection barrels like these could save water, save money and help reduce flooding.

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garden and got to water our lawn as needed. It was all done with the rain barrel. We didn't have to rely on our hose and drive up our water bill. There were a lot of benefits."

The program touts that using rain barrel water will not only conserve water resources but also save the user up to 40 percent on their water bill, obviously depending on the size and thirst of one's garden. The barrel's are du-

rable plastic at 3/16ths of an inch thick, BPD-free, food grade and ultraviolet light protected. Murray said she and her family were motivated to use the barrel out of a desire to conserve.

"We wanted to conserve water. As I started to do research I came across rain barrels as a great tool for capturing rain water for future use," she said. "They save the

**Rain Barrels**

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# Selectmen look to expand animal control

## ZBA personnel matter briefly discussed

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen met on March 9 and voted to approve a measure to enter into an agreement with the Town of Walpole to share animal control services.

At the end of the meeting, Selectmen Chair Bill Plasko addressed an issue reported in the March 4 edition of The Norwood Record regarding an alleged personnel matter. The issue included a conflict between former Town Employee Ramanda Morgan and at least one member of Town management, leading to Ms. Morgan resigning her position, which was reported on in the issue's coverage of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meeting of March 2 and commented on in the Opinion piece relative to the same meeting.

"The paper noted that it did not try to get information from the Town's Personnel Office, because rightly, they protect the information related to personnel matters," Plasko said. "The paper called on other Town officials to make statements with details relative to this matter. The paper did this after acknowledging that it is proper that such personnel matters be treated with confidentiality. Not only are such things proper, but Massachusetts law requires it."

Plasko said he did not feel it proper to ask Town officials to break the law on this matter.

"The Board of Selectmen can assure our residents that the Town's policy when it receives a complaint from an employee is to investigate the facts and act on the results," he said. "The investigations are conducted either with the Town's Human Resources Department or with the assistance of outside, independent investigators. Therefore, as stated, the Town's obligation is to protect our employees' confidentiality, and will not comment on personnel matters."

Plasko made this statement at the end of the meeting, after the Board voted to accept the resignations of former ZBA members Jack Perry and Patrick Mulvehill at the beginning of the meeting. Mulvehill stated previously that at least part of his reason for resigning had to do with the treatment of Ms. Morgan.

The Board voted during the meeting unanimously to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Walpole to share animal control services.

"We've always sort of informally shared animal control services with Walpole," Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said. "We kind of share the same problems they do, in that we have one full-time Animal Control Officer (ACO) and they have one full-time ACO and they're always sort of backing each other up."

Mazzucco said the biggest challenge in Animal Control for

both Towns is that when an ACO retires or moves to another job, it's not like the police or fire services in that there's a bench of trained officers or potential candidates straight out of the gate.

"You're often left without another individual to fill in and it puts the burden on the Town," he said. "We're fortunate that we have ACO Henry Cerquira. He's a fantastic ACO. But it's a difficult position to hire for because there's nobody to naturally take your pick from. You've sort of got a department of one everywhere you are."

Mazzucco said the agreement would make the service completely in the Town of Norwood's purview.

"It gives us a little bit of a bench; it gives Walpole a little bit of a bench and the hope is to expand the service to other towns as when you lose a good ACO it's very difficult to find another," he said. "When one is hired they come on and they don't really have anyone else to report to because there's no one else doing animal control. We would share two employees to start just to cover the highlights. Henry would be sort of the lead or the director."

Selectman Helen Abdallah-Donohue said she felt that Walpole should be contributing more than Norwood because its square mileage is about twice that of Norwood. Mazzucco pointed out however that Norwood has a much denser population and would have more calls, but Donohue countered that Walpole's calls would involve more wild animals than pet complaints.

Mazzucco said the agreement is for just over one year and would be reviewed at that time before renewal. He said the Town would save a bit of money right out of the gate and more down the road if other towns opt into this sharing of services.

Mazzucco said an ACO basically has no down time. He pointed out that Cerquira has almost never taken vacation time, as the Town can't afford to tell someone with an animal emergency that they'll have to call back at a later date. If someone does leave, that puts the town in a precarious position.

"It's a service we have to provide," he said. "It's a very sort of risky service in the sense that – well it's risky for a lot of reasons – but if Henry was to retire tomorrow, we have no one. There isn't a pool of trained ACOs out there. What happens when we go a week? Two weeks? Three weeks? If there's a dog barking it's not a big call, but a lot of people don't realize how much work an ACO does when an animal is injured. And if we have nobody to respond we have nobody to respond. God forbid there's a rabid animal out there. We can't just tell someone, 'sorry, we don't have anyone.' So we're looking

to have the service built out to the point where we know there is never going to be a reliability issue."

Mazzucco said this is just the start of the process and he thinks both towns may agree in six months to add one more person to the staff to allow for downtime or for someone leaving.

Norwood Police Department (NPD) Chief William Brooks also gave his report during the meeting and said the department assisted the Boston Police Department (BPD) a few weeks ago in the execution of a search warrant for an unlawful possession of a firearm. Brooks said he wanted to discuss this particular case because of TV shows and news reports detailing police forcefully entering a domicile, and wanted to clear up how it happens in Norwood, at least.

"I think people have an image from television as to how entry teams or SWAT teams operate, and it's actually not accurate," he said.

Brooks said they assisted the BPD in serving the search warrant by first surrounding the building and then calling the residence of the suspect. When no one answered, they used the speaker system in the SWAT vehicle to call out to people they saw peeking through the curtains.

"The subject came out and surrendered," he said. "Only then did they go in and make a sweep to make sure nobody was left inside."

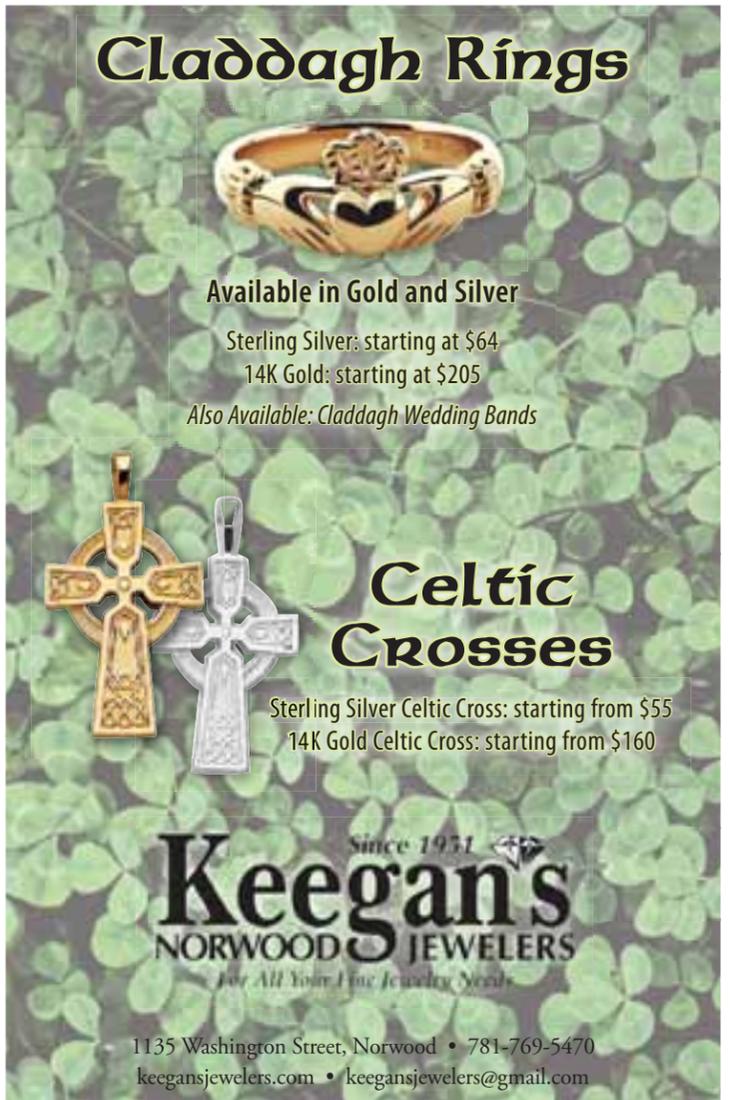
Mazzucco also said the Town could have a surplus in the Snow and Ice budget this year if the weather holds out. He said it would be the first time in a long time that happened.



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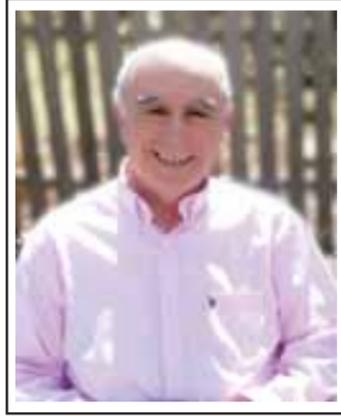
## Happy St. Patrick's Day to all Sullivan's

As spring starts to poke its head upward with the croci and tulips, many people will stream over to Castle Island for a burger or a hot dog, not averse to having the chilly winds from Boston Harbor blow away their napkins. Photographers from our two remaining Boston dailies will hightail over there, as well as television camera crews to catch us munching while standing.

As a child, my father and his family would ride the City Point MTA bus to Kelly's Landing and then picnic in the park abutting Farragut. After Kelly's Landing folded, he shifted allegiance to Sullivan's and introduced me seventy years ago to the pleasures of a snack and strolling around Fort Independence. Even though Kelly's Landing still sold basically the same items as those sold at Sullivan's, our destination was going to the pentagonal fort. My mother being a Sullivan, that last name is precious to me—actually, it was O'Sullivan but somewhere, somehow the "O" was dropped when Grandfather Tim emigrated from Tralee. Thus I'm usually partial at first to any person or establishment bearing that moniker.

Sullivan's at Castle Island is the name of the long-standing restaurant at the tip of South Boston, where Boston's diversity is most observable. You ask, why doesn't the name ever change? The restaurant is actually on state (DCR property) so why the lack of change? Don't stores have to bid to own such a concession?

An article ten years ago in Commonwealth magazine—the last time any investigative reporting was done because of the difficulty of accessing public records—detailed the history of Sullivan's. It seems that the state did not charge the owners ANY rent at all from 1951 to 1986. Then the legislature passed a bill allowing the state to lease the property for almost the next half century until 2031, with the monthly rent at the beginning a mere \$400, rising every five years by 20% but no higher



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than the increase in the Consumer Price Index. In 2011 the rent was still a mere \$671 a month, as Sullivan's was allowed to remain a monopoly: there would be no other competitors, which probably means no ice-cream and food trucks can park near there.

As improvements were made to the building and the area surrounding it—but no restrooms for the food-consuming public—the Commonwealth wanted Sullivan's to move to a new spot. The new lease forced Sullivan's to pay for the demolition of the old stand but, hear this, allowed it to deduct those costs from future rental payments. The lease program manager for the DCR at the time, upon reviewing the deal, said he was shocked that such a lease could have been crafted so favorably to Sullivan's and terribly for us taxpayers.

In 2008 Sullivan's was sold to the owner's son. I hope you didn't try to bid on it.

If in these hard financial times you are thinking to taking the fam over there on a sultry summer evening after supper for dessert, you might want to think of saving some money and buy the soft-serve ice cream cones at McDonald's currently for a mere buck as opposed to coughing up \$3.50 for the same (but admittedly somewhat larger) soft-serve cone at Sullivan's. In any event, Happy St. Patrick's Day to everyone, regardless of your last name.

Typically, February as one of the winter months does not have as great an amount of real estate activity as other months in the calendar year. However, despite the above and despite the continuing challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell reported increased numbers in many real estate categories during the month of February 2021 compared to February of 2020.

"The Norfolk County real estate market" noted Register O'Donnell, "has continued to be busy. Historically, February as one of the winter months does not see as much real estate activity. However, there were 15,549 documents recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds which is a 44% increase over last year's February document volume. There were 1,250 deeds recorded out of this document volume, representing a 16% increase over February of last year. Average sale price, again including both residential and commercial sales, increased 13% over 2020 to \$860,812.32. The real estate numbers are robust especially considering that last year's February real estate numbers were prior to the onset of COVID-19 and the COVID-19 emergency declarations."

In addition to real estate sales, the Norfolk County lending market has been busy in February. There were 4,389 mortgages recorded during the month which is a 103% increase over 2020. Total amount of money borrowed for mortgages county wide was over 1.6 billion, a 19% increase compared to February 2020. "While some of the mortgages are due to purchases and sales of real estate, there are a large number of individuals and families taking advantage of historically low interest rates by refinancing existing mortgages. Individuals have different motivations to refinance. Some refinance to reduce their monthly payments, others to take some years off their debt while still others are using the money to pay for home improvements and other capital expenditures" said Register O'Donnell.

Register O'Donnell went on to state, "There has been a strong demand for housing, single family housing in particular, coupled with a limited supply of available housing stock and historically low interest rates which could be motivating buyers to do what is necessary to secure housing. Lending activity was up. The growth in numbers seen in 2020 continues into 2021. However, there are expectations that for 2021 many of the numbers may not be as expansive as what took place in 2020. Yet February 2021 statistics exceeded February 2020 statistics."

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has been closely watch-

## Real estate is staying strong



### Register of Deeds

#### William O'Donnell

ing the foreclosure market. A moratorium on foreclosures in place during the pandemic in 2020 was lifted on October 17, 2020. This moratorium was in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. O'Donnell stated, "During February of 2021 there was only 1 foreclosure deed recorded as a result of foreclosure processes taking place in Norfolk County. Additionally, there were 6 Notices to Foreclosure Mortgages, the first step in the foreclosure process, recorded here in Norfolk County. A foreclosure recording is very impactful on those being foreclosed on. These numbers are extremely low especially when you consider in February of 2020 pre-COVID there were 51 Notices to Foreclosure Mortgages and 18 foreclosure Deeds. The foreclosure numbers in the future bear watching given the negative economic impacts of COVID-19."

"The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has also been working in close cooperation with Attorney General Maura Healey's office to ensure there are no abuses being perpetrated against homeowners while the COVID-19 state of emergency is ongoing," noted O'Donnell.

Additionally, for the past several years, the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has partnered with Quincy Community Action Programs, 617-479-8181 x376, and NeighborWorks Housing Solutions, 508-587-0950 to help anyone facing challenges paying their mortgage. Another option for homeowners is to contact the Massachusetts Attorney General's Consumer Advocacy and Response Division (CARD) at 617-727-8400. Register O'Donnell stated, "If you are having difficulty paying your monthly mortgage, please consider contacting one of these non-profit agencies for help and guidance."

Homestead recordings by owners of homes and condominiums continue to occur at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in February. There was a 17% increase in homestead recordings in February 2021 compared to February 2020. "A Homestead," noted O'Donnell, "provides limited protection against the forced

sale of an individual's primary residence to satisfy unsecured debt up to \$500,000. It is great to see folks protecting the biggest asset most of us have, our homes. I would urge anyone who has not availed themselves of this important consumer protection tool to consider doing so. Please visit the Registry website at [www.norfolkdeeds.org](http://www.norfolkdeeds.org) to get more information on homestead protection."

In conclusion, Register O'Donnell stated, "Many small businesses and specific sectors of our economy, such as restaurant and hospitality, have been negatively impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. One sector that has continued to thrive during the pandemic is the real estate market, particularly the residential market. There have been many factors that have kept the Norfolk County real estate market viable. Motivated buyers and sellers, low interest rates, and the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds remaining open for the recording of land documents. While the Registry of Deeds building in Dedham remains closed to the general public, we at the Registry remain open operationally to serve our customers, the residents of Norfolk County and real estate professionals alike. By listening to public health officials, practicing social distancing, making sure all staff are wearing masks and taking any and all other steps necessary, the Registry of Deeds has remained open for business. Land documents are being recorded electronically for many of our institutional users. We are also receiving documents via regular mail, Federal Express and from those placed in our drop-off box located just outside our main entrance at 649 High Street, Dedham, MA. As your Norfolk County Register of Deeds, I want to thank all of you for the cooperation, patience and understanding you have shown myself and the Registry staff while this pandemic has been ongoing. Be healthy. Be safe."

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# ConCom advises restraint for trail makers in Norwood

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Conservation Commission (ConCom) met on Feb. 17 and discussed a potential wetlands violation at the Meadow Street forest trail.

According to Norwood Conservation Agent Holly Jones, during a recent trail walk with the Norwood Trails Advisory Committee (NTAC) said one member discovered what they thought was a trail. Someone cut down some brush and planted flags to mark the trail on conservation land. Jones added that this land may be wetlands, precluding any use as a walking trail.

“Some of the things we thought about potentially doing included taking the flags down where that trail is until it can be determined whether it’s a wetland area or not,” Jones said.

Jones added the ConCom may want to send her to a Trails meeting to reiterate this to the membership.

NTAC Chair Joseph Greeley said during the meeting that they will be more careful in the future, and that they need to check with the Conservation Commission be-



The Norwood Conservation Commission spoke with representatives from the Trails Committee about potential trail work on conservation land.

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fore they start marking trails, just in case there’s an issue.

“We all understand proper channels and group efforts and I think we didn’t follow our own guidance when it occurred,” he said. “I’ve only actually been on the property once, and it’s a beautiful place. Some of it is ConCom land and some is Light Department-owned, and it’s hard to tell where the line is. Regardless, it’s beautiful.”

Greeley said he has talked with Jones and ConCom Chair Steve Washburn about possible joint projects in the future to use the Meadow Street property for resident pur-

poses. He also said the Trails Committee would be willing to do any work to ameliorate the situation.

Washburn said the NTAC and the ConCom should be in better communication.

“I feel that despite some very considerate effort from individuals, I think there’s been a lack of communication between the entities, and that’s something that won’t serve the community of Norwood very well,” he said. “This is something that Mr. Greeley and I have talked about a lot recently, and it’s

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the cooking for Group 1 and he was a ladder driver for quite a few years.”

Ronco said Bellanti was diagnosed with the cancer that later killed him almost as soon as he retired.

“Unfortunately, he was diagnosed with multiple myeloma about a month after he retired in July,” he said. “He really didn’t have any time to enjoy retirement.”

And this story is by no means uncommon in the firefighter community. Carcinogens fly through the air constantly during a house or office fire and even more so during an industrial fire (think cement plants or paper mills), and the International Association of Firefighters reported in 2017 that cancer is the most common killer of firefighters in the world. According to that report, 61 percent of career line-of-duty deaths between 2002 to 2017 were cancer-related. The National Institute for Occupational Health and Safety reported in 2016 that firefighters in the United States are at a 9 percent higher risk of being diagnosed with cancer than the rest of U.S. citizens. Smokers, who willingly inhale a carcinogen all day, have a 10 to 15 percent increased risk of developing lung cancer specifically.

“It’s running rampant in the fire service right now, and that was one of John’s things,” Ronco said. “I remember visiting him in the hospital and one of his big things was he wanted to bring awareness to how prevalent it is in the fire service. John wanted to bring awareness to the public because we’ve got an awful lot of members who have been diagnosed with all sorts of different types of cancers.”

One of the big issues is the washing of firefighter suits, or turnout gear. Every time a firefighter works a fire their gear is covered in those same carcinogens, and that gear has to be cleaned extensively in an industrial washing machine called an extractor. Ronco said the NFD has one, and the department also has alternate gear for firefighters to wear when their other set is being washed, but he said there is still a big problem built right into the gear itself: per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

The types of cancer associated with these PFAS have been found increasingly in the bodies of firefighters, mainly testicular cancer, prostate cancer, mesothelioma, and non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma. One recent study ([pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/acs.estlett.0c00410](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/acs.estlett.0c00410)) from the American Chemical Society suggests that’s because the PFAS are in the aqueous film-forming foams (AFFF) that firefighters often use to put out fires, that can seep through older and poorly-maintained firefighter protective clothing and possibly lead to higher rates of the aforementioned cancers.

Turnout gear works by having three layers, a thermal layer next to the skin, a moisture barrier and then an outer shell. Usually, that middle layer has water-resistant textiles made with PFAS and over time the PFAS can seep through and be absorbed by the skin. According to a 2020 Energy and Environment News article, one manufacturer has also been found to include PFAS in the thermal layer.

PFAS are known colloquially as “forever chemicals,” because they build up in your body once ingested and do not get broken down or excreted. “They’ve taken their toll on cancer rates,” Ronco said. “They’ve been in our gear for years and years and years, and right now they’re working on getting rid of those, but it’s a slow process... We’ve had multiple members with prostate cancer, we’ve had

leukemias, we’ve had others over the years and it’s pretty crazy the numbers we’re coming up with who are getting sick. And not only the members but there’s an awful lot of cancers occurring in spouses. There’s a huge number of spouses who are being diagnosed with auto-immune

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## Correction

In last week’s issue of The Norwood Record, the title of a Page 1 article ‘Eric Higgins: Behind the Mask’ was incorrect. The name of the person featured in the article is ‘Ernie Higgins’. Mr. Higgins was incorrectly identified throughout the article.

We apologize for this error.



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2019 survey.”

Stewart said the committee hopes to vote on changing the start times at the March 8 meeting after they have discussed the survey results and what school year they should implement these new start times, either fall 2021, 2022, etc.

“The majority of high school parents who answered the question of fall 2021 versus fall 2022 for implementation said fall 2021,” she said. “But the majority of elementary school parents who answered that question said fall 2022. There is a lot more data that the full task force will share next week.”

Schools Superintendent David Thomson said these schedule changes have been in the works for more than his tenure at Norwood Public Schools (NPS). He said his feelings on implementation however are complicated due to the pandemic.

“The science is the science, but as we are getting closer to September, the hope that it was going to be normal is getting a little further away at this point in time, which concerns me in the first part of that recommendation,” he said. “As things get more normal, it might give us time to make more tweaks in the schedule, what have you, but we kind of need to make a decision so people can start

making plans.”

Thomson said the School Start Task Force, of which he is a member, is there to make recommendations, and the School Committee is there to make the policy decisions for NPS.

“You can either accept the information we’re giving or reject it,” he said. “Hopefully by next week people will know which direction we’re going in.”

At the last meeting the Task Force came to in January, Oldham Middle School Principal Dr. Margo Fraczek outlined the reasoning behind the proposed start time changes. She said at several developmental stages in a young person’s life, the times when they would be getting their deepest sleep changes. For example, she said her 11-year-old wakes up later and falls asleep later. She said that 11-year-old is now waking up for school when they should be experiencing their deepest period of sleep.

The recommendations discussed at the January meeting included starting the high school at 8:10 to 8:20 a.m. and ending at 2:50 p.m. The middle school would be set at 8:40 a.m. or 8:50 a.m. and end at 3:20 p.m. High School Principal Dr. Hugh Galligan said after-school activities like arts and athletics would not be significantly af-

ected. He said arts and extra-curricular clubs would not be affected, practices would not be affected and school sporting events (games) would be shifted from a 3:30 p.m. start time to 4 p.m., which he said he felt was not a significant shift.

Cleveland Elementary School Principal Nancy Coppola pointed out that for elementary parents and students, childcare will be a must and the Extended Day Program will continue for all elementary schools as well as the Willet Early Education Center.

The School Committee is hoping to hold a vote on the issue on March 10 at its 7 p.m. meeting.

In other news, School Business Official Karin Sheridan went through the entire current school budget. For the full presentation, go to <https://bit.ly/3sWWhoI> to view the entire School Committee meeting and presentation.

For current Fiscal Year 2020-2021 grants concerning COVID-19 relief and protection, Sheridan said NPS applied for and won \$2.5 million to help reopen and properly ventilate the schools (several of the older buildings were not designed with proper ventilation in mind).

The five grants for COVID-19 relief included \$345,607 from the CARES Act Funding



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under the State’s Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Elementary and Secondary Education Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds in the first round. Those funds have already been either expended or encumbered in full, however the ESSER’s second round of funding, Sheridan said, is due for \$1.3 million and can be used in expenditures incurred over multiple years.

“We’re in the process right now of developing a plan on how we’re going to spend that grant,” Sheridan said. “And hot off the press this week we just got a State Covid Prevention Fund grant for \$167,125. We’ve already got the first installment of that grant and the second installment comes either next month or the following month.

We’re going to be using it for air quality systems and some of the other facility needs we have for reopening the schools.”

The next grants include \$781,875 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund School Reopening Grant and \$56,523 from the Remote Learning Technology Essentials Grant. Both of these have also been expended or encumbered in preparation for reopening.

In terms of total grants, Sheridan said currently they are assuming the department will get about the same as it got last year, which was \$1.7 million for subjects like English language learners, immigrant children, early childhood special education, summer/vacation learning, academic enrichment etc.

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## Deaths

### BURNS

Harold Spencer, died peacefully on March 2, 2021, at the age of 84. Born on June 6, 1936 to Joseph and Viola (Mahood) Burns, Harold was a brother to Carole Tripsha of Estero, FL, and the late Patricia Dacko, Margaret McKeon, Robert Burns, Joseph Burns. He was lovingly cared for by his niece, Patricia (Dacko) Petrucci. Harold was an uncle to several nieces and nephews, as well as a great and great-great-uncle to many more throughout the years. Beginning in 1956, Harold enjoyed an illustrious military career serving first for the United States Navy, then going on to spend nearly 20 years in the United States Air Force. During his time with the Air Force, Harold served as a Medical Service Technician in 13 states and 4 countries, including 3 tours in Vietnam. At the time of his discharge he ranked as Master Sargent. Following his service, Harold worked for the Middlesex County Sheriff's department. He spent 20 years as a sergeant in the medical department at their Cambridge jail, retiring in 2003. Private services will be held at Gillooly Funeral Home to honor Harold's memory. Gillooly Funeral Home Norwood [GilloolyFuneralHome.com](http://GilloolyFuneralHome.com)

### CAPPELLO

Bertha M. (Maxwell) of Norwood, formerly of Westwood, died at home March 2nd, 2021, surrounded by her loving family. Beloved wife of the late Nicholas J. Cappello. Loving mother of Sebby and Rick Santiano of Groton, Jacqueline and Dan Magnarelli of NC, Nicholas and Angela Cappello of VA, and the late Paul N. Cappello. Cherished grandmother of Suzanne Basile and her husband Stephen, Laura and Christina Santiano, Dan Magnarelli and his wife Christine, Cara Goodwin and her husband Bryan and John and Scott Cappello and Cece and Domenic Cappello. Great-grandmother of Rocco, Francesca and Anthony Basile, Gia and Vincenzo Magnarelli and Luca Goodwin. Sister of Maria Schorr and the late Jacqueline Maxwell. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Due to current health concerns, Funeral Services and Interment will be private for family only. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bertha's memory to Memorial Processing, c/o St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 or at [stjude.org/memorial](http://stjude.org/memorial). Holden-Dunn-Lawler [www.hdlfuneralhome.net](http://www.hdlfuneralhome.net)

### McLELLAN

Harry E., Age 93, of Franklin, formerly of Norwood, passed away on February 23. Beloved husband and partner of Sandi Brayman for more than 30 years. Devoted father of Linda Delaney of Needham, Harry McLellan of Scituate, Tom McLellan of Dallas, Steve McLellan of North Falmouth and Carrie McLellan of Middletown, RI. Loving grandfather of ten, great-grandfather of three. Brother of Dorothy Trovato of Dedham and John McLellan of Michigan. Predeceased by his siblings William Bowman, Anna Carew, Hugh McLellan, Margaret Murray and the mother of his children Shirley (Holmquist) McLellan. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Proud

WWII veteran serving in Germany in the 709th Military Police Battalion, past member of the Dedham VFW and honor guard. Owner in the 1950's of Pierce's Market in Dorchester. Harry was a great guy, truly one of a kind. He was irreverent, smart, big hearted, funny, quick, free of judgement and very much engaged in his rich life. His loss is beyond telling. A Celebration of his Life will be held at a post Covid-19 date when we can embrace one another and honor this long and wonderful life. Private Burial at Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne. Donations in his memory may be made to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 55876, Boston, MA 02205. Holden-Dunn-Lawler [www.hdlfuneralhome.net](http://www.hdlfuneralhome.net)

### NADO

FRANK A. SR. A lifelong resident of Norwood passed away on March 4, 2021 at the age of 81. Beloved husband of the late Jane M. (Cherella) Nado. Devoted father of Frank A. Nado Jr. and his wife Denise of Plainville and Sheryl A. Ward and her husband John of Bridgewater. Cherished "grand pa" of Kerry and Emily Nado. Brother of Nancy Katz of DE. Son of the late Anthony Nado and Pauline (Curso) Nado. Also survived by several loving nieces and nephews. Frank was a Norwood High School graduate class of 1957, worked at Polaroid as an engineer for over 30 years and served as a Norwood town meeting member for several years. He also was a proud US Army Veteran of the Korean War. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Burial with U.S. Army military honors will follow at Highland Cemetery Norwood MA. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to the Norwood Food Pantry, 150 Chapel St., Norwood, MA 02062.



### PARTRIDGE

Janice (MacKenney) Partridge, 84, of Norwood passed away February 28, 2021. Born March 16, 1936 to Carl and Lillian (Lettes) MacKenney. Janice is survived by her children, Richard Partridge Jr. and his spouse Christine of Dennis, MA., Terry Partridge and his spouse Houry of CA., Russell Partridge and his spouse Kathleen of Norwood, and Kenneth Partridge and his spouse Wendy of CA.; her eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Janice was predeceased by her sisters Lois Johnson and Carol Packard. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Janice's honor to the Alzheimer's Association, <https://act.alz.org/site/Donation> [GilloolyFuneralHome.com](http://GilloolyFuneralHome.com)

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something that I've had on my mind quite a bit."

Washburn said he felt that while he is in favor of the goal of the Trails member who started creating a path for the entire community to use and enjoy, it should have been done through the proper channels so as to make sure that trail didn't despoil the very environment and natural beauty it was meant to showcase.

"One of the primary reasons we're here is that there's

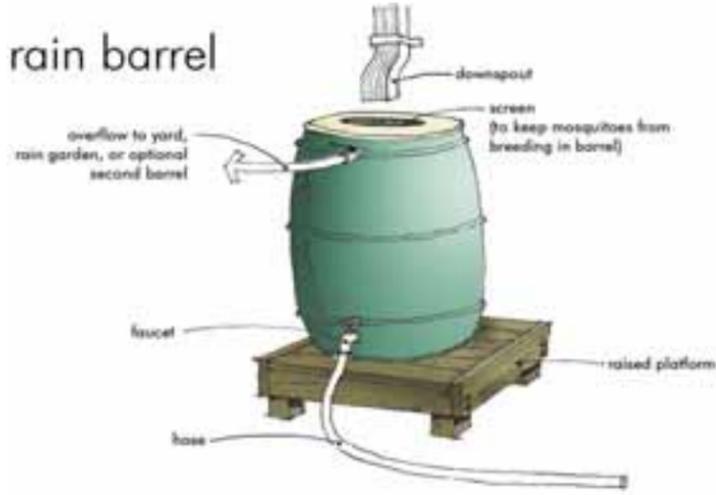
a process and protocol to establishing these accesses, and sometimes that process can be something difficult to endure, quite frankly," he said. "It can involve a feasibility study, it can involve environmental scientists, it can involve a targeted delineation of potentially sensitive resource areas, and this can be an arduous process. There are a lot of hoops to jump through, but we certainly don't want to get into the habit of asking forgiveness

instead of permission."

Washburn said he and Greeley have been working on setting up some sort of regular update between the ConCom and the NTAC, but nothing concrete has been yet established. In the meantime, Greeley and the ConCom agreed to host a joint meeting at some point in the future. Greeley also suggested a site walk with Jones to go over the Meadow Street property.

# Rain Barrels

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water down the road for drier times.”

It also frees up more water for indoor uses like drinking and washing. You might not realize it, but the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA) provides most of the water for eastern Massachusetts, including Norwood, by tapping the Quabbin Reservoir in Western Massachusetts. That water is treated, which means it goes through a lot of testing and process before it reaches your tap, which contributes to your water bill. Taking that process out of the equation for your lawn and garden – unless you have some very picky vegetables – basically provides a great benefit with little cost. At least with the bulk discount the Great American Rain Barrel Company is giving Norwood. Residents can purchase the barrels for \$69 a piece, which is almost half of what they usually go for.

The barrels also take rain water out of the municipal water runoff system, and though Murray said it’s not all that significant, during large rain events every little bit of water you don’t have to soak or shovel is a direct benefit.

“We saw last June in Norwood catastrophic flooding and it was just the sheer volume of water that was running off into the municipal system that overwhelmed it,” she said. “So the more water we can capture and retain in place where it falls, the better because we’ll be able to reduce that stress on the municipal system as well.”

Murray said this is just one part of Progress Norwood’s Covid-friendly Earth Day Celebration events, with more to come. To get your rain barrel, go to [greatamericanrainbarrel.com/community/norwood/](http://greatamericanrainbarrel.com/community/norwood/)

# Zoning

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ers a menu option to vote on an article. It read basically ‘here’s the zoning amendment,’ and it had option A option B and option C. That was a different kind of approach than I’ve ever seen used in a zoning amendment, but as I thought about it, I thought it might be an approach that we’d like to follow, so that we could have four different votes.”

Halkiotis said they could first vote to approve the creation of the Boston Providence Highway Zoning District, which at that stage does not involve any multi-family housing, and would be the standard two-thirds vote that the Town has always required with zoning (recent changes to State Law now require only a simple majority for multi-family housing amendments or parking for those amendments).

He said they could vote to adopt the district, then one mixed-use overlay district,

then the next vote would allow the next mixed use, and so on. Halkiotis added that this would allow local property owners in the district to advocate for their specific districts with potential projects on the horizon to directly advocate for them.

Halkiotis added that he spoke with Town Counsel David DeLuca, who said at this time he did not see any legal issues with it.

Planning Board Member Ernie Paciorowski said he felt this would put more specific power into the hands of Town Meeting members and allow for a more measured approach.

“It gives them the choice of what exactly they will accept,” he said. “I think it’s better than the all-or-nothing approach. We tried that at the last Town Meeting and now we’re back to the drawing board and if we go with an all-or-nothing approach again

and there’s something they don’t like it’s back to the drawing board again. I think it gives them the menu effect and I really like it.”

The only kink in this pipe to getting the two-year-long rezoning effort off the ground is that of time. Can it be done before Spring Town Meeting? Halkiotis is hoping that to be the case, as there isn’t much actual change they would have to do, just separate out what is necessary to create a menu rather than an offering.

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*Grateful thanks. —K.B.*

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**Monday, March 1**

1224 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Central St Unwanted male party outside restaurant. Party was verbally uninvited.

1235 Phone - Well Being Chk \*Report Filed Location/Address: Nichols St + Nahatan St Female reports a male exposing himself as he walks.

1602 911 - Well Being Chk \*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Dean St Report of a man either sleeping or passed out at the wheel with his hazard lights on. As a result, N669 placed one party under arrest and transported him to the station. Don and Wally's towed MA PC 7VPL70. Refer To Arrest: 21-52-AR Arrest: Dalimov, Iusup Address: 193 Kelton St Apt. #103 Allston, Ma Age: 54 Charges: License Suspended, Op Mv With Warrant Arrest Warrant Arrest

**Tuesday, March 2**

1014 Initiated - Debris On Road Services Rendered Location/Address: Nahatan St + Pleasant St N661 comes across items in roadway that have fallen off a truck, workers trying to gather up same. N661 stood by until cleaned up.

1014 Cellular - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Mountain Ave Report mother is in her car, son is on couch and maybe under influence. NFD sent. N677 reports mother given advice about how to deal with her son and NFD canceled as son is ok.

1019 Phone - Civil Dispute Civil Matter Location/Address: Negoshian Enterprises - Walpole St Report issue over a bill that caller cannot pay to get his car back. N666 reports civil matter.

1056 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Bond St Male party was dropped off at this church by ambulance. N667 spoke to all parties involved. He was sent on his way.

1229 Phone - Larceny \*Report Filed Location/Address: C&E Auto Collision - Pleasant St Past larceny of checks.

1325 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Prospect St Landlord reports tenant, who he is evicting, is using drugs. N666 reports no crime occurring at this time, N666 properly disposed of uncapped, blood infused syringe in driveway for landlord, spoke to tenant about her son.

1611 911 - Civil Dispute Spoken To Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Verbal dispute between office staff and an Amazon delivery driver. Both parties spoken to and advised.

1627 Initiated - Assist Citizen Assisted Party Location/Address: Lenox St Male party tripped and fell on grass due to previous knee injury. Declined medical, assisted to stand, continued his walk.

1905 911 - Well Being Chk \*Report Filed Location/Address: Cvs Pharmacy - Nahatan St Unattended child in MA PC 389AC9.

**Wednesday, March 3**

0325 Phone - Warrant Service \*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Norwest Dr Probation violation. N661, N663, N668 responded and return with 1 under arrest. (Doc# 2050CR001532A-E ) Refer To Arrest: 21-56-AR Arrest: Nelms, Shemar Wallace Address: 507 Norwest Dr Norwood, Ma Age: 19 Charges: Warrant Arrest

0623 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Lenox St Party called asking to speak with an officer about past larceny and sounded confused. Officers spoke with caller who located items before their arrival.

0953 Phone - Illegal Trash Disposal Services Rendered Location/Address: Hilltop Gardens Apartments - Rock St Management reports illegal dumping. Packages show a 166 Rock ST address. Unable to reach anyone at 166. Management will hold off any formal report at this time. If it continues they will contact us.

1028 Other - Warrant Service \*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Sycamore St Infor-

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mation received that a subject with a warrant is in the home. N665 places him under arrest and transports to station. Refer To Arrest: 21-57-AR Arrest: Shields, Michael C Address: 52 Sycamore St Norwood, Ma Age: 41 Charges: Warrant Arrest

1146 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Canterbury Dr Son, at Boston Medical, requests check of mother, not answering phone. N666 reports phone issue and a 2nd family member is on scene trying to resolve same.

1350 Phone - Citizens Complaint No Action Required Location/Address: Norwood Plaza - Nahatan St Customer reports a B/M, gotee, sweatshirt with word "Boston" on it, backpack, panhandling, area of Shaw's and CVS. N668 reports not going to check on him unless business complains.

1455 911 - Report Of Fire Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: Nahatan St Resident reports she left a piece of plastic on stove after lighting same, fire is out. NFD to double check same.

1506 Phone - Citizens Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: United Electronics Industries - Vanderbilt Ave Report TT unit parked on Morgan Dr. side of building for 2 days and diesel fumes go into ventilation system of company. N674 reports truck moved.

1515 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Central Chrysler Jeep & Dodge Of Norwood - Bos-Prov Hwy Report emergency button pressed, no verbal response, initially given address was 56 University Ave. 1st made a call to Central Jeep, car is there being detailed.

1533 Phone - Civil Dispute Services Rendered Location/Address: Hillcrest Rd Resident bought a lamp, sent it out to get fixed, now cannot get it

back. Officer to speak to repairman tomorrow and arrange exchange.

1559 Phone - Susp Person Spoken To Location/Address: Cross St Resident reports a party pacing outside of her house for ten minutes. Officer spoke to him, he is waiting to have his vehicle repaired nearby.

1729 Phone - Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St Caller reports a dog jumped out MA PC POPS1 which is parked and she can't seem to find the owner. Check of TLO had no working number. N663 brought the dog to the station and left a note for the owner who did show up and retrieved the dog.

2200 Phone - Susp Vehicle Spoken To Location/Address: Quincy Ave Caller reports a motorcycle in the neighborhood that stopped in front of a house for a while then that person pushed the motorcycle down the street. N667 spoke to that party he just bought the bike and is walking it home.

**Thursday, March 4**

0011 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Village Rd W Caller reports neighbors being loud. N663 spoke to that resident and they have agreed to keep it down.

0032 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Jefferson Dr Westwood P.D. transfers call from tower for Jefferson Dr. - Caller states that ex-boyfriend had returned to pick up Belongings and is concerned that he may take hers as well. Officers responded and report he had left with his belongings before their arrival. She was satisfied and everything was fine.

0952 Phone - Citizens Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St Fence damaged by the plow and fire.

1156 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Harding Rd Report text message that her house was sold. Officer reports no crime and the resident was advised.

1311 Phone - Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Crescent Ave NACO will handle a dog in the area that attacked the callers dog yesterday.

1517 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Jefferson Dr Walk-in party seeking advice on matters with her son. N666 advised and stated she would return with her son.

1639 911 - Motor Vehicle Accident \*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Verizon - Access Rd Caller reports a silver Ford Focus struck the side of the building. As a result, N664 placed one female party under arrest and transported her to the station S/M 47223 at 1657, E/M 47225 at 1701. MA PC 1JJ56 towed by Negoshian's. Refer To Arrest: 21-58-AR Arrest: Woodring, Kendrea Lee Address: 4 Olde Derby Rd Apt. #103a Norwood, Ma Age: 39 Charges: Ovi-Liquor Or .08%, 3rd Offense Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Alcohol In Mv, Possess Open Container Of

1741 911 - Unwanted Party \*Report Filed Location/Address: Residence Inn By Marriot - Norwood Pk S Employee States That Guests That Were Asked To Leave Are Now making accusations against her.

1746 911 - Assist Citizen Assisted Party Location/Address: Azalea Dr Party advised on how to obtain vaccine.

2207 Initiated - Recovered Missing Person Returned Home Location/Address: CCS National LLC- Credit Collection Services - Canton St. N666 comes across P APC LMH8054 parked on the side of the road, operator was sleeping. That party was entered as a missing person out of Reading from earlier today. Party checked OK. Reading PD notified, removed from NCIC.

**Friday, March 5**

0927 Phone - Larceny \*Report Filed Location/Address: Custom Design Cabinetry - Pleasant St Report 2 catalytic converters stolen.

1032 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy + Dean St Caller, involved in MVA today around 0700 Hrs cannot find his front plate. N661 checked area of MVA and highway up to Subaru dealership-did not see it. Don and Wally's checked the other car in case it was imbedded or placed inside same it was not. Caller notified.

1608 Phone - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Nahatan St Caller reports a male party yelling at customers. N668 spoke to that party he checks out.

1611 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Civil Matter Location/Address: Boch Chevrolet ( Dcd C Norwood - Bos-Prov Hwy Walk in reports her new car has dents and dings after being left in the care of the dealership.

2147 Phone - Neighbor Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Lincoln St Caller reports she can hear kids arguing and yelling. N667 reports its just some kids playing in the back yard.

2246 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Savin Ave Caller reports the upstairs neighbors are being loud. N662 spoke to the individuals there and they agreed to turn down the music.

2342 Phone - Neighbor Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Austin St Caller reports her neighbors are being loud out on the front porch. Upon arrival the caller called back and reports the individuals at that residence had gone back inside.

2346 Phone - Neighbor Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reports loud music and someone singing into a microphone. N663 spoke to those individuals they were not very cooperative but agreed to turn the music down.

**Saturday, March 6**

0001 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Police Logs

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## Ask The Doctor

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

### Mitsubishi – A very pleasant and surprising SUV

Mitsubishi has been around many years and a lot of the early days were not good. Today's Mitsubishi is not that of old. Mitsubishi is building good affordable vehicles including the 2020 Outlander I spent a week in. In every way both in and out the Outlander looks very upscale like a expensive import. Our test Outlander is the plug in Hybrid that also can charge while driving via a push of a button on the consol. First the Outlander looks more like again an expensive import. The outside design is very smooth and no sharp edges. The interior is very rich looking and the leather seating has a diamond stitch design. All controls are in reach and easy to use. There is ample room throughout the cabin front and rear. Entry level is low to enter as well as the tail gate height. The 8.0inch smart tough screen is clear even in bright sun light. LED lights are both in and out, 18 inch alloy wheels, tire repair kit (no spare), Apple car play, power drivers and passenger seat, heated front seats and heated leather steering wheel. Silver carbon styling throughout, steering hub controls, multi view cameras, dual zone climate control, instant on electric heat for those super cold mornings, 1500 watt dual outlets, all the driver safety features standard. There are 2 options GT premium interior package which includes leather seating diamond quilted, black panel accents and consol \$400.00. Carpeted floor mats \$148.00, cable storage bag \$70.00. Destination \$1095.00 Total MSRP \$43,205.00. Gas mileage on gas only 25 MPG, combined with electric power 74 MPG. This built in Japan warranty 10 year 100,000 miles. The Outlander needs to be driven to appreciate everything it does. Both the ride and handling and superb with power at any speed or condition. Mitsubishi vehicles are often over looked mostly because of their past. Mitsubishi has put their reputation on the line with their warranty. If you like the idea of a plug in fun to drive Hybrid SUV, the Outlander should be on your list.

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

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Savin Ave Caller reports upstairs neighbors are still being loud. 2nd call for this address. N663 spoke to party and agreed to quiet down.  
 0046 Other - Dog Bite \*Report Filed Location/Address: Mason Construction - Fieldbrook Dr Fax recieved from Newton Wellesley Hospital reporting a dog bite. N678 contacted owner and report to be filed.  
 0051 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Savin Ave 3rd noise complaint, downstairs neighbor reports upstairs still banging and being loud. N678, N663, N661 and N668 responded. N678 advised parties causing the disturbance on second floor left for the night, all is

quiet. Calling party spoken to and satisfied.  
 0101 911 - Mischief (Kids) Spoken To Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reports 7/8 young teenagers horse playing in front of her residence causing a disturbance. N663, N661 and N666 responded. N663 advised was a gathering that was dispersing and the kids causing the loud disturbance left prior to his arrival.  
 1300 Phone - Assist Fire Dept Police & Fire Notified/Respond Location/Address: Rock On Adventure/ 5th Demension Athletics - Pleasant St. Employee locked inside the bathroom . Officer reports the front door was open and NFD gained access to the bath-

room.  
 1621 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Bird Rd Advised about the Apple phone scam attempt.  
 2119 911 - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St Caller requesting a wellness check on a male party in a wheelchair, he fell out of the chair and was helped up by some bystanders, she just wants to make sure he is ok. N670 spoke to that party and he checks out fine.

**Sunday, March 7**

0211 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St + Day St Caller requesting well be-

ing check for male party on bench. N667 responding. The male party states he is fine and refused services.  
 0526 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Second St Caller reports loud music from inside a vehicle. N663 and N669 responding.  
 0945 Walk-In - Assaults \*Report Filed Location/Address: Irish Heaven Inc - Central St Party In Lobby Reports An Assault Last Night.  
 1015 Phone - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: Sabb's Market Inc. - Bos-Prov Hwy Customer reports clerk not wearing a mask and asked her to leave the store. N674 reports female left before officer's arrival and Health Dept. voice mail is full and cannot accept

messages.  
 1138 Phone - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Caller reports a verbal argument over a lost item.  
 21-4663 1214 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Second St Walk in party seeking advice on his neighbor who was yelling after a noise complaint call last night.  
 21-4679 1851 Other - Harassment \*Report Filed Location/Address: Pleasant St Party reports her ex-boyfriend has been harassing her. Refer To Incident: 21-203-OF  
 2316 911 - Assist Citizen Assisted Party Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd Caller requests assistance with child's behavioral issues. Advised on services available.

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**GARDEN CLUB TO HOST VIRTUAL PROGRAM ON TREES & SHRUBS**

The Norwood Evening Garden Club will virtually host Joann Vieira, the state-wide Director of Horticulture for The Trustees of Reservations on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The public is invited to attend for a \$5 donation. If you are interested in registering for this program, please send an email to: [manuship@NorwoodEveningGardenClub.com](mailto:manuship@NorwoodEveningGardenClub.com)

Vieira is passionate about plants - trees and shrubs in particular - and will share some of her favorites, along with tips on sourcing and growing them. Come and learn more about distinctive trees and shrubs that will add interest and sophistication to your garden year-round. And learn which ones are fragrant, which ones have interesting form or winter presence, which ones have beautiful flowers and/or foliage and which ones are well suited to New England gardens.

Vieira brings many years of experience in public horticulture, including serving as the founding Director of Horticulture for Tower Hill Botanic Garden in Boylston, MA, a position she held for nearly 30 years. She was

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instrumental in shaping the gardens, landscape and plant collections, transforming the property from a 132-acre dairy farm to a vibrant and growing 171-acre public garden hosting over 140,000 visitors each year.

A member of The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, New England Garden Clubs, and National Garden Clubs, Inc., members of the Norwood Evening Garden Club have been providing education and public beautification in Norwood and its surrounding communities since 1996. The Club, open to novice and expert gardeners, draws its members from Norwood, Walpole, Westwood, Dedham, Medfield, Randolph, and Stoughton. For information about the Norwood Evening Garden Club, visit [www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.com](http://www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.com).

**WHEN THE IRISH INVADED CANADA: IT'S NO BLARNEY**

Calling all history buffs and Irish enthusiasts! Join the Morrill Memorial Library via Zoom on Thursday, March 25 at 7:00 pm as New England author Christopher Klein tells us about a unique twist of Irish history in North America.

Just over a year after Robert E. Lee relinquished his sword, a band of Union and Confederate veterans dusted off their guns. These former foes, however, had no intention of reigniting the Civil War. Instead, they fought side by side to undertake one of

the most fantastical missions in military history: to seize the British province of Canada and hold it hostage until the independence of Ireland was secured. In this talk, learn the outlandish, little-known story of the self-proclaimed Irish Republican Army that carried out five attacks on Canada—known collectively as the Fenian Raids—between 1866 and 1871. With the tacit support of the U.S. government, this motley group—including a one-armed war hero, an English spy infiltrating rebel forces, and a radical who staged his own funeral—managed to seize a piece of America's northern neighbor, if only for a matter of days.

Registration is required for this program funded by the Friends of the Library. Please sign up by visiting the library's online events calendar at [norwoodlibrary.org/wp-admin](http://norwoodlibrary.org/wp-admin), or call the Reference desk with any questions at 781-769-0200 x2.

**ABSENTEE BALLOT ELECTION INFORMATION**

The Town Clerk's Office wishes to inform the registered voters in the Town, anyone that wishes to Vote Absentee in the upcoming Annual Town Election, Monday, April 5, 2021, MUST complete an Absentee Ballot Application before a ballot can be mailed to them.

The deadline to apply for an Absentee Ballot to be Mailed out is TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021.

An Absentee Ballot Application can be found on the Town of Norwood website or you can call the Town Clerk's Office 781-762-1240.

All Absentee Ballots are due back to the Town Clerk's Office on or before Monday, April 5, 2020 at 8:00 PM.

Absentee Ballots can be dropped off in the Drop Boxes at Town Hall or returned through the mail.

**SPECIAL REGISTRATION SESSION FOR TOWN 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 5, 2021 Annual Town Election.

An evening special registration session will be held at the Municipal Building, Room 32 on Tuesday March 16, 2021 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](http://sec.state.ma.us)

Qualifications to register to vote are that the applicants must be 18 years old on or before elec-

tion day and must either be born in the United States or be a Naturalized Citizen.

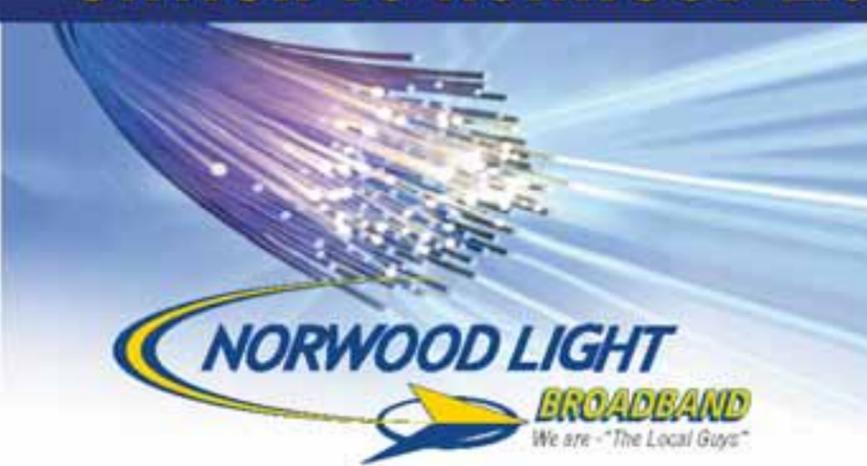
**PREPARING FOR EXTREME WEATHER IN NORWOOD**

The Morrill Memorial Library invites you to join us for a Zoom presentation on Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 PM. Learn how extreme weather events, which we can expect to continue, will affect our lives and our town. More importantly, learn what we can do to ameliorate the damage caused by flooding and drought. We can't go back; these events occur unpredictably and with more frequency. A certain amount of Climate Change has already occurred and won't be reversed in our lifetimes. While we try to make sure not to accelerate Climate Change, we must still live with the sort of weather events most likely to affect Norwood.

Patrick Hogan, Water Resource Professional at Neponset River Watershed Association, will lead this presentation. He will be joined by Kelly Snyder, Advocacy Director for Neponset River Watershed Association and by Holly Jones, Conservation Planner for the Town of Norwood. There will be a Q&A at the end of the program, and questions can be submitted in advance on the event registration page.

Please register for this program by visiting the library's website at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or by calling the library at 781-729-0200 x2. This program is part of the Spring Sustainability Series and Norwood's Civic Hub, sponsored by Progress Norwood, Together Yes, and Norwood Library.

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