

## Luff named new Superintendent

Hannah Heilman  
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, the Norwood School Committee approved Timothy Luff to be the next superintendent of the district.

This decision came at the end of a two-and-a-half hour-long meeting. Following general discussions covering budget and policy, the committee shared their thoughts on the three finalists for the superintendent position.

By this point, the finalists had been through a series of preliminary interviews, made three school visits, met with students, staff, parents and community members, and had a final interview with the School Committee. The recordings of these interviews can be found at [norwoodcommunitymedia.org](http://norwoodcommunitymedia.org).

The first candidate was Dr. Meg Dussault, who is currently the Assistant Superintendent for Equity and Engagement at Sharon Public Schools. Before that, she was Acting Superintendent for nine months following the COVID-19 pandemic.

The five committee members said Dr. Dussault was communicative and personable, a proactive problem solver, a strong leader during crisis, and would bring a fresh approach to Norwood. In feedback, faculty and staff said it felt like she prioritized relationships.

"Meg has proven in battle, so to speak, the ability not just



Timothy Luff

to talk about it, but to be about it," School Committee member Kate Sibbing-Dunn said. "In times of dysfunction and crisis, she did not shy away from the work and jumped right in to lead the district to stability and solutions. Her references praised her demonstrated reputation for being known for getting her hands dirty."

The second candidate was Luff. Luff currently works as Deputy Superintendent at Natick Public Schools and previously was the Assistant Director of Special Services and a special education teacher.

In sharing their thoughts, the committee called Luff outgoing and said they liked that he had experience in budgeting, special education, equity and belonging, and social and mental wellbeing. During a school visit, he spoke to the Student

Advisory Board, as well as staff and community members, who called him approachable and knowledgeable.

"[His references] described him as being a leader who listens, who asks critical questions and wants critical discussion, and tries to find the balance in what students need and what staff needs," School Committee member Teresa Stewart said, referencing the over 20 letters of recommendation they received on Luff's behalf. "When we asked him in the interview to describe his management style, Mr. Luff said he likes to ask people, 'Do you like your job, and how can I make it better for you?' ... [That] really spoke to me."

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The Conservation Commission wants alternatives to the proposed 76 Prospect St. subdivision.

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## ConCom wants 76 Prospect St. alternatives

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Conservation Commission (ConCom) met on Wednesday, Feb. 7 with representatives from the developers of the 19-unit subdivision proposal on the property at 76 Prospect St. and several residents who have been opposed to the proposal since at least two years ago when it was first presented to the Norwood Planning Board.

The ConCom firstly voted 4-0 (with John Pitti abstaining) to require the proponents to provide a simple schematic showing alternative layouts for the site, as asked by ConCom member John Gear.

The issue in question is a small stream that runs through the south of the property and, according to the Norwood Wetlands Protection Bylaw (<http://tinyurl.com/yy94mr4v>), development on lands within 200 feet of "rivers, streams and creeks" require that an alternative to development be presented to show whether or not it would be feasible/economically viable to not develop so near a wetland resource area in order to protect it from being disturbed. Basically, they want the plan reworked so that nothing in the 200-foot riverfront buffer is disturbed or built on, unless

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Dan Gabel and the Abletones rocked the house on Sunday at the Norwood High School.

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## Swinging in the aisles

### Gabel and Abletones return to Norwood

**Kwot Anwey**  
Staff Reporter

In a concert that had the audience swing dancing on the sidelines, the Norwood Concert Committee hosted Dan Gabel and the Abletones for the umpteenth time on Feb. 11, the committee's third concert out of the four in their Winter Concert Series.

The committee typically puts

on several different types of music events in a given year; the Summer Concerts on the Common, Summerfest Concerts, and Carillon Concerts on the Common all feature concerts in various different genres. During the winter, though, the committee organizes four different performances put on every Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., highlighting big bands from all over the New England area.

"It's important because we have a beautiful Town, between this venue and particularly our Town Common, these have now become almost a tradition in Norwood," said Bob Donnelly, Chair of the Concerts on the Common Committee and a member of the Board of Selectmen. "Music is a very big deal in Norwood...It's all up, there's no downside to it. This committee [wants to] keep that tradition going."

Titled the "Swingin' Super Bowl Sunday Show," the free performance included covers of popular American music from the 1910s to the 1940s along with a couple of Gabel's very own pieces. The 18-piece band featured vocalists, vari-

ous types of saxophones, trumpets, trombones, a bassist, a pianist, a guitarist and a drummer with some of the musicians even switching out their instruments mid-show for different instruments altogether like the clarinet, oboe, and banjo. The audience of roughly 230 people was mainly seniors, including a group from the Norwood Senior Center.

Walking into the performance center, there was a table with more information about Dan Gabel: CDs of his recent releases, information about the American Big Band Preservation Society – of which he is the President and CEO – and business cards were spread out near the doorway. As the audience was filing in, jazz renditions of popular songs like "Before I Let Go" and "Die for You" were playing.

When the lights dimmed and the band came on stage, the auditorium was filled with the sounds of vibrant horns, leisurely taps on the ride cymbal and the deep strums of the bass. From song to song, Gabel made sure to introduce each

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# Brooks and pools focus of Selectmen

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen met on Feb. 13 in a hybrid format for its regular meeting at the Norwood Town Hall.

The biggest issue discussed concerned losing the Hawes Pool this summer in order to build a brand new facility at the same location. Selectman Michael Saad was particularly dismayed that this was the case and discussed possible alternatives with Town Manager Tony Mazzucco.

Mazzucco said the decision to close this season was one of risk management. He said they had considered moving construction to this fall into the winter/spring of 2025, but said that could incur more delays and more money. He said originally, during the pre-bid process, the Town was looking at a six-month construction time, but the two companies they had consulting with the Town during that process said they weren't comfortable with that timeline for the nearly \$6 million demolition and construction project, and that it was probably closer to six-to-nine months.

"It's a significant project; we're not just scraping out the bottom and re-slapping it down and patching it," he said. "It's a significant construction project that's going to take some time."

Mazzucco said that there is already a 95 percent chance that the project will go over budget with the current timeline, and they haven't even gotten bids in yet. He said trying to keep the pool open by going with a fall construction schedule would definitely increase costs, with the possibility of construction still disrupting the pool season. He also said those delays could end up costing the Town next season regardless of construction time, and the Town would have spent money for a rushed job with no pool.

"Whereas now, at least if we have a construction problem we have plenty of time to deal with it," he said.

Saad said he felt the six-month timeline was not unreasonable. "I still think they could do it in that time," he said.

"They could absolutely do that, but there's two challenges with that; one is that the cost is going to escalate," Mazzucco replied. "And what's our tolerance level? Is \$100,000 ok, \$200,000,

\$300,000? The other issue is if we do run into a problem, we start creeping into the next season and we have to start hiring people, ordering product and getting ready to go and do we end up delaying and spending – I'm making this up – but spending another quarter-of-a-million dollars in taxpayer money on a project in order not to miss a season, and then we have soil we have to remove because it's contaminated, and all of a sudden it's a problem with the next season. So it's about that risk of how much you're willing to spend and how much risk you want to take."

Selectman Amanda Grow asked Mazzucco for his estimates on possible delays. He said concerning cost overruns, there is about about 95 percent likely chance.

"Will we need to miss or impact next season?" he asked. "It's about 50/50. I mean, 80 years ago we built a municipal pool, and usually the way land was bought and built back then is people found the cheapest dirtiest land they could find and throw a pool in. Great. We know the pool is leaking, there may be additional ground work right next to the pool."

In other news, Norwood Police Department Chief William Brooks formally announced his plans to retire at the end of April this year. Brooks said he just felt the time was right.

"I was talking to one of the officers the other day, and he said to me, 'Chief, you're leaving?'" he asked. "I became a cop when Jimmy Carter was president, just to put that into perspective."

Brooks said he went to see Mazzucco last Sunday to discuss his retirement.

"I thought he was there to arrest me," Mazzucco said, to laughter from the room.

"You know he was a little nervous when he opened the door, he didn't open it all the way," Brooks said with a laugh. "The new chief will be sworn in on May 1, for which I'll be happy to attend. That's also the department's birthday, May 1, 1896, when the Town took its policemen and constable and made the Norwood Police Department. So I was sworn in on May 1, my replacement will be sworn in on May 1. That will give me 12 years as chief."

Brooks said they will be looking to promote from within, and that will create essentially a cascade of vacant positions along the way, with deputy chiefs, detectives, patrolmen moving up

the ladder, and he hopes to have that done before he leaves.

"So that the new chief knows who they've got and has a staff," he said. "We're going to work together on this."

Selectmen Robert Donnelly asked Grow, who is the Board's representative for the state legislative delegation, to look into possibly obtaining some sort of state recognition for Brooks' work with the department over his career.

"I'm probably going to spoil the surprise associated with this," he said. "But perhaps we could get some sort of appropriate recognition for Chief Brooks for his many years of service to Norwood, and also his contribution to law enforcement, which extends well beyond Norwood."

"I'd be happy to," Grow said.


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# OPINION

## Yeah, school kids need more 'rights'

Our recess area at the elementary school I attended wasn't much more than a big, open asphalt covered lot bereft of any swings, basketball hoops or other assorted playground equipment many schools have now, which was pretty common "back in the day." Though there were no delineated markers, the 4th, 5th and 6th graders who gathered at the same time each day had their own designated areas, and the younger kids knew treading onto foreign soil was a major faux pas.

Mr. Clifford was the recess monitor and he ruled with an iron fist. One of his favorite pastimes if he was to see a bigger kid in the 4th or 5th grades picking on a smaller classmate was to grab him by the scruff of the neck and drag him over to the 6th grade area and dare him to pick on one of them. "Go on, tough guy, let's see how tough you really are", he'd bellow. Of course, the 6th graders at that point were like a pack of hyenas waiting to devour. Typically as often as not, the bully would shrink back to his own area and apologize to his classmate.

In high school corporal punishment was an accepted norm. It was not uncommon for one of the Irish Christian Brothers to lay a backhand off the side of the head of an unruly kid. In fact, the three most feared words in French class were 'Ou est Didier.' Didier was the name Brother Bennett gave to his ruler and when he asked where it was it meant someone was going to get whacked. We came to fear rulers, yardsticks, pretty much any measuring device in high school. And the one thing all students in my school had in common is that we were smart enough not to go home and complain about this 'unfair' treatment to our parents. Oh no, because before you could finish your tale of woe you were more than likely going to get whacked again because parents had little doubt that their kid deserved what they got from the teachers. And it's not like DEI wasn't in play back then. Black, white, brown and yellow kids of any sexual orientation were equally likely to get clobbered if deemed necessary. And finally, should one of my classmates prove to be incorrigible beyond repair, he was kicked out of school, simple as that.

I was reminded of this when I read in the Boston Globe about the horror stories going on at Brockton High School and the hell teachers have to deal with trying to maintain some kind of order in the classroom, one teacher having his arm broken trying to break up a fight. And though Brockton High was highlighted, there is no doubt that at least some of the chaos described in the article happens at most public schools, including Norwood High School. We have all heard some horror stories happening at "The School on the Hill." It's madness in schools today and is only going to get worse if things don't change.

And though some already have their britches in a bunch after reading the above, no one at this address is suggesting a return to corporal punishment in public schools. If nothing else, the courts would be inundated with parents and the ACLU claiming Little Johnny's rights had been violated and seeking compensation for the 'pain and suffering.' But one change that would help would be the discarding of MA Law Chapter 22 which aims to "make exclusion from school a last resort." This missive makes it virtually impossible to expel kids who make the lives of teachers and other students hell in the classroom. These troublemakers, and worse, their parents, know that it would take an act of overt criminality to have any chance of expelling these miscreants who know how to walk that fine line. One teacher I know has a student assigned to her that needs to be frisked every morning. Does anyone doubt that if parents of these 'troubled youths', understanding that their kid would again become their responsibility a full 24 hours a day, would get more involved in their daily routines instead of callously saddling the schools with their progeny?

And speaking of Norwood High, I found it amusing that some of the School Committee members were dismayed that they wouldn't get the chance to officially review Superintendent David Thomson one last time before he leaves his position at the end of the school year. At the prime of his career, and without another job already lined up, he tendered his resignation. Does anyone wonder why? Wouldn't it be great if Thomson was to render his own review of the Norwood Public Schools without fear of re-primation? Of course he can't, it would be career suicide. We've heard rumors that he's 'difficult to work with', that he's dictatorial and can be abrasive. The question at this address is how could anyone in that position not be with all the crap superintendents have to deal with. Good luck should his replacement be 'more understanding and considerate' of the rights of parents and their kids. Yeah, just what the schools need, more rights for kids. I'm so glad my children have finished school.

# VALENTINE'S DAY

A lover of stories appreciates however they arrive, and in whatever form. There are majestic Himalayas of stories, such as Tolstoy's *War and Peace*, or Melville's *Moby Dick*, thousands of pages culminating in almost inaccessible, historic works of art. More common are beautiful Rocky Mountain affairs, standard 80,000-word tales such as Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*, or Kerouac's *On the Road* which, though more easily conquered, still leaves one breathless. Then there are scenic foothills of short stories compelling in their simple, truncated form, such as London's *To Build a Fire*, or Hemingway's *The Snows of Kilimanjaro*. Less distinct, like the prairie off Rt. 85 north of Denver, are vignettes.

I perused definitions of "short story." A satisfying one is, "Within the space of a few pages, an author must weave a story that's compelling, create characters readers care about and drive the story to its ultimate conclusion—a feat that can be difficult to accomplish even with a great degree of savvy." Mr. Webster's dictionary describes "vignette" as, "a short, graceful literary sketch; a brief, quietly touching or appealing scene or episode in a play, movie, or the like..."

These seem adequate descriptions, but I would add one interesting element. "You long ago explained to me that your stories gain strength in direct ratio by what can be left out of them," memoirist A. J. Hotchner said. To which his friend Ernest Hemingway replied, "What is left out because the short story writer

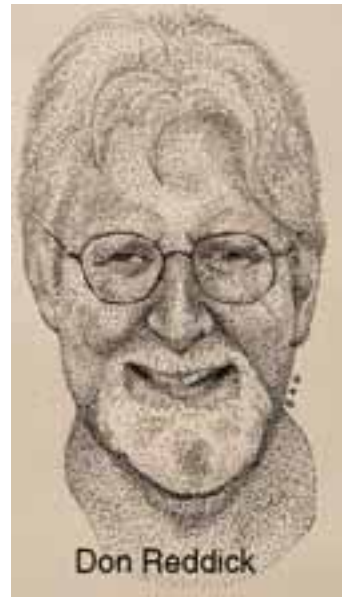
doesn't know it, then it is a worthless story. It's only the important things you know about and omit that strengthen the story."

Vignettes, due to inchoate brevity, do not necessarily need to be told, but simply seen. I once saw a bum burning his money on the side of a Sacramento highway. I have seen a Holiday Inn lounge dance floor crowded with incomplete war veterans in wheelchairs, dancing with fully complete, standing women. Each scene, intellectually photographed in the shutter of a blinking eye, told a compelling story, with characters I cared about. But none burned itself into memory as did the tale I saw in the White Horse Inn in Greeley, Colorado.

Greeley straddles eastern prairie and gently rising western foothills an hour north of Denver. The town has a large R. R. Donnelley printing plant in which I work, but also sprawling slaughterhouses, which olfactorily define the town. Arriving at 7 a.m. for work, one is greeted with an overpowering aroma. It does not remind one of wood smoke, though it hangs as thickly in the air. Inquiring, I was told the slaughterhouses open their doors to air-out each early morning, and what I was experiencing was, "The smell of money."

After work, as is the wont of blue-collar industrial workers, a beer is sometimes sought. One afternoon, having often passed a white wooden horse perched on a white wooden pole extending from a white building, I decided to acquaint myself with what appeared an old-west, character establishment.

And when I entered the



White Horse Inn and sat at its horseshoe bar, I saw a quietly touching story anonymously written about a character whose name I will never know, his backstory forever lost in the great expanse of the American west, or the like... For I saw a one-armed Mexican in a neatly pressed white cowboy shirt and white Stetson hat, folded forward and passed-out on the bar. The vacant sleeve of his shirt was neatly pinned at the shoulder. His only arm lay cocked across old, scarred wood next to a half-empty glass of beer. And in his only hand he clutched a dozen red roses.

I sat across from my motionless amigo and ordered a Coors. I cared for this character, found his short, graceful sketch compelling, and written with masterful skill and savvy. As only the greatest stories achieve, it was strengthened by omitting all those important details only its creator knew, leaving me forever to surmise.

I reread it often.

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## Norwood Rec. hosts Special Someone Dance



The Norwood Recreation Department held its annual Special Someone Dance last week to the delight of nearly 100 patrons. The Norwood Civic Center was alive with dancing, lights and music to celebrate the season and loved ones in Town.

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# CPC wants five-year plan

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Community Preservation Committee (CPC) met last week and discussed the issue of planning around the use of Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds.

The CPA was put in place to allow municipalities, organizations and individuals to apply for funds from a pool of money from property taxes within the participating municipality and real estate transaction fees statewide. These funds were set up to allow smaller entities to use such funds to improve the area around them with specific restrictions (historic preservation, affordable housing or open space and recreation).

In practice, at least in Norwood, this has resulted in the Town submitting the most applications for funds. The CPC brought this up during a discussion of a Town application to take down and clean the artworks in the Town Hall at a cost of about \$100,000 from the Historic Preservation side of the CPA Fund.

CPC and Historical Commission member Cheryl Doyle said the consultant they are working with said the artworks are not in dire need of restoration, just need to be cleaned, and that there is no inventory of the Town's artworks, so that priority for artworks in the most danger of falling apart could be assessed with a study.

Doyle also said there is a concern from the Historical Commission about unnecessary risk of moving the artworks when the upcoming renovation to the Town Hall in a few years (many in the Town believe this renovation to the Town Hall is inevitable, but nothing has been set in stone



The Community Preservation Committee stated it wants to see more planning from the Town on upcoming projects.

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yet) means that they'll be moved again.

"The concern of the Historical Commission is, again, is you're going to take these down off the walls and if you restore the Town Hall, you're going to take them down again?" she asked. "So how many times are you going to take down these massive artworks that could actually wait and not be done?"

Doyle added without an inventory or a long-term plan of what to do with that inventory, the necessity of actually doing this cleaning now seems cloudy at best.

"It's like putting the cart before the horse," she said. "We don't have an inventory on all the historic artwork in the Town Hall, but we're going to lump it? They had a concern about the amount of money without knowing."

Doyle also said that the nature of the cleaning – basically it being a cleaning and not a full restoration – means it could likely wait a year or two without any serious further damage coming to the pieces.

This discussion on the artworks led to a discussion of having a five-year plan for the

entirety of Town CPC requests. Member John Hall said he'd like the CPC to function more like the Capital Outlay Committee in this regard.

"Where you've always got a list of things that are expensive that you can't do all at one time, you have to figure out what the time sequence has got to be," he said. "Now if we had this larger inventory that several other people here have asked for, we could do this with high confidence. We don't have it, and so we have to do it with less confidence, and I'm of the view that these important art projects are the ones that should be delayed a year."

CPC Vice Chair Catherine Walsh said they should request a five-year plan from the Town in the future.

"And tell us what's the plan each year, because right now I don't know if this \$100,000 is a one-off," she said. "Are we going to see more artwork and more annual report (restorations) and more furniture (restorations)?"

Doyle said the economic outlook and the fact that the

**CPC**

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The final candidate was Priya Tahilani, who works as Superintendent at Everett Public Schools. She previously worked as Assistant Superintendent to the Office of English Learners, as well as was an ELA teacher in Boston Public Schools.

The committee said Tahilani was well prepared during the interview process, had extensive experience in teaching English as a Second Language (ESL), prioritized giving students a voice, cared about parent feedback, and had previously sought creative solutions to budgeting issues. Her references called her a strong leader who was student-focused and had a good moral compass.

"She was a teacher for over a decade...we don't have enough people that have taught for ten plus years that move to administration, and I think that matters," School Committee Member David Hiltz said. "Whether it is an increasing special ed. population or increasing ELL [English Language Learner] population, with migrant families that have come into the district, she has experience with all of those."

After sharing their thoughts on each candidate, members of the committee were asked to share their top one or two candidates. All five members named Luff. Without any debate, the committee took a vote to approve Luff, which passed unani-

mously. The committee then called Luff during a short recess, and came back to announce that he had accepted the position.

In a post-meeting interview with Norwood Community Media, School Committee Chair Anne Marie Mazzola said, "The School Committee was impressed with [Luff's] overall package, especially things that would help out the Norwood School District, so special education, his number of actual years in the classroom, and his experience with community engagement."

For more information on the superintendent hiring process or updates on Luff's hire, visit [norwood.k12.ma.us](http://norwood.k12.ma.us).

### NORWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Norwood Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, The Wetlands Protection Act and the Norwood Bylaw XXV, including any amendments thereto on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be conducted in person at the Senior Center at 275 Prospect St and digitally using Google Meet. Public participation may be accessed through your computer, tablet or smartphone at the following link: <https://meet.google.com/qxr-awkv-kuj> or dial: (US) +1 402-627-0114 PIN: 610 701 599#

The Commission will hear a Notice of Intent from the Town of Norwood concerning the replacement of a stormwater drain line between Dean St. and the Neponset River in Riverfront Area.

Project Location: Utility easement on land owned by NY Central Lines railroad, between Dean St. and the Neponset River.

Carly Rocklen  
Conservation Planner

Norwood Record: 02/15/24

### 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 February 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Hongfang Yang (Case #24-03) with respect to property located at **19 Central Street (Map 2 Block 8 Lot 1), Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **Central Business (CB) 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 3.1.5 [Use Regulations – Multifamily] and Section 5.3.2 [Alteration of Nonconforming Structure] to convert a mixed use structure with two existing residential units to a 4 unit multifamily residential structure. The Subject Property is preexisting nonconforming on lot area.

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.

Norwood Record: 02/08/24, 02/15/24

### 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 February 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Robert Randall (Case #24-04) with respect to property located at **121 Walpole Street [Map 2 Block 25 Lot 4], Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **Single Residence 2 (S2) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

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This Application requests retroactive relief in the form of a Variance pursuant to Zoning Bylaw Section 3.4.1.5 [Swimming Pools – Setbacks] and 10.2.2 [Board of Appeals – Variances] to allow a previously installed above ground pool to remain within the 30 ft. setback from the street line.

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.

Norwood Record: 02/08/25, 02/15/24

### 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 February 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Hongfang Yang (Case #24-02) with respect to property located at **16 Day Street (Map 2 Block 8 Lot 2), Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **Central Business (CB) 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 3.1.5 [Use Regulations – Multifamily], Section 5.4.4 [Alteration of Nonconforming Structure], and Section 6.1.12 [Off Street Parking and Loading – Special Permit]. The application proposes to convert the Subject Property from a 2 family residential dwelling to a 3 unit residential dwelling. The Subject Property is preexisting nonconforming on lot area.

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

Norfolk Division Docket No. 22P1911PM

Conservatorship of Carmela Salerno

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:  
**Jessica Libby, Esq.**  
requesting:  
**Sale of real estate for reasons more fully stated in said petition**

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 02/16/2024.

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 date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court  
Date: February 06, 2024  
Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

Norwood Record: 02/15/2024

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 February 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Thomas Ellard (Case #24-05) with respect to property located at **55 Plantation Circle [Map 16, Block 10 Lot 19], Norwood, MA 02062, in the Single Residence 2 (S2) Zoning District.** The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

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This Application requests retroactive relief in the form of a Variance pursuant to Norwood Zoning Bylaw Sections 3.4.1.5 [Swimming Pools – Setbacks] and 10.2.2 [Board of Appeals – Variances] to allow a previously installed above ground pool to remain within the 30 ft. setback from the street line.

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.

Norwood Record: 02/08/24, 02/15/24

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. NO24P0254EA

Estate of: Stephen M. Minkevitch Date of Death: 12/25/2023 Norfolk Probate and Family Court 35 Shawmut Road Canton, MA 02021 781-830-1200

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Cynthia L. Poshkus of Newton Highlands, MA and Patricia L. Ivatts of Walpole, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Patricia L. Ivatts of Walpole, MA and Cynthia L. Poshkus of Newton Highlands, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 A.M on the return day of 03/13/2024. 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.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 06, 2024  
Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

Norwood Record: 02/15/2024

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CPC fund is based on property taxes and real estate transactions (sales statewide), the CPC really needs a five-year plan because the economic outlook for the future of the housing market isn't exactly stable at the moment. She said they should have a five-year plan detailing what the Town wants to do and how the Town administration prioritizes it so they can look at these projects in context of each other and what funds will be available. Basically, she said they don't want to spend a lot of money now on

projects that could wait and then possibly be out of money for next year's projects that may not be able to wait.

"There's no harm in waiting one year, it's just one year," she said. "They've been hanging up there for 100 years; it's fine and dandy."

Chair Joseph Sheehan and member Julie Barbour-Issa said they agreed on the five-year plan, but member John Hall brought up that the CPC doesn't really have any authority to require such a plan from the Town. Some members

brought up the threat of cutting future funding.

"I don't think we have to be that threatening, but it's more like we have to decide how to build our budget responsibly," Hall said. "We just say, 'This didn't make the cut. We love the project, we'd like to see it come back, but we'd like it even more if it came back as part of a five-year plan. We know we can't compel that, but you should know that's become an important part of our discussions.'"

The CPC voted unanimously to not bring the art cleaning to Town Meeting coming up in May.

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approved by the ConCom.

Attorney representing the project, David Hern, said it was felt by the team that presenting an alternative so late in the process would be deleterious to the economic viability of the project in and of itself. However, it was later found that the plan did not require a fully engineered plan of drainage estimates and other complex and expensive calculations, and Hern agreed to the prospect of providing another plan.

That agreement, however, did not come about quickly or without contention. Project Engineer Daniel Merrikin, of Legacy Engineering, said they would basically have to move the road and likely lose three or four of the units. Hern said that asking for this kind of alternative this late in the process was also just not practicable for the economic viability of the project, and said it was at least irregular that the request came from a singular ConCom member and not the Conservation Agent or the ConCom itself.

"This whole plan has been on the radar of the Conservation Commission for a number of years," he said. "We spent a great deal of time, and my client has spent a great deal of money in developing plans for this property. Months after we filed with the Commission and a couple of years after we filed our plans with the Town, we were told that somebody on the Commission wanted an alternative plan. Not the Commission, but somebody had asked for an

alternative plan. Coming this late in the game, it's a little unfair, we think, to say, 'Throw us a new plan after you've spent all this money and spent all this time with the Planning Board and everybody else,' when to do so would be economically unfeasible."

ConCom Chair Stephen Washburn said this was a unique situation, and while he said he sympathized with the applicant on the timing issue, he didn't want to just take Hern's word for it that the project would become economically unfeasible if another plan was presented or explored. He said he needed concrete and objective evidence that showed the project would be severely financially impacted if they had to move the road and, as Merrikin said, lose some of the units.

"I truly struggle with some of the terms practicable and economic; I truly struggle with the definitions of those terms and the way they apply," Washburn said. "It feels to me like – shelving the timeliness of the request for a minute – what we're asking for would just be a plan and maybe some math, I don't want to say napkin math and be disrespectful to the process – but a plan and some math to support that it is not practicable or economical if you were to reroute, using engineering logic and common sense, if you were to take an alternative placement of the lots or the road, what would that do? Show us that it would eliminate a handful of parcels, show us the economic effect it would have on the process and exhibit that it's not practicable or economic."

It should be noted that Merrikin did point out that there were alternatives discussed in a narrative submitted with the plan that went through potential alternatives and why they weren't chosen as part of the required Alternatives Analysis, but it was not the same thing that Washburn and

the ConCom were asking for, apparently.

Daniel Hill, an attorney representing several of the surrounding neighbors spoke during the meeting and agreed that an alternative plan should be provided. Hill has been representing several neighbors since the start of the Planning Board process in 2022. Hill pointed to the Wetland Bylaw and said that it required a plan with information as to why there is no practicable alternative to the current layout of the subdivision with less adverse effects.

"And with respect to timeliness, for what it's worth, we raised this issue in October, and there hasn't been a meeting since then," Hill said. "So I don't think it's untimely for the Commission to raise this point tonight. We did raise this, and it's the applicant's obligation to comply with the Bylaw, and it's not the Commission's obligation to remind the applicant how to comply with the Bylaw. I don't think there's a timeliness defense here."

Merrikin said that they would likely lose around three or four units in the proposal with the requirements described. Hern asked for clarification on the requirements of the alternative, and member John Gear said they just have to show plans with redrawn lot lines and structures outside the buffer.

"A layout with nothing in the 200-foot riverfront area," said Gear.

"But we're not engineering in terms of drainage or anything like that?" Hern said.

"No," Gear replied. "Well we could probably show that tonight, but you want us to lay it out a little more formally," Hern said.

"I mean we've already described what it will produce, but if you want a piece of paper that shows it –" Merrikin said.

"I don't know about a piece of paper, a PDF should be just fine," Washburn said to a few laughs from the Commission.

Merrikin agreed to provide such a PDF.

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# For The Record

## ROTARY MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST

Please join us for a Neponset Valley Rotary Membership breakfast meeting on Wednesday, March 6, at Sheraton Four Points, Route 1, Norwood, MA at 7:30 AM. Ours is a dynamic Rotary club that strives to change and save lives in our world, both locally and globally, by offering our community a variety of service projects that range from improving literacy, to delivering clean water, to supporting our community food pantries. Want to make a difference in this world? Come check us out on March 6th...you'll be glad that you did. If you would like to attend, to reserve a seat, please email Mike Thornton at: Mjt373group@gmail.com Looking forward to seeing you on March 6th!

## VFW ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

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

## PARKWAY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS A FAMILY CONCERT

Parkway Concert Orchestra presents a family concert on Sunday, March 3 at 3 p.m. at Holy Name Parish Upper Church, 1689 Centre St, West Roxbury. Music Director Thomas Kociela conducts the 50 piece non-profit orchestra in an exciting program including Capriccio Espagnol by Rimsky-Korsakov, Spiderman by Elfman, An American in Paris Suite by Gershwin, The Walk to Paradise Garden by Delius, and other selections.

This concert is presented by Holy Name Enrichment Program and is sponsored by Vogt Realty Group in memory of Gene and Ann Vogt. The program is supported in part by an operating

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performer with upcoming solos. If not from Massachusetts, most musicians were from the New England area. Gabel's expressive and loose conducting style matched the jazz genre of the music, nearly dancing at the start of each song, snapping with the upbeat and moving his shoulders with each crescendo and decrescendo before joining the band as a trombonist. Gabel never fully stopped smiling, grinning from ear to ear during the performance.

Shortly after the performance started, couples got up and began dancing hand in hand up and down the side aisles. The audience was captivated by the performance; even if you weren't alive to experience the unique World War II-era music firsthand, you could still feel a wave of nostalgia wash over the entire auditorium. Comments like "my mom used to love this song," and "this was very popular back in the day," was said throughout the performance by concertgoers.

"I think it's important for younger people to hear this kind of music," said resident Elisa Forman. "It brought back memories of my parents because they had this kind of music... You can just really ap-

preciate each instrument [with] how he featured each instrument. I'd like to see young people here to see what other kinds of music was like."

Singer Kimberly Hawkey joined the Abletones for a number of pieces, adding small but impactful gestures like a longing look in the distance that made the performance feel all the more real. Hawkey had a stage presence and voice that was made for 40's music.

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of composer George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Bloom," the Abletones performed their very own rendition of the tune, starting with Gershwin's version and transitioning into Glenn Miller's arrangement of the piece, this being apparently the first time anybody has ever melded the two together. Later in the performance, the Abletones had the entire au-

dience clapping along to the explosive New Orleans classic "Bourbon Street Parade," a nod to Mardi Gras weekend coinciding with the performance. The concert also fell on Valentine's Day weekend, with classic love songs like the 1942 version of "At Last" and the committee handing out red carnations after the show emphasizing the romantic feeling in the air.

From Hawkey's singing and the piano accompaniment with it, to Gabel's black and white saddle shoes, everything about the Abletones' performance had the hallmarks of an early 20th-century music.

Featuring The S.O.S. Big Band, the Norwood Concert Committee is hosting one last concert for its Winter Concert Series on February 18 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Norwood High School Paul M. Alberta Performing Arts Center.




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**NORWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
LEGAL NOTICE**

The Norwood Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, The Wetlands Protection Act and the Norwood Bylaw XXV, including any amendments thereto on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be conducted in person at the Senior Center at 275 Prospect St and digitally using Google Meet. Public participation may be accessed through your computer, tablet or smartphone at the following link: <https://meet.google.com/qxr-awkv-kuj> or dial: (US) +1 402-627-0114 PIN: 610 701 599#

The Commission will hear a Notice of Intent from the Town of Norwood concerning the restoration of an approximately 1,000-ft reach of Meadow Brook, including bank stabilization and stormwater improvements.

Project Location: Meadow Brook, between Pleasant St. and Sixth St.

Carly Rocklen  
Conservation Planner

Norwood Record: 02/15/24

**NORWOOD HOUSING AUTHORITY  
REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR ON-CALL PLUMBING  
AND HEATING SERVICES  
Project Number: NHA-2024-P**

The Norwood Housing Authority invites written quotes from Plumbing and Heating Companies that have been in the business for at least five (5) years in Massachusetts to provide On Call, or "as needed" Plumbing and Heating Installation and Repair Services for the period from 4/01/2024 through 3/31/2025. It is anticipated that the total year contract value will be approximately \$20,000.00. Heating work under this contract is not exclusive. Any single job estimated to cost \$10,000.00 or more will be bid separate from this contract.

**BIDS are subject to M.G.L. c30B, and minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c149 sec.26 to 27H inclusive.**

**An electronic copy of the Bid documents may be obtained at: [www.norwoodha.org](http://www.norwoodha.org) under news & announcement on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 11:00 A.M.**

**BIDS must be received before Friday, March 15, 2024 at 2:00 P.M. The Norwood Housing Authority will not accept or review bids received after the designated submission deadline.**

**BIDS should be mailed, or delivered to Norwood Housing Authority, 40 William Shyne Circle, Norwood, Massachusetts 02062 and received no later than the date and time specified above in a sealed envelope marked "PLUMBING BID - 2024-2025"**

Questions by email should be directed to Gary Kuphal at [gkuphal@norwoodha.org](mailto:gkuphal@norwoodha.org).

Norwood Record: 02/15/24

**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 March 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM** on the request of **Stephen Gravalles (Case #24-08)** with respect to property located at **99 Cameron Road, Norwood, MA 02062 [Map 19 Block 5 Lot 61]**, in the **General Residence (G) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/xsu-pnjz-wua>  
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This Application requests a **Special Permit** pursuant to Zoning Bylaw **Section 5.4.4** for a proposed expansion on a pre-existing non-conforming structure greater than 25% of the existing habitable floor area; 14' x 30' 1 story addition, deck, and proposed 1 story addition 15' x 7' addition foundation dimensions.

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.

Norwood Record: 02/15/24, 02/22/24

**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 March 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM** on the request of **Adriana Malliaros (Case #24-07)** with respect to property located at **183 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062 [Map 14 Block 13 Lot 4C]**, in the **General Residence (G) 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** for a proposed expansion on a pre-existing non-conforming structure greater than 25% of the existing habitable floor area; addition of a dormer and second floor expansion of existing rear flex space on first floor

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 FOR ADULTS**

Classes are held from 10 am to 11:45 am at the Morrill Memorial Library, Simoni Room on the following dates: 2/16, 2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31, 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28.

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

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

**BEYOND DYSTOPIA: WEAVING HOPE & JUSTICE THROUGH CLIMATE FICTION**

As part of the Norwood Sustainability Series, Morrill Memorial Library is pleased to welcome back climate storyteller Tory Stephens for a virtual program, "Beyond Dystopia: Weaving Hope and Justice through Climate Fiction" on Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00pm on Zoom.

Dive into a future built on hope and justice! Join Tory Stephens, the Creative Manager at Grist's Imagine 2200 climate fiction initiative, for a captivating talk that will explore climate fiction and climate storytelling as a climate solution. Uncover the power of hope and community embedded in the genres of climate fiction, solarpunk, and thrutopia. Leave with a belief that story is an important missing link for society to muster the collective strength to overcome our climate crisis.

**BOSTON'S CHOCOLATE HISTORY**

As part of their Local Food Program, the Sustainable Business Network of Massachusetts is partnering with the Morrill Memorial Library to talk about Boston's chocolate history with Local Food Program Manager Kerry Kokkinogenis on Thursday, February 22 at 6:30pm in the Simoni Room.

February is National Chocolate Month, and holds one of our most chocolate-dependent holidays. From a colonial-era health tonic to an aphrodisiac, from a drink of the gods to everyone's favorite treat, chocolate has had many faces. Its roots are thousands of years deep in South and

Central America, and chocolate has been held as spiritually, ceremonially, emotionally, physically, and economically important for many empires and their cultures, across continents.

Boston, as a significant port city and place of trade has had its part in this history. You've probably heard of the Boston Tea Party, but did you know that hot chocolate's role in the pre-Revolutionary Boston and protest was just as crucial? And Boston played an important role in chocolate's history, at least here in the U.S. This fun talk will look at how chocolate was prepared by the Aztecs and colonial Bostonians, how it has journeyed from everyone's every meal, everyday beverage, to a treat of the most elite, and back to being accessible to everyone. Plus, we'll get a glimpse at some of the trends in local chocolate making

**MONDAY MATINEE SERIES**

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to launch Monday Movie Matinee, a film series starting in January. The series will run from January - May. The films will be shown on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. All showtimes at 1PM. Movie dates are: 2/26, 3/11, 3/25, 4/22, 5/13. February movies are: Judas and the Black Messiah (126 mins) and A Haunting in Venice (104 mins). We thank the Norwood Senior Center for being our partner in promoting the film series.

**THE HIDDEN HISTORY OF BLACK BOSTON**

Celebrate Black History Month with the Morrill Memorial Library as we welcome award-winning educator, Joel Mackall, on Monday, February 26 at 6:30pm in the Simoni Room.

Joel will customize his guided tours of the City of Boston for our armchair traveling audience in an interactive presentation: The Hidden History of Black Boston.

Join us to learn Boston's 400-year African-American history! We will delve into the rich narratives of neighborhoods and pivotal sites, events, and figures from the eras of Faneuil Hall and Long Wharf, which marked Boston's connection to the Atlantic world, all the way to the vibrant Black communities that flourished in Beacon Hill in the early republic, and the South End and Roxbury in the early 20th century. Joel's presentation is built on engagement and responsiveness - moving at a pace that allows for in-depth exploration and encourages participant interaction. We cover themes of Black organization and community formation across activism, religion, civil rights, and economics, connecting historical events to contemporary challenges.

The big idea? It's a conversation, and we definitely welcome and encourage questions.

**ONE VOTE FEATURED**

League of Women Voters, in partnership with Morrill Memorial Library, is excited to host the film screening of the documentary One Vote on Thursday February 29, at 6:30 PM in the Simoni Room at the library. The film will be followed by a discussion.

Movie description: ONE VOTE is a small film about a big topic: American democracy. At a moment of unprecedented cynicism about the political process, ONE VOTE bears hopeful witness to the humanity and rich diversity of American voters, and to the unsung stories that comprise our exercise of democracy. It is an inspiring film that follows five diverse Americans on election day. At times funny, surprising and heart-wrenching, the film eschews partisan politics in favor of an honest portrayal of voters' Election Day experiences. It will move you to conquer their own obstacles and objections and to inspire one and all to participate in the democratic process. Run time: 1hr. 18 mins.

**SENSORY FRIENDLY LEGO CLUB FOR ADULTS**

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with the L.E.A.D. program affiliated with Norwood High School to host a Sensory-friendly Lego Club for Adults. Our February Lego club meeting will be held in-person at the library on Thursday February 29, from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

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

**UNRAVELING MYTHS ABOUT TRANS PEOPLE IN SPORTS**

The Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with a cohort of over 40 Massachusetts and New Hampshire public libraries to host journalist Erin Reed for a virtual presentation titled "The Real Score: Unraveling Myths About Trans People in Sports" on Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00pm on Zoom.

In this presentation, we will explore the complex and often misunderstood world of transgender athletes in sports. Delving into the history and current controversies, we will address the myths and misinformation surrounding "biological advantages." We will also discuss the discriminatory nature of recent sports bans targeting transgender individuals, and interrogate how similar arguments have been historically used to marginalize other minority groups. We will look at the real world impact of these sports bans, and how they might touch places you didn't think about. Finally, we'll put it all together in considering what transgender inclusion means for society at large.

About the presenter: Erin Reed (she/her) is a transgender **Library**

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### NORWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Norwood Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, The Wetlands Protection Act and the Norwood Bylaw XXV, including any amendments thereto on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be conducted in person at the Senior Center at 275 Prospect St and digitally using Google Meet. Public participation may be accessed through your computer, tablet or smartphone at the following link: <https://meet.google.com/qxr-awkv-kuj> or dial: (US) +1 402-627-0114 PIN: 610 701 599#

The Commission will hear a Notice of Intent from the Town of Norwood concerning the preservation of the Washington Street bridge that spans Hawes Brook. The project includes concrete repairs as well as work on bridge rails, deck beams, adjacent sidewalk and road. Resource Areas include bank, riverfront area, land under water, and bordering land subject to flooding.

Project Location: Washington Street Bridge over Hawes Brook

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## The Norwood Record FEARNLEY

Margaret (MacDonald), of Norwood, passed away on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at age 84. Born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts she was the daughter of the late Michael and Katherine (Grant) MacDonald. Margaret graduated from Jamaica Plain High School, the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital, and Mass Bay Community College. A registered nurse, she worked at Bournemouth Hospital in Brookline for more than 30 years. Margaret was the devoted mother of the late William R. Fearnley Jr., Stephen Fearnley and his wife Jennifer of Quincy, Matthew Fearnley and his wife Myrza of Orlando FL, Mark Fearnley of Plainville, and Elizabeth and her husband Patrick Sullivan of West Roxbury. She was the sister of Katherine and her husband James T. Cahill of Walpole, and the late Michael G. MacDonald. Margaret is survived by nine grandchildren. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Norwood on Friday February 9. Funeral arrangements were made with Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Margaret's memory to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston. See [www.dana-farber.org](http://www.dana-farber.org).

## JOSEPH

Irene (Foley) of Norwood, February 4, 2024. Dear and devoted wife of the late Arthur Joseph. Loving mother of David Joseph and his wife, Mary of Norwood, Maryann Udell and her husband, Leonard of Medway and the late Michael Joseph. Cherished Grandmother "Nana" of David, Matthew, Andrew, Ashley, Christine, Katie; and great-grandmother of Maddison, Brookelyn, Dillon, Camden, Callen, Kaiden, Bryson, Colman, Landon, Nolan and Julian. Dear sister of the late Dorothy Dumont and Albert Foley. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Irene's memory may be made to the Church or to MSPCA, 350 South Huntington Ave., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. Interment in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Guestbook and other information, at [www.kfouryfuneral.com](http://www.kfouryfuneral.com)

## MASTANDREA

ELIZABETH "Betty" (Butts) of Norwood died on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at the age of 93. She was the wife of late Anthony "Tony" Mastandrea. Devoted mother of Anthony Jr. and Diane of

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Norwood, Karen Miranda of Plymouth, and the late Joanne Hetherington. Loving grandmother of Andrea Griffith and her husband Derek of Rochester, Rachel Mastandrea of N. Carolina, Paul Miranda of Quincy, Melissa Jones and her husband Matthew of Hudson, NY, and Michelle Miranda of Plymouth. Great grandmother of Lenny, Isabella, and Robbie. Elizabeth was born and raised in N. Quincy and was the daughter of the late James and Ellen Butts. Sister of the late C. Charles Butts, Helen Walsh, John Butts, James Butts, George (Donald) Butts, William Butts, and Ann Marie Gagne. She is survived by sister-in-law Virginia Butts of Chester, NY. Betty and Tony moved to Norwood in 1954 and remained in their "starter home" for 70 years. Betty's main interests included painting, traveling, reading, shopping, and going to the beach. She was active in many programs at St. Timothy's Church. Betty was the past president of the Norwood Catholic Women's Club, the Prefect of the St. Timothy Sodality, a CCD, and Confirmation teacher and volunteered in the Norfolk Prison Ministry. She served as a town meeting member for the Town of Norwood and secretary of the Norwood Democratic Town committee for many years. Betty also enjoyed the events at the Norwood Irish Club, the OSIA Lodge #1235. She enjoyed events at the Norwood Women's Club and the Norwood Senior Center which were two of her favorite organizations. Breakfast with friends at Panera and lunch at the Walpole Country Club were fun times for her. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Norwood. Burial at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Betty's memory to the Norwood COA, C/O Kerry McCarthy, Executive Director 275 Prospect St. Norwood, MA 02062 or to the Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood, Inc 150 Chapel St. Norwood, MA 02062.

## STANLEY

John Charles, 68, of Norwood, MA, passed away peacefully in his home on February 2, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. John grew up in Braintree, MA and graduated from Braintree

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## LEOMBRUNO



John G., of Norwood, formerly of the Whiskey Point section of Brookline, passed away on February 8, 2024 at the age of 76. Beloved Husband of Patricia Leombruno (Manchester), devoted father to Christine Campilio (Leombruno) and her husband Christopher of Norwood. Adoring grandfather to Michael and Madelyn Campilio. Brother to Linda D'Andrea of Andover and Ann Dykes of Florida. Son of the late Gabriel and Julia (McGowan) Leombruno. Jack, affectionately known to many as Lumpy, was a proud U.S. Air Force Veteran of the Vietnam War. Jack received the Bronze Star Medal for Valor while in defense of his base during the Tet Offensive in 1968. After receiving an Honorable Discharge, Lumpy worked for Boston Gas, now National Grid, for several decades and retired as a Foreman in 2008. During his younger years, Jack was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed fishing and hunting trips to Maine. In retirement, Lumpy could be found daily at the North Walpole Fish and Game Club with his Dunkin Iced Coffee and scratch tickets while waiting on that big fish. In between catches, Lumpy spent his afternoons watching his grandson Michael play hockey or doting upon his granddaughter Madelyn. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday February 15, 2024 from 3-7pm at the Kraw Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA 02062. The funeral service will be private. In lieu of flowers, Donations may be made in his memory to the Circle of Hope Foundation PO Box 421 Norwood, Ma. 02062

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**Monday, February 5**

1033 Phone - PD-Sudden Death Report Follows Location/Address: Bahama Dr

1733 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Neponset St Female caller reports possible solicitor in her area and she would like an officer to check to see if they have a permit. 3 employees from Power Home Remodeling who are properly registered with the town.

1928 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Monster Mini Golf Of Norwood - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller on business line reports an elderly male party wearing dark pants beige coat white and black striped hat is walking from the McDonald's on RT 1 towards the Wendy's on the Extra Space Storage side. Caller states male party appears to be having trouble walking appears to be stumbling. 676 requesting NFD for an eval. Male party transported to BI Needham

2107 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: Hoyle St Loud music and banging. Resident has been advised, units are clear

**Tuesday, February 6**

0455 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: CVS Pharmacy - Nahatan St CVS female worker reports a male party sleeping near the pharmacy and he won't wake up and leave. 663 reports he will be reporting with one male in protective custody.

1328 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Hill St Caller from Norwood Housing looking to speak with an officer concerning a tenant receiving harassing letters from a neighbor. Housing authority is on scene and in the process of mediation between both neighbors. Second involved party was not home at the time, units clear.

1638 Radio - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Vista Auto Care

Inc. - Cross St Noise complaint at the Auto Mechanic. No noise on officers arrival but he did step out and speak with staff who were advised of the noise bylaw.

1751 Phone - PD-Breaking & Entering Report Follows Location/Address: Endicott St Male party returned home to find window broken/open, wishing for an officer to respond to document incident, advise him on how to proceed. Officer spoke with the reporting party, window is damaged but everything appears to be accounted for inside the residence.

2244 Phone - PD-Sex Offenses Spoke With Location/Address: Dean St HQ reporting a party called in claiming to be a 15 year old juvenile, HQ did not believe the voice was a genuine child voice. The child stated their mothers friends were at her house and had touched her inappropriately. Officer spoke with party who did not make that phone call, seems to be a 3rd party caller. Possibly stemming from a previous instance. Mother was advised on how to proceed.

**Wednesday February 7**

0952 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Hill St Caller reporting a suspicious vehicle parked outside of her residence. Caller spoke with the owner of the vehicle who is a PI doing background investigations at a neighbor's house. Units will be clear.

1012 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: North Ave Caller reporting a male in his 70's is wandering in the neighborhood and seems to be confused. He is only wearing a thin sweatshirt and shoes, no coat etc. Officers were able to come in contact with the male parties wife. He was left in her care, units clear.

1354 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Gone on arrival Location/Address: Public Library - Walpole St Caller requesting the PD on behalf of a male party at

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the library who appears to be intoxicated. Person in question is wearing a jacket, grey pants and a hat and smells of alcohol. Male party G.O.A. Spoke with staff and advised them to call if the unwanted party returns. Units clear.

**Thursday, February 8**

1620 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Pleasant St Party in the lobby looking for an escort to pick up his property due to a court order. Party assisted in gathering belongings no incident.

1646 Phone - PD-Larceny/Forgery/Fraud Report Follows Location/Address: Citizens Bank - Bos-Prov Hwy Citizen's Bank employee called to report that a patron came in and attempted to commit fraud with a check. The party fled, but left their ID.

1746 Phone - PD-Harassment Report Follows 911 caller stating she and her husband have been harassed by a group of teenage kids. NWD664 making contact with the reporting party, othercruisers checking surrounding streets.

1841 Phone - PD-Assist Public Spoke With Location/Address: Public Library - Walpole St Caller, who wants to go by first name only, would like advice regarding a young boy he sees at the library everyday who he believes is neglected. NWD669 to contact by phone. Spoke with the calling party and he was advised.

2029 Phone - PD-Parking Violation Services Rendered Location/Address: Savin Ave HQ reporting multiple vehicles parked on the sidewalk in the area. 3 vehicles found in violation and will be moving.

2130 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: ROJO - Bos-Prov Hwy Male party urinating in the back parking lot, reporting party states they are near red jeep. Checks out okay male party watching a movie waiting to

go to work shortly. Area was checked for the red jeep/male party that was involved without findings.

**Friday February 9**

0005 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Boch Toyota - Bos-Prov Hwy Call from Nightwatch reporting two males possibly stealing tires and loading them into white van. One male party described as wearing a black hoodie and gray pants, the other wearing all black. By the time dispatch received the call Nightwatch believed the van had left the property. NWD 666 states nothing fitting the vehicle description SB from Morse. 674 off with a loading truck in the parking lot. Checked Neponset and lower Washington as well as the rear of the building nothing showing or matching the description. Spoke with the truck driver that is unloading some parts and states he did see the white van by the dumpster but was unsure if they were authorized. NWD668 reporting that at 00:07 a white van made an illegal turn from RT 1 SB onto Dean. NWD 674 reporting the vehicles in the lot check out okay and that the tires were from the dumpster area. Appears the van had stolen used tires from the dumpster area, all other vehicles check out. Westwood dispatch called over with a similar occurrence that happened earlier at their Acura dealership no further information. NWD 666 checked the Hyundai dealership and noticed a white van with similar red logo on the side. Made contact with the driver and they are a cleaner for the Hyundai dealership. He did state there are other cleaners going around to the other dealerships but is not positive it was another cleaner.

0343 911 - PD-Noise Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: Winslow Ave 911 caller reports knocking above him on the second floor. Requesting officers to check out the noise complaint. Spoke with the reporting parties as well as the people on the second floor regarding the noise, cruisers clear.

0736 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Citgo - Pleasant St ACO notified of a black and white shaggy dog in this area. No owner in sight.

0925 Radio - PD-Warrant Report Follows Location/Address: St Joseph Ave OFC's en route for a warrant of apprehension service. OFC returning with one female party in custody. Requesting FD to stage at station.

1638 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Investigated Location/Address: Washington St + Cottage St Caller on business line describes a white male, blue jacket, black pants, white beard, white hair, black hat. Verbal yelling and screaming at passersby. OFC's spoke with parties involved. It was three parties in a verbal argument. Parties separated. home. All clear.

**Saturday, February 10**

0931 911 - PD-General Info Spoke With Location/Address: Charwell Nursing Home - Walpole St Assist the resident of the nursing facility with a dis-

agreement with staff over room cleanliness. Party dialed 911, staff confirms there are no emergencies. PD on scene with the party. Spoke to all parties involved and all are satisfied

0941 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: Winter St Caller reports a dog barking at all hours on back porch. Noise complaint. Spoke to homeowner. Dog has been brought in

1218 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Morrill Memorial Library - Walpole St Anonymous caller on the business line requesting a welfare check on a child at the library. Caller reports an ongoing issue with a 10 y/o m who sits by himself at the library for hours at a time playing video games on the computer. Caller is concerned that the child is being continuously left there alone for the majority of the day, and mentioned they talked to library staff as well as DCF about the issue. All children in the library are accompanied by an adult. No children appear to be neglected in any form.

1404 Phone - PD-Runaway Services Rendered Location/Address: Village Rd E Caller states her son ran away as she was taking a nap. Unknown direction of travel. Unknown description. Does have a history of this. Party is back home and mother no longer wants male party to go the hospital.

1844 Phone - PD-Larceny/Forgery/Fraud Investigated Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Rp on the business line wants to report two bicycles stolen. Last seen around 3pm today. Possible damage to a door on their porch showing they tried to open it. Party located bicycles 50-100 yards away prior to OFC's arrival. OFC's checked the door, no signs of forced entry. Party spoken with and satisfied. OFC's clear.

**Sunday, February 11**

1801 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Investigated Location/Address: Rock St Call on business line reports a Hispanic female, middle age, black hair, wearing an orange sun dress and black coat, knocked on her door. RP spoke to her through ring camera. RP said the female accused her of having her teenagers throw a bottle at her house. OFC's checked the area. Party GOA. OFC's spoke with RP. States female left after they spoke over ring camera.

2044 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Investigated Location/Address: Berwick St + Gardner Rd Female party on 911 states she is walking her dog. It is a husky. She says a male party in a white car is following her. OFC's dispatched to scene. Report MA REG 123ZN3. OFC's spoke with male party, he was playing pokemon go. He was coming from his parents house in the area. Party advised. OFC clear.

2210 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Investigated Location/Address: Limey's Pub - Washington St Caller on the business line says an older white male wearing a sweatshirt was kicked out for the night. He was then pacing back and forth and looking into the window in an angry manner. Party gone on arrival. OFC's clear.

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journalist based in Washington, D.C. She tracks LGBTQ+ legislation around the United States for her subscription newsletter, Erin In The Morning. Her work has been cited by the AP, Reuters, The New York Times, The Washington Post, and many more major media outlets. You can follow her on twitter and tiktok @ErinInTheMorn.

### MEET THE UNSUNG HEROINE BEHIND THE NEW DEAL

The only person in his administration FDR said he could trust was Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins. The first woman to serve in the US Cabinet, Frances returns to the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, March 7 at 6:30 pm, to help us celebrate Women's History Month. Come hear stories of her trials, trip-ups, and triumphs in the FDR administration during the tumultuous years that encompassed the Depression, New Deal, and World War 11.

Discover the stories behind topics that include: The list of demands she presented to FDR before accepting the Secretary of Labor appointment; Her role in developing and pushing through New Deal programs; The impeachment attempt that left her career in tatters; Professional and personal repercussions of The Depression, World War 11, the anti-immigrant movement, gender bias, and more; Resignation and post-political life; Bedeviling troubles with her husband and daughter.

You will come to understand the reasons Frances Perkins is referred to as one of the most influential women of the first half of the 20th century.

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High School. He went on to study at Eastern Nazarene College, graduating in 1977, and attended graduate school at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA, where he later became a historical interpreter at Colonial Williamsburg. John retired from Computershare in Canton, MA and previously taught at Hyde Park Academy in Hyde Park, MA and worked at J.L. Hammett Educational Supply in Braintree. In his retirement, he was an Educator at Old North Church in Boston. John was a wonderful and loving husband, father, brother, and uncle, and treasured his extended family. He was a caring and loyal friend to many. He had a great love and belief in keeping family connected, enjoying celebratory gatherings, and vacationing at Chase's Ocean Grove in Dennis Port, MA, and the Adirondack Mountains in northern New York State. He was committed to preserving the remembrance of family and spent many hours researching and documenting family history, including time spent collecting, collating, and publishing photos, letters, and written and oral accounts of the history of the USS Herndon, the WWII destroyer on which his father served as Chief Yeoman. All of this intersected with his general love of history. A member of Eastern Nazarene's inaugural varsity cross-country team, John took a lifelong interest in running. He also enjoyed a good round of golf (especially the annual Nendza ADK Invitational) and was a lover of all sports in general – as a participant, spectator, or coach for his children. John loved watching the Celtics with his family and spending time with his goldendoodle Avery. He was a beloved and active member of Grace Episcopal Church in Norwood. Over the years he managed the Grace Family Fair, the annual Christmas Tree Sale, and most recently he cultivated the development of a Food Forest and efforts to create a pollinator-welcome environment. John is pre-deceased by his parents Robert and Charlotte Stanley of Braintree, MA. He is survived by his wife of 33 years Karen (Nendza) Stanley; his children Sarah Catherine of Allentown, PA, John Robert and Ryan Christian, both of Norwood; siblings Jane Stanley (Eric Weaver) of Williamsburg, VA, Ellen Stanley (John Ebersole) of Natick, MA, and Peter Stanley (Mary) of Worcester, MA; father-in-law Richard Nendza of Syracuse, NY; and in-laws Christine Nendza (Donald Verrette) of Cleveland, NY, Mary Cortes (Leo) of Arnold, MD, Monica Nendza of Watertown, MA, and Richard J. Nendza (Kristen) of Walpole, MA, along with several nieces and nephews. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in Grace Episcopal Church, Norwood on Saturday February 10. Funeral arrangements were made with Gillooly

Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in John's name to one of the following organizations: American Cancer Society ([donate.cancer.org](https://www.donate.cancer.org)) Native Plant Trust <https://www.nativeplanttrust.org/> Grow Native Massachusetts <https://grownativemass.org/>

### STUMPO

Kathleen Marie (Landers) of Walpole (formerly of Norwood) passed away on February 6th after a courageous battle with cancer. Since her first diagnosis of acute leukemia in 2010, Kathleen faced her medical challenges with determination to conquer the disease in order to continue to enjoy her most precious family. Thanks to the selflessness and generosity of her brother, Jack, Kathleen triumphed over leukemia with the donation of his bone marrow cells, which were a perfect match and officially led her to a sustained remission. Despite several additional medical complications over the years, Kathleen's resolve afforded her the ability to fearlessly press on, forever keeping her "eye on the prize" - spending coveted time and making beautiful memories with her grandchildren, children and beloved husband, Silvio. A recent, successful kidney transplant, donated by her loving and devoted daughter, Kate, was complicated by a new cancer diagnosis, which Kathleen faced not only with continued grace, but also with renewed resilience, relentlessness, and tenacity. Her unwavering and silent strength inspired her village of family and friends, while simultaneously endearing her to healthcare providers as she persisted in the face of devastating circumstances. Kathleen was born in Norwood, Massachusetts where she met her high school sweetheart and soul mate of over fifty years, Silvio. They eventually moved to Walpole where for 30+ years they raised a beautiful family of three daughters: Kristen, Kate, and Kerri. When she wasn't cheering on her daughters on the sidelines, she provided a warm and welcoming home to friends and family alike, ensuring that everyone left with a full belly and a full heart. She enjoyed doting on her daughters and grandchildren, dining out with Silvio in the North End and traveling to her favorite places like Cape Cod, Ireland, and Italy. Kathleen graduated from Norwood High School and went on to pursue a nursing career after having completed her education at the Faulkner Hospital School of Nursing where she was vice president of her class from 1971 to 1973 and lauded the Centennial Club Award for clinical excellence. She spent the majority of her career caring for children in the pediatric units of various hospitals, but mostly, Norwood Hospital so she could work close to home and still care for her own

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family. It is only fitting that she became the most tender-loving and nurturing mother and Nana after a career dedicated to caring for children. She was the backbone and matriarch of the family-always prioritizing everyone else's needs before her own. She gently encouraged her daughters to pursue an education and a path that ignited their passion, giving them roots to remind them that they could always come home, but wings to let them follow individual life journeys wherever they may lead. The greatest joys in Kathleen's life were her grandchildren: Francesca Margaret, Bianca Kathleen, Kobe Chase, Zac Blaze, Matteo Silvio, and Fiona Catherine. She cherished her role as Nana from the time they were born right up to the teenage years. She was always there...showing up to library time with the babies, bringing flowers to dance recitals, routing them on at sporting events and treating her little cherubs "just because." Kathleen leaves behind her loving and adoring husband of fifty years, Silvio, her devoted daughters, Kristen and her husband Jimmy of Westwood, Kate and her husband Brian of Medfield, and Kerri and her husband Michael of Chicago, her darling grandchildren, her loving brother Jack Landers of New Hampshire and dear sister Peggy (Margaret) Geiger of E. Wareham, and many nieces, nephews, and extended family both here and abroad. She was predeceased by her parents, John, and Catherine (Folan) Landers of Norwood (formerly Ireland). Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062.

### TOMASELLO

EDWARD Francis of Plainville, formerly of Norwood, passed away on February 7, 2024 at the age of 90. Beloved husband of Mary Elizabeth (McAuliffe) Tomasello. Devoted father of Michael E. Tomasello and his wife Christine of RI, William "Bill" Tomasello and his wife Kathy of Norwood, Edward T. Tomasello and his wife Sharon of Center Conway, NH, Robert C. Tomasello and his wife Catherine "CJ" of Mansfield and Susan M. Mills and her husband Don of Exeter, NH. Brother of the late Joseph, Jack, Bill, Peter and Paul. Cherished grandfather of 13 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Son of the late Joseph A. and Catherine L. (Tracey) Tomasello. Edward graduated from Norwood High School in 1951. He was a US Navy Korean War Veteran. After serving his country honorably, he worked 37 years at Norwood Post Office as a Letter Carrier and Clerk. All services will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the West Roxbury VA Medical Center 1400 VFW Pkwy, West Roxbury, MA 02132.

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support grant through the Cultural Sector Recovery Grants for Organizations program from the Mass Cultural Council. During intermission, the audience will have a chance to meet and learn about the orchestra instruments at an instrument petting zoo. Concert admission is free. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. For more information, please call 617-792-4277, visit the orchestra's web site at [www.parkwayconcertorchestra.org](http://www.parkwayconcertorchestra.org) or visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/parkwayconcertorchestra](https://www.facebook.com/parkwayconcertorchestra).

### FEBRUARY MONTHLY BALLROOM DANCE

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging will be sponsoring their monthly Ballroom Dance, on Friday, February 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. Coffee, tea, desserts & water are served & there are also door prizes. We look forward to welcoming newcomers of all ages.

There is a Facebook page so you can check the status of events offered by the Friends: Friends Of The Norwood Council On Aging | Facebook

### MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP TO MEET

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

### IMPACT NORWOOD CREATING MAGAZINE

Calling all Norwood residents! How has physical and mental wellness impacted your life? Impact Norwood is a substance use prevention and mental health awareness coalition seeking to improve health in Norwood youth. We are creating a wellness magazine, Mindful Mustangs, focusing on stories of resilience, mental health, physical activity, community, and prioritizing overall wellbeing, but we need submissions! We are looking for articles and artwork from Norwood residents of all ages sharing any story about their own wellness journey or using one of our prompts. You can find the application and submit your response online at <http://tinyurl.com/Mindful-Mustangs24> or at one of our physical locations: the Civic Center, Morrill Memorial Library, Senior Center, and Town Hall. To find out more, please visit [impactnorwood.org/mindful-mustangs](http://impactnorwood.org/mindful-mustangs) or email [mindfulmustangs@gmail.com](mailto:mindfulmustangs@gmail.com) with any questions.

### YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SERIES

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

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

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

Understanding Transgender and Non-Binary Youth: March 8, from 9-10 a.m. Understanding Pediatric Anxiety Disorders and OCD: March 22, from 12-1 p.m. Partnering with Schools for Services and Supports: April 5, from 9-10 a.m.

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

### NORWOOD TOASTMASTERS CAN IMPROVE COMMUNICATION SKILLS

The Norwood Toastmasters Club, a not-for-profit educational organization is well into its 25th year! We develop communication and leadership skills for our members and the community at every level of ability. Guests are always welcome to come and see just how we do it! Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. We meet from 6:45 until 8:30 p.m. at the Lydon Suite in the Norwood Civic Center, 165 Nahatan St. in Norwood, Massachusetts. Please visit our website: <https://norwoodtoastmaster.toastmastersclubs.org/> for additional information."

## Obituary Policy

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