



Graduation may have a different date this year.

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The Norwood Senior Center has a slew of events coming up, and wants to remind residents in need of fuel assistance to contact the office.

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State may require High School graduation date to change

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee met last week and Superintendent of Norwood Public Schools (NPS) Timothy Luff said the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has raised issues with Norwood's graduation schedule.

"DESE reached out to us today and notified us that the current school year calendar is out of compliance based on a requirement that graduation ceremonies, as well as the last

day of school for seniors, occur no more than up to 12 school days prior to the last day of school itself," he said.

Currently, the Norwood High School (NHS) Graduation Day is set for June 1 and the end of the school year is set for June 18, which marks the full 180 school-day requirement (the schools have up until June 27, historically to allow for snow days or any other school-closing emergency).

"Have we ever been in compliance?" asked School Committee Chair Anne Marie Mazzola

"Has DESE ever enforced that rule?" asked School Committee member David Hiltz.

"We have... They have," said Luff. "I reached out to several of my colleagues who were in similar circumstances in the past. Typically, this occurs with school districts that start after Labor Day, but this year, with the extended winter break, it brought us a little further out in June. But also in Norwood, the tradition has been the first Sunday in June is the day for graduation. The schedule was made with that

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Seniors to turn up the heat

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Senior Center hosts loads of different programs for seniors in Town, and as the cold weather approaches, one service becomes top of mind.

Norwood Senior Center Director Kerri McCarthy said the Norwood Senior Center Fuel Assistance Program helps out hundreds of residents each year, and it is there for any and all who need it.

And McCarthy said if her most recent bill is any indication, many will need it. "I just got my gas bill and we didn't even have our heat on a lot. I was like, 'Are you kidding me?'" she said.

McCarthy said the program, which is called Self-Help Fuel Assistance, can help seniors over 60 or anyone else under that age needing help. If you're a senior over 60, call the Senior Center's Kathleen Rooney at 781-762-1201 extension 3, and if you're under 60, call Dee Carney at the same number but extension 6. Applications will be accepted thru April 30, 2024.

McCarthy said any seniors experiencing food insecurity should call the Senior Center as well and they will help get meals out to

Senior Center

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Norwood becomes Luminous again

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation hosted its annual fundraiser and community event, Luminary Night, on Dec. 7, just as the sun set on the Town.

The Common was lit up for the season in its usual holiday lights, but around the walking areas – as well as placed in any other area that would fit them – were little white paper bags with lit tea candles inside.

The literal description may sound mundane, but when you find out that each of these bags is dedicated to someone's special memory, it becomes something else entirely. While participants can dedicate each luminary to practically anything they want, the original idea was that each luminary would represent the memory of someone who has passed on. That has expanded to everything from the goodwill towards men to the memories from high school,

Circle of Hope

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The cold didn't sway at least 100 residents from coming out for this year's Luminary Night at the Common.

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you. “Sometimes people are just in a bad situation,” she said. “We’re here to help.”

Transportation to medical appointments is another big issue facing many seniors, especially since the loss of the hospital in 2020 and, more recently, the closure of four Norwood Hospital satellite medical facilities in both Norwood and Foxborough.

“It’s beaten us up; it’s crazy,” McCarthy said. “A lot of the doctors have left Norwood, so our out-of-Town appointments are increasing every week. What also happens is if someone needs an ambulance and gets brought to Good Samaritan, or Newton or Needham, then that’s where all their followups are. We try to accommodate as many people as we can weekly, and we know the stress of not being able to get to your medical appoint-

ment or the cost of taking a cab or Uber or asking a family member to take the day off. We do the best can but we never thought the impact of not having a hospital would have trickled down the way it has.”

McCarthy said they have a grant from Beth Israel Needham and from the Massachusetts Council on Aging. “We want people to know this service is there for them to use,” she said. “We don’t want anyone to miss an appointment to a doctor’s office. Their overall health is important to us.”

She said when the Norwood Hospital finally does make its triumphant return to the Town, it will be welcome. “We are fortunate that we have the vehicles, great drivers and funds to make the program happen, but we need our hospital back for our residents,” she said, “and for surrounding towns. I’m not the only director going through this; we’re all going through this.”

For medical transportation, call 781-762-1201 extension 6.

In good news, McCarthy said more and more residents are discovering the Senior Center. “We’re having folks come in younger and younger,” she said.

McCarthy said they cur-

rently have volunteer opportunities for residents looking to fill up their hours, or for seniors or veterans looking to participate in the tax work-off program the Town provides, where seniors can work in some capacity for the Town to reduce their tax bills.

“Even when their hours have been met, they keep volunteering,” she said. “We’re never short, but we’re always looking for substitutes too.”

Also on good news front, McCarthy said on December 30 they are throwing a New Year’s Eve party. DJ Kevin Richman will provide dance numbers for participants. Tickets are \$5 and the dance starts at 12 p.m.

“We’re going to have some pizza and desserts and a fun afternoon of dancing,” she said.

On Dec. 18, the Little Mustangs PreK is coming in at 10 a.m. to perform holiday standards for the seniors. “They come in after one of our big exercise classes and in return, our seniors get all dressed up – Frosty the Snowman, the Grinch, etc. – and do a show for them,” she said. “It’s really a lot of fun.”

For more information on the Norwood Senior Center, go to <https://tinyurl.com/m55v5evx>



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Residents came to the most recent ZBA meeting to debate a proposal to turn much of this wooded area into a lot for Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

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Enterprise Lot still contentious

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) met last week and reviewed again the issue at 596 Boston Providence Hwy., just off of Pendergast Circle. The Board heard testimony from Enterprise and its development team, as well as several residents. The Board voted to continue the hearing to Jan. 7 with the intention of holding a final vote on the proposal.

The proposal has sought approval from both the ZBA and the Planning Board for some time. The short version is that Enterprise wants a parking lot at the site since Norwood's Boston Providence Highway rezoning effort took effect and proposed 140 spaces of open lot storage on the currently wooded area just south of the current Enterprise site. Many

residents at the time expressed surprise that what is essentially a bit of land next to an off-ramp was included as part of the Boston Providence Highway zoning.

The original proposal failed, though final adjudication rests with the courts. Residents also successfully campaigned at Town Meeting to have that land changed from the Boston Providence Highway zoning to single-family residential.

Enterprise Property Development and Facilities Manager Katelyn O'Neil said Enterprise needs at least 100 car sales a month to "achieve our business model." She said last year they averaged 48 car sales. "Inventory equals sales volume which is why it is necessary for this location to be viable," she said.

Enterprise stated because the vehicles they resell come from residents in trade-ins, they will not need a car carrier com-

ing to the lot. The proposal, originally seeking 140 spaces, was reduced to about 100 and then to 68. The additional spaces would be for rental cars and employee parking, as the new accessory parking – allowed by the residential zoning change – only allows for parking spaces and not open lot storage. Norwood Building Inspector Gary Pelletier explained during the meeting that open lot storage is where you store an unregistered vehicle and accessory parking has to have registered vehicles.

At issue for the Board and residents was the impact to the neighborhood and on trees and greenspace.

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Graduation *continued from page 1* in mind.”

Luff said they may be able to fiddle with the rest of the schedule to bring the dates in line, as there are no specific days for graduation or the last day of school for seniors, they just have to be within 12 days of the rest of the district. But he did say DESE is not likely to budge on that determination.

“They are very inflexible on this, and it is something that we have to fix,” Luff said.

Luff met with NHS Principal Dr. Hugh Galligan and they have been going over options. He said he doesn’t want the committee to make a decision just yet, but rather to review and figure out what the best plan would be moving forward. “The first thing we looked at was whether there any professional development (PD) days we could switch and make a student day (off),” he said. “Unfortunately, we used all our student days already, and so then we looked at vacation weeks, which are also very challenging. I will say that parents have already scheduled their vacations and teachers have already scheduled their vacations. I will say the other option is to just move the last day of school for seniors up to June 2, have graduation that Thursday or Friday evening or that Saturday, but I will also say that many parents and grandparents may have already bought tickets. So it’s a challenge either way.”

Luff said another option is to look at making Good Friday, April 18, a full- or half-day for students, and then the last day of school for all students would move to the 17th, bringing that 12-day window in line from the other end, essentially.

“I don’t want you to make a decision tonight,” he said. “I’m giving you the option for Good Friday, knowing that that is a controversial topic and I would not want that decision made before we get feedback from the community or whatever, and I would seek that over the next few weeks. It’s kind of a bad situation for everyone, for the seniors, their parents, or people who celebrate Good Friday. And for Good Friday, people have access to religious exemptions, so no one will be penalized if they didn’t come to school that day, but there are also vacation weeks people have planned as well that we’ll have to get to.”

Luff said he and Dr. Galligan will look at options, and invited any ideas from the committee.

“Can I just say this is a very Massachusetts problem by the way, because where I grew up in Pennsylvania, we (seniors) went to school as long as everybody else and we had graduation the week after everybody else got out of school,” said member Teresa Stewart. “So when I moved to Massachusetts and my kids went into the system I was like, ‘What are you talking about?’”

“And then if you’re an athlete you generally still have to come back and keep playing, especially if you get into the post-season,” said Mazzola. “So you’re not really out of the system yet.”

Luff said he will likely have a recommendation sooner rather than later. “Because people have their schedules and are planning; did they get a party site, did they get tickets to fly in, I don’t know,” he said.

Mazzola pointed out DESE administrations can change and asked if this is something that could be changing. Luff said from his discussions with other superintendents who had this issue, it has come up in previous years and is not likely to change.

“I mean it’s one day,” Mazzola said. “I would be surprised if we asked and they didn’t say, ‘Oh, it’s only a day, that’s fine, just don’t do it again.’”

“I will try,” he said.

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Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor:

You may see Open Space Residential Subdivision (OSRS) under consideration by the Norwood Planning Board in 2025. OSRS (also referred to as the Green Zoning Bylaw) is an interesting zoning classification.

OSRS bylaws allow developers to create a subdivision with smaller lot sizes through “Conservation Subdivision,” “Cluster” or “Natural Resource Protection” Zoning, so long as they place the balance of the project’s overall land into permanent land preservation.

Conservation subdivisions are a type of OSRS that could accommodate a few more housing units than a conventional subdivision, but with smaller lot sizes. Smaller lots take up less land and allow for the protection

of natural resources and open space.

Developers win if they can create a few more house lots than they would under conventional lot layouts. Communities win by having land preservation accompany development. Home buyers win by having smaller lots to maintain while enjoying more open community space; however, condensed clusters reduce privacy and are probably accompanied by association bylaws and HOA fees.

A number of southeastern MA communities have zoning bylaws that support types of OSRS development, although only a very few of them allow it by-right, the vast majority requiring a special permit.

I’ve seen this type of development in 55+ communities. Residences are clustered together on small lots with larger, landscaped open common areas, recreational fa-

cilities, function halls, etc. Usually there are homeowners’ association bylaws requiring approval for changes to the outside appearance of your residence, and a Home Owners Association fee (HOA) to pay for snow removal and maintenance of the common areas and facilities.

It will be interesting to see how Norwood plans to reshape our zoning laws to allow for OSRS development. What’s to prevent developers from gaming the system? There will be a variety of scenarios to consider. For example: developers could reduce their land cost and increase their profit by designing a subdivision that abuts an open space wetland, swamp, stream, etc. with the OSRS allowed smaller lot size, thus satisfying OSRS requirements while making windfall profits.

Steve Konetchy
District 4 TMM

Total Deed and Mortgage Recordings up in November

Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O’Donnell reported that Norfolk County recordings for the month of November 2024 indicate an increase in the total number of deeds and mortgages recorded as compared to November 2023.

The total number of deeds recorded for November 2024, which reflects both commercial and residential real estate sales and transfers, was 1,333, up 5% from November 2023 and down 7% from October 2024.

“In the past five months, recordings show a sustained increase in the overall number of deeds recorded year over year, reflecting a consistent interest in real estate in Norfolk County,” noted Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O’Donnell. “This indicates that the real estate market is performing well, particularly in certain neighborhoods and property types in Norfolk County.”

In November, lending activity also increased compared to the same month a year ago. A total of 1,372 mortgages were recorded in November 2024, up 17% from November 2023 and down 10% from the previous month.

“While average mortgage interest rates have started to creep back up from their late September low they are still below the levels seen this time last year. Despite the recent increase in interest rates, the market continues to draw in prospective homebuyers and borrowers.” Register O’Donnell added, “The trajectory of average mortgage interest rates will likely play a



Register of Deeds

William
O’Donnell

role in determining the number of individuals seeking to take out new mortgages or refinance existing mortgages.”

The Registry of Deeds recorded 8,336 documents in November 2024. This was 3% less than in November 2023 and a 13% decrease compared to October 2024. Following JPMorgan Chase’s acquisition of First Republic Bank last year, November 2023 saw an uncharacteristic number of over 350 mortgage assignments recorded, slightly skewing the percentage of the total number of documents recorded for November 2024 compared to November 2023. The adjusted number shows a 1% increase in real estate activity in November 2024 compared to this time last year.

“It is encouraging to see that mortgage and deed recordings, the bulk of the documents recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, continue to show increases year over year. It will be interesting to see if this trend continues as we move into the winter months,” stated Register O’Donnell.

The average sale price of commercial and residential properties for November 2024 rose to \$969,585, a 1% increase compared to November 2023 but a decrease of 15% from October 2024. The total dollar volume of commercial and residential sales is down, decreasing by 2% from last year and down 26% from last month.

“There is no doubt that Norfolk County is a desirable place to live and work. It is a credit to all the communities and the municipal staff and leaders who have created such a vibrant area to live and work,” stated Register O’Donnell. “However, due to the limited inventory of available property not matching that demand, I think many would agree that it is a difficult market for buyers, especially first-time home buyers.”

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has been closely monitoring the foreclosure market. In November 2024, there were 2 foreclosure deeds recorded as a result of mortgage foreclosures taking place in Norfolk County, less than the 5 recorded in November 2023. In November 2024, there were 26 notices to foreclose, the first step in the foreclosure process, less than the 27 recorded in November 2023.

“There is no question that this reduction in the number of foreclosures is good news. With that said, we cannot forget that foreclosure activity has a human face associated with it, and there are still a number of our neighbors who have lost their homes, and even more are

Registry

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ConCom approves tree cutting

Meadowbrook bats a concern

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Conservation Commission (ConCom) met last week and discussed a proposal to cut trees down at the Meadowbrook Channel Improvement Project site.

Norwood Conservation Agent Carly Rocklen said the project (<https://tinyurl.com/2p9pp9m8>) would allow for more drainage capacity during storms, and that several three-inch diameter trees are in the way of accessing that project.

“The project will help Meadow Brook tolerate higher water flows from Climate Change and receiving water flows from the Downtown,” she said. However, she needed to point out that, “Some of these trees are greater than three inches in girth and as such they could provide roosting habitat for a tricolored bat, which has a potential to be listed as endangered in January.”

Rocklen said the plan was to cut those trees at a later time, but when the bat’s expected endangered status was brought

up, the proponent for the project, the Town of Norwood, wanted to move now so that there won’t be any issues.

“They want to do this prior to the spring, before these bats come out of hibernating in caves to roost in trees,” she said.

Stantec, the consultant the Town hired to handle the project, sent Michael Chelminski who said they want to clear about 31 trees. To avoid potential impact, they want to

ConCom

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Resident and Town Meeting member Jean Ferrara-Taylor asked the Board to remember why Town Meeting made the property residential: to stop the paving of the wooded area (though making it residential is what led to this situation in the first place). ZBA Chair Michael Sheehan pointed out the ZBA would not be involved in this process if Town Meeting had kept the Boston Providence Highway zoning.

“If it had stayed as Boston Providence Highway, we would not be here,” he said. “We cannot un-ring that bell. I wish we could; I’d be at the Bruins game right now.”

Resident Gail Lidoni said the proposal has been disingenuous, as originally, the 140-space plan was pitched as necessary for the Enterprise business model. She also said property owner David Spiegel had other spaces already paved that could store those vehicles for sale.

“Mr. Spiegel also owns the Launch! parking lot, which has many more spots than 68 available at any given time,” she said, adding that at the time, Spiegel promised to look into amending the lease with Launch! to allow Enterprise to use unused spaces. “Especially since that is exactly what he promised he would do when obtaining the special permit to build the Enterprise lot in the first place.”

Lidoni also pointed out that Spiegel has properties not currently being used. “Before we destroy these woods permanently, and allow Mr. Spiegel to break his promise to the Town, I think it’s fair to explore alternatives, especially the alternatives that (Norwood Engineering Matt) Smith and Mr. Spiegel themselves told us they would pursue,” she said. “Even if there is no way to find an additional 68 spaces between both Enterprise lots and the

Launch! lot, there are plenty of already-paved lots to use.”

She pointed out that Spiegel owns 1369 and 1355 Boston Providence Hwy., the former locations of Sky Restaurant and Furlong’s Candies respectively. Sky is not operational and Furlong’s moved out of its location after more than 90 years. Lidoni implied this was due to Spiegel, on which Sheehan said that has not been established.

“It does not apply to the accessory parking and you don’t know if anyone was forced out,” Sheehan said.

“I’ll take that out,” she said. “The Sky restaurant property has been abandoned and is unused and it has been leased to car dealerships to store vehicles. Go to Sky and you will see a parking lot full of Kia’s. Instead of doing what’s best for the Town and its residents and nurturing local businesses, Spiegel did what’s best for his individual pockets, even if it hurts this Town, and he is doing that again here. At least with Furlong’s and Sky, the parking lots already existed, he didn’t have to cut down trees or ruin a neighborhood. If he truly wants those parking spaces, let him continue to use the multiple abandoned and underused properties he already owns along Route 1. While they are still eyesores, they are already parking lots. Let him use what he has already ravaged before taking more from our Town and our neighbors.”

She also pointed out that she went to the lot several times and found, at one point, 131 empty spaces, and felt Enterprise wasn’t using the spaces they had and questioned why they would need more.

Attorney representing Enterprise, Brian Almeida, said as part of the rental business spaces would be empty much of the time because those vehicles are being rented and used by customers.

Town Meeting Member and Norwood Trails Advisory Committee Chair Joseph Greeley and new resident Jim Kirker both pointed out that several old growth trees would have to be removed.

“I heard evergreen spruces would be planted, and that’s great, but are they two-footers, are they Christmas trees, or how much buffer or protection will those allow to the neighborhood?” Greeley said.

“Cutting down buffers and old trees to put down more tar makes no sense at all environmentally,” Kirker said. “Cutting down trees that are that old and replacing them with evergreens, that doesn’t work. It doesn’t work that way folks.”

Town Meeting member Frank Adams said classifying the new spaces as accessory when they are making way for car sales spaces is disingenuous at best. “I don’t know how the Board could even consider that,” he said.

Adams also pointed out that such a parking lot will not generate much tax revenue and said the Board should consider tax abatement issues, because he felt the loss of property value to the nearby neighborhood would be so severe the Town will lose taxes on the adjacent residential properties.

Town Meeting member and Community Preservation Committee member Cheryl Doyle pointed to an issue at Carnegie Row where the Planning Board had ruled current open lot storage wasn’t allowed and ordered to clear out the property. She said there are still cars being stored there.

“To this day, they snubbed their nose at the Planning Board and they’re still parking vehicles at that lot,” she said. “What makes anyone think they’re not going to snub you guys, or the Planning Board, or anybody else? Nothing has been done about it.”

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A key point to understand is that this adjustment to your military pay may – or may not – affect the amount of your Social Security benefit. Social Security determines your benefit amount based on your highest earning 35 years over your entire lifetime (adjusted for inflation). If, after you served in the military, you had at least 35 years of civilian employment where you earned more than your military pay, it is probable that your military pay is not included when calculating your Social Security benefit. If that is the case, it is likely that the "special extra credits for military service" would have no effect on your Social Security payment. If, however, your military pay (including those special extra credits) for any year is more than you earned in civilian life, then you can contact Social Security (1.800.772.1213), provide them with a copy of your DD-214, and ask that they recalculate your Social Security benefit to include the extra credits for your years of military service.

Again, thank you for your service to our country, and please do not hesitate to contact us again if you have any further questions.

FYI, you may also find the "For Veterans" section of our AMAC Foundation website an interesting read (www.amacfoundation.org)

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Ten Outstanding Norwood Youths

On November 17, 2024, the Norwood Freemasons hosted the 54th Ten Outstanding Norwood Youth Awards Ceremony. This year's theme was centered around selflessness and service to others. We had 54 nominations, 24 finalists, and 10 winners. The winners names are: Aidan Conneely, Anna Arstamyan, Anna Button, Ava O'Neil, Bridget Sople, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Harini Selvaraj, Lily Swederskas, Morgan Naumann, Tommy Nee.

November Citizens of the Month

Grade 8: Julia Naughton, Bryana Depina, Joe Larkee, Hannah Crowe

Grade 7: Kammy McDonnell, Akshaya Panamakuri, Belle Fleming

Grade 6: Sam DeOliveira, Lais De Almeida, Lily Petrillo

Congratulations to the November winners of Dr. Philip O. Coakley Middle School's Citizen of the Month. Citizens of the Month exemplify the school's mission statement and are chosen by teachers and staff.



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but if you talk to anyone at the event, the core message is always the same: solidarity.

We're all in this together.

"It's people praying for people they've lost, people praying for those facing illness, it's really just a heartwarming celebration of the season," said Circle of Hope Director Timothy McDonough. "I know this year, people have had a lot of illnesses and lost their friends and family, and this is their way of remembering them at this time of the year. It's overwhelming."

McDonough said they had a great turnout this year as well. "This year was great," he said. "The weather cooperated and we had well over 2,000 bags. People just kept coming by and several people stopped in off the street to see what was going on and then bought a bag."

McDonough said every year is special for this event, but for him, this year was somewhat personal. "This is a special year for me; I've faced some illness, and to see so many people come out here and support the cause, it's great," he said. "The Town really gives back, and that's what the Circle of Hope does. We're really one big family that celebrates the season and helps a lot of people along the way."

The Norwood Circle of Hope was founded more than 25 years ago by Lee Kennedy in memory of her daughter Michelle. Michelle battled leukemia, and during her battle her friends came to her hospital bed and supported her to the point where she wanted to start her own organization to help people facing illnesses. Michelle lost her battle, but Lee Kennedy has been keeping her spirit – the kind of spirit Michelle showed while others were going through their own chemotherapy – strong in the Town of Norwood. The Circle of Hope Foundation has raised more than \$1.7 million since its inception and donated \$1.2 million to families in Norwood going through medical emergencies.

Residents Pat Schick, Eileen Hickey and Mary Hickey said they came out to remember friends who are no longer with us. "We're here to remember our friends who have passed, and you know, this time of the year, it's always sad when you don't have them with you and this gives everyone a reminder of the good times and perks you up," said Schick.

"It's such a unique thing to Norwood," said Eileen Hickey. "It's wonderful work they do,

the Circle of Hope."

"It's community helping out," said Mary Hickey. "And Circle of Hope does amazing work."

"And Lee Kennedy has been just instrumental," said Schick.

Resident Lauri Giffon said she bought a few luminaries for the night, but this was her first time coming to such an event. "It's really impactful," she said. "This is our first time coming – I mean I've lived here my whole life and this is my first time coming. I couldn't imagine this many bags and this many people turning up. Circle of Hope is a great foundation, and it's great to be part of a community that has this. They do Dancing with the Norwood Stars, which is a huge thing, and they donate to so many people."

Resident Brianna McDonough said she was here to support her uncle, Tim McDonough. "We're here supporting family; it's a great organization," she said. "It's really nice to be out with friends and family and supporting a great cause. I think this is wonderful and I don't know any other towns that have an organization like this."

For more information on the Norwood Circle of Hope, go to <https://norwoodcoh.org/>

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move the trees before the end of March 2025, with construction to start in the summer of 2025. He pointed out that this location and these types of trees are not likely candidates for the tricolor bat's roosting preferences, but they don't want to take any chances.

The ConCom voted unanimously to approve those modifications, with the condition that there was some observation at the site to identify and ameliorate any erosion that may happen during the tree removal process.

Also at the meeting, resident Jim Kirker presented his Community Preservation Act (CPA) project to plant a 20-foot by 80 foot pollinator garden at the Endean Park near the community garden.

"I was told that the Community Garden donates all its excess food to the food pantries in Town," he said. "Having native pollinator gardens in that area, I guess I'm preaching to the choir here, but native pollinators will do a better job of pollinating those gardens, the vegetables and non-native fruits like tomatoes would be better pollinated by bumble bees and not honey bees. I could use my own garden as an example this year. Even with the horrible soil of Norwood – no offense – I did put in a tomato bed this year, but next it to it I put a 10-foot in diameter bed of wildflowers and I had an abundance of tomatoes; totally unexpected."

Kirker said originally he wanted to plant at the old capped dump near the Highland Cemetery – also referred to as Mount Norwood – but was told that area needs to be regularly mowed and would not work for the pollinator plants. He said he found out about the gardens when exploring the neighborhood.

"I think this is a great place to start something like this," he said.

Kirker said he's planning on starting a volunteer group to help take care of the pollinator gardens, citing his work with Keep Hyde Park Beautiful (<http://www.keephydeparkbeautiful.org>) as the basis for his experience in the matter.

"I do have a small group of people who said they are interested in doing this, but whether they follow through is a different thing," he said.

ConCom Chair Stephen Washburn said he was generally supportive of the measure, but said Endean is a complicated beast to say the least. "I wish we could have gotten away with this at Mt. Norwood, because Endean is one of the most complicated sites we have right now when it comes to land

management," he said. "We've had conversations for months, maybe even years at this point, about the need to reinvigorate the Master Plan for this site. It's 10-plus years old."

Washburn pointed out that with the Community Garden expanding, the creation of the Norwood Community Orchard, the installation of the greenhouse recently by Norwood High School students and plans submitted already by the Norwood Trails Advisory Committee and the Boston Food Forest volunteers (those who maintain and prune the orchard), a lot of work is already going on.

"The fear is that I think we may be stitching a quilt one tile at a time without much consideration for the blanket," he said. "I've presented a strong desire with this commission to kind of time-out at Endean and revisit our master plan, which does exist but is ancient. It doesn't include any of the amenities we've just described."

Washburn said he just wanted to mention that and discuss it, despite his excitement for the project. He also pointed out that the Butterfly Garden, opposite Ellis Pond on Endicott Street, could use some help and volunteer work.

ConCom Vice President Catherine Walsh and member Kelsey Quinlan both said there might already be a multitude of pollinators on the site, as the food forest/orchard uses a technique known as permaculture to attract pollinators and deter pests through the uses of native plants and insects, and the meadow just northeast of the orchard and community garden has loads of pollinators.

"I love this project and it's something I've been trying to do myself, so I support and if you are set on Endean, that's fine, but I think there are other places in Town where you could get more viewing and educational opportunities," Quinlan said. "And more use."

Kirker said he's open to other locations, but the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) application process for the CPA funds for the garden now list Endean as the location. Walsh, who is also on the CPC, said he could amend the application later on.

The ConCom agreed to get together a list of conservation properties that could use a pollinator garden and sort of give a tentative ConCom approval for the project. Washburn also asked that if any work needs to be done near a wetland that that be considered with each potential site location. The ConCom agreed to do some site visits with Kirker.

Also discussed at the meet-

The Norwood Record ing was a proposal to amend the Hawes Pool plan to allow for the installation of a new drywell.

Hawes Pool was shut down this past summer to allow construction to start so that the pool could be replaced, along with the splash pad and other accouterments, as they were deemed too old, at about 60 years, to continue to operate (it was also found to be leaking chlorinated water into Hawes Pond).

The problem is that one of the splash pads could have a stormwater issue, as it is not compatible with the piping proposed. It was planned to outflow to a bioswale, but Norwood Conservation Agent Carly Rocklen said the elevations don't allow it.

Horsley Witten Group Civil Engineer Joseph Henderson said there was a pipe from the splash pad that was not designed correctly during the design process. "The connection to the swale we proposed was too low, and so what we're proposing here is to connect it to a drywell within the limit of work," he said. "This is not capturing stormwater on a regular basis, it's only for the maintenance of the pool and would likely be used only once a year when they wash the pool down or when they do maintenance procedures, but otherwise the runoff will go as planned to our bio retention swale."

It would be a drywell surrounded by crushed stone and would have a capacity of 50 gallons, which Henderson said he didn't think was strictly necessary. The ConCom did not oppose the project change.



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“LONGEST NIGHT” WORSHIP SERVICE

On Sunday, December 22, at 7 pm, First Congregational Church in Norwood is hosting a “Longest Night” contemplative worship service in the sanctuary at 100 Winter Street in Norwood.

Advent and Christmas can be a difficult time for many, especially those who have lost loved ones, those who struggle with depression or anxiety, or who have experienced significant traumas. The “Longest Night” worship service is a time to pray for the healing and light of Christ to enter into the places of struggle and sorrow. We light candles, offer prayers and extend loving support to one another. We make space for tears as well as wonder. Please consider joining in this special ecumenical worship. We look forward to the participation of members from a number of Norwood churches, including Emmanuel Lutheran Church, First Parish in Westwood, Union Congregational Church in East Walpole, as well as from members of the wider community seeking the peace and light of Christ during challenging days.

First Congregational Church (United Church of Christ) is an Open & Affirming congregation welcoming all. We are located at the corner of Route 1A and Winter Street in Norwood. The regular Sunday morning worship service is at 10 AM (9:30 AM during the Summer). In light of COVID-19, worship services are conducted in person, live-streamed during the worship service, and posted to the FCC Norwood YouTube channel afterwards. Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers. Sunday School classes are held for children in grades Pre-K through 8 mid-September through mid-June. Our Pastor, Rev. Michele Bagby Allan, is glad to extend pastoral support. For more information, please visit the church web site (<https://www.fccnorwood.org>) or call the church office at (781)762-3320.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Norwood native Grace Allendorf, mezzo-soprano, will sing holiday favorites from the 1950s to today, accompanied by pianist Wayman Chin on Saturday, December 14, at 3 p.m.

Children’s Story Hour & Holiday Crafts- Young ones (with parental supervision) will enjoy holiday stories, ornament-making, and refreshments. Space is limited for this event; Please register your participation by completing the RSVP questionnaire on our website or Facebook page.

BALCH PANCAKE BREAKFAST COMING UP!

The Pancake Breakfast is a fundraising event for Balch Elementary and is open to the community as we like to think of it as a community building event. It will take place on Saturday, December 16th from 9:00am - 11:00am. With the \$5/per person admission they will receive pancakes, sausage and juice, there is also cocoa/coffee for purchase. We will have Santa and Mrs. Clause available for free photos, crafts for the kids and raffle baskets to bid on.

FRIENDS BALLROOM DANCE IN DECEMBER

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging will be sponsoring their monthly Ballroom Dance, on Friday, December 20th from 7-10p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood. Music will be provided by Dave Valerio and the cost is \$12.00 per person for your Ballroom Dancing pleasure. Coffee, tea, desserts & water are served & there are also door prizes.

We look forward to welcoming newcomers of all ages. There is a Facebook page so you can check the status of events offered by the Friends: Friends Of The Norwood Council On Aging | Facebook

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP TO MEET

The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support

Group will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 17 at The Grange, 28 Rockwood Road (Route 115) in Norfolk, MA from 7-9 pm. Mask if you will.

Mental illness is a label for a variety of diseases of the brain. Often it strikes in late adolescence, devastating the afflicted person and the family. The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group is composed of such families who find mutual support and join together to advocate for their loved ones. We welcome all families in the South Norfolk Area who are dealing with mental illness and their loved ones. For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

VFW MEAT RAFFLE IS BACK!

The Norwood V.F.W. Post 2452 on Dean Street in Norwood hosts a Meat Raffle every Saturday from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The Meat Raffle is open to the Public and everyone is welcome. The price for each Drawing is only \$2.00. Ten Drawings are conducted each Saturday. A Pre-Buy for \$20.00 is available during the week at the Post. This Pre-Buy allows for entrance in all Ten Drawings conducted on Saturday. The winners of the Pre-Buys need not be present to win. The prizes are delectable, delicious, and generous portions of meat and chicken. The Drawings also include a 50/50 Money Raffle. A separate Winner Takes All Raffle is conducted at the end for an additional \$5.00.

The Norwood VFW is located at 193 Dean Street in Norwood. The Meat Raffle will continue every Saturday thru May. The Norwood VFW is looking for new members. Veterans of the Gulf War, and personnel who have served overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan are welcome to visit the post at any time or come to one of the Monthly Meetings which are held on the Fourth Wednesday of each Month from September thru May (Except December).

Morrill Library Events

TOUR AND TEA WITH LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Library Director, Clayton Cheever, invites you to Share your Joy with us this season! On Friday, December 13 at 1:30pm join us for an exclusive tour of the library followed by an open house meet & greet with the director starting around 2:15pm.

Clayton will lead a guided tour of the library building, pointing out historic highlights and taking you behind-the-scenes to see Morrill Memorial Library staff hard at work. Space is limited for this tour so be sure to sign up to reserve your spot!

Following the tour will be an open house meet & greet with Clayton in the library’s Simoni Room. Registration is not required for the meet & greet - just drop in! Enjoy tea and snacks while sharing favorite memories of the library and telling us about your learning passions - share your joy! Clayton will talk about his time in Norwood so far as our director, and share his favorite things about libraries, music, and more.

INFO SESSION ON MASSHIRE

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with MassHire S/W office to bring an information session about MassHire to the Norwood community. The program is called MassHire: meeting your employment needs and will take place on Tuesday December 17, at 6p.m. in the Simoni Room at the library.

MassHire Metro South/West Career Centers offer a comprehensive suite of services for job seekers, employers, and veterans that are unemployed or underemployed. Through our initial Career Center Seminars, job seekers gain access to resources, guidance from case advisors, and assistance from our business services team in the MassHire network. Employers benefit from free recruitment support, job postings, and pre-screening capabilities via JobQuest, our online job search engine. Job seekers can utilize JobQuest for job matching, career counseling, and various skill-building workshops. We also encourage everyone to check our calendar regularly for upcoming events, including job fairs and workshops, designed to enhance career development and connect employers with skilled candidates. MassHire is here to support your path to employment and workforce growth. Our motto is “Helping people find jobs, and helping companies find people.” Presenter: Rick Baccari, Business Service Representative, MassHire S/W Career Center.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY FRIDAY MOVIE

The Morrill Memorial Library is offering an in-person sensory-friendly movie on the 4th Friday of the month for adults with different levels of cognitive abilities.

Join us for our Sensory-friendly Friday movie at the Library! This program will be held in-person in the Simoni Room on December 27, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our December movie in the Sensory-friendly Friday movie series is Disney’s Snow Dogs, rated PG.

The Morrill Memorial Library and Lifeworks Inc of Norwood are excited to bring this program series to the Norwood community.

Library

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Thank You Novenas

For Favors or Prayers Answered

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail!)
Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.
Grateful thanks. —K.B.

St. Jude’s Novena

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

Miracle Prayer

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

Miracle Prayer

Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, I have asked You for many favours. But I plead for this one. (mention favour). Take it, place it in your open broken Heart. And when the eternal Father sees it, covered with the mantel of his most precious Blood, He cannot refuse it. For then it is your prayer, not mine. Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in thee. Amen.
Say three times for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted. —E.H.

St. Jude’s Novena

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

NORWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

LEGAL NOTICE

The Norwood Conservation Commission will hold a **Public Hearing under M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, The Wetlands Protection Act and the Norwood Bylaw XXV**, including any amendments thereto on **Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 7:30 pm**. The meeting will be conducted in-person at the Senior Center at 275 Prospect St. and digitally using Google Meet. Public participation may be accessed through your computer, tablet or smartphone at the following link:

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The Commission will hear a Request for Determination of Applicability from Nick Kelling of Level Design Group, on behalf of Joe Drain of Compete Fitness, in regards to the proposed repair, repavement and restriping of an existing parking lot within the Riverfront Area associated with the Neponset River.

Project Location: 568, 580, 580R Pleasant St., Norwood, Assessors Map 15, Block 17, Lots 2, 3, 7 & 11.

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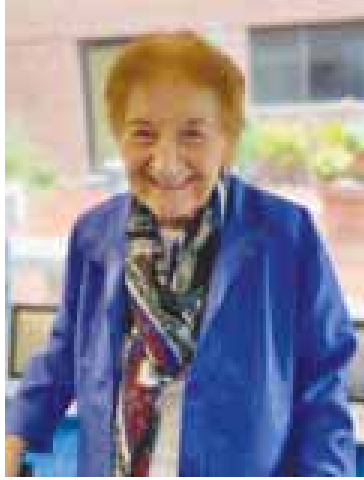
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DOLAN



Adeline "Del" (Mosca) of Norwood passed away on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at the age of 98. Born in Waltham, she was the daughter of Sabatino and Carolina Mosca. Del loved playing the piano, reading books, doing crossword puzzles, playing chess, and cards. She was a friend to all and made friends everywhere she went. Del was a wonderful confidante and people knew she would listen to their problems and keep their secrets. For many years she

worked as a Boston Public elementary school librarian where she loved her students & they loved her. She spent many happy days sailing with her husband Harry at Savin Hill Yacht Club. Every summer Del and Harry took their family on camping adventures and when they retired they took a camping road trip across the US and Canada. Del also spent many wonderful winters in Florida where she played the piano for her friends and participated in many activities. Del was a parishioner at St. Timothy's Church for many years. Del was the beloved wife of the late Harold Dolan. She is survived by her children; Harold Dolan and his wife Kathy of Marshfield, WI, Elaine Flynn and her husband Jerry of North Attleboro, Janet Hesselschwerdt and her husband Paul of Norwood, Ellen Kelly and her partner Cal Groton of Norwood, Matthew Dolan and his wife Marianne of Nashua, NH and Barbara

Deaths

Fitzgerald and her husband John of Braintree. In addition to her children, Adeline is survived by 12 loving grandchildren; Amy, Mark, Ryan, Elise, Lauren, Evan, Shelagh, Callie, Mattie, Patrick, Jack and Julia as well as "Grammy Del" to seven great-grandkids; Alexis, Natalie, David, Cameron, Chloe, Emma and Lucy. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Timothy Church, 650 Nichols Street, NORWOOD on Saturday December 14, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. Interment will be private, at a later date. Funeral Arrangements were made with the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. In lieu of flowers expressions of sympathy may be made in Del's memory to E.N.C. (Everyone Needs a Community) at 111216 Marsh Road, Marshfield, WI 54449 or to an organization or a charity of your choice.

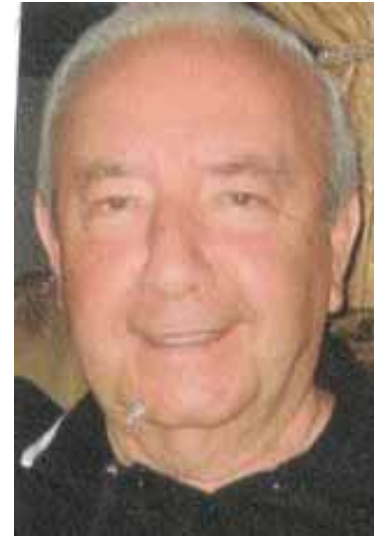
McCLANAHAN



Ronald B. of Sudbury, formerly of Norwood, passed away on Sunday, December 1, 2024 at age 63. Born in Norwood, he was the son of the late John and Irmgard (Knekties) McClanahan. He was also the step son of the late Richard Murray. Ronald attended Franklin High School. He enjoyed fishing and was a fan of professional wrestling, the Patriots, baking and cooking for friends and family. Ronald worked for many years as a handyman in home improvement and commercial facilities maintenance. Ronald was the father of Cindy McClanahan of Jamaica Plain, and Jessica and her husband Raymond MacDonald of Ayer. He was the brother of Dorothy Danforth of Sandwich, Vivian and her husband Edward Farrell of Walpole, Michael McClanahan and his wife Mary Alice of Mansfield, and is survived by many nieces and nephews. Visiting Hours will be held in the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rt. 1A)

NORWOOD on Saturday, December 14, 2024 from 3-6 PM with a Funeral Service beginning at 5:30. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Ronald's memory to Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, c/o Chief Financial Officer, 600 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02111.

NORTON



Thomas Vincent, age 91, of Norwood, MA, formerly of Yarmouth, Cape Cod, MA. He was the son of the late Lawrence H. Norton of Boston and Jane M. (Crossan) Norton, of Paisley, Scotland. He was married for 48 years to the late Helen P. (O'Neill) Norton of Cork City, Ireland. Born in Jamaica Plain, he was the eighth of eleven children, Larry, Alice, Mary, Jackie, Jane, Virginia, Bob, Loretta, and Paul. He is

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SENSORY-FRIENDLY ART CLASSES

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with Norwood-based Lifeworks Inc to bring a series of art classes called Sensory-friendly Art Classes for Adults to the library. The classes will be held weekly on Fridays starting on January 3 and continuing thru June 27 from 10:30 am to 11:45 am in the Simoni Room at the Morrill Memorial Library.

Join the art instructor Stephanie Enloe for sensory-friendly art classes for adults, a program specially designed for adults with all levels of cognitive abilities. The attendees will get a chance to create

an art piece in a sensory-friendly and inclusive environment.

The program is free and open to attendees aged 18+.

PUZZLE FACE-OFF!

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Based on random luck of the draw, teams will get to choose their puzzles. Race will kick off at 2:30pm and will end at 4pm. The team with the most completed puzzle by the end of the race will be the winner. Winners will receive a small prize, and of course, bragging rights!

This program is free and open to all, but please note that the difficulty level of the puzzle design is most suitable for tweens, teens and adults. Please let only one team member register for the whole team. You will be prompted to enter the number of participants in your team. Please do not register each member of your team separately.

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Monday, December 2

0844 Phone - PD-Larceny/ Forgery/Fraud Report Follows Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Caller reporting she has been having money removed from her account without her permission, approx. 18,000.

0858 911 - PD-Stolen Motor Vehicle Report Follows Location/Address: Village Rd E Portuguese speaking caller requesting PD to this location after stating his motorcycle was stolen overnight. Interpreter Services utilized. Report to follow and vehicle to be entered into NCIC

1001 Phone - PD-Warrant Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Norwest Dr Search warrant. BCI on scene Returning with one adult male in custody Arrest: Bissainthe, Nesly Shawn Address: 108 Norwest Dr Norwood, Ma Age: 28 Charges: Drug, Possess To Distribute Class D License Suspended, Op MV With

1150 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Spoke To Location/Address: McDonalds - Broadway Report of two parties not together that the staff would like removed from the store. One male and one female. Staff reporting that they have been there for over 4 hours and are refusing to leave. Only one party present. Female party left prior to officer arrival. Male party has left the business. Management did not want to pursue a letter of disinvite at this time.

1331 Phone - PD-Larceny/ Forgery/Fraud Spoke To Location/Address: Sunrise Assisted Living - Saunders Rd Resident in the independent living section of the building is missing around 30 pills. Staff is aware and is looking to speak to an officer regarding it. Resident has been spoken to and does not know how the pills went missing. She does not want to pursue anything. Facility just wanted it documented at this time.

1536 911 - PD-Assist Fire Department Services Rendered Location/Address: Melville Ave . Report of a house fire. On-going fire currently. Officers on scene diverting traffic -12 shift en route to assist. Shutting down traffic on Chapel & Washington. Also shutting down traffic on Winslow. Power has been shut off to the street of Melville Ave by Norwood Light. 7th Ave opened up, Red Cross assisting the family and unit staying on location to assist with FD and traffic. Unit clear FD will stay

on scene unit 0600 and Red Cross has accommodated the family.

1758 911 - PD-Motor Vehicle Collision Services Rendered Location/Address: Commuter Rail Underpass - Guild St 911-Caller heard and saw through window, that a truck hit the bridge and is stuck. The back of truck torn off and debris in the road. Unknown injuries Transit police have Guild Street blocked and unit clear.

Tuesday, December 3

0624 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Morrill Memorial Library - Walpole St Caller on the business line reporting someone sleeping near the two blue drop off bins. He is concerned because it is cold. Unit speaking with the female she is refusing to give her name and leave the location. The female checks out ok. She is waiting for the location to open.

1154 911 - PD-Mental Health Spoke With Location/Address: Day St Female party reporting that she has an appointment with Riverside later today. Also reporting that homeless people are living in the home. In-house clinician states she has an appointment later today. Incident happened in Randolph and they are looking into it. She will be speaking to her clinician later today.

1555 Phone - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Ace Coin Laundry - Washington St Report of 10 or 12 juveniles climbing on the machines and causing a disturbance in the laundromat. Juveniles left prior to officer arrival. No damage at this time but ongoing issue. Will make a post for extra checks.

2015 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: - Walpole St MA PC 5KJP54 Center auto has the vehicle unit clear Arrest: Desrosiers, Yurhi Address: 115 Winslow Ave Norwood, Ma Age: 27 Charges: License Suspended For OUI, Operation of MV With

Wednesday, December 4

0511 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: St James Ave Caller reporting that there is a Toyota Land Cruiser idling for over 2 hrs. Caller also would like to speak with an officer about parking on his street. Vehicle left prior to the officer's arrival

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0924 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Big Y Foods, Inc. - Walpole St Employee requesting a wellness check on a female party lying on the ground in front of the store with no shoes on. Female party is wrapped in a plaid blanket and wearing some sort of hat. Portable 478 off in the area. Units spoke with that party, she refused to identify herself, she spoke to units clearly, staff does not wish to have her removed at this time, clear.

1050 PD - Motor Vehicle Complaint Location/Address: Lenox St + Washington St Detail officer reports a pedestrian stated there was truck stuck under the bridge. Private tow on scene assisting that truck, units standing by. That truck caused damage to fences on 2 properties, 370 and 390 Lenox St. Truck has been removed, roadway back open, report to follow.

1052 Initiated - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Norwood High School - Nichols St Officer assisting SRO. Norwood 667 en route to the station with 1 male juvenile in custody.

1638 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Spoke To Location/Address: Big Y Foods, Inc. - Walpole St Manager called reporting a female party in a plaid blanket is asleep by the shopping carts. We were there earlier in the day and staff was okay with her being there but would not like her removed, she was uncooperative and did not identify herself earlier. Unable to obtain her information, but she has been sent on her way. Advised her that if she returned she will be arrested for trespassing.

1944 911 - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Big Y Foods, Inc. - Walpole St e911 caller requesting PD to this location after stating that her pocketbook was stolen. Caller believes two white males, one wearing a hat, one wearing a t shirt.

2200 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Spoke To Location/Address: Highview St Neighbors are causing a lot of noise. Shaking the house and jumping around. Call back from the re-

porting party reports they might be fighting and possibly intoxicated. No noise upon arrival. Spoke to both parties and they have agreed to keep the noise down for the night

Thursday, December 5

1756 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: - Nichols St Female party bit by a dog earlier today. Caller already got medical attention earlier today and was advised to make a police report. Party has been spoken to.

Friday, December 6

0600 Phone - PD-Disturbance Spoke To Location/Address: Cafe Fresh Bagel - Washington St Party does not want to leave the property. Party has moved to a public bench. Party refused to identify them self.

1150 Phone - PD-Assist Public Report Follows Location/Address: Extra Space Management, Inc. - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports his storage unit was broken into. Of assigned to Officer Fiske. Confirmed B&E but does not appear that anything was taken.

1308 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: - Nahatan St Off with MA REG: 4GTJ67.668 is requesting a second unit. Operator in custody, 662 transporting him back to the station. Registered owner has the vehicle and took possession. all units clear, OF assigned to Sgt Greene. Arrest: Lawrence, Timothy R Address: 209 East St Dedham, Ma Age: 41 Charges: License Suspended, Op Mv With (Criminal Subsq.Off.) Crosswalk Violation

2019 Phone - PD-Larceny/ Forgery/Fraud Area Search Negative Location/Address: Stop & Shop - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reporting a male party currently stealing meats out of the store, heavier set male party wearing grey hoodie, grey sweatpants and a grey hat. MA REG 9HJ247, involved vehicle. Units checking area for a party that took off on foot. Area search negative at this time, OF assigned to Ofc. George.

2033 911 - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Cedar St Caller on 911 reporting a 29 y/o m intoxicated and trying to drive a BMW. Caller is now reporting party is in the house and starting to calm down. Cleared, party is going to bed and the family has his keys.

2315 911 - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Vernon St Caller on first floor reports her landlord is in the basement slamming things around and waking up the callers kids. Units cleared, landlord let his dog out and was waiting in the basement.

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Saturday, December 7

0454 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Perks Coffee House - Washington St Caller on the business line reporting a homeless female party on the sidewalk. Cleared. Party checks okay and is fully clothed, she denied any services. Party refused to identify herself.

0758 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: McDonalds - Broadway Employee reports a homeless male sleeping in the business for the past 3 hours. This is an ongoing issue and they would like him to leave. Male party moved along without incident. McDonald's will be following up with a trespass order.

0930 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Healthcare - Washington St Reporting party states she was tackled by female parties possibly the nurses. Officer spoke to female caller and staff. There were no injuries and there was no assault. Female party has a history of mental illness. Staff will be making arrangements for her.

1804 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Oakleigh Rd Caller states there's a woman driving around in her car accusing her of taking pictures of houses stating that she will get hers. Black SUV around Yarmouth at Oakleigh. Oakleigh Rd at Yarmouth is where the calling party is waiting and she is on foot. Car was going towards Harrow Rd last seen. The involved party is now stating "I'm going to get you." N663 providing a courtesy transport for the RP. Spoke with both parties, advised of their options, clear.

2209 911 - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Wickham Way Caller on 911 reporting a man screaming upstairs Spoke with those parties, they denied any police assistance.

2240 911 - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Wickham Way Caller on 911 reporting a female party screaming for help about 30 minutes ago. No issues out of that apartment, related to the incident that just occurred.

Sunday, December 8

0116 911 - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Village Rd E 911 caller reporting someone sleeping in truck. During call male party was verbally yelling at female party in background. That party checks out fine, he was just taking a nap in his truck. Spoke with the RP. He was just concerned for that party's well being.

0909 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: - Dean St Tow requested, Center Auto en route 665 transporting (1) male Center auto has the vehicle Arrest: Lippolis, John W Address: 236 Lincoln St Blackstone, Ma Age: 65 Charges: License Suspended, Op Mv With, Subsq.Off

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dangerously close to losing their homes,” said Register O’Donnell. “I would urge anyone struggling to pay their mortgage or who knows someone who is struggling to contact one of the non-profit organizations listed on our website, www.norfolkdeeds.org.”

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“November continued to show growth and demand in the real estate market, with increases in both mortgage and deed recordings,” concluded O’Donnell. “In the coming months, the inventory of available property and mortgage interest rate levels will likely play a big role in determining the direction of the market. Buyers, especially first-time home buyers, may continue to face challenges in finding affordable properties due to the high demand and limited inventory.”

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survived by one brother, Vincent of Quincy, and his loving partner Joyce H. (Glennon) DeCosta of Norwood. He is also survived by his four children, Mary T. Carberry of Foxboro, Joyce M. Shanahan of Clearwater, FL, Gregory T. Norton of Norton, and Eileen M. Kubanyi of Centennial, CO. He also has ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Tom grew up in Roslindale and graduated from Roslindale High School – class of 1951. He attended St. Anselm College and Boston College. He was a Korean War Veteran and a 40-year career retiree of John Hancock Life Insurance Company. He was a Eucharistic Minister and volunteered at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. He also brought Eucharist to patients of Norwood Hospital for over 20 years. Tom travelled in his life through European and Asian countries. Visitation in the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (Rt.1A), NORWOOD, on Thursday, December 12, 2024 from 9:00AM-10:30AM prior to the Funeral Mass in St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 547 Washington St., Norwood, at 11:00AM. Interment at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Thomas’s name to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 547 Washington St., Norwood, MA 02062. <https://ssvpusa.org/donate/>

POWERS

Robert. G. of Franklin, formerly of Norwood and Wrentham, passed away peacefully on November 24, 2024, with his children and sister by his side. Robert courageously battled Multiple Sclerosis for many years. He is predeceased by his parents, John F. and Judith A. (McNally) Powers. Robert leaves behind his loving children, Kristina P. Michel and her husband Derek of North Attleboro, and Robert W. Powers of Attleboro, and his three cherished grandchildren, Tyler, Amber, and Lila Michel, his brother John J. Powers of Norwood, brother Michael K. Powers of Norton and his sister Susan M Moreau and her husband Bob of Franklin. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins, Godchildren, close friends and his most cherished Aunt Patsy Hart. Born in Boston on June 6, 1962, Robert was the third of four children of John and Judy Powers of Roxbury, MA. His family moved to Norwood in 1971, where he attended Norwood Public Schools and Blue Hills Regional Technical High School. A dedicated and hard worker, Robert held various jobs in the automotive and aviation industries, spending many years working at Norwood Airport. Robert was immensely proud of the adults his children had become and cherished their visits, especially spending time with his grandchildren, Tyler, Amber, and Lila. Robert, or Hobbit, to his many friends was faithful to the end. Over the years they had many adventures both good and bad and were always there for each other. One of his favorite activities was ice-fishing with his friends. He also loved to host cookouts, cook for his children and their friends, and he was a master at figuring out mechanical problems on any vehicle or piece of equipment there was. Robert will be remembered for his independence, dedication to his family, generosity, hard work and



private nature. He had a heart of gold and was loving, reliable, and always put others above himself. Robert’s character and legacy will continue to inspire those who knew him. Visiting hours will be held on Friday, December 13, 2024 from 4-8pm at the Kraw Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. Funeral from the funeral home Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 9am followed by a funeral mass 10am at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood. Burial will follow at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the National MS Society PO Box #91891 Washington, D.C. 20090 -1891 www.nationalmssociety.org

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Gerard H. “Gerry”, Sr., 72, of Norwood, formerly of Readville, passed away with his children by his side on Thursday, December 5, 2024. Born in Boston, Gerry was the son of the late Francis T. “Frank” Roth and Mary (Hallisey). Raised in Hyde Park, he was a 1969 graduate of Boston Technical High School and later earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Electrical Engineering from Wentworth Institute of Technology. For many years, Gerry worked as an engineer in high-tech manufacturing, known for his skill and dedication to his profession. Outside of his career, he had a deep passion for golf and was a longtime member of Ponkapoag Golf Course, where he made lifelong friends. Gerry was also a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus in Readville, where he enjoyed the camaraderie of his friends, particularly on Thursday nights. Above all, Gerry was extremely proud of his five children, but his greatest joy came from his 14 grandchildren. He was the devoted father of Gerard H. Roth Jr. and his wife Supriya of Walpole, Christopher R. Roth and his wife Erin of Roslindale, Michael F. Roth and his wife Katelyn of East Walpole, Andrew J. Roth and his wife Kathryn of East Falmouth, and Laura J. Lopes and her husband Manny of Norwood. Known affectionately as “Papa G,” Gerry’s love for his grandchildren—Hunter, Logan, Henry, Evie, James, Owen, Kevin, Brianna, Ben, Maddie, Callie, Trip, Emmie, and Leo—was immeasurable, and he took immense pride in being their loving grandfather. Gerry was also the cherished brother of Francis T. Roth Jr. and his wife Ann, Jackie Moran, Mary “Merrie” McTernan, Kathy Baker, Christopher Roth and his wife Teresa, Judy Skeffington, and Debbie Bower and her husband Ronnie. He was predeceased by his brothers-in-law Frank McTernan and Tom Baker. Gerry is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Visiting Hours were held in the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood on Tuesday and Wednesday. A Celebration of Life was held at the Norwood Elks. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Gerry’s memory to the Readville Knights of Columbus, PO BOX 3, Readville, MA 02137.

