



The Planning Board recently voted to recommend updated ADU regulations to the upcoming Town Meeting.

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Planning Board votes 3-2 to recommend ADU regulations

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Planning Board voted 3-2, with Chair Joseph Sheehan and member Debbie Holmwood opposed, to approve the current iteration of the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Zoning Bylaw Amendment set for the March 21 Town Meeting.

The two-hour-plus-long meeting went into greater detail on ADUs, mainly about two main subjects: potentially requiring the ADU to conform to certain design regulations – basically that they don’t make the house look different than any other single-family or two-family in the neighborhood – and of owner occupancy.

The purpose of the ADU is to allow residents to have what’s commonly known as an “in-law apartment” under circumstances as-of-right with no need to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals or Planning Board. It has been stated in past meetings that this has already happened across the Town illegally, but this way they want to legalize and codify the process to make it safer and easier to access for residents.

One big change made into the ADU regulations is that the ADU cannot be more than 750 square feet, rather than the previous 900, to help limit the number of bedrooms in the unit and keep the ADUs as “accessory” units rather than just turning a single-family or two-family into a two- or three-family respectively.

Both the design regula-

tions and owner occupancy discussions were brought up by resident and former Town Moderator David Hern.

Hern pointed out that many surrounding municipalities with ADU regulations have measures that both regulate consistency when it comes to design and require – in some fashion – that the owner of the property or their relatives (by a third degree) live in the property in some capacity (henceforth to be referred to as owner occupancy). Hern said Sharon, Dedham, Westwood and Walpole all have either an owner occupancy requirement or a family connection requirement for an ADU.

“We’re doing this completely different from how our neighbors are doing it and have done it,” he said. “Our neighbors around us all require that the owner or someone with a family connection to the owner have occupancy of the property. We’re proposing that somebody with no ownership can occupy both of the proposed units. I wonder if that’s a good idea because it leaves a little less control than you would otherwise have if you had an owner directly on the premises.”

At the previous meeting, Town Planner Sarah Dixon said it is a legally murky issue to enforce owner occupancy. Building Inspector Gary Pelletier agreed, and both discussed the issues of families having their properties owned by a trust and how that would filter down to the owner occupancy requirement.

“I think unreasonably excluding certain circumstances is a bit of an overreach,” Pelletier said. “That’s just my opinion.”

Hern said he also felt that residents who bought into single-family districts should be able to expect them to stay that way.

“We’re talking about something that’s accessory, and people who live in and bought into single-family districts I think have a reasonable expectation that those will remain single-family districts,” he said. “What we’re opening up here, and even though the idea I think is a good idea in order to build more housing or to provide people an opportunity to make better use of their property when they don’t need the whole house anymore – I think we have to respect the single-family districts that people bought into and not have them all of a sudden turned into two-family districts, and there is potential for that, particularly with absentee owners.”

Pelletier pointed out that even with ADUs, a single-family is still considered a single-family (as well as a two-family with an ADU is still a two-family). “So a ranch with an ADU is still a single-family home,” he said. “It has a main dwelling unit and an accessory dwelling unit.”

Hern said design standards for the ADUs could be enacted within the bylaw. Pelletier said he felt this wasn’t the case; so long as the proposed dwelling unit meets the zoning and setback requirements, the homeowner can design how they want.

“I also disagree with the

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Norwood has entered into a pilot program with Black Earth Compost to help reduce its waste tonnage, and provide some good soil for residents.

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Signups available for Composting Pilot

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Town of Norwood announced recently that it is signing up more than 500 residents for curbside compost pickup.

To be eligible, you must be a Norwood resident who participates in Norwood’s curbside collection of trash and recycling, meaning you must have Town-provided bins through Norwood’s contract with Waste Management. If not, you can drop off your food scraps at the Winter Street Recycling Center, the Department of Public Works (DPW) Yard, the Prescott School and the Cleveland School, which are open to all Norwood residents.

The Town’s curbside program will be, according to proponent and Selectman Bob Donnelly, a way for residents to pool their collective power with Black Earth Composting – the vendor for the program.

Black Earth accepts many materials not usually used in backyard compost piles, including food soiled paper products and certified compostable service ware (full list of items can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/26kybka8>). Participating households can expect a full cubic-foot bag of finished compost in the spring of 2025.

Donnelly said this diversion from the waste stream could help save the Town collectively in terms of pickup costs from Waste Management. The negotiations on this cost are currently based around the tonnage of waste Norwood needs picked up every week –and that could mean more savings for Norwood’s budget and residents.

And Donnelly said that would be extremely helpful to the Town, as waste removal services are only going up.

“We had a very good contract with Waste Management for about five years, but in that five-year period waste removal costs have gone up unbelievably high,” he said. “It’s kind of caught up with us. The total add to the budget due to the new contract is going to be half a million dollars. That’s \$502,000 in increased costs.”

“Recycling costs are up too,” he said, pointing to \$407,000 in FY23 to \$647,000 in FY24 and the new contract is set for \$759,000 for FY 25. “And so you’re seeing more than a \$300,000 increase in recycling costs in a two-year period.”

Donnelly said that amounts to about \$238 a ton, and Norwood’s food waste accounts for about 25 or 30 percent of that figure.

Donnelly said he’s been using Black Earth for more than a few years now and has definitely noticed a difference when he’s taking out the trash.

“Between composting and recycling, my wife and I at home, we’ll just put out half a tall kitchen bag full every week, whereas five years ago that would have had a lot more stuff in it,” he said. “I put it out tonight and I noticed I have about two bags in there for about 10 pounds. We cook a lot at home and it really makes a difference.”

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Coakley threatened

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The Norwood Police Department (NPD) reported on Friday, March 8, the receipt of threats related to a mass shooting at the Coakley Middle School (CMS) apparently made by a student via text messaging.

No such mass shooting event took place on Monday, and the NPD is reporting it was not a credible threat. The suspect is a 12-year-old middle school student at the Coakley and was arrested on Sunday in connection with the threats. The NPD reported conducting a search of the family's house and found no weapons therein.

The threat itself contained specific intentions, which included "MONDAY EVERYONE AT CMS IS GETTING SHOT UP," and "CMS DESERVES IT." The texts also apparently contained references to an incident from 17 years prior that, as the NPD describes it, "was not otherwise explained."

The NPD reported originally receiving the text Friday morning through a screenshot. The original text came in a group chat format with one unknown number and the others identified as other CMS students. NPD reported questioning the other students to identify the number, which, NPD detectives reported, was a fake number used to obscure the identity of the sender.

"The text message contained some details which led detectives to believe that the person who sent it had some knowledge of the middle school," the NPD stated. "By the same token, other parts of the message contained passing references to an 'army' and alluded to the motive having to do with an event 17 years ago, that was not otherwise ex-

plained. The message also warned that the phone number being used could not be traced."

NPD reported they had, by 10:30 a.m. that day, traced the number and had become certain they had identified the student.

"And in fact spoke with the student briefly by phone," the department stated. "The student was traveling out of state with family at the time. For obvious reasons, details about their investigation could not be released at that time."

On Sunday, the NPD reported the family had returned to Norwood and that's when detectives searched the home with a search warrant. The NPD stated that the student had confessed in the presence of the family and was not in school on Monday.

The Department also said that a secondary text was sent out by persons unknown at the time of print stating the high school was also under threat. The text was "spoofed" so as to appear to come from the same phone.

"But we have verified through the provider that it did not," NPD said in a release. "We give no credence to that remark."

Throughout the weekend, the NPD stated that it did not believe the threat to be credible and students still went to school on Friday; however the NPD did assign extra officers to CMS and the high school. The NPD credited the schools in helping the department to investigate the incident.

"We enjoy a strong working relationship with Norwood Public Schools and are pleased that we have been able to bring this investigation to a successful conclusion," the department stated.

Town and Country

HI GUYS,

It's been a while since we have conversed. There is so much going on in our Town, where do we start?

HOSPITAL AGAIN?

Will Our Town ever have an excellent hospital again, owned by us as we did in the past? Remember our terrific Director, Mr. Richardson? We have gone through a medical hell here in OUR TOWN. We began with a terrific medical facility years ago. First question... Was the land that our original facility was built on written up as our land forever, no matter what structure was built on our land? If not, let's contact our attorneys and see what can be done. The disgusting happenings due to Steward are almost as bad as us letting the Stop and Shop on Central St. stand empty for years until finally someone spoke up, but then look what happened. The action of the Board of Steward Directors is shameful. Information that was to be forthcoming to the state has been completely ignored for years. Our Governor has demanded the information be given to the state immediately. Rep. Stephen Lynch stated that Steward will be closing 4 hospitals as of this time, thankfully including Steward in Norwood. A short time ago, Mass. Gen. Brigham told their MDs to STOP performing surgery and other procedures at Holy Family as they most likely will not have the equipment necessary for the procedures. WOW!! Two years ago a horrific event took place at Steward's Good Samaritan Hospital when the patient's heart specialist said to go there if there was a problem as they were completely set up

for heart issues. The patient was transported there, and the next day a phone call was made to the family with the following question by a physician... "We have been doing defibrillation for more than TEN minutes, do you want us to stop?" The day before, it was asked by a family member if they could speak to the patient since no visiting hours were allowed. The answer... "I'll see if I can find a telephone." None was found and the patient died while his wife was on the phone. I couldn't say goodbye, or kiss him for the wonderful 56 years we shared together! But, I gladly say goodbye to Steward forever!

TO SWIM OR NOT TO SWIM

Hawes Pool should NOT be closed for the summer. It was not stated that the pool was in danger of "falling apart." So an error was made stating that it should be closed this summer for repair... now let's make it right. Originally, it was stated that the changes to the pool would begin the day after Labor Day (which makes sense) and continue throughout the fall. Hawes Pool and the surrounding area affects hundreds of families in Our Town during the summer months. Let's do the right thing and give our families a fun summer!

DO WE JUST LISTEN OR DO WE TAKE A STAND FOR WHAT IS RIGHT?

Think of the men and women who had positions of authority in the past. They would have never let OUR TOWN become overrun with apartments, taking away the beauty of fields and lush green pastures that surrounded our beautiful area. They sat together and discussed the issue and always seemed to come to a solution. We don't always



Jackie Saber

have to be told what is best for Our Town by those that do not live here. Picture more apartments at the three train stations, where the land is already overgrown with buildings. At my old age now, I think back and see a Town that was filled with just about everything necessary for life. It's a shame that it seems to be thought that all new things are right for everyone and every town. Of course we know that it is not the case. Just the thoughts of AI taking over our lives, as it has begun to do, is frightening.

We don't need it and do not want it. The government is talking about taking our land lines away within two years, another mistake. And how about the residents of Boston being responsible for shoveling their sidewalks in front of their homes and apartments. They pay hefty taxes to the city in order for that to be taken care of by the city. That is downright mean. If the resident doesn't pay, the resident receives a fine. How about the illegals that are being housed at no cost to them... do they have to shovel?

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Selectmen receive update from Town Wide Facilities Department

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Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday at the Norwood Memorial Town Hall and received an update from the Town wide Facilities Department. Facilities Director Paul Riccardi said they have been hard at work keeping the buildings in both the Town and the schools up to snuff.

“We’re in our fourth year of existence with the Facilities Department and we’ve done about 5,000 work orders in those four years,” he said. The work split is around 80 percent for the school buildings and 20 percent for the Town buildings. “And that doesn’t count any projects we do, like the men’s room downstairs,” he said.

Riccardi said the 80/20 split is due to the fact that the schools see a lot more foot traffic during most of the year, which leads to more wear and tear. He said, for example, the 13-year-old Norwood High School is starting to require more maintenance and replacements of equipment, and added that’s just because it sees the most amount of use of any of the Town’s buildings.

“Things are starting to need replacement, but it’s still in great shape and I would be remiss not to mention our custodians, because when you walk into any of our buildings, no matter how old or new they are, they basically all look the same because they’re in great shape,” he said.

Assistant Facilities Director Chris Folan said they are also “limping along” with the current Coakley Middle School, the replacement of which is currently being built. Both Riccardi and Folan said they are looking to save any equipment possible so that they’re not putting in expensive new pieces of machinery or tools that would get thrown in the dump during the demolition process.

“We’re putting on bigger band aids and more wire to get it there,” Riccardi said.

Riccardi said the most recent project finished is the renovation to the women’s locker room in the Norwood Civic Center. “It’s as nice now as a locker room in a private gym,” he said. “We were smart; we had the ladies at the Civic pick out the colors, not us guys.”

The next big project on the horizon is the facade repair

work at the Norwood Civic, which the pair said should start soon this spring and end by early fall. “The delay is getting the limestone, but it’s going to be coming,” Riccardi said.

Folan and Riccardi said their team consisting of eight tradesmen has been amazing to work with and they wanted to give them a shout out. “We’re only as good as our team and the guys and our one gal Linda, they do an unbelievable job,” Folan said. “From our custodians to our core guys, they’re on time every day and they come in with a good attitude. They get stuff done and we have a good time doing it.”

The team is also working to replace all the lights in Norwood’s public buildings and is about four schools away from completing said task. They will be moving on to Town buildings after that.

Also during the meeting, the Board met with Norwood Light Department Superintendent Kevin Shaughnessy, Chief Operating Officer Daniel Morrissey and Assistant Superintendents of Broadband Darryl Hanson and Rachel Riley.

Shaughnessy said they came to the Board to update members on the proposed \$14 million upgrade to the broadband division that would increase the department’s fiber optic capacity. He said that the feasibility study around the upgrade to the Norwood Light premises was completed in 2022 and the funding was approved shortly thereafter, but then cost increases were identified and the department chose to step back and reassess the project.

“Everything kind of stopped; we looked at costs and increases and things just didn’t look good,” he said. “We told you at one of our meetings that we would come back to you when things looked better. So we have been working; Darryl and his team performed the design so we could go out to bid and we’ve had the bids back now for a couple of months. The numbers look good, slightly better than we expected.”

Shaughnessy said the project would come in around \$9.5 million. “It all depends on the number of customers we have; if we have fewer customers then the cost will be less, if we have more customers the

cost will be a little bit more, but that’s good, adding more customers is a good thing,” he said.

The Board voted to approve the move to fiber optics on the Norwood Light premises.

The Board also discussed the idea of trying to get more liquor licenses. Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said the problem is that the regular licenses issued by the state increase or decrease every 10 years based on the census population of every municipality in the Commonwealth – except for Boston, historically thought to be because of puritanical views of the city’s population. The Town can apply for irregular licenses through the legislature but lawmakers generally want a specific area designated, like the Skating Club of Boston. Mazzucco said they want to use them in targeted economic development areas, and the Town would have to nail that down before they try for more.

Lastly, the Board approved a request from the Norwood Recreation Department for a Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt on March 28, at 7 p.m. at Shattuck Park. “And I’m sure any leftover eggs may be found by (Selectmen Bill) Plasko and his dog the next day,” said Selectmen Chair Matt Lane to laughter from the Board.



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idea that we cannot impose some kind of standard on how these things are going to look," Hern said. "Maybe the Zoning Code prohibits the requirement of certain types of materials used and certain types of methods of construction, but here where there are existing buildings, the other towns around us require that they be visually compatible or that they preserve the architectural integrity or they come right out and say, 'It has to look like the single-family house that it was.'" Pelletier said the main issue with this is enforcing the design standards, and the subjective nature of judging what does or does not fit within a neighborhood.

"With the visual comparability, I don't know how you'd enforce that," he said. "There are a lot of different aesthetic styles out there and not everyone likes them. There are a lot of different ways to build a house and side it and make it look appealing and most of the time it's done to make it look like it's supposed to be there as part of the house. Again, I think we're overreaching in the bylaw to say you have to make it look a certain way. And then how do we enforce that? At what point are we drafting a bylaw that says you have to paint your house a certain color or you can't use vinyl siding?"

Composting

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The Pilot Program, approved at the most recent Fall Town Meeting, set aside \$150,000 for around 500 homes (Donnelly said it will probably fund more homes, but they were being conservative).

"That would take out about 10 pounds a week per family, with 500 families that's about 125 tons of compost that's no longer going in the waste stream every year," he said. "The impact would be conservatively, about \$35,000 annually, and we estimate we'll get more than that."

Donnelly said the intent of the pilot is not to hire Black Earth as the Town's full-time vendor for Townwide compost pickup every week like trash and recycling is now, though that's not off the table in the future.

"We would transition to a preferred vendor rate program (post pilot), which is what most towns and cities that use Black Earth do," he said. "And if it gets popular enough? Who knows. Maybe you'll have three bins to take out to the curb each week, like Watertown does now."

To sign up for the pilot program, go to <https://tinyurl.com/3ftfne6>

The Board voted 3-2 with Holmwood and Sheehan in opposition. Sheehan felt the Board could use more time to develop a better bylaw. Dixon pointed out that the bylaw is already on the Town Meeting Warrant and the Board is just voting to recommend or oppose approval.

Holmwood said she felt that, despite what Pelletier said, an ADU would make a single-family home a two-family, and felt it could have a negative effect on property values in the area.

VOTE AGAINST 3A DEVELOPMENT PLAN

To the Editor:

On March 21, Town Meeting will vote on the state mandated 3A development plan. I hope Town Meeting members will carefully read the plan and reject it as it is now written. It has gone from something the Town is being forced to do to a plan that is much larger and more

developer-friendly than needed. I don't feel that it is the town's job to make sure developers make a hefty profit.

Read bonuses Sec. 6 - one extra floor on an apartment building is worth millions in profits over the life of the building. Also, when you vote this year, remember the politicians that gave us this mess. In conclusion, this is a plan we didn't ask for and do not want. Vote against this

plan in its present form. Don't believe town officials who tell us all this building will be great for Norwood. It will not. Also, remember there will be even more apartments built that have no connection to the state mandated plan. Look at what is happening to our school system. It is already overcrowded and short of funds.

Henry Graham
Norwood

ON RAGLAND ROAD

Dublin, Ireland, 1996 - By Donald Reddick

Madigan's James Joyce Pub has a stained-glass ceiling, rosewood bar, and mirrored walls, the last crowded with black and white photographs of Dublin in the rare ol' time. A boy clomps through hawking newspapers, "Hey-hey, hey-hey." Local faces reflect those known a lifetime, Norwood, Massachusetts long a New World Irish enclave. Madigan's has tiled floors, a beautiful clock with "Tempusfugit" gold lettered beneath. Lean, colorful characters hanger the drabest clothing. I order a Smithwicks, but time flies, and I move on to experience the town's ubiquitous public houses.

*On Raglan Road on an autumn day I met her first and knew
That her dark hair would weave a snare that I might one day rue;
I saw the danger, yet I walked along the enchanted way,
And I said, let grief be a fallen leaf at the dawning of the day.*

Barry Fitzgerald's on O'Connell Street has ten people hovering a horseshoe bar. A lass young and pretty speaks, but...I cannot understand. She is not speaking English. Yes, she is. No, can't be. I realize I may as well be in a rural Carrickfergus; it is Gaelic. I help the young woman hang Halloween decorations, using gum as adhesive. I realize everyone to my left is speaking Gaelic, everyone to my right English. Those to my left are in Baile Atha Cliath; to my right, Dublin. A forty-five-year-old aspiring inebriate, sipping whiskey from the jar, hovers over a middle-aged, auburn-haired woman. He possesses not the social skills to win her, but hovers still, intimidating any encroachment.

*On Grafton Street in November we tripped lightly along the ledge
Of the deep ravine where can be seen the worth of passion's pledge,
The Queen of Hearts still making tarts and I not making hay—
O I loved too much and by such and such is happiness thrown away.*

Brody's Pub. Six huddling a broad black brimmer bar. A young woman exits the pub, so attractive the bartender stops to stare, the cook emerges from Friel's kitchen to stare, six all turning heads at the bar, to stare. An unattractive place, pints 1 pound 90, same as Barry Fitzgerald's. Madigan's was over 2 pound. I sit with one who looks remarkably like an oldest friend, Ken Kavanaugh. His name, I discover, is Kavanaugh, with a "K." As in Patrick Kavanaugh, author of the famous Irish poem, later interpreted into song by Luke Kelly and the Dubliners, Ragland Road. Kavanaugh's working-class brogue is nearly incomprehensible, but I discern his metamorphosis from polite new acquaintance to ardent critic. I struggle to understand as his words turn from a song for Ireland to rejection of any fairy tale of New York, dispensing criticism of all things American, our movies, our arrogance, our racism.

*I gave her gifts of the mind I gave her the secret sign that's known
To the artists who have known the true gods of sound and stone
And word and tint. I did not stint for I gave her poems to say.
With her own name there and her own dark hair
like clouds over fields of May.*

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Finally, my reward. Irish workmates have lured me into The Barn Owl, where players surround a sticky table darkened with half-full Guinness pints, taking turns with tunes. I am impressed when told a favorite country song, Past the Point of Rescue, was written in Ireland, equally impressed with the quality of the musicians.

But soon the gem: the Dubliners fiddler is present and introduces the brother of the late Luke Kelly. A rumpled raincoat arises; the bespectacled, middle-aged man is rotund, possessing a similarly signature voice. He explains that his brother once met Patrick Kavanaugh in a pub, where the mystic asked the singer to marry his words to music. In the chilly, open-doored, autumn-aired Barn Owl, the man waves his pint for emphasis, slowly and painfully rendering his own account of his brother's classic, Ragland Road.

*On a quiet street where old ghosts meet I see her walking now
Away from me so hurriedly my reason must allow
That I had wooed not as I should a creature made of clay—
When the angel woos the clay he'd lose his wings
at the dawn of day.*

Those scions of the fields of Athenry will ever fascinate. Enscenced in historical poverty, they are rich in literary ability. They brew an undrinkable beer one comes to crave. From parochial Catholic heritage, protecting their architecture, traditions, and song like heirlooms, they have enacted gay marriage, divorce, and abortion. Their best players can reduce one to tears with a tin whistle.

I appreciated the opportunity of hearing the poem, the song, performed. Afterward, on a grey November day I went downtown and, after passing through the nine-hundred-year-old stone façade to enjoy a Guinness in the Brazen Head, took a stroll on nearby Raglan Road, singing under my breath as I went, "On Raglan Road, on an autumn day..."

Rarely am I as reluctant in the job-concluded, inevitable shipping up to Boston. As I lift above the Emerald Isle, blessed with views from Clare to here, I marvel at such a fitting end for a journey to the town I loved so well.

Scams increasing in frequency

Forum coming up at library

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The frequency and inventiveness of scamming is ever-increasing, and the Norwood Anti-Scam Task Force (NATF) will be hosting an educational talk at the Morrill Memorial Library on March 18, at 7 p.m. to help residents protect themselves from online and phone scams.

The first thing to remember is that scams are near universal now, and that everyone of any age is at risk. NATF member and Norwood Selectman Amanda Grow said that you really only hear about older residents being scammed because they many times cannot work to make up what they lost and have no choice but to ask for assistance. But according to the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) 2021 report, younger adults age 18 to 59 can be in some cases more likely to fall for scams, especially for business and investment scams (<https://tinyurl.com/ye4medhx>).

And keeping it to yourself can actually be helpful to those perpetrating those scams. "And the challenge then is that the fraud gets under-reported, and because it's under-reported, then a lot more people are victimized because they're not aware of the ways they can be targeted," Grow said. "And also because it's un-

der-reported, it doesn't give us a good picture of those types of incidents that are happening."

Grow said the companies supposedly monitoring the scams, like Credit Karma for example, all have propriety anti-scam methods and software they advertise, but they are not sharing their methods.

"And the scammers share all their information all the time," she said. She said the FTC is on to this and is helping to facilitate an encryption method that would allow proprietary data to stay private while alerting other companies to potential threats.

If you've been taken in by a scam, the important thing to remember is that this is a full-time job for many scammers. The next thing to remember is that you should report it as soon as possible to the FTC at <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/>.



In some cases, these types of scams can be more than a full-time job, as the International Justice Mission (IJM) states that forced scamming – where scammers phish (a form of social engineering and scam where attackers deceive people into revealing sensitive information or installing malware such as ransomware) and take in whoever they can for 16-hours a day with no pay – is the fastest-growing form of modern slavery, with

hundreds of thousands of people estimated to be trapped in this enterprise (<https://tinyurl.com/yecxdzkc>).

It's a huge industry for criminal networks, but you can take steps to protect yourself. The first rule, according to Grow, is that any time someone is asking you for money, make sure you know exactly who it is. Dedham Savings Bank Assistant Branch Manager Susan Callahan said that can be difficult, as many scammers are now using artificial intelli-

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gence to pretend to be a loved one and they can even “spoof” their phone number – that is, look like they’re calling from your loved one’s phone number. And pretending to be a loved one isn’t the only deception they’re now employing.

“What they’re doing now is pretending to be the Dedham Savings Fraud Department and they’re texting these people saying that, ‘Your card has been compromised, we’ll order you a new one,’” she said. “We do send texts like that sometimes if you use your debit card in a strange place. We’ll ask if this is you and if no, we’ll shut down the card. But with this scam, folks think it’s us and they don’t even contact the bank. What I’ve been telling people is that – since they’re spoofing our phone number too – if you get a call from Dedham Savings it might not be us. So call us directly if you see something

like that.”

Callahan said having a local bank like Dedham Savings, or the Sharon Credit Union, or OneLocal Bank, is an advantage because you can reach out directly to people you know at the bank and confirm your card.

“I mean I have a lot of contacts; I even know some customers’ grandchildren and that kind of stuff,” she said. “I think it’s really important to ask us about anything they’re concerned about. Even if they think it’s the stupidest question, I give them my business card; I want you to call me or come in. That’s the most important thing.”

Both Callahan and Grow said the main tool of scammers is urgency. Grow discussed a scam Norwood Police Department Chief William Brooks has discussed several times now in which a scammer will call pretending to be someone who is with a loved

one who is in trouble. Sometimes they’ve been in an accident, sometimes they’re in jail and need bail money, sometimes they are pretending to hold said person for ransom. In any of those cases, it is most likely that the loved one is nowhere near the scammer.

Most of the time these scammers are in another country. And hospitals are duty-bound to provide treatment to people facing severe injuries, so they will not be ransoming medical care for your loved one. Government agencies will not call asking for your personal information, they already have it in most cases and if not, then they generally wait for you to go to them. Also, law enforcement does not require anyone to post bail, that is up to the individual. So in the vast majority of cases for these kinds of seemingly urgent situations, the urgency is not really there.

“You have that power to hang up that phone,” Callahan said.

Remember, the worst thing you can do is act out of fear. That’s exactly what scammers are relying on.

“These scams work kind of like magic tricks, which are only

effective if the audience doesn’t know where to look and how the trick is done,” Grow said. “No matter what technique the scammers have been using, we’re finding that it’s always following very similar patterns, whether it’s someone calling on the phone, texting or using voice software to emulate a person’s voice, the technique they employ using those tools is always the same: it’s always trying to apply a sense of urgency; that you need to make a decision right away, so that lowers your vigilance in the process.”

When it comes to artificial intelligence mimicking your loved ones, it’s important to think back to your shared history. Having a pre-agreed safe word is best, but also thinking back to shared cherished memories would work too, so long as that memory isn’t readily available online. Remembering that you both like One Direction probably wouldn’t be hard to fake, but remembering which One Direction concert you both went to back in March of 2015 at the Verizon Center in Mansfield? That would work. The more specific and in-person the event, the better. Callahan said similar tactics should be used if the scammer is pretend-

ing to be a government official or someone from the bank.

“And when they’re using my voice and spoofing our number, I tell people to call back the bank,” she said. “Just say, ‘Oh, I’m in the middle of something I need to hang up and I’ll call you back.’ Hopefully that will stop them from doing anything.”

Callahan said she’s had her information compromised, and she said the best thing you can do if you suspect your information is out there – or even if you don’t suspect it, it’s possible it’s out there regardless – is to keep an eye on your financials a couple of times a week.

“What people need to know is what they have in the bank,” she said. “Really before you get your statement, with the mail being so slow, you’re better off checking – and I hate to say it – at least every week. I check my stuff every single day, even my credit card, because my identity has been stolen.”

For more information on the NATF and the upcoming talk at the library, go to <https://tinyurl.com/ydu2vab5>

The March 18 event is free, but space is limited and it is recommended that you register first to secure a spot.

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FY2025 PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

The Norwood School Committee will hold a Public Budget Hearing on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 7:15 P.M. at the James R. Savage Education Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062.

Public can access the hearing in person at the Savage Center or live via NCM on cable and online as it is live-streamed. For the cable channel guide and online link, please visit: <https://norwoodcommunitymedia.org/>.

Public participation for the public hearing can be accessed in two ways: (1) In person at the hearing (sign up in advance through Superintendent’s Office by noon the day of the hearing to pre-register, or sign in at the hearing); and (2) Call the Superintendent’s Office at 781.762.6804 by noon on the day of the hearing to register and receive a hearing link that will be accessible for public hearing only.

A copy of the proposed FY2025 budget will be available for the public to review in the Business Office at the James R. Savage Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA and on the Norwood Public School website at www.norwood.k12.ma.us as prescribed in Chapter 71, §38N of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The public is invited to participate.

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HOW IS YOUR HEATING BILL?

When the President came into office, he immediately shut down our pipe lines. People lost their jobs and the price of heating our homes skyrocketed, and is still very high today. Where are we buying oil from in order to produce our gas? I guess it doesn’t really matter since our government seems

very serious about allowing us to only purchase electric products. No gas stoves, furnaces, washers, dryers, etc. America seems to be in the hands of only a few people, those who have been allowed to have total control. Who are we voting for to run our country? What a country we were... Oh for yesterday. It sure flew by fast!

Even if I keep my thermostat from 69 to 72 etc... It still is cool for me, and for my princess. It seems as though my beautiful cat has more smarts than most I guess, because I find her stretched out sleeping on the bathroom floor. It’s heated... She’s not stupid! I wish my entire house had heated floors!

IS SPRING AROUND THE CORNER?

Well maybe, the buds are out on the rhodi’s, but they usually are out all winter. There is something different this year on my rhodi’s. The ones that had the largest buds last year are smaller, and the ones that had the smaller ones are larger. Well, Mother Nature certainly is the boss. That’s for sure!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Is it fair and the American way to allow our senior citizens, some who are disabled, to wait year after year for senior housing in favor of allowing illegals to be given housing, food, medical, etc., at no cost.

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Lifeworks working hard for those with developmental disabilities

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Lifeworks' Employment Services Program recently announced it has partnered with Canton-based snack maker 88 Acres to provide jobs for 12 trained individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The program, housed out of the company's Norwood office on Route 1, is designed to help those with disabilities like autism find work, which can be difficult regardless of any conditions one might have. Lifeworks representatives Mary Ellen Cameron and Wendy Elder said many times they find job placements at employers that need either full-time workers or seasonal help or when orders get too much for the regular staff to handle.

"We have some people in the program here for 30 years, and some have been only in for a year or two as well," Cameron said.

Cameron said Elder works to find employment for their clients, either in an individual capacity or in a group supportive setting. They said the goal is for each of their clients to be independently employed.

"Our staff will go with them when they first get the job to make sure they're all set, that they feel comfortable, that they know who to go to for questions, that they know how to punch in and out, all those kinds of things" she said, referring to the individual jobs. "We continue to do check-ins, make sure they're doing well, check in with the manager and check in with the person. We have people who have jobs all over Norwood and the surrounding communities."

For the group supportive sites, Elder said 88 Acres is one

of the newest partnerships the company has been able to secure, which first started in the fall of last year. The pair said while sometimes they have set schedules for the group work, 88 Acres – and many other companies, like Norwood's own Honey Baked Ham – needed help on a temporary basis, and so Lifeworks coordinates with their clients and the employers to make that happen.

"To help out with the busy seasons," Elder said. "We went for Christmas and we're going back to Honey Baked Ham for Easter... It amazes me how many businesses would benefit from our services but don't realize we exist. I am glad we are getting the word out. 88 Acres was very welcoming, and my people love going there."

One of their clients, Stanley Ogunedo, said he's been to the 88 Acres site and loved it, and has been working with Lifeworks for years now.

"I put on my gloves, put bars into the boxes and taped and labeled them," he said. "I liked working there. I want to go back for Tuesdays in March."

Client Peter Clow said he liked 88 Acres specifically. "I like working with labeling and packing bars," he said.

Cameron said they ended up working at 88 Acres a few weeks longer than 88 Acres thought they needed the help for, which, she said, was a good thing.

"And now they're bringing us back; they loved having us there and our folks loved working there," she said. "We're excited and anxious to get back. We really love working with them."

Elder said the work at 88 Acres is centered around pack-

Lifeworks

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The crew from Lifeworks going to work at the 88 Acres site in Canton.

COURTESY PHOTO

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 ART CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Classes are held from 10 am to 11:45 am at the Morrill Memorial Library, Simoni Room on the following dates: 3/15, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31, 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28.

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

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

TO SPOT AND REPORT SCAMS

To fight this rising threat of scams and to em-

power Norwood residents to spot and report scams, the Town of Norwood created an Anti-scam Task Force (NASTF). The task force comprises the Town of Norwood and community partners that include the Norwood PD, Senior Center, a local bank, Morrill Memorial Library, and others.

Please join the Norwood Anti-scam Task Force for an informational session called Scams 101: Spot, Report and Stop! The session will take place at the library on Monday March 18, at 7PM in the Simoni Room.

The presentation will include information about the mission and vision of NASTF. The Federal Trade Commission collects data on scams. Understand what the data tells us about scams, which ones are most active, what kind of financial loss they represent. This topic will be presented by Norwood Selectwoman Amanda Grow.

Tips and best practices to protect your money. This topic will be presented by Amy Sobchuk, Asst. Vice President/Compliance Analyst at One Local Bank. Learn how law enforcement handles scams. Sgt. William Fundora of the Norwood Police Department will provide information on the type of

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Norwood Announces Promotion of Deputy Chief Chris Padden to Chief of Police

Norwood General Manager Tony Mazzucco, on behalf of the Town of Norwood and the Norwood Police Department, announces that Deputy Chief Chris Padden, a 28-year veteran of the Norwood Police Department has been promoted to the position of Chief of Police, effective May 1, 2024.

Chief Padden has served as a patrol officer, sergeant, Lieutenant, and most recently as Deputy Police Chief. Deputy Chief Padden is a graduate of the FBI National Leadership Academy Session 228, the premier law enforcement training for public safety leaders.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve my hometown as Chief of Police and I look forward to the challenges of this important role and continuing the tradition of excellence the Norwood Police consistently displays" said Deputy Chief Padden.

In addition, Deputy Chief Padden is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and served combat duty during Operation Desert Shield/Operation Desert Storm.

Chief Brooks stated, "I can think of no better replacement to take the Norwood Police Department into the future that Deputy Chief Padden. I have worked



Deputy Chief Chris Padden

with him for many years and found him to be the smart, hard working community-focused leader. **Promotion**
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scams Norwood PD is aware of, and how to report them. Learn stories of scams that happened right here in Norwood.

The presentation will be followed by a Q&A. For more information on the NASTF, please visit the NASTF https://www.norwoodma.gov/government/norwood_antiscam_task_force.php

MUSICAL SUNDAY CONCERTS

The Morrill Memorial Library's Spring Musical Sundays Concert Series kicks off in March! Join us for our first concert on Sunday, March 24 at 2:00-3:30 pm as we feature returning favorites, Knock on Wood. Note the 2:00 pm start time for this concert!

Knock on Wood is a high-energy acoustic folk-rock duo, featuring singer-songwriter Howie Newman and fiddler/mandolinist Joe Kessler. Combining acoustic guitar with fiddle, mandolin and pleasing vocal harmonies, the duo performs funny original music (suitable for all ages) and Classic Rock covers. It's a very lively, fun show with great musicianship, humor and lots of audience participation. For more information, including videos and music samples, visit <http://www.howienewman.com/knockonwood>

Additional concert dates will be announced soon - stay tuned!

VINTAGE POSTCARDS OF NORWOOD

This spring, the Morrill Memorial Library and Old Parish Preservation Volunteers are partnering to present a visual tour of local history as you may never have seen it before.

On Monday, March 25, at 6:30 pm, join Patricia Fanning, Robert Donahue, and Rock Street Press publisher Heather Cole for a discussion of the new book, *Wish You Were Here: Vintage Postcards of Norwood, Massachusetts*. This full-color publication features reproductions of more than 150 postcards from the private collection of Robert and Susan Donahue, with annotations by Fanning. It is an engaging visual tour through Norwood's past and a great gift for

fans of local history, vintage postcards, or early 20th century photography.

The postcards in this volume tell the story of Norwood from its founding to the late twentieth century. Businesses, houses of worship, educational, health care and recreational facilities, public buildings, landmarks and homes are all represented. For many, these views will spark nostalgia; for others, they will be totally unfamiliar. Either way, this is vintage Norwood.

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 March Lego club meeting will be held in-person at the library on Thursday March 28, 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 different levels of abilities.

SENSORY FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHT

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

Join us for our Sensory-friendly Friday movie at the Library! This program will be held in-person in the Simoni Room on Friday March 29, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our March movie in the Sensory-friendly Friday movie series is Universal's *Dolittle* starring Robert Downey Jr., rated PG.

ENJOY ART IN BLOOM

Usher in springtime with the Norwood Evening Garden Club's 18th annual Art in Bloom!

Art in Bloom is a community event that displays artwork generated by Norwood and Walpole High School students coupled with interpretative floral designs composed by members of the Norwood Evening Garden Club. Twenty pieces of artwork will be

displayed in the Library on Saturday, April 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday April 7 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Admission is free and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend to support the student artists.

For information about the Norwood Evening Garden Club, visit www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.com. Contact Mary Ellen Heike at meheike59@gmail.com with questions or for more information.

CLIMATE RIBBON PROJECT

To celebrate Earth Day 2024, the Morrill Memorial Library is excited to host our very first Climate Ribbon Project! We hope to get townwide community participation in this month-long project, which will officially kick off at our annual Norwood 101 event on the evening of Monday, April 8.

About the CRP: As we deal with climate change it is important to reflect on all that we have and what we may lose due to climate change. Will it be our lakes, beaches, green forests? Will it be our food production? Will our health worsen? There is a lot to think about. Started in 2014, the Climate Ribbon Project uses art and ritual to grieve what we each stand to lose to Climate Chaos, and affirms our solidarity as we unite to fight against it (Source: <http://www.theclimateribbon.org/project#home>).

How will it work here in Norwood? Following our launch on April 8, we will have a table on the first floor with all the materials needed to create your own ribbon to contribute to the project. Or, you're welcome to bring your own ribbons from home. Writing materials will be provided. The question you have to ask yourself is, "What do I love and hope to never lose to climate chaos?"

Write your answer on your ribbon and we will show off all the ribbons as part of an outdoor display in front of the library. The Climate Ribbon Project will be a visual symbol of our collaborative efforts to create an impact in the community, to bring awareness about climate change to the Norwood community and beyond. The project will conclude on April 30.

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ing and shipping the snacks to patrons all over the country. "And it was more than just making the boxes there too," said Cameron. "It was their specialty orders - because a lot of their stuff is automated but their machines couldn't do these, and so they were putting different product in the boxes and sealing it as well. They were also talking about us learning some of the other parts of the production process and we're hoping to do that when we return."

David Chamberlain, Lead Job Coach over at the 88 Acres site, said he was pleasantly surprised at the response from the Canton-based business. "It's been nothing short of amazing," he said. "From day one, I felt like part of a close-knit family. The team at 88 Acres is passionate, supportive, and genuinely cares about each other. 88 Acres invests in its people."

Cameron said Lifeworks is a nonprofit that receives the majority of its funds from the Department of Developmental Services, and they use that funding to create partnerships and organize these jobs for their clients. She said at the very, very least, the client is making minimum wage for their work.


"For the group work setting, we hike it up a little bit because we provide the workers comp and all the fringe benefits and so we charge a bit higher than minimum wage," Cameron said. "We also put them on an insurance binder and the staff goes out for free, we don't charge for the staff, but it's more for the taxes and fringe benefits."

For 88 Acres, Cameron and Elder said their crews and the workers at the company have formed a bond. They both said the company does more than you might think for their workers.

"They were originally in Dorchester but they grew and moved to Canton," she said. "They were so committed to their staff they bought vans for their staff - because a lot of them didn't have cars - so they could get to Canton and not lose their jobs. And those staff loved seeing our crew come and one of the CEOs said, 'The staff has been asking when your crew is coming back, they really miss them!' So there's definitely an element of comradery, it's really great."

For more information on Lifeworks, go to <https://lifeworksarc.org>

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TOWN OF NORWOOD

APPLICATION FOR RETAIL ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES.

PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for All Alcoholic Beverages for Carnegie Breakfast and Lunch, Inc. DBA The Sixties Diner, located at 1210B Boston Providence Turnpike, Norwood, Massachusetts, Jolyn Theresa Pistorino, Manager of Record, under Chapter 138, Section 12 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of All Alcoholic Beverages to be drunk on the premises of 1210B Boston Providence Highway, Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of premises is as follows: 4,200 Square Feet, one entrance, two exits, two floors, seating capacity of 80, with an office located on the second floor.

Public hearing on this application will be held on **Tuesday, March 26th, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

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Selectmen of Norwood as Local Licensing Board

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BULLISTRUM

Bernadette M. (O'Reilly) of Norwood, Tuesday, January 23, 2024. Born in Dublin Ireland, she was the daughter of the late Michael and Ann (Lawlor) O'Reilly. Beloved wife of the late John Bullistrum. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Denis Parish, 157 Washington Street, Westwood on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 10:00 AM. Interment was at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Funeral arrangements were made with Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood.

BRYANT-LYNCH



Mary "Yvonne" Bryant-Lynch of Brighton and formerly of Bronx, NY, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday February 29, 2024 at age 83. Mary worked for many years as an Administrator for Action For Boston Community Development. Mary enjoyed traveling, watching Western movies, and cooking shows. She especially loved to prepare delicious meals for her family on the holidays. She baked the most amazing cakes, and upheld an annual apple picking tradition for 30 years. She was thoughtful, resilient, strong minded, and strong willed. Mary "Yvonne" was preceded in death by her siblings the late George Clarke, Gloria Rivera, Gladys Smith, and her mother Mary Bryant and her father Benjamin Thompson. She leaves her children Clifford Daniel Lynch Jr., Renee Lynch-Clanton, and Cheryl Lynch, her grandchildren Mark Anthony Lynch and his wife Maria, Aaron Clanton, Nicole Clanton and Andre Tobin, her sister Sylvia Charles, brothers, Randolph Bryant, Arthur Bryant; sister-in-law, Josephine Bryant; nieces, Lynett Suber, Cynthia Clarke, Kalila Gibson, nephews, Raymond Charles, Ronald Charles, Keith Smith, and Anthony Clarke; a host of great and great-great nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends who will all carry their memories of her forever. She will be joining her parents, and siblings in God's loving embrace. Services were held in the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood on Sunday March 10.

FITZGERALD



Joe Fitzgerald of Norwood, passed away peacefully on March 7, 2024 surrounded by his loving family. He was 79 years old. Joe was the devoted husband of the late Carol (Dawson) Fitzgerald. Loving father of Mike Fitzgerald and his wife Kerri of Foxboro, Kate Kelley and her husband Colin of Norwood and Tim Fitzgerald of Norwood. He was the loving and treasured Grampa of Xavier, Elaina and Keira Kelley, and Cameron and Skylar Fitzgerald. Loving son of the late Joseph and Virginia Fitzgerald. Dear brother of Bob Fitzgerald and his wife Tina of Norwood and Dee Fitzgerald of Westwood. Dear brother-in-law of Diane and Jerry Collins of Elmira, NY and the late John Dawson. Dear uncle of Kara and Ted Fannon, Ryan Fitzgerald, Brent and Lauren Fitzgerald, Stephanie and Dan Bronk and Tracy and Chris Vaughn, as well as many great nieces and nephews. He is also survived by many cherished, lifelong friends. Joe grew up in Roxbury and graduated from Christian High School in 1962. He went on to attend Mass Maritime Academy before pursuing his dream of becoming a writer. Joe interviewed at many newspapers before starting a job in St. Johnsbury, VT where he would meet his beautiful wife, Carol. After marrying in 1966, they moved back to West Roxbury before ultimately settling in Norwood, where they built a life together. They loved spending time as a family and enjoying summers camping at Hermit Island, swimming in Mousam Lake, and taking yearly trips to Bermuda. Joe and Carol were married for forty-six years before her passing in 2012. Joe would always say one of his greatest blessings in life was being "Grampa" and "Poppa" to his five beautiful grandchildren. He loved watching them play and getting to spend time with them. They brought him immense joy, especially after Carol's passing. Joe was a columnist at the Boston Herald for four decades and was passionate about his writing. What he enjoyed most were the people he met throughout his career, many of whom became lifelong friends. Joe also wrote six books

Deaths

throughout his career and was co-host of the show Sports Beat on channel 38 in Boston. He was a wonderful storyteller and never forgot a name or detail. One of the most important parts of Joe's life was his deep devotion to his faith. Some of his greatest memories were of his days at Christian High, Dudley Street Church, and nights spent at Singspiration. Joe and Carol both had a love for Southern gospel music and together they created the nonprofit, Meeting-house Concerts. They looked forward to their trips each year to the National Quartet conventions in Kentucky. While Joe was most often known for what he did professionally, the people that knew him best knew that the three things most important to him were his family, his friends, and his faith. Joe would always say that he was blessed beyond measure. Joe's family would like to thank KP Poku, the staff at the Thomas Upham House, the staff at Traditions of Dedham and Gentiva Hospice for the love, kindness, and compassion you showed Joe. They are incredibly grateful for all the support you gave to Joe and his family over the last two years. Joe's Funeral Service will be from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. NORWOOD, Friday March 15, at 9 a.m. Funeral Service at United Church of Norwood at 10 a.m. Visiting Hours Thursday March 14, 2024 from 4 – 8 p.m. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Joe's memory may be made to the Norwood Circle of Hope, PO Box 421 Norwood, MA 02062. Joe will be laid to rest with his beloved Carol at Highland Cemetery. Guestbook and other information at www.kraw-kornackfuneral.com.

GONZALEZ



Gladys Gulnara, 61, a cherished resident of Norwood, MA, peacefully passed away on March 1, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. The beloved daughter of Magdalena Heredia Espinoza and Julio Anibal Cárdenas Andrade, she was born in Suscal, Ecuador. Gladys will be re-

ROSATA

Thomas William, Jr., age 77, of Sun City Center, FL, formerly of Norwood, passed away peacefully on March 6, 2024 surrounded by his loving family. He was the husband of the late Jean Marie (Federico) and son of the late Thomas William Rosata, Sr. and Catherine (O'Brien) Rosata. Tom was a graduate of Norwood High School, class of 1964, and went on to serve in the Navy from 1965-1968, where he was stationed in San Diego and deployed on an aircraft carrier off the coast of Vietnam. Upon his return, he followed in his father's footsteps and became an electrician with Local 103, working alongside his brother, Bob. In 1969, Tom married his high school sweetheart, Jean Federico, and together they moved to Medway where they raised their family. There he resided until he retired and moved to Florida. Tom loved golf, fishing, and Keno, but it was his role as a father and grandfather that Tom cherished above all. He taught his family the value of hard work and perseverance, and his presence was a constant at his children's and grandchildren's sporting events. Many will remember Tom for his coaching and cheering from the sidelines. Tom's family meant everything to him, and he is already deeply missed. His memory will live on in all who knew and loved him. Tom is survived by his daughters Temma Downing, with her fiancé, Tony Carlucci, of Franklin; Tara Taccini, with her husband, Mark Taccini, of Franklin; his sons Christopher Rosata, with his fiancée, Regina Garvey, of Northbridge; Derek Rosata of Woonsocket, RI. He is also survived by his grandchildren Brayden, Riley and Shaw Downing of Franklin; Cooper, Quinn, Kellan and Cade Taccini of Franklin. Additionally, he is survived by his siblings, Gail Leavitt of Chatham; Robert Rosata, with his wife, Jodi, of Scituate; Maryanne Laviano of Sun City, FL; his sister-in-laws, Donna Flynn, with her husband, Mike Flynn, of Franklin; Carol Federico of Franklin; his brother-in-law, Ronald Cote, of Sun City, FL; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Tom is predeceased by his wife, Jean Marie (Federico); his sister, Janet Cote, of Sun City Center, FL; his brother-in-law, Donald Leavitt, of Chatham; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Russ and Dominica Federico, of Norwood. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of love and support during this time.



membered for her remarkable resilience, unwavering kindness, and boundless love for her family and friends. She dedicated her life to nurturing and supporting those she held dear, leaving an indelible mark on all who knew her. Gladys was a devout Catholic who sought to infuse her life with faith and share her spiritual journey with those around her. Gladys touched the lives of all who knew her with her gentle spirit and compassionate heart, leav-

ing an enduring legacy of love and kindness. Gladys is survived by her devoted husband, Pedro Gonzalez Nieto, and their three children: Maryinez, Elizabeth Michelle, and Pedro Alejandro. She was also deeply loved by her siblings in Cuenca, Ecuador: Galo and his wife Martha, Cesar and his wife Bertha, Rina and her husband Jorge, Marcelo, Fabiola and her husband Esteban. Additionally,

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court**

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE **Docket No. NO21P0417EA**

Estate of: Guillermo A Ortega **Norfolk Division**
Date of Death: 11/20/2020

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of **Petitioner: Raul Ortega of Westport, CT** a will has been admitted to informal probate **Raul Ortega of Westport, CT** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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.

Norwood Record: 03/14/2024

Monday, March 4

0847 Initiated - PD-Warrant Report Follows Location/Address: Norwest Dr OFC's out to serve a warrant. NWD 665 has male party in custody. Arrest: Nelms, Shemar Wallace Address: 507 Norwest Dr Norwood, Ma Age: 22 Charges: Straight Warrant

0857 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Nahatan St RP on business line states at 3am today, her dog alerted her and her husband to something downstairs. Husband went and checked. Nothing was in the house. States he saw a male, black hoodie, white baggie pants walking quickly away. Nothing is showing outside the house. She said her husband said the car smelled like cigarettes. Neighborhood canvass is being conducted.

0925 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Investigated Location/Address: Morse St Caller on business line reports a white female dark hair, middle aged. Jeans, grey sweatshirt, dark blue purse, is walking around the street, stumbling, possibly walking into traffic. OFC's report her walking towards S. Norwood, by Planet Self Storage. OFC's spoke with female party. She was lost and looking for Honey Dew. She checks out. OFC giving a transport.

1106 Phone - PD-Breaking & Entering Location/Address: Union St Call on the business line from a party doing a house check for a friend. Went to open the screen door and the door just opened. CP states it looks like it was kicked in. CP will be out front waiting for an officer in a Blue Honda Fit. OFC's on scene doing a check of the house. Confirmed breaking and entering. Units clear. House secured by neighbor.

1205 Phone - PD-Larceny/ Forgery/Fraud Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Party

looking to report he had a package stolen from his mail room at his apartment.

1409 Phone - PD-Vandalism Location/Address: Village Rd W Call on 911 reports his car was vandalized. OFC spoke with party. OF requested and assigned.

1412 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Location/Address: - Washington St H.Q reports a party walked into the lobby. Wants to report he was making a delivery and a party in MA REG 6114EM got out of the vehicle and lifted his shirt and exposed a gun. Arrest: Otero, Javier Address: 863 Washington St Apt. #5 Norwood, Ma Age: 58 Charges: Assault W/Dangerous Weapon

Tuesday, March 5

1004 Radio - PD-Assist Public Spoke With Location/Address: Richland Rd Female party looking for a phone call from an officer in regards to neighbor taking down trees. She believes the trees belong to her. Neighbor dispute between Richland Rd. The tree company has agreed not to remove tree in question. Party has been advised.

1056 Phone - PD-Disturbance Location/Address: Chapel St Son is acting belligerent looking for officer response. Matter has been solved peacefully.

1412 911 - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Oolah Ave Male party requesting police for neighbor disturbance regarding knocking on window. Wearing white clothes at neighbor door. Female party involved is a known party. Ongoing neighbors that don't like each other.

1836 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Investigated Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Anonymous caller reports he hears sounds of a physical argument. It sounds like someone is being thrown against the wall.

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OFC's spoke with parents. 10 year old is doing dance. All checks out. Parents in that apartment were spoken to and advised. OFC clear.

1925 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Hoyle St 911 caller states his neighbor is using an amplified recorder loudly trying to irritate the caller. This is an ongoing neighbor issue.

Wednesday, March 6

1258 Radio - PD-Missing Person Report Follows Location/Address: Cedar St Party in lobby would like to file a missing person report for their juvenile son. Speaking to the party in the lobby. The son was last seen on Sunday at 18:00 or 19:00 hours. Described as a light skin male about 5 foot 9 inches tall. An afro that is half red.

1317 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Rosemary St Caller reports they are a Norfolk Constable Officer and is trying to evict a party at the above address. Evicted party was given a 48hr notice. Officers will stand by and keep the peace. Party is refusing to leave. Constable will make arrangements with the Sheriff's office to enforce at a later date.

1903 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Gone on arrival Location/Address: Lenox St Call from H.Q. Caller says a elderly male is exposing himself and fondling himself. Searched the area. Nothing matching the description. GOA. OFC called calling party. No answer.

Thursday, March 7

0551 Phone - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: - Kerry Pl Report of a possible altercation with two employees. Injuries to a employee's face. OFC on scene reports one employee fled. Other employee has facial injuries but conscious and alert. Male party that fled, fled in a Honda Civic. Unknown direction of travel. Early 2000's. Possibly lives in South Norwood.

0626 Phone - PD-Breaking & Entering Report Follows Location/Address: Engamore Ln Caller on 911 line reports his vehicle, a gray Kia was broken into.

1223 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Roosevelt Ave Return to the station to take a report for a neighbor possibly stealing packages caught on a ring door bell. NWD666 received, states he will be delayed. Spoke with the party in the lobby, ongoing dispute with no larceny involved.

1312 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd Call from protective

services, requesting assistance in a health and welfare check on an elderly male party that possibly fell inside the home. The caller is requesting an in house clinician to respond as he may need to be sectioned. Norwood 669 reports that party was transported to the hospital, section was completed. AR assigned, all units clear.

1612 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St Portable 492 reports off on a motor vehicle stop with MA REG 4LTV85. Tow requested and en route. Norwood 666 reports 1 male party in custody at this time. Sheriff's office K9 cancelled. Don and Wally's has that vehicle. Foxboro PD is sending a Spanish speaking officer to the station. Arrest: Mejia Hernandez, Johangel Address: 57 Dewey St Dorchester, Ma Age: 21 Charges: Fentanyl, Trafficking In More Than 10 Grams c.94C, °32E(+) cocaine, trafficking in 18 grams or more, less than 36 grams Drug, possess to distrib class B Unlicensed operation of MV

1817 911 - PD-Assault Offenses Services Rendered Location/Address: Riverside Community Services - Beacon Ave Caller reports a party put her hands on her by pushing her out of her way. Transporting one adult female to Riverside. Female party is speaking to clinician.

1937 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Nichols St Caller reporting that someone is screaming and yelling out outside in the area. Verbal argument between brothers. One brother left in an Uber. All in order at this time.

2111 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Male party knocking on door asking for a different female party. Unknown who the male party is. Second caller from Building 6 is reporting the male party is there doing the same thing. Description provided as orange jacket and blue backpack. Male party has been located across from Building 6 Transporting the male party to the commuter rail station on Broadway

2118 Phone - PD-Assist Public Spoke With Location/Address: Concord Ave Unknown male party in backyard from earlier in the day. Also report of a neighbor's house possibly being broken into that occurred at midnight. Unknown if it is the same male party. Possibly a confused elderly male. DHQ post will be generated. Spoke to reporting party and the neighbor. No signs of forced entry. Neighbor did state that he saw the male party in the driveway around midnight. Looking to ID the male party.

Friday, March 8

0044 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Norwood Healthcare - Washington St Motor Vehicle Stop MA REG 4ESM97 Center Auto has been started. One male party in custody. Center Auto has the vehicle. Arrest: Najera Perez, Eleonidas Address: 90 Rock St Apt. #2 Norwood, Ma Age: 29 Charges: Speeding Rate Of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit Unlicensed Operation Of MV

March 14, 2024

0045 Phone - PD-Shoplifting Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: CVS Pharmacy - Nahatan St Female party putting things in her bag. Pink pants. Transporting one adult female back to the station. Heading to Hampton Inn for a follow-up on this call. Arrest: Jaradeh, Jenna Address: 7 Eagle St Boston, Ma Age: 35 Charges: Shoplifting \$250+ by concealing mdse c266 §30A Drug, Possess Class E, Straight Warrant False ID Information, Arrestee Furnish To Law Enforcement

0415 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: Pellana Rd Noise complaint coming from business behind the building. Claims that this happens 7 days a week and at all hours. Spoke to employees at Cantina who will pass along the noise complaint to their management. Trucks are equipped with back up alarms. They have been notified of noise ordinance which starts at 7 am.

0810 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Village Rd E 911 caller reporting she received a text from an unknown phone number around 7:18 am this morning, stating they were going to shoot up the Coakley Middle School. Caller did report her children attend that school but they are not currently there. 24-30661

1100 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Washington St NWD664 transporting a female in custody Arrest: Campbell, Brittany A Address: 853 Washington St Apt. #4 Norwood, Ma Age: 30 Charges: Default Warrant

1211 Phone - PD-Assist Other Agency Services Rendered Location/Address: Train Station - Washington St Transit Police requesting assistance they have a report of a male party lying across the tracks in front of a stopped train. Train is located by the Washington St Bridge. Norwood Fire transporting to BI Needham, Transit Police to handle. Units clear.

Saturday, March 9

1509 Phone - PD-Disturbance Location/Address: Respite House - Beacon Ave Caller on emergency line reports that a housemate threw soda on her. Officers report this is an internal issue.

1733 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Callahan School - Garfield Ave Caller on the business line reporting 2 juveniles throwing unknown objects at the school. Caller was unable to provide any description and wanted to remain anonymous. Norwood 663 reports speaking to a few juveniles with scooters and residents in the area, everything appears in order. All units clear.

Sunday, March 10

1531 Phone - PD-Larceny/ Forgery/Fraud Report Follows Location/Address: CVS Pharmacy - Nahatan St Employee reporting a W/M 5'8" wearing a black jacket and black pants. Is in the store actively shoplifting, concealing items into a plastic bag. Updated description from camera a H/M wearing black jacket and black pants with a H/F wearing a black jacket and blue/green pants. Group of individuals were gone on arrival, report to follow.

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she was cherished by her extended family in Massachusetts, including her mother-in-law, Ines Gonzalez Nieto, brother-in-law Luis and his wife Maria, sister-in-law Carmen and her husband James, and Flor Maria. Gladys was the beloved aunt to her many nieces and nephews and dearly loved by her cousins and extended family. Although Gladys may no longer be with us in person, her spirit and image will live on in the hearts of all who were touched by her warmth, generosity, and love. Services to honor and celebrate Gladys's life were in the care of Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 547 Washington Street, Norwood on Wednesday, March 6. Interment was at Highland Cemetery, Norwood.

SYKES

Margaret M. (Foley), age 85 of Westwood, passed away on Sunday March 3, 2024. Born in Boston, she was the daughter of the late Matthew and Bridget (Lee) Foley. Margaret was a Crossing Guard for the town of Westwood for many years. She loved the Red Sox and Celtics, scratch tickets, and especially being "Nana Magic" to her grandchildren and spoiling her grand dogs. Margaret was the devoted mother of Jennifer and her husband Bill May of Westwood, Dennis Sykes and his wife Diala of Mansfield, and the proud grandmother of Julius and Leilani of Mansfield. She was the sister of Joseph Foley of Quincy, the late Barbara Lavita, Mary Geary, Kay Foley, Ann O'Neill, and is survived by many nieces and nephews. A Funeral Service was held in the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood on Tuesday March 12. Interment was at St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury.

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2024 EARTH DAY CLEANUP

On Sunday, April 21st, Progress Norwood & the Town of Norwood invites you to join neighbors and friends for the 2024 Norwood Earth Day Clean Up, Community Picnic, & Fair https://www.facebook.com/events/772957448070818

Cleanups will be held at various playgrounds and green spaces around Norwood from 10-11:30 am. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit tinyurl.com/earthdaynorwood2024. Alternatively, motivated people are invited to meet Charlotte Firth of Charles River Running at 11:30 at the Town Common for plogging (combining jogging with picking up trash.) https://www.facebook.com/events/1370475153600668 Immediately following the cleanup, grab lunch and join us at the Town Common, at the corner of Washington and Nahatan Street, for a community picnic, live music, and fair (11:30 am-1:30 pm). You will have a chance to visit over 20 local organizations to learn about their work to support the environment or what you can do to be more environmentally minded.

This event is FREE for all and family friendly. Cleanups will hap-

pen rain or shine, but in inclement weather, the picnic & fair will be held in the Norwood High School gymnasium at 245 Nichols Street.

FOR THE FRIENDS OF NORWOOD COUNCIL ON AGING

Thursday, March 21st, at the Chateau Restaurant, 404 Boston Providence Turnpike, Route 1, Norwood. Lunch & Dinner, Dine in or Take Out. Please let your server or telephone representative know you are participating in the fundraiser and to "FLAG YOUR CHECK". Online orders need to add "Fundraiser" to your cart & mention the Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging as a special instruction.

Thank you, in advance, for your support to the Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging. Our goal is to continue to support the many programs which are offered to the Norwood Seniors.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

A Solemn celebration for Divine Mercy will be held on Sun-

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day, April 7th at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 547 Washington St., Norwood. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available from 1:30-2:30 pm in the chapel and the school gym. The recitation of the Most Holy Rosary will begin at 2:15 pm followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the church. Celebration of Holy Mass in honor of the Solemnity will be celebrated at 3 pm and will include veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. The Holy Mass and homily will be offered by Rev. Kevin Miller, of the Diocese of Scranton.

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).

MONTHLY BALLROOM DANCE

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging will be sponsoring their monthly Ballroom Dance, on Friday, March 15th from 7-10 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood.

Music will be provided by Play It Again South Shore and the cost is \$12.00 per

person for your Ballroom Dancing pleasure. Coffee, tea, desserts & water are served & there are also door prizes.

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

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP TO MEET

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

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SERIES

Superintendent David Thomson is pleased to announce that Norwood Public Schools has partnered with McLean Hospital for a series of online events focusing on youth mental health.

Implemented during the 2022-2023 school year, NHS Leaders in Youth Mental Health Parent Series is an ongoing series in partnership with McLean Hospital meant to provide caregivers with information and strategies to navigate raising children and providing mental health support for them.

The series will feature a guest

appearance by various McLean practitioners. Events include: 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.

CHARLES RIVER WATERSHED CLIMATE CHANGE PRESENTATION

Flooding, extreme heat, drought . . . climate change has arrived with full force in the cities and towns of Massachusetts. And most of us are not yet equipped to cope with the change! Emily Norton will be giving a Presentation on Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Please register for the Zoom Link to the Program at: https://bit.ly/crcgprepreforclimate. Question and Answer session will follow the presentation.

VFW ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

The Norwood VFW will be hosting a Happy St. Patrick's Day Party on Sunday, March 17, from 4 to 8 PM. This event is open to everyone. The Public is invited. Tickets are only \$20.00 per person. The traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner will be provided. This will be preceded by the very delicious Lamb Stew. This Stew has always been a favorite. The Dinner is scheduled for 5:00 PM. The evening will also feature Irish and Dance Music. Wonderful music will be provided for everyone's dancing and listening pleasure. This event will be in the Function Hall at the Norwood VFW Post 2452 at 193 Dean Street, Norwood. It is strongly encouraged that tickets be obtained by Friday, March 15. The Tickets are available for sale at the VFW Post on Dean Street. Please call 781-762-6910 for more information. Come eat, dance, and have fun.

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cused leader that Norwood has come to expect." "I've has the privilege of promoting Deputy Chief Padden from Lieutenant to Deputy Chief and now from Deputy Chief to Chief of Police. The Norwood Police Department is a centerpiece of our community and I am confident that Deputy Chief Padden's leadership will keep it that way and continue to innovate and develop new ways to serve our community in the future," said General Manager Tony Mazzucco.

Deputy Chief Padden will be sworn in as Chief of Police on May 1st in Memorial Hall at Town Hall in Norwood.

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Advertisement for KRAW-KORNACK FUNERAL HOME, featuring John Paul Kornack, Director, and services like Pre-Need Funeral and Counseling Planning Available.

Recycling advertisement: 'Conserve our resources. Recycle this newspaper.'

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