



Hundreds came out on Monday to celebrate Veterans Day and welcome Norwood VSO Derek Wennerstrand to his new position.

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Veterans Day is special here

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The annual Norwood Veterans Parade and Observance went off without a hitch on the sunny morning of Nov. 11, 2024.

This year's ceremony was sort of a passing of the torch to a younger generation, as retired Norwood Veterans Service Officer (VSO) and keynote speaker of the ceremony, Teddy Mulvehill, introduced his replacement to the community, Derek Wennerstrand, a former U.S. Army Military Police Officer and a former Norwood Police Officer.

Mulvehill said he is incredibly proud of his 24 years

in the office and the men and women he was able to help in that time. He said he believes those who step up and serve in the U.S. Armed Forces are ambassadors for the very virtues they fought for.

"Veterans, we believe that our determination makes us better warriors, because we fought with our minds and our hearts as well as our bodies," he said. "Out of blood and sweat we learned of purpose, sacrifice, tolerance, bravery and discipline. These are solid foundation stones on which a great nation is built. In our continuing quest for an honorable world peace, we must continue to cultivate these virtues."

Mulvehill said the men and

women who have served gain unique insight into what it means to protect those they may never meet. He said the Veteran is a bulwark for those they fight for.

"He knows and she knows that for those who fought for it, freedom has a flavor the protected will never know," he said. "Our American way of life has come with a great price, and the American veteran has paid that price with honor and integrity. And that price has been paid in full by the men and women of Norwood who have worn and currently wear our country's uniform. I've been asked,

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The new mechanical screens would have to be anchored to the building superstructure, shown above, which is why it costs \$1 million.

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An extra million dollars for looks?

MSBC holds off on mechanical screening

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Paul Riccardi.

"I believe these were in the schematic designs, and I don't believe we value-engineered them out, and so I'm asking what happened between schematics and the construction documents," he said. "Why were they taken out?"

"They were only included in the second and third floor roofs in locations visible from the windows," said Vertex Project Manager Luke Apone.

Roof Screens

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The Norwood Middle School Building Committee (MSBC) met recently and discussed a proposed \$1 million additional cost to the project: screens for the roof mechanical apparatuses.

The question as to why the screening infrastructure wasn't included in the original engineering and architectural documents was asked by Norwood Facilities Department Director

ConCom considers Moderna, Cooper Park and Trap Hole

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

begun," she said. "It's exciting. There are overlooks and wooded areas where you can stand and look over the river now too."

The Norwood Conservation Commission (ConCom) met last week and discussed several items concerning Norwood's public open space as well as some private wetlands issues.

Norwood Conservation Agent Carly Rocklen gave the ConCom an update on the Bernie Cooper Memorial Waterfront Park.

"Cooper Park construction is ongoing, and planting has

Rocklen also discussed the recent issue with the fire access driveway at the Moderna complex off of Upland Road. The original issue, which was detailed in the Oct. 24 issue of The Norwood Record (<https://tinyurl.com/yc6c8b83>), is that

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“But all the renderings we showed the community had screenings on the roof,” Riccardi said.

“That is correct,” Apone said. Vertex Project Manager Bryan Jarvis pointed out that when the renderings were completed the actual engineering and construction documents were not completed.

“So we’re talking over \$1 million?” Riccardi said.

Apone said that was correct, and based on the vendor they’re dealing with the screenings would have to go through the roof deck to the steel structure, which is in part the reason for the high cost, at least in the current construction period.

Apone said the screenings were planned for the apparatuses on the second and third floors – the mechanicals would be placed on bump-outs created by the buildings’ design – but none were planned for the fourth-floor roof.

The screenings would be a purely aesthetic choice and they would not be visible from ground-level at the school.

“But if you’re standing on Washington Street you’ll see them on the rooftop,” said MSBC member and Board of Selectmen Chair Bob Donnelly said.

W.T. Rich representative Bethany King said it would encompass about a month’s worth of work, and she emphasized that the work could not be done when the building is occupied. King said the cost is tied somewhat to the fact that they have to access the steel superstructure from below the roof rather than above.

“It’s opening up the roof and it’s the tie-in below, and right now

the full design isn’t done so you don’t know exactly where you’re tying in, and so this is our best-case guess about where we’d have to get to underneath, but basically you have to get underneath per the engineering,” she said. “And that’s reworking everything underneath the fourth-floor ceiling.”

MSBC Chair Alan Slater asked about whether this would affect the substantial completion date, set now for June 2025. King said it likely would, and so that led to the discussion of possibly doing the work in the summer of 2025 – since there is a lot of other strictly structural work that needs to take place first – or during the summer of 2026 when school is not in session.

“Yes, we foresee it impacting that, but exactly how much we’re just not sure,” she said.

Slater asked about a 2026 install, and King said they could, but with a big caveat: it would likely cost more.

“We could look at it and ask if we really want it,” Slater said. “A lot more planning, going out to bid and possibly getting a better price because you’re going out to bid, not filing a change order.”

A change order is a requested deviation from the construction plan. The MSBC has already approved dozens of these orders, many times with a net positive impact on the budget, but they have to go through the project management team and not to any other potentially cheaper – or more expensive – options.

The committee discussed the issue with the look of the top of the building.

“The problem is that with everything on that roof, it’s a very busy and congested roof,” Riccardi said. “And then when you look at that roof and you look

at other roofs it looks like a small army up there with all the metal and things. So that screen would have finished it off and provided a better view. At the end of the day, for this committee, it would look like we knew what the hell we were doing when this was designed. But a million dollars is a million dollars.”

“It’s a \$150 million building and the aesthetics are worth something; I don’t know if they’re worth this kind of investment, but I think it’s something we really need to consider,” said Donnelly. “I mean for \$150 million, we’re going to have what looks like an industrial park on top of the building. Not exactly a good look for the investment we’re making.”

Slater suggested they revisit the issue later.

“But we start looking at the possibility of doing it in 2026 when we feel it’s valuable then,” he said.

However, it was pointed out that going into a finished building might be more expensive. Norwood Building Inspector Gary Pelletier said they may be able to put part of the steel support structure above the roof allowing for a less disruptive construction process and it may be a bit cheaper. The Committee agreed to wait a few months until they have a better handle on the options before making a final decision.

“Let’s take a hard look at what some of the options are and go from there,” said Slater. “I think the option of going in 2026 if we feel that’s the way to go, it makes a lot of sense. We can take our time, look at the options, we’ll have a completed building and we’ll have a better idea of what we really need and we’ll move on from there.”

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Selectmen host MBTA board rep. who had bad news

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Executive Director of MBTA Advisory Board Brian Kane came by the Norwood Board of Selectmen meeting on Tuesday to share a lot of what can only be called bad news for the MBTA. The short version is it's going broke.

Kane said the Advisory Board is an organization not affiliated with or working under the MBTA, and is a board that works for the municipalities that get MBTA service in Massachusetts and beyond. Its mission is to hold the MBTA accountable. He said he has gone to about 33 different municipalities since the summer ended to share the dire financial situation the MBTA finds itself in, mostly, he said, because of "macro-economic situations that nobody had any control over."

First off, Kane said the MBTA's infrastructure budget is extremely out of whack – last year the MBTA announced that the tracks and other infrastructure requires about \$24 billion to get it to where it's not operating at a repair deficit every year (<https://tinyurl.com/2s44ab4a>) – and Kane said that is partly because of decisions made by the state.

"If the T was able to spend about \$2 billion a year that curve would start to bend back to good repair, but at \$600 million a year, it's never going to get there."

Kane said in the 90s, sales tax was growing by about 6.5 percent every year, and so the state decided in 2000 to give 20 percent of that tax to the MBTA – and nothing else – expecting that rate to continue. It stayed flat and for some reason no other source was designated to fund infrastructure improvements from then on. On top of that, through a legal quirk, the T had to take on some of

the debt incurred by the Big Dig and other projects originally allocated to be paid by the state, to the tune of about \$5 billion.

Though Kane did not directly link this in his comments, he did point out that by some metrics Boston has the fourth worst traffic congestion in the world (<https://tinyurl.com/yp7evv8f>). The Big Dig was intended to reduce traffic congestion.

Kane laid out these and other financial issues, and said the MBTA is headed towards a cliff. He pointed to the draconian cuts proposed by the MBTA when the COVID-19 pandemic was in full swing, then operating at a loss of \$142 million. At the time, those cuts proposed included ending all bus service at midnight, ending all Commuter Rail service at 9 p.m., and ending weekend service for the Commuter Rail. It also included stopping all sub-way operations at midnight, a 20 percent frequency cut in sub-way services, the reduction of the Green Line E Branch west of Brigham Circle, and the end of all ferry services.

"Luckily, we were able to fight these service cuts back and some federal money came in and rescued the day, but, the deficit for the next fiscal year is five times greater than the \$142 million those cuts would have saved," he said. "The amount of service available to be cut simply doesn't exist to eliminate and still be considered a public transportation agency if they're forced to do it on their own."

Kane said congestion could only be solved by getting more cars off the road, whether they're gas or electric (though he did say electric cars are heavier, impact the roads more and do not pay into the gas tax that currently helps pay for new roads and provides a small bit of funding for the T).

"Our congestion and our air

quality will not improve unless we invest in our public transportation system," he said.

But it's not all doom and gloom, at least for the MBTA. Kane said the time to fix this is now, and the method is to reach out to local officials. In Norwood's case, State Rep. John Rogers and State Sen. Michael Rush, and indicate to them the need for investment to keep Norwood and the Commonwealth on the rails.

"There is a political window of opportunity that will be open in January, February and March... There are good folks in the House and the Senate who want to fix this. The governor wants to fix this, the lieutenant governor wants to fix this; a good number of people want to fix this."

Kane feels that Rush and Rogers are on board with more investment in the T but, as discussions around Norwood Hospital overtook the MBTA conversation, it is apparent they may have a lot on their plates. "But like everybody else, they need to be reminded every so often that this is important to this community and I would encourage you to tell them that," he said.

For more information on the MBTA Advisory Board, go to <https://mbtaadvisoryboard.org>

In other news, Olga Abdallah and Helen Abdallah-Donohue came before the Board to request a change of corporate structure and on the

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Moderna and the ConCom agreed to put in permeable pavers with grass and soil coursing through them but, apparently due to a need to plow the area for the Norwood Fire Department (NFD), the pavers didn't settle correctly and the NFD requested they be removed and more normal impervious pavement put in.

Rocklen said the pavers have been replaced and they were able to put greenery in 70 percent of the area, but that has led to another issue that might require further hearings. She said the work required that the Moderna complex's security fence be removed and replaced with temporary fencing, and now the work permit, which was an emergency permit, has expired, and legally Moderna would have to start another process to replace the fencing to its original condition (also because the original permit for the construction of the original fencing has expired too).

Rocklen said a solution would be forthcoming, but at the moment it's somewhat of an impasse.

In other news, Rocklen discussed the possible installation of a footpath at Trap Hole Brook after the removal of an old dam at the site. She said the dam removal has brought back many plants and wildlife, including brook trout.

"I had mentioned putting in potentially a footpath along Trap Hole Brook," she said. "There is a great population of trout there and the ecology is being restored over time and there was a lot of work that went into this. There is a lot of vegetation, with new trees and seeds all grown up, but there is no official foot path along the edge of the water and back up to the drive."

Rocklen said she is talking to the Norwood Trails Advisory Committee (NTAC) to figure out how to handle that, as she said she's been speaking with an elderly fisherman who cannot safely traverse the area.

"He had explained to me that it's difficult to get down to the water and wouldn't it be nice if there was a footpath?" she said.

Speaking of the NTAC, members Joseph Barrett and Brian Palmateer came in with requests from the ConCom regarding wayfinding and signage for the Endean Park.

Palmateer said they have worked for almost a year-and-a-half to standardize wayfinding (markers) for the Town's trails. He said they wanted to make sure they could have wayfinding that is standardized and easy to identify. He said they have distinct shapes and colors for each trail – with shapes being especially distinct to accommodate colorblind individuals.

He said they also worked to create fiberglass posts for areas that do not have trees to place wayfinding signs on. He also said they worked to make sure that the signs they use don't damage any trees they might put them on. He said they settled on several different wayfinding infrastructure, including trail head kiosks, trail markings with colors and shapes, trail maps, fiberglass posts and directional arrow signs.

He said they wanted approval from the ConCom before proceeding. The ConCom approved, but with the stipulation that any signage that goes in near wetland resource areas has to first get additional approval from the ConCom.

"When in doubt, check with Carly (Rocklen)," said Vice Chair Catherine Walsh.

Barrett, now speaking as a member of the Community Garden and after talking it over with the Community Garden leadership, said they want a sign to let folks know about the garden there at Endean, as well as the trails and the food forest.

"The sign just says, 'Endean Park,'" he said. "So, because I'm also involved with the Trails Committee and I know there is the Norwood Food Forest there I thought, well we shouldn't be just thinking about ourselves."

Barrett said they came up with a layout with consistent fonts and color schemes that start with the existing Endean Park sign. They would put corresponding signs below the main sign to publicize the Endean Trail, the Community Garden and the Food Forest to passersby.

The ConCom signed off on the idea, but pointed out that there will soon be a greenhouse built there by a group of high school students. Barrett said they could accommodate them.

"It'll be pretty close to the ground but I think we can squeeze it in there," he said.

Barrett said they will get cost estimates and the ConCom said they would work out how to pay for it.

Letters to the Editor

VETERANS DAY

To the Editor:

With the presidential election behind us and celebrating Veterans Day this week, we are all looking for answers about our future. While nobody has a crystal ball, we should take this opportunity to thank our Veterans for the sacrifices they have made for our country.

But, who are these American Veterans? That depends on your perspective. It could be you, a family member, a relative, an ancestor, a neighbor, or someone you don't know living on the other side of the country. It doesn't matter when they arrived here, they all came for a better life for themselves and their families. They made America, and without them, there would be no America. I don't see how you can understand Veterans Day without understanding the migrants who, till this day, are still forming and changing our nation.

Growing up in a small New England town outside of Boston, I felt no real connection to America aside from my family. My Dad had served in the US Navy during WWII, and my Uncles and Grandfathers were veterans as well. But as a kid, I

couldn't see how the pieces fit into the larger puzzle picture.

Over the past year following the death of my Dad, I've been looking for connections to this puzzle by exploring my family history. What I found has helped me to realize what it means to be an American. I was able to trace my ancestors back to their emigration from their countries of origin. In the past, my family heritage was mostly defined by my last name. I was always asked "what kind of a name is that", meaning "what country did your family come from". But my paternal grandfather's name turns out to be only part of the story. My wife Cheri's family all came here from Armenia over a century ago during the Armenian genocide, while my ancestors arrived at different ports over several centuries, from Canada, Denmark, England, Germany, Ireland, and Scotland. Through our research, we found that many of our relatives and ancestors were veterans who had served America in different conflicts since its formation.

Norwood is a melting pot of people from many countries, cultures, religions and traditions, which has turned our town into

the warm, welcoming community it is today. We're all trying to live our lives, raise our families, and thrive in America. But every country has borders that need to be observed and managed because no country can absorb the world's population. America is a welcoming, generous country that offers help to those who need it. But, we can't feed and house the world, and therefore, can't keep our borders open to a limitless number. We are a nation of laws, and as anyone who has traveled internationally knows, we are not the only country to see the need to enforce its borders. I've done a fair amount of international travel, and have always sweated out my interactions with customs officials. This is what you expect at borders throughout the world. Our family, along with generations of other migrants, emigrated in an orderly and lawful manner, and this is necessary in order to maintain a fair and equal immigration system.

So, when remembering our Veterans, please remember that their numbers include migrants from all over the world.

*Steve Konetchy
District 4 TMM*



Artist Doris Duncan Howard with her subject Mustang Sally and Sally's bodyguards School Resource Officer Geoff Baguma and former Norwood Police Chief William Brooks.

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Sketching with Mustang Sally coming to the Coakley Middle School

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Recreation Department is offering young residents the chance to get up close and personal with Norwood Police Department (NPD) emotional support dog Mustang Sally on Nov. 16.

Retired Norwood Public

Schools Art Teacher Doris Duncan Howard said she has taught in every Norwood school building- "Except the new high school," she said, and wants a chance with the Town's favorite pup. Recently, she said she met with a former student of hers, NPD School Resource Officer Geoff Baguma, who also happens to be Sally's official

handler in the department.

"And I have always had a love of children, of art and of animals," she said. "I've been doing pet portraits for over 50 years, and so when I saw Geoff and Sally at the Farmers Market over a year ago, I

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told him I'd love to do a portrait of her for you and the department."

She said Baguma loved the idea, and asked if she would be willing to do a portrait similar to the wall of NPD Chief Portraits at the Norwood Public Safety Building. From there, they got the idea to approach Acting Director of the Norwood Recreation Department Sam White to try to get a drawing lesson and session together. Howard and White said it took a little bit to get everything together, but it was worth it. White said he's amazed at the work Howard's been able to do so far.

"We just thought this would be a good one-day hit for the community. She's going to have different pictures of Sally and sketches and each student can pick a different picture if they like. And, of course, it doesn't hurt to have the real thing there too. Sally will be present as well."

The event will be for ages 8 to 18, which White said was fine for him.

"I'm more of a stick figure guy," he said with a laugh.

Howard said the three of them met at the Coakley recently and decided to have the session at the Art Room in the Coakley. "It's already set up

for a drawing lesson, so it's perfect," she said.

Howard said drawing and art are somewhat unique, in that unintentional lines or colors you put in are still art, and so it's nearly impossible to sit down and draw and not create something not artful.

"Every child is capable of being an artist, it's just they have to want to do it and have the love of doing it," she said. "I tell them there are no mistakes in art. You can make a mistake on a math problem or

you can spell a word wrong, but in art there are no mistakes. I think that encourages them to be freer. I tell them, 'If you make what you think is a mistake, let's look at it and see how we can make it to our advantage.'"

The event is from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Coakley Middle School and has a \$10 registration fee. There are a limited number of seats available. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/ydkk9y5k> for more information and to sign up.

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Dear Rusty: I am past my Social Security full retirement age, and I am still working. I am married and we file our income tax jointly. My husband is 64 and is not working now, but he may, or may not, be able to work in the next year or so. At what point will my Social Security benefits be taxed, if I decide to take them now?

Signed: Worried About Taxes

Dear Worried: Many Social Security recipients are surprised to find that their benefits may be considered taxable by the IRS, so I welcome the opportunity to clarify this topic for you.

Whether or not your Social Security benefits are taxable depends on your overall combined taxable income for your IRS tax filing status. Taxation of Social Security benefits for a married couple (filing jointly) depends on your combined income as a couple, which is called your "Modified Adjusted Gross Income" (MAGI) by the IRS. Your MAGI consists of your normal Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) on your IRS tax return, plus 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year, plus any non-taxable interest you may have had.

If your MAGI (filing jointly) exceeds \$32,000, then 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year becomes taxable, but if your MAGI as a couple exceeds \$44,000 then up to 85% of your received SS benefits becomes taxable (at your standard IRS tax rate). Note that these tax thresholds are less for those who file their taxes as a single – e.g., for someone whose IRS



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filing status is "single," half of their Social Security benefits become part of their taxable income if their personal MAGI is over \$25,000, and up to 85% of their SS benefits are taxable if their individual MAGI is over \$34,000.

Another factor often misunderstood is that only a portion of SS benefits are added to your income amount taxed by the IRS. The amount added – somewhere between 50% and 85% of the SS benefits received during the tax year (depending on your MAGI) – becomes taxable income at your normal IRS tax rate.

So, in your case, if you claim your SS benefits now, and your combined income (your MAGI) exceeds the above levels for a married couple, then a portion (either 50% or up to 85%) of your SS benefits received during the tax year will be included in your income taxable by the IRS. Note, too, that it is possible to have income tax withheld from your Social Security benefits by submitting IRS form W-4V to your local Social Security office. You can download this IRS form at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4v.pdf.

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F.L.A.G's coming to Norwood

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Through a grant from the Norwood Cultural Council (NCC), Custom Art Framing at 45 Central St. will be the first location ever to see a free little art gallery (FLAG) in the Town.

The effort was organized by NCC Secretary Lynda Bassett, who said she saw the Natick Library hosting one about a year-and-a-half ago and thought it was an amazing idea. "I was probably there a couple of months ago and people just keep contributing," she said. "They have a very big social media presence, and Julie Vecchio, the owner of Custom Art Framing, is planning on doing the same."

Custom Framing will be hosting a grand opening of the FLAG on Nov. 16 at 10 a.m. at 45 Central St. All are welcome to attend.

The idea of the FLAG is the same as the Free Little Libraries program, in which a small area is stocked with art where those interested can come and place a piece or take a piece. It's just that simple.

"It's really a community effort," she said. "We see it as something that a toddler could contribute or a senior could contribute, and everybody in between. We see it as a way to encourage creativity and community and just put a little brightness into somebody's day."

Bassett said anyone is welcome to come and drop off a piece of artwork or pick one up.

"In fact if you drive by Custom Framing, there has already been artwork contributed," she said, adding that NCC Chair Ieshia Karaski already reached out to the Norwood High School for contributions. "And Norwood High School's Art Department is very excited; they did about 20 pieces and it's nearly full, which is great. The kids were really excited."

Karaski said this was the perfect kind of thing for the NCC to do.

"We love the concept of creating an inclusive and welcoming space where art can be enjoyed by everyone," she said.

Bassett said she's contributed a bunch of pieces as well, to prime the pump, as it were.

"Yes I just dropped one off today!" she said. "I've got a bit more too."

Bassett said any pieces are welcome, so long as they can fit in the gallery.

"I don't want to put anybody in a box, so long as they're creating, that's what's important," she said.

However, the recommended size is 4x4 inches or 4x6 for bookmarks. The theme artists are encouraged to embody is Gratitude.

Vecchio said she was excited to host the FLAG, and Bassett said she was happy to see Vecchio decorated the gallery box in bright welcoming colors.

"When Marypaz, the NCC Treasurer, approached me about installing the gallery outside my store, I jumped at the opportunity," Vecchio said. "It's a wonderful way to spark creativity and spread joy in our community."

For more information on the NCC, which doles out community grants on arts and culture every year through the Massachusetts Cultural Council, go to <https://tinyurl.com/yc85pd5e>

October Citizens of the Month



CITIZENS OF THE MONTH!

Grade 8: Josh Brewer, Conor McGrogan, Ashley Weafer, Anilah Finkley-Thomas

Grade 7: Daisy Chastanet, Charles Decoteau, Majdoulén Allawi, Eliza Lane, Suzanne Heilner

Grade 6: Holy Khalil, Feranmi Olawepo, Josiah Korley

Congratulations to the October winners of Dr. Philip O. Coakley Middle School's Citizen of the Month. Citizens of the Month winners exemplify the school's mission statement and are chosen by teachers and staff.

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all-alcohol not to be drunk on the premises liquor license for Nick's Package Store, of which they both run.

Abdallah-Donohue said the reasoning was that the siblings' brother, Nick Abdallah, had passed away four years ago and this laborious and onerous legal mechanism was the only way to take his name off the liquor license.

"Our brother Nick, his name was on the license more years than me actually, and he passed away four years ago today," she said. "And so now it's just my sister and I; we're both managers of the store. The family has had the license since the repeal of prohibition. We're at the stage in our lives now where we have to take him off, because he's just not here. It's a

big procedure brought by the Commonwealth and it should have been such a simple thing because there are no changes aside from my poor brother being gone."

The Board voted 4-0 with Selectman Michael Saad abstaining from the vote as a matter "of public record." Presumably, there is a conflict of interest or a possible appearance of a conflict of interest, so Saad wanted to remove himself from that proceeding.

Veterans Day *continued from page 1*

‘why am I a veteran: Why did you enlist papa?’ And I’ll give you the same answer I give everyone: We serve and enlist to protect the ones we love; our family, our friends, our fellow man. And in the final analysis, that’s what it’s all about.”

An audible “Oorah” rang out from the crowd just before the applause came.

Incoming Veterans Agent Wennerstrand said he was aware he has some big shoes to fill.

“This Veterans Day serves as the unofficial changing of the guard in the Veterans Service Office in the Town of Norwood, and I couldn’t be prouder to lend my service to this office and Norwood Veterans,” he said.

Wennerstrand related a story regarding the date of Veterans Day. The holiday was originally Armistice Day, and was traditionally celebrated as the end of World War I, which ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. So the date of Veterans Day is pretty important. Wennerstrand related a story of when the United States Government decided to create Veterans Day and make it a day holiday instead of a date holiday – like making it celebrated on the first Monday of November every year instead of Nov. 11.

“The uniform holiday bill officially passed on June 28 of 1968, and it was intended to provide a three-day weekend on four holidays throughout the year: Washington’s birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Columbus Day,” he said. “Through this legislation, Vet-

erans Day was celebrated on Monday, the 25th of October. However, due to overwhelming objection from the veteran service organizations and most of the United States, President Gerald Ford signed legislation that returned Veterans Day back to Nov. 11.”

Wennerstrand noted that this was a primary example of the kind of administrative proficiency he saw in the government.

“So in typical military fashion, the government wasn’t done making us hurry up and wait, while stringing us along just to wind up making the first decision we settled on, which was always the correct one,” he said. “To me, Veterans Day is about celebrating life. It is giving special attention to our fellow veterans, every day normal Americans who gave us a better future.”

Selectman Bill Plasko also spoke, and while he said George “Tiger” Thomas was an amazing VSO for the Town of Norwood, Mulvehill was no slouch himself.

“With all due respect to Mr. Thomas, who I knew, I must tell you Ted, in the advocacy of our veterans, you stand in no man’s shadow and you should be as proud in your accomplishments as we are thankful of them,” he said. “And to our new agent, Derek Wennerstrand, I wish you the best of luck in your new position and offer support in any way we can to benefit our veterans.”

Board of Selectmen Chair Bob Donnelly pointed out that Norwood has several Veterans memorials throughout the

Town, including the Disabled Veterans Park, the Memorial Town Hall, the Norwood Memorial Airport, the statues and plaques on the Norwood Town Common and more.

“And we have over 300 corners that are dedicated to those who gave their lives in service to their nation, and these are just a few memorials that citizens have funded and dedicated, and there are many more throughout Town,” he said. “I think that’s one of the things that make Norwood a very special place: how we treat and honor our veterans. It is so important that we continue to honor and support veterans, not only on days like today and Memorial Day, but every day. And many of these municipal memorials keep the community focused and concerned about their service, and remind us of what these men and women have done and continue to do for our Town, our state and our country.”

Many at the event came out to support the Town’s veterans and get together and support the community. Limey’s Pub owner Brian Winstanley said he comes out every year, and this year he got to come out with his granddaughter Winnie.

“We’re here to support the veterans, and we have a golf tournament every year to help out,” he said. “We always have a good time.”

Residents Tom Rilley and Linda Cullen Foley said they have been watching and following the parade out of South Norwood for 30 years.

“My son’s a firefighter in Norwood and my youngest was

in the National Guard,” Cullen Foley said. “It’s a very heartfelt and emotional time. We’re grateful and honored to be Americans.”

“Everyone is taken care of here,” Rilley said.

Residents Chuck and Patricia Stickney said they came out to support their grandsons, who were marching in the parade with Cub Scout Pack 42.

“It’s the veterans, and it’s a lot of fun,” said Chuck.

“We come every year,” said Patricia.

Wennerstrand gave public thanks to those who helped make the day possible, including former Board of Selectmen members John A. Abdallah (deceased) and his daughter Helen Abdallah-Donohue, as

well as former Norwood VSO George “Tiger” Thomas, Thomas Collins and Daniel Breshev, Town Manager Tony Mazzucco, Assistant Town Manager Michael Rosen, the Facilities Department, the Police and Fire Departments, the Colonial Boys, the Colonial Pipers, the Norwood High School Marching Band, the Board of Selectmen and to Mulvehill himself.

“Several elected officials, including Congressman Stephen Lynch, State Sen. Michael Rush and Senator Ed Markey recognized today that they could not be here, however they sent us some nice emails and notes, congratulating Teddy on his retirement and wishing us all the best of luck,” he said.

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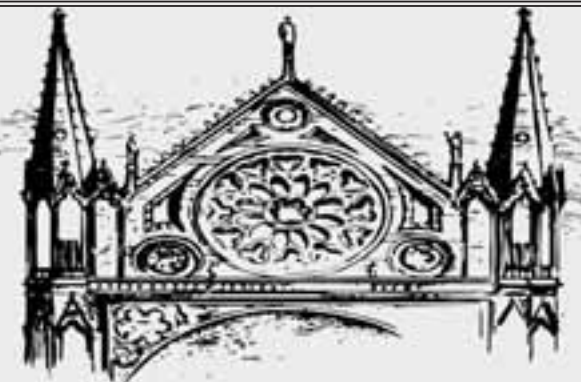
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McCloskey**
Soloist

Norwood Thrift Shop Annual Holiday Sale

For the members of the Women’s Community Committee, one of the happiest and most anticipated days of the year is the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Why? It’s the **Thrift Shop’s Annual Holiday Sale!**

This year, the **Thrift Shop, located at 1091 Washington Street in Norwood,** will be magically transformed into a winter wonderland on **November 30, 2024 at 9:30 am and will continue thru December 21st.**

Regular retail hours are: **Wednesdays 6–8 pm,
Thursdays 9:30 am–3:00 pm & Saturdays 9:30 am–12:30 pm.**

All year, a team of women sort through the weekly donations, cull out the Holiday items and pack them away until the sale. The sale features new items, ornaments, decorations, games, toys, holiday clothing, tablecloths, tree skirts, dishes and lots more!

The Women’s Community, a volunteer non-profit organization, hopes that this Holiday Sale is one of the first stops for your holiday gift buying. All proceeds are used to support local organizations.



Paul V. Burke, age 97, of Norwood, passed away peacefully on November 6, 2024. Born in Newton, he was the son of the late Edward Burke and Florence (MacDonald) Burke. Paul grew up in Newton Highlands. After Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the service. He was underage and needed his mother's consent to allow him to enlist. He was assigned to the naval branch and ended up on Landing Ship Tank (LST) 308. His ship was part of Operation Neptune, part of Operation Overlord, the D-Day invasion of Normandy. As a coxswain, he shuttled British troops ashore on Gold Beach. After serving in Europe, LST 308 was ordered to the Pacific theater for the invasion of Japan. Just as they arrived in Japan, the Japanese surrendered. After returning home, he completed his studies at Newton High School. He went on to a 40-year career as a heavy equipment mechanic for the City of Newton. His passion for hockey led him to embark on a brief semi-professional playing career with the Oakland Knaves. That led him to start a part-time career as an ice hockey referee. He was a member of the National Ice Hockey Officials Association, Eastern College Athletic Conference (E.C.A.C.), and Hockey East. He worked 5 "Bean Pots" and numerous E.C.A.C. Playoffs. The best Zebra on the blades! He received the Referee's Award "For Outstanding Service and Dedication" from the Massachusetts State Hockey Coaches' Association in 1993. He enjoyed all sports, but his favorites were golf, ice skating and riding his bike. He would think nothing of riding from Needham to Boston in a day. He was always on the move and at the ready to go anywhere even if it was downtown to Dunkin for a cup of coffee. Paul is survived by his wife of 71 years, Florence (Pitts) Burke of Norwood, his son Paul Burke Jr. and Maureen Burke of Norton, his

daughters Karen Burke-Foley of North Carolina and her husband, the late Gerald Foley, and Susan Burke of Norwood, his grandchildren Colleen Burke, Patrick Burke, Sean Burke, and Kerri Elliot, his great grandchildren Rachael Elliot and Rebecca Elliot, and his great-great grandchildren Addie and Teddy. He was the brother of Mary Brinn, Evelyn Maguire, and the late Edward Burke, Walter Burke, Robert Burke, and Marjorie Young. He is survived by his many nieces and nephews. Visiting Hours will be held in the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rt. 1A) NORWOOD on Friday, November 15, from 2:30-5:30 PM. A Funeral Service will be held at 4:00PM in the Funeral Home. Interment with Military Honors will be at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne on Monday, November 18, at 10:45AM.

DIAS



HERBERT J. III, of Norwood, passed away on November 6, 2024 at the age of 59. Beloved husband of Barbara A. (Lozier) Lozier-Dias. Devoted father of Ryan P. Dias of Norwood. Son of Barbara V. (Ferris) Dias of Norwood and the late Herbert J. Dias Jr. Brother of Theresa Mogan and her husband Kevin of Plainville. Also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews. Herbert was a former member of the Norwood Elks and the Norwood Sportsman Assoc. Herb enjoyed spending time with family and friends in Duxbury and was an avid fisherman. He graduated from Mass Bay and Wentworth college. Funeral from the Kraw Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood, MA. Funeral from the funeral home Thursday November 14, 2024 at 10am followed by a funeral mass at 11am at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood, MA. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation P.O. Box 421 Norwood, MA 02062 www.norwoodcoh.org

Obituary Policy

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Deaths

FLOYD



Maryrose (McCafferty), age 83, of Norwood, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 6, surrounded by her family. Faith and family were the cornerstones of Maryrose's life. Her unwavering belief and daily devotion were a source of strength, guiding her through both life's joys and challenges. To her three daughters, she was not just a mother but a best friend - someone who understood, supported, and laughed with them at every turn. Her many lifelong friends would agree that she had a gift for bringing laughter and light everywhere she went. Born in Boston, she was the daughter of the late George L. McCafferty and Margaret (Burke). Maryrose attended both St. Patrick and St. Thomas Aquinas High schools, having proudly attended both reunions until her later years. She spent many of her younger years working alongside friends at the famous Pleasant Café in Roslindale and would later go on to have a career at Analog Devices. Maryrose would retire and begin her new role as a fulltime "Nana" where she would spend her days taking care of her

grandkids and spend her nights at the Cedar Hills golf course alongside friends. Maryrose was a daily communicant and will be remembered for her faith, spirited personality, never ending stories, and her ability to break out into song at any given moment. Maryrose was the beloved wife of the late Robert L. Floyd, and the devoted mother of Suzanne Linehan of Norwood, Michelle and her husband Michael Connolly of Easton, Maura and her husband Timothy Muldoon of Mansfield, and the late Robert M. Floyd, Midshipman, USNA. She was the sister of Elizabeth Ivanoski of Canton, and the late Margaret Kelley, John McCafferty, and George McCafferty. She was the proud grandmother of Kevin and Brendan Linehan, Eva and Stephen Connolly, and Rita, Leo, Myles, Charles, and George Muldoon. Funeral arrangements were made with Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Timothy's Church, Norwood on Saturday, November 9. Interment was at Mt. Benedict Cemetery, West Roxbury.

HENNESSY



Karen E.W. (White) of Franklin, formerly of Norwood and Newtown, CT,

passed away on November 5, 2024, at the age of 69. Devoted wife of Justin D. Hennessy, Jr. Beloved mother of Michael E. Hennessy and his wife, Natasha of MI, Christopher L. Hennessy and his wife, Rebecca of CA and Laura A.H. Blood and her husband, Chris of Wrentham. Dear sister of Lee Anne Hodson and her husband, Randall of Hopkinton and Robin Daudelin and her husband, Paul of Walpole. Cherished nana of Hana and Kai Hennessy, Abby, Harper and Sadie Blood. Loving aunt of Cory Hodson of IN and Addy Hodson of VA. Daughter of the late Edward F. and Nancy J. (Lawrence) White. Karen's love for the beach was shown through the many memories over the years on Cape Cod, treasuring time with family. She carried an unwavering sense of humor and always put others ahead of herself. Funeral from the Kraw Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., NORWOOD, MA. Burial at New Westwood Cemetery, Westwood, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude's Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-9959, www.stjude.org or to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 2900 N. Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607, www.shrinerschchildrens.org



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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.

St. Jude's Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 9th day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude. My Prayers were answered.
In gratitude for helping me. —J.H.

Miracle Prayer

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

—D.J.

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LEARN ABOUT LITTLE MUSTANGS

The Little Mustangs Preschool Academy will be hosting "Learn about LMPA" Information Night for prospective families for the 2025-2026 school year on Thursday, November 21 at 5:30 pm. Little Mustangs is the Norwood Public Schools Preschool Program. This state regulated, integrated program blends children with identified special needs with peer role models. There are no more than fifteen children in each class. Our staff includes certified Special Education teachers, a Speech and Language Pathologist, an Occupational Therapist, a Physical Therapist, and a licensed school nurse. The program is designed to address all areas of development. We pride ourselves on providing programs that emphasize high quality, developmentally appropriate activities which address self-help skills, social and language skills, fine and gross motor activities. We will begin taking applications for the 2025-2026 school year at the Open House. Applications will also be available online after the Open House. Please reach out to Amy Carr via email with any questions. acarr@norwood.k12.ma.us

CRAFT FAIR

Sponsored by The Friends of the Norwood Council On Aging on November 20th (Wednesday) & 21st (Thursday) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood. Raffles & White Elephant Table will also be available.

MONTHLY BALLROOM DANCE COMING UP

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

CELEBRATE LOCAL CREATIVITY AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Norwood is set to sparkle this holiday season with the launch of the First Annual Norwood Window Competition. This community-driven event, organized by the Friends of Norwood Center and the Rotary Club of Norwood, will bring together the creativity and spirit of our local businesses, promising to be a seasonal highlight that adds a colorful touch to the town.

All Norwood businesses are invited to join in this friendly and festive competition, showcasing their creative flair. Sign up by November 15. The competition will kick off on Small Business Saturday, November 30. Locals and visitors can take a stroll through Norwood Center to get the first peek at the beautifully decorated storefronts, each showcasing a unique winter theme.

A panel of local judges will award prizes in three categories: Most Original, Most Local, and Most Whimsical. But that's not all – the community will also have a say! Everyone can cast their vote for the People's Choice Award, making this event a true reflection of the town's collective spirit. Voting for the compe-

tion will be open from Small Business Saturday through December 15, allowing everyone ample time to explore the displays and choose their favorites.

Bring your family and friends, enjoy the festive displays, celebrate what makes Norwood special, and become part of a new Norwood tradition. For more details and a map of the participating locations, visit norwoodcenter.org/windowcompetition.

NORWOOD ROTARY CLUB ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

Share the warmth this autumn by donating a coat or jacket you no longer use to a neighbor in need. The Norwood Rotary Club will be holding its annual Fall Coat Drive now through November 16th. Donations of clean, wearable coats for men, women, and children are welcome and will be passed on to local families at the Norwood Food Pantry. Drop-off boxes are located at the Norwood Recreation Center (165 Nahatan Street), the Norwood Senior Center (275 Prospect Street),

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

HELP LIGHT UP THE CIRCLE OF HOPE

The Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation invites you to help light up the Circle of Hope by purchasing a luminary to be lit on Saturday evening, December 7, on the Town Common from 4 – 6 PM. Continuing a Norwood tradition begun 23 years ago, the members of the Circle of Hope Foundation say the luminaries are a symbol of Life, Hope, the Season, and Remembrance of others. Last year more than 2000 luminaries were lit on the town common.

Luminaries can be purchased for \$5.00 each by sending your payment to COH, PO BOX 421, Norwood, MA 02062 or by stopping by Murph's Place Restaurant at 58 Broadway, Norwood. You may include a brief message of life, hope, the season or remembrance to be written on the luminary. You will also find an order form in your November light bills and on our website NORWOODCOH.ORG. The

candles will be lit beginning at 4:00 pm and the Foundation members welcome residents and friends to come out and see this beautiful site.


The Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation is a non-profit organization established to support Norwood residents who need assistance due to a catastrophic medical occurrence. Since its founding in 1998 the Foundation has provided over \$1,250,000 to Norwood residents in need of assistance. The Foundation was established in 1998 in memory of Michelle Kennedy, a young Norwood resident, who suffered with leukemia. During Michelle's battle the entire Norwood community, many of whom did not know Michelle, joined together and it is in that spirit that the Circle of Hope Foundation continues.

VFW MEAT RAFFLE IS BACK!

The Norwood V.F.W. Post 2452 on Dean Street in Norwood 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-

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Norwood Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on November 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM** regarding property located at **38-40 Guild Street (Map 2 Block 7 Lot 10), Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **Central Business District and Mixed Use Overlay District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

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You can also dial in using your phone:
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7:00 P.M.

This Application requests a **Special Permit** pursuant to the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 9.2.3 for repurposing or adaptive re-use of an existing building in the MUOD, in this case for a garage to be converted into an additional dwelling unit.

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

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Planning Board and may be requested by emailing comdev@norwoodma.gov or by calling 781-762-1240 ext. 6064, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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Public Hearing Notice
Norwood Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on November 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM** regarding property located at **7 Vernon Street (Map 1 Block 12 Lot 7A), Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **Central Business District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:


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This Application requests a **Special Permit** pursuant to the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Norwood Zoning Bylaw Sections 6.2.4 (1) to allow for installation of an internally illuminated sign in the Central Business District.

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

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Ask The Doctor

Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns an 8-bay center in Middleboro, MA. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.

Ford F150 Pick Up

It's been a while since I had a Ford F 150 pick up. We we have a 2024 4x4 super crew 3.5 V/6 Ecoboost, via a 10 speed automatic transmission. This is a good size truck seats 4 adults yet doesn't feel or look big. The new design makes it look smaller than it is. The turbo V/6 and 10 speed work great together. It had no issues pulling my 21 foot boat both on the road and pulling it out of the water. Our loaner was the Tremor series that has some great features including a 14 speaker audio system, mobile office package, bed utility package, wireless charging, plus more. I drove this truck to the Cape and NH. It was smooth and quiet and delivered over 21 MPG. The truck has an up class interior, and large touchscreen, all controls are in reach and easy to use. The whole interior layout is simple and clean. Technology is abundant throughout. There is a reason why Ford sells a lot of trucks, take a look and or test drive. Base price starts at \$64,150, destination \$1,995.00. Through in some options and you're at \$80,665.00.

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

Monday November 4

0908 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Transported by other means Location/Address: Chapel St Female caller on business line states her son was not answering the phone this morning. All units cleared. Party to be transported by FD to Good Sam with 662 on board. 662 back in town, cleared

1123 Phone - PD-Assist Other Agency Services Rendered Location/Address: Callahan School (Acct# 1380d) - Garfield Ave Caller from school reports 3rd grader ran from building, staff out looking for him. W/M, brown hair, black jacket. NWD666 locates child with staff at Adams St and Mountain Ave. Officers stood by until administration and the student returned back to campus. The school will handle, both units clear.

1202 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Fales Ave Female caller on the business line stating she got home and her neighbor from #21 is blowing leaves into her yard. She is very livid & requesting for PD to come out Stated it is a dispute between #17 & #21 to be handled between the parties. Units cleared

1529 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir 911 caller reports she was involved in a road rage incident. The other operator confronted her when she got out of the car at her residence. Caller became concerned for her mental wellbeing. Other operator is in her 20s with curly hair and is wearing cookie monster pajamas. Cleared, spoke to caller. Other vehicle was GOA.

1845 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Report Follows Location/Address: Edgehill Rd Caller on 911 reporting her son was bitten by a dog from across the street at the neighbor's house, bitten in the face. ACO Henry enroute. Clear, report to follow, child transported to the hospital.

1858 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Olde Derby Village - Olde Derby Rd Reports of yelling and possible drug use coming from the apartment, possibly involved. Norwood 662 reports everything was quiet upon arrival, clear.

1923 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Report Follows Vicinity of: Stash's Pizza - Dean St MVST with MA Reg 3PW842.

Norwood 663 returning to the station with 1 adult female in custody. Center Auto has that vehicle, report to follow. Refer To Arrest: 24NWD-363-AR Arrest: Deschenes, Selena Address: 13b Church St Foxborough, Ma Age: 29 Charges: Number Plate Violation To Conceal Id Identify Self, Mv Operator Refuse Unlicensed Operation Of Mv Exceeding Posted Limit Resist Arrest

Tuesday, November 5

1654 Phone - PD-Larceny/ Forgery/Fraud Report Follows Location/Address: Citizens Bank - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller on 911 reporting, a party trying to cash a fraudulent check. Hispanic female party roughly, black shirt, black suit, black hair. Female is at the bank still. Worker states the check is for \$1,500. Female is getting agitated, waiting. Caller states they can see the check was washed and tried to write over it. Caller has the female's ID and check with her. Female is leaving from the left. Caller believes the officer made contact with her. 1 Female party in custody, Norwood 661 transporting that party back to the station. Clear, report to follow. Refer To Arrest: 24NWD-365-AR Arrest: Mora, Deovellys Address: 80 Archdale Rd Apt. #417 Roslindale, Ma Age: 27 Charges: Utter False Check Attempted Larceny

2050 Phone - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: Rock St Caller states his brother is downstairs armed with a knife and may have stabbed another party on the first floor of the home. Refer To Arrest: 24NWD-366-AR Arrest: Miller, Chadwick Cooper Address: 33 Rock St Norwood, Ma Age: 50 Charges: A&B With Dangerous Weapon

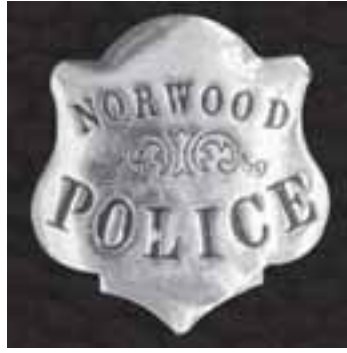
Wednesday, November 6

0642 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Sent On Way Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Resident reporting a female party passed out on a bench white female wearing a light blue wind breaker and green sweat pants. Party came down to be with a friend and got locked out of the apartment and decided to sleep outside. Units giving party a ride to Norwood Depot where he can get a train ride home. Party has been dropped off. Units clear.

1503 911 - PD-Disturbance Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Nahatan St 911- quest diagnostics, three parties 2

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males one female, the males look impaired. trying to stand up but cant. 1 male party being transported back to the station for PC. AR requested and assigned to 676 Officer Ivory. 662 to transport.

1712 911 - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: Mountain Ave 911 caller reports 33 y/o daughter in yellow jacket intoxicated, caller states she is out front. Female party is being transported to BI-Needham.

1739 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Vicinity of: E Cottage St + Central St MVST w/ a red moped no tags. VIN#L2BB9NCC7LM620055. Don & Wally's enroute. 674 returning w/ 1 adult male in custody. 665 standing by awaiting tow. Don & Wally's has the moped. Refer To Arrest: 24NWD-370-AR Arrest: Noel, Jeff Address: 37 Fairmount St Apt. #3 Dorchester Center, Ma Age: 23 Charges: Moped Violation * C90 S1b Identify Self, Mv Operator Refuse C90 S25

2017 Phone - PD-Disturbance Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: St John Ave Caller on the business line reports approx 4 male parties having a verbal argument outside. Nothing physical at this time, no weapons reported. 1 male party in custody. 662 enroute back to the station w/ 1 male party in custody. AR# assigned. Refer To Arrest: 24NWD-372-AR Arrest: Sales, Garfield Ivory Ii Address: 30 St John Ave Apt. #1 Norwood, Ma Age: 25 Charges: Default Warrant Straight Warrant

Thursday, November 7

1738 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Report Follows Location/Address: Village Rd E Business line caller who would like to remain anonymous reports that her friend stated that people that live with him are threatening to kill him. Involved party denies calling the CP. He states that he is safe and not worried about being harmed. OF re-

quested and assigned. Clear.

1956 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Theatre - Central St CP on the business line requesting response for a 'homeless man who needs help.' No other information given. The male party is going to take the bus into Boston where he stays. Clear.

Friday November, 8

0737 911 - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Charlwell Nursing Home - Walpole St caller on e911 states two residence got into a altercation, party put hands on another resident. Staff on scene and have parties separated. One party has injury to leg. Spoke to all parties involved and one party is being transported to BI Needham by NFD. Report to follow.

1001 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Spoke With Location/Address: 41 Brookview Circle - Brookview Cir Call from health care proxy requesting a wellness check on resident. States she speaks to her daily and has not heard from her today. Known to fall and be on ground for hours. Officer did make contact staff who is enroute to attempt to make contact. Contact made with the party through the door. Confirmed that they did take a fall. NFD evaluated and was a lift assist only.

1047 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: St John Ave 3rd party caller reporting she believes someone is inside the home. She states her brother was recently arrested and now she believes someone is sleeping inside the home while mother is in the hospital. Both units are secure at this time and no signs of any fresh breaks. Appears nobody is home currently.

2145 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: McDonalds - Broadway Anonymous caller on the business line reporting he was in McDonalds and had to leave due to two individuals who seem intoxicated are bothering other customers inside the store. Described as 2 H/M around 6 feet tall. One party has long wet hair and a beard. Only one call on the matter. 674 and 665 en route. Units spoke with the involved party. No issues. Unit clear.

Saturday, November 9

0035 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Call on the business line requesting a HWC on her sister who was speaking to the RP earlier and was not making any sense. RP is

wishing to check on her sisters well-being. RP reports her sister stated that she has been talking to the police which according to the RP is untrue. At 0830 hrs officers spoke with reporting party and determined no threats towards the police were made.

1024 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Commons - Central St DPW attempting to clean up and organize the commons. Male party w/ belongings on band stand. Looking to have him removed so they can continue their work. The party has been moved along w/ his belongings. He was advised of his options for housing and shelter. Any belongings left behind DPW can dispose of. Clear.

1142 Phone - PD-Harassment Services Rendered Location/Address: Mobil Gas - Wash./Rr Av - Washington St Management looking to trespass a customer who was involved in a harassment incident involving an employee that occurred last night. Spoke w/ the manager. No info provided for the party. They have video surveillance of the individual. They are looking to trespass the party at this time. DHQ post will be put out to try and identify.

Sunday, November 10

0354 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Gazebo - Town Common - Washington St Checking on a party at the Town Gazebo Party checks out, units clear.

1301 911 - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: Coventry Ln 911 caller states involved male party is attempting to kick in her door - dispute w/ 3p friend who is not there. Caller states no reported weapons. Caller did not have description other than tall black male, thin aprox 6'4. Last known location was outside her apt. door. This was a verbal argument between the CP and the male party, he left and she did not let him back in. He has been verbally trespassed. CP will notify the leasing department. He has been sent on his way.

1502 Initiated - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: St John Ave Officer flagged down. Possibly to do w/ threats - there is a bit of a language barrier.

1649 911 - PD-Disturbance Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: CVS Pharmacy - Nahatan St 911 caller states 2 male parties in the store with shopping bags filling their store items and walked out of the store. Caller states males parties have exited the store. Description is 2 white males 1 male grey sweatshirt, 1 has a blue black jacket both males have hats on. Caller states the left on foot and took a left on foot towards TJ Maxx 667 reporting they may have the suspects in MA reg: 26AC27. Two adult male parties being returned to the station in custody. Both units on arrival at the station with those male parties in custody Arrest: Hesketh, David M Address: 11 Easton Ave Hyde Park, Ma Age: 44 Charges: Shoplifting By Asportation, 3rd Off. Conspiracy C4 Refer To Arrest: 24NWD-377-AR Arrest: Hesketh, Mark E Address: 11 Easton Ave Hyde Park, Ma Age: 47 Charges: Shoplifting By Asportation Conspiracy C4

**TOWN OF NORWOOD
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on December 3, 2024, at 7:00 PM** on the request of Norwood Building Commissioner and Zoning Enforcement Officer Gary Pelletier (Case #24-30) with respect to property located at **92 Union St. Norwood, MA 02062 [Map 15 Block 1 Lot 4]**, in the **Single Residence2 (S2) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

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

The Commissioner requests the Board revoke a Special Permit granted by the Board in case no. 23-15 at their July 11th, 2023 meeting pursuant to the Special Permit conditions no. 1, 5, and 6. These conditions require that approved construction must be in conformity with submitted plans and approved by local authorities prior to use, and state that the Board may revoke the approved plans if the conditions of the decision are violated.

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

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

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Buy for \$20.00 is available during the week at the Post. This Pre-Buy allows for entrance in all Ten Drawings conducted on Saturday. The winners of the Pre-Buys need not be present to win. The prizes are delectable, delicious, and generous portions of meat and chicken. 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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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.

RENOWNED JAZZ TRIO TO OPEN CONCERT SERIES

The Morrill Memorial Library's Fall Musical Sundays Concert Series kicks off with a bang on Sunday, November 17 at 3:00 pm with the Alex Minasian Jazz Trio.

The Alex Minasian Jazz Trio will bring us an afternoon of jazz, with musical selections honoring the legends of jazz music, including Charlie Parker and Thelonious Monk, as well as music from the Great American Songbook.

THE BUSINESS OF DRAG

On Monday, November 18 at 7:00pm the Morrill Memorial Library's 2024 Artist-in-Residence will present a talk called "The Business of Drag" in the Simoni Room.

Curious about the economic and business side of what it takes to be a drag performer? How do you book gigs? Do makeup or costumes qualify as business expenses? How much money can you really expect to make? Is filing your taxes a nightmare? The Library's 2024 Artist-in-Residence, local drag performer Miz Diamond Wigfall, will shed light on these questions and more!

MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS

Morrill Memorial Library and Norwood Senior Center are excited to bring an info session about the Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs) to the Norwood community on Tuesday November 19, at 1PM. The program will be held off-site at the Norwood

Senior Center. The Senior Center is located at 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062.

Stacey Nee, the Director of Communication at MassHealth will be providing an overview of the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP) program. She will be discussing MSP, which can help reduce Medicare costs for Massachusetts residents. It can help cover Medicare costs including premiums, deductibles, copayments and coinsurance. If you are single and make at or below \$2,824 monthly or married and make at or below \$3,833, then you are eligible for this program. New this year, the asset limit has been lifted so MassHealth does not look at whether you have assets. Please join us to learn more about this cost-saving program. If you are eligible and would like to sign up for the program, we will have Certified Application Counselors (CACs) available. Just bring your Medicare Card! We are making an effort to bring in SHINE counselors for Medicare related questions. We will update the program description accordingly.

COME MEET SUPT. LUFF

The Morrill Memorial Library is pleased to partner with the Norwood Chapter of the League of Women Voters as they host Norwood Superintendent of Schools, Timothy Luff, for an information session and meet & greet. Please join us in the Simoni Room on Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 pm, and submit your questions for Supt. Luff in advance when registering to make sure he can cover that topic during his talk.

Supt. Luff will give a brief presentation followed by a Q&A and meet and greet. This

talk is open to everyone and light refreshments will be provided. Thanks to Norwood Community Media for helping us reach a wider audience with this program.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY MOVIE FRIDAY

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 November 22, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our November movie in the Sensory-friendly Friday movie series is Disney's Wish, rated PG.

The Morrill Memorial Library and Lifeworks Inc of Norwood are excited to bring this program series to the Norwood community.

FOLK DUO HUNGRYTOWN TO PLAY

The Morrill Memorial Library's Fall Musical Sundays Concert Series continues with a performance of the folk duo, Hungrytown, on Sunday November 24 at 3:00 pm.

Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson, through their years of worldwide touring and tireless devotion to many classic genres of music, have crafted Hungrytown into a true artistic hybrid, able to hold Celtic and Americana, ballads and psychedelia, sunshine and darkness, joy and despair—not only within the same album, but within the same song. Hungrytown has nearly 20 years of experience performing on the library circuit,

around the US, and overseas, and their music has received extensive radio airplay worldwide and has appeared on several television shows, including The Daily Show and Portlandia.

NATIVE SEED SAVING

Morrill Memorial Library and Norwood Conservation Commission is excited to announce a workshop called Native-seed Saving Workshop on Saturday 11/23 at 9:30 AM in the Simoni Room at the library.

Join us to learn about seed saving through a presentation followed by a hands-on workshop on seed-saving techniques.

TSUKAMOTO RETURNING FOR CONCERT SERIES

The Morrill Memorial Library's Fall Musical Sun-

days Concert Series continues with a performance by a returning Norwood audience favorite, classical guitarist Hiroya Tsukamoto, on Sunday, December 1 at 2:00 pm. NOTE: the start time of this concert is earlier than other shows in the series.

MATT YORK WRAPS UP CONCERT SERIES

The Morrill Memorial Library's Fall Musical Sundays Concert Series wraps up with a fun performance by New England country music artist, Matt York, on Sunday, December 1 at 3:00 pm.

Longtime New England musician Matt York will be performing "Songs and Stories Holiday Songs". The songs will run the gamut from those that have been around for hundreds of years to more modern Christmas and holiday classics. People are encouraged to sing along if they'd like! The concert is a combination of performance and stories behind the songs being played.

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