



Lori Cimeno, the next director of student services.

PHOTO BY RICARDO GUILLAUME

## Town opts out of School Choice

### School Committee discusses pay for play

**Ricardo Guillaume**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee met on Wednesday, May 8 at the James R Savage Educational Center to talk school choice, career-focused education, and pay for play.

“As you know, Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 76, § 1B requires the Norwood school department to enroll non-residents unless the school committee votes by June 1st not to participate in the school choice program,” Dr. David Thomson began. “Enrollment in Norwood schools are increasing and in many cases have reached capacity, choice students once

enrolled are the school’s responsibility to choice out or graduate, the income stream for choice students is on a declining scale with less income per pupil this year than last year, and Norwood would be subsidizing the cost of educating each student per pupil expenditure of the maximum allowable reimbursement. Based on [those] reasons, myself, the superintendent recommends Norwood school committee vote not to participate in the school choice program for the 2019-2020 school year.”

The committee agreed with Dr. Thomson and voted unanimously to opt out of the program. Once that was settled, Norwood educators took the floor. Lori

Cimeno will be the next director of student services of Norwood Public Schools. Cimeno worked in the field of special education for 19 years and served as the director of student services at Wellesley Public Schools for four years. When asked about her plans to improve the integration process for special education students within the classroom as a whole, Cimeno said that inclusion is paramount for every student.

“Philosophically, I believe that every child, regardless of what their disability type is, does have the ability to include

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More than 100 TM members, residents and officials came out for the regular May Town Meeting start.

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## Town meeting gets through Town budget

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Annual Town Meeting started on its 15 Warrant Articles on Monday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Norwood High School Auditorium.

Most of the meeting was dedicated to Article 8, dealing with the Town and School budgets respectively. Most of the line items discussed passed without much comment for the Town side of the budget. However, one area of slight contention was an idea Town Moderator David Hern brought before the membership.

The thought was to put the budget review and voting process

into a consent agenda format. Instead of going through each department’s budget and voting yes or no on the recommendations from the Finance Commission, the Moderator would call out the bottom line budget on the page. If a TM member – any member – wanted to discuss the item, they would call out a hold.

Hern said the idea came from the Town to try to make TM more efficient and less time-consuming.

Hern took a nonbinding vote from the membership to get an idea of how people felt about

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## Running for a vet

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The rain abated a bit on Saturday for the fifth annual Norwood Run for a Vet Five-Mile run at the Norwood High School on Saturday, May 11.

More than 200 people came out to run and support the fundraising efforts first started by resident and veteran Diego Silva. Norwood Veterans Agent Ted Mulvehill said it was great to see the support from resi-

dents.

“Good morning everyone and what a day we got,” he said. “Diego Silva is the man. This community is his family, his military family, his public safety family, and they have been supporting him for the last five years, the proceeds of which go to support many different causes, all of them very worthwhile and veteran-related... I can’t even tell you the behind-the-scenes work he does to support veteran families, Again Di-

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More than 200 runners and more well wishers came out to support the fifth annual Run for a Vet at the Norwood High School.

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## DANCING WITH THE NORWOOD STARS

Long before Danc-

ing With The Norwood Stars took place, Chris Wagner, a local Boston Bruin, had just received the 'Bruins 7th Player Award.' The Bruins donated \$5000 to the charity of his choice. Chris chose The Circle of Hope in honor of his aunt Michelle Sheehan, as she was a contestant and the eventual winner in this year's fabulous Dancing with the Stars. Each contestant gave 100% of themselves ensuring that the hard work of the committee of the 'Circle of Hope' can continue helping those in need as they have graciously done for a very

long time. Congrats to Michelle and all the other terrific dancers!

## CONDOLENCES

I send my sincere condolences to the family of the late, Dept. Fire Chief, Mike Abely. Mike was truly a terrific person! Memory Eternal. I also send my condolences to the family of the late Brenda Babel. She was incredible! Memory Eternal.

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# Outback liquor license turned in to Selectmen

## Liquor compliance checks net disappointing results

Mary Ellen Gambon  
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen was all business at their meeting, held on Tuesday, May 14 at Town Hall, as members discussed developing new commercial policies and some ongoing local establishment issues.

The ongoing issue on their plate was the case with the Outback Steakhouse site, located at 1210 Boston-Providence Turnpike. On April 23, attorney Jessica Deratzian of the firm Connor and Hilliard appeared before the Board with a proposal to have Boston Tavern occupy the long-vacant site. However, because the business had just been introduced as an interested party, the Selectmen had continued the matter until this meeting.

Before this meeting, Deratzian withdrew the application for the transfer of the common victualer's license. An attorney for Outback Steakhouse surrendered the license before it could be withdrawn by the Town for failure to provide service.

"There will be no Boston Tavern in the Town of Norwood," Chairman Paul Bishop said.

The restaurant has been closed since January 16, 2018, and the Town has been unable to collect any tax revenue from it. Its case was previously continued from March 19.

Another major issue regarding alcohol was the topic of liquor compliance checks at local establishments, addressed by Selectman Tom Maloney. He noted that Police Chief William Brooks had conducted compliance checks on April 25 to ensure that liquor license requirements were being met.

"Out of 39 checks, 33 passed," Maloney said. "Out of the six that had failed, what struck me was that, at five of the six, the bartender did ask for the ID, and the operative did provide the ID."

Despite being under 21 and a copy of the ID being taken by the checker, the person was served anyway.

"I happened to mention this out loud to my grandson with the name of the establishment," Se-

lectman William Plasko said. "He said, 'They carded me at the door. Once I get in, they served me.'"

Brooks said that there needed to be a follow-up hearing regarding these establishments. They would either be seen at one future Selectmen's meeting, or three at one and three at another.

Selectman David Hajjar brought up the point that half of these establishments were not TIPS certified.

TIPS is a five-hour skills-based training program that is designed to prevent underage drinking, intoxication and drunk driving. It has been used nationwide and in 50 countries over the past 35 years to certify more than five million employees who serve alcohol. The course also is available online.

Maloney mentioned that the Selectmen did hold nine hearings last summer where the issue was addressed.

"We did try to put the fear of God into some businesses, but apparently the fear abated," he said.

Plasko said a policy needed to be codified regarding first, second and third offenses, but that it also needed to offer the Board some flexibility regarding the severity of the offense and consideration of issues such as change of ownership.

Maloney said he will work with executive assistant Christina Mulvehill and Town Counsel on a draft policy.

The Board also mentioned the increasing number of permits being submitted to the Town, indicating the willingness of businesses and residents to invest here.

"It contributes to the general health of the Town and shows that people want to stay here in Norwood," Bishop said.

Maloney also announced the success of the recent groundbreaking at the Boston Skating Club site, which was attended by more than 100 people, including U.S. Olympic gold figure skating champions Scott Hamilton and Tenley Emma Albright, the first American woman to win the gold medal in 1956.

"The Skating Club will be a

great boon to us economically, socially and physically" he said.

"When Albright was 10 years old, she had polio and was confined to bed," Bishop said. "She went on to win the Olympic gold medal for women's figure skating. Then she went to Harvard Medical School and became a world renowned surgeon."

At the end of the meeting, The Juice Bar at 1199 Washington St. nearly got squeezed for submitting a last-minute request at 4 p.m. to have a one-day liquor license to hold a wine tasting on Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The business will be open until 6 p.m. and is celebrating its first anniversary.

"This is a broader issue," Plasko said. "We don't even have a formal request. It just seems to me that it's unfair to this Board. We don't even have a formal application."

"I agree with everything you said," Bishop said. "She's a young person, and it's her first time."

He added that there needs to be a uniform policy put into place with a number of days' notice so that the Board can give due consideration. Also, it would allow the Town to give notice of the event online and to the media.

The Board will work on a policy draft to present at a future meeting.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be on Tuesday, May 21 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.



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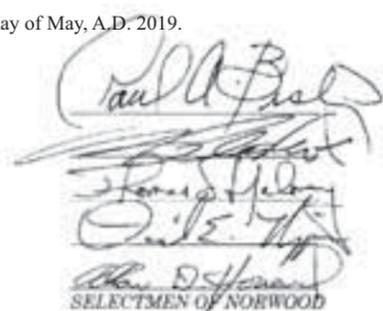
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**NOW NOT THE TIME FOR AN OVERRIDE***To the Editor:*

On June 3rd, Norwood voters will go to the polls in a special election which will be one of the most important local elections in our lifetimes. Voters will be asked whether or not to approve an almost \$6 million “operational override” of Proposition 2-1/2.

The Finance Commission’s budget summary book for Fiscal 2020 indicates that even without an override, the town will collect a little more than \$2.3 million more in property taxes in the coming fiscal year than in the fiscal year ending on June 30th. It was also reported earlier this year in your newspaper that the town will probably receive about \$1 million more in state aid for Fiscal 2020 than in Fiscal 2019. And on top of that, two major apartment developments near the center of Norwood (Regal Press Apartments and Avalon Norwood on the site of the old Plimpton Press) are scheduled to open later this year, which will bring in even more property tax revenues.

Even with an increase of mandated “shared costs” (according to the Fincom’s booklet), here will be revenue which can be diverted to the schools to prevent the most onerous proposed cuts.

One other concern I have is how this override would affect older and low-income people, given that the per-capita income in Norwood is less than in most neighboring towns. The pro-override One Norwood group claims that even with the override, the “average” Norwood homeowner would pay less in property taxes than people in many neighboring towns. In a way, that’s true, but it’s like comparing apples and oranges. A better way to compare the tax burden is to compare property tax rates per \$1,000 of valuation in Norwood and neighboring towns. Using this criteria, Norwood’s tax rate is right around the middle. An override will boost the tax rate some 8 percent (as noted in the May 9th Record), which will result in Norwood’s tax rate being one of the highest in the area.

Does Norwood need an operational Proposition 2-1/2

override in the future? Maybe. Does Norwood need an operational override this year? No. What Norwood should do, instead of an override, is to change the Schools/General Government “split” from the current 55 percent (Schools)/45 percent (General Government) to one where the School Department has a slightly higher percentage. Lastly, an operational override shouldn’t be approved until after a debt exclusion override vote for funding a new Middle School takes place.

Keep Norwood an affordable place to live. Think carefully about the financial impact of this override on you and your family. Then vote “No” on Monday, June 3rd.

*Joseph Gallant  
Norwood*

**TIME TO APPROVE AN OVERRIDE***To the Editor:*

Town officials have always produced a balanced budget. However a balanced budget doesn’t necessarily mean it adequately addresses all the town’s needs. We have been cutting back on items that both the general government and school department need to provide services. And we can’t consider trying to add services people have asked for. We currently have less than adequate resources in several areas of our operations. This causes the town to be in a reactive position, instead of being able to be proactive.

We have a serious structural deficit causing us to be constantly cutting back and doing without. Former Selectman Mike Lyons year after year told us we had to stop just balancing the budget and have a community discussion regarding what type of community we want to live in.

All involved in the budget process knew Mr. Lyons was correct, and now that time has come. We now are forced to have that discussion. The residents must decide if they are willing to pay more to protect the services we have come to

expect, and protect our property values; or will they accept serious cuts in services and the likely lowering of property values. Finding a consensus on which services will be cut will be an enormous task which will leave many unhappy.

The factors that have led to the budget challenges we face are systemic, difficult to resolve, and not unique to Norwood. Property taxation is the major source of revenue available to towns to finance the variety of public services that are highly valued by our residents. We have been operating at the maximum tax levy limit for years. Only the residents themselves can choose to increase this limit.

State Aid is the second largest source of funds at a town’s disposal. Since the state fiscal crisis of 2002 the state has reduced resources it shares with local governments. While the state in recent years has shown a willingness to provide increases in state aid, it still remains below 2002 levels when adjusted for inflation.

The lack of adequate state aid has substantially contributed to our diminished ability to provide proper funding of our schools and general government services. Unfunded State mandated services placed on the communities, especially the school districts has seriously added to this financial problem. Norwood, and in communities all around the Commonwealth have handled this by heavily relying on the use of our reserves.

Town officials have judiciously used our reserves in order to meet our essential needs. Unfortunately as a result of the constant need to use these funds the balances have become dangerously low. Our Bonding Agent has already put the town on notice that if our reserves get any lower we will be seriously jeopardizing the town’s financial stability, and that the town’s bond rating could suffer a downgrading, a step that would add to our long term financial difficulties through higher borrowing rates.

Our Town-Wide Budget Committee has developed a sound plan to restore needed services, and then to maintain them for at least the next five years. This plan is modeled after those used successfully in many communities.

Our Finance Commission, Selectmen, and School Committee have all endorsed this plan and support the Override. These town officials have taken a Pledge which sets the parameters for our budgets during this period to insure the plan’s success.

The plan calls for the establishment of a new Stabilization Fund which will immediately

increase our dangerously low reserves to maintain our bond rating, and hopefully put us on a course to have that rating upgraded in the future. The plan will provide dearly needed funds for road repairs; it will eliminate our annual need to use our reserves to pay for snow and ice removal; another part of the plan to stabilize our finances.

The Override will allow the general government side to avoid a projected deficit over the next 5 years which approaches \$1.5million dollars. The need to cut this amount from our operating budget will mean very severe cuts to our Police and Fire departments; the Department of Public Works, Senior Center and Library. We will also be forced to decide which of several desired services must be cut, such as the swimming pools, holiday celebrations, and cemetery upkeep.

The School Department has been suffering from a lack of adequate funding for several years. They have not been able to provide our kids several classes and services that are vital to a sound education to prepare them for their future. The plan behind the Override will allow for these needs and restore the very severe cuts the School Committee has been forced to make to balance this year’s budget. The override is needed to avoid even more additional serious cuts in the coming years.

Our town is faced with a serious financial problem, but we have a solid plan to deal with it. A plan that considers our basic needs. A plan designed to secure our financial future and the vitality of our community. I trust that collectively we will make the best decision for the common good.

I believe that is a YES vote on June 3rd.

*Selectman  
William J. Plasko*

**DON’T FORGET ABOUT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL***To the Editor:*

Before you head for the polling booth on June 3rd, spend some time thinking about how huge the proposed override amount is. Nearly \$6 million dollars is excessive—it’s too bad a smaller amount isn’t on the ballot.

Don’t forget that a Middle School override looms on the horizon.

*Christine M. Egan  
Norwood*

**NO OVERRIDE MEANS LOWER PROPERTY VALUES***To the Editor:*

When looking for a place to call home, there are many different things a person or fam-

ily considers. The first as we all know, is location, location, location. Another top consideration for many young buyers is the quality of the local school system and the programs it offers. As a local realtor, I speak from experience.

When young families are looking for a home, they often do their research on what the town has to offer and the quality of the school system. Ask any agent what is one of the most important traits they look for in a town..... “How is the school system”? The current real estate market in Norwood remains healthy at the moment but from my experience and those agents I have spoken to in the local area we have already been experiencing a sense of “wait and see” before these buyers make a decision. We have seen Norwood families looking in other towns like Norfolk, Walpole, Medfield and Westwood because they are concerned about the school budget. Many families have experienced the instability of the school budget year after year and now the concern of the override not passing has good families considering moving out and leaving Norwood.

There are numerous articles available which cover the debate of Good Schools vs Higher Taxes. The one major benefit of good schools (aside from the obvious benefits to the children they serve), from a homeowner’s perspective is the appreciation of your home value. While quality schools most often go hand in hand with higher taxes they also go hand in hand with property values.

I understand there are many residents who are on a fixed budget, have children who are no longer in the school system and think they will not benefit from more money allocated to maintain and improve our education system. What EVERY home owner must realize is the amount of equity they will lose if they live in a town that does not invest appropriately in their education system.

A school system without a fine arts program, an athletic program, and eliminating 9+ teachers, does not appear to be a town investing in their education system. As all the research shows an area’s school system has a direct correlation to its property value. Buyers who value the education system of a town will look elsewhere. Pretty simple: Fewer buyers = less demand = lower prices.

Yes we have one of the lowest tax rates around. However, even with the override we will continue to maintain this advantage as well as remain a desirable place to call home. Norwood will continue to be an affordable place to live for many as compared to a large number of our surrounding communities.

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Southern Airways is looking to open a direct route from Norwood to Nantucket. If approved, the route could start as early as June 14.

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# Southern Airways wants to use airport

**Matthew MacDonald**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Airport Commission (NAC) gathered on Wednesday afternoon, May 8 for its regularly scheduled monthly session. It ran nearly an hour and drew enough of a crowd to fill the NAC meeting room to standing room capacity.

The main item of business on the agenda had to do with Southern Airways Express' interest in opening a seasonal passenger air route from Norwood to Nantucket.

If its plan comes to fruition, the route will open for business on June 14 and continue until approximately Oct. 1, with one daily round trip flight originating from the Airport.

Mark Cestari – chief commercial officer of Southern Airways – shared this information with the Commission during a

25 minute slide presentation in which he went over the airline's history, as well as some of the details regarding its Norwood-Nantucket plans.

According to Cestari, Southern Airways is the fastest growing airline in the United States.

It was established in 2013 with a fleet of three Cessna Caravan turboprop aircraft and five pilots but, in the six years since, it has steadily grown, purchasing other airlines and expanding its routes to include the Mid-Atlantic (Pennsylvania is its busiest zone), the Gulf region, and – with its acquisition of Mokulele Airlines earlier this year – Hawaii.

Highlights of Southern Airways' rapid growth include its opening of a hub – with a six gate concourse – at BWI (Baltimore/Washington International) Airport in 2017, and entering into a ticketing and bag-

gage agreement with American Airlines in June, 2018.

"We now are able to have our customers get on our flights at our small airports, go to Pittsburgh or BWI, and check their bags all the way to cities around the world," Cestari said of the interline agreement. "It's really been a game changer for us."

He went on to present some of the numbers for the airline, including its 222 daily departures, 30,000 monthly passengers, 500 total employees, 200 pilots, and 35 aircraft, commenting that "we are literally spread very widely all over the map."

Norwood-Nantucket would be Southern Airways' first New England route, and Cestari explained its appeal to the Commission:

"We think that – especially with what is happening at Logan: congestion, parking, removing the ride shares – there is interest, in the suburban communities, of finding an alternative to that, and we think that

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In addition, let's not forget that Norwood is a place that prides itself on a sense of community. I know as I grew up in this town and chose to raise my family here. While the majority of the override immediately benefits the schools, it helps maintain the things we all appreciate such as the strong safety services, senior center, and recreation department as well. Whether you have children, grandchildren or a neighbor with children let's give them all a chance to continue to benefit from what this town has to offer as the many children before us have. History is showing we cannot continue this significantly low tax rate and keep up with the demand of a quality school system and community programs.

Many of us become shortsighted and don't think of a monetary payout in the future (home values) or want to invest in something we can't see or think will directly impact us. So think of this: Are the children of our town not worthy of a yes vote? Is a small investment in our town that prides itself on taking care of its own not worth it? Are you prepared to lose significant equity in your home? So let's vote YES and continue this tradition of a place called Norwood that prides itself in taking care of each other and our town! A YES vote on the override invests in your community and yourself!!

Jen Conley  
Norwood

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Norwood offers a really, really good alternative for folks on the South Shore and to the west of the city.”

Southern Airways’ proposed daily round trip would originate at the Airport in the morning and arrive from Nantucket in the late afternoon, with flights scheduled from Friday through Monday.

The eight-passenger Cessna Caravan that would fly the route will have no flight attendant, catering, or lavatory service.

When asked about possibly scheduling more flights, Cestari’s response was measured:

“We would rather start conservatively and spool up, rather than start aggressively and spool down. We don’t think that’s in our best interest, or the Airport’s.”

Cestari also stated that route pilots would be based locally and live within the community:

“We find it’s a great way to maintain an on-time operation because our pilots live close to where they’re starting and ending the day, and it’s just good community relations.”

He also stated that the airline was in discussions with other communities to add a third stop to the route, with Martha’s Vineyard and Provincetown mentioned as possibilities.

No vote was required of the Commission regarding this planned route, although Airport Manager Russ Maguire explained that – as a based commercial operator – Southern Airways could apply for a permit at the Airport, or use it while based at another airport.

Cestari informed the NAC

that it would opt for the latter (it’s based in Pennsylvania), although it will keep its route plane – and probably a spare – tied down at the Airport.

Last week’s meeting was Southern Airways’ first regarding its plans for the new route. Its next was scheduled with the Nantucket Airport Commission on Tuesday, May 14.

Cestari explained that – if Nantucket approves the plan – tickets will go on sale on Wednesday, May 15 to allow for a one month run-up to the first flight, while adding, “If we find that – two weeks into it – we’re selling out, what a nice problem to have.”

In other NAC business, Boston Executive Helicopters (BEH) made the agenda several times:

In old business, Chair Mark Ryan addressed the written complaints of two helicopter operators regarding BEH’s fuel truck, which he described – based on their contents – as driving around the southern helipads and delaying the operations of two choppers.

According to Ryan, the two letters complained of BEH’s unsafe operations.

He added that the NAC recommended that a letter be sent to BEH by Maguire “expressing concern by Airport tenants – and management of the Airport – of unusual or unsafe operations by the BEH fuel truck, and to use better judgment in the future.”

In new business, the Commission voted to authorize an advertisement for proposals regarding the lease of lots A, B, and C, as well as the construction of a hangar.

In discussion beforehand, the topic led to commentary

from Vice-Chair Michael Sheehan regarding a call he had received from an unnamed Selectman concerning correspondence submitted to the Board from BEH (which Sheehan at first left unnamed but which was noted in the correspondence section of the agenda) raising issue with the advertisement.

Without going into too many specifics regarding the letter, Sheehan stated that one of the reasons that the lots were up for bid was because BEH had had complained that it wasn’t being treated fairly because the NAC hadn’t been making apron space available.

“And now that we’re doing that, we’re somehow doing something else wrong,” he added.

Remaining silent through all of this was BEH President Christopher Donovan, who was standing near to where Sheehan was sitting, video recording the meeting.

At the April 10 NAC meeting, Donovan had been invited to speak regarding the two helicopter operators’ complaints but had declined because of late developments in the ongoing federal civil litigation between his company and the Commission and Town.

The case remains pending, with an evidentiary hearing scheduled in court on May 28.

At the conclusion of the open meeting, the NAC went into executive session to discuss this case, as well as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Director’s Determination – also the result of a BEH complaint – against the NAC and the Town.

The NAC meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the Airport offices.

# Boston Skating Club groundbreaking

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

next 100 years will hold.

“I think like everybody in this room, we love the sport of figure skating, we love everything about it,” he said. “We love the athleticism, we love the artistry, we love the pursuit of the impossible. When I look at the next hundred years, well I’m like this eternal optimist right? Is there anything more optimistic than the next 100 years? No! The only thing more optimistic would be to say, ‘I can’t wait to see it.’”

The new facility will feature three rinks, one of which includes the Performance Center that will seat 2,500 spectators and host exhibitions, shows and competitions for figure skating

Skating Club  
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The three-rink circus started off early on Monday morning with a groundbreaking (or ice breaker) at the site for the new Skating Club of Boston (SCB) site on University Avenue in Norwood.

Executives, Town officials, well wishers, financiers and two Olympic Gold Medalists came to the event to share their stories of the SCB and what they hope for the future of the organization here in Norwood.

The theme of the groundbreaking was “The Next 100 Years.”Olympic gold medalist Scott Hamilton said during the event that since the club has lasted more than 100 years, they want to look at what the

# School Choice

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some portion of their day - if it’s been determined that they can - be in a public school setting,” Cimeno said. “We should be able to, as educators, identify times when students can be included with their developing peers to benefit from that unity. I wholeheartedly believe that inclusion is possible for the vast majority of our students.”

Norwood High School principal, Dr. Hugh T. Galligan, vice principal, Cynthia Derrane, career counselor, Melaurie Jean-Noel, and head of guidance, Kristen McDonnell represented the Norwood Public Schools school committee with a presentation on expanding career-focused education programs at Norwood High Schools. Jean-Noel said the purpose of the initiative is to make sure high school students are taking ownership of their learning and making appropriate real-world connections to their passions.

“Are [students] making the connection of what the purpose of attending high school is, rather than just saying, ‘I’m going to high school just to go to college’?” Jean-Noel asked before introducing MyCap (My career and academic plan), a student-directed, multi-year planning tool designed to increase students’ understanding of what they’re learning and how it will connect to their future careers. The six key components are advising, the labor market demand, the integrated instruction blend of academic coursework with career model, work-based learning where kids will get special work experience, the credential preparations so kids will come out with OSHA 10 certificates or first-aid certification, and post-secondary planning.

Norwood High School students and National Honors Society members, Emily Murray and Surya Adeleye were present to be honored with the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents academic excellence award. The career education program is equally designed to organically aid honor students like them as well as students who struggle academically, may not have their future mapped out yet, or who don’t envision going to a four-year college find their calling.

Pay to Play policy came next on the agenda and a lengthy discussion was held on whether or not sports funding should be bundled and require every student who wishes to play to pay a fee anywhere between \$600 and \$1,100. The issue became more complicated once Title IX compliance and socio-economic ramifications were factored in, raising equality issues around funding for more expensive sports like men’s football compared to women’s sports such as women’s field hockey, volleyball, and soccer.

“I just read out loud from a paragraph that said a quarter of our population is economically disadvantaged and you’re going to set up a situation where boys have money and girls don’t, and what is that going to do in the hallways and cafeterias?” Smith asked. “‘Because you don’t have the money to play, I can’t play’? I am so morally against this in every way.”

After an hour and a half of deliberation, with more than one moment where there was a long silence, and committee members expressing turmoil over what to decide, Stewart proposed a motion to move forward with the pay for play option with a deadline of June 1st to decide funding for the Marching band (so they have enough notice to make band camp) and June 15th for all other sports. At around 10:25 PM the motion was unanimously approved.

Norwood needs an operational override.

## Vote YES on June 3

<p><b>A YES vote:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Keeps the Willett School open</li> <li>✓ Funds after school sports, music, drama, and clubs</li> <li>✓ Retains 12 teachers</li> <li>✓ Protects police, fire, DPW, and library staff</li> <li>✓ Saves town services</li> <li>✓ Maintains our buildings, vehicles, and roads</li> </ul>	<p><b>What will the override do for Norwood?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stabilize our financial future.</li> <li>• Allow us to keep present services for all residents.</li> <li>• Provide quality education for our children.</li> </ul> <p><b>Endorsed by:</b></p> <p>Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce, Board of Selectman, Finance Commission, School Committee, and League of Women Voters</p>
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# Town Meeting *continued from page 1*

it at the onset of the meeting, before discussion of Article 1. The consensus was clear that members were positive about the concept. Hern then said they would come back to it at Article 8.

During Article 8 discussion, Hern pointed out many other municipalities utilize this practice. However, several members were wary of starting a new practice without first having the Town Meeting Rules Committee study it and give a recommendation.

“Let’s refer this matter to the Town Meeting Rules Committee to see if it’s a good idea and then come back on it for debate,” Town Meeting Member Mike Riley said. “I have no problem with a consent agenda; it is a good and efficient idea. I have a problem with the way it’s being proposed here.”

Riley pointed out that for him at least, the whole point of the Town Meeting is financial oversight of the Town.

“The most important thing we do is look over the money,” he said.

Riley said that going through each budget separately allows for thoughts to come forth through the review process. Some TM members said this change would force some to read the budget on their own and then come in with questions.

“I don’t think that’s a good idea,” he said.

The proposal did not proceed and Hern said he will be forming a Town Meeting

Rules Committee to go over procedure for the entirety of Town Meeting.

“I expect to appoint a Rules Committee and I would expect this (consent agenda) would be one of the things they would look at,” he said after the meeting. “The bylaw governing Town Meeting has not been changed or amended in a number of years and these things need review occasionally.”

Hern said there are a good number of both new members and veteran members to make the discussion lively, and said he was fine with the outcome of the proposal.

“We certainly took up time discussing how to save time,” he said with a laugh.

Another issue of contention during the meeting was the fact that the Conservation Commission’s budget had been lumped in with the Budget Grouping of Community Development (number 175 Section 4D-12) with the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and the Planning Board. Conservation Commission Member Cheryl Doyle said she was concerned about this. She said while each member had been notified of this change, she felt it was irregular for the Commission not to hear it during a regular meeting and then to discuss it with Town Manager Tony Mazzucco.

“We were aware of it, and we were under the assumption that someone would come and talk to our board as a whole,” she said. “Who has

control over our money?”

Mazzucco said the change was for bookkeeping only, and that the Conservation Commission is losing nothing because of it.

“Nothing’s been wiped out,” he said. “It’s all still there; it’s all in the budget and you haven’t lost or gained anything.”

Town Meeting Member John Hall said he had concerns about the change as well.

“The full title of (Town Planner Paul) Halkiotis’ board is Planning and Economic Development,” he said. “It’s there to put up buildings and see to it that those buildings are good for the Town and provide funds for the Town. The ConCom is there to see buildings not put up.”

Mazzucco, after adjournment, pointed out that it was his understanding that the

ConCom was there to see buildings put up correctly, and that all three departments – Zoning, Planning and the Conservation Commission – were there to oversee proper development and deny improper development.

Hall said during the discussion of the item that he had seen other boards and entities combined before and, in his experience, it did not work well.

“There was one thing that always seemed to happen; the more powerful group reduced, marginalized and basically eliminated the less power groups,” he said. “That’s not to say that will happen here and that is certainly not the intention... But I think you’re creating a dynamic here that’s against the groups’ best interest.”

Planning Board Chair Ernie Paciorkowski said the inclusion of the Conservation Commission in the budget will allow for more cohesion be-

tween the three boards.

“Inevitably, anyone who’s before the Planning Board, most cases will have some variance before the ZBA and, usually, they have to go before Conservation as well,” he said. “I don’t see this as a problem at all, nobody’s trying to muscle anyone out.”

The Article was approved by voice vote.

The next date for Town Meeting is Thursday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Norwood High School Auditorium. The School Department Budget is up next, as well as Article 9, which is the contingency budget if the June 3 Override Vote passes.



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# Skating Club

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and short track speed skating. The second rink is slated for training and competitive events at 1,500 seats and the third will be an NHL-sized multi-purpose rink with 400 seats. According to agreements with the Town, the third rink will have dedicated ice time for Norwood Youth Hockey.

Norwood Board of Selectmen Chair Paul Bishop said this project, and the ice time secured for Norwood Youth Hockey, was a great achievement for the Town.

"It's a very proud day for the Town of Norwood, and especially for me because I get to meet Tenley Albright," he said, and added that like Renaissance masters of sculpting and painting, the master figure skaters of recent years – some of whom trained at the SCB – are also masters of their craft. "People like Dr. Albright, Scott Hamilton, Nancy Kerrigan, Paul Wylie, and so many others are great artists in their own right."

Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said when he first starting working in Norwood about a year and a half ago, and he said his first meeting with John Carroll had a large portion of it dedicated to the SCB.

"John of course had a long list of items and departments

to talk about, and we talked a little bit for about five or 10 minutes about who we knew in the industry, some war stories and he started going through all his departments," he said. "He then takes one of his big legal pads and tosses it to his side and said, 'we'll figure all that stuff out, let's talk about the Skating Club.'"

Mazzucco said the rest of the morning was a discussion about the SCB, and how to get the agreements with the club finalized.

"Norwood is at an incredible point in its history where in the last couple of years we've been recruiting more world-class biotech companies, we're on the verge of a \$200 million medical city development, we just passed the largest Downtown zoning change in our community's history and we're doing the same thing with Route 1 next year, and on June 3 we're also going to vote on the largest investment in education system that the Town has ever made," he said. "So Norwood is not only on the move, we're shooting for the moon and getting there, and of all the great things that have happened in Norwood in the last couple of years and will continue to happen, the SCB is one of them."

# Saber

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on the phone while driving is a death sentence for some. What does it take to pass a law for human safety? Also, isn't it time the Congress in D.C. is able to make the decision that 'ENGLISH' is the official language of our country? We have NO official language, just the dumb statement that we have a common language. There are quite a few foreign countries that claim English as their official language. Be proud America, do what's right!

### ELECTION

We have an election coming up June 3rd. The requested school budget is not possible without an override, which will be decided by the residents of Our Town. Make sure you vote. The education of our kids is important. As an aside, and as a great Town, we would probably do very well without an over-abundance of state interference.

### MIXED USE OVERLAY

The project sounds interesting involving our uptown area. According to the plan, in some areas a third level could be constructed for residential housing. Speaking with 'young people,' certainly younger than me, they state that they want more restaurants and not many shops, as they order mostly online. It's the new world I guess. Remember Park Snow, Cummings, Kordettes, Sherwoods, Shepards, Liggetts, Irvings, Hanlons, Murrays, Norwood Hardware, Harold and Milty's Deli, and many

more? What a great memory for those of us who lived in that great era!

### AN HONOR WELL DESERVED

Helen Abdallah Donohue has served the people of Our Town for many years in many ways. Helen was recently honored for her tremendous service to the seniors of Norwood at the Senior Center. In attendance were many seniors, friends and family including Selectmen Chair Paul Bishop, Selectman Bill Plasko, Retired Police Chief George DiBlasi and TM Tony Mazzucco. A wonderful surprise guest, former Town Manager John Carroll, came to thank Helen personally, to everyone's delight! John spoke beautifully, as did others, and Helen spoke with grace. We thank Helen for she truly cares about her Town. Thanks also go to the greatest Director of the Norwood Senior Center ever, Kerri McCarthy, and to her team who are also the best! The program was beautiful as was the reception that followed. Thank you NSC, and tremendous thanks to Helen for all she has done, and for what I am sure she will continue to do for the residents of Her Town.

### AWARD, WELL DESERVED

Recently, the Norwood Middle School awarded National Junior Honor Society membership to those who met the difficult requirements. Great job kids, quite an honor!

Go Jess! FYI Did you know that there is a large flag decorated container at the entrance to Town Hall by Memorial Hall for the collection of all American Flags? So, if you need to discard Old Glory please do so properly. What a convenient and great idea!

### WILL IT EVER END?

The housing area behind TJ Maxx is a crowded town of its own. Can you imagine the traffic and the influx of students? In front of TJ's the beat goes on with a mess that is dangerous and ill planned. Residents are furious, still wanting to support their stores, but without danger to themselves. Someone planned a fiasco!

BYE GUYS, happy Memorial Day, and please support the parade and ceremony at Highland. This special day certainly deserves the respect of every American no matter what your politics! I hope that my generation is NOT the last to remember, with honor and glory, the sacrifices our men and women made in the face of horror, evil, and hatred, so that our kids would always be free!

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# Library Events

## Social Security Seminar at the Library

Michael Graff, popular presenter about financial services and retirement, will return to the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, May 30 at 6:30 pm to discuss social security. His Social Security Seminar is a single session 90 minutes course, offering information for people nearing retirement and interested in learning more about Social Security claiming options and when to file for benefits. Michael will also review the changes to Social Security that were enacted in 2015 as part of the Bi-Partisan Budget Act. Specific topics to be reviewed include: - How to properly file for Social Security benefits - How to maximize the amount you are eligible for - How to avoid the most common mistakes people make when claiming their benefits - Collecting Social Security while you continue to work - Taxation of Social Security benefits - Social Security information for widows, widowers, and divorcees

To sign up for this informative program, please visit the library's events calendar at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), call the library at 781-769-0200 x110, or visit the library's Reference or Information desks.

## Exploring sustainability in Thailand

Together Yes and the Morrill Memorial Library are hosting a sustainability program both local and global on Thursday June 6 at 6:30 pm. Tony Mazzucco, General Manager for the Town of Norwood, spent two weeks on an ICMA (International City/County Management Association) exchange in Singapore and Thailand as part of the US Department of State's YSEALI (Young Southeastern Asian Leadership Imitative) program. Norwood hosted two professional fellows through this program and Mr. Mazzucco was selected to participate in a reciprocal exchange. The focus of these series of exchanges was sustainability as well as governance and approaches to sustainability initiatives. Mr. Mazzucco will talk about what he learned and the differences and similarities between our nations' approaches to sustainability. To sign up for this program, please visit the library's calendar webpage at [www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), call the library at 781-769-0200 x110, or visit the Reference or Information desk.

## Special Summer Concert

Musical artist Maitreyee Chakraborty will be returning to the Morrill Memorial Library on Saturday June 22 for a special

2:00 pm concert, "Within me, within you: The universal spiritualism in Tagore's music." The songs composed by the early 20th century Bengali Nobel Laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore explore our multi-faceted relationship with spiritualism outside the boundary of religion and rituals. The songs in this concert are for folks from all religions or with no religion at all. The concert will be presented in a lecture-demonstration style with live instruments. Translations of songs and descriptive photos will be shown on a slide show. Maitreyee will lead the group with vocals, accompanied by Subho on guitar, Mona on harmonium, and Subhankar on percussion.

To sign up for this concert, please visit our online calendar at [www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), call the library at 781-769-0200 x110, or visit the Reference or Information desk. This concert is supported by the Friends of the Library as well as several chapters of the Massachusetts Cultural Council: Norwood Cultural Council, Walpole Cultural Council, and Canton Cultural Council.

## Movie Musical Mondays are Back!

The Morrill Memorial Library's popular summer film series, "Movie Musical Mondays," will be offered again this year, featuring a total of seven musicals or music biopics shown on most Mondays in July and August at 6:30 p.m. The series will begin on July 1 with the 1943 classic, "Yankee Doodle Dandy", based on the story of George M. Cohan and starring James Cagney and Walter Huston. The remaining films are: "Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again" (2018) on July 8, "Funny Face" (1956) on July 15, "Mary Poppins Returns" (2019) on July 22, and "A Star is Born" (2018) on July 29. The series will resume two weeks later on Monday, August 12 with "Royal Wedding" (1951) and conclude on August 19 with "Bohemian Rhapsody" (2019). Popcorn will be provided, and a CD of the soundtrack from each musical will be raffled off before the screening. To register for any or all of these films, go directly to [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), call 781-769-0200 x110, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

## DAR GARAGE SALE RAIN DATE JUNE 1

The Aaron Guild Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will be holding their Garage Sale Rain Date on Saturday, June 1 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Barlow Lane, Westwood, just off Route 109. Most items will be half price. Especially popular are household items, jewelry, kitchen utensils, bric-a-brac, toys, books, small furniture, and estate items. Come early for best selection! Call Sunny O'Malley for more information at 781-326-7799.

The proceeds will be used to support DAR's patriotic, historic, and educational endeavors, such as the Good Citizen Award given to four deserving High School Seniors from the area who were chosen as Good Citizens by their classmates and teachers. At graduation in June, each will receive a check from the Aaron Guild Chapter. The Chapter also donates the magazine "American Spirit" to four public libraries in the area: Norwood, Westwood, Walpole, and Canton.

The Aaron Guild Chapter of the DAR is made up of members from the towns of Norwood, Westwood, Walpole, Canton, and Medfield, as well as other nearby communities. The Daughters of the American Revolution are a patriotic service organization, open to any woman over the age of 18, regardless of race, ethnic background, or creed, who can prove direct lineal descent from a soldier, sailor, or patriot rendering material aid to the American Revolution. The Aaron Guild Chapter welcomes new members. Call Terry Whetstone at 781-329-8463 for more information if you are interested in joining.

## NORWOOD BIKE SAFETY DAY

Sponsored by the Norwood Bike Depot, the Norwood Police Department and Norwood Bank. This year the event will be held on Saturday, May 18th from 1:00pm - 3:30pm in the parking lot at Norwood Bank. Kids will get a free bike inspection by the folks at Norwood Bike Depot and a free kid's bike helmet, fitted by a member of the Norwood Police Department. All are invited.

## VILLAGE FAIR 5K ROAD RACE

The annual Village Fair 5K Road Race is set for Saturday, June 8. Part of Epiphany Parish's 71st annual Village Fair, the race begins at 9:00 a.m. at the church, located at 62 Front Street in Walpole. This year's race will feature a new route running through the center of Walpole, as well as electronic chip timing.

The first 100 registered runners will receive an LED arm band provided by race sponsor Walpole Cooperative Bank. Proceeds from the race will support the Walpole High School Cross Country & Track and Field Boosters' Scholarship program. For more information or to register for the race visit [www.villagefair5k.com](http://www.villagefair5k.com).

## FIRST PARISH OF WESTWOOD SPRING YARD SALE

On Saturday, May 18th, come to First Parish of Westwood, rain or shine, from 8AM-2PM for a treasure-seeker's paradise - our spring yard sale. Hundreds of items will be on sale including attic treasures, books, puzzles, homemade baked goods, household goods, furniture, tools and plants. There will also be a Bake Sale. Yard Sale donations are welcome. Any-

one who would like to contribute clean, useable items in good condition may bring them to the church after 6:30PM on Thursday, May 16th, or anytime during the day on Friday, May 17th. No clothes, shoes, medical equipment, sports equipment, computer equipment, electronics, TVs, car seats, or large upholstered furniture, please! First Parish is located at 252 Nahatan Street and is handicapped accessible. Proceeds from the sale benefit the church.

## CLEVELAND PTA SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The F.A. Cleveland School PTA will present three scholarships on June 18, 2019. Two scholarships will be presented based on special achievement and the third on character in memory of former Cleveland School Principal, William P. Kenny.

The awards will be given to outstanding young men and women who attended the Cleveland School, are presently residing in Norwood and are graduating from high school in June 2019.

Applicants will be judged on scholastic achievements, extracurricular activities, work experience, citizenship, recommendation of guidance counselor, and essay quality. Please note, the recipient will not be selected on scholastic achievement alone, and it is not necessary that the candidate plan to continue his/her education.

The awards consist of a \$500.00 check and having their names inscribed on a plaque, which hangs in the Cleveland School. Applications are now available from the Guidance Department at Norwood High School as well as from the Principal's office at the Cleveland School. All applications must be returned to the Cleveland School, Attn: Mrs. Nancy Coppola, Principal, no later than Thursday, May 23.

## PARKWAY CONCERT ORCHESTRA ON MAY 19TH

Parkway Concert Orchestra, a 50 piece non-profit orchestra, concludes its 74th season with 'Rossini and Dvorak' on Sunday, May 19 at 3 p.m. at Saint Susanna Parish, 262 Needham Street, Dedham. Guest Conductor Yohei Sato will conduct a lively program including Rossini's overture to 'The Thieving Magpie,' Finlandia, music from 'Chicago' and Dvorak's Symphony No. 8. The concert features students of the Dedham Public Schools in Beethoven's Egmont Overture. This concert is sponsored by Dedham Savings and is supported in part by a grant from the Dedham Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Doors will open at 2:30. Donation is \$15; \$10 for seniors and students; and free for children under 12 years old. For ticket reservations, please call 781-444-5041 or email [parkwayconcertorchestra@gmail.com](mailto:parkwayconcertorchestra@gmail.com), and for more information, visit the orchestra's web site at [www.ParkwayConcertOrchestra.org](http://www.ParkwayConcertOrchestra.org).

## REDEDICATION OF THE ST. GABRIEL CHAPEL

The rededication is scheduled for May 18, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Highland Cemetery on Winter Street. There will be a brief ceremony with at least two speakers. Norwood has never rededicated a building like this, and a replacement time capsule is also being installed into a wall in the chapel.

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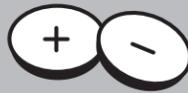
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GALLE

DONALD E. a lifelong resident of Norwood passed away on May 13, 2019 at the age of 75. Beloved husband of Judith A. (McIntosh) Galle. Devoted father of Matthew D. Galle and his wife Heather of NY. Cherished grandfather of Charlie and Presley who are twins and Winnie. Brother of the late William Galle. Son of the late William and Mildred (Vietz) Galle. Donald was a member of the Workman's Hall in Norwood, Norwood DAV and the German Aid Society in Walpole. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2019 from 3-7pm. at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood. At the request of the family burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the Alzheimer's Assoc. 309 Waverley Oaks Road Waltham, MA 02452. US Army Vietnam Veteran. The family would like to invite everyone to the Chateau Restaurant 404 Providence Highway Route 1, Norwood, MA 02062 immediately following the Wake from 7:30pm-9:30pm on Thursday, May 23, 2019.

GIACOPPO



Richard C. "Ricky" Of Norwood, passed away on May 11, 2019. He was 34 years of age. We lost our beloved boy, Ricky. There are no words to describe our insurmountable grief. We had the joy of having Ricky with us for the last two months at home. We spent time together walking his dog Lady, binge watching our favorite shows, laughing at silliness, supporting

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his hope of getting in shape, and dream of working at the MSPCA where he once volunteered. He went to school at UMASS Boston for substance abuse as a counselor and hoped he could one day return to complete the program. He was looking forward to spending more time with his brothers, Chris, Nick, and their girlfriends, Katie and Virginia, that he loved so dearly. In the past few weeks, Ricky spent time with his Grandmother Sissy, Grandfather Pa, Auntie Cheryl, aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was so appreciative of these good times with them. Ricky's family was everything to him. Ricky was a special soul and like no other. Anyone that had the privilege of meeting him experienced his incredible hugs, and his fierce loyalty. He had a beautiful smile, quick wit, and a sense of humor like no other. He could always make us laugh even dur-

ing the toughest of times. Since early childhood Ricky had a passion for reading. His bedtime books consisted of four, sometimes five books. He continued his love of reading throughout his life. Ricky was an intelligent man that could have done anything. We lost our beloved son after his long battle with substance use. Through all the pain and joy we loved him with our hearts and souls, and never gave up hope that he would beat this insidious disease. We pray he is at peace and is with his Grandmother Nana and Grandfather Butch, who he loved, and they loved him so very much. There will not be a day that we don't continue to love him and miss him so very much. We will carry him in our hearts and souls until we meet again. Beloved son of Richard M. and Bernadette M. (MacDonald) Giacoppo. Loving grandson of Matthew Giacoppo of Burlington and the late Thelma, Mary "Sissy" O'Neil of Watertown and the late Henry "Abie" MacDonald. Devoted brother of Christopher and Nicholas Giacoppo of Portland, ME. Ricky is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Funeral Services will be private. Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Ricky to "The Family Restored" <https://thefamilyrestored.org/> Gillooly Funeral Home. Norwood 781-762-0174. [www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com)

terment will follow in Saint Francis Cemetery in Walpole. In lieu of flowers, gifts in can be made to support Dr. Dietrich's brain tumor research at Mass General Hospital. Please mail gifts to: MGH, c/o Heidi Bergmeyer, 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston MA 02114. Delaney Funeral Home [www.delaneyfuneral.com](http://www.delaneyfuneral.com)

MARKS



Robert F. Long time Norwood resident, passed away on May 8, 2019. He was 78 years of age. Born in East Cambridge, he was the son of the late Alban and Louise (Gigante) Marks and the beloved husband of Roberta A. "Bobbie" (Grosse) Marks. Loving father of Michael V. Marks of Milton and Robert F. Marks, Jr. and his wife Kim of Newtown, CT. Cherished grandfather of Grady T., Michael G and Gemma V. Marks. Devoted brother of Connie Horne of Woburn and the late Alban, James and Johnny Marks, Mary and Florence Miano and Louise Burton. He is also survived by his dear sister-in-law Jackie Leonard of Norwood and many loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and many dear friends. Funeral from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rte. 1A), NORWOOD. Interment will be private. Memorial contributions in memory of Robert F. Marks may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 East Ohio Street, Suite 500, Chicago, Illinois 60611. Gillooly Funeral Home. Norwood 781-762-0174. [www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com)

April Citizens of the Month!



Grade 8: Kimberly Belcher, Cameron LoPiccolo, Franchesca Marte

Grade 7: Chloe Hall, Braden Segreve, Ann Lee Corioloan

Grade 6: Bridget Connolly, James Caille, Piyusha Majgaonkar, Colleen Sisk

Congratulations to the April winners of Dr. Philip O. Coakley Middle School's Citizen of the Month. Citizens of the Month exemplify the school's mission statement and are chosen by teachers and staff. To celebrate their accomplishments, an end of the year breakfast celebration will be held for students and their families.



Ask The Doctor

Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns a 10-bay auto repair service center in Hyde Park and an 8-bay center in Middleboro. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.

**To the Doctor:** The windshield wipers on my 2008 Jeep Liberty swipe on when I start the car. The intermediate wipers are always swiping – rain or shine. They quit doing that for a few weeks, but then they go back to constantly swiping across the windshield. Mechanics have looked at the issue, but can't seem to solve the problem.

**From the Doctor:** You are not alone with wiper complaints, as well as headlight and directional signal faults. The wipers work off the same multi-function switch on the steering column. Unlike the old days when you would switch on the wipers, headlights, directional signals, etc., you are asking a control module to activate the item. The switch goes through a module via a CAN BUS line – welcome to the world of electronics. The use of a factory equivalent scan tool and both Alldata and Identifix will assist the technician to the correct repair. Sometimes removing the negative battery cable for a couple of hours can cure some computer glitches – same as rebooting your phone or home computer.

**To the Doctor:** I have a 2005 Mercedes CLK320 convertible. The convertible top is broken; one of six hydraulic pistons is leaking. Because it's broken electronically, I cannot access the trunk and hydraulic reservoir. Is there any way I can open the convertible top manually? Or, is there any other solution to removing the hydro pistons for a rebuild?

**From the Doctor:** Make sure the trunk lock switch (if equipped in the glove box) is not on lock. Next, look under the rear license plate – there should be a key slot to insert the key. Remove the key from the key fob, insert it, and try turning it. This information should also be in your owner's manual. In some cases, removal of the rear inside panel can get access to the trunk to get to the trunk lock safety release.

Boston's own Junior Damato, "The Auto Doctor" has agreed to field auto repair questions from *Bulletin* and *Record* readers. Please forward your questions to [news@bulletinnewspapers.com](mailto:news@bulletinnewspapers.com) and we will do our best to get your questions answered.

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**BINGO:** Every Wednesday, from 12:45 PM to 3:00 PM, \$5.00 to get started. For \$1.00, we have a game with a winner take all prize! You must be here by 12:45 PM to play this game!

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC:** Walpole VNA will be available for blood pressure screening on the first Wednesday of each month. Ellis Nursing Home will offer blood pressure screening on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The Walpole VNA will provide blood pressure screening on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 AM.

**BOOK CLUB:** Our next book club meeting will be on May 20 at the senior center.

**BRIDGE:** Our bridge club meets on Thursdays at 9:00 AM, in the Library.

**COMPUTER CLUB:** The computer club meets every Wednesday at 1:00 PM –

**CRIBBAGE:** Our seniors meet every Monday at 12:45 PM to play cribbage. New class on Fridays at 12:45 (except the 4th Friday).

**DIGITAL PHOTO ORGANIZATION & EDITING:** will take place the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, at 11:30 AM.

**DRAWING WITH COLORED PENCILS–** Classes held the first and third Tuesday of the month at 11AM-12:15PM. \$3.00 a session, all materials included. May 21st.

**FRIENDS EVENING DANCE:** May 17, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM The DB Band.

**GLEE CLUB:** Glee Club meets every Tuesday at 11:15 AM. New members are always welcome.

**HANDCRAFTERS:** Handcrafters meet every Monday from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

**HEARING SOLUTIONS:** Hearing Aide clinic on Wednesday, May 22, 11:30AM.

**LEARN TO PLAY MAH JONG -** Thursdays and Fridays at 12:30 PM.

**LINE DANCE** Classes are held each Tuesday. Class will be held from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM.

**MAH JONG:** Mah Jong players meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10:00 AM - Noon.

**MANICURES:** Friday May 24, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

**MASSAGE THERAPIST:** Karen Tracy is here on the first Monday of each month. Please sign up at front desk. Massages are \$30.00 for half an hour.

**NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB:** The Board of Directors meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10:30AM, at the Senior Center. The club membership meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks Lodge, at 10:00 AM.

**SCRABBLE:** Thursday afternoons at

1:00 PM. Come and join us for a game.

**SHINE:** We have two SHINE Counselors. Carole is here to help you with your medical insurance needs on Tuesdays from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Amy will be here on Fridays from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Please call 781-762-1201 for an appointment.

**TAP DANCE-**Thursdays at 11:15 AM. All levels are welcome and encouraged to join the fun.

**TRIAD:** Monday, May 20, at 1:00 PM. DPW Director/Town Engineer Mark Ryan.

**WAXING** with Erin: May 20, Monday, 9:00 AM – Noon.

**WHIST:** Whist players meet on Tuesdays at 12:45 PM, in the library.

**May Events**

Bruce Hambro presents, Dean Martin, "King of Cool", Sponsored by Whitney Place at Sharon May 17th at 1PM. For Those Who Served, We Thank you!. Memorabilia Exhibit, May 30th 11am-4pm. Afternoon Line Dance with Susan, Friday, May 31, 1PM-3PM. \$5.00.

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## Running for a vet *continued from page 1*

ego, you rock buddy.”

Mulvehill said they were there to support veteran and resident Glenn Blackburn, who served in Vietnam as a U.S. Marine.

“Fifty years ago was a different time,” Mulvehill said. “The war in Vietnam was extremely unpopular; the social and economic climate at that time was no conducive to supporting the soldier. For some reason at that time, society thought it was our idea to go to Vietnam to fight. It was not our idea; it was the idea of the guys in the suits in Washington, and the generals. Now by the grace of God, society has matured where you can dissent, you can disagree with the policy that sends us to battlefields, and you

can support the soldier.”

Mulvehill said Blackburn’s service record was exemplary.

“The Marine we honor today, Glenn Blackburn, served with great honor and distinction in Vietnam. He was injured and awarded the Purple Heart. For his valor and bravery he was awarded the Silver Star, and I know we have a few Silver Star recipients here too, congratulations to them all for those Silver Stars boys. They don’t just give them out.”

Silva added Blackburn certainly earned that honor.

“While Glenn was in Vietnam, doing what he does best, he ended up getting shot,” he said. “He went and got treated, refused medievac and went back into the fight. He ends up

getting shot again, more than once. He did that while he was rescuing a fellow marine through heavy enemy fire. He was trying to bring one marine to safety when he earned his Silver Star.”

Blackburn said he was surprised by the outpouring of support.

“It feels strange, because I never thought of anything like that you know?” he said. “I never thought I’d get anything like this, I appreciate it. It’s very nice.”

Silva said the work is very stressful every year and he feels like turning over the reins. He said, however, when they hear of someone in need it motivates him to continue the 5-miler.

“I can’t thank you guys enough for coming out here and supporting us every year,” he said. “Every year, I say to my wife, ‘this is going to be the last year;’ it’s so much work that’s involved and we have a great team, but it’s so much work.



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Every year though we find one veteran who needs assistance or one police officer who passed away and we support the families and it then changes my mind.”

Silva said they were able to help a veteran very recently when she had boiler issues.

“The last week or so I ended up having a veteran in crisis,” he said. “She has a boiler in her house she can’t replace and she has three little girls, and she has no hot water or heat. So I’m calling all these HVAC guys trying to give me a price so we can replace it and get her back up and running.”

Silva said Blackburn’s son-in-law worked with them to get the boiler, which Silva was able to help pay for, and Blackburn’s son-in-law installed the unit, free of cost.

“That’s \$7,000 worth of work, and so guys like him inspire me, and guys like him are the reason I’m doing this,” he said.

Silva added he is a veteran himself, and sees the need everywhere for veteran support. He said his motivation came from his time in Afghanistan.

“I was in Afghanistan 2012-13, and while I was there our sister unit suffered catastrophic kills,” he said. “They lost four guys, two guys lost both their legs and three guys suffered severe traumatic brain injuries.

Their unit started a fundraiser to raise funds for the family which inspired me and my wife to start something here. We started with a car wash first, and then I met a couple of people, Jim Henry and Kevin Sweeney, and that’s what they do, they do road races and so it morphed into what we have today.”

Resident Jim Coffey said he came out because his son is a veteran.

“This is a good cause and I’m glad I’m here,” he said, adding he came out from Milton. “My friend and I run a lot of these races, but this particular one is for veterans, and I wanted to make sure I was here.”

Resident Karen Oliva said she tries to support good causes for those who help residents to live in peace.

“I like supporting veterans, and I like contributing to causes that I can help people,” she said. “I’m running the Run to Remember to help firefighters, police officers and anyone who helps us.

Resident Liz Silva said this was her first running Norwood for Veterans, but she also usually runs the Disabled American Veterans 5K and wanted to branch out.

“I’m running with for my brother-in-law, who is a disabled veteran,” she said.

## Legals

### Public Hearing Notice Norwood Planning Board

Pursuant to Mass General Law CH 40A section 9 and the Norwood Zoning Bylaw sections 6.1 Off Street Parking and Loading Requirements and 10.4 Special Permits; the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday June 4, 2019 at 7:05 P.M. in Room 12 of Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to accept comments on the Special Permit application submitted by Charles River Equity Partners, LLC, for the reduction of parking spaces needed for a multi-family residential dwelling located at 862-878 Washington Street. The subject property is shown on the Norwood Assessor’s Map as Map 2, Block 3 Lot 7. Plans and supporting materials of the proposed development are on file in the Planning Board Office and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

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