



Norwood Veterans Agent Teddy Mulvehill is retiring, at least to part-time.

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## Mulvehill: the job's not done...ever

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

"The job's not done," said outgoing Veterans Services Officer (VSO) Edmund "Teddy" Mulvehill. "It's still not done. Look at those claims right there. We got people who need our help."

Mulvehill sat in his office with claim forms on his desk in the process of being filled out. Around him sat mementos from soldiers and his time as a soldier in the U.S. Air Force. Medals, coins, two models of the most reliable and long-lasting plane in the U.S. Air Force History, the A-10 Warthog, and a picture of a young airman about to head out to Vietnam sporting a vaguely familiar smirk.

"I can remember being that young, I cannot remember being that thin," Mulvehill said.

Mulvehill is shipping out to retirement this week after about a quarter of a century in the position. But like he said, the job's not done and he'll be sticking around on a more limited capacity. He and others in his office did some napkin calculations recently when he decided he was going to retire and the VA asked "roughly" how many veterans he's helped in his time as VSO. He and his secretary Cindy estimated that his office has processed more than 35,000 soldiers' claims over the years.

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Progress is steady, according to the Norwood Recreation Department, on the Hawes Pool reconstruction.

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## Hawes Pool construction project on schedule

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Recreation Department says the construction project at Hawes Pool has, so far, run into no problems and is on track for completion next spring.

The pool's construction schedule came as a shock to some residents, as some felt it wasn't made clear that the pool would be closed this season. Regardless, Norwood Recreation Department Superintendent John Kinney and Assistant Recreation Director Sam White said there have been no problems at the site.

"The demolition of the project is

done," Kinney said, indicating the pool and the mechanical building. "The construction crews are working on moving extra soil away from site to the small parking lot. All the concrete has been trucked out of the project area."

White was able to go into a little more detail. "The project is well under way," he said. "Preparations are being put together for the pool piping system as we speak... There have been no holdups or anything. It's been great."

White said after the pipe system is in place, gravel ballast will be put

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## NNO returns to the Common

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

Norwood's annual National Night Out (NNO) returned to the Common last week to the delight of hundreds of residents.

The weather was threatening all day, with rain coming down both before and after the celebration, but it seemed like even the clouds were in support of the Norwood Police Department (NPD) event.

NNO is an event dating back to the 1980s Take Back the Streets movement, where residents would get together, often with their local police, and go out with flashlights and walk around their neighborhoods. The idea was to make the neighborhood more neighborly during a period of this

country's history when crime was extremely high.

Norwood conducted its first NNO in 2021 under then Norwood Police Department (NPD) Chief William Brooks. Chief Chris Padden said he's happy to continue the tradition.

"It's a great event, we have a great time and we have had great showings," he said. "The biggest thing about this event and events like this is that, in Norwood in particular, we have such great people and our officers are always working with them. The connection is really strong. Like, for instance, we just finished our second Youth Academy Program, and so the kids come to this event to say hi. The parents come out too. It's great here, there is never any-

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Hundreds of residents came out for this year's National Night Out.

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"Every case is different, each with its own unique challenges," he said, as he walked over to a filing cabinet bristling with paper copy case files. "I have 13 drawers like this. It just goes on and on and on and on and on and on. And then, on and on."

Mulvehill said the genesis of his career in the military started all the way back when he was kid and his father first told him about the missions he and his uncle flew in the B-17 Flying Fortresses over Germany in World War II. They both came back despite a two-week life expectancy for B-17 crews at the time. His father received a Distinguished Flying Cross.

"They gave the Distinguished Flying Cross instead of the Silver Star, so I grew up hearing about that as a little boy," he said. "And, of course, our TV in those days was all military programming. It was just part of my childhood."

He did odd jobs after high school – including being a busboy at the Harp and Bard – now Jake n' Joe's on Route 1 – until he made up his mind to join the U.S. Air Force.

"I didn't think much about it, it was just my turn," he said. "My father enlisted, my uncle enlisted, it was just my turn. I was 18, let's go."

It turned out that Mulvehill had a penchant for languages that had previously been overlooked.

"In seventh grade, Norwood Public Schools (NPS) said I had no language aptitude," he said with a laugh. "And then the Air Force said, 'You'd make a great linguist, we're going to send you to the best language school on the planet and you're going to learn North Vietnamese.' And I said, 'North Vietnamese? Aren't we at war with them?' I was totally oblivious, I swear. But it turned out I had a natural aptitude; valedictorian, who knew?"

I love throwing that back at NPS. No language skills huh?"

Mulvehill performed interrogations of captured enemy soldiers. He said he obtained certain information clearances from the Air Force for that required extensive interviews.

"I got top secret cryptologic clearance," he said. "Yeah! How I got that, I will never know. They sent a three-man team to Norwood while I was in basic. They talked with my family, my neighbors, work, the high school, and I came out smelling like a boy scout. Don't ask me how. I went in with a ponytail and they taught me how to keep a secret."

When he got back, he worked several laboring jobs before he and a friend were talking about the Iran Hostage Crisis, and felt they needed to get involved somehow.

"We both knew we were too old to go back in," he said. "They had some nerve, kidnapping American diplomats and imprisoning them. There were the pictures on TV of them blindfolded with the shirts over their heads and the handcuffs. We decided we needed to do something so we both joined organizations like The American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and I've been a member ever since."

Mulvehill said through working and showing his face at the American Legion, the VFW, memorial square dedications, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Fourth of July and other veterans-based events, he got noticed by then Norwood Veterans Agent George Thomas. "He sat here for 27 years before me, and helped thousands and thousands of veterans."

Mulvehill wanted the job, and so he made sure the first person anyone thought of when Thomas retired was Teddy Mulvehill.

"As time went by I realized

he's got a pretty good job," he said. "I'd like to do that job and help guys, my comrades. So as time went on and he got closer to retirement, I decided I was going to apply for that job. I became the Commander for the American Legion and Senior Vice Commander, the number 2, at the VFW. I also became president of Norwood's Veteran Council, became more active and participated in more programs and really got my name out there. I wanted what I wanted and I wanted the powers that be to think of me as the first person to replace him. And it worked out that way."

Mulvehill said he beat out nine other applicants for the job. The Board of Selectmen took a vote before the usual interview process and voted him into the position 3-2.

"The press went crazy," he said. "'Nepotism,' 'Backdoor dealings,' 'cronyism'; and it was. But I was also the right guy for the job."

Regarding the job, Mulvehill said outreach is still one of the most important parts. You can't get benefits to veterans or widows who don't know they are owed them. He said the main misconception he deals with is that vets who are in need but might not be as bad off as they could be think it's a zero-sum game with VA services and funds. But that's not the case.

"We've got guys who say, 'I'm not filing a claim and I'm not taking money away from those guys in West Roxbury on a gurney with no arms and no legs,'" he said. "It's a nice sentiment, but it's \*BZZT\* wrong. Their money is guaranteed and it's already been allocated by Congress. Nobody is going to lose anything, but we still have to continually file new claims to let the Congress know that there's an ongoing need to fund

other programs because if we stop, all those millions of dollars will go to some guy building an ant farm in Idaho. So we need to tell them there is an ongoing need. And there is an ongoing need."

He said veterans should think of the benefits as already earned from service.

"This is not charity, this is not a handout. This is an earned benefit," he said, likening VA benefits to a soldier's bunk and clothes. It's all part of the service. However, lately it's been an uphill battle. He said benefits that used to go to every honorably discharged veteran are drying up.

"We broke that promise 10 years ago," he said. "Legislation was enacted to require an income and asset threshold to enroll in the VA Healthcare system. If you're over the amount of income, income established by the VA as a threshold, you cannot get in."

However, Mulvehill said he's found somewhat of a loophole. Disabled veterans get in automatically, and so he works with each case to figure out how he can get them at least the 10 percent disability rating needed to get them into the VA system.

I might ask, "What was your job?" "Well, I was a cannoner," the veteran may respond. I mean I've seen pictures of these guys with Marlboro's in their ears. That was their only ear protection," Mulvehill said. "So we get them a disability rating, even if it's just the lowest one at 10 percent so they can get the healthcare they need."

Mulvehill said he's seen the public perception around veterans change, at least since he got home from his duty overseas. He said civilians have learned that there is a difference between the soldier and the policy that sent them to war.

"Unquestionably better," he said. "First of all, my mission statement is to make sure that veterans are never treated like we were when we came home. We want to make sure these guys are recognized for their service. And what I've learned as a result of Iraq and Afghanistan and the patriotism across America is that society has matured enough to separate the soldier and the policy. Protest? Grab a sign. Go to the White House and I'll be right beside you. But understand that the soldier, the kid on the front lines, he had nothing to do with the decision. Policy sends these kids into harm's way."

Mulvehill said he's proud of the "warrior's spirit," the current generation of soldiers demonstrate. He only told his family a few days before shipping out that he was joining up. But now, he's seen his nephew go into the U.S. Marine Corps with the love and support of his family.

"I asked my little brother, 'You alright with that? Him going in at 17?'" he said, noting it's



A young Ted Mulvehill.

a serious decision that anyone considering should really take their time with. "He said, 'Yeah, it'll grow him up.' Damn right, it will... Is it dangerous? Of course. It's the profession of arms. But these young folks today, when they come home? I'm happy for them."

Mulvehill is probably more known to those not requiring veterans services as the bass player in Roundhouse, a local band that he's been in since high school. He said the music is a part of his soul.

"When I'm wearing that guitar and making that music, that's when I have the most peace," he said. "That's where the chips get knocked off the most."

Mulvehill said there is absolutely nothing that can prepare someone for the job of a VSO. No book, no training manual, and no "this one weird trick."

"You learn on the job," he said.

He said there is a fine line you have to walk as a VSO. It's a balancing act. You have to be an advocate and do as much as you can to get as much as possible for the vets and their families. And sometimes, you have to fight for those who gave everything.

During the run up to the Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts he knew, in a kind of distant sort of way, he would have to deal with Norwood families who would lose a loved one. He personally has seen some serious combat; he had a friend walk into a bullet "my bullet." However, even that kind of experience doesn't soften the pain of dealing with the loss of a Gold Star Family.

"I mean a KIA in your hometown, where you know the parents? That was different, that was not something that I signed up for," he said. "I knew it was inevitable after 9/11, but I was truly not prepared. We muddled our way through it and we made sure the family got everything they needed from the Army, the Marine Corps, the State and the Town."

Mulvehill said he will still be advocating and working in the Norwood office at times, as Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said he can come back on a part-time basis. He said he will continue to advocate for veterans issues, including in the legislature, both in the statehouse and in congress because, as he said, the job is not done.

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# Selectmen discuss VSO, Cooper Park, affordable housing and 20 Vernon

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Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday evening and discussed with Assistant Director of Community Development Ilex Jones neighbor concerns around the parking areas and screening at the Bernie Cooper Memorial Waterfront Park.

The location of the park was to originally be a car storage lot for DCD Automotive Holdings. The lot was going to be connected through a bridge on the eastern side of the property to where a current car lot is. During the community process a large number of residents came forth to oppose it. In response, DCD Holdings' Michael Clemmey approached the Town with an offer to shrink the existing storage lot and put the other site up for sale, with the Town having the right of first refusal.

The Town ending up purchasing the property and former Assistant Town Manager Bernie Cooper was instrumental in both the acquisition and design of the park. However, he passed away during the process so Norwood decided to name the lot in his honor, recognizing his lifelong dedication to the Town.

The park's design phase started shortly thereafter including many public meetings. During the discussions a decision was made to create small parking areas around St. Joseph Avenue, St. Paul Avenue and, now the point of contention, St. John Avenue.

Jones said neighbors on St. Johns have expressed concerns that the planned new parking area would replace the existing (and recently repaved) cul-de-sac at the end of their road. The parking lot would allow for three vehicles. She said residents were concerned about losing their privacy buffer, as several trees would be lost.

Jones said the presented change order to address these concerns would run around \$13,000 just for the engineering design (not to mention the construction) to keep the cul-de-sac and to move the parking, as Selectman Michael Saad suggested. Jones said an additional public meeting would be likely required, as well as approvals from both the Conservation Commission and Planning Board. She said another idea would be to move the road and parking further into the park to keep the trees around the neighbors.

Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said there was ample time to have considered this, and change orders now, when the project is under construction, is problematic, to say the least. "We took a look at it, and those recommendations would be very costly and time-consuming and put the project out by a year," he said.

Jones said they could place more plantings to help screen the area with little cost and no time

delay.

Selectman Michael Saad said the plan didn't make sense and he felt it was wrong. "We're trying to save the trees. We want to have a nice park, but not cut down a lot of trees. You go down there it's like the Gaza Strip. It's unbelievable."

Jones said they cut down mostly invasive trees to put in the trails and, essentially, remove invasive species from the park to allow natives to grow. She also said they kept several invasive large growth trees, as they were too aesthetically pleasing to cut down, not to mention the shade they provided.

Saad said he had problems with the process, but Mazzucco pointed out there has been a myriad of public meetings around the project since its inception: a total of 58, including public hearings at the Board of Selectmen. He listed most of them.

"All these had abutter notifications," he said. "So this park has gone through an extensive review process, from a number of regulatory boards, all of our departments, as well as residents being notified for numerous meetings, and this is the final product. To say, 'Let's do it different,' is to say, 'To heck with all of that,' and then the question becomes, why do we bother with any public outreach?"

Selectmen decided to consider additional plantings for screening purposes but opted not to make additional design changes.

In other news, the Board expressed concern around the recent change to the job description of the Town's Veteran Services Officer (VSO). Mazzucco said they've restructured the position as there were some additional duties that didn't make sense for a VSO to handle, like processing parking tickets for instance. Now, he said they are putting the position under the Health Department, mainly for administrative reasons to help with budget organization.

The issue, according to Selectmen Matthew Lane and Saad, is that the retirement of Mulvehill, the new job description and the selection of candidates for interviews – which Mazzucco said is happening this week – all happened without oversight from the Board.

It should be noted that this was the only Board of Selectmen's meeting scheduled for this month and Mulvehill's retirement announcement happened a couple of weeks ago. Mazzucco said there has been oversight from the relevant departments as well as the Norwood Personnel Board, which is a public body that oversees, among other things, the creation of job descriptions.

Mazzucco and the Board agreed there would be better communication about this in the future. The Board doesn't always take as much interest in every new position or hire – of which Mazzucco said there are about 80 a year –

but it could be presumed from their interest that Mulvehill's impact on the Town over his 20-plus years had a part to play in this discussion.

Also at the meeting, Selectman Bill Plasko brought up a recent article (<https://tinyurl.com/244jx5jk>) that analyzed several recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions that could have a serious impact on both Norwood's and Massachusetts' affordable housing policy.

The precedents are complex, but the consensus appears to be from the article that recent decisions around public use on private property could nullify how the inclusionary zoning requirements in the state and municipal laws work, making affordable housing, already in dire short supply in the state, illegal. The Board agreed to have Town Counsel David DeLuca in to speak with them about the possible ramifications. It should be noted that the most likely outcome is that the state's affordable housing system would have to be reworked to accommodate the precedent, and is not exactly likely to disappear overnight.

Plasko also pointed to a recent Boston Globe article that stated Norwood has possibly the third highest average one-bedroom rent in the state.


"That's scary," he said. "It's not a good thing, not a great goal."

Finally, Selectman Matthew Lane said there will be a public hearing on the proposed 20 Vernon St. veterans housing for 20 units on August 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St. The proposal is for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds of \$800,000 to be used for Caritas Communities to purchase the site.



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# OPINION

## The Great Ice Cream Caper

A crack investigative effort by the Town of Norwood uncovered a sinister plot to disseminate ice cream among the masses under the guise of a fundraiser. The unscrupulous but brilliant group disguised as a local Norwood family set up shop at the end of a driveway of a seemingly innocuous residential property where they utilized a young lad (kidnapped? Yet to be determined as the investigation continues) who was forced to spin a yarn of trying to raise money for a hockey team his brother (no doubt a Russian Bot) plays on. And if that wasn't bad enough, this dastardly group even went as far as to pronounce that the team is made up of kids with disabilities. Oh the depravity.

If it wasn't for a truly patriotic American, akin to Daniel Ellsberg, who had the guts to report this modern day moonshine operation to authorities, honorable citizens would have unknowingly continued to contribute to this den of thieves. The public continues to clamor for this hero to reveal themselves so as to receive his or her much deserved accolades.

Unlike most of the nonsense written above, the public would like to know who ratted the kid out, not to heap praise but to publically scorn. And it appears the majority of folks living here think local authorities, i.e. the board of health, were wrong to shut the ice cream sales down. "Why is this different than a lemonade stand or a bake sale" people wondered. "Why can't people mind their own business and let the kid do a good thing" people griped. And the most popular one "Why does local government need to stick its nose into other people's business, don't they have another condo development to support or more illegals to house and educate?"

The fact of the matter is chances are very good that the person who tipped off the Town to the ice cream sales did so for good reasons, chief among them Salmonella and Listeria. Ice cream sales are very closely monitored by authorities for good reason. Ice cream is a breeding ground for bacteria. Simply undercooking or using raw eggs while making it can cause symptoms of infection include fever, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Even if it has melted and been refrozen can cause severe illness, particularly in pregnant women, newborns, older adults, and people with weakened immune systems. Heck, even storing it at an improper temperature can wreak havoc to a consumer's digestive system. Ice cream shops need to spend their own money monthly to have inspectors come in and randomly check their ice cream for bacteria, that's how serious it is.

Had someone become sick after consuming this kid's ice cream the public would no doubt be screaming as to how Norwood could have allowed this to happen. The board of health et al did exactly what they were supposed to do. They are not the villains some are making them out to be.

Thankfully, all's well that ends well as the young entrepreneur has been inundated with contributions from those recognizing not only the goodness of his heart but his willingness to step up and help out. This country needs many more just like him.

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# Letters to the Editor

## OOPS, FORGOT THE LOADING DOCK

To the Editor:

Somehow, amid the numerous change orders at the new Coakley Middle School (under construction), the loading docks and trash disposal were omitted from the design which of course called for a change order. Another change order was needed to relocate utilities because the elevation of several manhole covers was wrong so the design had to be tweaked

and the manhole covers moved. This particular change order cost \$240K. The combined change orders add up to about \$1 million. MSBC member Phil Riccardi (Middle School Building Committee) expressed his concern about this during a recent meeting, and this fact was published in the July 25, 2024 Norwood Record.

How was this missed? Ver-tex Project management, Ai3 Architects, and contractor W.T. Rich all share responsibility.

Come on, the days of vellum drafting paper and cast iron pencil sharpeners are long gone. This is all done by computer and the software should have built-in error checking.

Why should we get stuck with the bill? Don't get me wrong, building a school is a very complex project with many people and lots of moving parts. However, when you bid on a project you need to

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## IN A WORD

A Norwood anecdote tells of a friend bringing his Japanese girlfriend home. When his father, a Pacific theater WWII veteran, saw the girl, he took my friend's arm, moved him into another room and stuttered, "It... it... it was a surprise attack!"

I worked as a parts inspector for Butler Automatic in Canton. My supervisor told me that before participating in the post-war occupation of Japan, he was in Guam awaiting orders for the expected invasion of Japan when the atomic bombs were dropped. I asked him what he thought of the use of the weapons and his eyes lit up: "They saved my life!"

Sixty years after I stood in a hole-in-the-wall joint with Mr. White, sipping beer. I could neither pronounce nor spell his real name, but he assured it meant "White" in English. He did not understand my question. He squinted and grimaced, turned the word to decipher its meaning, "Wa, wuh, woer... " and finally understood, "War!" He squinted and grimaced, ground fist to forehead, and slowly said,

"You very serious mahn, Donald-san. In Juh-pahn we... do not... like... speak of... Secon Worl Wah. How say... we love life... we love... every day... each minute. In Juh-pahn we... prefer... forget... Secon Worl Wah." Mr. White appeared shocked by my next question. This was not surprising, occurring in a society a columnist in that very morning's newspaper had described as, "a harmony-craving nation, where words are painstakingly weighed and conflict cautiously avoided."

"You... very... serious mahn." He would not look at

me, but mumbled, agitated to the extent he no longer tried to elicit correct English. He finally said, "Atomic... America tries... control the... worl..." When doors closed to signal the end of day, my friend scribbled a note and forced it into my hand. It read, "If you have a time, see you again. This pab is very ceap. And safty. Ever body gard shall you - Mr. White."

That evening in the seaport of Mihara, where is located the sprawling Mitsubishi plant in which we worked, was spent with American co-workers. At dinner we ate okonomiyaki, a pan-seared noodle dish prepared with a choice of octopus, shrimp, or scallops. We engaged in usual road banter; we have named the day you leave Japan "Groundhog Day," because you land in the U.S. before you left. We agree it would not advance relations to refer to microwaving as "nuking" your food. I told the others I had been trying to convince the Japanese at work that "Cleveland, ohayo" indicated in English a really good morning. Staring at exotic seafood menus, it was commented, "I hear they have righteous weed here..."

"A lot of older Japanese will come up to you and the first thing they say is, 'I am not a man of war,'" one who had worked here previously said. "It's still on their minds."

Coincidentally, it was August 15th, the anniversary of V-J Day, Victory over Japan. I waited until a nearby woman, who spoke fluent English and had helped order our meals, left. I then raised my glass: "You guys know what day this is—to the Greatest Generation." And four American-held glasses of Kirin beer rushed together in Mihara, forty miles from where a sun once burst



Don Reddick

over Hiroshima.

The following evening, I entered a restaurant alone and experienced the usual, pointing at a menu picture to order, sitting, sushi out of water among a black-haired crowd very much aware of my presence. I ordered Kirin with usual pantomime and noticed a man staring from the counter. He was Ohtani of the Dodgers, the same features, same hair, same eyes. When we made eye contact, I nodded and soon arrived a hot dog on a stick, followed by shrimp on a stick. The waitress motioned to Ohtani who nodded, over and over. He spoke, but of course I could not understand. I nodded thanks, called over, "Arigato." I motioned the waitress to buy him a beer. When it arrived, he was excited, repeatedly bowing and nodding. He rose and approached. I had uttered my one word of Japanese, he had only one word of English. He came to me, shook my hand, and raised his beer to mine.

"Peace," is all he said, bowing and nodding, then said it again, as though ensuring I understood.

"Peace."

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The site at 43 East Vernon, which the ZBA members said needed more parking planning before they could sign off on a new unit at the residence.

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## Parking an issue at 43 East Vernon

**Diya Bhandari**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) voted unanimously to continue a proposal to convert a two-family residence at 43 East Vernon St. into a three-family due to concerns around parking.

Property owner Lawrence O'Brien said he wishes to maximize the utility of the space, and has proposed converting a common area in the building into a new studio apartment.

O'Brien said, "I have the space; I would like to utilize it. It would be helpful to be able to bring in that income. It's a beautiful property, and I'm just looking to utilize a little bit more of it."

The ideal had previously been brought before the Board of Appeals in 2004 and 2008 and was rejected. Both times, the Board had concerns about the compliance with zoning regulations and the parking design. The current proposal similarly faces concerns regarding the driveway and parking and whether they meet standard dimensions for residential properties.

The plan submitted by O'Brien includes a proposal for eight parking spaces. However, concerns were raised by the ZBA regarding the parking arrangement and its impact on traffic and pedestrians. ZBA member Joanne Powell highlighted that the Board's primary concern is the driveway's width and its ability to accommodate the increase in vehicles.

ZBA Board Member Matt O'Neil highlighted the narrowness of the driveway, which is currently 20 feet wide. Given that each parking space is designed to be 10 feet wide, O'Neil and other board members questioned whether the

driveway would provide sufficient space for vehicles to maneuver, especially when entering and exiting the area.

O'Brien explained the current parking dynamics and said that while the driveway might seem tight, it has been functional up to this point with the existing two units. He added that with the addition of a studio apartment, managing the parking situation would simply require coordination among all tenants to ensure smooth operation.

"It's always worked to this point," O'Brien said. "There is plenty of space, and it's just a matter of working together."

The ZBA reviewed how the parking and traffic flow might affect both vehicular traffic and pedestrian safety. Members expressed the need for a more detailed analysis to better understand the implications of adding a third unit.

"We need to ensure that any

changes to the property will not negatively impact the safety and accessibility of the area," said Sheehan.

Without further information, the ZBA Board members said they were reluctant to move forward. Sheehan said they needed more precise measurements to confirm that the new unit and any vehicles the tenant(s) might bring with them will not adversely affect the neighborhood. The Board agreed that they would also need a certified parking plan from an engineer or land surveyor.

O'Neil, who said he is in favor of the proposal, acknowledged the parking complications, stating, "I think the parking situation is an issue, but I don't see it as an impediment to moving forward."

The Board voted to continue the hearing until Oct. 1 to give O'Brien time to come up with the required documentation.

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## Will My Wife Get a Spousal Benefit from Me?

**Dear Rusty:** I will be turning 70 (yikes) this coming November. I will begin taking my Social Security benefit at that time. My age 70 SS benefit will be approximately \$4,500 per month. My spouse (who is currently 74) began receiving her SS benefits about 10 years ago - before her FRA. She receives approximately \$1,900 per month.

My question is, based on my expected SS monthly benefit of approximately \$4,500, would my spouse be eligible for an increase in her monthly SS benefit? I've read some articles about this topic, but none of them seem to be on point - so I thought I'd reach out to you.

**Signed: Seeking Answers**

**Dear Seeking:** Congratulations on choosing a claiming strategy which will maximize your Social Security. Waiting until age 70 to claim guarantees you will get the most you can personally receive for the rest of your life, along with annual Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA). But the spouse benefits available to your wife when you claim are not based on your age 70 amount. Rather, spouse benefits are calculated using full retirement age (FRA) amounts. Here's what that means:

If your age 70 benefit will be about \$4,500 then your FRA amount was likely around \$3,450. If your wife claimed at, say, 64, then her FRA entitlement would probably have been around \$2,200. Your



**Russell Gloor**  
AMAC Certified Social  
Security Advisor

wife will only get a spousal boost if 50% of your FRA amount (not your age 70 amount) is more than her own FRA entitlement. From what you've shared, 50% of your FRA amount would be about \$1,750, which is less than your wife's FRA entitlement (and her current age 64 amount), which means that she would not be eligible for a spousal boost to her own amount from you.

Spouse benefits can be tricky, because they're based on FRA entitlements, regardless of the age at which benefits are actually claimed. That is not so, however, for surviving spouse benefits. If you were to predecease your wife, her benefit would be your entire \$4,500 amount, instead of her own smaller current amount. Surviving spouse benefits are based on the amount each of you are currently receiving, not on your amounts at your full retirement age.

I hope this answers your question, but we're always here if you need any further assistance.

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## Hawes Pool *continued from page 1*

down to provide a solid foundation for the pool itself.

"And then they're going to reinforce the bar framework for the pool shell," he said. "Once that's done, the sprayed concrete will be formed to create the pool shell. The foundation and structure of the pool mechanical building will be up next."

White said several members of the Recreation Department have been able to obtain pieces of the old pool as mementos of their time there. "We do have some and we'll be keeping those pieces close to us," he said with a laugh.

White said the shell construction should be completed by late October, and the final construction and tying of loose ends will be done by the spring.

"The final project, when it's all said and done, getting everything out of there, cleaning up the parking lot and doing everything we have to do, it will be done by

next May," he said, "at the very latest."

White said they will likely be putting together a ceremony to welcome back the community to Hawes Pool when it's reopened.

"We'll have a big kickoff I'm sure," he said.

White said there have been no noise complaints from nearby residents, though the pool doesn't have a lot of residential neighbors. He said trail users for the Endean Trail can still park at the Coakley Middle School, and they've had no complaints there as well.

"There is a temporary parking lot that goes into the tennis courts and you can walk on either side of the tennis courts at this point," he said. They will be opening up the entrance to the trails at the Washington Street Bridge to the north of the pools to allow hikers more access.

"It's blocked off right now but it should be open in the next week or two," he said. "The playground is open now

too."

White said the department is excited to get the project finished as soon as possible.

"They're doing a fantastic job there," he said. "We're excited to have it open next summer and have a great facility for everyone to use in Town."

On the other side of Town, Kinney said the department is looking to keep Father Mac's open until the end of August, but that is all dependent on how many lifeguards they can keep employed.

"The pool itself, our hope is to keep it open until the end of August," he said. "Hours of operation will depend on the number of lifeguards we will have on hand toward the end of the month, as many of them go back to school and college. We will have more updates on pool hours through facebook/social media and our website."

For more information, go to the Rec. Dept.'s website at <https://tinyurl.com/ypknsb46> or its Facebook page at <https://tinyurl.com/2rnv4b6c>

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take responsibility for the result. For instance, if we changed our minds and decided to change the size of the cafeteria, re-locate the bathrooms, or the like, we would expect to pay for those change orders. But if you forget the loading dock, or measure the elevation for the man-

hole covers incorrectly, that shouldn't be on us.

If I hire a contractor to remodel my bathroom and they forget to include the tile, I'm not paying for that! I ran a solo handyman business in Norwood for 20 years until I retired last year. I never asked

a customer to pay more than I quoted because of an error or omission on my part. If I measured wrong and the window didn't fit, I ate the cost. It's a matter of integrity. Why should we allow this?

*Steve Konetchy  
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# Night Out *continued from page 1*

thing negative.”

Padden said while the atmosphere during the event is always great, sometimes events out of folks’ control can put a bit of a damper on things.

“Two years ago we did have the fire,” he said, referring to the 2022 event where a laundrymat’s ventilation system caught fire. “That wasn’t ideal, but sometimes you have to deal with what’s dealt.”

Resident William McCarthy said he was glad he came out, and happy he got a personal reminder from someone high up in the NPD in the past to come out.

“Norwood’s finest here, we’ve been blessed with all of you, and I mean it, I don’t say anything unless I can say something nice,” he said. “And the only thing I can say about tonight is that it was great. And the only way I knew about it, is that Chief Brooks texted me about it. He didn’t have to do that.”

Brooks was at the event, and while he mingled around with residents, he still helped out. He put on his old patrolman’s uniform and stood at the Nahatan/Washington Street intersection helping residents cross the street.

“I haven’t put on my patrolman’s uniform since 1985!” he said with a laugh. “Everybody really loves this, and it’s been happening nationwide since 1984. It’s a great thing.”

The conversation paused as Brooks walked across the street to help out a resident crossing Nahatan. Brooks is happy to pick up a little retirement work for NNO.

“I told them I wouldn’t come back for traffic details but I’ll come and be a crossing guard for NNO,” he said. “It’s such an amazing event.”

Residents Christian Carballo and Alisa Kuhn said they’ve been coming since the event started. “It’s the community,” Carballo said. “Norwood is a family-oriented Town so you know it’s going to be good.”

“My kids love it,” Kuhn said. “The food and the ice cream don’t hurt either. And it’s nice to see other parents you don’t normally get to see in the summer when school’s out.”

“The food, for the low low price of ‘On the House,’ it’s right in our wheelhouse,” Carballo said.

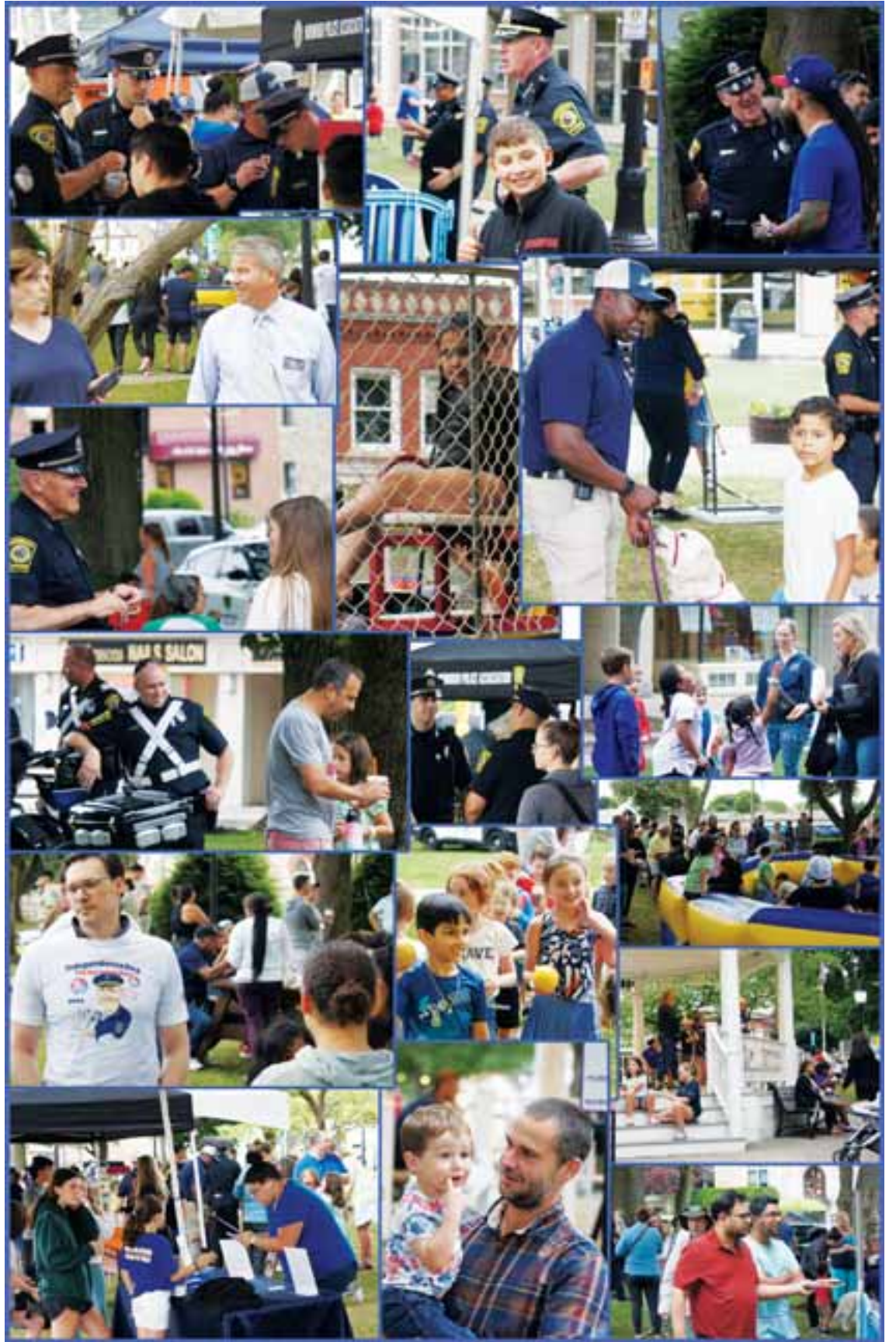
Resident Michael Rezek said he came out because he’d “do anything to support our Town.”

“The police do a lot for us and our community, and it’s a really good Town,” he said. “They bring people together in the summer. Most towns don’t do this. They’re always looking for something to do for the kids and families, even closing off streets and things like that. It’s a great way to meet the community and talk to people.”

Rezek was out with his daughter and his rather hairy friend Brownie. “He’s a Belgian Malinois (Belgian Shepherd) and he came to us about six months ago from an abusive situation and it’s taken me about five months to work the defensiveness and aggression out of him. Now he’s a normal house dog,” he said. “But he’s still a Malinois, and he’s got a lot of energy and he’s always working. He’s a great dog.”

Exclusive Barber Shop barbers Ozzie Cabrera and Anderson Rodriguez said they wanted to get out and support the community. “We wanted to have some fun, and everybody seems to be doing good here,” Cabrera said.

“I really like Norwood, the Norwood Police and the activities they have here,” Anderson said.



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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. NO24P2206EA

Estate of: **James P. Kulpan** Norfolk Probate and Family Court  
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Date of Death: **10/16/2023** Canton, MA 02021  
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To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Virginia Kulpan of Phoenix, AZ** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that:  
**Virginia Kulpan of Phoenix, AZ** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 A.M. on the return day of 09/11/2024**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: August 09, 2024  
Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

Norwood Record: 08/15/2024

**GILCHRIST**

Robyn Elizabeth, age 57, of Norwood, passed away on Saturday, August 3, 2024. Born in Mississauga Ontario, Canada, she was the daughter of Wilfred Gilchrist and the late Eleanor Grace (Portillo). Robyn worked for many years as an RACF Specialist for RHS Consulting. Robyn was a huge asset to her job as a computer security wizard! She loved working for Bob and their team. Her favorite hobbies were gardening, flying airplanes, driving her BMW, camping, Newport Jazz Festival, community concerts and music tribute bands. Her favorite band was RUSH. She loved her fur babies Penny and Kyla. In addition, Robyn was a Norwood Town Meeting Member. Robyn was the beloved wife of Darlene Meyer of Norwood. Robyn is survived by her Father, Wilfred Gilchrist, step-mother Linda Redckop both of Ottawa and step-father Stan Jasinski of Dallas Texas. She was the sister of Alison Schorr of Georgia, the late John Robert Jasinski, and the aunt of Max and Nora Schorr of Georgia and Izzy Rapiet of Maryland. Services were held in the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood on Saturday August 10, 2024.

**JOHNSON**



Donald C., age 76, of Norwood, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family

**Deaths**

on Wednesday, August 7, 2024. Born in Boston, MA, he was the son of the late Francis Johnson and Esther (Caldwell) Johnson, and brother of Ann Smith and her husband Philip J. Smith. Don was Judy's best friend and husband. From youthful adventures on the Cape to falling deeply in love and building a family, their bond was like no other. As a father to Mandy, Chris, and Mallory, Dad was the ultimate cheerleader and encouraged his children to pursue all of their dreams. Dad was so happy to welcome Adam and Gina-Marie to the family. He loved his children fiercely. Known as Papa to his grandchildren, he was quick to cry tears of joy – his love for them so deep that he was moved beyond words for the simplest of reasons. Alex, Nate, Adrianna, Vivian, and Estelle each had unique relationships with their Papa and shared many laughs and adventures with him. Don was quite the character, as friends will attest. His quick wit and warmth bought him many a write in vote for town elections. He was kind to all and loved to make people smile and laugh. His Halloween costumes were highly anticipated around Crestwood Circle for decades – Judy's creations were incredible and the kids were thrilled to have the coolest Dad ever. There will never be anyone like Don, we were so lucky to have him. Donald is also loved by his three sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, and nephews. A Celebration of Life will be held in the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, (Rt. 1A) NORWOOD on Friday, August 23, 2024 from 4-7PM. Interment will be held at Newton Cemetery, 791 Walnut

Street, Newton at a date to be determined. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Donald's memory to the Animal Rescue League of Boston.

**KIGGEN**



Janice E. of Norwood, formerly of Brighton, August 7, 2024. Janice passed away bravely, fighting a debilitating ALS diagnosis. Janice was a beloved teacher for 35 years in the town of Burlington, after graduating from Emmanuel College. Janice was predeceased by her parents, Robert and Margaret (MacInnis) Kiggen; and her brothers, Charles, Joseph and James Kiggen. She leaves behind her sisters, Mary Sylvester and Jean Hill; 13 nieces and nephews and 22 great-nieces and nephews. Janice was always on the go following the sun, golfing, exercising, reading, traveling and spending quality time with family and friends. She will be sorely missed. Funeral from the Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment at Holyhood Cemetery in Brookline. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Janice's honor to ALS or the charity of your choice. For directions and guestbook, [gormleyfuneral.com](http://gormleyfuneral.com) William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

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*Grateful thanks. —K.B.*

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

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on September 3, 2024, at 7:00 PM** on the request of **Marvin Solomon (Case #24-17)** with respect to property located at **65 Cranmore Rd, Norwood, MA 02062 [Map 20 Block 2 Lot 1]**, in the **Single Residence (S) 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:

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This Application requests a **Special Permit** pursuant to Zoning Bylaw **Section 5.4** to construct an addition by adding a second story to the existing single-family residence that would expand the habitable floor area by more than 25%. The structure is pre-existing non-conforming in area, frontage, and side and front set back.

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

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

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# Morrill Library Events

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

## SENSORY-FRIENDLY ART CLASSES

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

Join the art instructor Stephanie Enloe for sensory-friendly art classes for adults, a program specially designed for adults with all levels of cognitive abilities. The attendees will get a chance to create an art piece in a sensory-friendly and inclusive environment. August movies are: The Marsh King's Daughter (108 mins) -R. She said (129 mins)- R.

The class schedule is as follows: 8/16, 8/23, 8/30, 9/6, 9/20, 9/27, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27

The program is free and open to attendees aged 18+.

## MONDAY MOVIE MATINEES ARE BACK!

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to continue our Monday Movie Matinee film series. The series will run thru September, 2024. The films will be shown on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Showtime at 1PM.

If you love movies and want to immerse yourself in unforgettable cinematic experiences, Morrill Memorial Library is the place to be! Join us on the 2nd and 4th Monday afternoons from June through September to enjoy an eclectic mix of movies. Movie dates are: 6/10, 6/24, 7/8, 7/22, 8/12, 8/26, 9/9, and 9/23. September movies are: The Color Purple, 2023 remake (140 mins) - PG13. Drive-Away Dolls (84 mins)- R

## SENSORY-FRIENDLY FRIDAY MOVIE

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 August 23, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our August movie in the Sensory-friendly Friday movie series is Disney Pixar's Onward, rated PG. This event is recommended for attendees aged 18 and up.

## SENSORY-FRIENDLY LEGO CLUB

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to host a Sensory-friendly Lego Club for Adults. Our August Lego Club meeting will be held in-person at the library on Thursday August 22, from 1pm -2pm.

Please join us in this creative adventure. Just bring your imagination - we will provide the Legos. The Club is free, inclusive, and open to anyone ages 18+. It is specially designed for adults with different levels of abilities.

## HENNA AT NORWOOD DAY!

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to bring back henna artist Ms. Nachu for some free henna at the library booth on Norwood Day on Saturday September 7. Visit our booth between 10:30am-2:30pm to score some free henna. Come early and skip the wait, our booth is busier in the afternoon. See you Saturday September 7, 2024 from 10:30am-2:30pm!

## UNDERSTANDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Morrill Memorial Library is partnering with The Second Step to bring an information session on domestic violence to the library on Tuesday September 10, at 6:30PM in the Simoni Room. Understanding domestic violence: what is it and how does it impact me?

Come join The Second Step for an informational presentation to learn more about domestic violence and how it might show up in your life. Domestic violence is an epidemic that isn't often discussed, yet it is present in all communities. You can expect to leave understanding what domestic violence is, how it shows up in our community,

what local resources are available, and more. This presentation is not just for survivors or loved ones, all are encouraged to attend!

About The Second Step: The Second Step is a nonprofit domestic violence organization in Newton that serves survivors across the state of Massachusetts. TSS provides many services for survivors, including safety planning, legal support, court accompaniment, housing support, advocacy, referrals to outside resources, and support groups. In addition to our survivor services, TSS offers community education programs, including trainings for businesses, schools, and nonprofits about domestic violence. If you are experiencing domestic violence and want to speak with an advocate at The Second Step, please call 617-965-2538.

## WHICH MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT IS BEST FOR ME?

Morrill Memorial Library is partnering with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts to bring a presentation on the very important topic of Medicare Plans to the library. The program is called Medicare Supplement Plans or Medicare Advantage Plans: Which coverage is best for me? on September 17, at 7:00 PM in the Simoni Room.

Medicare Supplement Plans or Medicare Advantage Plans? This is the #1 question most people have when deciding on the coverage that is best for them. This presentation will discuss the differences between Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage plans, show real life case studies and provide resources to help in the decision process. This presentation is great for people new to Medicare and also for existing Medicare members that will have the option to make changes to their plan during the Annual Election Period from October 15th through December 7th or during the Medicare Advantage open enrollment period from January 1st through March 31st.

# For the Record

## MONTHLY BALLROOM DANCE

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging will be sponsoring their monthly Ballroom Dance, on Friday, August 16th from 7-10 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood. Music will be provided by Dave Valerio and the cost is \$12.00 per person for your Ballroom Dancing pleasure. The August dance will have a Hawaiian Theme. 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

## OPENINGS FOR PARKWAY CONCERT ORCHESTRA

Parkway Concert Orchestra is a 50 piece community orchestra under the musical direction of Thomas Kociela which performs classical and pops selections 4-6 times per year in multiple locations around the southwest suburbs of Boston. The orchestra rehearses on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 at First Congregational Church, 100 Winter Street, Norwood. The fall season begins on September 9, 2024, preparing for concerts on October 27, December 8 and 15. There are openings for all positions with emphasis on viola, bassoon and percussion. Experienced volunteer musicians are invited to contact us to attend open rehearsals on September 9 and 16 to see if we are a good fit. Please call 781-444-5041 or email parkwayconcertorchestra@gmail.com. For more information about the orchestra, visit the orchestra's web site at [www.parkwayconcertorchestra.org](http://www.parkwayconcertorchestra.org).

## MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP TO MEET

The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 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.

## FARMERS MARKET OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The Norwood Farmers Market cut the ribbon and is open for business. The market will be Tuesdays through October 15, from 2-6pm on the Town Common.

The Norwood Farmers Market features 4 produce farms Oakdale, Riverdale, Barbosa Family and Medway Community Farms that all accept SNAP benefits plus the students from Norfolk Agricultural School's Student Farm along Pumpkin Farm which sells pastured-raised meats. Also, Jordan Brothers Seafood, Ally's Cookies, Microgreens by the Sea, Native Kitchen, Norwood's own LaBaguette North Bakery, Dorothy's Garden Flowers along with artisans Eight Bells Weaving, Pretty Little Links Jewelry and local organizations: Morrill Memorial Library, Norwood Trails Advisory Committee, Impact Norwood, Global Smiles Foundation and many others.

For more information or to get weekly updates go to our website: [norwoodma.gov/farmersmarket](http://norwoodma.gov/farmersmarket) or follow Norwood MA Farmers Market on Facebook and Instagram.

## 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 August 26, 2024 at 7:00 PM** at the request of David Hern, Jr., Esq. representing VPG 259 Lenox LLC regarding property located at **259 Lenox St (Map 6 Block 5A Lots 5&11), Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **Manufacturing Zoning District (M) and MBTA Communities Multifamily Overlay District-Norwood Central (MCMOD-NC)**. 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 Section 9.5.6.B [Bonuses: Stormwater and Heat Island bonus] of the Norwood Zoning Bylaw for one story of additional building height in exchange for enhanced storage and treatment of stormwater runoff and heat mitigation. The Board will also conduct Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 10.5 for redevelopment of the property for multifamily housing with associated landscaping and parking area improvements.

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](mailto:comdev@norwoodma.gov) or by calling 781-762-1240 ext. 6055, Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Norwood Record: 08/08/24, 08/15/24



# 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.

## G70 Genesis

How many brands of cars are out there? Not many—lots of SUVs and crossover vehicles. Well, there are a few imports that can still build a fabulous four-door and Genesis has done it right. A great car that serves multi functions. I had a real performance sedan AWD, 3.3 twin turbo V/6, 365 HP, 8-speed automatic, Brembo brakes, and all the safety features one could want. Power folding mirrors, puddle lights, high beam assist, leather seats, heated and ventilated front seats and steering wheel, 8-inch digital dash cluster, 10.25-inch navigation system, 19-inch alloy wheels, variable exhaust valve system (just like HP vehicles), Lexicon HO audio system, wireless charging, wide sunroof, and much more. The G70 Genesis sports sedan starts out with a turbocharged 2.5, 4-cylinder. Our Sports Prestige had the 3.3 twin turbo. Absolutely an amazing car in every way. Quality interior and nice body lines. Warranty: 10 year/100,000 mile power train, 5 year 60,000 mile new car warranty. Just another reason to take a close look at this car. MSRP starts around \$41,000 and goes up into the low \$50,000 range.

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](mailto:news@bulletinnewspapers.com) and we will do our best to get them answered.



**Monday, August 5**

1207 911 - PD-Mental Health Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Norwood Healthcare - Washington St e911 caller is staff member requesting Section 12 for a male patient who is being threatening and aggressive towards patients and staff. Staff state they have Section 12 in hand. Party is at the front door. Party transported by fire.

1347 911 - PD-Mental Health Transported to Hospital Location/Address: OAK RD

1454 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Yew Dr Caller on 911, stating a female party is on her property and she would like her removed. Caller stating she has had previous altercations with this neighbor in the past. Officers were able to speak to the calling party but were unable to speak with the suspect. Officers spoke with landlord who stated they would speak to them. It was a new tenant who was probably just looking around. Units clear.

1533 Phone - PD-Assist Public Report Follows Location/Address: Lane Dr Caller seeking advice about her elderly neighbor and his driving abilities.

1829 Radio - PD-Harassment Services Rendered Location/Address: Rock St Walk in party in the lobby would like to speak to an officer in regards to ongoing harassment. Spoke to both parties and both are claiming harassment on each other. Both have been advised on options moving forward and agreed to stay away from each other.

2021 Phone - PD-Mental Health Transported to Hospital Vicinity of: Norwood Shell - Walpole St 911- female hallucinations called in by a 3rd party. Stating the female is in her vehicle. Female party with a voluntary transport to BI Needham by Walpole FD.

2038 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Highland St Female party made Q5 statements by train to a 988 national suicide hotline. Pinged the phone near the above residence.

**Tuesday, August 6**

0148 Initiated - PD-Disabled Motor Vehicle Report Follows Location/Address: Neponset St + Hazelwood Dr DMV MA REG 5MSK99. NWD 668 reports one in custody. Don and Wally's has the vehicle. Arrest: Francois, Mayklens Johnn Address: 947 Centre St Brockton, Ma Age: 30 Charges: OUI-Liquor Or .08% Alcohol In MV, Possess Open Container Of Marijuana +2 Oz, Possess Outside Residence

1157 Phone - PD-Assault Offenses Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Windsor Gardens - Walpole St Caller reports he was kicked in stomach

and needs go to the hospital. Caller reports the person who assaulted him isn't on scene. Norwood 667 reports the claims he made were unfounded, party is being transported to the hospital by FD.

1840 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Cedar St Call from HQ reporting 67 yr old woman wearing a pink shirt wandering in the area and not making sense. Last seen heading towards Washington. Officer Baker out with that party at Lenox and Willow. Officers spoke with and brought back to her home at Lenox St. Made contact with her son who will be checking in on her.

**Wednesday, August 7**

1503 Phone - PD-Disturbance Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Norwest Dr

1634 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Spoke With Location/Address: Centennial Dr Hesco Elder Services requesting a wellness check on a patient who did not answer the door today for his meal. Last heard from yesterday, appears to be an ongoing issue with him not answering the door. Norwood Fire transporting to BI Needham.

2030 Walk-In - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Austin St Party in the lobby reports ongoing noise issues with neighbors at Tremont Street. Extra checks at night time to be conducted for loud parties.

2119 Initiated - PD-House/Building Check Building Checked/Secured Location/Address: Tremont St Spoke to the resident of Tremont St about an ongoing noise complaint from a neighbor. Resident was advised and acknowledged the complaint.

**Thursday, August 8**

1258 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Washington St Off with NJ REG: X71PBG. Running the male party through III. Requesting a hook. One male party in custody in regards to 2 previous iPhone theft incidents. Male party was tracking a FEDEX truck #268487. Fedex was delivering an iPhone to and the male party was awaiting the truck. 661 returning to the station with one adult male in custody. Arrest: Belen Serrano, Bryan Enmanuel Address: 60 Joseph A Fern Ct Weymouth, Ma Age: 24 Charges: Larceny Over \$1200 Larceny Under \$1200 Receive Stolen Property -\$1200

1500 911 - PD-Suspicious Activity Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: First Congregational Church - Winter St 911 caller reports two Hispanic males breaking into the drop off box at

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the congregational church, Caller reports they are in a UHAUL leaving the parking lot heading onto Walpole Street. Vehicle was stopped and vehicle took off on 667. Arrest: Depina, Kevin C Address: 28 Martland Ave Brockton, Ma Age: 27 Arrest: Depina, Keven Address: 107 Ames St Apt. #8 Brockton, Ma Age: 26 Charges: Break Into Depository Attempted Larceny Conspiracy To Break Into A Depository Resist Arrest Default Warrant Arrest: Carvalho, Rilton Address: 113 Highland St Apt. #2 Brockton, Ma Age: 27 Charges: Break Into Depository Attempted Larceny Conspiracy To Break Into Depository Resist Arrest Unlicensed Operation Of MV Stop For Police, Fail Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle

1610 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Shaw's Supermarket - Nahatan St Caller on the business line reporting a disturbance between a customer and her manager. She stated the party became erratic and threatened to knock her out when asked to put her dog on a leash. Parties are separated, only verbal at this time. Described to be a W/F, grey sweatshirt, black pants, brown hair w/ a small dog. Spoke with the female party and she has been escorted off the property. Units clear.

2315 911 - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Murphy Field - Lenox Ave Caller reports 2 males 1 female smashing bottles. Resident reports hearing yelling coming from outside of her house, unknown on the situation. Norwood 669 reports speaking with those parties, they were sent on their way, clear.

**Friday, August 9**

0209 Phone - PD-Disturbance Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Courtyard By Marriott - River Ridge Dr Caller on 911 reports male party was half-naked, yelling and causing a disturbance. Norwood 661 reports that party is being transported for an evaluation by FD, clear.

1608 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Ellis Nursing And Rehabilitation Center - Ellis Ave Employee from Ellis Nursing home called to report a resident stated another resident had hit them w/ a walker. Mandated to report.

2322 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Collision Report Follows Location/Address: Norwood Bike Depot - Broadway Caller on 911 reports their vehicle was struck while parked, other vehicle fled, no description. Norwood 662 reports the suspects bumper is under the RPs vehicle, MA REG 9YA618. Units are en route to make contact. Arrest: Meade, Patrick Stephen Address: 42 Austin St Norwood, Ma Age: 42 Charges: OUI-Liquor Or .08%, 2nd Offense Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Marked Lanes Violation Leave Scene Of Property Damage

**Saturday, August 10**

0440 Phone - PD-Assist Fire Department Services Rendered Location/Address: Ellis Nursing And Rehabilitation Center - Ellis Ave PD assisting FD with 80 y/o male patient yelling and making threats of violence toward staff. Party is being transported without issue, clear.

1759 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Report Follows Location/Address: Oak Rd Caller on the business line stating her vehicle back rear passenger was smashed. Spoke with the RP, conducted a neighbor canvas. OF assigned to Officer Sabha.

1929 911 - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Rock St 911-15yo female reports she is getting messages from an unknown male party. Called her also on FaceTime that he knows where she lives. It is making her scared. She is home with her grandmother. Spoke with the female party, she has been advised of what to do going forward. Advised to block the number.

2035 Initiated - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: - Monroe St Caller reporting 2 raccoons inside her vehicle and they will not come out. ACO is en route. 668 cancelled ACO.

**Sunday, August 11**

0936 Radio - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Parking Lot Behind 150 Buckminster - Wickham Way business line caller reports 2 individuals digging thru the dumpster throwing trash all over the parking lot. 1 male party Party was searching for an item he threw away. On arrival he was putting everything back in. Unit cleared.

1236 911 - PD-Assist Public Report Follows Location/Ad-

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dress: Coventry Lane 911- 1-2yo baby. found in parking lot. Caller has baby in hand, near his white Prius. 668 has the baby. Going to canvas the area and attempt to make contact with parents. Infant appears healthy Child has been reunited with mom. Officers are speaking with parent. OF requested and assigned to 669 669 is going to filing with DCF, cleared

1245 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Gone on arrival Location/Address: The Commons At Windsor Gardens - Walpole St Male caller stating that there is someone going through the dumpster. Stated to HQ the party could be on drugs. Described the party as a brown male with black pants & shirt. G.O.A., both units cleared.

1605 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Gone on arrival Location/Address: Big Y Foods, Inc. - Walpole St White male, white tank top, 60's, shorts, White facial hair. Balding. Yelling curse words and vulgarities. per 662 G.O.A., unit cleared.

1737 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Bahama Dr Caller on the business line would like a HWC on his roommate. States she is lying on the floor but breathing. Unsure if she is injured. FD to transport, PD clear.

1807 911 - PD-Larceny/Forgery/Fraud Report Follows Location/Address: Convenient Food Mart - Washington St Caller on 911 reporting an underage male party stole a bottle of hard liquor and took off. Manager is not on scene and was called by an employee. Spoke with the RP, several juveniles that stole liquor. 4 remained on scene and spoke with 665. Family members came to pick up the individuals who remained on scene. Owner of the business is not looking to press charges.

1946 Phone - PD-Vandalism Report Follows Location/Address: Saunders Rd Caller reports black male throwing eggs at her house and dog food. Caller is not on scene, got the info from her tenant. Spoke with the tenant and on the phone with the landlord. Speaking with the resident at a different residence.

2051 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Norwood Depot - Railroad Ave Caller reporting a W/F wearing a red tank, gray sweatpants and flip flops was in the middle of the street swing a taser around towards multiple people in the area. Female got into a black colored Mazda that started up Hill St towards the Callahan Elementary school. One male driver Spoke with the 2 RP, parents came to pick them up. Stated a female party sparked a taser at them. 677 will canvas the area. Report follows

2218 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Phillips Ave Caller on 911, stating she left her home at 530 with the doors locked. Stating the back door is wide open and they do not want to enter the home. Officers did an interior sweep. Nothing has been tampered with and no unwanted parties on scene. All units clear.

## Concerts Schedule

**Monday Carillon  
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Rain or Shine**

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**Wednesday Summerfest  
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**Sunday Concerts on the  
Common 6:30-8:30 pm**

• August 18

SOS Swing Band

• August 25

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## Obituary Policy

The The Norwood Record publishes obituaries from information supplied by funeral homes. Relatives and friends also may supplement information by e-mailing to news@norwoodrecord.com by Monday at 1 p.m. Photos also will be accepted.



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# Norwood to receive body cam funds

## St. Catherine's gets harden building help

The Healey-Driscoll Administration has announced the award of over \$3 million in grant funds to 32 local police departments, allowing municipal law enforcement agencies to implement or expand body-worn camera programs.

The administration also announced \$4 million to help harden civilian buildings throughout the Commonwealth, including the St. Catherine's Siena School off of Nahatan Street.

Through the Law Enforcement Body-Worn Camera Program, the administration awarded \$3,070,985.04 to municipal police agencies, providing vital resources to secure body-worn camera equipment and on-site storage for captured video. In Norwood, the state is allocating \$250,000 to the Norwood Police Department. The state-funded program is managed by the Office of Grants and Research (OGR), a state agency under the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS). Since 2021, nearly \$13.2 million has been made available through the program as part of an overall com-

mitment to supporting local police departments with their efforts to enhance transparency, accountability, and police-community relations.

"The Body-Worn Camera Grant Program reflects our commitment to improving public safety, enhancing police-community relations, and upholding our values of transparency and accountability. This technology has become an essential tool for law enforcement, and we're proud to invest in resources that advance best practices and ensure safer communities across Massachusetts," said Governor Maura Healey.

"Body-worn camera programs promote safer communities and provide a valuable tool that enhances transparency and accountability – the fundamental values to building stronger relationships between police and the communities they serve," said Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll.

"The use of this advanced technology increases public safety, provides valuable documentation for evidentiary purposes, assists in resolving officer-involved incidents, and offers an important training tool for Departments and officers. These grants reflect our deep commitment to partnering with local police agencies and ensuring they have the resources needed to deliver the highest level of policing services to communities across Massachusetts," said Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy.

"During the four years that we have offered the Law Enforcement Body-Worn Camera Program, it has become an important resource for police departments across the state. We're proud to support local

police agencies throughout Massachusetts as they adopt this technology and expand body-worn cameras programs for the benefit of law enforcement and everyone in the community," said OGR Executive Director Kevin Stanton.

The Healey-Driscoll Administration today announced that 85 nonprofit organizations – including houses of worship, educational institutions, health care providers and other organizations at heightened risk of a hate crime or extremist attack – will receive grant funding to make critical security improvements.

The grants totaling \$4.75 million were awarded through the Office of Grants and Research's (OGR) Massachusetts Nonprofit Security Grant Program. In Norwood, the Saint Catherine of Siena School will be allocated \$36,208. The program utilizes federal funds allocated to the Commonwealth through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). OGR program coordinators will work with award recipients throughout the life of the grant to provide assistance in managing the funds and ensuring projects are completed during the funding period.

"Protecting faith-based and other nonprofit organizations from hate and extremist violence is essential to the safety and security of our communities across Massachusetts. We are deeply committed to ensuring that organizations at risk of hate crimes and violence are protected and supported," said Governor Maura Healey. "With this funding, nonprofits will receive vital resources to implement security improvements that ensure their ability to safe-

guard those whom they serve." "This grant program is part of our administration's comprehensive efforts to enhance statewide preparedness, strengthen community resiliency, and protect our communities against acts of hate. We're grateful to the Legislature for allocating these funds to support our ongoing work to safeguard communities at greatest risk of harm," said Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll.

"Our faith-based and nonprofit partners are vital to public safety, and we have a critical role in protecting these organizations and the communities they serve. We are committed to ensuring that these organizations are safe from threats and violence as they continue their missions of service," said Secretary of Public Safety and Security Terrence Reidy.

"Nonprofits are cornerstones of community life, where individuals gather in joy and sorrow, turn for support or services, learn and grow, and find human connection. We are committed to ensuring that these institutions have access to resources to protect their facilities and the community members they serve," said Kevin Stanton, Executive Director of OGR.

OGR conducted a competitive application process between January 31 and March 1, 2024, allowing 501(c)3 organizations at high risk of a hate crime or terror attack to request grant funding through the Massachusetts Nonprofit Security Grant Program. Each eligible application was assessed by a team of reviewers. In addition to the reviewers' scores, additional factors were weighed, including whether an applicant has received prior nonprofit security grant funding, alignment with programmatic priorities, and availability of funds.

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
**NORWOOD COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**


In accordance with the requirements of Norwood Local Bylaw Article 47 Section 2.1, the Community Preservation Committee will hold a **Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 7:00 PM** at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062. This meeting will be held in a hybrid format where Committee members and the public may choose to attend in-person or remotely using Google Meet at: <https://meet.google.com/hda-kniw-eya> or by dialing in at: 402-946-0125 Access Code: 547 694 165#.

This public hearing is being scheduled to accept questions and comments on an application for CPA funding submitted by Caritas Communities Inc. for the creation of Affordable Veterans Housing at 20 Vernon Street. Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Community Development Department at Town Hall during normal business hours.

Catherine Walsh  
Vice-Chair

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