

Friends of St. Nick honors Bob Conrad



The Friends of St. Nick Charity Luncheon kicked off its 32nd year raising money for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute at the Four Points Sheraton Tiffany Ballroom last week. Hundreds packed in to celebrate this year's honoree, Conrad's Restaurant owner Robert Conrad, who came in escorted by Santa Claus himself. The charity itself was formed in 1992 by a group of friends to honor those who served the Town of Norwood and raise funds for cancer research, and the group claims it has "unashamedly borrowed" the idea from the Walpole Friends of St. Patrick. For more information, go to FriendsofStNick.org. For more photos of this year's event, check out photographer Dan Busler's website at <http://tinyurl.com/3mmsw8m2>

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Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum JJ Munoz discussed some good points for this year's MCAS results.

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MCAS scores reflect some bright spots At least according to NPS

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee met last week in a hybrid format and sat with Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum JJ Munoz who broke down the preliminary MCAS scores.

Munoz said at first glance scores may be a bit lower than parents and residents may like, but he said the scores don't tell the whole story.

Munoz said the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Accountability Component is reflected in the test results. He said the state stopped the practice after 2019 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This component is a way for the state to track progress towards improvement.

He said while Norwood overall did not meet this goal, most of the state did not either, and added that in some areas Norwood excelled where one might not think it did.

Norwood, at 33 percent, made moderate progress towards its improvement targets, compared with 37.4 percent of schools throughout the district, which is the percentile most districts in the state fell into (35.7 percent achieved substantial progress and 15.6 percent achieved meeting or exceeding targets). Munoz said, on the bright side, the high school and the Coakley Middle School made "substantial progress" towards meeting targets.

"They actually increased from 2019 to last year," he said.

He also said four schools

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The earth removal site at 973 University Ave. extended its permit for four more years, with some conditions from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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UAVE permit extended, Winsmith plan coming

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Staff Reporter

The Norwood Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) met recently and voted unanimously to grant a special permit extension to UAVE LLC for its gravel removal project at 973 University Ave.

UAVE has a long history with the ZBA and the site. The short version is the company purchased the property for gravel removal and, once the stone on the site is processed and removed, UAVE intends to build there. During its initial

permitting in 2013 for this purpose, the ZBA granted the company, owned by Joseph Federico, a two-year permit to do so. That permit expired and was never renewed until its lapse was discovered about three or four years ago. Once the permit oversight was discovered, the state took an interest and sued the company for conservation and stormwater violations.

As a final process of preparing for development, the company has been repairing and replanting trees and landscaping on a neighbor's property

that it said it needed to utilize because, according to UAVE representatives, that neighbor would not allow access to its property by more conventional and neighborly means.

UAVE has been coming back to renew its permits every two years and was just granted a four-year permit extension at the last ZBA meeting. However, the company will still have to come in annually to check in with the ZBA, and representing attorney Dan Bailey

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Illegal dumping nothing sinister

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Readers may remember recent rumblings regarding rubble and fill dumped at the end of St. John Avenue in South Norwood, on the property that eventually will become the Bernie Cooper Memorial Waterfront Park.

The proposed park is a feather in the Town's cap, as it was purchased from DCD Holdings (car retailer) a few years ago as a compromise. Instead of building a huge open lot car storage area there, the company sold a portion of the property to the Town for open space use.

During one ConCom meeting, Conservation Agent Carly Rocklen said dumping was taking place at the western side of the

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said they would send photos from the site on a quarterly basis to make sure the Planning Department is up to date on everything going on there.

The Board issued six conditions of approval for the permit; the most discussed being the requirement of annual loaming and seeding of areas where digging has ceased.

Project architect Luke Fabri said he was against loaming the floor of the property (he did say the rest of the property would be no problem), because if it is loamed and then someone wants to come in and develop the property, they would dig it up and make the effort and expense unnecessary.

“If this is something that we’re going to spread around four-and-a-half acres and then scrape back up six months after – and it seems like adding the loam to an area already stabilized rather nicely, even with all the trucks going in and out of it and all the action taking place on it; there is no real erosion from water,” he said. “Our sedimentation basins have no real water in them, it’s really well behaved.”

Fabri asked that six months of no loaming be allowed once the final grade is achieved and work has ceased, so that if a developer comes in and starts a project, the loam won’t be wasted.

ZBA chair Michael Sheehan asked Town Consultant Tetra Tech Engineer Matthew Moyer if he felt this was okay. He did not, and said the risk of erosion is too great to allow.

“Whether it be loam and seed or some other type of finished material is irrelevant, I think it needs to be a finished stable surface, not a bare surface,” he said.

The Board voted to approve with the condition that all areas of the site be loamed and seeded or otherwise stabilized, either when the project has concluded and reached final grade or work has ceased for more than six months. That would also have to be scrutinized by the Norwood Conservation Commission (ConCom).

Bailey also asked that the surety bond requirement be removed. The bond is a deposit issued to the Town ensuring that if the permitting requirements are not met, the Town can use it to pay for the remaining work. Bailey said he didn’t feel it was necessary any longer.

“I don’t think there’s any reason to doubt that he’s going to do the work, and if he didn’t do the work you’re going to have an enforcement action,” he said. “Surety bonds are very expensive and it’s a surety bond for four or five years.”

Moyen commented on the surety bond in writing, recommending the bond be put in place. Town Planner Sarah Dixon said the estimate on the bond would be submitted by UAVE and reviewed and approved by the department.

The other conditions, as provided by the Planning Department and the Building Inspector, included the ZBA’s regular conditions of approval, that the conditions from the 2021 renewal approval shall remain in effect, no materials should be processed on the site, an annual status report be submitted and that the closure plan for the site must be approved by the ConCom.

Moving over to almost literally the other side of Town, three applicants came in for permits to allow three separate businesses at the Norwood Commerce Center (NCC), also known as the Winsmith Mill.

Two of the applicants were for new businesses – an event production company and a health and small health fitness center – and Hometown Arcade was in for a retroactive permit.

All three permits were approved at 4-1, with member Al Porro against, stating that the landlord should get its major project special permit approved by the Planning Board. Attorney David Hern was at the meeting and explained the company’s progress so far and that they will be seeking such a business permit.

Hern did not discuss many specifics for the large permit – that’s for the Planning Board – but he said the current parking layout is adequate for the current and future tenants at the site, which historically has been the major concern of the ZBA. He said each business and type of potential future business would have corresponding parking numbers in the plan, and that right now, at 415 spaces, they are close to the maximum spaces for a fully rented site.

“Right now, we have 10 fewer spaces than what the build out would show, and we have the capacity to go up to 554 spaces,” he said. Build out means fully occupied with business tenants in this case.

Hern admitted that some spaces are not immediately visible or convenient, but those spaces are there.

“Part of what we want to do with these improvements is put direction signs there,” he said. “It would be just like going to the mall, where you have to walk a distance occasionally to get to where you’re going.”

Sheehan asked Dixon if there was a way to not accept any more applications for any NCC businesses until the Major Permit is approved. Dixon said no, a Board may not stop an applicant’s right to petition the body, but she said they could inform the NCC that the feeling on the ZBA is that no more applications would be likely to be approved until that permit is sorted out.



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BOS approves tax rates

Trying to ease CMS override

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday night with several appointments, the longest of which being the presentation of tax information by the Norwood Board of Assessors.

The Board of Selectmen ended up voting unanimously for a 74-to-26-percent split between the commercial tax rate — \$23.97 per thousand dollars of assessed value — and the residential rate — \$10.49 per the same.

The split is calculated based on the tax levy, which Town Meeting voted on earlier this year. For the average single-family homeowners in Town, this will bring their tax bill from \$6,229 from fiscal year 2023 (FY23) to \$6,911, an increase of \$682 (11 percent). For commercial property owners, the increase would be a bit larger, increasing from \$56,191 based on average business property value to \$61,651, an increase of \$5,360 (9.5 percent).

The tax rates are based on property values and the tax levy, as Board of Assessors Chair Tim McDonough explained during the meeting. He said the levy amount divided by the property value gives you the tax rate, which is then split between residential and commercial by the Board of Selectmen. If property values go up significantly, like they have recently in Norwood, then even if the Selectmen vote to give homeowners the maximum 75/25 split, tax bills will go up for residential homeowners.

That's not including the fact that this is the year that the Coakley Middle School CMS rebuild override, passed by a Town-wide vote McDonough emphasized, starts to impact taxpayers. The average tax rate increases over the past few years have been relatively stable, not changing by more than 3 percent, save for the 2020 budget override and this coming year's CMS override, which is about 9 percent and 11 percent respectively.

Even if the Board had voted to do a 75/25 split, the average increase in tax bills for residential homeowners would be 10.5 percent. Selectman Michael Saad asked if there was any way to lower the impact on residential more than that.

"We're only allowed to shift a certain percentage and the maximum is 75, we're not allowed to go above that," said McDonough.

"I think there's going to be a lot of angry people Tim, I feel for your office, they are going

to scream," Saad said.

Selectman Bill Plasko said he was leaning somewhat the other way, as businesses in Town are what allow Norwood to keep its residential taxes lower than most of its neighbors, and he said he didn't want to do long-term damage to that relationship.

"You can't squeeze them too much," he said. "You don't want them leaving Town, you don't want them not choosing to come to Town. Lately, we haven't had that problem because every year we've left a little wiggle room. Other Towns are at 75 and they have to stay there; they've locked themselves into that situation."

Plasko added that business owners don't necessarily see as much benefit from public institutions like CMS.

"I always feel for our residents more, but I also feel for our businesses because we're saddling them with costs they have no say about," he said. "They didn't choose to have a new high school, they didn't choose to have a new middle school, they didn't choose to have additional operational; they didn't have a vote. But they're shouldering a large part of the burden. They also don't share the benefit of those items on an equal basis either."

Originally, Selectman Bob Donnelly proposed the same split as last year, 71 percent, and that failed. Saad proposed 75 percent, and that failed, but 74 percent appeared to be just right. Selectman Amanda Grow pointed out that this left the Board with "just a little bit of a lever, even if it is only one percent, it's still something" in the 74 percent. The Board voted, and as McDonough walked out, Plasko suggested jokingly that McDonough should take his phone off the hook.

In other news, the Board bade farewell to its longtime Executive Assistant Jess Jozwik, as she is moving to another position in the Town Hall.

"I am going to miss you guys," she said after Saad brought her a farewell gift of very large poinsettias. "Working for you has been an adventure, but one I will look back on fondly."

Also during the meeting, the Board voted unanimously to accept Jeffrey O'Neil as the Town's new Finance Director. O'Neil said he has been working as the Finance Officer and Treasurer for the Town of Vernon, Connecticut, for the past six years.

"All aspects of financial accounting, reporting, purchasing, revenue, all that falls under my purview," he said, adding that his prior career was in financial investments.

Also at the meeting, Plasko reminded residents that the group Wreaths Across America will be laying wreaths on veterans' graves at the Old Parish and Highland Cemeteries this Saturday starting at 12 p.m. All interested are invited to attend.

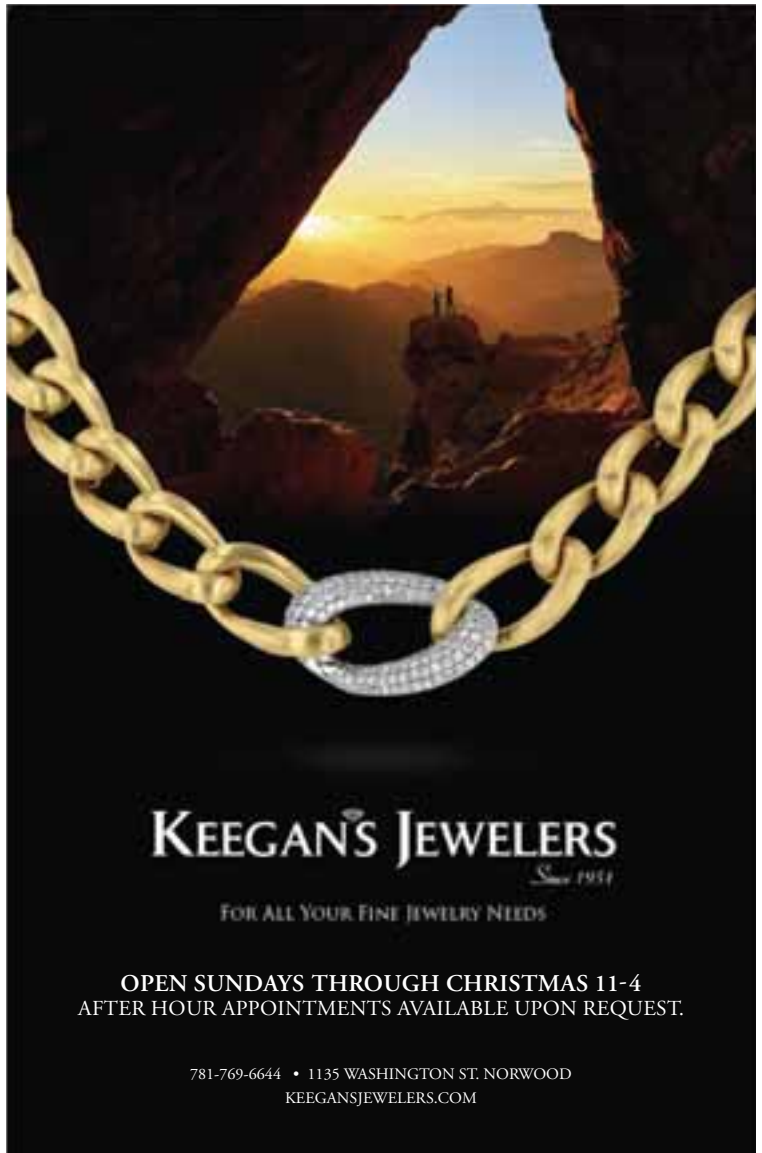
Lastly, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to tentatively set the date for the March Town Meeting for Thursday, March 21 for night one, and a potential night two will be on Monday, March 25.

"That's a little bit different; we normally start on a Monday but due to some scheduling conflicts and the fact we didn't want to get too close to April, we're starting on Thursday," said Town Manager Tony Mazzucco.



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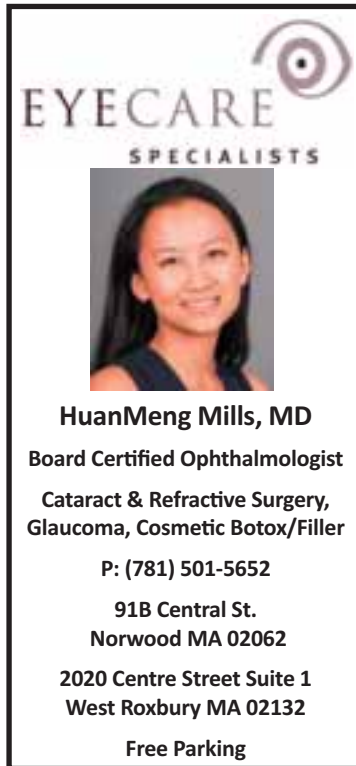
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Italian Lodge celebrates centennial

When a non-profit social organization hits its 100th anniversary, it is something to celebrate. Why? - - Because it makes a statement about the tenacity, meaningfulness, dedication, and commitment of its members over a century's duration - such is the case with the Norwood Italian Lodge #1235 that recently celebrated its 100th anniversary at the Four Points by Sheraton in Norwood at its "Cheers to 100 Years" gala event on December 5th. A very happy occasion combining the merriment of the holiday season with the Lodge's 100th anniversary was enjoyed by all in attendance. Guests also enjoyed the Italian singing and acoustic guitar music performed by Luigi Grasso during the evening. Norwood Lodge President, Steve Eosco, made the introductions of several special guests to the nearly one hundred people in attendance, followed by Toni Eosco, Norwood Italian Lodge Orator, who provided some informative local lodge history.

Guests speakers included: Viscomi Rodolfo, MA Grand Lodge President OSDIA, who delivered inspiring remarks regarding the Order of Sons and Daughters of Italy in America; Town Greetings from Matthew Lane, Chair-Norwood Board of Selectmen, who spoke on the value of community organizations; Denise Furnari, Past President OSDIA, who spoke of her own family roots and the impact the Italian Lodge has had in her life; Jeanne Ferrara Taylor, Norwood resident, town meeting member & the Granddaughter of Norwood Italian Lodge Founder, Isidoro Ferrara, provided treasured memories of her grandparents during her talk, noting how devoted her grandparents were to family and to their Italian heritage; and Helen Donohue, former Selectwoman, South Norwood Native & Activist, who spoke of the diversity of South Norwood and the importance of giving back to the community. Additional guests included Marisa Rinalli, 1st Vice-president of MA Grand Lodge OSDIA, William Plasko and Amanda Grow from the Board of Selectmen; and Judith Howard, Chair of the town's Historical Commission.

Between roughly 1880 and 1924, more than four million Italians immigrated to the United States, about half of them between 1900 and 1910 alone—the majority fleeing tremendous rural poverty in Southern Italy and Sicily. The recent U.S. 2020 Census data state that Italian (alone or in combination) is the fourth reported European group in the United States with nearly seventeen million people, following English, German, and Irish.

The national organization of the Order Sons and Daughters of

Italy in America was established by founder, Dr. Vincenzo Sellaro in New York in 1905. The Order functioned as a support system for Italian immigrants, provided educational opportunities, assisted Italians with gaining their U.S. citizenship, helped to provide health and death benefits, and assisted them with acclimating to the new American culture. In 1914 the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was chartered. (It also includes Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont).

With the Italian population growing in South Norwood, the local Italian Lodge #1235 was formed in 1923 under the MA Grand Lodge. Local lodges are guided by the principles of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity and formed to preserve Italian culture, support education of our youth, promote social justice, and support charitable causes. Lodges continue to be positive social and charitable organizations in their communities.

Our founding member was a 1907 Sicilian (Palermo) immigrant, Isidoro Ferrara (1888 - 1974), our first Venerable/President. Isidoro and his wife, Martha, had eleven children and lived on Cedar Street in Norwood. He worked at a nearby tannery in South Norwood where many immigrants found local employment at the mills and industries located there. Isidoro is buried in Norwood's Highland Cemetery. Local Norwood town meeting member, and former Board of Health member, Jeanne Ferrara Taylor, is the granddaughter of our founder. Her father, Nicholas, was one of Isidoro's nine sons. Her grandfather, Isidoro, was also the contributing founder of the Italian Christian Church of Norwood that existed for several decades on Cedar Street. The Italians incorporated the church in 1938, and shortly afterwards purchased the Swedish Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church property when it became available for sale in 1939. Today, with changes in ownership, the property is a private home.

The Norwood Lodge has gone through many meeting places over one hundred years and through several reorganizations. But today, it is a merged men and ladies lodge with an updated charter dated May 8, 2001, that reflects the vibrancy of this 21st century organization. Currently, the Norwood Italian Lodge #1235 meets at the VFW HALL, Dean Street in Norwood, on the first Wednesday of each month. The Norwood Italian Lodge is a growing and generous organization. It has contributed to many worthy causes such as to Alzheimer's Association, Cooley's Anemia Foundation,

Autism Foundation, various community services, Italian Home for Children, the Ecumenical Food Pantry, scholarships for high school seniors, and in the past funded the start of Italian classes at the Norwood Senior High School. (Unfortunately, budget cuts eliminated this great program after several years of strong student participation.) The lodge has participated in parades, Norwood Day, and has visited nursing homes.

The Lodge continues to be guided by its principles of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity, promotes Italian culture, and contributes to the civic, social, educational vibrancy of the community. It is impossible to list all the ways Italian Lodge members have contributed to the community of Norwood over the years. However, members have impacted Norwood in local town government, education, the economy through business ownerships, and generous support of charitable causes.

If interested in learning more about the lodge, find us on Facebook at Norwood Italian Lodge.



Entertainer Luigi Grasso plays for guests during the celebration.

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From left to right: Denise Furnari, Marisa Rinalli, Steve Eosco, Rodolfo Viscomi and Jeanne Ferrara Taylor.

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made moderate and one made limited or no progress towards targets. He added that most schools in the district saw a drop from 2019 to 2022.

"I think that's a trend you see in most of the state through Covid," he said. "It's very hard to sustain and even elevate with all the challenges we faced."

For the actual MCAS scores, Munoz said Norwood saw overall a decrease in English Language Arts (ELA) from the 2021-2022 school year to the 2022-2023 school year on test performance.

"However we do have some bright spots," he said. "The 6th grade scored four points higher than 2022 at the Coakley. They did a lot of great work there and actually exceeded the target the state set for them. And our Hispanic/Latino subgroups in grades 3-8 and grade 10 either improved or exceeded their state level accountability target, which is something to celebrate."

In math, performance in the tests improved in several grade levels, but overall, remained below the state level accountability targets. Munoz said some bright spots were that the 6th grade scored 1 scale score point higher than the 2021-2022 school year and the 4th grade scored 2 scale score points higher.

Munoz said Norwood has been doing very well with former English Language Learners (ELL). He said the students who came out of the

ELL program scored as high on their ELA tests as some of the higher-scoring demographics, and that's a definite improvement.

Superintendent David Thomson pointed this out as well, and added that there are definitely good stories and a lot of good news in the results that might not be apparent at first glance. He said for one thing, the scores - which again measure improvement towards an ever-increasing goal every year - don't take into account the fact that more students with significant special needs have been coming into Norwood schools.

"That's something you don't see when you just look at the numbers, that the number of kids with significant needs in the district has increased over the last three years and the scores have stayed relatively the same," he said. "If we didn't have some of the tools we had, if we didn't have the curriculum we have, if teachers weren't sitting with the results and talking about kids and how they're doing and using these tools that would not have happened."

Thomson also wanted to highlight the progress at the Balch Elementary School. He said though the Balch has now the lowest scores in the district, both he and Munoz pointed out that it had the highest rate of improvement in the district as well.

"That's a better story of

what happens at the Balch School than the actual score," Thomson said. "A good portion of those kids are not in the regular classroom because they're learning English. Once they do, they go off the charts. This is the thing people don't see if they just look at the numbers."

Committee member David Hiltz said that DESE has its scoring system somewhat out of whack. He said that in the district he teaches in, the students are majority minority and have a lot of English as a second language and ELL students, and he said that's not accounted for in the test results.

"DESE and the State of Massachusetts shoot schools in the foot," he said. "They also think college-bound is the only track and that's not the case, we may have a kid go into a technical program, night school or GED and it's just as good... I think DESE has this wrong. I think that the MCAS testing system for the past 25 years has just moved the goal posts and played shuffle the cups with districts, and frankly the data has been the same since 1998. It's the same districts; there are a few that have moved, but really nothing has changed."

The full results and report card for Norwood will not be available until January of next year. However you can keep an eye on it by going to the state website at <https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/results.html?yr=2023>

Board of Health reviews new kennel and kennel policies

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Health (BOH) sat with Assistant Health Department Director Abbie Atkins to review the Town's kennel policy and a new kennel doing business.

Atkins said having a commercial kennel like You Lucky Dogs, at 169 Rear Railroad Ave., is a relatively novel development in Norwood. She said there might have been kennels in the past, but not in recent memory.

"There are a couple of facilities in Town that do dog training and boarding and there's a new place that just opened on Railroad Avenue, by Town Hall actually, and they're a commercial kennel," she said, "which we haven't ever had."

Atkins said they want to make sure the business is complying with state regulations, as a precaution.

"They might not know about them," she said. "All kennels in Massachusetts, whether they're a commercial entity or a private residence, have to be licensed by the Town Clerk's Office, but that's a fairly minimal process in terms of the actual application process."

Atkins said after reviewing other municipalities and their

procedures, the department wanted an additional application with the Health Department to ensure requirements are being met and would give Norwood's Animal Control Officers the ability to go in and do random inspections.

"Which they can do anyway with a regular kennel license, but this way we can make sure they have all the vaccination records on file, they understand about reporting biting incidents if those are to occur onsite, if they do overnight boarding we want to ensure they have an emergency plan in place and supervision in case something happens," she said, "because these are facilities that can have 30 dogs in them at a time, which can be a problem if they're not properly managed."

Atkins said application fees would be \$150 and \$100 for renewals. Member Carolyn Riccardi asked if other towns charge these kinds of fees, and Atkins said Brookline does, because health inspectors there are also animal inspectors and issue quarantine notices if a bite occurs (Atkins said that depending on records of a dog, procedures for biting incidents, whether between dog-versus-dog or dog-versus-person, can be vastly different).

The BOH agreed and voted



Assistant Health Director
Abbie Atkins

unanimously to approve the proposal.

In other news, funds approved for this year's allotment from the recent opioid settlement with Purdue Pharma have been transferred to the Health Department. Norwood's share this year was \$150,000 and the BOH will use the funds to place opioid emergency kits in Norwood's schools or key locations.

According to Stacey Lane, Superintendent/Director "Town Meeting is allowing that funding to come to the Health Department to fund projects and ways to alleviate some of the damage done by the opioid

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site. However, at the most recent meeting she said it turned out to be re-grading fill. She said after she and Assistant Town Planner Holly Jones looked into it more closely they discovered the culprit: The Town of Norwood.

“I spoke to (Department of Public Works [DPW] Director) Mark Ryan and he did some tracking down and found out that the Sewer Department had been responsible,” Jones said. “There’s a sewer manhole that they needed to access with one of their trucks, and the fill was placed there for the purpose of supporting the truck to get to the manhole.”

“Well now we know who altered the area,” said Chair Stephen Washburn.

Rocklen said this presents a rather unique issue for the Town. Jones pointed out that in the Cooper Park plan the area is set to be excavated and replaced with a bioswale – a piece of green stormwater infrastructure

designed to soak up and infiltrate stormwater – which on the surface didn’t appear to be a problem. But member John Gear brought up a salient point.

“What happens when they have to access that manhole cover again?” he said.

“Is access to the sewer infrastructure considered in the proposed plans for the Cooper Park?” asked Washburn.

“I am not sure, but DPW has reviewed the plans for the Cooper Park a number of times and they haven’t asked for that but it is a good question to follow up with them about that,” Jones said.

Rocklen said the Conservation Department would reach out to both the DPW and the park designers to make sure accessing the sewer would not be hindered by the design of the park.

“Because otherwise when they have to do some maintenance they will need to come back to us to undo some good

work if that’s the case, and we do not want to waste money like that,” said member Peter Bamber.

“It’s one thing to undo a little disturbance like this, but if they went through the effort of completely executing the proposed alterations for the park and that had to be unwound, that would be a lot worse than what we’re looking at right now.”

Washburn said he didn’t have a problem with leaving the fill there for now before the alterations for the park are made, since most of what was there before would have had to have been removed anyway. But he said they definitely want to make sure this isn’t an issue in the future.

The ConCom was also supposed to discuss the hotly-contested 19-unit subdivision proposed for 76 Prospect St., but because the body did not have a full quorum, attorney representing the project David Hern said he felt they should receive a con-

tinuance.

“I don’t think going forward with a Board missing two members is appropriate,” Hern said. The Board had four members and any such vote would require unanimous approval.

Chair Stephen Washburn and the committee discussed options, but with vacations coming up and the holidays, Washburn said things are looking like it may not be until February that they can meet on this again.

“While it certainly doesn’t drive the decision entirely, I’d

be curious to see how you’d feel about continuing until Jan. 17, understanding that Mr. Bamber likely wouldn’t be here. We would have the remainder of the commission” he said.

“Well, five out of six is better than three out of six,” Hern said. “And we’re sure everybody else will be here?”

Washburn asked Rocklen about anticipated absences and she said she is not aware of any. Hern said his clients were amenable to that. The ConCom voted unanimously to continue the hearing until Jan. 17.

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The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. NO23P3226EA

Estate of: Frances M. Carlson Norfolk Probate and Family Court
Date of Death: 09/25/2011 35 Shawmut Road
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781-830-1200

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy has been filed by
Floyd R. Emerson of Melrose, MA
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Floyd R. Emerson of Melrose, MA
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 A.M. on the return day of 12/27/2023.** This is **NOT** a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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WITNESS Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 21, 2023
Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

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epidemic,” she said. “One of the projects is called ‘The Sandbox.’ It’s similar to an AED machine (defibrillator) in that it’s a life-saving box, because inside is Narcan, and where you place it is usually next to the AED.”

Lane said AEDs are in every school and they would be available for anyone to anonymously use and will have to be checked to make sure it’s still there.

“Because if it’s gone, that’s a good thing,” she said. “Maybe they’ve taken it home.”

Riccardi pointed out that Narcan is, generally, safe to use even if the saver is not sure whether or not the person in question is experiencing an overdose.

Lane said she’s speaking with Norwood Public Schools (NPS) Nurse Leader Jill Driscoll about how they might get those boxes into the schools, and if they need approval from the School Committee or other bodies.

“She took it back to the School Principals and School Nurses and they’re interested,” Lane said. “What she has to do next on the school side, I’m not sure.”

Lane said the department is toying with the idea of creating a regional health inspector position that would work with Canton, Dedham, Milton, Westwood, Walpole and Wellesley (just like Regional Public Health Associate Kerry MacKay). The position would help to supplement Environmental Health Agent Angelo De Luca and Sanitarian Kyle Simpson, working under their supervision in Norwood as needed or as stipulated by the agreement.

“Because they need help,” she said. “There are a lot of things to inspect in the community; food trucks, pools, environmental things. The shared services agreement goes to all towns. Similar to Kerry, she’s here sometimes but sometimes

she’s in other communities usually helping with tobacco. Norwood’s lucky to be in another shared services agreement to have a tobacco inspector and all the other communities in our group do not have that and Kerry’s been doing that.”

The regional position would be housed in Norwood, and would be funded by a grant.

“We’ll do it as long as the grant funding is there, and if it goes away it goes away,” she said.

Lane said there is another regional grant position for a regional Public Health Nurse based out of Dedham (but Norwood is still the financial agent and would be handling the grant).

The idea is to add a little extra help for Norwood’s Public Health Nurse Diana Hillery so that there will be coverage for the Town while Hillery is on vacation.

Morrill Library Events

Registration is required and free for all events below unless otherwise indicated. Sign up at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

SENSORY FRIENDLY LEGO CLUB FOR ADULTS

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with the L.E.A.D. program affiliated with Norwood High School to host a Sensory-friendly Lego Club for Adults. Our December Lego club meeting will be held in-person at the library on Thursday December 21, from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

Please join the L.E.A.D. students in this creative adventure. Just bring your imagination - we will provide the Legos. The Club is free, inclusive, and open to anyone ages 18+. It is specially designed for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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QIGONG CLASSES

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to announce a series of Qigong classes on four Thursday evenings in January with David Shoemson of 3 Body Healing Arts. The program is called 3 Body Qigong for Health and Healing and will take place from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm on January 4, 11, 18, and 25.

David will be teaching the attendees the practice of 3 Body Qigong. This form of Qigong helps to energize your body, mind and spirit. It has been known to reduce stress, depression, and negative emotions by improving the flow of energy in your body and quieting your mind. This 4-week series will include body tap-

ping, meridian stretching, practicing/learning to feel energy, and music meditation/sound healing. Start the new year with a positive plan to improve your health and re-discover that peaceful place within.

The class will be standing and seated as well as on the ground so please bring a mat. Movements can be adapted to be done in the chair. Please arrive 5-10 minutes before class as we will begin at 6:30pm promptly.

Separate registration is required for each session.

Miracle Prayer

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

—V.C.

MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to launch Monday Movie Matinee, a film series starting on January 8, 2024. The series will run from January - May. The films will be shown on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 1PM. Movie dates are: 1/ 8, 1/22, 2/ 12, 2/26, 3/11, 3/25, 4/22, 5/ 13. January movies are: A Man Called Otto (126 mins) and Asteroid City (105 mins).

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.

Grateful Thanks.

—C.J.

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Lois Ann (Altobello), age 80, of Norwood, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Friday, December 8, 2023. Born in Dedham, MA she was the daughter of the late Anthony and Lucy (Etford) Altobello. Lois was a stay-at-home mother for many years and later became an LPN nurse and worked at the Norwood Hospital, Charlwell House Health & Rehabilitation Center in Norwood, and the Visiting Nurse Association in Dedham. Lois also enjoyed reading, knitting, and babysitting her grandchildren. Lois was the beloved wife of 58 years to the late Allen Dean Garrels Sr., and the devoted mother of Allen D. Garrels, Jr. and his wife Paula of Brockton, Scott Garrels and his wife Stacie of Stoughton, Michael Garrels of Franklin, and Glenn Garrels of Lynwood NJ. Lois was the sister of the late Bertha, Charles, and Harold Altobello. She was the proud grandmother of Eric, Andrew, Neala, Stephen, James, Leah, Emily, and Jake Garrels. Funeral Service was held at St. Luke's Church, 950 East St, Dedham, MA on Friday, December 15, 2023 followed by interment at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Lois' name to the

American Heart Association (<https://www.heart.org/>)

GIAMPA



Thomas D. of Norwood passed away on December 8, 2023 at the age of 91. Beloved husband of the late Marie R. (Rondinelli) Giampa. Devoted father of Joseph D. Giampa and his wife Martha of E. Walpole, Annette G. Perez and her husband David of E. Walpole, Rosemarie A. Runnalls and her husband Donald of Norwood, Frederick T. Giampa and his wife Jennifer of Norwood and Maurine E. Garcia of Norwood. Brother of Domenic J. Giampa of Norwood, Anita Rondinelli of N. Attleboro, Nancy Astorelli of Norwood and the late Joseph N. Giampa and Ruth Ann Rigby. Son of the late Joseph and Annmarie (Denisi) Giampa. Cherished grandfather of Tommy, Joey, Michael, Andrew, Katerina, Juliana, Tatiana, Yvette, Marie, David, Rachel, Angelica, Lena, Robert, Isabella and Lily. Great grandfather of Madison, TJ, Colin, Joshua, Sebastian, Natalya, Andrew, Jaime, Benjamin, Jacob, Emily, Kirstin, Kim, Grant, Elena, Lucas, Robert, Jubilee and Matthew. Great great grandfather of Evelyn. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home,

Deaths

1248 Washington St., Norwood, MA. A funeral home service was held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 followed by a burial at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA. Thomas was a US Army Korean War Veteran.

KELLY



Mary Elizabeth Kelly, 79, of Norwood, passed away on Tuesday, December 5, 2023. Born June 23, 1944 in Norwood. The daughter of the late Peter Curran and Ellen O'Riordan, predeceased by her beloved husband, Philip Kelly, loving mother of Pete Kelly and his wife Patti of Braintree, cherished Mimi of Margaret Mary "Maggie", Edmund Seamus "Teddy" and Maura Catherine Kelly, the devoted sister of John and Janet Curran of Norfolk and the late Tom Curran, Lee Curran of Franklin and an aunt to many nieces, nephews and cousins. Mary was a lifelong Norwood resident, a graduate from St. Catherine's, St. Clare and Stonehill College. Mary was a head nurse at Norwood Hospital Unit 22 for several years. One of Mary's core values was her faith and prior to her sickness she was a daily communicant of St. Catherine

of Siena Church. Mary loved spending time with her family, especially with her grandchildren and her church friends. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Norwood, on Tuesday December 12. Interment was at Highland Cemetery. Funeral Arrangements were made with Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Mary's memory to St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 547 Washington St., Norwood, MA 02062. The family wishes to extend their thanks to Beth Israel Deaconess Needham for all of the compassionate care that they provided for Mary.

KOVAL



MICHAEL J. "Iggy" of Franklin, formerly of Norwood, passed away on December 5, 2023 at the age of 75. Beloved husband of the late Deborah L. (Jones) Koval. Loving brother of Gregory Koval and his wife Nancy of Franklin and the late John P. "Jack" Koval Jr. Cherished uncle of Andrew Koval and his wife Olivia of Framingham and Suzanne Koval of Wellfleet. Son of the late John P. and Mary J. (Roslauskas) Koval. Iggy was a 1966 graduate of Norwood High School and then went on to graduate from Lowell Tech University in 1970. He enjoyed sports, camping and spoiling his nieces and nephews. Iggy was always in good humor and enjoyed telling jokes and stories. He was devoted to his family and friends and always there to help anyone in need. Mike will be deeply missed by all

who had the pleasure of knowing him. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood. Burial at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA.

PALMERINI



MARY E. (Bilotta), lifelong resident of Norwood, beloved and devoted wife of the late James J. Palmerini, passed away on December 5, 2023 at the age of 93. Daughter of the late Vincenzo and Anna Veronica (Pungitore) Bilotta. Devoted mother of Joan Palmerini of Virginia, Mary Ann Gaetani and her husband Robert of Norwood, and the late Jean Palmerini Hurley. Loving sister of Frank Bilotta of Norwood, the late Joseph Bilotta of Scituate, and the late Carmela DeFrancesco of Norwood. Cherished grandmother of James and Daniel Sherman, Christopher Gaetani and his wife Racquel, Nicholas, and Jeanna Marie Gaetani. Great grandmother of Addison Gaetani. She was loved and admired by many nieces and nephews. Mary graduated from Somerville Hospital of Nursing as a Registered Nurse. Early in her career she worked at Summerville Hospital, New England Medical Center, and the Glover Hospital. The last 40 years of her career she worked at the Norwood Hospital as a Labor and Delivery nurse. Mary had many interests and hobbies. She was an avid golfer, loved gardening, cooking, sewing, and knitting. She enjoyed traveling, spending time on Cape Cod as well as barbecuing poolside with family and friends. Funeral from

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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.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NORWOOD COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

In accordance with the requirements of Norwood Local Bylaw Article 47 Section 2.1, the Community Preservation Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 5:30 PM in Room 24 of the Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062. This meeting will be held in a hybrid format where Committee members and the public may choose to attend in-person or remotely using Google Meet at: <https://meet.google.com/hda-kniw-cya> or by dialing in at: 402-946-0125 Access Code: 547 694 165#.

This public hearing is the first of three hearings being scheduled to accept questions and comments on applications for CPA funding. The proposed projects under consideration at this hearing include: (1) funding to restore and display Washington Fire Bells #7 and #10; (2) funding to restore historic stained-glass windows from Morrill Memorial Library; (3) funding to preserve Annual Town Reports; (4) funding to rehabilitate Memorial Hall benches; (5) funding to restore and preserve certain pieces of Town Hall artwork; and (6) funding to create a playground at the Norwood Memorial Airport. Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Community Development Department at Town Hall during normal business hours.

Joseph Sheehan
Chairman

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the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. Burial at Highland Cemetery Norwood, MA. Donations may be made in her memory to Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation P.O. Box 421, Norwood, MA 02062.

ROGERS

Ronald Stanley of Franklin passed away on December 4, 2023 at the age of 78 after a hard fought battle with Leukemia. Beloved husband of Marjorie (Leary) Rogers. Devoted father of Michael Rogers, with his wife Megan, and Kate Regan, with her husband Michael, all of Franklin. Brother of Gilbert and Brian Rogers, both of NH. Proud Poppy of Chloe, Sophie and Max Regan and Erin Rogers. Son of the late Gilbert and Mary (Pelczar) Rogers. Ronald was a US Army Vietnam veteran serving from 1967-1969 and receiving a Bronze Star. He was a graduate of UMass Amherst and employed at IBM for 37 years, where he worked as an administrative manager. He loved New England sports, gardening, Wells Beach Maine, Miller Lite, Westerns, Christmas, and being the funniest guy in the room. He will be missed and forever loved. All services will be private. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to a charity of your choice.



WENNERSTRAND

RICHARD Leon of Carver, formerly of Norwood and Walpole, passed away on December 5, 2023 at the age of 87. Beloved husband of the late Lorraine Ann (Kilburn) Wennerstrand. Devoted father of Debra Pacitto of Plainville, Donna Moltedo of Charlton, Richard Wennerstrand and his wife Lina of FL and Julie Parsons and her husband James of Carver. Brother of the late Carl Wennerstrand Jr. Cherished grandfather of Jessika, Ricky Jr., Chase, Michael, Larissa, James Jr. and Joshua. Great grandfather of Boston, Autumn and Destiny. Son of the late Carl and Mabel (Brown) Wennerstrand. Richard was a member of the Mason's and the Elks. Dick, or Winnie as he was affectionately called, was always available to help anyone who needed it in any capacity. His generosity was endless. His hardworking ethics and caring heart were obvious to all who were blessed to know him. He enjoyed spending every minute with his family his kids, grandkids, great grandkids and his grand fur babies Bailey and Lola. He loved animals and would always stop to pat one. Winnie was a diehard fan of the Patriots and the Red Sox. He was quite the card shark, especially at cribbage. He loved to visit the casinos and usually had very good luck. You could also find him basking in the sun be it at the beach, the pool or just the yard. He was an amazing man whether it was just having fun with water fights or being serious, it was always great to be with him. He will be missed. Visiting hours will be held on Monday, December 18, 2023 from 4-7pm at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. A funeral home service will be held on Monday Evening December 18, 2023 at 7pm. Burial will private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the American Diabetes Association P.O. Box 7023 Merrifield, VA 22116-7023 www.diabetes.org



NPS recognizes Oldham

Superintendent David Thomson and Principal Steven Olsen wish to thank the John P. Oldham Elementary School PTO, which recently donated boxes of produce to families in need.

On Tuesday, Nov. 21, Oldham Elementary School PTO members spent the afternoon sorting a variety of Katsiroubas Produce Boxes to be picked up by families in need, ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday. Katsiroubas Produce Boxes are filled with fresh local fruits and vegetables including squash, green beans, potatoes, herbs and more.

As part of the fundraiser,

the PTO set up an online fundraising page using Morrissey Market and were provided a link to share. Using the link, community members could either purchase a produce box for personal consumption or purchase a produce box to be donated to a family in need.

Each box costs \$45. PTO members sold 24 boxes, with 10 of them being donated to local families in need. Funds raised through the project are used to benefit enrichment activities at the Oldham Elementary School.

Once the produce boxes were delivered to the school on Nov. 21, school staff organized pick-up times for those who

purchased the produce boxes and also coordinated delivery times to bring donated boxes to families in need.

This is the second year that Oldham Elementary School has partnered with Morrissey Market for the Oldham Elementary Thanksgiving Fundraiser.

"I would like to recognize our PTO for its commitment to giving back to families in need this season through this fundraiser," said Superintendent Thomson. "This is one of many ways that our parents have not only given back to the community but have also supported our school programs."

Please Share your Spare

Kathleen McNulty

Guest Columnist

By now many of you know that Thomas (Tommy) McNulty, long time Walpole resident, previously from Roslindale, loving husband, retired State Trooper, and friend to many, needs a Kidney transplant to continue to live. The Boston Bulletin (The Norwood Record) is proud to continually spread the word in order to help Tommy's donor find him. Although there have been readers who have stepped up to be evaluated, there is no donor yet. We know this

and the NKR provides a long list of support and protections to both Donors and Tommy, that they are sure will help in the ongoing search to find Tommy's donor and have a successful Transplant!

One of those resources is a new Website, www.nkr.org/YPX272, where anyone who has access to the internet can read about their journey, find out about living kidney donation, re-

nation journey. Living Donor assistance includes things like Lost Wage Reimbursement, Travel & Dependent Care, Voucher Donation and Remote Donation to name a few. You can learn more by visiting Tommy's website www.nkr.org/YPX272.

If you can't donate please share Tommy's story with everyone and anyone you know. All you need to do is share Tommy's website address/url with all of your contacts via email, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter,



community will continue to rally around Tommy and we ask others to consider being evaluated too. We know that there are truly kind and selfless individuals among us, willing to save Tommy's life.

In their ongoing search efforts the McNulty's are excited to let you know Tommy has been approved at a second transplant center!! He is now registered at the Brigham and Women's (BWH) Transplant Center of Excellence!! Along with being at the BWH he is also working with the team at the National Kidney Registry (NKR). This partnership between the BWH

sources available to qualified Donors, as well as start the evaluation process.

Becoming a living kidney donor is a generous gift that could save someone's life. While kidney donation is a very safe procedure, the entire process does involve a time commitment, potentially including travel and time off work, as well as some element of risk. Donor Shield is a comprehensive program offered through the National Kidney Registry, designed to protect qualified living kidney donors, make kidney donation easier and more convenient, and offer support through every step of the do-

whatever means possible, and ask that they share as well.

The Bulletin Newspapers will continue to share Tommy's story! We thank you the readers, who have come forward to be evaluated, those of you who have reached out with kind words of support for the McNulty's, or simply a wish for a donor to come forward soon. We are fortunate to live and work in a community full of people who care enough to want to help any way they can.

If you have any questions, you can contact the McNultys by emailing Kathleen at tommynskidney@gmail.com.

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1422 Phone - PD-Mental Health Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Beacon Ave Call on business line from Riverside employee, for 72 y/o female, section 12 paperwork in hand, party not cooperative. Party was calm and cooperative on their arrival, transported to BI Needham under section 12, units clear.

2049 Phone - PD-Larceny/ Forgery/Fraud Services Rendered Location/Address: Avalon Apartments - Lenox St Female wanting to report a stolen package. 663 reports there is no video but there may be video from the package delivery room. She will be providing contact info for management to proceed from there.

Tuesday, December 5

0713 Phone - PD-Assist Other Agency Services Rendered Location/Address: Home Market Foods Inc - Morgan Dr An 18 wheeler at the above location is not taking the instructions of the company to park at the interstate parking lot and wait to make his delivery. The 18 wheeler is parked at 85 Astor Ave, where he is not supposed to park. The company is trying to comply to the town ordinances regarding the parking of the delivery trucks. 665 spoke with the driver and he moved his truck.

0735 Phone - PD-Parking Violation Spoke With Location/Address: Professional Flooring - Carnegie Row Caller requesting the PD for (3) 18 wheeler trucks that are parked in front of his business. Advised all three trucks to move. All operators are complying.

1218 Phone - PD-Mental Health Services Rendered Location/Address: Albemarle Rd Call from Walpole PD requesting a well being check at the above location. The female party there has been calling WPD all morning for another matter and she is saying to Walpole PD that she is having a mental health crisis. Officers report that she is going to follow up with her psychiatrist and is in the care of her parents.

1414 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Sumner St Caller reporting a 10 y/o boy was stopping cars and asking for help. He was locked out of his house. NPD and

NFD able to assist the little boy.

1516 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Orthopedic Associates - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reporting his mother, who has dementia, was traveling with a caregiver. The caregiver went into the doctor's office leaving the mother in the car. When the caregiver returned the car and the elderly female were gone. A black, Chrysler 300 with a gold star plate. The elderly female drove the car back to her home in Canton. Canton PD confirmed her well being, everything checked out.

1529 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: St Joseph Ave Landlord requesting a well being check on a tenant. 23 y/o resident and 4 y/o daughter ongoing issue of noise in the apartment slamming doors and loud conversation. Believes the 4 y/o is being neglected not be brought outdoors.

1557 Phone - PD-Disturbance Peace Restored Location/Address: Riverside Community Care - Pleasant St Caller reporting a client is causing a disturbance in the parking lot and making threats towards the staff. 3 members currently in the parking lot with him along with 2 others involved.

1611 Phone - PD-Harassment Services Rendered Location/Address: Concord Ave Father has restraining order against son. Son is continuing to call. This time he is calling from an Illinois number. In the past, officers have taken pictures of his phone and would like them to stop by again. 679 will try to make contact with the son. Norwood 676 reports a doctor's office down in Chicago attempting to make contact with the father, no violations at this time. All units clear.

1746 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Ridgewood Dr Caller on the business line reporting a white male wearing a hat and yellow vest, going around the neighborhood ringing doorbells. Caller reports opening the door to the male party. He was holding up a piece of paper. She then shut the door on him. Occurred 5 minutes ago, unknown direction of travel. Norwood 674 reports

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speaking to that male party, he was advised to speak to the station in regards to soliciting.

2250 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: TJ Maxx - Nahatan St Manager reporting an unwanted black female heavy set, she has since moved outside to the bench. Norwood 665 reports the party was located, all employees were able to leave the store without issue, owners will work on getting trespass against this female party.

Wednesday, December 6

0857 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: Prospect St HQ reports party called in, wishing to speak with officer in regards to a noise complaint. Officer spoke with both parties and their landlord, noise complaint was regarding female tenant's 3 year old child stomping.

1504 Phone - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: Elliot St + Stearns Dr Mailman reports on 911 that a female was beat up and now passed out. She is breathing. Girls that beat her up are on foot walking towards Walpole St. One described as white jacket, black back pack. There were reports of 7-8 females. Officer Rooney reports from Walpole St at Brookfield Rd. Courtesy transport to 2 female juveniles. Spoke with all parties involved, one female transported to Newton-Wellesley Hospital, all others denied any need for medical attention. All parents notified and parties have left the area.

1523 Phone - PD-Neighbor Disturbance Spoke With Loca-

tion/Address: Pilgrim Dr Party in lobby wishes to speak to officer about ongoing neighbor dispute.

2130 Radio - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy Caller leaving the Boston Tavern restaurant believes they saw an unattended dog inside of Title Boxing. Door was open, with lights and music playing in the building. No staff seen but still looking into it. Notified ACO, stated if the dog is inside of the business there is not much that they can do so long as it's safe. ACO en route. NWD668 clear, NWD664 standing by. Owner is on scene to lock up. Dog lives there and is safe.

2206 Phone - PD-Disturbance Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Plymouth Dr

2249 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Peace Restored Location/Address: Melville Ave Caller reporting his neighbors are verbally arguing and keeping his family up all night. Quiet upon arrival, spoke with reporting party who is the landlord. Landlord is in process of evicting the tenants and will call back if noise disturbance persists.

Thursday, December 7

0043 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Services Rendered Location/Address: Big Y Foods, Inc. - Walpole St Checking in appears to be a male party sleeping in the vehicle. Party checks out okay, just down on their luck sleeping in the vehicle.

0248 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Report Follows Location/Address N/B - Bos-Prov Hwy + E Cross St MA REG 7CT598. 699 returning 1 male party in custody Negoshians has the vehicle, 665 clear. Arrest: Melon, Omar Yessid Address: 117 W Hodges St Norton, MA Age: 45 Charges: OUI-Liquor OR .08% Stop/Yield, Fail To Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle

1526 Phone - PD-Threats Spoken To Location/Address: Dunkin Donuts - Walpole St Female employee from Dunkin called business line reporting a female customer was throwing items/making threats to come back and cause problems at the store over a coffee made incorrectly. Employee is concerned because there will be minors working at the store tonight and she doesn't want any further issues. Unable to see plate, happened at drive thru window. Party was advised of her options and was satisfied

Friday, December 8

0656 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Gone on arrival Location/Address: Morgan Dr + Astor Ave Caller states there are 18 wheelers parked. States it is an ongoing issue with parking along the streets and causing a traffic hazard. Caller requesting an officer respond to have them move along. 669 reports the truck was GOA. Spoke with the calling party. 1

211 Phone - PD-MVA Property Damage Spoke With Location/Address: Walpole St 911

caller reports her vehicle was struck by a machine by workers on scene at this location. Civil matter. All parties have been spoken with. Clear.

2128 Phone - PD-Parking Violation Vehicle Towed Location/Address: Avalon Apartments - Lenox St MA PC 1NZK64 towed by Big Jacks Towing.

2209 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Report Follows Location/Address: Engamore Ln 911 call reports friend has taken pills, is slurring on phone with him. Requesting we start fire for an evaluation 669 reports transported to BI Needham units clear.

Saturday, December 9

1424 Phone - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Lewis Restaurant & Grille - Central St Black male urinating on side of building and causing a disturbance. Grey outfit shirt and tan shoes. Speaking to party now. Appears to possibly have medical problems. All units clear. Special needs adult. Care taker has taken the special needs adult back under care.

1716 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Vape And Smoke - Washington St Caller on business line reports MA REG 369YV1 tan Honda SUV is parked in a handicapped parking spot with no placard in view, requesting an officer to come down. 674 had the vehicle move

2002 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Spoke With Location/Address: Audubon Rd Elderly female, called, was confused and did not know what was going on. States she is expecting people to come home. Officer was able to speak with party over the phone / thru the window. Same story was told about missing family, officers will be standing by for the daughter's arrival. Officers spoke with the party's daughter who was approximately 10 minutes away. She was comfortable with the officers clearing. Daughter will contact us if needed any further.

2135 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: Morrill Memorial Library - Walpole St Report of a car playing loud music. Spoke with MA REG 5MLT19, he will turn it down and is leaving soon.

Sunday, December 10

0818 Phone - PD-MVA Property Damage Services Rendered Location/Address: Stop & Shop - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller on the business line reporting he came out after grocery shopping and noticed significant damage to the driver side of his vehicle. Norwood 669 reports he will return in an hour when security arrives to obtain camera footage. No witnesses in the area to provide a description at this time. All units clear for now. Norwood 669 reports the employees lost the key which accesses the camera room. 669 will return at a later date.

1007 Phone - PD-Disturbance Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reports her son may have gotten into a fight. Brother on 911 stating his brother got shot but is unable to find him. Says he heard popping noise. Norwood 667 reports the family has been advised of their options and resources. The male party is being transported to the hospital by fire.



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Prayer to the Blessed Virgin
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Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.
Grateful thanks. —K.B.

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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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DECEMBER MONTHLY BALLROOM DANCE

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging will be sponsoring their monthly Ballroom Dance, on Friday, December 15th from 7-10 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood. Music will be provided by Dave Valerio and the cost is \$12.00 per person for your Ballroom Dancing pleasure. Coffee, tea, desserts & water are served & there are also door prizes. We look forward to welcoming newcomers of all ages. There is a Facebook page so you can check the status of events offered by the Friends: Friends Of The Norwood Council On Aging | Facebook

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The series will feature a guest appearance by various McLean practitioners.

Events include:

Parenting in the Context of Anxiety: What Parents Need to Know to Support Their Children and Themselves: Jan.17, from 9-10 a.m.

Understanding Transgender and Non-Binary Youth: March 8, from 9-10 a.m.

Understanding Pediatric Anxiety Disorders and OCD: March 22, from 12-1 p.m.

Partnering with Schools for Services and Supports: April 5, from 9-10 a.m.

In addition to this series, Norwood High School partners with McLean Hospital for clinical consultations to best support student mental health needs, staff professional development, and a private parent mental health series on topics of interest to Norwood families.

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP TO MEET

The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 19, at The Grange, 28 Rockwood Road (Route 115) in Norfolk, MA from 7-9 pm. Mask if you will.

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

VFW MEAT RAFFLE

The Norwood V.F.W. Post 2452 hosts a Meat Raffle every Saturday from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The Meat Raffle is open to the Public and everyone is welcome. The price for each Drawing is only \$2.00. Ten Drawings are conducted each Saturday. A Pre-Buy for \$20.00 is available during the week at the Post. This Pre-Buy allows for entrance in all Ten Drawings conducted on Saturday. The winners of the Pre-Buys need not be present to win.

The Drawings also include a 50/50 Money Raffle. A separate Winner Takes All Raffle is conducted at the end for an additional \$5.00. The Norwood VFW is located at 193 Dean Street in Norwood. The Meat Raffle will continue every Saturday thru May.

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



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