



Tens of thousands were estimated at this year's Norwood Day.

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Huge attendance for Norwood Day Estimates run higher than 10,000 attending

Bryant Jones
Staff Reporter

This past weekend was one of if not the highest attended Norwood Day in the Town's history.

"I would say it was the largest...it was noticeably more attended than last year," said Assistant Recreation Director Samuel White.

"We usually estimate the crowd to be around 10,000 in attendance and I would say that this year was at least that and I thought a bit more," said

Marie Kidd, Norwood's Recreation Administrator.

This was the 19th annual event, and the crowds seemed to be extra exuberant as the forecasted thunderstorms held off to let the sun through.

Food vendors, games, community groups and local businesses lined Washington Street in blue and white tents, offering a spectrum of opportunities for connection, education and fun for all ages.

A grander than usual parade to the Town Common kicked off the celebration at 10:30

a.m., with the Norwood High School band strutting their stuff in style. The parade honored Joe Greeley as the "Volunteer of the Year" and it was obvious how much the crowd appreciated him.

Joe Greeley wears many volunteer hats in Town as a Town Meeting member, the Trails Committee Chair, the Neponset River Watershed Association and volunteer for the Design Committee of the Bernie Cooper Park.

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The MSBC also discussed the ongoing construction at the Middle School site.

COURTESY PHOTO

MSBC considers impacts on athletic teams

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Middle School Building Committee (MSBC) met on Monday, Sept. 11 and agreed to meet with construction company W.T. Rich and relevant representatives of middle school athletic teams to discuss the ongoing impact of construction of the new Coakley Middle School.

Representing the teams was Rick Morrison, who said they are looking to have a meeting regarding general practices during construction and the location of the concession stand to be built.

"Football, soccer and girls lacrosse are the primary users down there," he said. "They had questions about trailers and things like that, and so rather than try to piecemeal it with a whole bunch of people trying to have their individual input, I would rather have all that information gathered at a meeting in two weeks with all those teams and whoever is important

from here and have an onsite meeting."

Morrison said the main issues are the locations of construction trailers and sports teams' trailers around the field.

"There are also a lot of little incidentals too, like the football trailer; they have a lot of equipment that has to be charged, their golf carts and barriers and all that and so they need to be near power," he said. "It's little things like that we'll work out in two weeks."

MSBC Chair Alan Slater asked about whether it would be a good idea to go on an active construction site, both in terms of being able to visualize where everything can go and in terms of safety, but W.T. Rich Senior Project Manager Bethany King said it would not be a problem.

"If they're just coming to our construction trailer, that's fine," she said. "We'll stay off the site and it's right next to the field."

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Pay now or pay later? Capital Outlay ponders best direction

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Capital Outlay Committee met last week and debated the philosophies of pay now, pay later, or put off for now.

Members Myev Bodenhofer and Sarah Sullivan said the issue stems from a previously-held Finance Commis-

sion (FinCom) meeting when the FinCom basically decided it wanted debt service - accumulated funds used to pay off bonds, loans and other debts—to remain level for the next few years.

However, that decision is at odds to a degree with the Capi-

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Project File No. 608158**

A Design Public Hearing will be held to present the design for the proposed Reconstruction of Canton Street Project in Westwood, MA.

**WHERE: Downey Elementary School
250 Downey Street
Westwood, MA 02090**

WHEN: Thursday, September 28, 2023 @ 7:00pm

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Reconstruction of Canton Street Project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project extends along Canton Street from the East Street Rotary to the intersection with University Avenue (1.9 miles) and consists of constructing a shared-use path along the east side of the roadway and a sidewalk along the west side of the roadway, with high-visibility crossing opportunities, in accordance with applicable design guides. Bicyclists are intended to use the shared-use path for travel and pedestrians may walk along either side. The facilities will drop to the roadway grade over the existing bridge over the railroad tracks. These facilities will provide connections to the Downey Elementary School, the Route 128/University Park MBTA/Amtrak Station, nearby retail and restaurants, and the adjacent Carrier Reservation conservation area. The Project will also incorporate traffic calming measures in an effort to reduce vehicular speeds along Canton Street, a new stormwater system, water main replacement, and relocated overhead utilities.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Town of Westwood is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 608158. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is hosted on the MassDOT website listed below.

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JONATHAN GULLIVER
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR

CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E.
CHIEF ENGINEER

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Morrison said he would coordinate with Facilities Director Paul Riccardi on the date.

In related news, Morrison thanked the project team for installing the lights at the lower field now allowing for later play.

"That was expedited and they are now up and running. It's a tremendous asset, so thank you very much," he said.

In other news, the committee voted to change the regular meeting time for the MSBC from 5 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The change was a compromise, as Riccardi said he and other members who start their days around 6 a.m. find the meeting time difficult and wanted to change the start time to 4 p.m. School Committee member David Hiltz said they also have issues with getting all school children out and picked up by 4 p.m. The 4:30 p.m. start time for the meetings was voted in unanimously as a compromise.

Also at the meeting, Vertex Project Manager Chase Terrio gave an update on both the con-

struction of the site and budget issues.

He said the temporary parking lot on the northeast side of the site is up and running and has had few problems (which was confirmed by representatives of Coakley Principal Margo Fraczek at the meeting).

"The lot is finished, cars seem to be parking in it; so far so good," he said.

Terrio added they are maintaining the proposed foundation placement schedule as well.

"That's really the work scheduled between now and next meeting," he said. "Continuing footing and continuing site work. A couple of key items are starting the prep for the under-slab for the electrical room and there is a grease trap that has been set on the outside of the building, which is deep, and so we're coordinating with our plumbers regarding the head of the building to make sure there's no conflict later."

In terms of the budget, Terrio said so far there are several small items that could be-

come cost overruns totaling \$183,734.

"If every one of these dollars is approved and required, based on the decision of this board, it could be accommodated by the current contingency balance," he said. "But there is nothing to vote on tonight; we're not looking for anything to go into a change order, just the current log of open items."

Those items include \$20,000 for drain coordination, \$32,961 for saving trees at the bus parking area, \$16,476 for brick shelf changes, \$83,232 for replacement of soils that were found to be deficient for building on, \$42,978 for trying to keep trees in the lower lot, \$1,381 for foundation drain changes, \$1,868 for adjustments to the ramp in the auditorium, \$20,721 for changes to the underslab vapor barrier and \$6,879 for athletic sports netting.

The Board will vote on these items at a future meeting.

Norwood awarded vulnerability grant

General Manager Tony Mazucco is pleased to announce that the Town of Norwood has been awarded grant funding to support climate change resilience.

The Town of Norwood was awarded \$432,000 through the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Grant program, which offers financial resources to municipalities that are seeking to address effects resulting from extreme weather, sea level rise, inland and coastal flooding, severe heat and other climate impacts.

This is the second year that the Town of Norwood has received this grant.

Grant funds will be used to develop design plans for the installation of a stormwater detention basin at Hennessey Field. The new stormwater detention basin will not only reduce flooding, but also provide accessible walking trails, a pollinator habitat, and additional daylighting for the historic Meadow Brook to flow above ground.

The need for the basin was first identified by the town in a report published in 2004. The need for the basin was highlighted again in June 2020, following a storm that destroyed Norwood Hospital and caused significant damage to many

other businesses and homes.

"This is a long desired and necessary project and we are incredibly thankful to the Driscoll-Healey Administration and the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program that we are once again receiving this grant funding," said General Manager Mazucco.

The completion of the basin project is necessary before any further upgrades to stormwater infrastructure in Norwood Center and the rest of the Meadow Brook Watershed are made. Widening stormwater pipes without developing additional storage capacity would result in increased downstream flooding.

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Selectmen not pleased with "rogue" landscaping

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen met in a hybrid meeting on Sept. 12 at the Norwood Town Hall and discussed the illegal installation of arborvitae on public property near the Norwest Woods development.

Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said at the north end of Irving Street, where the street meets with the development, someone had planted several arborvitae, in an apparent attempt to block public access from Irving Street to the conservation land behind Norwest Woods.

"There's always been some neighborhood concern about it," he said. "Recently, somebody planted some arborvitae in the public right-of-way on Town property to block people from going back and forth."

Mazzucco said he spoke with Town Counsel David DeLuca and the Town drafted and sent a cease-and-desist letter ordering the removal of the plants.

"Should that compliance measure not work, we'll come back to the Board and you can act as road commissioners for us to actually remove the trees," he said. "They don't pose an immediate threat to public safety, but it is in effect someone planting trees on our property with the intended purpose to discourage

people from walking through a place the public has access to."

Mazzucco said residents using the path to go back and forth to access the conservation land nearby has been an issue in the past, but despite this he said arbitrarily planting trees is not a viable solution.

"It's public space; anybody can cross and there are certainly no grounds for someone to be able to block it," he said.

Norwood Police Chief William Brooks said Mazzucco asked him to pull nuisance calls or crime reports from the area, but he said there was little if anything called in from what he could find.

"There have been concerns about people cutting through the apartment complex and going into the neighborhood – it's very easy access and I think it was the primary concern – but as far as there being crime on the street as a result of that access or any kind of disorder?" he said. "It's not anything we've heard about and we didn't see anything like that in our calls."

Selectman Bill Plasko said he walks that path quite often, almost every night, and said the path sees a lot of foot traffic.

"Things have really changed over the years, but to me, it wasn't really a walking path," he said. "It was just an area that was left open so that water would

drain into the catch basin. There is other growth on the Norwest side where there are some boulders too. A number of years ago they weren't there and now people are forced to use Irving Street and walk up to this catch basin, which is now the subject of being built on by the neighbors. I don't think that in and of itself is safe."

Plasko said the concern of some of the neighbors is that they may not see any pedestrians walking on the road and may hit them. He pointed out that residents have already made another path on the other side of Irving Street.

"And maybe making that permanent is the solution, but some kind of solution needs to be made," he said. "But all that being said, people can't just go and plant these things on public property."

Selectman Amanda Grow said she used to live in the area and used the footpath herself. Both she and Plasko brought up the fact that these shrubs could inhibit drainage in the area. Plasko said he was there a few nights ago and saw the area is prone to flooding.

Selectman Chair Matthew Lane said the Board would take up the issue at a future meeting.

Selectmen

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Additionally, Norwood is participating in the Neponset River Watershed Regional Adaptation Strategy and Flood Model Project, led by the Neponset River Watershed Association, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, and Town of Dedham to conduct modeling and outreach to study flood modeling throughout the Neponset River Watershed and develop recommendations for regional flood adaptations.

The MVP program was created in 2017 by Gov. Charlie Baker's administration to provide communities with funding and technical support to identify climate hazards, develop strategies to improve resilience,

and implement priority actions to adapt to climate change.

MVP Grants fund projects that are focused on proactive strategies to address climate change impacts and may include retrofitting and adapting infrastructure, detailed vulnerability assessments or design and engineering studies, stormwater upgrades, dam retrofits and removals, culvert upgrades, drought mitigation, actions to protect environmental justice communities and improve public health, energy resilience, mosquito control initiatives and implementing nature-based solutions such as wetland restoration and floodplain protection.

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You are summoned and required to serve upon Ellen A. Shapiro, Esquire, plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 10 Forbes Road, Suite 420W, Braintree, MA 02184, a copy of your answer to the complaint, which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service. You are also required to file your answer to the complaint in the office of the Clerk of this Court either before service upon plaintiff's attorney, or within 5 days thereafter. If you fail to meet the above requirements, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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OPINION

South Norwood is again "Brother Fredo"

During the most recent election for the Norwood Board of Selectmen this newspaper endorsed Michael Saad for a few reasons, the main one expressed in our opinion column being that with the retirement of Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue there needs to be someone to continue to look out for South Norwood. Though South Norwood is an important doorway to this Town, historically it's been treated more like a doormat. Need an ice rink? Let's dump it in South Norwood. Want to spend some money on Christmas decorations? Sure, let's beautify the uptown area first and if there's any money left over we can throw up a few trinkets down on lower Washington Street. Odors from asphalt plants and food processing plants a concern? If we wait long enough the winds will shift and they'll eventually stop squawking. Traffic, density and strain on schools from proposed multi-unit apartment complexes for The Flats (I know, some people hate that term)? Hey, if we want to do our part for affordable housing what better place to dump them in than South Norwood?

Argue all you want, but the truth is South Norwood doesn't receive the respect it deserves, and never was it more evident than during the August 22 Board of Selectmen's meeting when Stormwater Utility Committee Chairman Jerry Hopcroft spent an hour presenting a financing recommendation for the Town's stormwater infrastructure projects, and for their maintenance, operations, and management. He noted that a number of infrastructure projects recommended 20 years ago in the Meadowbrook Study – a report analyzing the Town's stormwater drainage problems – had still not been undertaken. The presentation by the Stormwater Committee was a thoroughly researched and an impressive display of Norwood's citizenry stepping up and addressing what has become one of the more serious issues Norwood's future faces, mainly because Town officials ignored warnings from its past. However, it had one glaring omission, and it took one Selectman to point it out.

"Where's South Norwood on this map?" asked Selectman Saad. After he asked the question there appeared to be a pregnant pause before anyone responded, and the response essentially was, "well, South Norwood really isn't a part of this discussion." Saad then went on and pointed out existing flooding problems down in his neighborhood and the fact that no one has ever addressed those. Again, a bit of uncomfortable silence before Assistant Director of Community Development Holly Jones pointed out that he was holding a map of The Meadowbrook Watershed and that South Norwood falls under the Hawes Brook Watershed, as if that reasonably explained why South Norwood wasn't a part of the presentation and was receiving about as much concern from the Committee as South Norwood is used to. And Jones' explanation that the Meadowbrook Watershed is the whole Town's problem should have rung hollow to those living anywhere south of Poirier's Appliances. Things got even a little testier when Hopcroft took issue with Saad's referral to the "fee" proposed in the presentation as a "Hard Water Tax" (which is exactly what it is).

There is no doubt that Norwood must do something to address its water problems and whether it's called a fee or a tax, money is required to deal with the problems and Norwood taxpayers will end up footing the bill. However, the suggestion at this address is that during the next presentation South Norwood at least be referenced in the conversation. That shouldn't be too much to ask.

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Letters to the Editor

3A DEVELOPMENTS HAVE TOO MUCH TOWN SUPPORT

To the Editor:

From what I have seen, most Town of Norwood officials are all in on the 3A developments. The people assigned to represent the Town are all big proponents for these

developments. Many of these people were trained by Mr. Halkiotis, which should tell you a lot. What they do not want to tell you is how much it will cost residents and what they will look like. These developments will be six times the size of Avalon only with more density or at least fifteen times the size of the Norwood

Crossings on Central Street. This is what Town officials say will be no big deal.

I wish other people in Town would comment on this issue. As always, thank Representative Rogers and Senator Rush for their help in starting this mess.

Henry Graham
Norwood

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In other news, the Board heard from Norwood Fire Department (NFD) Chief Timothy Bailey and Norwood Police Department (NPD) Chief William Brooks for their monthly report. This is the first time Bailey has given the Board a report and so the Selectmen welcomed him officially to the Town.

"You know the Rebels lost to King Philip over the weekend right?" said Selectman Michael Saad, alluding to Bailey's last job as chief of the Walpole Fire Department.

Bailey said the department is at an average of 18.5 calls a day. Much of the Department's free time is working with new buildings and major projects in Town, including the FM Global expansion, the Moderna Expansion, the Coakley Middle School Project and others. He said they've also gone out to all the schools to get them inspected before the start of the school year.

"Just so I could familiarize myself with the schools here in

Town," he said.

Bailey said the department has also participated in a good deal of new training since he's taken the helm, and added that eight members of the NFD recently took part in the Pan Mass Challenge bike race and raised more than \$80,000 for cancer research.

On that note, he added that the Norwood High School will be hosting, in conjunction with the NFD, a showing of the film "Burned: Protecting the Protectors" which focuses on the cancerous materials still found in firefighter turnout gear and the other unassuming dangers each firefighter exposes themselves to on the job. The film will be shown at 7 p.m. on Oct. 4.

Chief Brooks said he had some bittersweet news to report, that NPD Officer Diego Silva has been asked to become a Special Agent of the Department of Homeland Security after 10 years with the department.

"He's been a tremendous

asset with our work with the community," he said. "He came in to see me with very mixed emotions about it. We're very fond of Officer Silva, he did a tremendous job and we'll miss him. His last day is Sept. 24."

Brooks said during his report that the NPD usually pulls over about 5,000 cars a year for traffic enforcement. He said the department is on track to do similar this year.

"It certainly sounds like a lot and it is a lot, but the fact that we usually have only about eight or nine citizen complaints about the stops, I think is even more astounding."

Brooks said they use data from citizen complaints about traffic issues in Town to direct patrols and are not trying to fill any kind of ticket quota.

"We do it to make the roads safe, and concentrate on areas where citizens have told us there is unsafe driving in the neighborhoods, places that have had crashes and reports of the kind of driving behavior that causes crashes," he said.

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"The parade went very smoothly from start to finish. It was very special this year as there were more people to witness the parade at that time than last year to honor Mr. Greeley as well as our marching band and student athletes," said White.

Greeley said he was honored by the Town's token of appreciation.

"Twenty-four hours later, I'm still riding a high," he said "I was humbled and honored when told I was voted in about a week ago. Nobody who volunteers does it to be recognized...the goal is to make tomorrow better than today," said Greeley, who accepted the Anne Lydon Award for community service while expressing gratitude to the Town for holding him in such

high esteem.

Following the parade, there were even more people coalescing up and down Washington Street to celebrate community pride and enjoy a festival of amusements, pony rides and opportunities to reconnect with friends and neighbors. It was also a day for reflection and appreciation. Participants sported admission buttons honoring retired Norwood General Manager John Carroll who passed away recently. He was a backbone of Norwood, with an encyclopedic knowledge of the Town's history and policy.

"Norwood Day 2023 is shaping up to be one of the best in our history! The impending rain can't put a damper on our festivities. The crowd today is actually beating pre-pandemic levels. Most of all, I'm enjoying seeing all these happy faces!" said Assistant General Manager Michael Rosen.

Norwood resident Nicole Varadian said her favorite thing about the day was "Seeing everyone in my community." Her six-year-old daughter chimed in, "I loved the roller coaster."

For the kids, there were pony rides as well as several amusement rides. They could test their athletic skills on a rock-climbing wall or by racing each other while attached to a bounce house race track via bungee cord. Younger children had tossing games, free candy, balloon animals and two different face painting tables. One of the sources of face painters was the Heritage Baptist Church on Washington Street. Pastor Tom Krampert said, "The weather has been great, the people have been great...it's been so great to see the kids smile after they get their faces painted. We've had more people coming inside for the free ice water and air conditioning than any previous years."

At the end of Washington Street, a DJ was getting the crowd pumped up by spinning his music tracks. While just off to the side of the ice cream shop, "Big Daddy's Racing" had a booth of Remote Control Cars. Next door, a set of virtual reality roller coasters were also drawing a crowd.



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Neponset cleanup returning to Bernie Cooper Park

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Neponset River Watershed Association (NepWRA) is heading back to the Bernie Cooper Memorial Waterfront Park next weekend to get its members' collective hands dirty and prepare the site for eventual construction.

The park, which is named in honor of the late Assistant Town Manager Bernie Cooper, will be a seven-acre passive recreation site with trails, edible plants, boardwalks, an outdoor classroom and overlooks of the Hawes Brook and Neponset River.

NepRWA Science Fellow Bennie Marques said this time around the cleanup is focusing on removing invasive plants that have taken up root at the site.

"We're going to be looking for whatever invasives we find there," she said. "I think there's some garlic mustard and others at the site."

Marques said they will also be looking to spruce up potential trails. She said the ground shouldn't be too difficult to traverse and that they are welcoming any and all to come and lend a hand.



Residents are gearing up to weed out invasives at the Bernie Cooper Park for this year's NepRWA Neponset Cleanup.

FILE PHOTO

"It's a pretty even path with a lot of open space and a lot of trees," she said. "It's not super dense and we're kind of expecting to be directed by the site captain as to where the best places to remove invasives are and where they're clustered. I imagine that will be kind of spread out everywhere, because that's the nature of invasives."

Marques said the cleanup will also help in the preliminary design of the creation of new trails.

"We'll also be looking at

what kind of trail(s) is envisioned for that area," she said. "And we'll be seeing what kind of clearing work needs to be done there, if any."

The cleanup will take place on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Norwood site, as well as numerous other sites in Canton, Dorchester, Hyde Park, Milton, Mattapan and Quincy. NepRWA stated that anyone is welcome to join, though the organization re-

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quests that children under 12 come with a parent or guardian.

Marques said volunteers should bring their own gloves and wear closed-toed shoes, as well as long pants.

“Also bring sunscreen, bug spray, water and dress for the weather,” she said. “We’ll also be providing some of these things as well, but sometimes people bring their own gloves if they have them. They will be provided and available from us, but it’s nice to have your own too. And closed-toed shoes should be important. I didn’t

see any poison ivy when I was there but it’s always a concern, so people should just wear long pants. It’ll be colder next week I think, and so you might just want to wear long pants anyway.”

NepRWA River Restoration Director Sean McCanty said the cleanups are a way to not just pick up and clear invasives, but also to get to know our wild spaces in this highly developed area of eastern Massachusetts.

“Our cleanups are not just about sprucing up our local

green spaces; they are about breathing new life into the Neponset River ecosystem,” he said. “Our volunteers’ commitment is essential to making these habitats more inviting for diverse wildlife and ensuring equitable access to recreational activities for all.”

For more information on how to sign up and get involved in the coming cleanup, go to www.neponset.org/cleanup or email Marques directly at Marques@neponset.org.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court
Docket No. NO23D1013DR

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Tamika Pugh vs. Anthony V. Pugh III

Norfolk Probate and Family Court, 35 Shawmut Road, Canton, MA 02021
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WITNESS, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 30, 2023
Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

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NOTICE AND ORDER: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR

In the matter of: Cartier Wilkerson
Of: Norwood, MA
Minor


Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

- Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 07/03/2023 by Pauline Wilkerson of Foxboro, MA will be held 10/18/2023 10:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located 35 Shawmut Road, Canton, MA 02021
- Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least (5) business days before the hearing.
- Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.
- Counsel for the Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.
- Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over the age of 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

August 3, 2023
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Capital Outlay *continued from page 1*

tal Improvement Plan, which designated \$392,000 in additional debt service to be paid every year for a set period moving forward. The Capital Committee debated on three courses of action to remedy this situation, including putting some projects off, switching some projects from borrowing to using free cash and, lastly, keeping the plan the way it is and temporarily increasing the debt service.

Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said the debt service impact per project is difficult to calculate right off the top of his head, since each has different interest rates and are calculated depending on the length of the bond. Some are 10-year, some are 15-year, and some are 30-year bonds, but he said a good rule of thumb is that a 30-year bond will incur about \$65,000 a year of debt service for every million borrowed for the final cost of the project.

The Committee discussed moving one or two projects designated for borrowing to using free cash, but Mazzucco said that was tricky because the Town won't know how much free cash it has until after the November Town Meeting.

"We should have a good free cash number this year, but I always caution everyone that until we actually get the number, it's a projection based on what we reasonably want to do," he said.

He said they will be looking to model examples of those types of changes to the budget, like for instance moving a certain amount of free cash into a project's budget to lessen the long-term impact of the borrowing.

Bodenhofer said the committee had already requested the expected debt service payments year-to-year.

"And you guys came up with totals for us and there are only six-to-eight projects that we're talking about borrowing for, do we not have the numbers?" she said.

"We do, I just don't have

them with me right now," Mazzucco said.

"I'm just worried we're going to push this decision off because we don't have the information that we requested," Bodenhofer said.

Mazzucco said he would bring it to the next meeting. He pointed out that he mentioned in his memo that another fix for this would be to pay the first debt payment increase of \$392,000 with free cash, since there is about \$370,000 coming off debt service the following fiscal year as the associated bond had run its course. Mazzucco said this one-time payment was feasible because they know right now the Town will be seeing increased revenue in building permits by about \$12 million, due to large projects like the redevelopment of the FM Global building on Route 1.

"If that wasn't the case I'd say we should look at another option," he said.

Mazzucco and the committee agreed that keeping this borrowing rate flat over the long-term

means not doing any borrowing for the next few budget cycles.

"We can find a way to keep it flat, but will we have to borrow something next year?" he asked. "Absolutely. We could have an emergency and have to borrow \$50 million tomorrow. It's always a possibility."

In the discussion based on pushing some projects off until March, Mazzucco said there is a buyer's remorse issue to deal with. He said given the current financial climate, it's not out of the realm of possibility to think that costs could increase from the time the numbers get locked in at November's Town Meeting (for the capital project expenditures) to when they return to the budget process in March.

"When we consider delaying projects we have to consider what we think the cost increase is going to be," he said. "Are we truly kicking the can down road by saying, for example, let's not do the (Savage Center) Parking Lot. Let's wait a year, but if costs of it go up \$100,000, what

are we saving? We may have put ourselves in a worse position. In a perfect world we would have done all these projects 10 years ago and wouldn't be in the position we are now, but the world doesn't work that way."

Mazzucco said there is no real way to know what future cost increases could be, but it is something he believes the committee should consider.

Bodenhofer said despite the likelihood of costs increasing, she doesn't feel that the current plan is feasible to keep the debt service level.

"You could make that argument about everything that's on this list," she said. "You could say, 'It's going to cost more by waiting until year four, so let's just spend it all now,' but we don't have the money now. So the question is do we make sure we've got enough money to cover our operating budget for the next two, three, ideally five years, and then make a decision on these things."

Mazzucco pointed out that his memo provided a five-year plan to keep borrowing basically flat, with the exception of

that \$392,000 he wanted to use free cash for.

"But we're not sure of how much free cash is going to be available because we don't know what the needs are for the operating budget," Bodenhofer said.

Mazzucco said placing free cash into a project's budget to reduce the annual payment would require about \$2 million-\$4 million in free cash up front and he's not exactly sure that there will be that much free cash in the budget. Bodenhofer said she agreed that the one-time payment of \$392,000 was a better option.

"That's budget stability in the line for two years," Mazzucco said.

The Capital Outlay Committee eventually decided that since no one will know what free cash is going to be until it is certified later this year/early next year and the Budget Balancing Committee has not completed its five-year plan, they will wait on changing the current capital plan.

"Because we're just spinning our wheels here," said member Ernie Paciorkowski.

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The Morrill Memorial Library is pleased to launch "Let's Talk About It!", a new monthly discussion group for community members interested in taking part in challenging but civil conversations, learning about misinformation and bias in reporting, sharpening their media literacy skills, and exploring new ways of thinking about different perspectives. The group will meet monthly on a Monday evening at 7:00 pm in the Simoni Room.

Each month, group members will receive a short list of materials about a pre-selected topic to review. During our meeting, we will talk about how to analyze information about that topic in context. Our goal is to encourage everyone to stop, think, and decide what they actually believe about a topic based on sound analytical principles and reliable sources. Because of the challenging nature of the topics at hand, every meeting will be actively facilitated by a library staff member.

Upcoming meetings and topics are as follows: Monday, September 25: Media literacy and information-seeking behavior, Monday, October 30: Stranger danger and urban legend, Monday, November 27: Land acknowledgments.

Registration is required; space is limited. Register for any or all of the upcoming meetings at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar or by calling (781) 769-0200 x2. Please note you must register separately for every meeting you wish to attend.

MBTA ZONING COMMUNITIES: INFORMATION AND INPUT

The Norwood Chapter of the League of Women Voters and the Morrill Memorial Library are partnering to host Norwood Town Planner Sarah Dixon for a presentation about the MBTA Multifamily Zoning Law on Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 pm in the Simoni Room of the Library.

What is 3A, the MBTA Multifamily Zoning Law? Where did this law come from? How does this affect Norwood? Learn the answers to these questions and

more!

Sarah will begin this information session with some brief Zoning 101, explaining common terms used in town planning. The audience will next get an overview of the MBTA Communities law, and a summary of the housing crisis in MA and Norwood specifically. Sarah will describe the Town's efforts so far and share a status update on the public engagement we have had to date. The evening will wrap up with a Q&A and discussion.

Thank you to our partner, Norwood Community Media, for recording this program and sharing it with a wider audience.

Registration is required for this in-person event. Sign up at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

CHIEF GENEALOGIST TO PRESENT TWO GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS

New England Historical Genealogical Society's Chief Genealogist, David Allen Lambert, will join the Morrill Memorial Library for two workshops this month. On Monday, September 18 at 6:30 pm Lambert will discuss "Genealogical Records: Using the U.S. Federal Census," then on Thursday, September 21 at 6:30 pm Lambert will walk the audience through "Researching Veteran Ancestors from the Civil War."

The US Federal Census is often the go-to resource for family historians researching ancestors from the 19th and 20th centuries. To get the most out of this resource, however, it's important to understand the record's context, specific search tips, and shortcomings. Join American Ancestors Chief Genealogist David Allen Lambert for an overview of the Federal Census and the varying information found in each and gain valuable search techniques for using this important resource.

Registration for this in-person event is required. To sign up, please fill out the form below or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. This program is

Morrill Library Events

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"THE YOUNG VOTE" SCREENING & DISCUSSION

The Fall 2023 Sustainability Series, an ongoing partnership between Progress Norwood and the Morrill Memorial Library, will kick off on Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00pm in the Simoni Room with a film screening and discussion.

"The Young Vote" is a 2022 award-winning documentary running 1 hour and 7 minutes. From the film's website: "Democracy is being threatened, and young people are taking it personally. In 2016, only 39% of those 29 and under, the largest generation of eligible voters in US history, voted in the presidential election. What can we do to increase young voter participation and sustain a functional democracy?" A discussion about civic engagement will follow the film.

You can watch the trailer for the documentary here: www.theyoungvotefilm.com/#watch-trailer

Registration is required for this in-person program. Sign up at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

DREAM, PLAY, BUILD NORWOOD

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with Abundant Housing Massachusetts for an in-person interactive program called Dream, Play, Build Norwood. This program will take place in the Simoni Room on Monday October 2, at 7 PM.

In order to comply with Massachusetts' MBTA Community Initiative law, Norwood will be developing a new zone for multi-family housing near the train station by 2024. Here is your opportunity to dream, play and build what Norwood's new dis-

trict could be. Roll up your sleeves and let's imagine

Norwood together!

Presenters: Joyce Mandell, a regional organizer for the statewide organization, Abundant Housing Massachusetts and Beth Hestad, a Norwood resident.

Please note: Abundant Housing Massachusetts is not affiliated with the Town Of Norwood. This workshop is geared towards expression of your ideas and does not constitute any Town of Norwood approved plan.

The program is free and open to all ages 18+. Registration is required. Please sign up at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

CELEBRATE THE FREEDOM TO READ

According to the American Library Association, there were 45 book challenges in Massachusetts in 2022 affecting 57 titles. That's more than the past 9 years (2013-2021) combined, which totaled 38 challenges. Nationwide, ALA reported 1,270 book challenges in 2022, up significantly from 350 in 2019. In response to this unprecedented wave of censorship efforts and in celebration of Banned Books Week (bannedbooksweek.org), Morrill Memorial Library and the Town of Norwood are participating in Let Freedom Read, a statewide read-in to celebrate the freedom to read.

Community members of all ages are invited to grab a book and a lounge chair or picnic blanket and head to the Norwood Common On October 2, between 3:30 and 5:30pm. The Library will be on-hand to lend out books and other materials, including challenged and banned titles; light refreshments will be provided. Show your support for intellectual freedom and the right to read by joining Library Director Clayton Cheever, Chief Brooks of Norwood Police Department, Chief Bailey of Norwood Fire Department, members of the Norwood Select Board, and other elected officials. Please note that the event is intended to demonstrate solidarity through participation and visibility; there will not be any speeches or public readings involved.

Digital participation is also welcomed. Download an eBook or eAudiobook through minuteman.overdrive.com or libbyapp.com and use #LetFreedomReadMA to post pictures to social media. For a complete list of libraries participating in the statewide read-in, go to libraries.state.ma.us.

Let Freedom Read is supported by Morrill Memorial Library and the Joint Task Force for Intellectual Freedom with members from the Massachusetts Library Association, Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, the Massachusetts Library System, and the Massachusetts School Library Association.

LOCALAUTHOR: KELVIN CHIN

The Morrill Memorial Library welcomes back local author Kelvin Chin for a discussion of his latest book, "After the Afterlife: Memories of My Past Lives," on Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 pm in the Simoni Room.

After graduating from Norwood High School in 1969, Kelvin learned to meditate at Dartmouth College. This began to open his mind/consciousness up to a greater sense of self that he had been unaware of before. In 1977, his past life memories started resurfacing that now reach back 6,000 years — how that happened is the subject of his newest book, "After the Afterlife: Memories of My Past Lives." In this 1-hour talk, Kelvin will describe his personal experiences with what happens after we biologically die, addressing questions like: What is heaven like? Do we remember who we were? Do we meet our loved ones again? What do we do there? How long do we stay there? Can we come back to Earth, and if so, when and how? What is a "soul plan"?

Join Kelvin for an interesting, lively discussion that may open your eyes — and your minds and hearts — to a new way of looking at life and death! Free from fear and full of hope. After the talk, Kelvin will do a book signing.

Registration is required for this in-person event. Sign up at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

THE GREAT BREWSTER JOURNAL OF 1891

Adventure back to 1891 and the Boston Harbor Islands on Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 pm, as the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands bring history to life. Our guide for the evening will be historian and author, Marguerite Krupp.

In 1891, four intrepid women from Lowell sailed to a remote island in Boston Harbor for a 17-day escape from New England's prim-and-proper society. Calling themselves the Scribe, the Aristocrat, the Acrobat, and the Autocrat, the women rusticated in a cottage on Great Brewster Island, reveling in the chance to shed their identities of wife, mother, and daughter. Relive their sojourn through their remarkable journal, filled with observations, illustrations, photographs, and poetry.

Marguerite Krupp is a long-time volunteer with the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, including two summers volunteering on Great Brewster Island. Her specialties include island birds and other critters, plants, history, and teaching people how to make a whistle out of a periwinkle shell! Marguerite is a writer, editor, teacher, photographer, and a great storyteller.

Registration is required for this Morrill Memorial Library event. Please visit our website to sign up at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. Copies of the book chronicling and preserving the women's tale on Great Brewster Island will be available for sale at the event. Thank you to NCM for helping us make this program available to a wider audience.



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Grateful thanks. —K.B.

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

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

The Norwood Woman's Club will be meeting on Tuesday October 10, at 12:30 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 572 Nichols St., Norwood Ma. Dan Clark "The Singing State Trooper" will entertain us. A light lunch will be served. Guests are welcomed. Yearly dues are now \$35.00 as the club is providing sandwiches. We are asking everyone to bring one item for the Ecumenical Food Pantry to each meeting. Any questions, please call Trina at 781-762-8173. Hope to see you there.

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY BALLROOM DANCE

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

ARTIST RECEPTION FOR CARDONI

Join us for an artist's reception for photographer Jonathan Cardoni on Friday September 15 from 5-8 p.m. at Tax Solutions, 642 Washington Street in Norwood. Light refreshments will be served.

The exhibition is presented by Norwood Art Walk as part of its showcase of local and regional artists, and is hosted by Susana Murphy, owner of Tax Solutions.

Cardoni's photography exhibit "Unique Views of What You See Each Day" is on display through November 12.

For more information about the exhibition or to find out how to support Norwood Art Walk, email norwoodartwalk@gmail.com

CLASS OF '73' 50TH REUNION!

The Norwood High School Class of 1973 will be holding its 50th reunion on October 21, 2023 at the Norwood Elks Hall from 5 to 11pm. Local Radio DJ Scott Reiniche will be providing the tunes and there will be a buffet.

Tickets are \$50 per person. There is also going to be a Next Day Brunch at Mick Morgans, Route 1, near the Country Club/Hampton Inn from 9:30am to 12:30pm. The cost is \$24 per person.

Please send a check to Faith MacPhee, 2 Stone Circle, Norwood MA 02062. Make checks payable to the NHS Class of 1973 Reunion and include the names of those attending. Thanks, and hope to see you there!

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

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

In any case, we will be ruled by the decision of the Norwood Public Schools. If they close on Tuesday, we will cancel the meeting.

For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

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Deaths

CAVANAUGH

MADALYN A. (Black) of East Falmouth and Norwood passed away on September 3, 2023 at the age of 93. Beloved wife of the late Henry J. Cavanaugh. Devoted mother Kevin A. Cavanaugh and his wife Jeanne M. of South Easton and the late Brian J. Cavanaugh. Cherished grandmother of Shannon Cavanaugh, Brittany Cavanaugh, Caroline Cavanaugh, Caitlin Cavanaugh and the late Ryan Cavanaugh. Great Grandmother of Ryan Cavanaugh Jr. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. Burial at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to a charity of your choice.



GALLANT

Judith B. (Witter) Gallant, of Norwood, passed away on September 4, 2023. She was 76 years old. Judith was an avid reader and loved a good book. Her favorite authors were John Grisham and James Patterson. She had a love of penguins that stemmed from her days of reading Opus in Bloom County comics. She enjoyed watching her beloved Patriots and Red Sox and was happiest surrounded by her family. Judith was the loving mother of Todd Ingram and his wife Rene of Penacook, NH. Cherished grandmother, "Juju," of Lauryn Bourassa, Caitlyn Ingram and Jonas Ingram. Best friend of David Barry of Norwood. She is also survived by her loving nieces Susan and Elizabeth. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited



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Monday, September 4

1522 Phone - PD-Illegal Dumping Services Rendered Location/Address: Hill St + Mountain Ave U-haul from possibly Jefferson Ave continuing to drive into the elderly complex and dumping in the dumpster. Spoke to party and will stop the dumping for the day. Will make contact with the reporting party. HQ has the phone number for the reporting party and will provide the phone number when the officer returns to the station. Spoke to reporting party who stated they were worried regarding the overflow of trash and the safety of elderly people. Advised they are done dumping for the day and any other concerns are to be brought up to the Housing Authority

1534 911 - PD-Vandalism Report Follows Location/Address: Railroad Ave Large rock was thrown through her window, unsure who it was did a canvas of the area. No suspects at this time.

1559 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller states kids building fires in playground. Small children setting fires to sticks. Parents are advised of the problem and are dealing with this issue.

2032 Phone - PD-Assist Fire Department Transported to Hospital Location/Address: David Ter 5 year old juvenile having an allergic reaction. Units clear. Juvenile transported by NFD.

2104 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: St James Ave 911 caller states Hispanic male, green shirt, beige shorts. states that he is in the hallway of the building touching and taking her things. Does not know him. Nothing found in house or on CJIS. Reports it was an intoxicated person that arrived to the wrong address. That party was released to his family.

Tuesday, September 5

1435 Phone - PD-Larceny/Forgery/Fraud Investigated Location/Address: Jack Madden Service Dept - Bos-Prov Hwy Call from the service dept at Jack Madden requesting to see a Police Officer to file a report in regards to attempted theft of wheels and parts outside.

2017 Initiated - Restraining/Harassment Order No Service Location/Address: Melville Ave Attempt to serve Harassment order number 12. Someone appears to be home but no answer at door. Unable to serve. Served in hand at station.

Wednesday, September 6

0012 Phone - PD-Threats Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Reaching out to Riverside for someone to come out. Party to be transported to hospital with NWD 665 on ambulance and NWD 667 to follow behind.

0259 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Rock St Caller reports male parties are back in her home stealing her keys. Spoke with reporting party. Checked home and surrounding area. Area checks okay. Party has been advised. Possible mental health issues.

0822 Initiated - PD-Out of Town Services Rendered Location: Randolph Refer To Arrest: 23NWD-290-AR Arrest: Pierre-Louis, Martinio Address: 138 Homestead St Apt. #2 Boston, Ma Age: 24 Charges: Straight Warrant

1219 Phone - PD-Warrant Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Douglas Cir Arrest: Lamboy, Pablo Abdul Address: 29 Granite St Taunton, Ma Age: 21 Charges: Straight Warrant B&E For Misdemeanor

1355 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Walpole St Caller on the business line reporting a male party going through her trash. Officers were there ear-

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lier for same thing. Foot pursuit going towards Davis Ave. Male party off in the wood line WM with grey sweatpants Party in custody in the woods. Officer walking out with him. Arrest: Gale, Matthew Address: 107 Park Dr Boston, Ma Age: 34 Charges: Default Warrant Default Warrant

2304 Phone - PD-Assist Fire Department Report Follows Location/Address: Norwood Airport Inc - Access Rd 911 caller reports he landed short of the runway as he flew into Norwood Airport and is currently on the grass in front of the runway. Caller reports no injuries Airport manager is 20 mins out. Tail number is N400RW N400RW is a Piper PA-24-400 Comanche, model A4AE2D, left from Nantucket @2225 and arrived in Norwood @2259. Plane staying there until the morning. Airport staff on scene and will handle. Fire and Police are clear. Contractors in building set off alarm.

Thursday, September 7

0639 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Gay St Caller reports two men looking in houses. When speaking to the men the caller states that the parties said they were staying in the area. They were last scene walking towards the rotary. Spoke to the two males. They stated they were going for a walk and are not from the area. Staying on Dean St.

1328 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Walpole St Caller reporting a w/m 70-80 y/o wearing a blue hat and carrying a walking stick threatened his dog and continued walking towards Walgreens. 665 spoke with the caller and will be checking the area Area search negative, unit clear.

1726 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Spoke With Location/Address: Wilson St Caller requesting welfare check on her son. Father is withholding visitation. Son is 5 and his name is Jackson. Officer reports Jackson is home with his grandmother and is in good spirits. On going custody issue. Units are clear.

1728 Phone - Health & Welfare Check No EMS Location/Address: Buckminster Dr + Walpole St Caller reporting older female party laying on ground, unsure of injuries or status, caller did not approach female party Officer checked on the party. She lives there and is not in distress.

Friday, September 8

0048 Phone - PD-Assist Public Spoke With Location/Address: Pleasant St Caller states

towing company Up and Down towing, towed her vehicle and is now denying her attempt to retrieve it. Party is in a grey and black tie dye shirt in front of above address. Advised that it is a civil matter and to return during business hours. Conducting a transport to Dunkin Donuts on Boston Providence Highway.

0229 Phone - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: Mill Pond Lane Caller states the female party is drunk and banging on his door. Units standing by for the female's father to come pick her up. Female transported by the father. Units are clear.

0741 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Village Road W Caller states her husband took her phone from her during an argument and caller would like him removed from the residence. Officers report the fight was verbal in nature. They have been separated.

1019 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Spoke With Location/Address: Nahatan St 75 yo m dementia, visiting nurse states she is knocking on the door without an answer 665 reporting the male party was out with another aid, is alive and well.

1153 Phone - PD-Larceny/Forgery/Fraud Spoke With Location/Address: Village Rd E Female party wants to report that her moped was stolen. Female party is not the lawful owner of the moped, 662 advised her.

1210 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Spoke With Location/Address: Norwood Post Office - Central St Called in by headquarters, a disgruntled party is at the Post Office upset about the protest that is happening outside on the sidewalk. 674 reports the area is safe and the upset party is on their way. The Post Office will call us if they need us.

1235 Phone - PD-Larceny/Forgery/Fraud Spoke With Location/Address: Lenox St Female party called on the business line to state that metal pieces from a new bed she purchased have been stolen. She believes it's from someone who has keys to her apartment. We asked the caller if she knows the person who has keys to her apartment and she said no. Referred to Officer La Roche's phone.

1646 Phone - PD-Shoplifting Peace Restored Location/Address: Dollar Tree - Walpole St Received call for possible shoplifting. Caller reports 3 males and 1 female all wearing grey shirts. Caller was employee who states the group is refusing to show them their bags. All parties have been spoken to and trespassed.

2325 Phone - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Dean St + Jacobsen Dr Unknown what house number. Caller reports 20-30 people outside partying. Caller stated it was on Dean between Jacobson and the bridge. 661 advised they spoke with the individuals and they will be going inside for the night. Units clear.

Saturday, September 9

0734 Phone - PD-MVA Property Damage Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St Car was hit sometime over night, black 2019 Ford MA REG 4RGF84, broken bumper

1124 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Buckminster Dr called on 911 line (not on scene) stating her downstairs neighbor in is constantly banging on their ceiling. Ongoing tenant issue, they were advised to reach out to management with those issues going forward.

1526 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Howard St Caller on the business line reports BM, wearing all black throwing rocks at houses and breaking windows. All units clear, no damage to house, video of the suspect obtained.

1609 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Peace Restored Location/Address: Windsor Gardens - Engamore Ln Caller on the business line states there is a group of teenagers doing burn outs in the over flow lot in a white Lexus LS400. MA REG 3MKM45 MA REG 1ESN52 Neighbor dispute over noise from a vehicle, all parties advised. All parties are calmed and went back inside. Units clear.

1658 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Fr Mac's - Vernon St Caller on the business line states there are 8 teenagers throwing rocks and defecating on the playground, they were throwing acorns at each other, checked the playground and found nothing. They were moved along, units clear. 674 reports he spoke with the parties and they deny defecating.

2106 Phone - PD-Vandalism Report Follows Location/Address: Cottage St Calling party stating there are about 7 kids who dumped an aluminum trash can on a wall, damaged the wall and are now rolling a propane tank down the road. DPW respond for the debris from the damaged wall. Mike from the DPW will be responding.

Sunday, September 10

1411 Phone - PD-Assist Fire Department Services Rendered Location/Address: Carmax Auto Superstore - Bos-Prov Hwy With fire department. Car smoking inside the building. Called in on 911. Reports a non-electric vehicle is smoking inside of the building. Alarms are sounding. People have been evacuated. They are awaiting Police and FD arrival. 676 no longer needed. Unit clear.

1631 Phone - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: Washington St 911 caller, reports 4 kids were throwing rocks at cars, 3 kids ran and 1 kid is still on scene. 2 wearing all black, 1 wearing grey shirt. Spoke with reporting party and juvenile on scene. Juvenile stated he was not involved. Stated they went to a house on Howard St.

2012 Phone - PD-Assist Fire Department Report Follows Location/Address; Roosevelt Ave Calling party states female tenant is passed out in the vehicle located in the driveway. Norwood FD enroute. Norwood FD arrived and cleared with a police matter. 1 F party transported to the station starting mileage was 26591 and ending mileage 26592 at 20:28. NWD Headquarters called surrounding towns and no female officer is available tonight.



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Date of Death: April 21, 2023

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of
Petitioner John F. Burke of Norwood, MA
Petitioner Christine S. Burke of Norwood, MA

Annie Burke of Norwood, MA
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to the Visiting Hours on Friday, September 15, 2023 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. NORWOOD. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Judith's memory may be made to Rosie's Place 889 Harrison Ave. Boston, MA 02118. kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com

KECHES



George Keches, of Canton, formerly of Quincy and Norwood, passed away on September 5, 2023. He was 97 years old. Born in New Bedford, George was a proud Veteran of the United States Army and received a Bronze Star for his service to his country in the Korean War. Following the war, he worked for many years as a CPA. He was an avid sports fan, especially his beloved Red Sox and Patriots. George served on several different parish coun-

sels. Above all else, George was happiest surrounded by his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. George was the dear and devoted husband of the late Catherine (Constas). Loving father of George Keches and his wife Cheri of Weston, Stephen Keches and his wife Marjorie of Walpole and Corinne Katinas and her husband Rev. James of Walpole. Cherished "Papou" of 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Dear brother of the late Basil, Leon and Mary Keches. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. NORWOOD. Contributions in George's memory may be made to St. George Orthodox Church, 6 Atwood Ave. Norwood, MA 02062. George was to rest with his beloved Catherine at Highland Cemetery following a private Funeral Service. kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com

MURRAY

Arthur J. "Archie" Of Norwood, formerly of Dorchester, September 3, 2023, age 95 years. Loving companion and best friend of the late Eleanor M. Mahoney. Loving father of Robert A. Murray and his wife Patricia of FT Myers, FL, Paul Murray of Hull, the late Joanne Skinner, the late

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Nancy E. Mullaney and her surviving husband Paul of Bourne. Dear grandfather of Richie, Bobby, Gregg, Laurie, Lisa, Paul, Kristen, Joe, Tim, Jose, Mark, and Daniel. Cherished great-grandfather of Lauren, Drew, Richie, Grant, Kaeden, Kyle, Rory, and one on the way. Late Supervisor of Domino Sugar, U.S. Army Veteran, former member of the Boston Lodge of Elks #10, VFW #2017, and American Legion Post #18. Funeral from the James H. Delaney & Son Funeral Home, 48 Common Street, WALPOLE. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Saint Mary's Church, East Walpole. Interment will take place at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne.

TIERNEY



Maria Elena (Constantino), of Norwood, passed away on September 4, 2023. She was 79 Years old. Maria, "Maria Elena," "Mrs. T," was

everyone's favorite person. After a long career as a hairdresser, she greeted all who passed as a crossing guard at the Cleveland School in Norwood. To know her was to love her, and she would frequently leave evidence of her pink lipstick on all she delivered a kiss to. "Nobody got near her without getting the tattoo," and nobody walked away from her without smelling like the perfume section of Jordan Marsh. Incredibly giving and generous with her time and home, she would often host guests. Often friends of her children who had it rough at home, for sometimes a year or more. She was an avid shopper and loved to watch her police and fire shows; Blue Bloods, Chicago PD & Chicago Fire, to name a few. Maria bowled in a women's league in Norwood for years and was known for her bright pink bowling balls. Speaking of bright, her love for Christmas was unmatched and up until recently, she would have multiple decorated Christmas trees throughout the house year-round. She ended every phone conversation, if she was talking to a complete stranger or her best friend, with "I love you dear, I love you Hun." All she ever

knew was love. Mrs. T. was happiest surrounded by the love of her friends and family, especially her grandchildren. They were her world. Maria was the dear and devoted wife of 55 years of Thomas Tierney, Ret. Quincy PD. Loving mother of Thomas Tierney Jr. of Norwood and Timothy Tierney and his wife Kim of Dedham. Cherished grandmother, "Nona," of Ryan, Rory and Reese. Loving daughter of the late Joseph Constantino and Helen (Speridigliozzi). Dear sister of Joseph Constantino and his wife Diane "Deedee" of North Attleboro and the late Panfilio "Bobby" Constantino and Johnny "Tino" Constantino. Cherished Aunt of Francine and Scotty Booth, their children Michael and Briana and several other loving nieces and nephews. Loving nanny of Chad and Samantha Stumpo for 20 years. Funeral will be from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. NORWOOD. Contributions in Maria's memory may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute 44 Binney St. Boston, MA 02115. Maria will be laid to rest at Brookdale Cemetery in Dedham kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com

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