



Residents at the most recent Zoning Board of Appeals meeting came because they were concerned a new business off of Route 1 could create access to the site from the Neponset Street Extension.

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ZBA approves new Enterprise building ZBA promises no access to or from Neponset St.

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Zoning Board of Appeals met last week and approved a proposal from Enterprise Rent-a-Car and landowner David Spiegel for the demolition of buildings at 596 Boston Providence Hwy. and the erection of a new 20-foot tall building.

“The request tonight before you is for open lot sales, storage of automobiles, for the auto repair service conducted wholly within a building, washing and cleaning of automobiles limited to automobiles sold on the

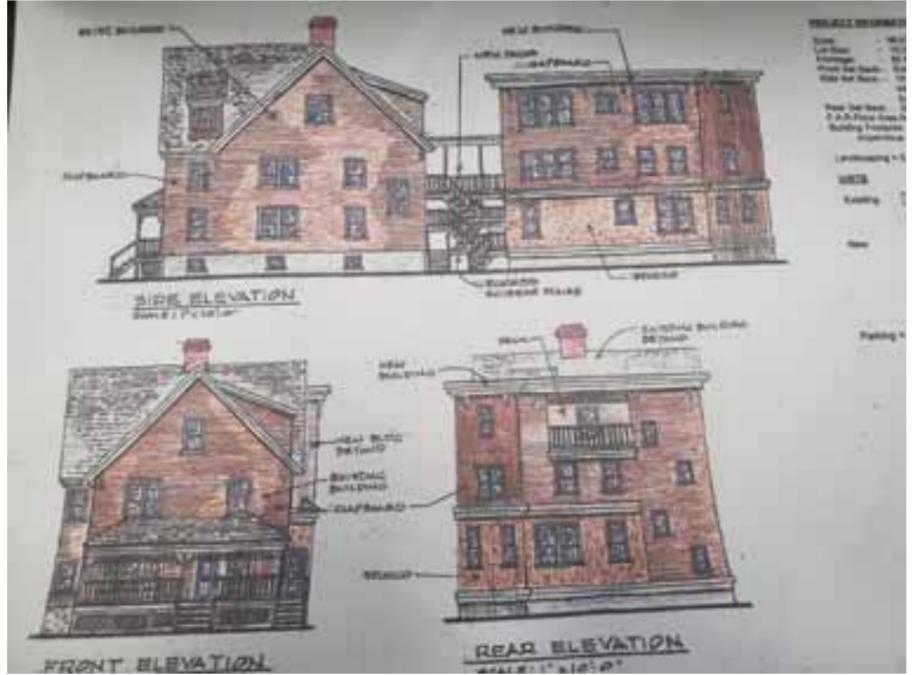
premises or rented, and a special permit for the rental of motor vehicles,” said Attorney representing the project James Hilliard. “The proposal is for a building to be rebuilt, approximately 6,400 square feet. The land in question is approximately 1.3 acres. The proposed tenant is Enterprise Rent-a-Car.”

Hilliard said they want to use the property for two main purposes, one to lease vehicles (as they did in Westwood until recently) and secondly to sell vehicles.

“The vehicles they would sell at

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The Planning Board is currently negotiating with the owner of 12 Day St. to figure out a reasonable community benefit for the added density the developer is proposing.

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Planning Board moving forward on Rte 1 rezoning

12 Day St. “benefit” amount discussed

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Planning Board met on Monday, Feb. 10, and discussed the Town Benefit Package for the proposal at 12 Day St. and the structure of the upcoming meetings regarding zoning changes on Route 1.

Town Planner Paul Halkiotis said the rezoning on Route 1 is currently in preliminary stages, with their consultant on the project just gathering up data for current conditions. Halkiotis said they are now providing the consultant with assessor’s information of everyone who owns a business on Route 1, owns land there and perhaps the adjacent residential properties.

“We don’t want to cause nonconforming lots or take what’s now a residential neighborhood and rezone it to commercial,” he said. “We’re more concerned about providing an adequate buffer between the commercial zones and the residential zones behind them.”

Halkiotis said the department is working with stakeholders (businesses and landowners) to draw up ideas about what the existing issues and concerns are for the Automile. He said a public meeting/workshop with residents (and business owners if they want to come again) later before the May Town Meeting would take place.

“We’re interested in hearing what ev-

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Rep. John Rogers stops by School Committee

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

State Rep. John Rogers came by the Norwood School Committee on Feb. 5 at its regular meeting to discuss the Student Opportunity Act.

The act, known as Bill S.2365, An Act Relative to Educational Opportunity for Students, was signed into law by Gov. Charlie Baker in November of 2019, and represented a \$1.5 billion increase in educational spending from the state.

"The money is coming this fiscal year and next fiscal year," Rogers said. "This year, because of some of the fixes in the Chapter 70 formula, Norwood will receive more than \$8 million, which is a 21

percent increase over last fiscal year. That's significant when you look at the 2.3 percent average increase of the state budget spending. Almost 10 times of that spending level is coming back to Norwood Schools."

Chapter 70 is the state funding mechanism for municipal schools, and has been heavily criticized in recent years because of the fact it has been failing to keep up with the costs of mandated required services, like special education and transportation, that the state also requires.

"It is frustrating, to try to look to fix the Chapter 70 formula, I tried to do it when I was chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, it met with opposition not only in the

Senate but in the House internally as well," Rogers said. "A few of us filed a bill to establish the Foundation Review Commission. We only had four of us pushing this issue, and I was hearing from you folks here in Norwood, in settings like this or ball fields or hockey rinks, you name it. You've often spoken up and that's what I love about you and what I love about the leadership here."

Rogers said the new funding will allow transportation spending to be a part of the circuit breaker formula to help reduce in district and out of district transportation costs for special education. Rogers said it has been four years

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this location would be vehicles they had rented," he said. "After they reached a certain number of miles they would send them to either Bridgewater or a facility in New Hampshire where they get serviced and brought to a condition where they would sell them."

Hilliard said the building proposed by Enterprise meets all zoning requirements, and that there will be minimal actual mechanical work done on the site, but he said he had to ask for a special permit for the small amount of it because it's required for any mechanical work.

"There's very little mechanical work being done because most of it will be done in Bridgewater or New Hampshire," he said. "If any work is done it will be done in an enclosed building. I know you've been through this many times with garages, they have to have their doors closed when they work on a car."

He said the major concern of the neighborhood they anticipated is an egress onto Neponset Street.

"No, there won't be," he said. "The ingress and egress will primarily be from Route 1 into what we now know as Savers."

He said there will no fueling, oil or gas on site, and about 18 to 20 employees.

Enterprise representative Doug Valerie said the proposed plan for number of used parking spaces is for 68 car sales and 20 rental spots.

About a dozen or so Neponset Street Extension residents came to the meeting, ostensibly because of a rumor, according to ZBA Chair Thomas Brady, that at some point the proposal was to include a thruway of the Neponset Street Extension into the parking lot.

"The answer is simply this, if the Board feels and the neighbors feel that that's the thing they don't want the most, the Board can condition no access or egress on Neponset Street," Hilliard said.

Hilliard added to his knowledge, there were no plans for an egress on Neponset Street.

Neponset Street resident Pam Carpenter said she was concerned about said access coming from a different project. ZBA member Phillip Riley put it bluntly.

"If we prohibit access to this property from Neponset Street period, then they cannot do it, because that would be a violation," he said.

Carpenter pointed out that the property abuts the Neponset Street Extension in a kind of L shape, both at the street's terminus and on the west side.

"I think we can adequately address the Neponset Street issue by prohibiting access to this property from Neponset Street," Riley said.

Resident Earl Harkman said he was concerned about the traffic pattern for the property.

"We've got people who aren't going to be familiar with the area, looking to rent cars or return rental cars, going down off the rotary for a quick right-hand turn to get to this property through the Launch parking lot," he said. "There were a lot of traffic concerns when they first built that exit ramp going down onto Route 1, and now we're just going to make it worse going through a parking lot where a bunch of kids will be running around."

Several residents were concerned about the fencing screening the property, which they said had fallen into disrepair over the years. Hilliard said the fence would be repaired and maintained by Enterprise, but resident Cathy Hale said she felt it should be completely replaced with a higher fence.

"You would need a tall iron fence, something very strong down there because what's down there is just ineffective," she said.

Brady pointed out that the ineffectiveness of the fence may be due to its disrepair, and that a full replacement might not be necessary. The fence, when repaired, would stand about six feet. He asked what height the neighborhood would be comfortable with, with shouts of eight, 10 and 12 feet being thrown out from the crowd. "It's not going to be 12 feet," Brady said.

Residents seemed to come to a consensus on a height between eight and 10 feet, for which Hilliard and the Board agreed eight feet would be acceptable. Any higher, Hilliard said, would make the fence be classified as a structure and they would need a variance from the ZBA.

"Well, you're a lawyer that shouldn't be any problem!" one resident said to laughter from the Board, Hilliard and the crowd.

ZBA member Patrick Mulvehill also pointed out that it would make maintenance more difficult, higher than eight feet. Hilliard then asked if the neighborhood could agree on one person to be their representative to work with Enterprise. While nothing was confirmed, Carpenter seemed to be elected for that position.

The ZBA approved the application unanimously with stipulations that car repairs be limited to vehicles on site, no vehicle or pedestrian access be allowed to the site from Neponset Street and that the fence be replaced by one eight foot in height.

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Plasko taken ill; Selectmen vote alcohol license suspension

Susan Kryczka
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen began their Tuesday, Feb. 11 meeting at 6:45 pm, earlier than usual, to accommodate a heavy agenda, but were forced to temporarily halt the proceedings a half hour later when Selectmen William Plasko suffered a medical emergency. Sitting upright and fully alert, Plasko was escorted from the room and, after a discussion with emergency personnel, requested transport to Newton-Wellesley Hospital. The meeting resumed after the break with Board Chair Paul Bishop stating at the end of the meeting that Plasko was taken to the hospital as a "precautionary measure." No additional information on his condition was available.

What now appears to be a more frequent occurrence, another establishment was cited for serving alcohol to a person under 21, this time it was the Courtyard Marriott at 300 River Ridge Road. Police Det. Brenden Greene reported that on October 21, 2019, an underage operative was used to purchase an alcoholic beverage at the hotel bar. He had a vertical ID (under 21) and was able to purchase a beer even after showing it to the bartender. Attorney John Connell, representing the Marriott, did not dispute the events. Connell stated that the female bartender "had some kind of breakdown," and quit immediately, left the premises, and has not been heard from since. "We very much regret this," Connell said, but then went on to argue that the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) guidelines state that the police are not to give the agent any identification and if asked the underage person should leave the establishment. Suggesting a discrepancy between state guidelines and those followed by the Norwood police, Connell implied that this could look like entrapment. "The bartender did not do the math," he said.

"We follow these same guidelines, but we allow the operative to pass his own ID. He is given a breathalyzer be-

fore and after," explained Greene in clarifying the differences between the state and Norwood guidelines. Selectman David Hajjar argued that no one has to accept a vertical license which is for those who are under 21 years of age and is obvious to anyone who sees the ID what it signifies. Jim Wefers, Marriott general manager, was questioned about a similar incident in July when the Board was assured that a lengthy list of safeguards was put into place to prevent a re-occurrence. Hajjar pointed to their previous actions as having had no positive effect, "when again, servers don't know what they're doing." "We appreciate the point," said Selectman Thomas Maloney acknowledging Connell's reference to state guidelines but added, "We support our own guidelines in this Town." A motion for a one-day suspension of the liquor license was approved for Monday, March 23, 2020. "The licensee wants to work with the police and wants to be compliant," said Connell acknowledging the Marriott's support for the Norwood police department.

One item of business discussed before Plasko left the meeting was a request to the Board by Toni Eosco, a member of the Norwood Historical Commission, to support a \$50,000 feasibility study to review the Morse House that would include a master plan to determine what renovations and preservation would be needed. Noting that the back part of the structure was built in 1676 and the front of the building in 1868, Eosco emphasized the historical significance of the building.

"The request is for the Board of Selectmen to support \$50,000 feasibility study..." "This is just for the feasibility study?" asked Maloney. "I am a little concerned about spending any money for this at this time," said Plasko, pointing out that this was not the original Morse house. "I'm not sure of the real historical significance." Plasko went on to say that there would need to be

quite a lot spent just to make the first floor accessible. "I don't think we can act tonight," he added. "The conservation commission should be looking at this as the deed may have restrictions on who has jurisdiction over this."

"Selectmen took control of this last summer," said Hajjar, taking a different view, adding that the issues to be examined is its condition, asking for the application to be approved to move forward to the conservation commission. Since more information was needed, the Board voted to continue the discussion for two weeks to gather additional data.

Under new business, DPW Director/Town Engineer Mark Ryan submitted his monthly report of department activities. "How do we stand financially on snow and ice?" asked Selectmen Chair Paul Bishop. Ryan indicated spending having been mostly on ice prevention.

Under unfinished business a review of the draft of the Permanent Building Construction Committee (PBCC) was delayed one week as it was known that Plasko had an interest in this topic and would want to take part. "Can we bring up liquor regulations for the town, on the agenda for next week?" Hajjar asked. "What do we have in the documents that are not in MA laws?" asked Maloney. Hajjar said he would review these and highlight where Norwood regulations differ from the state. The item will be added to the Board meeting for February 18.

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OPINION

Forbes Hill more urgent than thought

As reported in last week's Norwood Record, there was yet another delay in the closing of the Forbes Hill property to proponent Dr. Roberto Feliz. The deal between the Town and Dr. Feliz has been going back and forth since the summer, with Feliz trying to come up with financing to buy the property for \$13 million and then build a \$250 million Medical City on the site. Feliz has said in the past that he has been trying very hard to get the financing together.

When questioned, Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said, "We did not close. The Board is negotiating with the doctor and considering its options." He said, "Board members should decide in the next week or two on how they want to move forward."

Mazzucco has typically been quick to point out that the Town has in its possession a \$500k non-refundable deposit from Dr. Feliz, so that the financial exposure to the Town is mitigated. And, to a degree, he is correct. However, debt service on the loan and continuing maintenance costs on the property already have the Town in a deficit.

According to Mark Good, Treasurer and Collector for the Town of Norwood, the debt service on the loan of \$13 million the Town took to purchase the property (not including maintenance costs) is as follows: Net interest cost for 2018 was \$185,938. For 2019 net interest cost was \$402,180, and should the note continue to the end of 2020, the net interest cost will be \$241,323. If you do the math, the interest costs alone through the end of this year will be \$829,441.

So, the \$500k deposit on the property, should the Town decide not to proceed with Dr. Feliz, has already been spent in loan costs through about the 3rd quarter of last year. Every loan payment from that point forward is costing the Town money, and that doesn't even factor in the cost of building maintenance, estimated to be somewhere around \$10k a month.

Selectmen did not make a mistake in choosing the Medical City bid of the three legitimate bids submitted. It was the only one that didn't designate the property for dense, multi-unit housing, which was the whole point in the Town purchasing the property in the first place, and Dr. Feliz is a legitimate bidder. Of course, whether or not Norwood should have even been as vulnerable to the 40B bombardments that it faced will be argued for decades.

The point is the Town is caught between a rock and a hard place relative to Feliz's bid. Should they reject it outright and start from scratch, the monthly costs are choking. And the reality is that future responses to RPP's will most assuredly be for dense, multi-unit housing. So potentially, in the long run, the purchase by the Town of Forbes Hill could end up a disaster given they will still have more dense housing and be hundreds of thousands of dollars out of pocket.

The hope here is that The Medical City of Norwood comes to fruition. Perhaps Dr. Feliz can add additional deposit money to buy more time. Regardless, this could get very ugly for taxpaying residents.

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Holmwood announces candidacy for Norwood Board of Selectmen

Debbie Holmwood, a former member of the Norwood Planning Board, is announcing her candidacy for a seat on the Norwood Board of Selectmen. Debbie is a business owner who has been a proud resident of Norwood for over 30 years. Here she has raised two great young men and restored the Walter Tilton house, which is her current residence. She has been an active member of the community as both a citizen and a public servant. She coached for Norwood Youth Soccer for 15 seasons, winning the title of Coach of the Year in 1996. She is a founding member of Norwood Neighbors, a nonprofit organization that supports local cultural activities including the long-running Norwood Holiday House Tour, a supporter of the Circle of Hope, and has been a special guest of the Norwood Holiday Extravaganza. Debbie spearheaded the successful Community Preservation Act campaign in 2016, which provides funds for community improvement efforts, independent from the town budget. She was

appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals from 2004 to 2013, and has been a Town Meeting Member since 2007.

Debbie was elected to the Norwood Planning Board in 2013 and re-elected in 2017. As a member of the Planning Board, she held a leadership position in advocating for town-wide aesthetics and green space for numerous initiatives including the downtown overlay, the Boston Skating Club, acquisition of the Saint Streets lot, regulation of car storage, development of Regal Press, and the new Norwood Electric Light building. She has also supported the restoration and reuse of old mill buildings, including the Norwood Space Center. Debbie is running for the Norwood Board of Selectmen to expand her community leadership, and to highlight and advance current issues regarding housing and development that she helped promote on the Planning Board. In her words, "I will be an independent voice. I will work tirelessly for our community, and will take on any and all challenges in order to advocate for all town



Debbie Holmwood

residents. My experiences as a resident, parent, volunteer, business owner, and elected official have prepared me to bring an independent perspective to the Board of Selectmen. In this role, I will build on my record of accessibility and accountability, and I will enthusiastically work for our Norwood community."

To provide feedback, suggestions, or to volunteer to help Debbie become the strategic Selectman that Norwood needs, e-mail her directly at HolmwoodForSelectman@gmail.com. We ask for your support, and for your vote on Monday, April 6.

Town Meeting Vacancies

The Norwood Town Clerk's Office wishes to inform the residents of Norwood there are vacancies for the office of Town Meeting Members in the following Town Meeting Districts. There are currently Thirty-Two (32) 3-Year Term Vacancies; Two (2) Two-Year Term Vacancies (To Fill A Vacancy); and Five (5) One-Year Term Vacancies (To Fill A Vacancy).

The following Town Meeting Member seats are now available for the Annual Town Election to be held on Monday, April 6, 2020.

- District 1: 3 Year Term (3 Seats)
- District 2: 3 Year Term (5 Seats) - 1 Year Term (1 Seat)(To Fill A Vacancy)
- District 3: 3 Year Term (1 Seats) - 2 Year Term (1 Seat) (To Fill A Vacancy)
- District 4: 3 Year Term (1 Seat)
- District 5: 3 Year Term (6 Seats) - 2 Year Term (1 Seat to Fill a vacancy) - 1 Year Term (2 Seats to Fill vacancies)
- District 6: 3 Year Term (1 Seat) - 1 Year Term (1 Seat to fill a vacancy)
- District 7: 3 Year Term (5 Seats) - 1 Year Term - (1 Seat)
- District 8: 3 Year Term (3 Seats)
- District 9: 3 Year Term (7 Seats)

Any current Town Meeting Member whose term is expiring on April 6, 2020 who did not file the required "intent to seek re-election form" with the office of the Town Clerk must do so by Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

Anyone else interested in running for the office of Town Meeting Member must file nomination papers signed by at least ten (10) registered voters in their District. Last day for filing with the Board of Registrars is Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

If you have any question, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 762-1240, ext. 152

NOMINATION PAPERS AVAILABLE

The Town Clerk's Office wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that nomination papers for the Annual Town Election to be held on Monday, April 6, 2020 are available in the Town Clerk's Office. Requirements for filing nomination papers: Major offices need 50 signatures of qualified voters.

Anyone wishing to run for Town Meeting Member who is not a candidate for re-election needs to obtain 10 signatures of qualified voters in their district. The nomination papers must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office by Tuesday, February 18, 2020 by 5:00 PM.

Norwood again seeking to help kids with PJ Drive

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Morrill Memorial Library is hosting its sixth annual Boston Bruins PJ Drive.

“It’s really grown and helped us create a lot of community connections,” said Children’s Department Director Kate Tigue. “We’ve had to enlist the help and support of other Town departments, especially the Department of Public Works. They helped us put together all the collection bins going to different sites. We had to coordinate with the Town’s Social Media Committee and other committees and it’s been really great, really amazing to watch all these Town departments and private community organizations come together and support us.”

The drive runs through March 15, and the request is for new pajamas for ages 0 to 18. The drive benefits the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families and the Cradles to Crayons program. The Bruins program runs statewide and has set a goal this year of collecting 13,000 pairs of new pajamas for children and teens in need.



Get your PJ's ready. Norwood's public buildings are now also drop off centers for donations of pajamas for kids in need.

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“We had 2,500 last year, we’re hoping for 2,600 this year,” said Tigue. “There’s been so much interest in the community working with the library.”

Tigue said the Morrill has been involved with the Bruins for decades, and so when they started this program it was a no brainer.

“Norwood is a big hockey

Town,” she said.

It began with the Bruins sponsoring the Morrill’s Summer Reading Program and hosting events, like having Blades the Bear come to Norwood.

“The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners offered this as a way to give

Pajamas

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since he and others in the House had introduced these measures.

Rogers also touched on Charter School reimbursement, which is another issue plaguing many school districts. When Charter Schools were originally proposed in the 90s, it was established that the Public School district would lose funds from a student leaving the public system to go to the charter. Basically, the funds would follow the student, but it was established that the public district would get reimbursed for that student for a time after. The formula for this has since been established as 100 percent of the per pupil expenditure for the first year, 50 percent for the second and 25 percent for the following two years, but the State has, since the Great Recession, not been able to keep up with those reimbursement costs.

“Charter School reimbursement increases are for this fiscal year, 250 percent,” he said. “That’s a \$293,000 increase over last year, which is significant, because I don’t have to tell you how many teaching jobs it is, you see what it costs in human dollars.”

School Committee Myev Bodenhofer asked about restrictions on the extra funding

and what the district’s responsibilities on how it has to spend that money are. He said those details are still being hashed out.

“The Governor has been silent on that, and so that’s something we will be addressing, so it would be helpful for me to continue the dialog on that one issue alone, among others, heading into the end of April for these restrictions,” Rogers said. “There are concerns, and I don’t work for the state, I work for you and the people of Norwood and Walpole and I’d be happy to file an amendment to ease restrictions.”

School Superintendent David Thomson said he’s hoping those restrictions could be hashed out as soon as possible.

“We have to have a plan to you by the end of March and it has to be in to the Department (of Education) by April 1, and the window is very small on this, uncomfortably small,” he said. “Correct me if I’m wrong, but this was passed in October, we finally started to hear information that we’re going to have to spend this increased money in a certain way maybe in December and we didn’t get any guidance until Monday of this week. So the good news is with

the Override money, some of the things that we are doing could very well be enhanced by this, or further supported by this, but we’re still dealing with that.”

Also at the meeting, Norwood Historical Commission President and representative for the Norwood Christmas Holiday Concert Series Judith Howard came in to present the Committee with a donation.

“Two months ago, we held the Christmas Holiday Concert at the Norwood Theater, and it was a major success,” Howard said. “It was a full house. We were absolutely thrilled.”

Howard said they wanted to thank Catherine Connor-Moen, Director of Fine Arts for the Norwood Public Schools, for directing the concert and helping to make it such a success.

“She chose a repertoire that was out of this world, because of the international flavor of the concert,” she said. “They got standing ovations.”

Howard said they had support from sponsors who paid their expenses, and because of that support and the success of the show, they were able to donate \$6,500 to the Norwood Public School District Music Program in the Department of Fine Arts.

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everyone thinks needs to be considered as we go forward, and make sure we’re planning for the future,” he said.

Halkiotis added that several different car dealerships have requested that attorney James Hilliard represent their interests in stakeholder meetings.

“We’ve got seven to eight dealerships who will be represented by James Hilliard,” he said.

The rezoning idea came after several proposals for open lot car storage from several different car dealership companies in the district were presented to the Town.

Once things got too chaotic, the Town voted last year to place a one-year moratorium on lot storage so as to allow for better planning and zoning. Several members of the Planning Board asked Halkiotis if they could extend the moratorium, which would end on July 1.

“That might get problematic,” he said.

Halkiotis explained that the moratorium, at least from the state’s point of view, cannot be allowed to be extended indefinitely, and that having prescribed limits on its timeframe is kind of the point, but he said he didn’t feel it was impossible.

“They have to have a beginning and an end, but we can have that discussion when and if we have to,” he said.

The public workshop is not yet scheduled, but will be advertised on several media outlets.

Also discussed during the meeting was the issue of 12 Day St. The owner of the property, represented by Lewis Colton, wants to put an additional three rental units on the property. The property falls within the newly-established Mixed Use Overlay District (MUOD) the Town adopted last year to allow developers more density for residential units in the Central Business District. Over a certain limit however, that additional density requires a special permit and a public benefit to the Town.

The issue in question is what would constitute a fair benefit. Colton and Halkiotis agree that an additional two units on the property (a total of four) would be as-of-right. Colton said his client is prepared to make an

\$8,000 donation to the Town, while the Board was thinking of around \$13,000. Member Al Porro said he felt \$50,000 to \$60,000 would have been more appropriate, since it would be about a quarter of the cost of the additional unit. Colton said if that is what the Board insisted, then they would have to walk away.

No vote was taken on the issue that night, but the “straw poll” from the Board seemed to indicate that \$13,000 would be acceptable.

The Planning Board and the Town still need to work out the value of public benefit versus density, which has yet to be hashed out in some sort of formula. Member Brian Hatchy stipulated that he felt \$13,000 was appropriate for this project, but just so long as it wasn’t taken as a precedent for future projects.

“I think of the \$13k; I could see go higher but again they missed (as-of-right) by such a small amount,” said Chair Ernie Paciorowski.

The hearing was continued, but the Board discussed the idea of creating a fund for public benefit income from developers in this situation. Currently, Halkiotis said Town Counsel believes that since the idea of putting public benefit monies into a fund was not specifically stipulated in the MUOD and the Zoning Bylaw, then they can’t do it. The Board agreed that Halkiotis should try to rectify that situation at the next Town Meeting.

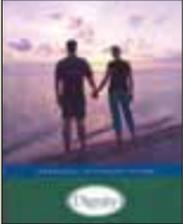
“I think that’s just going to be writing a paragraph and bringing it to Town Counsel,” Halkiotis said.

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Norwood's Catherine Seastedt named Professional of the Year

The Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association awarded Norwood Parks and Recreation Program Director Catherine Seastedt the honor of the New Professional of the Year for 2020. Seastedt has been a force for change in the department, starting a host of new programming and outreach for the Norwood Recreation Department. According to a letter the Norwood Recreation Department posted online, "The Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association's Executive Board established this award as a way to recognize young professional members who have rendered outstanding service to this association and to the community recreation profession over the past year."

The award will be presented at the Awards Dinner for the 35th annual MRPA State Conference on March 26 at the Sea Crest Beach Hotel in North



Catherine Seastedt posing with collections donated for one of the many collections the Norwood Rec Department facilities over the year.

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Falmouth. The award dinner starts at 5:15 p.m. According to the Massachusetts Recreation

and Park Association, the award goes to a new professional who has been in the field fewer than 10 years.

"On behalf of the Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association's Executive Board and the 35th annual Staet Conference Committee members, congratulations on your award! Thank you for all that you do!" said Bruce Doig, Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association Awards Committee Chair and Director of the Beverly Recreation Department.

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back to the Bruins," said Tigue. "The opportunity came to the previous children's library director, and I think she thought this was a great way to get the library out into the community... We've also gotten a lot of cool prizes for our summer reading program. Our participation in the drive is really trying to help the Bruins out with a great cause that they're trying to raise awareness of."

You might think there could be more important things for children in need than pajamas, but the need is quite pressing. DCF works with turbulent and often troubled households, and if the children have to leave because of a dangerous situation, they sometimes don't have time to bring everything they need. She added that there are thousands of homeless children in the Commonwealth who are sleeping in their clothes.

"We don't even think about pajamas being a real need, we just sort of get them, it's not even really a thought that this may be a thing that some children go without," Tigue said.

Collection bins are at the Library and all Town-owned buildings (including Norwood Public Schools).

"Pretty much any Norwood Town Department or facility will have a collection bin with some sort of Bruins logo on it," Tigue said. "The Town Hall, Civic Center, the Public Safety building, and all Norwood Public Schools are just some of the

locations. Bring in new pajamas with the tags still on them, ages zero to 18. We just want them to be appropriate and new, minimal wording would be great."

For more information, go to norwoodlibrary.org/boston-bruins-pj-drive-feb-1-march-15-2020/

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1511 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Jefferson Dr Units Check On A Minor, All Is Well.
 1559 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Walpole St + Davis Ave Party Seeking Advice On Suspicious Activity In The Neighborhood.
 1642 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Adams St Caller Requesting A Check On Her Friend That She Has Been Trying To Get A In Touch With. N664 Spoke To That Party And All Is Well.
 1700 Phone - Susp Person Area Search Negative Location/Address: Norwood Central Station Building - Broadway St Caller Reports A Male Party Walking Through The Lot.
 1747 911 - Open Door/Gate Services Rendered Location/Address: Adams St Caller Reports Neighbors Door Is Open And Appears No One Is Home. N663 Checked The Residence All Appears To Be In Order And Secured The Door, A Note Was Left For The Resident.
 1843 Initiated - Road Hazard Spoken

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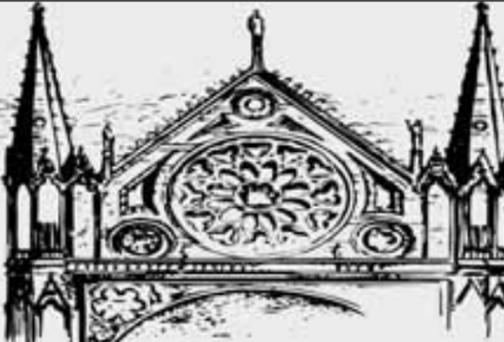
To Location/Address: 6th St N677 Speaks To The Resident About Draining His Pool Into The Street.
 1847 Phone - Well Being Chk *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Cvs Pharmacy - Nahatan St Caller Reports Ma Pc 9sn826 Has Been Parked Running For The Last 2 Hours. As A Result N663 Returns With One Under Arrest S/M 19762, 1905 Hrs, E/M 19762, 1906 Hrs, N662 Also Returns With One Under Arrest To The Station. Refer To Arrest: 20-41-Ar Arrest: Blindman, Viktoriya M Address: 6 White Sisters Way Canton, Ma Age: 32 Charges: Warrant Arrest Warrant Arrest Warrant Arrest Burglarios Instrument, Possess Receive Stolen Property -\$1200 Refer To Arrest: 20-42-Ar Arrest: Carroll, Michael W Address: 6 White Sisters Way Canton, Ma Age: 45 Charges: Drug, Possess Class B Drug, Possess Class E Burglarios Instrument, Possess Receive Stolen Property -\$1200
 2015 911 - Assist Citizen Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: Washington St Caller Reports Water Pipes Burst In Her Residence. Nfd Responding.
 2022 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood Crossings - Central St Caller Reports Noise Complaint. N666 And N665 Responding. All Parties Were Spoken To. Caller Is Satisfied.
 2219 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: St James Ave Caller Reports His Neighbors Television Is Loud. N663 Spoke To That Party And They Will Turn Down The Television.
 2332 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Sturtevant Ave Caller Reports Neighbors Are Being Loud. N666

Spoke To The Resident And The Will Keep It Down.
Tuesday, February 4
 0511 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr Probation Requesting Check On Party That Is On Electronic Monitoring And Is No Longer Showing A Location. Party Advised And Probation Notified.
 1532 Phone - Kids Gathering Gone On Arrival Location/Address: St John Ave Report Of Kids Harassing Motorist.
Wednesday, February 5
 0958 Other - Drug Law Violation *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwood High School - Nichols St The Vape Pen On Campus.
 1008 Phone - Susp Person *Report Filed Location/Address: Stop & Shop - Bos-Prov Hwy Report Car With Stickers On It With Word Kill On Them And W/F Entered Store With Back Pack.
 1332 Phone - Susp Vehicle Spoken To Location/Address: Lincoln St + Elm St Report Yesterday Ma Pc 9wp667 Was Driving Slow Down Street And Conversing With A H/F Whom Was Walking Along Street, Car Is Now Back, Parked, Unoccupied. N665 Located Owner-Student At High School That Does Not Have Parking Pass.
 1357 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood High School - Nichols St Report Student, Who Was Angry Today, And Left With Aunt Is Sending Out Text Messages. Bolo To Cars And Walpole Pd. N666 Locates Him At Jefferson Dr, He Is Ok, Also Spoke To His Father.
 1435 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: The Juice Bar - Washington St Report Male, Yellow Hoodie, Bleeding, Took Tip Money.
 1604 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St N662 Spoke To Male Party Seeking Advice On Harassment Laws. N662 Explained The Laws And What Makes Harassment Criminally. Party Stated He Understood. This Is An Ongoing Issue At Norwood Hospital See 20-116-Of.
 1839 Other - Death *Report Filed Location/Address: Washington Court Condo - Washington St Nfd On Scene For A Public Assist Requests An Officer. See Call 20-2957.

ing To Call Police, Doors Slamming. N663 Reports Male Left Prior To Officer's Arrival, Verbal Argument Over Son Being Late For School.
 0920 Walk-In - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Hill St Brother Of Resident In Lobby Request Police Go With Him To Check On His Brother, Believe He Needs Medical Assistance. N664 Reports He Will Go To Hospital, Brother Will Drive Him.
 1019 911 - Death *Report Filed Location/Address: Alandale Pkwy N f d , N o r w o o d B.C.I., M.E., C.P.A.C., Funeral Home All Notified.
 1144 Radio - Warrant Service *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Mbita Bus Stop Shelter - Washington St N490 Checks A Subject Known To Police. As A Result, N664 Places Subject Under Arrest And Transports To Station. Refer To Arrest: 20-43-Ar Arrest: Cline, John Steven Address: Homeless Homeless, Ma Age: 69 Charges: Warrant Arrest Warrant Arrest Warrant Arrest
 1235 Walk-In - Citizens Complaint Under Investigation Location/Address: Talbot Farm Rd Complaint Over A Basketball Hoop In The Roadway. Will Follow Up When The Resident Is Home.
 1420 Phone - Drunk Person *Complaint/Summons Location/Address: Norwood Depot - Railroad Ave Report Male Was Looking Under A Truck Then Walked Towards Central St. N664 Requests Nfd. N664 Places Subject In Protective Custody For Drugs. Nfd, With N664 On Board And N678 Following, Transports To Hospital Were He Was Released To Their Care. N664 To Also File A Complaint Application And Report.
 1705 Phone - Assaults *Report Filed Location/Address: Village Rd W Caller Reports Daughter Was Hit By Another Student On The School Bus.
 1709 Phone - Well Being Chk *Report Filed Location/Address: School St Caller Reports Her Son Took Her Vehicle Without Permission, Requested Stop For Wellbeing Check. Bolo To The Cars And Surrounding Cities And Towns For Ma Pc 1ym161.
 1822 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Caller Reports An Individual That Has Been Staying With Him And His Wife Has Been Verbally Abusive. Officers Provided Them With Their Options.
 1846 Phone - Disturbance *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwood Healthcare - Washington St Staff Report A Disturbance Between Two Residents That Occurred Earlier Today.
 1858 Phone - Animal Complaint Area

Search Negative Location/Address: Douglas Ave + Winslow Ave Caller Reports Dog Barking In The Area.
 2104 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Pleasant St Motorist Saw A Person With A Flashlight In A House. That Was The Homeowner.
 2120 Initiated - Warrant Service *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Sixth St N678 Placed One Party Under Arrest. N663 Transported Him Back To The Station. Arrest: Francis, Edwin Schueller Address: 3 West Border Rd Norwood, Ma Age: 30 Charges: Warrant Arrest
Friday, February 7
 0911 Phone - Susp Vehicle Spoken To Location/Address: St Joseph Ave Report Car In Area, Multiple Damaged Areas On Car. N663 Reports Tx Pc Lyd6201, Claims Hydroplaned On Highway And Hit Guardrail. S.P. Foxboro And S.P. Framingham Called, No Incidents Reported. 1544 Phone - Report Of Fire Electric/Light Dpt Notified Location/Address: Morgan Dr Report Pole Arching And Transformer Sparking. Nfd And Eld Sent.
 1641 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Norton Dr + Quail Run Male In His 50's Riding A Bike Several Times Around The Area And Said He Was Working On His Balance When Approached By A Resident. Note** Wind Gusts At This Time**
 1651 Phone - Found Syringe Services Rendered Location/Address: Cedar St
 1831 Initiated - Motor Vehicle Stop *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Windsor Shell - Walpole St Ma Pc 1ays97 Stolen Motor Vehicle. Stopped At 491 Walpole Street. N664 Placed The Operator Under Arrest And Transported To The Station. S/M 20114 At 1846, E/M 20116 At 1854. Vehicle Located In Ncic. Center Autobody Towed Ma Pc 1ays97. Arrest: Gamble, Lakisha R Address: 29 Rich St Boston, Ma Age: 39 Charges: Motor Veh, Receive Stolen License Suspended, Op Mv With
Saturday, February 8
 0411 911 - Assist Citizen Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: 2 - Saunders Rd Request For Public Assist. Nfd Responded And Handled Same.
 0546 Phone - Motor Vehicle Accident *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Carnegie Row + Astor Ave Caller Reports Motor Vehicle Crash At This Location, N666 And N663 Responded With Norwood Fire Department. As A Result, N666 Returned With 1 Under Arrest For Oui. Center Autobody Towed Ma. Reg# 1dlp26 Arrest: Klapman, Jacob Address: 1701 Hampton Way Abington, Ma Age:

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Sunday, February 9

0517 Phone - Unwanted Party *Protective Custody Location/Address: [Nod 1370] Cvs Pharmacy - Nahatan St Manager From Cvs Reports Male Party Sleeping On Floor In Store And Won't Leave. N662, N678 Responded. Party Was Located And Stated He Had A Friend At 990 Washington St. N662, N678 Transported To Address And No One Knew Him. N678 Returned With Party To Station In Protective Custody. Refer To P/C: 20-50-Ar

1233 Phone - Citizens Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: 5-7 Surtavent Ave Llc - Sturtevant Ave Dispute Resolved Over Parking .

1539 Phone - Unwanted Party *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Courtyard By Marriott - River Ridge Dr See 19-3227 . Subjects Return For Property. As A Result One Famel Under Arrest On A Boston Warrant. St Mi 27302 1558 Hrs 27304 1603 Hrs Refer To Arrest: 20-51-Ar Arrest: Dandridge, Parris L Address: 9 Stanley St Apt. #2 Dorchester, Ma Age: 28 Charges: Warrant Arrest

2113 Phone - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Bubbles-Up Laundromat - Central St Caller Reports A Male Party Possibly Intoxicated Causing A Disturbance. After Speaking With That Party N669 Gives One Male Party A Courtesy Transport Home.

2118 Phone - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: Lyman Smith House - Vernon St Caller Reports Someone In The Apartment Building Is Being Loud. N678 Reports The Calling Party Is Leaving For The Night.

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28 Charges: OUI-Liquor Or .08% Marked Lanes Violation

1001 Phone - Susp Person Spoken To Location/Address: Cameron Rd + Madelyn Rd Report B/M Going Up To Several Houses But Not Knocking On Doors, Maybe Taking Pictures With His Cell Phone. N669 Reports Truck Driver Trying To Find An Address. N669 Reports He Is In The Wrong Town, On His Way.

1007 Phone - Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Douglas Ave Winslow Ave. Resident Reports Barking Dog Since 0600 Hrs. From White House With White Fence On Douglas Ave. N661 Reports Probably #24 But There Is No Dog Outside And/Or Barking Upon Arrival.

1117 Phone - Unwanted Party Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Shaws Supermarket - Nahatan St Manager Reports He Threw Out A W/M, Brown Jacket, J eans Whom Was Panhandling And Bothering Customers. Subject Is Now Outside In Area Of Cvs. N661 Sent. 2nd Call Manager Believes He Left Area. N661 Drove Through Lot, He Appears To Be Goa.

1201 911 - Assaults Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Unit 35. Patient Reports He Was Assaulted By Nurse. N677 Reports Patient Actually Came At The Nurse And So He Was Restrained By The Nurse.

1737 Initiated - Warrant Service *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Lenox Ave N664 Returns With One In Custody To The Station S/M 20213, 1747 Hrs, E/M 20214.1, 1751 Hrs. Refer To Arrest: 20-49-Ar Arrest: Clarke-Hughes, Lynne Claire Address: 11 Lenox Ave Apt. #2top Norwood, Ma Age: 57 Charges: Warrant Arrest

2013 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Caller Request-

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DOG LICENSES NOW AVAILABLE

The Town Clerk's Office would like to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that the 2020 Dog Licenses are now available. All dogs three months old or over must be licensed. Licenses are issued on a calendar basis, January 1st through December 31st. Fees are \$20 for both Male and Female dogs, \$15 for Spayed Female and Neutered Male. Certificate showing the dog was spayed or neutered must be shown. Rabies Certificate must also be shown. The Town Clerk's office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

NOMINATION PAPERS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP

The Town Clerk's Office wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that nomination papers for the Annual Town Election to be held on Monday, April 6, 2020 are available in the Town Clerk's Office. Requirements for filing nomination papers: Major offices need 50 signatures of qualified voters. Anyone wishing to run for Town Meeting Member who is not a candidate for re-election needs to obtain 10 signatures of qualified voters in their district. The nomination papers must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office by Tuesday, February 18, 2020 by 5:00 PM.

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CULLINAN

Ruth (Fitzgerald) of Norwood, passed away on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at the age of 92. Beloved wife of the late Thomas F. Cullinan. Loving mother of Thomas Cullinan of Sagamore Beach, Theresa Glen of Dedham, and Charles Cullinan & his wife Roberta of Mansfield. Cherished grandmother of Lisa Glen, Derek Glen, Kayle Cullinan, and Madison Cullinan. Devoted sister of the late Marilyn Brion and Rita Fitzgerald. Funeral from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., NORWOOD. Interment in Cambridge Cemetery, 76 Coolidge Ave., Cambridge. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ruth's memory may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452. www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com

DIXON

James "Jay", 70, of Newton, passed away peacefully on Friday February 7, 2020. Born March 1, 1949 in Norwood. He was the son of the late John and Ellen (Drumme) Dixon. Jay is survived by his beloved wife of nearly 30 years, Aina (Kurzemnieks) Dixon; his adored daughter, Alexandra Dixon of Newton; his loving siblings, Kevin T. Dixon of Washington, Peter V. Dixon of Washington, Honor M. Dixon of Norwood, Christopher B. Dixon of Norwood, the late Debra O'Neil and the late Sean M. Dixon; and sixteen cherished nieces and nephews. Jay graduated from Xaverian High School in 1967, where he was a member of the basketball team. He then went on to study at Boston University and graduated in the year 1971. Jay was a proud defensive end for the 1969 Pasadena Bowl Team, and last fall he was thrilled to attend the 50th Anniversary Reunion with all of his fellow teammates. Jay was a NFL draft pick for the Cleveland Browns. Jay was devoted to his family and always encouraged them to do what would make them happy. He loved the many ski trips they would take together, trips to many of the National Parks out West, and especially enjoyed their trip to St. Martin, which he talked about for years. He spent many summers enjoying the beaches of the National Seashore. Jay always had compassion for others and impressed the importance of being understanding of other people onto his daughter. In many ways he walked to the beat of his own drum, but that is what made him the funniest guy in the room. After spending many years working for the Teamsters and on Cape Cod as a shell fisherman, he enjoyed his retirement splitting his time between Newton and Wellfleet. Jay was active in his community and vocal about issues that he was passionate about. One of Jay's last wishes was to donate his brain to Boston University Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy Center. Funeral from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday February 13, at 11am at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 549

Washington Street, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Jay's honor to the Boston University Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy Center www.bu.edu/cte/

HARDY

Kenneth, 65, of Norwood, passed away Saturday, February 8, 2020, after an illness. Born on April 15, 1954 in Boston, he was the son of Francis W. and Thelma (Ziegler) Hardy. Mr. Hardy was raised and educated in Boston and moved to Norwood 33 years ago. He worked as an Orthotics Technician for AliMed, Inc., in Dedham, for thirty years until his retirement. Ken enjoyed music, food, celebrating holidays, and spending time with his family. He loved to play with all-things R/C and was an avid collector. He enjoyed many motorcycle rides with friends and doting on his canine companions, Tigger and Cocoa. Ken is survived by his wife of 32 years, Theresa (Goggin) Hardy. He was the devoted father of Laurie Mathaisel and her husband Bryan Jr. of South Windsor, CT; beloved mother, Thelma Terpstra; loving brother of Richard Hardy of Norwood, Wayne Hardy and his wife Kathy of North Carolina, Ethel Schmitt and her husband Robert of New York, Douglas Hardy and his wife Anna of New York; proud grandfather of Bryan Mathaisel III. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Funeral from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. Burial at The Gardens of Gethsemane Cemetery in West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Compassionate Care ALS, P.O. Box 1052, West Falmouth, MA, 02574.

HENRY

Mark E. "Opec" of Norwood, owner of Tower Hill Fuel and retired Norwood Firefighter, passed away on February 8, 2020 at home surrounded by his loving family at the age of 71, following a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Born October 26, 1948 in Norwood, MA, Mark was raised in West Roxbury before moving with his family to Norwood in 1962. He was a Norwood High School Graduate of the Class of 1966. Mark was drafted in 1969 and served his country as a medic for the U.S. Army until 1971. He always considered himself "one of the lucky ones" for not being sent

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to Vietnam. Mark was stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas, where he met his future wife, Vicky. Here, Mark used his famed bedside manner to care for the critically injured soldiers returning from overseas. After discharge, Mark served his community as a Firefighter for the Town of Norwood until 1987. Mark was one of the department's first EMTs and medical coordinators. He received numerous commendations and was known to be a strong union advocate, always looking out for firefighters and their families. While working as a firefighter, Mark also delivered home heating oil for the family business, Tower Hill Fuel, a company he would later run. As owner, "OPEC" ensured nobody had a cold night. If someone was without heat or without money to pay for it, Mark Henry was the guy you called. Following his retirement from the oil business, Mark was employed by New Pond Village in Walpole. He was well respected for his compassion and care for the residents, earning him "Associate of the Year" honors in 2013. Mark was a member and officer of Norwood Firefighters Local 1631, Norwood Firefighters Relief Association, Norwood ELKS #1124, past Sportsman of the Year, and the Norwood Gridiron Club, past president. Mark was also a quiet supporter of the Norwood Circle of Hope and the Norwood Friends of St. Nick, where he was presented with the "Kibby Curran Good Guy of the Year Award" in 2018. Mark's true devotion was to the Norwood Challenger Baseball Program where he was cofounder, board member, and dedicated coach. Mark was well known for his generous support for all those who needed it, without drawing any attention to himself. Always the voice of reason and not above a prank or two, Mark was a friend to all and an enemy of none. "And the beat goes on?" Beloved husband of 48 years, of Victoria Ann (Wargacki) Henry. Devoted father of Eric J. Henry (NFD) and his wife Melissa E. (Sweeney) of Norwood and Rebecca S. Henry of Sarasota, FL. Son of the late J. Robert and Bernadette M. (Reissfelder) Johnson. Loving brother of Philip J. Henry, late, of Walpole, Donna M. Nunes and her husband Frank of Falmouth, Richard J. Henry and his wife Jill of Falmouth, Gale G. Burke, and good friend and brother-in-law, Bomber O'Leary of Westwood. Cherished "Pops" of Daniel, Connor, Claire and Timmy Henry, who brought him so much joy. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. On behalf of Mark, the family would like to thank Dr. Thomas Abrams and his staff at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Care Dimensions Hospice for the wonderful care and compassion they all provided. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., NORWOOD, Friday, February 14, 2020 at 10am followed by a Funeral Mass at 11am at St. Catherine of Siena Church Norwood. Visiting Hours will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2020 from 3-8pm. Burial with military honors will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mark's name to Hillary D. Repucci, MBA Director, Principal and Major Gifts at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute & the Jimmy Fund, Division of Philanthropy, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7226 (check made out to DFCI and Dr. Wolpin, Hale Center in the memo line) or make donations online <http://www.myjimmyfundpage.org/give/brianwolpin>

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KUIETAUSKAS

JOHN F. of Walpole passed away on February 4, 2020 at the age of 56. Loving son of Charles J. Kuietauskas of Walpole and the late Eleanor L. (Ross) Kuietauskas. Brother of Peter Kuietauskas of ME, Paul Kuietauskas of Walpole, Ann M. McGuire of Norwood, Charles J. Kuietauskas Jr. of Norwood and Carol Kuietauskas of VA. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. John was a member of the Norwood Elks. He graduated from Tri County High School and worked for the Norwood Sport Center for many years. At the request of the family all services will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

LoVUOLO

GILDA E. of Norwood passed away on February 11, 2020 at the age of 95. Daughter of the late Sam and Mary (Balestra) LoVuolo. Loving sister of the late Eleanor Cochran, Emily Carchedi, Edmund LoVuolo, Virginia LoVuolo, Muriel "Dolly" McIntosh and Maurice "Sonny" LoVuolo. Also survived by many loving and devoted nieces, nephews and special friends all whom she loved dearly. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, Saturday February 15, 2020 at 8am followed by a funeral mass at 9am at St. Catherine of Siena Church Norwood. Visiting hours will be held on Friday, February 14, 2020 from 4-8pm. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the Old Colony Hospice 321 Manley Street W. Bridgewater, MA 02379.

MARCELONIS

CHARLES J. of Norwood passed away on February 11, 2020 at the age of 85. Beloved husband of Dorothy A. (McAuley) Marcelonis. Devoted father of Charles J. Marcelonis and his wife Kathleen of Plainville, John J. Marcelonis and his wife Donna of Warwick, RI, Dorothy Marcelonis of Norwood, Stephen J. Marcelonis of Norwood, Joanne Cook and her husband Michael of Wrentham, Susan Carey and her husband John of Foxboro and James Marcelonis and his wife Marlene of Norwood. Brother of William Marcelonis of Abington, Joseph Marcelonis of Hanover, Martha DiStasio of Quincy and the late John Marcelonis. Cherished grandfather of 19 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Son of the late John and Martha (Sheldon) Marcelonis. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Charles was a member of the North Walpole Fish and Game Club, Walpole Sportsman Club and the Norwood Elks. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 9:30am followed by a funeral mass at 10:30am at St. Timothy's Church Norwood. Visiting hours will be held on Friday, February 14, 2020 from 4-8pm. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood, MA.

MAZZOTTA

Giuseppe of Norwood, formerly of Italy, passed away on February 4, 2020 at the age of 89. Beloved husband of the late Barbara (Serratore) Mazzotta. Devoted father of Veronica Bartucca and her husband Francesco of Norwood and the late Caterina Mazzotta. Brother of Barbara Mazzotta of Rome, Italy, Vincenzo Mazzotta of Filadelfia,

Italy, Francesco Mazzotta of Falerna, Italy, and Andrea Mazzotta of Milan, Italy. Cherished grandfather of Barbara Battaglia and her husband Paul, Lisa Bartucca and Joseph Bartucca. Great-grandfather of Paul, Anthony and Sofia. Giuseppe was a member of the Norwood Italian Social Club. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., NORWOOD. At the request of the family, all other Services will be held in Italy at a later date.

NICOLAOU

Michael C. of Norwood, MA, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at the age of 88. Born on August 30, 1931 in Suez, Egypt, he was the son of the late Constantino & Evdokia (Finikiotis) Nicolaou. Michael grew up in Egypt and was raised in the Greek culture by his loving parents. He was among the first Egyptian citizens to earn a PhD (Mechanical Engineering) from the University of Alexandria in the 1950's, being handed his degree by President Gamal Abdel Nasser. He continued with post-doctoral research in the United States at Purdue in the 1960's working on US government research projects. He applied for a green card then, but his visa expired and he was forced leave "the greatest country in the world," and move to Canada, where his sister Evangelia and husband Michael took him in until he secured a position teaching at the Universidad Industrial de Santander (UIS) in Colombia. In 1974, without speaking a word of Spanish, he moved to Bucaramanga, Colombia to begin his tenure. There he met the love of his life and wife of 45 years, Elvira Reyes Gonzales. He continued to teach at the UIS until 1979, when, without speaking a word of Portuguese, he accepted a position teaching mechanical engineering and thermodynamics at the Universidade Nacional do Brasil (UnB) in Brasilia. In 1986, he was granted sabbatical to continue his post-doctoral research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, realizing his life-long dream to once again live in the greatest country in the world. In 1987, he and his family settled in Norwood where he enjoyed watching his children be actively involved in the community. In 2010, at age 79, Michael earned his second PhD, this one in Material Science, from Northeastern University. Along with his wedding, the birth of his four children, and earning two PhD's, one of the proudest moments of his life was becoming a United States Citizen in 2004. Michael was fluent in Greek, Arabic, English, Spanish, Portuguese, German, and French. He held several patents derived from his life-long pursuit of knowledge and research. He enjoyed old films and songs, was an avid swimmer and was petrified of dogs. Loving husband of Elvira (Reyes Gonzales) Nicolaou. Loving father of Constantino Nicolaou & his wife Cynthia of Boxford, Luis G.T. Nicolaou & his wife Nancy of Medford, Evdokia Pallang & her husband Nicholas of Norwood, and Felipe Nicolaou of Somerville. Devoted brother of Evangelia Papadouris & her husband Michael, Mary Nicolaou, and the late Teophilo Nicolaou & his surviving wife Maria. Cherished grandfather of Evangelia, Alexander, Abigail and James. Funeral from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., Norwood. Interment in Highland Cemetery in Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations in Michael's memory may be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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WALK/RUN FOR AUTISM

League School of Greater Boston's 7th Annual 5K Walk/Run for Autism will be on Saturday, April 18! Old Post Road School in Walpole will once again host our annual event. Registration at 9am and race begins at 10am. Early Bird Registration of \$20 is being offered now through 2/29 then will be \$25 per participant. Opportunities are still available to become a sponsor and/or volunteer. All proceeds from this

event will be directed towards our ongoing efforts to construct an appropriate outdoor space that is accessible, exciting and engaging for all students! The streets will be busy with walkers, runners, strollers, volunteers and supporters in the community. Please no dogs allowed at this event. Current sponsors are Direct Federal Credit Union, O'LYN Roofing, Napper Tandy's Walpole, Dedham Savings and Wegmans. Register NOW on website

<http://tiny.cc/League5K> With further questions or to discuss customized sponsorship packages, please contact Michelle Melanson, Special Events Coordinator, at 508-850-3900 or mmelanson@leagueschool.com.

LITTLE MUSTANGS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Norwood Public Schools is registering NOW for the School Year 2020-2021, 3 and 4 year old program. Appli-

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FEBRUARY FILM FEST

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BOOK GROUP TO DISCUSS "THE TWELVE TRIBES OF HATTIE"

The Morrill Memorial Library's Turn the Page Book Group will reconvene on Wednesday, February 19 at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm to talk about "the Twelve Tribes of Hattie" by Ayana Mathis. This debut novel tells the story of the children of the Great Migration through the trials of one unforgettable family. A riveting page-turner, "The Twelve Tribes of Hattie" is a portrait of striving in the face of insurmountable odds and a testament to the resilience of the human spirit. To register for either the morning or evening session of the book group, led this month by Patty Bailey and guest host Dina Delic, please go to our events page at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call 781-769-0200 x110, or

stop by the Reference or Information Desk. Copies of the book are available to check out at the Circulation Desk, and refreshments will be served.

HIDDEN TREASURES OF BOSTON

Come to the Morrill Memorial Library for an inside look at some of Boston's hidden treasures on Thursday, February 27 at 6:30 pm, presented by Boston tour guide Jay Bazzinotti. A Corporal in the First NH Regiment of Revolutionary War re-enactors, Jay will appear in full uniform to talk about some of the little known landmarks and monuments in the Boston area. Much of the city's rich and fascinating history is invisible not just to the casual visitor but also to those who have lived here all their lives. To register for "Hidden Boston," please go to our events page at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call 781-769-0200 x110, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

ARTISANS, CORA REEFS, AND...HYPERBOLIC GEOMETRY?

What does crochet art have in common with coral reefs and hyperbolic geometry? Come to the Morrill Memorial Library on Sunday, March 1 at 2:30 pm to find out, as well as their connections to ecology and the future of the Earth. A brief Ted Talk and discussion will shed light on these matters, so no math required! This program introduces the installation of a coral reef display at the library, designed by textile artisan Marg Corjay. While smaller than the one recently installed at the Smithsonian Institute, it is nonetheless important. Crochet artisans worldwide are creating such displays in an effort to educate the public on our responsibility toward endangered coral reefs and highlight the crucial role of artisanship in society. To sign up for this event, sponsored by TogetherYes, call 781-769-0200 x110, visit our online events page at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

PARANORMAL INVESTIGATIONS OF THE FAIRBANKS HOUSE

Did you know that the Fairbanks House in Dedham—the oldest wooden building in North America (c.1637)—may also be one of its most

haunted? Learn more about the mysteries of this dwelling that housed eight generations of the Fairbanks family at the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, March 2 at 7:00 pm. Sufficient paranormal activity has been observed in the house, where many Fairbanks family members died, to have attracted the attention of ghost hunters far and wide. Join Curator Daniel Neff as he explains what ghost hunters actually do, and look at (and listen to) some of the most remarkable evidence of paranormal activity captured at the Fairbanks House. To register for this program, funded by the Friends of the Library, visit our online events page at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call 781-769-0200 x110, or stop by the Reference or Information Desk.

FRANK SINATRA FILM FEST

Are you a fan of Ol' Blue Eyes, or simply feeling nostalgic for some great old-fashioned movies? The Morrill Memorial Library will show a total of four classic Frank Sinatra films on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in March. The series will begin with the landmark 1953 movie, "From Here to Eternity," also starring Burt Lancaster, Deborah Kerr, and Donna Reed, on Thursday, March 5 at 6:30 pm. "On the Town" (1949), co-starring Gene Kelly and Betty Garrett, will be shown on Tuesday, March 10, followed by the original "Ocean's 11" (1960), with Dean Martin and Sammy Davis, Jr. on Thursday, March 12. The film fest will conclude on Tuesday, March 24 with "High Society" (1956), featuring Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly. Popcorn will be served. To sign up for any or all of these movies, please visit our events page at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call 781-769-0200 x110, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

FOLK-ROCK DUO TO KICK OFF MUSICAL SERIES

The Morrill Memorial Library's popular Musical Sundays series will resume this spring with a spirited performance by the duo Knock on Wood on Sunday, March 8 at 3:00 pm. Knock on Wood is a high-energy acoustic folk-rock pair featuring singer-songwriter Howie Newman on guitar and lead vocals and Joe Kessler on fiddle and mandolin. They perform original music suitable for all ages as well as classic rock covers. It promises to be a lively, entertaining show with great musicianship and plenty of audience participation. To register for this concert, made possible through the library Endowment Fund, visit our events page at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call 781-769-0200 x110, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

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RINGLER

GEORGE W. of Norwood passed away on February 6, 2020 at the age of 83. Beloved husband of Carole M. (Morganstern) Ringler. Devoted father of William G. Ringler and his wife Ellen of Attleboro, David J. Ringler and his wife Cheryl of Wrentham, Barry T. Ringler and his wife Caroline of Walpole, Robert M. Ringler and his wife Annmarie of Norwood and Janine C. Baeza and her husband Joshua of CA. Brother of Charles Ringler of AZ, Theodore Ringler of Scituate and the late Helen Mitchell and Evelyn Higgins. Also survived by 14 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. George was a precision metal fabricator and carpenter. He was a Track star at Boston Technical High School, and an avid custom hot rod enthusiast. Devoted husband for 57 years to his loving wife Carole. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA 02062. At the request of the family all other services will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to Hessco Elder Services - 26 Oneil Dr, Dedham, MA 02026. Immediately following the visitation hours Sunday at 5pm, all are invited to the celebration of George's life at Conrad's Restaurant in Walpole.



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