



About 60 residents came out for the Norwood Fire Department's showing of 'Burned: Protecting the Protectors,' on Wednesday.

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Fire documentary leaves a mark

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood High School Auditorium was so silent after the showing of 'Burned: Protecting the Protectors' on Wednesday, Oct. 4, that not only could you have heard a pin drop, you could actually hear the pants of Firefighter Dennis Mawn swishing as he walked to the podium to begin the speaking part of the program after the showing.

The film tells the story of Worcester Firefighter Paul Cotter and his wife Diane Cotter. Diane Cotter started looking into the possibility of Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) being the cause of her husband's cancer diagnosis in

2014 and ended up digging her way down into a rabbit hole.

Now both the Cotters and the speakers at the event know that firefighters face a higher-than-average rate of cancer. It's understandable, since firefighters are exposed to burning chemicals on a regular basis and, even if there's no fire to fight, they are constantly around diesel fuel, which the Environmental Protection Agency has classified as "likely to be carcinogenic to humans."

PFAS are classified the same way. But, according to Cotter and the documentary, the turnout gear firefighters use on every fire call has far more PFAS than they feel is acceptable. According to her research and the work of Notre Dame

Physics Professor Graham Peaslee, she tested turnout gear she sent him – a brand new coat bought from a new firefighter – tested at about 14,000 times the minimal risk level (MRL). The documentary claimed the company producing the gear had stated there were "residual amounts" of PFAS on the gear from manufacturing processes.

Fall River firefighter and Vice President of the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts (PFFM) Jason Burns said he was particularly shocked when he first saw the film.

"I put my kids in my gear, like every other corny firefighter, and took a picture

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The Norwood Ad Hoc Stormwater Committee discussed how to sell the Town on the Hennessey Field Drainage Basin project.

COURTESY PHOTO

Stormwater discusses fees, TM and flooding

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Ad Hoc Stormwater Committee met last week and discussed the upcoming pitch to Town Meeting in the spring concerning the stormwater utility fee.

The fee, as it is currently construed (though is subject to change) would charge property owners based on the square footage of impervious surfaces of their properties. These fees would go into an enterprise fund that could only be used for stormwater infrastructure, and presumably fund the 10-plus years of stormwater improvements currently on the docket for Meadowbrook and its environs.

The committee debated on whether or not it would be prudent to bring the issue before the March Town Meeting or May Town Meeting in 2024. The committee agreed that whichever way it goes, they need to have as much outreach to residents as possible.

The Committee agreed that several meetings will be needed to pitch both the stormwater fee and the projects the fee will be looking to fund. Much of the first designated project's design and possibly at least part of its construction – the Hennessey Field drainage basin and passive recreation site – is being funded by

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ConCom: no yard waste near wetlands

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Conservation Commission (ConCom) met on Oct. 4 in a hybrid format and discussed several issues, including a wetland violation at Ellis Pond.

The violation took place on the western portion of the pond in between two private properties, where a person or persons unknown have been dumping yard waste.

While not the most exciting or damaging incident in and of itself at the pond,

ConCom members were concerned that the dumping was taking place. Basically, yard waste is a pollutant like any other and, while natural in origin, can have adverse effects on the water body over time by adding nutrients to the water that would not otherwise be there.

So ConCom members first discussed how they would figure out where the yard waste was coming from and issue a violation to the relevant parties, and member John Gear said

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The ConCom also discussed problems at Guild Pond, situated between Willett Pond and Ellis Pond.

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Mustang Sally was a big attraction at the Norwood Public Safety Open House on Saturday.

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Hundreds show up for Public Safety Open House

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Public Safety Building – housing the Norwood Fire Department (NFD) and Norwood Police Department (NPD) was awash with young faces on Saturday peering and poking into every big vehicle and machine they could get their hands on.

The Norwood Fire and Police Open House is a tradition that stretches back about a decade, first starting with the NFD and then with the NPD. Visitors were treated to demonstrations of equipment, tours of the facility and a performance from NPD's Therapy Dog Officer Mustang Sally.

Participants also got a chance to use the fire hose to take down simulated fire in a wooden panel building, as well as a chance to climb over all the different types of vehicles the two departments had to offer.

NPD Chief William Brooks said the NPD joined the event a few years ago, as it was originally the kick off for Fire Preven-



Residents also got to try their hands at a fire hose during the event.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

tion Week for the NFD.

“But it’s also the weekend of Faith in Blue, which is faith communities and police departments getting together,” he said. “So a number of years ago we kind of glommed on if you will and opened the building for the police and fire departments together. It’s nice; the kids can sit in police cars and go see the cells and go to the firing range and speak with a fire-arms training instructor. It’s a lot of fun.”

Brooks said Faith in Blue is two years old and the department will be working with the Norwood First Congregational Church and Pastor. Rev. Michele Bagby Allan.

“The idea was to bring communities and police closer together, often through clergy,” he said. “We’d like to do another event later and sit down with the congregation and talk about issues they’re concerned about.”

Brooks added that they get a lot of repeat customers.

“Some people come back every year,” he said. “They just want to say high and drop in. They’ve already kind of seen everything. While others are seeing all of this for the first time.”

Brooks said both he and at least most of the department have a good time during the open house.

“I’m having a blast, I love this stuff,” he said. “We’re giving out a lot of baseball cards; Sally is the main attraction though, of course.”

NFD Chief Tim Bailey said this was his first open house in the department and is a great time.

“You know, my staff organized the whole thing and put it all together, they have a blueprint they use every year and we just read off of that and it all comes together,” he said. “It’s fantastic and it’s a great turnout. The weather is definitely helping.”

Needham resident Nick Guidice said he and his family come out to a lot of these kinds of events all over the area, but he added Norwood is somewhat unique.

“My kid loves police cars and fire trucks,” he said. “We’ve been to Dover, Needham, Norwood, Westwood, all over. Dover’s was just two weeks ago. But here is very nice, the hose and the make-believe fires are pretty cool. That’s really unique, I’ve never seen that before.”

Town Meeting member and Capital Outlay Committee Vice Chair Kevin Pentowski said he came out to get a look at the building.

“I try to come every year to make sure I see what equipment the chiefs actually need, have a discussion, and they can show me the floor,” he said, alluding to a capital request that the garage floor in the building for the NFD be looked at for potential structural issues. “That was, unfortunately, one of the projects we had

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Selectmen approve TM articles and Capital improvements

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen met in a hybrid format on Tuesday and voted unanimously to approve both the proposed Town Meeting Warrant Articles and the Capital Improvement items.

The upcoming Town Meeting is scheduled for November and will include 21 articles for Town Meeting members to vote on.

The biggest items on the docket are included in Article 8 of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which encompasses large one-time expenditures. The biggest of these is a \$14 million water tank replacement up by the Norwood High School and the Highland Cemetery. Town Manager Tony Mazzucco and Department of Public Works Director Mark Ryan said the tanks are at the end of their useful lives. Selectman Michael Saad asked if they looked at rehabilitating the tanks, and Ryan said they had.

Ryan said it would cost about \$5 million to repair the tanks making them good for another 10 years, a bit of a band aid approach. Selectman Bill Plasko said the project is so large that there should have been more discussion with the Board before this point, though he did add that Ryan answered all of his questions.

"We were given books with all kinds of information from the study that led to this, but we haven't talked about it until tonight," he said. "Tonight we're voting to go forward to Town Meeting and everything, but this should have been on an earlier agenda and discussed."

Plasko did support the measure.

Another big ticket item is the replacement of the traffic signals on Washington and Nahatan streets for \$5 million. Mazzucco said the Town would be borrowing that money over 30 years to replace a light system that has run for 40 years, and is currently in disarray. He said the system is run on timers and has a very basic program. He said the program can easily be disrupted and cause problems with traffic any time there's an electrical fault from a power outage or other issue and throws a whole street into confusion, requiring the hiring of a specialist to come in and reset the timer program.

Mazzucco said a modern system will give the Town a lot more control and rapid programmability that would allow light cycles to

change based on the time of day or a special event or for times of high use.

\$5.7 million for the new Hawes Pool was another big expense. The pool has been leaking and is in need of replacement. Also in the plan this year is \$4.5 million for the annual water improvement program for relining and cleaning of water main lines and sewer lines that the Town has been doing every year, as well as \$2.8 million for the road repaving project the Town has been doing. Ryan said they are about halfway done with the repaving effort, and should be completed, hopefully, by 2029.

Other notable projects include \$712,000 for repairs to the bridge on Washington Street by Hawes Pool, \$165,000 for repairs to the Ellis Pond Dam, \$331,000 for a new street sweeper, \$175k for a new water utility truck, \$100,000 for laser-assisted aim firearms for the police, \$514,000 for repaving of the Savage Center Parking lot, \$38,000 for paving safety areas at the Norwood Airport and \$140,000 for Phase One of replacing the fence around the airport (with another \$140,000 for next year's phase 2).

Regarding Town Meeting Warrant Articles, one of the bigger issues will be the tax increment financing for FM Global, which encompasses Articles 5 and 6. Another interesting tidbit, perhaps for utility and construction companies, is that in Article 4 the Town is asking TM to approve allowing the Town to charge interest on overdue bills for police and fire details. Mazzucco said this is because Norwood has to pay firefighters and police officers within a certain timeframe, regardless of whether or not the company that hired them for the detail paid or not.

Speaking of first responders, Article 9 is a request for funding for a new public safety staffing study, which Mazzucco said will bring in a third party consultant to gauge the police and fire level of service based on the Town's population and needs. He said it's been about 10 years since they did the last one and that one was only for fire, not police.

Article 3 is looking to change the Town Bylaw for the Permanent Building Construction Committee, basically to dissolve it and set up formations of building committees for specific projects on an as-needed basis. Mazzucco said this will likely be rare, as the Town-wide Facilities Department will be looking after most projects.

Article 13 will, if approved, set up a pilot curbside compost program for 500 residents to see if there is interest in a Town-wide program. Mazzucco said this will be very helpful for reducing Norwood's output in the waste stream.

"The trash cost increases are going to continue to seriously im-

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Old sneakers, worn jeans and untucked chamois shirt; I stop for coffee, then head out to meander back roads of old New England. The foliage is extravagant, spectacular this year, as though all the staid personalities of the forest had let down their guard, like quiet and reserved old men gathering one last time and revealing their most youthful, colorful secrets.

I'm out to revisit as well as visit. I play music recalling ancient harvests roaming rural roads to Amherst, so that the experience is not just seeing and hearing, but remembering a collage of matted sight and sound. These lanes are lined with stone walls bordering old fields, the season advanced so that despite an absence of wind, leaves drift through the air. Solid white farmhouses and barns; old New England which is now wealthy New England. I sense an ageless unveiling mystery, like an old man lying on his death bed considering the value of his life, where for so many years he only supported his branches, hardened his bark. Rueful realization that for so long he could not see the forest for the trees. Now the forest demands attention; he understands there is more to life than bark and branch, more than the green color that mesmerized for so long.

It is a hallowed season, one that has invigorated imagination always. A montage of color reflecting an array of thought and emotion. A sight requiring the best words for its hues; they are not red but ver-



Don Reddick

million, not yellow but amber; the colors are not orange but titian. It is the season with more than one name; it is autumn.

The best roads are those unkempt, overhung with branches, thin bordered so that you can see into the forest, allowing a sense of the beauty's depth. The best roads reveal not a facade, but something thorough, deep, and true. A forest roseate with embarrassment that its innermost weakness is unveiling; a forest gold with fear of winter's approach, all unraveling a course well known, though technically less familiar. It is simply a time-honored change of life, the boscage a revelation of carotenoids and anthocyanins.

It is important to visit someone at their best, but important also to visit at their worst. I've gone to the cemetery in cold rain, because I knew no one else would be there. Inconvenient, uncomfortable, shivering wet and

chatting, attempting to assure her that I travel this road in all seasons, not just the pretty one. Time standing alone, chill breeze through eerie avenues a sole, impatient companion. As I drive through the woods today, I think of visiting my mother on her rainy, vacant hillside. In the blink of an eye, it's been thirty years; I'm afraid to blink again.

The best roads are narrow and slow, crossing the Charles River back in the woods, former cart paths where upon reaching a hill's summit, it appears as though you're in treetops, the very apex of glorious ruin. The best roads are those that wind through fields and hills, each new turn revealing an unexpected delight, a variation of the now familiar theme.

I will return when it's over, during the greys and whites of winter, that silent, solemn time when words end and books close. That time when, like a newborn fawn rising on shaky legs, we experience the awkwardness of saying goodbye. But now is the time of year when two entirely distinct life forms collaborate on one subtle message. Despite its prevalence in our literature, it is too valuable to dismiss as sentimental, or trite. The metaphor is eternally ingrained in New England's consciousness. It is fall, and they are called leaves. To be with me today, to see my thoughts as well as hear them, I say this. The countryside is a land of rainbows, and a hundred thousand tears.

Letters to the Editor

THANK YOU FROM COAKLEY FAMILY

To the Editor:

On behalf of the extended family of Dr. Philip Oldham Coakley, I want to express a sincere and heartfelt appreciation to the Norwood Public School Committee and to all those who spoke on behalf of Dr. Philip O. Coakley at school committee meetings and at the public forum.

I also want to thank all of the Norwood residents that signed the petition in favor of keeping the Middle School name as it is and maintaining the recognition and legacy of Dr. Philip O. Coakley.

Helen Coakley Reagan
Norwood

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monies from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grants. Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said the design funding doesn't need Town Meeting approval and added that a vote on construction could come as early as November of next year.

Committee members were presumably reacting to comments made by several residents at a previous outreach meeting for the Hennessey project where the Town and its consultant Stantec laid out a tentative plan for the drainage basin and asked residents for their input on what they'd like to see around the proposed basin (which took up about one-third to one-half of the Hennessey Field site). Several residents angrily voiced their opinions that they wanted the forested area of Hennessey to stay intact.

Town Manager Tony Mazzucco laid out a tentative – very tentative – outline for how they could get more outreach going on the stormwater fee in general, and that specific project in particular. He said a community meeting should be planned for early December with another meeting focused on the residents of the Hennessey Field area in January.

“Just update them on tentative timelines and have (Department of Public Works Director) Mark Ryan there. Just explain to them that ‘This is where we are in the design process and where we expect it to be,’” he said. “I do want to work on this for a bit but it doesn't mean it can't change tomorrow if we come up with something different.”

Selectman and committee member Bob Donnelly said he believes that outreach and getting input on the design is integral to the whole process and should be a focus.

“Stantec has some really good references with neighbors from that (first) meeting that community outreach is part of the design process and it would be much better to go in with information on the design side as opposed to repeating the meeting we already did,” he said.

Member Alan Slater considered a different tack with outreach by pointing out that when

people think of the 2020 flooding, they think of the Norwood Hospital, flooded public roads, the inundation of Nahatan Street, the temporary swimming pool that formed in the Heritage Baptist Church on Washington Street, and other striking images, but they rarely think of the flooding that took place in small residential homes. He said it might be a good idea to remind residents of that.

Donnelly said he had a thought on that.

“I know it requires permission from folks, but can we reach out to the 150 homes and see if there are people willing to be interviewed, talking about their experiences?” he asked. “Or even at the very minimum – I know I was one of the people who went into their homes to take pictures of the damage – are there some who might say, ‘Sure, you're welcome to, in any presentations that you do, to use this photo of my basement that was taken in June of 2020 to show the kind of damage that was done by the flooding.’”

Assistant Town Planner Holly Jones said she felt that would be a great idea but asked that it be done as soon as possible so it could piggyback on a program she's running in the Norwood Morrill Memorial Library called ‘Stories of Storms’ at the end of October.

“It would be great to have some of those folks speak at that, sort of like a stories slam coffeehouse-style event,” she said.

Donnelly said he would draft a letter to those 150 homes known to have flooded and to put the pitch in for her program.

Slater agreed.

“I really think this is critical,” he said. “I don't think as many people as you would think are aware of some of the problems individual homeowners have had here in Norwood. They don't realize so many people were impacted by the floods. That to me is an absolutely a critical part of the whole project.”

For more information on the Stormwater Committee and to see any notices about future meetings, go to <https://tinyurl.com/4d4hhsfm>

A container industry vendetta

Here in the Boston area one doesn't need 20-20 eyesight to see all the plastic water bottles that, if not littering roadsides, are found in public trash cans. This, of course, is the result of the container industry, which in years past lobbied to prevent any nickel deposit being levied against their containers.

Interestingly enough, Governor Healey has recently opposed these single-use plastic water bottles based on the plastic content: she has prohibited state agencies from purchasing them, usually about 100,000, a tiny fraction of the several billion sold nationally.

Perhaps in a lobby-free state the current deposit on plastic water bottles and other products contained in plastic containers, such as Gatorade, might be at least 20 cents to encourage recycling, minimize litter, and diminish the size of landfills. Ideally, the same 20 cents would apply to tonic/seltzer cans and bottles as well as to wine



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bottles.

With all this in consideration I yearly take it upon myself to not succumb to the temptation to forego any type of recycling at a Cape Cod rental in an Outer Cape town that has no recycling, such as we have here. The renter wants ALL trash—swill, paper, plastic, glass, metal, etc.—put in

the trash bins, which are then picked up by a company and deposited in a landfill after being trucked off-Cape presumably.

But the contrarian that I am, I refuse to put deposit cans and bottles in the aforementioned trash: I insist that my family lets me recycle them for the total of \$5 or \$6 that they garner. It's not the cash so much as it is the fact that the can/bottle companies cannot put the unreturned — and hence undeposited — containers in their profit column.

Harboring such a vendetta against these anti-recycling corporations, I laud the aged Cape retirees who redeem hundreds of containers after scouring the restaurants and bars to ask for their bottles as well as “pilfering” the recycle bins at the beaches, the contents of which are also destined for landfills.

Ahhh—the joy of “vendetta-ing.”



More than a thousand residents are expected for this year's Craft Affair this weekend.

FILE PHOTO

Craft Affair this weekend

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Craft Affair will be welcoming dozens of vendors back to the Norwood High School (NHS) Auditorium this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Organizer Michele Hsu said this will be the 29th iteration of the event.

“Well, we took a break one year due to COVID-19, so technically it started 30 years ago,” she said. “It is a great time; at least this is what I hear constantly from many, many attendees and crafters. We always have a very good rate of return for crafters and shoppers alike.”

After that amount of time, word has certainly gotten around. Hsu said they have 90 tables reserved by vendors this year, and a bunch more on the waitlist. Actually, the waitlist is longer than the number of tables they have.

“However, I don’t want to discourage crafters from getting on our waitlist,” she said. “We often do have cancellations, but as we are a juried fair, we look to present high quality goods with a solid variety of craft types.”

That means it’s not totally a first-come, first-serve basis on the waitlist. Hsu said they categorize every vendor, and so if a vendor of a specific type, for example knitted scarves drops out, the next knitter on the waitlist gets bumped to the front.

“So I absolutely encourage people to add themselves to the waitlist,” she said.

She added this isn’t a normal occurrence.

“The response this year has been a bit overwhelming,” she said. “We have had a tremendous increase in interest from vendors this year for some reason. The waitlist is not typically as long as it is now.

Though the first Affair after COVID-19 in 2021 saw

slightly lower numbers than usual, Hsu said they are expecting a crowd similar to what they saw last year and years past.

“The year after Covid we had approximately 1,200 people pass through our doors,” she said. “Last year it was more than 1,300.”

The event will feature a wide variety of items, including fabric arts, crochet and knit items (including stuffed animals), home décor, holiday items, specialty food vendors, jewelry, woodworking products like cutting boards and toys, art, lotions, handmade cars, soaps, pottery and more.

“I really do try to focus on offering a great variety of well-crafted items so that our shoppers will have a great experience,” she said.

Hsu said the event supports various student groups through the district, including the Post Prom Party Committee, but does not really have specific destinations in mind other than being used for Norwood’s students.

“We will have a period after the fair when various teams and groups can apply for funds based on their needs,” she said. “Historically, the Craft Affair has sent about 50 percent of its proceeds to the Norwood Post Prom. I am also the Chair for the Post Prom, so I am pretty familiar with their budget needs and will adjust if that much is not needed.”

Hsu said she loves organizing the fair, but is looking to find someone to take over.

“And for me personally, it has been a very rewarding experience, interacting with the crafters and putting the event together,” she said. “My youngest is graduating this year so I am looking to pass the reins to someone else, but I have thoroughly enjoyed doing this over the past few years.”

She added there is some student involvement as well.

“The students are very hands on the day of the event,” she said. “We have several teams that help crafters unload and set up and other teams that help pack up at the end of the day. I’m told this is an unusual feature and is super popular with the crafters. We have kids throughout the day help run the raffle tables, the kids craft table and to help to set up the night before because clearing the gym of all equipment and taping off 90 spaces is very time consuming.”

Hsu said they are bringing some new experiences to the fair this year as well, including a kids crafter table, a fall-themed photo opportunity for families, and the return of the bake sale, which she said has not been available since Covid.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on October 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Shalini Baldeon on behalf of Avni Modern Event Space/Norwood Commerce Center, regarding property located at **61 Endicott Street (Map 8 Block 4D Lot 44), Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **Manufacturing (M) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

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Or dial: (US) +1 941-254-1160 PIN: 402 158 920#

This Application requests a **Special Permit** pursuant to Zoning Bylaw Section 3.1.5. D 6 to open an event space under the Commercial Recreation (Indoors) use.

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

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeals and may be requested by emailing cped@norwoodma.gov Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Norwood Record: 10/05/21, 10/12/23

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This Application requests a **Special Permit** pursuant to Zoning Bylaw Section 5.4.4 [Nonconforming Structures] to reconstruct the third floor, resulting in an addition to the existing single-family residence that would create an increase in floor area that exceeds 25%.

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

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION **Docket No. NO23P2623EA**

Estate of: Veronica Anne Shannon **Norfolk Probate and Family Court**
Also known as: Anne P. Shannon, **35 Shawmut Road**
 V. Anne Shannon **Canton, MA 02021**
Date of Death: 06/20/2023 **781-830-1200**

To all interested persons:
 A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by
Diane M. Sheehan of Norwood, MA
 requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
 The Petitioner requests that:
Diane M. Sheehan of Norwood, MA
 be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 A.M on the return day of 11/01/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.
 Date: September 29, 2023
 Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

Norwood Record: 10/12/2023



Hundreds came out with their various pumpkins to float them at Hawes Pond.

PHOTO BY BRYANT JONES

Pumpkin Float a winner!

Bryant Jones
Staff Reporter

It was an exciting night at Endean Park this weekend as hundreds gathered for the annual Pumpkin Float and Lantern Walk by the Hawes Pool. The night started at 6 p.m. with a walk along the trails near Endean Park with free lanterns

given out to the approximately 100 walkers by the Norwood Trails Advisory Committee (NTAC). Lantern walker and resident Stella Hendrickson said her family and friends were glad they came out. “Most of my family really enjoyed the Lantern Walk; my sons loved it, while their

younger sister was frightened in the dark,” she said, however noting there was a bit of a silver lining. “But at least she really likes the free lantern she received.” This event was run by Marie Kidd, the Norwood Recreation Department’s Program Coordinator. **Pumpkins**
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they might think of doing some preventative work on that subject as well. “Do you think it would be worthwhile to draft a letter in the vein of education to all abutters at Ellis Pond?” he asked the members. “Yes, this is a great idea,” said chair Stephen Washburn. “I think John has a great recommendation on how to broadcast to improve the education of abutters around Ellis Pond.” Gear added there’s a financial incentive as well. “We should make sure they’re aware that it’s subject to fines,” he said. “Yeah, they should be particularly aware of that point,” Washburn said. Member Kelsey Quinlan added this might be something they do for every water body, wetland and stream in the area. “I think that’s such a great idea that we could do it for other water resource areas in Town,” she said. In other news, ConCom members discussed changing the pond management of Guild Pond to Water & Wetland LLC, which currently manages Hawes Pond and other water bodies around Town. Guild Pond is difficult to find online, in that it’s not listed on Google Maps at least. It is a small body of water that sits between Willett and Ellis ponds and feeds the former into the latter. The management would include invasive plant species re-

duction, including aquatic plant herbicide application and other solutions. Conservation Agent Carly Rocklen said, however, before they agree to the presented plan, the ConCom needs to figure out how members feel (the pond) should be used. “Now you have a pond where there are a lot of species, it’s ecologically useful, but what vision do we have for the pond?” she asked. Washburn said he would like to get some input from the community located around the pond, but added he personally has a ton of ideas. He said that the Norwood Sportsman Club is right there and there are opportunities for more uses of the site, but because of the aquatic vegetation overgrowth (which Water & Wetland wants to remove with herbicide) it’s a tough sell to him at least for fishing, despite the fact the pond is stocked. “As a fisherman myself I would never dream of putting any lure I cared about in that water!” he said. “It’s not coming back and it’s not super viable to fish there, in my opinion. But I think its close proximity to the Sportsman’s Club would provide a unique opportunity for entry-level boating and learning about canoeing and kayaking and other aquatic recreation that should be happening at the Sportsman’s Club.” Gear said he recently went there to fish with his grandson and agreed, it was a tough time.

“It was a nightmare,” he said. Washburn added that he would like to see some sort of holistic approach to taking care of Guild Pond, possibly through the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). As readers may remember, the dam that controls the water level has not been working properly lately and, though it will soon be fixed, he said he felt there’s not really a good way of knowing whether or not the pond’s water levels were properly maintained by any standard the ConCom would recognize, and what effect that has had on the pond itself. “I think vegetation management is a huge component of everything I just described,” he said. “I don’t think you can fish in the pond currently, I think with steep embankments and the water level being what it is I personally would not want to drag a canoe or kayak into the water. There’s no dock landing or otherwise and it just strikes me as a really underutilized space.” The ConCom agreed they would like to see the pond cleared, they felt they should get the opinion of the Sportsman’s Club on how to proceed to clean up the dam. Members also agreed to reach out to the club and get a representative to the ConCom’s next meeting and to figure out a way to get a CPC application in for at least a study this year.

Cancer Danger *continued from page 1*

of it and thought it was cool,” he said. “Seventeen years later I’m finding out I was polluting my daughter’s body.”

Burns said he and his fellow firefighters have known that cancer is a risk. He said his own grandfather died from the disease at 75.

“When your loved one, when your friend, when your brother, your sister became a firefighter, I can guarantee you that at some point early in their career they had a conversation with their leader who told them that cancer is something that we deal with in this job,” he said. “It’s one of the negatives of a really fulfilling job, and I will tell you that my story in the film is not unique.”

Burns said his friends and many other firefighters are contracting cancers at younger ages and much higher rates, especially the two cancers that some studies have linked to PFAS exposure: testicular and kidney cancers.

“My grandfather died at 75 of occupational cancer, and I’ve got to be honest, I don’t think he would have changed anything,” he said. “But what you see now, and the data shows this, it’s not just some kid from Fall River whining and crying about it, the data shows we’re getting cancer at rates we’ve never seen before. We’re getting these 20-year-

old, 30-year-old and 40-year-old firefighters getting diagnosed with cancer at rates we’ve never seen. And when they’re getting cancer, that cancer is more deadly than it ever was. We’re losing people; too many people.”

Burns said they are working with local fire departments to try to come up with standard operating procedures for when firefighting gear must be worn and when it shouldn’t be worn and how it should be handled. Basically, he said it’s structural firefighting equipment, so only wear it to a structure fire and keep it in a safe place away from family members.

“Just limit exposure,” he said.

State Rep. John Rogers said residents should reach out to the legislature to send comments on House Bill 2339.

“House Bill 2339 would essentially ban the manufacture, sale and distribution of fire personal protective equipment that you and your loved ones are required to wear,” he said. “It’s not protecting the protectors, it’s killing them.”

Rogers said they extended the comment period on the bill and residents should reach out to his office to submit written testimony (go to <https://tinyurl.com/3xvzbpmt> for his office’s contact information).

“We really need to hear

from you,” he said. “Our firefighters and family members of firefighters, we need your voices on this issue because there are 150 other members of the House who have not cosponsored this important piece of legislation.”

Norwood Firefighters Local 1631 Paul Ronco said both he and Mawn saw the movie twice now, and the second viewing didn’t dull its impact at all.

“Here in Norwood, we’ve had eight cancer diagnoses in the last 10 years,” he said. “That’s unacceptable. We lost one of our brothers, John Bellanti, back in 2021. He was

one month retired. We got the call he had multiple myeloma, and he was a big strong guy who never had issues. It just didn’t make any sense. John’s wife Joann, she reminds me somewhat of Diane Cotter, she’s a spark plug. She’s an advocate for firefighter safety. She did a fundraiser in 2022 for a motorcycle run in John’s memory, and the funds are used to provide our retired firefighters the same cancer screenings that our current members have. She passed away this May from what I would say was a broken heart.”

Burns said they are advocating for yearly screenings for firefighters, but it’s an uphill battle. If you don’t have risk factors, insurance won’t automatically cover it. But Mawn thanked Town Manager Tony

Mazzucco for including yearly screenings in the recent collective bargaining agreement between 1631 and the Town.

“We had some tough negotiations the last time around, but one thing the Union held fast to and I know you were quickly amenable to, was under the leadership of Paul Ronco and his team, 1631 will have biannual cancer screenings from top to bottom as of the last contract,” he said. “It’s not fixing the PFAS problem folks, but it’s a start. And I want to thank Tony for that, of all the things we argued about, we did not argue too much about the fact we need to take care of these guys when it comes to cancer.”

For more information on ‘Burned: Protecting the Protectors,’ go to: <https://etherealfilms.org/burned/>




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This application requests a **Special Permit** under Zoning Bylaw Section 3.1.5 D6 for Commercial Recreation (Indoors) in the Manufacturing District.

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

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**NEW LISTING!
OPEN HOUSE: FRIDAY 4:30-6,
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**42 Lagrange Street, Unit 1
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617-470-1937

Callahan's Lifetime Achievements

Lillian Callahan joined the Norwood League of Women Voters in 1971. She quickly became an active member of the league's Budget Committee which led to her being nominated as our Treasurer – a position she held for 28 years. She kept the league's financial records under strict control and also served on the league Finance Committee helping to secure new ways of fundraising.



Lillian Callahan

Lillian served on many committees and study groups during her tenure with the league. She loved doing research and learning new information. She was always a full contributor to any study group she participated with. She said that after she worked on studies, she would notice related newspaper articles on the subject and would continue to follow the issue. She said that doing the studies was the most wonderful part of being a member of the League.

Lillian was also a steadfast member of our Voters Service Committee. Lillian quickly took on the role of Stop Sign monitor - raising up our famous red "30 SECONDS, Then STOP" octagon sign that was used to indicate that time is up

when candidates speak and answer questions at live forums or debates. Lillian attended numerous State League Day on the Hill events, staying informed on legislative issues related to league initiatives.

Lillian also enjoyed a successful nursing career for decades. However, during the past several years, Lillian experienced a serious health challenge where she needed to rely on the help of nurses and health care staff herself following a stroke. She has had to work very hard to get some mobility strength back. She continues to be such a gracious league role-model and maintains her wit, her kindness, her strength, her resolve and her league friends.

She continues to reside at her 'home away from home' at the German nursing home in West Roxbury where she gladly enjoys receiving guests.

On September 28, 2023, it was a sincere honor to be at the Norwood Senior Center with Lillian and her husband, Ted present, surrounded by a dozen of her league friends. A special ride had been coordinated so that Lillian could safely be transported to attend the Senior Center for lunch. Following lunch, Toni Eosco - Membership Chair of the Norwood League of Women Voters, proudly recognized this remarkable woman, as a 50+ year member of the Norwood League of Women Voters and presented her with the Massachusetts League of Women Voters Lifetime Achievement Award. She joins a short but prestigious list of lifetime award achievers including Martha Colamaria, Mary Anne Kenney, and the late Mardi McKenna. Her volunteer service is a role model not just for league members, but for all citizens who believe as leaguers do, that Democracy is Not A Spectator Sport. We congratulate her and wish her well and continued recovery.

Public Safety

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to put off until next year."

Pentowski added he did find the event itself enjoyable.

"I'm always having fun as long as I don't get a headache," he said.

Residents Matt and Laura O'Connor said they come to let the kids play, but also to catch up with their neighbors.

"We're Norwood residents and we have a lot of friends and family in the fire and police," said Matt O'Connor.

"We come every year and I think it's great; they offer a lot of stuff for kids," she said. "Also, a lot of people come from the community and so you get to see lots of people you know around Town."

Resident Rachel Thornton

said they came for the children's activities and the food while waiting for the fire hose.

"We're so happy the weather held out, though we might get wet anyway," she said.

Residents Meghan Armstrong and Liz Vail said they came because of their children.

"It's a fun event and the kids love it," said Armstrong.

"Our favorite part is the hose so far," said Vail, though they added they hadn't gotten a chance to use it yet. "The kids get to go on the trucks and see the ladders, it's just great.

For more information on Fire Prevention Week, go to <https://tinyurl.com/4fdeer5e>

For more information on Faith in Blue, go to <https://faithandblue.org>

Morrill Library Events

PRESENTING FIRE CHIEF TIM BAILEY

The League of Women Voters in partnership with the Morrill Memorial Library is pleased to host Norwood's own Fire Chief Tim Bailey, Jr. on Monday, October 23 at 7:00 pm in the Simoni Room for a presentation and Q&A about fire safety in Norwood.

Chief Bailey will talk about the role of the Fire Chief and what his responsibilities entail, give an overview of the equipment that the department maintains, and describe the hazards and risks that the fire department strives to mitigate by way of inspections and compliance to fire codes, etc. in order to keep the public safe. Norwood is a densely populated town so compliance to the various fire and public safety codes is serious business, which also includes such issues as safe storage of volatile, combustible, and/or chemical materials that could damage air quality if not properly handled. Of course, since October is fire prevention month, his talk will also include some fire safety prevention advice.

Do you have questions you want to make sure Chief Bailey covers in his talk? Questions can be submitted ahead of time when you register at <https://norwoodlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/league-of-women-voters-presents-fire-chief-tim-bailey/> or contact the Reference desk at 781-

769-0200 x2.

Registration is required. This event is open to everyone, regardless of League of Women Voters membership. Light refreshments will be provided. Thank you to Norwood Community Media for helping us bring this presentation to a wider audience.

GET IN ON THE HALLOWEEN HUNT!

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to launch our first ever town-wide Halloween scavenger hunt called Halloween Hunt. We have over 20 partners that include the Town Hall, Norwood PD, Civic Center, and many area businesses. The Hunt is open throughout the month of October thru October 31st.

There are four levels of challenges. Pumpkin (easy), Black Cat (moderate), Frankenstein's Monster (difficult), and Haunted House (very difficult). The Hunt cards are available at the library and on the library's website at <https://norwoodlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/month-long-halloween-hunt-begins/>.

Find the answers to the challenges on your Halloween Hunt Card(s). Clues' locations vary, but every location is within the Town of Norwood. Hunt Cards must be

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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.

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

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

MANY PRAYER CHOICES AVAILABLE

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on October 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Joshua Ames representing Moderna, Inc., regarding property located at **1 Moderna Way (Map 14 Block 9 Lots 1& 1A and Map 14 Block 2 Lots 7, 7A, 7B, and 7C), Norwood, MA 02062, in the Life Science Development (LSDD) Zoning District and Water Resource Protection Overlay District (WRPOD).** The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/xsu-pnjz-wua>
Or dial: (US) +1 941-254-1160 PIN: 402 158 920#

This Application requests a **Special Permit** pursuant to Zoning Bylaw Sections 9.2.5 C and 9.2.5 G for storage of toxic or hazardous materials in the Water Resource Protection Overlay District (WRPOD).

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

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Deaths

CORCORAN

MARION “Dolly” of Walpole passed away on October 5, 2023 at the age of 95. Wife of the late Henry F. Corcoran. Devoted mother of Marion “Mimi” Fallon and her husband Jimmy of Walpole, Henry F. Corcoran Jr. of MN, Richard Corcoran of Mendon and David Corcoran of ID. Sister of Alice Kelley and Florence Esper both of Norwood and the late George Esper, Charles Esper, Richard Esper, Catherine Moseley, Frances Esper and Freda Franciosi. Daughter of the late David and Mildred “Millie” (Abbott) Esper. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Dolly was a longtime parishioner at St. George Orthodox Church in Norwood, Longtime volunteer at the Walpole Food Pantry and a member of the Council of Aging in Mendon. A funeral service was held at St. George Orthodox Church 6 Atwood Ave. Norwood, MA. Burial at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to St. George Orthodox Church 6 Atwood Ave. Norwood, MA 02062, the Old Colony Hospice 321 Manley St. W. Bridgewater, MA 02379 or to the Memory Café Inc. P.O Box 332, 12 Central St. Norwood, MA 02062.



SMITH

Dina M (Salamone), 35 of Walpole, formerly of Watertown, passed away suddenly on September 27, 2023. Dina was an amazing and nurturing mother, a devoted and cherished wife, a supportive and caring sister, a precious and remarkable daughter, and above all a strong, brave and beautiful woman. Dina loved things that fed her mind and soul. Hiking trails and mountains, sunsets on the beach, books, and using her creative energy, all brought her joy and fulfillment. Dina’s kindness showed through her passion for helping children in the foster system with inspiration from her beloved foster mother, Jane O’Connor. She was also an advocate for mental health reform and dedicated to the Walpole Public library children’s program, where she served on the committee. Dina is survived by her parents Kim and Michael Salamone and Anthony and Aimee Mercer, her husband Joshua R. Smith, her beautiful children Joshua “LJ”, Destiny and Jaxen. She also leaves behind her siblings, Kelsi, Nicole, Bryan and Justin Mercer, Emma Rios, and Shawna and Michael Salamone. She will be greatly missed by many Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces and Nephews. Dina’s infectious smile, keen sense of humor and fast-witted sarcasm made Dina unforgettable to all who met her. A Funeral Service was held in the Crossroads Worship Center, Weymouth on Thursday October 5. Interment was private. Funeral arrangements were made with Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., Norwood.



fully completed and returned to the library by Tuesday, October 31 to be eligible to win a Grand Prize!

You may turn in your Hunt Cards directly to the library’s Reference Desk, or by emailing a clear photo of the full card to: humbreit@minlib.net. If using Beanstack, you don’t need to turn anything in; but please designate one member of your team to sign up with Beanstack and log your team’s progress!

Every team that completes a Hunt Card will win a small prize by stopping at the Reference Desk (upon turning in your card, or until Friday, November 3 at the latest). Additionally, for every correct answer on your completed Hunt Card, you’ll get 1 entry into our prize drawing at the end of the month. We have several prizes, so multiple participants will win!

Many thanks to Castle Island Brewing Company, Charles River Running, Napper Tandy’s, Norwood Theatre, Old Parish Preservation Volunteers, and Taso’s Euro Cafe for generously donating prizes, and for all of our partnering organizations throughout town. Find our full list of partners at https://www.norwoodlibrary.org/halloween_hunt/

Questions? Call 781-769-0200 ext. 2. Good luck and happy Halloween!

PARKING FIGHT!: AN AUTHOR TALK WITH HENRY GRABAR

As part of the Norwood Sustainability Series, the Morrill Memorial Library is honored to host Henry Grabar, author of “Paved Paradise: How Parking Explains the World,” on Wednesday, October 18 at 7 p.m. in the Simoni Room.

Join us this evening to learn about how the pursuit of free parking came to dominate local politics,

architecture, and the environment—and what we can do about it.

Registration is required for this in-person event. Sign up at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

THE CHANGING NATURE OF GENDER IN THE 21ST CENTURY

The Morrill Memorial Library is honored to host scholar Genny Beemyn for an in-person presentation called “The Changing Nature of Gender in the 21st Century” on Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00pm in the Simoni Room.

The last decade has seen a generational shift in how gender is lived and viewed. Refuting the common assumption that gender can be reduced to the binary of female and male, many members of Gen Z identify as nonbinary and are challenging society to recognize more than two genders. This presentation will discuss the development of these changes, why they are important, and how people can be supportive of this movement.

Registration required for this in-person event. Sign up at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

WEATHERING THE STORM: BIG STORM STORIES FROM NORWOOD AND BEYOND

In partnership with the Town of Norwood and as part of our Norwood Sustainability Series, the Morrill Memorial Library invites Norwood residents of all ages to join us for a coffeehouse-style storytelling event called “Weathering the Storm: Big Storm Stories from Norwood and Beyond,” on Thursday, October 26 at 7 p.m. in

the Simoni Room of the Library.

STORY HOUR

You’ve heard of the Moth Radio Story Hour—now, join us for the Morrill Memorial Library Storm Story Hour! Do you have a yarn to spin about your experience during the blizzard of 1978? The ice storms of 1998 or 2010? How about the Great Norwood Flood of 2020? We want to hear them all!

Join your neighbors and Town staff members to trade tales of adventure, woe, comradery, and probably way too much water and snow at this evening of storytelling, themed around the storms we have lived and maybe even worked through. Come prepared with a story of your own to share, or just come to listen and share a hot beverage. Light refreshments will be available. Assistant Director of Community Development Holly Jones, Chief William Brooks of the Norwood Police Department, and Town Engineer Mark Ryan will all be in attendance to talk about their experiences.

Registration is required for this in-person event; to register, sign up at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

Please indicate on your registration if you would like to share a story of your own so that we can gauge our timetable and organize our speaking order. One story per storyteller, please; and note that stories should be no longer than 5 minutes each to ensure everyone gets a chance to share! Please also note that, due to time constraints, we only have 15 slots available for storytellers, which will fill on a first-come, first-served basis. We will be in touch with all interested storytellers prior to the event to officially confirm our speakers’ list.

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pact our budget in the next five years,” he said.

Article 14 is for funds for a consultant to help find a new superintendent of schools, since

Dave Thomson is leaving. Article 15 is a request for funds for a comprehensive review of student services, and Article 16 is for a social emotion enrichment pro-

gram for students in grades 1 through 8.

Article 17 is to establish a new Town-based revolving fund for the Extended Day program, which may be moving from the School Department’s jurisdiction to the Rec Department.

TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on October 24th, 2023 at 7:00 PM** on the request of David Hern Jr., Esq., on behalf of 1144 Properties LLC, regarding property located at **115 Norwood Park South (Map 15 Block 7 Lot 1), Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **Boston Providence Highway (BPH) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/xsu-pnjz-wua>
Or dial: (US) +1 941-254-1160 PIN: 402 158 920#

This Application requests a **Special Permit** under Zoning Bylaw Section 5.2.2 to allow a change from one nonconforming use to another nonconforming use of medical or dental laboratory or clinic.

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

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeals and may be requested by emailing cped@norwoodma.gov Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Norwood Record: 10/05/23, 10/12/23



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.

Genesis GV80-AWD

Genesis—a premium brand from Hyundai—keeps on getting better every year. A friend of mine took a look at one parked at the shop and couldn’t believe the price and whole package, and yes, bought one. Our subject today is a GV80-AWD 3.5 V/6 twin turbo 375 HP via an 8-speed automatic and electric suspension. The GV80 is loaded with advanced safety technology, multimedia technology, even manual rear window shades. Heated/ventilated front multi power seats, power heated rear seats, 14.5 touchscreen, 12.3-inch 3D digital dash cluster. Base price is \$61,950 (destination \$1,325), options are Adriatic blue: \$575, advanced package: \$6,200. Prestige 20" package: \$4,900. All in, MSRP: \$75,800. It may seem high for an SUV, but the GV80 is not an entry level SUV, rather it’s a premium in every way. The high quality Napa leather interior is soft to the touch. This is the first gas powered Genesis I have driven in a long time. At 375 HP, this vehicle with the 8 speed and twin turbos, gives the driver power at any speed or condition. EPA: 18/23. Not bad for an SUV. Remember the warranty: 10 years 100,000 miles.

Junior Damato, the “Auto Doctor,” has agreed to field auto repair questions from Bulletin and Record readers. Please send your questions to news@bulletinnewspapers.com and we will do our best to get them answered.

Monday, Oct. 2

0745 Phone - PD-Neighbor Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Dean St Caller reporting his landlord has been harassing him to clean and he is upset. MC5 stating the male party would like to go to the hospital for an evaluation.

1323 Phone - PD-Warrant Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Monroe St Arrest: Gustowski, Jarred Daniel Address: 34 Cedar Hill Rd Dover, Ma Age: 24 Charges: Straight Warrant 1357 Phone - PD-Neighbor Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Prospect St Called in by 412, a neighbor dispute at the above location. All parties have been advised.

1626 Phone - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: Vernon St Caller reporting roughly an hour ago a group of youths kicked her door and ran off. No description or direction of travel. 661 reports kids were kicking the door, minimal damage.

1858 Phone - PD-Juvenile Offenses Services Rendered Location/Address: VTech Security - St John Ave Business line caller states her son face timed her as another male juvenile was attempting to break into her apartment, he broke her screen of her window. Argument between juvenile, no break and entering, just a broken screen at this time. All units clear.

2123 Initiated - PD-Suspicious Activity Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Washington St + Douglas Ave Norwood 661 reports being flagged down by a party stating there is a passed out party. Fire en route to assist with a party complaining about back pain. Fire transporting 1 male party to the hospital. All units will be clear.

2150 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Jefferson Dr e911 caller report a verbal argument at her neighbors house Another 911 call from resident. Female caller reports that the dispute prior to this evening now there are things being thrown at her home. She states she is in fear for her life Norwood 677 advised both parties have been advised to speak

to the housing in regards to this ongoing dispute. All units will be clear for now.

2248 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Jefferson Dr Female party was assaulted by her neighbor's friend Both parties sent home for the night. All units clear.

Tuesday, October 3

0340 911 - PD-Mental Health Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Washington St 67 y/o m suicidal, states he has a bottle of pills. 1 male party being transported to the hospital by Fire. All units clear.

0636 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Holiday Inn Express & Suites - Norwood Pk S Call from HQ for a party going through vehicles possibly stealing items. Received another call on the business line reporting a male party stealing items from the store. White male party around 5'10 wearing a red hat, black shorts, black top. Per 663, one male party in custody. Arrest: Nap, David Andrew Address: 17 Gloucester St Boston, Ma Age: 28 Charges: Shoplifting By Concealing Mdse Disguise To Obstruct Justice

1824 911 - PD-Runaway Report Follows Vicinity of: Norwest Dr 911 caller states son. 12 y/o male, left the house at 17:30 after a disagreement w/ mother. Caller states green hooded sweatshirt, black shorts and green croc shoes. Caller states no reported weapons and typically receptive towards PO's. NWD676 checking area of the middle school, juvenile possibly at football practice. 12 y/o male party with short black hair 5'9" 160 LBS wearing a green hooded sweatshirt, black shorts and green Crocs. NWD668 checking the area of Uplands Wood Dr. NWD674 checking the area of the Town Common/Daddy's Dairy. NWD665 checking McDonalds, Juvenile located inside of McDonald's. NWD665 Courtesy transporting 1 male juvenile back to his residence starting mileage 28532 @18:59 Hrs. Ending mileage 28533 @19:05 Hrs. Juvenile has been reunited with his mother, report to follow.

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Police Logs



Wednesday, October 4

0510 Radio - PD-Warrant Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Tremont St Arrest: Demoura, Gleydson Address: 35 Tremont St Apt. #Bsmnt Norwood, Ma Age: 40 Charges: Default Warrant

0755 Phone - PD-Warrant Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Philbrick St Arrest: Allan, Robert D Address: 8 Philbrick St Norwood, Ma Age: 43 Charges: Drug, Possess Class B Drug, Possess Class C Drug, Possess Class C Arrest: Bonomo-Reale, Mary Address: 8 Philbrick St Norwood, Ma Age: 48 Charges: Drug, Possess Class B Drug, Possess Class C Drug, Possess Class C

1012 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Exclusive Barber Shop - Washington St Caller on the business line states that there is a male party in the barber shop that needs to leave. Language barrier. Party left the barber shop, MC5 and 674 to speak with the party regarding letter of disinvite.

1727 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Walpole St Caller reporting suspicious activity at the above location in Chapel St Park. Homeless people setting up tents. Spoke to people in the park. Units cleared.

1927 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Sumner St 911 caller reporting a male party from the

May Institute was in her yard and their supervisors are on scene with the man now and are trying to get him back to the school. The calling party reporting they are being rough with him. The officers requested an Eval from NFD. The male party declined. Units on scene released him to the Institute's supervisors.

2134 Phone - PD-Disturbance Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Norwest Dr Security on scene at the above location called in a disturbance. A white MV driving all over the complex hitting cars and the property. Caller stating its a white GMC Envoy. The caller also reported the male party can be seen sucking air out of a balloon. Arrest: Burke, Michael Address: 200 Quarry Hills Rd Apt. #2317 Quincy, Ma Age: 23 Charges: OUI—Drugs Unlicensed Operation Of MV Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Leave Scene Of Property Damage Number Plate Violation To Conceal ID

Thursday, October 4

1729 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Sent On Way Location/Address: Sky Restaurant - Bos-Prov Hwy Call from the manager of Furlongs Candy Store states there is an individual taking a shower using the outside water spigot of the old Sky restaurant. States he can be seen from the parking lot of Furlongs. 667 and 669 spoke with individual. Individual has a train ticket to Illinois in a few days. Party was sent on his way.

1812 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Dean St + Bos-Prov Hwy Arrest: Dias, Ludugero Monterio Address: 84 Quincy St Brockton, Ma Age: 19 Charges: License Suspended, OP MV With Marked Lanes Violation

Friday, October 6

0749 Phone - PD-Warrant Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: ROJO - Providence Hwy Arrest: Pereira-Malpera, Daniel Address: 1 Hilltop Dr Walpole, Ma Age: 23 Charges: Default Warrant

1347 Phone - PD-MVA Property Damage Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: JC Jacobs Plumbing Co - Washington St One patient refusal obtained by Walpole Ambulance. MVA accident at the above location. 663 reporting one under arrest for OUI. Male in custody is being transported to the hospital. Arrest: Mason, James Christopher Address: 87 Cedar St Norwood, Ma Age: 52 Charges: OUI-Liquor Or.08%, 3rd Offense Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Marked Lanes Violation Unlicensed Operation Of MV

1411 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Nichols St + Geraldine Dr Elderly female possibly in 70's sitting with crossing guard. Appears to be lost and cannot find her way home. States she lives on Sherwood. This happened a couple months ago according to caller who stated she asked for

ride home last time. Officer McDonough stating he will be providing the above party with a courtesy transport back to her residence. SM 84162 at 14:26. Officer McDonough will be following up with family members. The husband's phone number has been back filed.

1519 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Investigated Location/Address: Hennessy Field - Pleasant St Caller will be on Cross St. Male party intoxicated. Returning to the station with one adult male. PC for alcohol.

1747 Phone - PD-Disturbance Gone on arrival Location/Address: Sumner St 911 caller reports two females in the middle of the road fist fighting. It is also reported two men are trying to break them up. OFC's on scene. Reporting G.O.A. They will be checking the area.

2001 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Investigated Location/Address: Tremont St 911 caller states her neighbors are making noise and she cannot sleep. OFC spoke with homeowner at this address, there is a small gathering. Parties advised to lower the noise level.

Saturday, October 7

1148 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Hennessy Field - Pleasant St Caller reporting a beige tent that has been in the woods for about a week. Caller reports seeing 2 individuals exiting the tent earlier today. Norwood DPW contacted to assist units in removing the tent. Norwood DPW took the remains of the tent. All units clear.

1404 Phone - PD-Assault Offenses Spoke With Location/Address: Norwood High School - Nichols St Walk in party requesting to speak to an officer regarding a past assault that took place.

1506 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Transported to Hospital Location/Address: - Buckminster Dr 31 year old female party "says that she does not want to live and she feels paralyzed." 5-10 minutes ago. Female party transported to the hospital. All units clear.

Sunday October 8

1627 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Central St Caller on the business line reporting about 10 juveniles in the common area ripping lights down and being extremely loud. Norwood 674 reports no one was ripping down the lights. Juveniles were moved on their way, all units clear.

1729 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Spoke With Location/Address: Alpine Rd Call from an agency requesting a well-being check on 20 day old female baby. States a family member received a voicemail from the mother who states she could be dealing with postpartum depression. Baby checks okay. Is currently with grandmother who states the mother of the child is doing okay.

1903 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Sunnyside Rd 8 year old female section 12 called in by Riverside. Threatening to jump out window and throw candles. Fire transport.

2255 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: Folan Ave Caller reports noise complaint due to car repairs. As NWD 676 arrived they had finished the job. Cleaning up and going inside for the night.

Pumpkins *continued from page 6*

dinator. Kidd explained, "This is our third year holding the Pumpkin Float and it's bigger and better than any previous year because of three new additional activities. We added the Lantern Walk, which was a big hit this year, the face painting, and the food trucks."

Norwood resident Kelly Clark added that there was another popular event that, while not a Halloween classic, could soon become one.

"I'm loving the vibes of this event, my daughter was thrilled to have won the kids' hula-hoop contest. I started the day with Norwood's 'Goat Yoga' where the goats not only intermingled, but cuddled with us."

The DJ at the event was not only spinning kids' tunes but also getting them involved with games to music, including the hula-hoop

contest. At any one time, there were more than 30 kids dancing in front of the DJ's table.

Resident S. Dang said of the event, "I have attended all three years. This year was better because they added face painting which my daughter is so pleased to have taken part in. They also added more activities that my two-and-a-half-year-old enjoys."

At the end of the night, glow sticks were inserted into the carved pumpkins brought by participants, which were then floated onto the pond at Endean Park. This flotilla of lighted pumpkins was definitely a unique sight. Norwood resident Alley Arpino created a pumpkin with the symbol for nuclear material. She said, "This was our second year here at the Pumpkin Float and there was more turnout and pumpkins than the last time. My whole family gets involved

with this Pumpkin Float."

The s'mores were selling out while the pizza truck sold a large amount of pizzas. The "Friendly Fizz" truck had not only sodas but also root beer floats.

Kidd said the Float was just one event from the Fall Fest and more activities, like the vaunted Trunk-or-Treat event at the Department of Public Works or the brand new scarecrow contest, are still on the horizon. The Norwood Recreation Department has put together this slew of events to help give parents and children a chance to use their Halloween costumes as much use as possible before the holiday season ends in November. For more information on upcoming events from the Recreation Department, go to <https://tinyurl.com/5954w3n6>



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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The semiannual Friends of the Norwood Library Book Sale will be held on Friday, October 13, thru Sunday, October 15, 2023, in the Simoni room of the Norwood Library. Friday, October 13, from 1:00 pm-4:45 pm will be the sale for Friends of the Library. If you are not already a Friend of the Library, please consider becoming a Friend and take advantage of the early access to the sale by signing up for membership when you come to the sale. The general public is invited to the book sale on Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 9:00 am-4:45 pm and Sunday, October 15, 2023. Sunday's event will include the popular bag of books sale. For further questions or information, please contact us at friends@norwoodlibrary.com

ROTARY CLUB ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

Share the warmth this autumn by donating a coat or jacket you no longer use to a neighbor in need. The Norwood Rotary Club will be holding its annual Fall Coat Drive now through November 16th. Donations of clean, wearable coats for men, women, and children are welcome and will be passed on to local families at the Norwood Food Pantry. Drop-off boxes are located at the Norwood Recreation Center (165 Nahatan Street), the Norwood

Senior Center (275 Prospect Street), Lustra Cleaners (157 Central Street), and Norwood High School (main entrance lobby).

OCTOBER MONTHLY BALLROOM DANCE

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging will be sponsoring their monthly Ballroom Dance, on Friday, October 20th from 7-10 p.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. 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.

OLD PARISH PRESERVATION VOLUNTEERS FALL SEASON BEGINS

The non-profit organization, Old Parish Preservation Volunteers (OPPV) will be holding cemetery work days on October 14, October 21, October 28, and November 4 at Old Parish Cem-

etry, Norwood's original burial ground established in 1741, located off Washington Street near Railroad Avenue.

The aim of the OPPV is to properly clean stone grave markers, repair and reset broken stones, and document this historic site. With care and attention, the cemetery will continue to be a valuable historical and cultural resource for the town.

The group will host a tour of the cemetery titled "The Children's Hour" on Saturday, October 21, at 2:00 pm. (Rain date Sunday, October 22 at 2). The Cemetery will also be open on November 11, Veterans Day, from 1-3 pm.

Anyone interested in helping preserve this site can join the group working in the cemetery, or visit the group's web site: <https://www.oldparishpreservationvolunteers.com>

The cemetery is open to the public during the time volunteers are working.

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP TO MEET

The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 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.

CLASS OF '73' 50TH REUNION!

The Norwood High School Class of 1973 will be holding its 50th reunion on October 21, at the Norwood Elks Hall from 5 to 11pm. Local Radio DJ Scott Reiniche will be providing the tunes and there will be a buffet.

Tickets are \$50 per person. There is also going to be a Next Day Brunch at Mick Morgans, Route 1, near the Country Club/Hampton Inn from 9:30am to 12:30pm. The cost is \$24 per person.

Please send a check to Faith MacPhee, 2 Stone Circle,

Norwood MA 02062. Make checks payable to the NHS Class of 1973 Reunion and include the names of those attending. Thanks, and hope to see you there!

VFW MEAT RAFFLE

The Norwood V.F.W. Post 2452 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. An example of the sampling of the prizes include: Sirloin Steak Tips, Sausage, Ground Sirloin Burgers, Center Cut Pork Chops, Whole Chicken or Cut Chicken, Ground Sirloin Burgers, Chicken Wings, and many more offerings. 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).

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