

Clock is ticking on Fire Chief David Hayes's tenure

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

Norwood Fire Department Chief David Hayes said he has worked hard during his first year as chief to rebuild the culture of the fire department and increase transparency with the public through an open-door policy. However, he may have to retire when he turns 65 in February under state law unless the state Legislature approves a bill allowing him to continue until age 70.

Several recent initiatives point to efforts to improve the department since Hayes's predecessor, Fire Chief George Morrice, received a union vote of no confidence in January 2021 from Norwood Firefighters Local 1631. Under his leadership, Hayes has instituted a fire prevention division; firefighters receive cross training in other roles; they received a free cancer screening; and new equipment has been purchased that has saved Norwood money and increased firefighter safety. Hayes also said he has morning meetings with his crew so that firefighters have input in decisions.

"I'm trying to empower the firefighters," he said in an Oct. 3 interview with The Norwood Record. "Before, the fire chief made all the rules and sat on an island."

As he described his efforts to improve the department, Hayes said he is contemplating whether he will be able to see them all come to fruition. In order for him to continue as chief past the age of 65, the mandatory age for retirement, the state



Norwood Fire Chief David Hayes is facing conflict to keep his position after February.

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Legislature must approve H. 4287 before Jan. 3. He will turn 65 on Feb. 24.

Documents obtained by The Norwood Record and interviews with stakeholders confirmed that there are different perspectives on when Hayes should retire. While union representatives believe that a mandatory retirement age allows for other firefighters to move up the ladder, Hayes and General Manager Tony Mazzucco said this is ageism in a position that is mainly administrative in nature. The discussion has pitted Hayes, the unions, the legislators and the Town in a quagmire as the clock ticks down on Hayes's status as chief.

Hayes explained he believes the bill's passage may be hampered by what he called a "misunderstanding" with the state and Norwood union representatives as well as state Rep. John Rogers and state Sen. Mike Rush about how long he wished to remain as chief.

"The length of the contract is, to me at least, a red herring in the entire discussion," said General Manager Tony Mazzucco in an Oct. 7 interview. "It is increasingly becoming

the norm in Massachusetts, as swapping leadership out every few years is not effective or good for a town."

On Oct. 13, 2021, Mazzucco and Hayes signed a five-year contract, effective Sept. 1, 2021, that would allow Hayes to be employed through Aug. 31, 2026 when he will be 68, according to a copy of the contract obtained by The Norwood Record. This contract is contingent upon legislative approval of H. 4287. Rogers and Rush jointly filed the bill at the request of the Board of Selectmen, and it was initially referred to the House's Committee on Public Service on Dec. 13, 2021.

Meanwhile, the bill has remained stalled in the Senate's Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, with the last action taken on it on June 30, according to the mass.gov website.

In response to questions from The Norwood Record on the bill's status, Rush and Rogers released a joint statement on Oct. 4.

"This legislation is currently

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Sun not set on Sunset Avenue

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Planning Board met on Oct. 3 and voted 3-1 in favor of supporting a Town Meeting warrant article to fix what's wrong with Sunset Avenue.

Sunset is a subdivision of about a dozen single-family homes off of Pleasant Street near the Morse Street intersection.

Developer Mario Gomes received approval from the Planning Board in 2015. Gomes was cited several times afterward for failing to follow the proposed plan on several items, most prominently the slope of a cul-de-sac going north toward Talbot Avenue.

Town Planner Paul Halkiotis said this hill was filled with what is essentially mulch, and would break down, subside and potentially become unstable. He said though the chances of it sliding down causing damage or becoming a hazard to people's health was unlikely, it was not built to engineering standards and was an issue. He said it could also make the cul-de-sac's pavement unstable.

"It didn't pass inspection. Afterward we were notified that the state came in and took money out of the performance bond for this development, related to a tax issue of the owner," Halkiotis said. "I realized the state could come back and take more or all of what was left of that perfor-



Norwood Planning Board Member Debbie Holmwood

mance bond at a later date if it chose to. Given that the developer hadn't performed as well as he was supposed to, the Board decided to call the bond."

A performance bond can be thought of as a deposit or collateral; the Town keeps the bond from a developer in case standards and expectations of a project are not met. If there are no issues, the developer gets the bond back, but if the bond is called, the Town uses that money to fix what's wrong. The Board called this bond when the balance was around \$61,000.

The problem, according to Halkiotis, is that the two times they put out the bid to remedy the problems, no bids came in at or below \$61,000, which means they have to go to Town Meeting to ask for

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more money. The lowest bid they received was \$75,000 in March.

“In August, they bid \$116k,” he said. “I can’t tell you how many hours I spent trying to resolve this working with the Engineering Department.”

Halkiotis said they can’t really spend more than the bond without Town Meeting approval, and so Town Manager Tony Mazzucco suggested they go to and seek approval. Halkiotis drafted a Town Meeting Article to request \$66,730 (25 percent of which is a built-in contingency and likely wouldn’t be spent) for the most recent bid to contract with the company who submitted the bid of \$116,000.

“This is the first time I’ve ever seen a situation where the performance bond wasn’t enough to cover the cost of finishing a project,” he said. “In 35 years I’ve been involved with pulling maybe half a dozen bonds, but there was always enough money to get the job done.”

Planning Board member Debbie Holmwood said she

was against the warrant article, but only in principle. She said the occupancy permit for this project, which allowed Gomes to start selling the properties and make money, should have never been issued with this subsidence issue being known.

“Ok, everybody’s heads are going to blow off, but I am

been able to sell the last couple of units. He got everything he wanted – and I’m not saying this just because he cut down all the trees, but that’s still sticking in my craw – and he blew up the rock which one neighbor asked him not to do. Everything we told him not to do, (Gomes) just went and did!” Holmwood continued list-

“Everything we told him not to do, he just went and did!”

- Planning Board member Debbie Holmwood

not in favor of this,” she said. “We’ve spent way too much time and money on this and I have fought for not releasing any funds from bonds. It has happened before, it happened on Rock Street for 20 years, the developer didn’t finish the thing and the Town ended up paying for it. I know we want to fix it, but I’m not in favor of spending more of the taxpayers’ money, because if his certificates of occupancy weren’t given to him, he wouldn’t have

ing issue after issue with the property and said it wasn’t right that Gomes was able to up and run with his money.

“If we didn’t issue the certificates of occupancy and we had some enforcement, he wouldn’t have sold the last two units for \$400,000, \$500,000 or \$600,000,” she said. “He put it in wrong, have him take it out and put it in right. We knew this was going to happen with this guy. I am not in favor of going to Town Meeting and saying,

‘Give us another \$65,000, because all we have is \$61,000 to fix a problem that shouldn’t have come up in the first place.’ It’s nobody’s fault but the developer’s, and if we had some teeth and intestinal fortitude, we would not issue certificates of occupancy if the work isn’t done.”

“I agree with most of what Debbie said,” Halkiotis said. “There’s a chance that over time, that slope is going to move and the cul-de-sac and the pavement is up above that and it could eventually settle and could be worse. The condition of the pavement, the curbing would likely deteriorate over time and there would be some subsidence of that slope. Worst case scenario? There could be a sort of landslide scenario, but that’s highly unlikely.”

Planning Board Vice Chair Brian Hachey said he also agreed with Holmwood. Holmwood said she still votes against paying for these repairs based on principle.

“They all skipped Town and let us pay for it,” Holmwood said. “Well I want a new driveway too! I can’t get granite curbs on my street without ponying up. I know you can’t unring the bell, but can we stop

ringing the bell? We do this over and over. I am not in favor of using taxpayer money for this.”

Member Joseph Sheehan said they had a number of solutions for this and had a trusted engineer come in and try to fix the issue.

“I don’t know what happened there, he was supposed to get it done,” he said. “He touched the project and he came out looking worse than ever. This thing did drag on and on, and I think the money would have been sufficient had it been done earlier. And now there’s a huge jump in what it costs to build anything in the last few years. We probably should have called the bond earlier and gotten on to fixing it.”

Member Derek Mason said he agreed with Holmwood and that the Board needs to “develop some sharper teeth” to make sure this doesn’t happen again. Hachey said they need to fix this problem, but they should also make sure it doesn’t happen again.

“If there’s a lesson to be learned from something like this, I think this is a lesson being learned,” he said.

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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 25, 2022 at 7:00 PM** on the request of the Norwood Zoning Board of Appeals. 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 GoToMeeting:

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The Board proposes to adopt Rules and Regulations in accordance with Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 10.2.3. The Rules and Regulations describe conduct of the Board’s business and provisions for compliance with those responsibilities set forth in M.G.L. Chapter 40A. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

A draft form of the Board Rules and Regulations are on file in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeals and may be requested by emailing sbouchard@norwoodma.gov Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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Selectmen wary of capital budget's \$14 million price tag

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen met on Oct. 11 at the Norwood Town Hall and discussed with Town Manager Tony Mazzucco the proposed \$14 million fiscal year 2023 Capital Outlay budget.

Selectman and Capital Outlay representative Bob Donnelly and Mazzucco went through each item on the list, and included two new ambulances totaling \$1.1 million, several planning and design studies combined at \$1.3 million, an addition of \$1.4 million to the HVAC replacement project at the Norwood Public Safety Building, \$2.8 million for the road repair program, \$4.5 million for the water line improvement program's third year and many other items.

The total funding requested is \$14,594,504 for everything. Funding sources for these purchases include \$1.1 million in ambulance receipts, \$1.04 million from a bond anticipation note (BAN), \$10 million total will come from borrowing, \$1.6 million will come from free cash, \$480,000 will come from partial grants/cash and \$150,000 will come from donations.

Members of the Board questioned Mazzucco and Donnelly about the price tag total. Donnelly responded by saying the Capital Outlay Committee will be looking to better plan for expenses in a more segmented manner in the future to avoid sticker shock. That being said, Donnelly warned they have some serious spending that needs to get done.

"We have agreed as a committee that after the holidays we will reconvene to take a deeper dive into challenging projects upcoming in 2024, 2025 and 2026," he said. "I think from that process, I'm hopeful that we can get a little more energy and conversation around the challenges that Capital (committee) does have. I sound like a broken record, but we have \$8 million designated for a stormwater project eight years down the line. That's one project we really need to start thinking

strategically about. How are we going to finance these very long-term projects? It's going to be a challenge for us but I think keeping the committee front and center will help educate everyone so Town Meeting isn't hit with a big surprise. We have been talking about it."

Selectman Matt Lane asked about the \$1.4 million additional funds requested for the HVAC system at the police and fire station. \$4 million had already been approved at the last Town Meeting. Mazzucco said the problem is that if you put too big a budget number out for a project, sometimes builders find a way to spend it though it's not the most frugal way to get it done.

"If you put too big a number out there, say a \$5 or \$6 million number out there, they're going to jack the bid up," he said. "How much of a contingency we put into a budget is always a challenge. HVAC systems are always a challenge to come up with the right number."

Selectman Helen Abdallah-Donohue said residents are facing increased costs for just about everything now and have to now pay for the upcoming Coakley Middle School replacement project. She questioned the need for many of these projects, pointing to the water main relining and replacement project as one that could be taken perhaps a bit more slowly.

"If the two newest pipes were from 1960, that is 62 years old, she said. "Around the U.S.A., there are pipes in the ground that are 100 years old. In Europe, there are pipes in the ground still being used that are 1,000 years old. I'm not saying we should use 1,000-year-old pipes. And those pictures that you use of the pipes, it's not right to keep using the same one every year."

Abdallah-Donohue was referring to a picture of a nearly clogged pipe before it was cleaned and relined that Mazzucco used during the presentation. "That picture you used is not what's being taken out of the street right now," she said.

"We take a new picture every year," he said.

"But how much can you impose on the taxpayers?" she said.

Mazzucco said there are debts being paid off this year and the net increase of debt service on the Town's current borrowed monies – debt service being the annual payment the Town is making – is around \$300,000, which he said is negligible to the average Norwood taxpayer.

Board of Selectmen Chair Bill Plasko pointed to the roughly \$1.3 million in design and planning services for future projects proposed by Capital Outlay. He said he was worried that approving these design studies now means they will essentially be forced to pay for these projects in the short term because estimates will no doubt significantly increase in the future.

Donnelly said the committee has definitely had this thought too, and actually pushed a few design projects back because of the implication of needing to build the following year or so. He said they've been focused on planning, and are organizing to better prepare by lining up design studies and project construction plans that are more likely able to be done sooner than later.

"This is something we haven't been able to do because we've been so focused on this year's plan and this year's Town Meeting," he said. "That is our concern as well, because if you think this year's plan is expensive, next year's is even more so."

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on October 25, 2022 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Norwood Public Schools, represented by Andrew Street, P.E. of Vertex Companies LLC (Case #22-23) with respect to property located at **1315 Washington Street (Map/Block/Lot 8-1B-2, 8-1C-16, 8-1D-24), Norwood, MA 02062, in the General Residence(G) 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 GoToMeeting:

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This Application requests a finding under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Chapter 40A Section 6 and Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 5.4 [Nonconforming Structures] to allow the reconstruction of the Coakley Middle School, which is preexisting nonconforming on building height, to further exceed the maximum allowable building height of 30'. The proposed new school building would measure 57' at its highest point.

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 sbouchard@norwoodma.gov Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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OPINION

The gang is at it again

Definition of petulant: Unreasonably irritable or ill-tempered; peevis. Contemptuous in speech or behavior. Forward; pert; insolent; wanton.

It's funny how the definition of petulant perfectly describes Firefighters Local 1631 here in Norwood. Let's throw in childish too while we're at it. This group is never satisfied. And when they're unhappy things inevitably occur, like claims of inexplicable property damage made by Norwood officials where the gang works.

Like parents, the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager have to deal with the theatrics, but they don't bear the worst of it. The fire chief is the guy caught in the middle, not unlike an older sibling trying to keep the antics of his younger brothers and sisters from becoming too noticeable. Fire Chief David Hayes is the latest Big Brother to bear the brunt of Local 1631.

As this week's Page 1 story depicts, Hayes, due to Massachusetts state law, will be required to retire on or before February of 2023 because he turns 65 if legislation on his behalf isn't approved by the statehouse, said approval being usually granted post haste. Requiring retirement at one time made sense, given that the role of Chief years prior was more hands on, working on fires right beside his crew. No doubt, age should be an issue in any profession where rigorous work and stress can do irreparable harm to those not fit enough to carry out the duties, placing not only themselves but others in danger.

And there is a modicum of merit to the argument that there is little room for professional advancement of others within a department if the chief hangs on too long, though not nearly enough to require immediate retirement upon turning age 65, particularly if the current chief is doing a good job. And in this case, Chief Hayes in his one year as head of the department is doing a very good job. Want proof? Well, besides all the evidence provided in the Page 1 story, there hasn't been any Letter of 'No Confidence' issued by Local 1631 during his time at the helm, which they aren't hesitant to write when they're having a hissy fit. Not to mention Town Meeting supported an extension of Hayes' tenure after he received a rousing endorsement from Selectmen.

Have no doubt, this is all about control. Local 1631 and its state affiliate, the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts, are making it an issue simply because they can, not because it's warranted. The job of fire chief is now mainly administrative, they can be on the site during a fire directing things, but the strenuousness associated with being a firefighter is not really applicable. And lack of advancement for others down the line? The guess at this address is that few in Town are worried about union members leaving for greener pastures. Norwood firefighters, by all accounts, do a good job, but they aren't irreplaceable, and where is it greener than working in Norwood? These guys are coddled like no other employees. They're likely not going anywhere. Perhaps Town management should consider hiring chiefs from outside the department in the future, thus obviating issues of advancement from within.

And one other point needs addressing. As mentioned above, approval by the legislature on issues of forced retirements are almost always handled and approved expeditiously. This request for an extension of Chief Hayes was filed by both state Representative John Rogers and state Senator Michael Rush, but has languished on the senate floor for months. It also appears neither has made an effort to return his calls to find out what is going on. When questioned by this newspaper, instead of getting on the phone and explaining it, they together issued a "joint statement". Really? In this 'joint statement,' they wrote "This home-rule petition has become increasingly difficult, as it looks to subvert a 1987 state-wide law to protect public safety and public safety officials... We remain committed to serving the people of Norwood."

What is glaringly obvious is that neither Rogers nor Rush has the testicular fortitude to go against Local 1631 and the state union and make this happen. Apparently their commitment to serving the people of Norwood is only true if their chance of re-election isn't threatened by unions exerting influence. We thought they were better than that.

Norwood 150 Mid-Fall Programs

The last three of Norwood's currently scheduled Rolling Church Tours will be held at the end of October. Feedback received on the first of the tours has been uniformly positive. The last three tours will be held at: Heritage Baptist Church on Saturday, October 29, 615 Washington Street, from 10:00 am to noon. (This tour was first announced with a different date and time. Please note the current schedule.) St. George Orthodox Church on Sunday, October 30, 6 Atwood Avenue, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. First Church of Christ, Scientist, also on Sunday, October 30, 751 Washington Street, from noon to 2:00 pm. More details on the program are now available: Tours will include information on the church and its history. Printed brochures will be available.

Visitors will be invited to conclude their tour with a stop at the church's Reading Room (across the street), where light refreshments will be available. The Reading Room is a combination library and bookstore, which has been open in downtown Norwood since 1938. Parking is available on both Washington and Guild Streets or across the street in the Post Office parking lot.

The first Norwood 150 event in the second half of October will be a model rocketry event, on Saturday, October 16, at 4:15 pm, at the Coakley Middle School, 1315 Washington Street. Deadlines to register to participate and to pick up rocket kits were previously published and have now passed, but you can still attend and enjoy the show!

There will be a presentation titled "Our New Town: Norwood's First Town Offi-

cials," on Saturday, October 22, at the Old Parish Cemetery, 480 Washington Street Rear, from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Norwood historian Patricia Fanning is overseeing the presentation and reports that several of Norwood's first town officials — including the first selectman, the first town clerk, the first assessor, the first constable, the first fire engineer (the old title for fire chief) and the first keeper at the town pound — are buried at the Old Parish Cemetery. This presentation will tell their stories.

A Halloween festival will be held on the Town Common, Washington and Nahatan Streets, on October 23, from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Family-oriented, non-threatening activities are expected to include a scarecrow building contest, contests for carving and/or painting jack-o-lanterns, a Halloween electric train ride, pumpkin bowling, face painting, and a hay bale maze, followed by a costume parade at 5:30 pm and a jack-o-lantern lighting at 6:00 pm.

For those who missed Norfolk County Register Bill O'Donnell's presentation earlier this year — then heard how fascinating, educational and fun it proved to be — good news! On Thursday, October 27, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, at the Morrill Memorial Library, 33 Walpole Street, there will be a presentation of treasures from the Registry of Deeds and what they have to tell us about the story of the Town of Norwood. There will also be a presentation about notable individuals from the 150-year history of Norwood. For more information on this lecture and others in this series, go to <https://www.norwoodlibrary.org>.

Beginning on Monday, October 24, students of Norwood High School, using 3D Design & Studio software, will kick off a two-week celebration on Coloring the Old Parish Landscape: Visual Interpretations of Norwood's Historical Data. Students will create a visual image in fabric with representations of historical data, such as birth rates and miles of roads within the town. On October 24 to 28, you can watch the display being installed at the Old Parish Cemetery at 480 Washington Street Rear. Then on Saturday, October 29, at 2:00 pm, you can attend the Grand Opening. The show will continue through Saturday, November 5. During the show's two-week run, the cemetery will be open from dawn to dusk. A Veterans' Day program will be held on Friday, November 11, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, at the Old Parish Cemetery, 480 Washington Street Rear. Details will be provided later, closer to the date.

On Tuesday, November 15, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, the Norwood Historical Society will present a Book Group discussion of "The Children's Librarian" by A. Heppler. The free discussion will take place at the F. Holland Day House, 93 Day Street. To request more details or express interest, go to info@norwoodhistoricalsociety.org.

On Saturday, November 26, the Norwood Hall of Fame will conduct an annual event at Norwood High School at 245 Nichols Street. On Sunday, November 27, three days after Thanksgiving, there will be a Holiday Stroll. Details on both these events will be provided later, closer to the dates of the events.

Letters to the Editor

APPALLED DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES STILL EXIST HERE

To the Editor:

I was dismayed to read Ms. Saber's column and Ms. Howard's letter of September 29 expressing distrust of undocumented immigrants, justifying their positions with misinformation that has been debunked many times over the years. For example, according to a report written by the Cato Institute, "immigrants, including illegal immigrants, are less likely to be incarcerated in pris-

ons, convicted of crimes, or arrested than native-born Americans". Also, "the annual inflow of immigrants to the United States, as a percentage of our population, is below that of most other rich countries in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development." And no, undocumented immigrants cannot receive food stamps and other benefits. Only documented immigrants would be eligible. I can say that as "the previous letter writer to the editor" I am not espousing open borders with unlimited and unregulated im-

migration. Our current system is far from perfect and hampered by restrictions placed on us by other countries. What I am concerned about is the increase in fear mongering and the spread of misinformation that paralyzes the hearts and minds of people, preventing them from seeing others as human beings rather than as threats. Immigrants, such as my grandparents, who arrived at the beginning of the previous century faced hurdles and discrimination from fellow Norwood residents. I am appalled and saddened to think that, in what should be a more informed age with countless sources of information, 100 years later many of the same parochial and discriminatory attitudes still exist in my hometown. I think it is time for a community wide conversation.

Marypaz (née Pazniokas)
District 6 resident

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Norwood Light linemen went out last week to help cleanup and power up Jacksonville Florida after Hurricane Ian made landfall.

COURTESY PHOTO

Norwood Light sends crew to help after Hurricane Ian

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Norwood Light Chief Operating Officer Dan Morrissey said one crew of his employees went down to Jacksonville Florida recently to help out in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian.

The response was part of an overall mutual aid initiative through the Northeast Public Power Association (NEPPA), which is the organization that orchestrates public utilities all over New England willing to go wherever they are needed.

Morrissey said the two-person crew was part of a 56-person convoy sent to Florida on Sept. 27 at 6 a.m., before the storm made landfall. After the destruction wrought on Cuba and Puerto Rico, NEPPA began organizing crews before predictions of US landfall were made. Norwood Light's team made it to Jacksonville on the evening of Sept. 28.

"We volunteered two guys, which is one crew, and a truck," he said. "The person who organizes the mutual aid for NEPPA takes the list of volunteers and trims it down – say they need 50, but 100 respond. They send the 50 – and in this case they sent down 56 people from 24 different utilities."

Morrissey said the convoy consisted of 24 trucks and included a mechanic, linemen and supervisors working from Sept. 29 to Oct. 4. Norwood Light's crew worked 16-hour days, as soon as it was safe to start.

"They started the 16-hours days on Thursday and got released on Tuesday morning. They then started their drive back that day and got back on Thursday," he said.

The crew took a digger truck with them to work down in the wet ground of the Florida plains.

"The guys, from what they told me, set about 12 poles and straightened out another 12 or so. In addition, it has a wench line on it too," he said. "So because of so much water some of the trucks would get stuck. They would use the wench line to pull those trucks out. They worked with three other municipal utilities with buckets."

Morrissey said the work went as smoothly as it probably could. The digger crew would set the pole and the bucket trucks would bring workers up the pole to get them ready to do wire transfers.

"We spoke to the NEPPA supervisor, who is from West Boylston, and he was very complimentary on the job our guys did," he said. "They just never stopped working."

The crew started in Jacksonville and then moved on to Bartow.

"The NEPPA crews were welcomed by the Bartow community and restored power to thousands of customers,"

Morrissey said. "A lot of single-phase laterals and service work was completed, and also changing out at least one concrete pole. Some climbing and hooks were used in the restoration."

Morrissey added that upon returning the Norwood his crew made it clear they weren't the only ones working hard down there.

"The Norwood crew was

Hurricane

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LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF NORWOOD CABLE TELEVISION CABLE LICENSE RENEWAL PROCEEDINGS

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Norwood, being the Town's Cable Television License Issuing Authority, hereby gives notice that on October 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 566 Washington St., Norwood, the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing concerning the cable television license renewal of Verizon New England (Verizon). The purpose of the proceeding is to accept public comment on, formally consider and possibly take final action on the proposed Verizon Renewal License, a copy of which is available for public inspection and copying c/o of the Town Clerk or his/her municipal designee. Public comment is invited. For further information and copies of renewal records, contact William Plasko, Chairman, Board of Selectmen, c/o Town Hall. By order of the Board of Selectmen as Cable Television License Issuing Authority.

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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 25, 2022 at 7:00 PM** on the request of David Hern, Jr., Esq., (Case #22-22) with respect to property located at **169R Railroad Ave (Map 1 Block 1 Lot 5), Norwood, MA 02062, in the Central Business(CB) 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 GoToMeeting:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/464775693>
United States: +1 (669) 224-3412
Access Code: 464-775-693

This Application requests a Special Permit under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 3.1.5.F.9 [Principal Uses] to allow the use of the property as a dog daycare and kennel.

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 sbouchard@norwoodma.gov Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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Public Hearing Notice Norwood Planning Board

In accordance with the requirements of Mass. General Law Chapter 40A Section 5, notice is hereby given that the Town of Norwood Planning Board will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on October 24, 2022 at 7:05 PM at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street or via remote participation on GoToMeeting. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to accept public comments on the draft Zoning Bylaw amendments to Section 3 Table of Use Regulations, subsection F. Service Establishments and Section 11 Definitions. The proposed amendments will prohibit commercial kennels in the residential Zoning Districts and provide new defined terms related to kennels. The draft Zoning Bylaw amendments are on file in the Planning Department at Town Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours. The draft Zoning Bylaw amendments can also be found on the Planning Board's webpage located at: <http://www.norwoodma.gov/>

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Section 81-U and Section 4 of the Rules & Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land, the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 7:25 P.M. concerning a modification to the Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "Upland Woods" dated September 4, 2004 and modified on January 28, 2009. The proposed modification was filed with the Town Clerk on September 16, 2022. The public hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via GoToMeeting:

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The applicant is Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc., represented by Phillip Macchi, Esq. of Macchi & Macchi, LLC. The location of the proposed subdivision modification is between Planting field Brook Road, Investors Way, Moderna Way and Tech Drive in Norwood. The properties are shown on the Assessor's Maps as Map/Block/Lot 14-2-7, 14-2-7a, 14-2-7b and 14-2-7c. The applicant proposes to reconfigure and consolidate 4 lots into 2 lots and change the status of a portion of roadway to a private driveway. The subdivision modification plan and supporting information are on file with the Planning Board and may be reviewed during normal business hours by emailing cped@norwoodma.gov. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

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Chief Hayes *continued from page 1*

under review of the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading – we are working in partnership to get this done," the statement read. "This home rule petition has become increasingly difficult, as it is looking to subvert a 1987 state-wide law to protect public safety and public safety officials. The 192nd Legislative Session ends on Jan. 3, 2023. We remain committed to serving the people of Norwood."

However, in a Feb. 1 letter to the Board of Selectmen, Rush and Rogers jointly wrote that they wanted to amend H. 4287 "to extend the Chief's employment until September 1, 2024," which was not supported by the Selectmen, Hayes or Mazzucco.

"We are writing to share our appreciation of Chief David Hayes, the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts (PFFM), and Local 1631's agreement" to amend the retirement date, the letter stated – a condition to which Hayes said

The Norwood Record on Oct. 6, said he stands by the mandatory retirement age because of the health and safety risks of the profession. The risk for cancer and heart and lung disease increases with age, particularly in a job that continually exposes firefighters to carcinogens both during a fire and in the remnants that remain on their equipment.

"We take personality out of it," he explained. "The union does not support firefighters working past age 65."

"We said we would give him an extra 18 months," Ronco said. "All of this was verbal."

"Who are they to offer him?" Mazzucco said in response.

What concerned Ronco most, he said, was the precedent the bill's passage would set.

"If members want to advance, they can't do that if people stay," he explained, noting that firefighters may go to other towns for professional advancement.

As measures of his success

**"We said we would give him an extra 18 months."
- Norwood Firefighters Local 1631 representative Paul Ronco**

he never agreed.

In its letter of response dated Feb. 7, the Board of Selectmen disagreed with the legislators' perspective.

"The Norwood Board of Selectmen has full confidence in Chief David Hayes and we support the expressed wishes of Norwood Town Meeting in this matter," it stated. "We urge you to continue to sponsor this petition on behalf of the town."

"There must have been

as chief, Hayes pointed to his efforts to improve technology and equipment for the department and the Town. The department received a \$380,000 grant for new air packs, and it is waiting to hear about a grant proposal Deputy Chief Dan Harkins wrote to pay for protective clothing.

A proposed regional training facility for firefighters that Hayes advocated for may potentially be located in Norwood.

and the January legislative hearing, he made it clear that he was "never in agreement with any limited waiver of retirement age."

"To be perfectly blunt, whomever provided the above statements to you simply lied," he stated in the letter, adding that he paid dues to the Local 1631 up until Oct. 19, 2021, the day after Ronco and Mawn testified against the retirement exemption at the STM. He wrote

"Who are they to offer him?"

- Town Manager Tony Mazzucco

some crossed lines of communication," Mazzucco said. "It would be very disappointing for our legislative delegation not to pull off what other legislative delegations have pulled off.

"We've got to recognize that the 1987 law is, in a lot of ways, dated," he continued. "It uses the term 'uniformed officers.' Being the chief is a stressful job, but it is much more of a management and administrative job."

In response to concerns by both the state and Norwood unions about Hayes's age, Mazzucco said, "It is management's right to decide who we think needs to lead the department, and it's my responsibility to pick that person."

Norwood Firefighters Local 1631 representative Paul Ronco said that the union "offered the chief an 18-month extension past his 65th birthday."

Ronco, in an interview with

Hayes worked with Assistant General Manager Michael Rosen to secure up to \$200,000 for a feasibility study and a master plan for this facility, which has the potential to include at least 10 towns.

"He's putting Norwood on the map," Mazzucco said of Hayes's efforts on this facility.

Testimony provided by PFFM legislative agents Paul Jacques and Craig Hardy in a letter dated March 10 against the bill echoed Ronco's sentiments. In an interview with The Norwood Record on Oct. 5, both Jacques and Hardy confirmed this position, citing safety concerns and the ability for other firefighters to obtain promotions as reasons. Hardy and Jacques also testified at a legislative hearing on Zoom in Jan. 4 against the bill – a meeting that Hayes and Mazzucco said they never received notification about.

that two Local 1631 representatives - Ronco and Mawn - "informed me that they had modified HB 4287" to allow him to max out his pension.

"I have been honest and consistent in my messaging throughout legislative process and I believe the documentation shows that," Hayes said in an email to The Norwood Record on Oct. 11.

"If I am forced to retire on February 28, 2023, I will do so without complaint, my head held high with the personal knowledge that I did my absolute best for the people of Norwood and the members of the Norwood Fire Department," he continued. "If the waiver of mandatory retirement age is approved, and I truly hope it is, I will continue to focus on what is right both groups until my last day in Norwood."

"Anything regarding a removal of a person from a position or an extension of service – we automatically testify against that," said Jacques, noting that the PFFM represents more than 12,000 firefighters in more than 200 Massachusetts communities.

Hayes described the situation as "a union thing."

"I don't think they are attacking me personally," Hayes explained. "I think I am collateral damage. They are trying to prove their power."

On Oct. 11, Hayes responded to the PFFM letter he received earlier this week, pointing out inaccuracies about "a phantom agreement" stating that he agreed with "Local 1631 and others" to stay on for a year after his birthday. In that letter, Hayes questioned the PFFM representatives as to whom those "others" were.

He also asked whether the PFFM's testimony at the Jan. 4 hearing and the follow-up letter would have been different had they known the true circumstances of his request. He stressed that at both the STM

150th coins up for grabs

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Norwood's own Joe Hart is currently selling 150th Commemorative Coins to raise money for the Norwood Food Pantry on Chapel Street.

Hart said he wanted to do something for the Town during its 150th birthday, and saw that commemorative coins was something that folks have done before, at least during the 100th anniversary of its founding, so why not its 150th?

"We just thought it would be a great idea for the 150th, and so I kind of put the word out on the Celebrate Norwood social media site," Hart said, adding that he founded that particular Norwood Facebook group. "I heard back from a guy here in Norwood that has a company called One United Promotions, and he does these things; in the trade they're called challenge coins. He makes these and sends them out. It's a Norwood business and I figured I would use them and keep everything Norwood."

Hart said though the original idea was his, he wanted the actual design to be a collaborative effort. He really wanted the community to create the coins, so he hatched a



Joe Hart with his commemorative coins. Heads is on the left and tails is on the right.

plan to solicit feedback from residents.

"I was kind of spearheading the thing, but I didn't want to design it myself, though I do have some graphic design background," he said. "What I did want to do was put the word out on social media, get a bunch of idea submissions for the two sides of the coin and then have people vote online. The two with the most votes would be on each of the coin."

Hart said one of the win-

ning submissions was from a local third grader, and both were from Norwood residents.

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Date of Death: **May 15, 2021**

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Petitioner: Brian F. Donovan of Leominster, MA
Brian F. Donovan of Leominster, MA

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The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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BAKER

JUDITH A. (Stanovich) of Mattapoisett, formerly of Norwood, passed away on October 3, 2022 at the age of 74. Beloved wife of James R. Baker. Devoted mother of Charlene Russell and her husband Peter of East Freetown, Cheryl Fundora and her husband Carlos of Norwood and Stephen Baker and his wife Christine of Mattapoisett. Daughter of the late Vincent and Nellie (Glebus) Stanovich. Cherished grandmother of Juli Riley and Madison Baker. Great grandmother of Thomas. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA 02062. A funeral home service was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 11am followed by a burial at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA. www.Kraw-Kornackfuneralhome.com Norwood, MA 781-762-0482.

LYONS

Ann Stacia (Mara) Age 88, passed away peacefully on September 9, 2022, at her home in Norwood. Born and raised in Waltham, MA, she was a proud graduate of Waltham High School, Class of 1953 and then graduated from secretarial school. Ann began her career as an executive secretary first at General Electric and then at Honeywell. As a single, working woman, she lived in Cambridge surrounded by close friends. She and her friends went on many travel adventures; Puerto Rico, Canada to ski, and New York City for Broadway Shows. In November 1966, she met John Michael Lyons at the Boston Public Library, they married in February 1967, and then John became her lifetime companion on all future travels. The newlyweds first settled in West Roxbury and after their three children were born, they moved to Wellesley in 1974. While raising their children, she took part-time jobs to help support the family. She worked as the rectory secretary at St. James the Great Church and at Ara's Men's Clothing Store. When her children started college, she went back to work full-time as the secretary in the School of Nursing Office at Regis College. She retired in 1996 to take care of her elderly Aunt Marg and Uncle Ed.

She was a dedicated and wonderful mother to her three children, Stacia, John Michael, Jr., and Christopher. She encouraged and supported all their activities. She spent many weekends cheering and freezing at her sons' football games but never really knew or cared what a 1st Down was or who won the game. Later, she would trade the gridiron for a cold ice hockey rink to watch her grandson and granddaughter play hockey. She loved and cherished each of her grandchildren. She would take them to the latest animated movies, we think she enjoyed the show more than the kids. Nana's house always had yummy treats, secret stash of toys, and a "little surprise" for each of them. She adored and spoiled all her animals, especially the family dog, Casey. She was known to whip up Casey a batch of pancakes because she said he liked them. When her husband retired in 1998, they traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and Europe. She loved traveling by Amtrak, secure in her knowledge that in the event of engine trouble her ability to walk far exceeded her ability to fly. She would approve of vacations to the beach, the Cape, Maine or Florida, in spite of her disdain for the sun, the sand, and the water as long as all her meals were guaranteed to be at restaurants. It was no secret to her family that she hated turkey, she would say her mother would make her a steak on Thanksgiving. After many years of going along with "tradition," she displayed her iconoclastic streak when she replaced turkey and fixings with Chinese food for Thanksgiving Dinners at her house. She loved sweets and was always up for anything that had lemon or coconut in it. She was a firm believer in simple remedies, salt water, corn starch, baking soda, vinegar, and Vicks Vapor Rub, to take care of almost anything. If she had known about all the tik tok hacks for cleaning with baking soda and vinegar, she would have rolled her eyes and said "they act like this is new, I've been doing this for years." She

found pleasure in reading a good book. When her eyesight started to fail, she acquiesced to reading on a Kindle but didn't love it. Her favorite author was Jane Austen, so much so that she became a member of the Jane Austen Society. She also loved a good tv series, Masterpiece Theater, Downton Abbey, and Law & Order topped her list. She had a great laugh and could find the humor in every situation. If she was in need of a pick me up, she would take a ride to Building 19 to browse the aisles and chuckle at all the ridiculous stuff for sale. Ann always did the driving because her husband hated it, which meant she went her own way to get to a destination - any route that avoided taking left turns. Ann is survived by her loving husband of 55 years, John Michael Lyons; her children, Stacia Mara Lyons (Wellesley), John Michael Lyons, Jr. (Norwood), and Christopher William Lyons and his wife, Cynthia Hines Lyons (Weymouth); and her kind and loving sister-in-law, Margaret O'Connor (California). Doting and loving Nana to John Robert Woernle, Mara Rose Woernle of Wellesley, Annie Grace, Rose Elizabeth, Maureen Catherine, and Margaret Alice Lyons of Weymouth. Ann was predeceased by her parents, William and Anastacia (Richard) Mara; and her brothers, William and Robert; her aunts, Marg Shannon, Mae Schoefield, and uncle, Ed Mara; her mother-in-law, Helena Lyons; and her beloved pets, Pepper, Gabby I, Gabby II, Casey, Punchie, and Tiggy. Donations in Ann's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452 or www.alz.org/manh A Celebration of Life of Ann's life will be held at a later date.

MEALEY

Carol, H. (Hughes) of Norwood, passed away on October 5, 2022, at the age of 85. Daughter of the late Donald and Helen (Quirk) Hughes. Beloved wife of 59 years to the late Thomas C. Mealey. Devoted mother

of her daughter and caregiver Carol Ann Mealey-Frey of Norwood, son Robert and his wife Debra Nickerson of Norwood and son William and his companion Lynda A. Grasso of North Chelmsford. Most cherished grandmother of Thomas Frey of Bridgewater and his fiancée Colleen Hurley of Plymouth and Mark Frey of South Boston. Sister of Kathleen Lozier and her husband Gene of Norwood, James Hughes and his wife Ann of Norwood and the late Donald J. Hughes Jr and David L. Hughes. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Carol was a longtime Norwood Elementary School Teacher at the Balch School. At Carol's request all services will be private with a memorial mass to be planned in the future. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to her favorite charity: Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation, P. O. Box 421 Norwood, MA 02062.

NARBUT

EVELYN J. (Bonito) of Norwood, passed away suddenly on October 4, 2022 at the age of 79. She was the beloved wife of the late Paul E. Narbut and had been looking forward to celebrating their upcoming 57th wedding anniversary. She and Paul were so perfect for each other that two separate groups of friends independently tried to set them up on blind dates. They eventually met when they were both asked to be part of a mutual friend's wedding

party, and the rest is history. She and Paul spent their entire married life living in Norwood and were proud to raise their family there. Evelyn was a devoted mother to Paula, Jon, and Lynne Narbut, all of Norwood. She was a loving sister to Catherine Bonito of Norwood, Janet Baxter of Bridgewater, Debbie Batson of Epsom, NH, Thomas Trask of Walpole and the late Anthony Bonito of Oak Bluffs. She was the daughter of the late Anthony J. Bonito, who died a tragic death when she was a baby. Anthony had been a Dedham high school star quarterback. Her late mother, Alice E. (Parker) Trask, was a young widow who later met and married the late Thomas Trask while Evelyn was a young girl. Her parents went on to expand their family and raised her and her siblings as their own. Evelyn's early childhood was spent in Dedham and Walpole before eventually settling in Norwood, which became her permanent home. She is also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews. Evelyn was a devout Catholic and a parishioner of St. Catherine of Siena Church in Norwood for many years. She loved her home and her family and cherished caring for them all as wife, mother, daughter, sister, sister-in-law, cousin, aunt and great aunt. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington Street, Norwood, MA. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral. Burial at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in her memory to St. Catherine of Siena Church 547 Washington St. Norwood, MA 02062.

Obituary policy

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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.

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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.
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SPECIAL REGISTRATION FOR STATE ELECTION

The Board of Registrars wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that a special registration session has been set for the November 8, 2022 State Election.

The deadline to Register to Vote for the upcoming State Election is SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. This is the final Voter registration Session prior to the State Election. Daily registration of voters will be conducted at the Town Clerk's office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 P.M. A mail-in registration form is now available at Norwood Morrill Memorial Library and the Norwood Post Office. You may also register to vote on-line at sec.state.ma.us

Qualifications to register to vote are that the applicants must be 18 years old on or before election day and must either be born in the United States or be a Naturalized Citizen.

OUR NEW TOWN: OLD PARISH CEMETERY TOUR

Old Parish Preservation Volunteers (OPPV) will host a tour of Old Parish Cemetery titled "Our New Town: Norwood's First Town Officials" on Saturday, October 22, at 2:00 pm. (Rain date Sunday, October 23 at 2).

Come and learn about the lives of those who became town officials when South Dedham became Norwood in 1872. From town clerk and selectmen, to assessor, constable, even the pound keeper, eight men signed on to take on official duties as Norwood struck out on its own. The tour is free to all. The book, Keeping the Past: Norwood at 150, will be available for purchase.

Old Parish Cemetery will also be open on November 11, Veterans Day, from 1-3 pm. Anyone interested in helping preserve this sacred site can visit

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Morrill Library Events

EXPLORE THE 21ST CENTURY LIBRARY WITH THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The Norwood chapter of the League of Women Voters (LOWV) is pleased to host the Morrill Memorial Library's own Director, Clayton Cheever, for an in-person program on the landscape of today's library on Monday, October 17 at 6:30pm in the Simoni Room.

Learn more about the history of Norwood's own library and how libraries are supported by the Massachusetts legislature. How have we served our community historically, how do we meet our community's needs today, and how do we anticipate serving our community in the future? Clayton will highlight some of our library's most popular services and new initiatives in this fun, interactive evening. Discover how having an active library supports a vibrant community.

This event is open to everyone, regardless of LOWV membership. Light refreshments will be provided. Registration is required; to reserve your seat, sign up at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

Sustainability Series: Composting at Home with Black Earth Compost

The Morrill Memorial Library, Progress Norwood, and TogetherYes continue our Fall 2022 Sustainability Series with a virtual visit from Andrew Brousseau of Black Earth Compost. Join us via Zoom on Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 pm for this very informative talk and Q&A!

Black Earth Compost collects food scraps weekly from home owners, schools, cafeterias and restaurants to compost into a rich soil amendment. They sell the compost or blend it with soil that they special-source to make a tested, safe growing media. Black Earth sells raised beds and watering kits to promote growing of food at home, and delivers compost in spring and fall with instructions on how to use it to draw down carbon in a yard. Learn about how to start composting at home, all about the process of turning compost into soil, how to use compost while gardening, and more.

About the presenter: Andrew Brousseau, after achieving a BS at UMass Amherst, moved out west to ski and follow up on his recent studies. While living in the mountains, he worked as a software developer and as an oceanographer for the University of East Anglia, going on 7 research cruises to the Southern Ocean and the Atlantic. However, he yearned to study nutrient recycling so returned to land to get an MS in the topic. He then dropped out of academia to join Conor Miller (founder of Black Earth) on his endeavor, just as the state of Massachusetts became the first in the nation to implement a ban on food waste going to landfills and incinerators.

Registration is required for this virtual event. Sign up at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. Zoom access details will be sent to your email. Reminder emails will be sent prior to the program as well.

WORKSHOP:

HOW TO BE AN ALLY TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

The Morrill Memorial Library is honored to host educator Rosa Blumenfeld for an in-person workshop, "Allyship on Turtle Island," about how to be an ally to Indigenous peoples. Join us on Monday, November 7 at 7:00 pm in the Simoni Room for this thoughtful, interactive workshop.

Over the course of one hour, educator Rosa Blumenfeld provides a framework so that we can see the bigger picture of capitalism and white supremacy, and how these systems set us up to interact with each other as human beings on Turtle Island (the name for North America that is used by some Indigenous people). By providing a common language, we can start to see the roles that the system wants us to continue to play for its own profit and gain. Once we are able to see our roles, we can then make different choices based on our values and good hearts that lead us all towards truth and reconciliation.

All across Turtle Island there are thousands of Indigenous nations with their own distinct traditions, languages, and ways of being. There is no way to adequately capture the diversity and history of all these peoples. That is not what this course attempts to do. We are not authorized, nor do we wish to speak for any nation, tribe, or people. Rather we seek to provide colonial settlers who are on Turtle Island with a broad framework to better understand how to take responsibility for their position in the capitalist system and be good guests/allies on this land.

About the presenter: Rosa Blumenfeld was born and raised in Vancouver on the traditional territory of the Musqueam people. She moved to Boston in 2006 and has lived here ever since. She is named after her grandmother Ana Rosa Romero Gallego, who was an Indigenous woman from the Muisca tribe, whose land is currently colonized by the nation of Colombia. She was trained as a radical, anti-oppression educator in the Paulo Freire model by seasoned labor educators from all over the United States when she was a union organizer for the Greater Boston Labor Council, and the North Shore Labor Council from 2006-2014.

Space is limited; registration is required for this in-person event. Sign up at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. Please note that this workshop is an interactive session that focuses on connection and mutual processing; attendees are asked to come ready to be present and to speak in several rounds of sharing. Many thanks to the Friends of the Library for their generous sponsorship.

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the OPPV web page at <https://www.oldparishpreservationvolunteers.com>

THE WAR OF 1812: DOLLEY TELLS ALL!

It's called America's Forgotten War. Yet the War of 1812 offered lessons that changed US policies and perspectives. On October 21, the Norwood Senior Center will host a visit from First Lady Dolley Madison, whose husband President James Madison declared this War with England. Guests will discover the War's "stories behind the story", including the United States' lack of preparedness; the history of the USS Constitution (Old Ironsides); battle mishaps and triumphs; the writing of our National Anthem; the burning of Washington; the Treaty of Ghent and the War's head-scratching outcome. Janet Parnes of Historical Portrayals by Lady J, Millis, will portray Dolley Madison. Call the Senior Center at 781-762-1201 with questions. The performance will take place at the Norwood Senior Center 275 Prospect St Norwood from 1-2 PM. Free of charge. No registration required.

FRIENDS OCTOBER MONTHLY BALLROOM DANCE

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging will be sponsoring their October monthly dance, on Friday, October 21, at 7 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood.

Music will be provided by Dave Valerio and the cost is \$10.00 per person for your Ballroom Dancing pleasure. Coffee, tea & desserts 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

SOUTH NORFOLK MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 18 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. Rhonda M. Gabovitch, Ed.D. 508-246-6573.

CAMY 5K RUN

The 22nd consecutive annual CAMY 5K RUN & DAVID 5K WALK is on SAT., NOV. 12. Held annually at the Walpole Italian-American Club, 109 Stone St., Walpole, since the race's inception in 2001, including an official on-the-course race in pre-vaccine pandemic 2020 as reportedly the only in-person race in the state! This year will also see the return of post-race activities, food, raffles, awards ceremony, etc. Register online (www.active.com/walpole-ma/running/distance-running-races/camy-5k-run-and-david-clerici-5k-walk-2022), by mail (www.paulclerici.com/camydavid5k), or on race day. For more info, e-mail camydavid5k@yahoo.com or call 508-668-2249.

PARKWAY CONCERT ORCHESTRA PRESENTS 'HALLOWEEN AT THE SYMPHONY!'

Parkway Concert Orchestra begins its 2022-2023 season with 'Halloween at the Symphony!' on Sunday, October 30 at 3 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 100 Winter Street, Norwood. Music Director Thomas Kociela conducts the 50 piece non-profit orchestra in an exciting program including The Sorcerer's Apprentice, Danse Macabre, Highlights from Wicked, Highlights from Harry Potter and other spooky pieces. Costumes are encouraged; there will be a costume parade for children!

The program is supported in part by a grant from the Norwood Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Donation is \$15; \$10 for seniors and students; and free for children under 12 years old. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. For ticket reservations please call 781-444-5041 or email parkwayconcertorchestra@gmail.com, and for more information, visit the orchestra's web site at www.ParkwayConcertOrchestra.org.

NORWOOD TOASTMASTERS CLUB TO HOST OPEN HOUSE

Want to improve on your Communication and Leadership skills? Ignite your career or win that job in-

terview? Meet supportive people and learn how to inspire and motivate? Norwood Toastmasters can help. The Norwood Toastmasters Club invites the public to its open house on October 25, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30p.m., in the Simoni Room at the Morrill Memorial Library, 33 Walpole St., Norwood MA. Light refreshments will be served. This is a great opportunity to meet future leaders and find your voice!

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OLD PARISH PRESERVATION VOLUNTEERS

BEGIN A NEW SEASON

The non-profit organization, Old Parish Preservation Volunteers (OPPV) will be holding fall cemetery work days on Saturdays, October 15, October 29, and November 5.

The group will also host a tour of the cemetery titled "Our New Town: Norwood's First Town Officials" on Saturday, October 22, at 2:00 pm. (Rain date Sunday, October 23 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.



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.

JEEPS

Jeeps have never been more popular, and I'm not just talking about Wranglers. The Grand Cherokee has evolved from a hard riding SUV to an SUV that is easy to enter and exit. It is also a class act. Our loaner is the upscale Overland 4xe. Power comes from a 2.0 turbo 4 cylinder and some help from electric power, bringing total horsepower to 375 via an 8 speed transmission. 18 inch aluminum wheels and all season / all terrain tires did not generate noise, which is a good thing. There is plenty of power from the combo. Electric range is 25 miles my commute is now only 6 miles each way and yes, I did plug it in every night. Base price \$65,760 destination \$1,795.00. As usual, the Jeep does have some options Baltic gray \$395.00, luxury tech group \$2155.00, advanced protech group 111 \$2,335.00, black painted roof \$775.00, off road group \$1,095.00, front passenger interactive display \$1,095.00, included 950 watt amplifier with 19 speakers. Total MSRP \$75,305.00.

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, October 3

926 Phone - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Uhaul - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports she witnessed a male party dressed in camo walking into the woods with a rifle. N674 reports he believes there is permission from Rojo's to hunt the area, contact was not made but N674 will check the area frequently.

1403 Phone - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: Windsor Shell - Walpole St Dispute between customer and worker. Officer reports she was gone on arrival and he will attempt to ID for a letter of disinvite when video is reviewed.

1623 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Tremont St Walk in seeking advice on a unwanted vehicle on her property. N661 tried to make contact with the owner of vehicle but was unsuccessful. Walk in advised of abandon motor vehicle procedure.

1750 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Spoken To Location/Address: Springvale Rd + Alpine Rd Caller reports 2 juveniles throwing big rocks in the road for cars to run over them. N667 spoke to those juveniles and had them pick up the rocks in the road.

1947 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Walpole St Caller reports her 39 yr old son is out of control and breaking things in the basement. N667 and N674 responding. N667 reports son disagrees with contractor work inside the residence and there was no damage.

2021 911 - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Transformative Life Skills DbA Chris Mayya - Engamore Ln BPD requesting well being check on female party who was looking to request services for a male party in Boston who is allegedly in distress. N667 and N674 responding. N667 reports all in order.

2127 911 - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: St Joseph Ave Downstairs neighbor being loud.

N661 reports there is a young child that was making the noise, they will try to keep the noise down.

Tuesday, October 4

0638 Phone - Unwanted Party Location/Address: JACOBS RD Property owner states she received word that multiple teenage males are present in third floor apartment. Supposed to be vacant. Officers made entry per landlord request. Apartment was empty and secure. Landlord satisfied.

22-26213 0809 Radio - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Nahatan St Occupants of MA PC 6HX712 in the parking lot look like they are arguing. N674 spoke to mother and son he just did not want to go to school. They are fine and on their way.

0831 Walk-In - Civil Dispute Spoken To Location/Address: Audubon Rd Walk in reports his wife will not give him money from his check that she cashed for him. N674 spoke to that party reports it is a civil issue.

1330 Phone - Civil Dispute Civil Matter Location/Address: Lynwood Dr Resident reports contractor is swearing at homeowner. N674 spoke to all parties, civil matter over clean-up after job was completed.

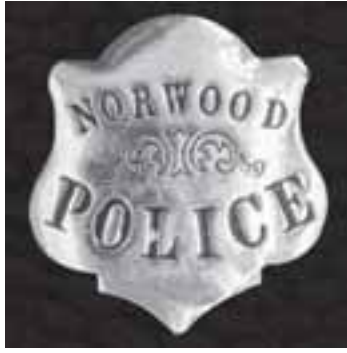
1846 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Longwood Ter Resident is afraid of a new tenant that starts renting tomorrow. N663 reports she will cancel contract and give him his money back-will call police if needed.

1920 911 - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Maple St Juvenile texts 911 stating her mother is mad at her. N667 and N661 responding. N667 report everything in order. Juvenile was upset because she was asked to do chores.

Wednesday, October 5

0928 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Garden Pkwy Report while attempting to take cat to the vet, it got away and is now stuck under part of the

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house.

1725 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Plymouth Dr Caller reports yelling and running upstairs. Officers spoke to both parties, child playing and all checks out.

1853 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Oak Rd Walk in reports bank account opened in his name.

Thursday, October 6

0828 Cellular - B & E Of Motor Vehicle *Report Filed Location/Address: Ridgewood Dr Report car entered sometime since 2030 Hrs on 10/5.

0833 Phone - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Nahatan St Caller reports due to his brother attempting suicide last night in Woburn, he wishes to turn in his brother's guns for safe keeping. N669 took same.

0936 Phone - Warrant Of Apprehension *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Hampden Dr N667 places subject under arrest and transports directly to Dedham District Court.

1044 911 - Neighbor Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd Report downstairs neighbor is yelling at her family whom has pulled up in a MV, also 2 other families arguing at pool. N661 reports caller has some mental health issues and nothing happening at this time. Riverside Clinician, assigned to Dept. notified.

1121 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Prospect St Advice given on a school issue at Little Mustangs.

1458 Cellular - Harassment Services Rendered Location/Address: Rama Fitness - Washington St Report that a male, who has been spoken to by owner in past and told to leave another female member alone, is there yelling and speaking to her. N661 reports male membership revoked, gym advised to get Letter of Disinvite, female advised of her H.P.O. rights.

1516 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Fulton St Neighbor reports packages being delivered to empty home and someone comes and picks them up. Officer spoke to all parties involved, checked out OK.

1521 Initiated - Parking Violation Parking Ticket Issued Location/Address: Washington St + Cottage St 4 parking tickets issued.

Friday, October 7

0223 911 - Death *Report Filed Location/Address: Kathleen Ln Caller reports infant is unresponsive. NFD sent. N679 transports parents to hospital. N678 transports parents back home.

1407 Phone - Assist Other Agency *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Herb Chambers Volvo Cars Of Norwood - Bos-Prov Hwy Walpole request attempt to make an arrest for them of an employee involved in 209A Violation. N666 places him under arrest and transports to station. Walpole PD came and picked him up. Arrest: Batista-Gonzalez, Jacinto Address: 329 N Washington St Apt. #2 North Attleboro, Ma Age: 37 Charges: Courtesy Booking

1549 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Winter St Loud music playing in the lower back side. All quiet on arrival.

1702 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Nichols St Caller reports her friends son called maybe home by himself. N666 reports the parents are home and everything checks out.

1749 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Azalea Dr Caller wishing to speak to an officer about a neighbor dispute. He was spoken to and advised.

1756 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Spoken To Location/Address: Nahatan St Caller reports a group of juveniles running around and causing a disturbance. N678 spoke to those juveniles they were made aware of the complaint and moved along.

2211 Initiated - Mischief (Kids) Spoken To Location/Address: Oldham School (Acct# 1382d) - Prospect St Juveniles on playground moved along.

Saturday, October 8

1010 Phone - Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Railroad Ave Caller reports a young juvenile chasing a dog that possibly for loose. Caller reports that juvenile retrieved the dog and all is ok.

1124 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Duro, Elizabeth - Coach Ln Contractor dispute at another location but both there now. All advised.

1440 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Mountain Ave Advice given on roommate.

1500 911 - Well Being Chk Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Citgo - Broadway - Broadway St + E Vernon St Passerby reports older male with long gray hair and beard being confrontational towards pedestrians. Officers checked the area, unable to locate the individual.

1547 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Ridgewood Dr EX boyfriend removed keys for a motorcycle with shared ownership. N666 spoke to and advised that party of her options.

1929 911 - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Nahatan St Caller reports 2 male parties arguing and possibly get-

ting ready to fight. Those parties did not have a physical fight it was just an argument, over one party playing his music too loud. Parties were advised.

2105 Phone - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Longwood Ter Caller reports roommates arguing. N678 spoke to all parties they were advised and agreed to separate for the night. Landlord was notified and advised on how to go about evicting the tenants.

Sunday, October 9

0113 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Caller requests a wellbeing check of the resident. Officers spoke with the resident who was well and had been asleep. No further action required.

0216 Initiated - Motor Vehicle Stop *Report Filed Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy + University Ave MV Stop MA Reg # 515HX9. Arrest made. Vehicle was towed by Negotians and the operator was placed in custody. Refer To Arrest: 22-356-AR Arrest: Connolly, George Francis Jr Address: 80 Reed St Randolph, Ma Age: 48 Charges: OUI-Liquor Or .08%, 2nd Offense Marked Lanes Violation

0827 Phone - Threats *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St Caller reports he lost his wife and wanted to speak with the police. He would not confirm his location and made threats to the Dispatcher and Officer.

1138 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Friendly Restaurant Rte1 - Bos-Prov Hwy Zoomo Bike rental was stolen last night and GPS tracks to 1469 Boston Prov Hwy. Friendlys .District 6 Boston report # 222077-843. Officer confirms the bike was dumped in the woods and the renter was on scene and has it. Boston PD advised.

1159 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Spoken To Location/Address: Morse St Caller concerned about kids near the river.

1429 Phone - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: Olde Colonial Cafe - Nahatan St Subject in the restaurant made threats to harm the bartender. On arrival he was gone and area outside was checked with negative results.

1957 Walk-In - Susp Activity *Report Filed Location/Address: St Timothys Church - Nichols St Party walks in to report a suspicious male at St. Timothy's. Report filed.

2236 911 - Complaint Of Mv *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Dean St + Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports the driver of MA PC 4EWT61 pointed a gun at him. N663 locates that vehicle and the driver. N667 returns to the station with one male party under arrest. Arrest: Jordan, Christopher R Address: 156 Wilson St Norwood, Ma Age: 41 Charges: Assault W/Dangerous Weapon Firearm, Intoxicated Licensee Carry C269 §10h Assault Weapon, Unlicen Sell/Possess Assault Weapon, Unlicen Sell/Possess Assault Weapon, Unlicen Sell/Possess

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD**

In accordance with the requirements of Mass. General Law Chapter 40A Section 5, the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, November 7, 2022 at 7:25 P.M.** The public hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood MA as well as via remote participation on GoToMeeting:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/718185669>

You can also dial in using your phone.

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The purpose of the Public Hearing is to accept public comments on a proposed Article to amend the Zoning Bylaw, submitted via citizen petition. The citizen petition proposes to amend the Zoning Bylaw by editing Section 2.0 Districts and inserting a new Section 9.10 Multifamily Mixed Use Transit Overlay District. The proposed zoning amendments would create a new zoning overlay district on the parcels known as 259 Lenox Street. The draft Zoning Bylaw amendment is on file in the Planning Department at Town Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours. The draft Zoning Bylaw amendments can also be found on the Planning Board's webpage located on <http://www.norwoodma.gov/>

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“One side is a Norwood N with the Mustang on it and the other is a picture of the Norwood Common Gazebo,” he said. “The gazebo submission was from an adult. His whole family grew up here in Norwood, and for the contest he walked around Norwood taking pictures and submitted ideas for the coin. He said after taking some pictures he was walking back to his car and was struck that the gazebo with the tree branches and the Town Hall behind it was

a pretty neat picture. It was the last one he took, sort of on a whim.”

Hart said he set it the voting by likes on Facebook and whichever design had the most votes, got the pick. It was also important that the funds from the coin sales be directed to the Norwood community.

“All the proceeds are going to the Norwood Food Pantry,” he said. “I have a lot of experience volunteering with them. I don’t have any

official capacity, but any money made I just donate. We’ve also done donation and can drives for them in the past too. They do a lot of good in the community and they’re all volunteers over there so it’s not like anything can go wrong, they’re all just trying to help and I figure I’ll jump in and help too.”

Residents interested in buying a coin can reach out to Hart directly at thejoehartband@gmail.com, or Facebook at the Celebrate Norwood (all things Norwood, MA) Facebook group at <https://bit.ly/3CHQXfJ> or you can find him at Band Gig in Norwood on 45 Central St. when he’s teaching guitar.



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quick to point out that the other linemen they worked with did a great job and everyone worked well together,” he said. “It took a total team effort to restore power back to Bartow so quickly.”

Morrissey said while they aren’t required to respond, they do volunteer and get reimbursement for the time, wherever they go.

“This isn’t a donation, we get reimbursed for the work the crews perform, but we more or less do it to be good Samaritans,” he said. “These are people in dire straights and we go to help them

out.”
 Morrissey said Norwood heeds the call pretty often.

“It’s probably happened maybe once a year or every two years where we’ll send a crew to wherever they’re needed,” he said, adding most recently they sent a crew to Orlando a few years back. “We’ve also sent them north to New Hampshire and Maine in years past for snowstorms, and Western Massachusetts when they got hit with strong storms a few years ago in Templeton.”

Morrissey said while this time around the guys didn’t get to go to Disneyworld, during the Orlando trip they kind of had to.

“Disney had no power, and so they had a couple of hotels they could open up and the guys were able to stay there,” he said with a laugh.

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