



Norwood Town Meeting ended in one night at the Norwood High School Auditorium.

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Town Meeting approves Coakley, Moderna and Norwood Hospital items

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Special Town Meeting started and ended in one night on Monday, March 14 at the Norwood High School Auditorium.

The most contentious issue was not the most expensive, at least not for the foreseeable future. Town Meeting voted unanimously to change zoning to create the Life Sciences District in the former Polaroid Campus off of Route 1A in the Upland Woods area.

The focus of discussion on this vote was the change that would allow buildings to be built at a maximum height of 100 feet via a special permit sought by the Planning Board.

Attorney Philip Macchi of Macchi & Macchi represented the owner of the prop-

erty, Alexandria Real Estate Equities, and explained that the company's biggest tenant, Moderna, wants to build a logistics warehouse that would house the ingredients for the company's COVID-19 vaccines.

"Basically, their logistics train right now is all over the eastern seaboard," he said. "They would like to bring it all here to Norwood so they can produce the vaccine even if there's a rail stoppage, if the trucks go down, even if whatever the parade of horrors that took place over the last two years happens."

Town Planner Paul Halkiotis said there are two major benefits to this plan. Firstly, Alexandria has agreed to enter into a conservation restriction on wetlands on the southern edge of the property. This would keep the land unbuildable

unless the Massachusetts State Legislature votes otherwise. Secondly, it would remove the ability of landowners to build residential housing in the area as per the zoning code. Macchi said that can't be changed on the landowner's end.

"Unless you as a body vote to allow housing back into this area, it's not coming," he said.

Town Meeting member Judith Howard said she was concerned about the sightlines from Norwood looking up at the property. She said she felt the inclusion of a 100-foot building into Norwood's skyline would not be an improvement.

"In the Town of Norwood, the bylaws and the rules are changed to accom-

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MBTA legislation not as dense as you think

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Last week, the Norwood Planning Board discussed recent legislation requiring municipalities with a subway, bus hub or commuter rail station to plan for 2,700 additional multi-family units.

Assistant Town Planner Sarah Bouchard said in an interview with The Record that while that is technically the case, it's a bit more complicated and it probably won't come close in terms of actual unit production.

"This is not a production mandate or even an expectation," she said. "It's really a way to screen to make sure that the provisions in the zoning district we create could actually allow for a reasonable amount of multi-family housing. And the 'reasonable' is from the statute. So they also explicitly acknowledge in their guidelines

that communities that have an existing housing stock of multi-family residential buildings – like Norwood – will have actual production of multi-family housing be much lower because it's more fully built out."

Bouchard said there are several municipalities in Massachusetts that have no multi-family or transit-oriented buildings.

"It's quite common, and probably the driver of this legislation," she said. "They would likely see more resulting units created. I don't think that's applicable to the situation we have in Norwood where we have actively been engaged in sustainable transit-oriented development."

Bouchard said the 2,700-unit build-out requirement is simply a calculation and doesn't take into account what is already on the land. It allows

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School Committee considers return to in-person meetings

Catherine Hurley
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee will do away with its option to participate in public forum via email as it shifts to a hybrid meeting format this month.

The change comes two years after the committee be-

gan meeting remotely in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Although Massachusetts Open Meeting Law does not require that public bodies allow public comment or public participation during meetings, the School Committee

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Wonderful Women of Norwood: Clara Wentworth (Rich) Berwick Walker

By: *Norwood Historical Society Board Members Laurie Kearney, Linda Rau, & Karen DeNapoli*

The Norwood Historical Society would like to highlight the life of Clara Wentworth (Rich) Berwick Walker, one of Norwood's Wonderful Women who was responsible to contributing to the growth of our town. Clara was a very unusual woman for her day. For approximately thirty years, from 1917 to around 1947, she was the president of Berwick & Smith, the printing department of the Norwood Press. This position was not a traditional role for a woman at that time, and yet, Clara did not hesitate to leave her socialite life behind and do something very unconventional for a woman – to be the president of a large company.

Clara Wentworth Rich was born April 26, 1873 in

Cohasset, Massachusetts. She was the firstborn child of Charles H. Rich and Clara Bourne Pratt, and was the sister of Martha (Rich) Fleming, wife of Charles Fleming, President of E. Fleming & Co., part of the Norwood Press. The Rich family moved to Cottage Street around 1875, and were part of Norwood's growing middle-class. Charles was a foreman mechanic at the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad car shops. Clara was educated in Norwood's public schools, and then attended Boston University's School of Business Administration. She was married first to Walter Jones Berwick, October 2, 1895, in Norwood. He was the son of James Berwick, owner of Berwick & Smith. Walter worked for his father as the treasurer of the company. Early records show the couple lived with

her parents on Cottage Street. This couple had been married for over twenty-three years when Walter died. They had no children.

Clara, as the wife of one of Norwood's important businessmen, did not work outside of the home. She was a housewife. In that role, she would have hosted many gatherings for some of Norwood's elite residents. Her name appears as a member of several organizations. She was one of the founding members of the Norwood Historical Society and the Norwood Women's Club, and she formed an association, the Massachusetts Protective Association for Horses, and served on its board. They actively petitioned the state to make streets safer for horses as newly tarred roads were slippery, especially in the winter. She even enjoyed golfing with family and friends. In 1911, Clara and Walter bought a large lot of land behind the Rev. Jabez Chickering house and it was here where they built their new home. Clara seems to have led the kind of life a well-connected woman of that time would have led—quiet and involved in philanthropic endeavors.

Clara's husband, Walter Berwick, died unexpectedly in 1917. Her father-in-law had died the year before. So Clara took over the running of Berwick and Smith. It was a position she held for approximately thirty years. In the 1920 census, she lists her job as a "manager at a printing co," and in Norwood's



The grave marker of Clara Wentworth Berwick Walker at the Highland Cemetery.

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local directories throughout the 1930s and 1940s, as well as in professional directories, she is listed as the President of Berwick & Smith.

Clara remarried June 10, 1919 to John Jacob Walker, in Livingston, South Dakota. Walker was eighteen years younger than Clara. This couple enjoyed leisure time at their retreat in Orland, Maine. They also enjoyed traveling abroad. Over the years they visited Europe, Asia, China, Japan, Alaska, and Africa. During their travels, Clara began collecting art and antiques, eventually amassing a very impressive collection. In 1933, she was a charter member of The Early American Glass Club, a branch of a national glass collectors club, in Boston. In 1945, John Walker left the family home, moving to New York. Soon after he left, he sent a letter to Clara demanding \$200,000 to "regain his self-respect." Eventually some sort of settlement was agreed upon, and a divorce

was granted in 1950.

Clara was a collector of fine art and by the 1950s she began donating her collections to museums and universities. In 1952, she exhibited a part of her silk oriental rug collection, which was part of an art collection she gave to Brandeis College in Waltham, MA. In 1958, she donated her collection of 170 glass items to the Smithsonian. This collection included a rare grouping of early American Glass from Stiegel, Amelung, and Sandwich. In 1959, she donated her collection of 100 rare ivory pieces to Trinity College. In the 1960s she donated more art to the Smithsonian including : seven oriental rugs, some robes and ceramic pieces, seventy-four pieces of rare early American glass, and twenty-two European and Asian ivories. When her estate was auctioned off in 1965, the auctioneer stated he

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Selectmen approve infrastructure projects

Matthew MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen held its weekly hybrid meeting on Tuesday at Town Hall. The session ran just under two hours and featured five hearings and three departmental reports.

The first two hearings were part of the same appointment, which brought National Grid before the Board seeking approval for two gas main projects at either end of Town.

The first concerned updating the underground mains on Fulton, High, and Lydon streets. The work area will run from Prospect Avenue to Nahatan Street, and to Prospect Street.

The second concerned the installation of a high pressure gas line from Pleasant Street to 83 Morse St. As part of this project, the new line would cross the Morse Street Bridge. However, because the current gas main runs through the bridge via causeway, the high pressure pipe will need to be installed beside it because there is not enough room in it.

Town Engineer Mark Ryan – present at the appointment – noted the delicate nature of the operation, and requested that National Grid pay for a peer review regarding the bridge setup. He also requested that – when the area is fully converted to high pressure – the old main be removed from the causeway and that the high pressure pipe be re-installed there.

Both applications were approved, with work anticipated to start within one to two months.

Later, Ryan also presented his monthly Public Works report, which focused on two major ongoing infrastructure projects that will be happening from the spring through the fall.

First in his presentation was the roadway resurfacing project. The Town has about 110 miles of roadway and to maintain a good pavement management program – which would repave streets every 25 years – five miles of it should be resurfaced annually.

The Town had been paving one to three miles per year using Chapter 90 funds but, with Town Meeting approval in 2021 of \$2.8 million added to that funding source, it has been ramping up its repaving efforts to catch up to the recommended maintenance schedule.

With the additional Town funding, 29 streets totaling 8.5 miles were paved in 2021 and – with the same amount approved for 2022 – 37 streets totaling more than nine miles have been slated for resurfacing beginning this July. Streets selected were those that have recently had gas or water main work done on them, as well as others in very bad shape.

The winning contract bid

came in at \$3.6 million, well under the \$4.1 million estimate. When asked by Selectman Allan Howard if that would mean more streets paved this year, Ryan stated that it was “a very real possibility. We anticipate that. Hopefully we don’t have any surprises when we do the other streets, but that is a real possibility, yes.”

Ryan also presented this year’s plans for the ongoing water main cleaning and lining project. Norwood has approximately 119 miles of water mains and, in the fall of 2020, Town Meeting approved borrowing \$4.5 million to line 20,000 feet of them in 2021, as the first part of relining 182,000 unlined feet over a 10 year period. That contract began last year and will finish this spring, with Irving Street and Forrest Avenue; Ellis Avenue, Margaret Street, Madelyn and Codman roads, and David Terrace to be completed.

For this calendar year, with Town Meeting approval, the low project bid (from another contractor) came in at \$4.8 million, well below the \$5.4 million estimate. Four areas will be targeted in this round, with work to start in the spring.

Area 1 is loosely bordered by Washington, Pleasant, and Neponset streets, and includes Fales Avenue, Jefferson Drive, Carpenter and Rock streets, and Eisenhower and St. Catherines roads. Area 2 includes Columbine, Mayflower, Laurel, and Valley roads, and Holly Drive. Areas 3 and 4 include Walpole and Winter streets, and Sumner Street.

The Town will notify any residents directly impacted by these projects.

Fire Chief David Hayes also went before the Board, during which he announced plans to increase the NFD’s capabilities from one ALS (Advanced Life Support) and one BLS (Basic Life Support) ambulance, to one full-time ALS ambulance, and another secondary ALS one. He noted that, in addition to increasing coverage in the Town – lacking since the closure of Norwood Hospital – the upgrade will enable the Department to better utilize and retain its EMS (Emergency Medical Services) certified firefighters.

Additionally, he also introduced the possibility of establishing a fire training center that would service up to 10 regional fire departments. Town Manager Tony Mazzucco expanded on Hayes’ comments, letting the Board know that the Town was looking at a couple of locations and that, if the project was to move forward, there would be a site selection process. He went on to say that the Town had just received a \$200,000 state grant for a feasibility and design study, and that funding specifics would be determined based on collabo-

rating towns, as well as other sources.

“And we would be after other money, not Townspeople money,” Hayes added. “We’re going to be aggressive with grant seeking, begging. I’ll go to see the legislators. We’ll do our best.”

Referring to the grant, Mazzucco said that it was an indication that a regional training center is the sort of project that the Commonwealth is interested in. “In the pool for their municipal regionalization grants, this was the application they were most excited about.”

“This hasn’t been done in the state yet,” Hayes finished.

The Board of Selectmen meets every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in Room 34 of Town Hall. Check the Town website for details.

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OPINION

A little of this and that

So as to keep up with the times, from this point forward the pronouns I will respond to are: he, him, she, her, they, them, it, dimwit (popular among my family and friends) fuzzy, wuzzy and, my personal favorite, studmuffin. And if you think this juvenile attempt at humor is distasteful or ignorant than you are probably among the growing numbers of people jumping on board with the trivial nonsense of gender neutral identity. For the rest of us stuck in the rut of biological reality well, we see you as narcissistic, self-absorbed knuckleheads trying to draw personal attention away from the far more important battle of equality, gender or otherwise. You're not helping the cause; you're more stoic than heroic and instead of focusing on your individual proclivities you should divert some of that energy to the collective good. Gender confusion is real; gender denial is harmful and disruptive...

And identity confusion isn't specific to mammals and animals. For example, is Norwood a town or a city? Well, if you were to peak between its euphemistic legs the god of municipalities has decreed Norwood is a town, hence, "The Town of Norwood". However, there are those who would argue otherwise and unlike the deniers described above their arguments are formidable and growing stronger daily. They would argue how many towns in the Commonwealth have planes and trains and buses like Norwood does. How many not only have a hospital and a biomedical facility, but also a "Life Sciences District"? How many towns have or will have 100' towering buildings next to residential neighborhoods? And how many towns define residential neighborhoods as not only single-family homes on tree-lined streets but massive multi-unit apartment and condominium buildings? And, the wondering at this address is how many Norwood old timers were prescient enough to see all of these changes occurring during their lifetimes? Here's betting not many.

The reality is that all of these changes happened already or are happening now and it is more than fair to question whether Norwood's Town Charter, which defines its governance as including Town Meeting and a Select Board, is still appropriate. Perhaps the creation of a committee to review the charter is warranted, if for nothing else than to re-affirm that Norwood is not only being properly governed now but is prepared to handle a future obviously changing light years faster than most thought. The suggestion here is not that TM and Selectmen need to go the way of the Dodo bird, but self analysis is always a smart business practice. And make no mistake Norwood is a business, a big business.

And the stakes have never been higher than for this year's election coming up in April. Three are running for two spots on the Board of Selectmen and five are running for two spots on the School Committee. By any standard this will be a dramatic facelift in Norwood's governance and residents need to be more aware than ever as to what the challenges both the Town and schools are facing. Voters need to analyze the strengths and weaknesses of each of the candidates and decide whether they have the business acumen, strength of character to stand their ground in the face of adversity, the necessary time to dedicate and a history of public service demonstrating a willingness to dig into the details and go the extra mile to initiate meaningful conversations, if not change. These are no longer glad handing and public appearance type jobs. They can't be, too much is at stake. Remember, if you don't vote, you have no right to complain, and there has been far too little complaining to date, at least in this writer's opinion.

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modate the applicant, not the Town or its residents," she said. "Do you know how high 80 and 100 feet are? At minimum it's 20 or 40 feet higher than the highway or the new middle school, and more than twice as high as the proposed new middle school. Moreover, they're in the highest place in Town, and when people travel to Boston on Upland Road, Route 1A, their vision will be marred by the proposed skyscrapers they would see unless the maximum height is restricted to 60 feet. But I must say I'm in favor of the Life Sciences Development District. It's just the proposed height requirements that are objectionable."

In terms of height, Macchi and Moderna Capital Project Senior Director Bankim Patel attempted to illustrate what the new buildings at the proposed height would look like from several vantage points – including the carillon tower at Town Hall – to show that because of the trees in the area – even in winter – the buildings are obscured from view.

Planning Department Vice Chair Ernie Paciorkowski said he had other reasons to allow the height. He said it would be put up to the Planning Board's discretion since any project looking to go higher than 80 feet would need a special permit approval from the Board. The other reason is that, at least to his understanding, decreasing the height means increasing the sprawl.

"To not go to a height of what we're talking and to spread it out (in width) would cover almost that entire campus and so you'd be losing that greenspace and campus atmosphere, which we're trying to accommodate here," he said. "That was the compromise that we thought was better to allow them to go higher with less of a footprint on the ground."

The most expensive item of the night was the 153-1 vote to approve spending \$150 million (with \$46 million to be reimbursed by the Massachusetts School Build-

ing Authority) to demolish the existing Coakley Middle School and build a new state-of-the-art building.

The school, as Coakley Principal Margo Fraczek put it, needs work. Middle School Building Committee Chair Alan Slater said in the group's analysis before recommending that the Town go through the MSBA's reimbursement program for a new school, they found that repairing the building could actually cost more than replacing it in the long run.

And the MSBA recently unanimously approved the project, which Fraczek said doesn't happen often. She said she feels that's due not only to the effort of paid officials, elected officials and committee volunteers, but also the school staff. She said every one of her staff contributed in some way or another to the education plan for the new building.

"I am proud to say the MSBA noted it as one of the best they've ever seen," she said. "We were able to show and demonstrate to them why we needed all the spaces we asked for in that building. The design also helps us focus on middle school education, and that's really significant."

Fraczek pointed out that of all the secondary and elementary education models, the idea of middle school has changed the most over the last 40 years. She said elementary schools are still one teacher for the majority of class times, while high school has students moving around throughout the day to get to their various classes. She said middle school used to be a sort of junior high model, and educators have reasoned that this may not have been the best approach.

"Now, we've created the middle school model, and it puts kids on teams," she said. "Those teams are made up of the same four core teachers, and all four of those teachers have to continue. Go to NewCMSproject.org for more information on the school building.

Next up was an addition to the medical services overlay district the Town approved

last year. While no plan has been submitted by the hospital (representatives are scheduled to present at the Norwood Planning Board meeting on March 28) Town Planner Paul Halkiotis said in discussions with hospital officials, it was determined that the underlying zoning of the overlay has a floor area ratio (FAR) of .5.

FAR requires the entire mass of the building – length x width x height – can't exceed the ratio of the area or property parcel it is sited on. Halkiotis pointed out several other zoning districts in Town that do not have any such restriction and Town Meeting voted in favor of removing the FAR requirement.

Town Meeting also voted to release certain sections of Linden Street and Winter Street currently running through the Norwood Hospital, at least on paper. One resident was concerned this could lead to something like what happened on Lenox Street with the Plimpton Press – the Town might regret the decision to lose its easement – but Halkiotis pointed out this is a different situation and the easements are locked within the property parcel of the Norwood Hospital.

Town Meeting also voted unanimously to accept a grant of \$1.1 million and appropriate another \$400,000 for a sewer repair and rehabilitation project. The grant was from the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority.

Town Meeting also voted to indefinitely postpone a vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to purchase property at 699 Washington St., most recently used as a Bank of America branch. Board of Selectmen Chair Thomas Maloney said the Town is still interested in buying the property – which has a striking concrete exterior reminiscent of Roman or Greek architecture – but the owner decided to go through a bidding process. Maloney said the Town submitted a bid, but doesn't know if they won or not and the actual appropriation from the budget has to be approved by Town Meeting. If the Town is selected, Town Meeting will vote on it in May.

The Board also voted to approve the addition of a Stormwater Bylaw to be in compliance with state regulations and give more power to protecting stormwater resources for the Town.

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From left to right: Robert Donnelly, Allan Howard and Amanda Grow.

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Candidate's night heating up for April election

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood League of Women Voters (LWV) is hosting a Candidate's Night to allow Norwood residents to get to know those seeking their votes on April 14.

The forum will be conducted via Zoom on March 21 at 7:30 p.m. and will be live-streamed through Norwood Community Media.

While there are eight candidates running in contested races this year – three running for two spots on the Board of Selectmen and five running for two spots on the School Committee – LWV President Sarah Cullen said they are allowing any uncontested candidate to send in a prerecorded message that will be shown at the end of the night.

Cullen also said they are still seeking questions for candidates. She said residents should send their questions via email to LWVNorwoodMA@gmail.com by 8 p.m. on March 18.

For the Board of Selectmen, incumbent Allan Howard will be facing off

against Robert Donnelly and Amanda Grow. Incumbent Joan Giblin will be going up against challengers Michael Condon, Kathleen Sibbing-Dunn, Tylor Joseph Tourville and Mark Whuley for the two contested School Committee seats.

Cullen said while these nights can have a light atmosphere, the LWV takes them very seriously. She said she feels it's a great responsibility to try to give Norwood voters a chance to meet all the candidates for a municipal election, as those people will be making decisions that have a direct impact on their lives and the lives of all Norwood residents.

"It's crucial, I mean voting in municipal elections has such a large impact on your everyday life and so it's very important that you're informed when you go to vote," she said. "It's always nice when you have contested elections; we wish all races were contested. It shows more people are getting involved and residents have more choice over who gets to make decisions. We take this opportunity to educate voters

very seriously. We make sure the public has their questions asked and answered, and we try to give them the most knowledge we can heading into the polls."

Candidates

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A Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, you who made me see everything and showed me the way to reach my ideal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and you who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank you for your love towards me and my loved ones. Persons must pray the prayer 3 consecutive days without asking your wish. After 3rd day, wish may be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Then promise to publish this dialogue as soon as this favor is granted.

—S.G.H.

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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 April 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Anthony Rossetti and David Hern, Jr. Esq. (Case #22-05) with respect to property located at **386 Winter Street, 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 GoToMeeting:

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

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was selling antique, Victorian, and other furniture, as well as china and glass from the Berwick estate.

Clara Wentworth (Rich) Berwick Walker died December 28, 1964 in Norwood, just a few months shy of 92 years old. She led an incredible life, yet when one searches for information on it, very little can be found. Growing up in a middle-class family and then becoming one of Norwood's socialites, after her first husband died, she put that traditional life style behind her to run the family business, a large printing company with clients all over the world. She held this position for approximately thirty years before retiring, but what can be found on her are snippets of her social life and her philanthropic donations. There is nothing on her professional life except for listings in directories. This really speaks to how professional women were viewed at the time. Silently.



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Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.

—S.G.H.

Prayer to St. Jude

Most holy apostle, St. Jude Thaddeus, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered your Beloved Master into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally as the Patron Saint of Hopeless cases and of things despaired of. Please pray for me who am so miserable. Make use I implore you of that particular privilege accorded to you to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolations and help of Heaven in all my necessities, trials and tribulations, particularly (here make your request) and that I may bless God with you and all the elect forever.

I promise you, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor and I will never cease to honor you as my special and powerful patron and to gratefully encourage devotion to you.

In thanksgiving for many answered prayers.

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This Application requests a Variance under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 3.1.5.A.3 [Residential Uses] and Section 3.1.6.1 [Notes to Table of Use Regulations] to allow the conversion of an existing single family dwelling to a two family dwelling. The lot has a preexisting nonconformity on area, necessitating the relief requested.

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

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on April 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Vanessa Plantz, Ellen Silva, Jeison Silva, (Case #22-05) with respect to property located at **99 Day Street Unit 2, Norwood, MA 02062, in the General Residential (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 GoToMeeting:

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This Application requests a Special Permit under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 11 [Definitions – Building, Attachment Of] to allow the attachment of two buildings with a common wall less than twelve (12) feet wide. The application also requests a Special Permit under Section 5.4 [Nonconforming Single and Two Family Structures] to maintain and use a preexisting structure that is nonconforming in the side yard setback.

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

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DOWNTOWN CB DISTRICT MIXED USE ZONING PROJECT

DOWNTOWN CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD)



The Town will have to create a new district to plan for additional housing, like the Downtown Mixed-Use Overlay District, but that doesn't mean someone will build it.

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Transit Housing *continued from page 1*

for “potential” units in a given space, and not necessarily “likely-to-be-built” units.

“The build-out calculation doesn’t take into account what’s on the ground, it just looks at the land, whether or not it can be built on due to restrictions from nearby wetlands and that kind of thing,” she said. “It then looks at building heights, setbacks, parking, those sort of requirements, and that’s how you get that number. That assumes that every inch of those lots – lot by lot by lot by lot in the designated area – are constructed for multi-family housing. But that’s not realistic. If there’s already been a lot of investment in a property it’s unlikely that it will be turned over for multi-family housing.”

Bouchard said build-out calculations could include areas that are virtually undevelopable. She said the Town did a build-out calculation for the Downtown Mixed-Use Overlay District (MUOD) before its approval in 2019 that included the Town Common.

“Is it likely that the Town Common will be built out for multi-family housing?” she said. “No. So it’s not a housing production target or even a goal, it’s really a tool to make

sure we’re not rendering the use impossible by imposing very strict dimensional requirements or attempting to place our entire multi-family housing development district in places like the wetlands or over the runways of the airport.”

Bouchard said Norwood is in a middle spot, since it does have a good amount of transit-friendly and multi-family development. However, many local communities do not and this legislation was designed to encourage municipalities that have little or no multi-family to create their “fair share.” She also said there are misconceptions about multi-family development that can overstate its potential impact on a community.

“Transit-oriented development is more sustainable development, it reduces impacts on the land by avoiding development on greenspaces, it reduces traffic when people can walk to transit nodes, and so that’s really the direction that land use planning and development has gone,” she said. “But you don’t really see that kind of development off the Commuter Rail lines. The further away from the city you get the notion of multi-family housing is less

accepted by residents. And there is the fear of the unknown, as well as special permits, zoning structures, or disallowing multi-family development that is actually very common in the zoning bylaws of many municipalities in eastern Massachusetts.

And for any residents worried about multi-family development and the effect it could have on property values and services, Bouchard said studies have shown this not to be the case.

“There have been multiple studies done, not only nationwide but also in Massachusetts, that show the creation of multi-family housing does not usually result in property value decreases, traffic that goes through the roof or expenses to the schools and enrollment,” she said. “There have been a couple of studies of 40B developments specifically because they have become such a hot-button conversation for municipalities and residents where multi-family housing is concerned. Studies have shown that the creation of 40B developments, which are often way outside the scale and allowed zoning for a particular community have resulted in increased property values due to the reinvestment in spaces. So we’ve often seen the opposite happen.”

Bouchard provided several studies backing up these claims. The study on 40B development can be found at <https://bit.ly/3weDxpw>, a study on how zoning affects multi-family housing production can be found at <https://bit.ly/3u1kVHb>, and a study from MIT on how multi-family housing has affected property values can be found at <https://bit.ly/3tVsHCc>.

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holds a 30-minute public forum period at each meeting and allows each participant to speak for up to three minutes.

The committee launched an email address in March 2020 to accommodate remote participation in public forums and added an option to speak via Google Meet in October 2020. Now, public forum participants will have the option to participate in person or remotely.

Remote participants must call the superintendent's office at 781-762-6804 by noon on the day of the meeting to receive a meeting link. In-person speakers can call the same number to reserve a space or register in person on a first-come, first-served basis.

Committee members Joan Giblin, who was not present at the meeting, and Anne Marie Mazzola expressed support for keeping an option to participate in public forum via email, but the hybrid format was approved as written.

"This was an accommodation based on a very unusual circumstance, and that circumstance is coming to an end," Superintendent Dr. David Thomson said.

Committee member Mye Bodenhofer encouraged community members to continue emailing the committee, even

though the emails will not be read out loud during public forum.

"I don't want anybody in the community to feel like we are discouraging email communication," she said.

The public forum email account at npschoolcommittee@norwoodk12ma.us will no longer be monitored. An automated response message will alert senders of the new participation procedures.

In other business, the committee heard a presentation from Lori Cimeno, director of student services. Cimeno provided an update on the student services five-year plan initially presented last June and shared the department's major drivers in the fiscal year 2023 budget.

Cimeno reports that as of October, 22.3 percent of Norwood students are eligible for special education services, compared to 18.9 percent of Massachusetts students. This marks the ninth year in a row that the gap between the Commonwealth and the district has increased.

The number of high needs students graduating from the district, Cimeno said, is lower than the number entering.

The department has taken steps to address the increasing number of high needs stu-

dents by adding general education interventionists, using Renaissance testing as a universal screener for students through second grade and beginning a partnership between Norwood High School and McLean Hospital for mental health services.

Student evaluations, a process which takes 10-12 hours per student, are also increasing.

"At the elementary level, we are projected to do 232 evaluations this year, which we believe is a direct correlation to COVID," Cimeno said.

Cimeno added that the results of the recent Norwood Public School equity audit provided "hard truths" about the district.

"We're seeing more kids with more and more needs," she said.

Cimeno requested FY23 funding for existing grant-funded positions and the addition of a LEAP program teacher at the high school, a middle school math specialist and a grant-funded, district-wide school psychologist.

The committee also approved an increase in substitute pay to align with the Massachusetts minimum wage, the 2022-23 school year calendar and \$7,000 worth of scholarship donations for the

class of 2022.

The committee voted a second time to approve the district's recess policy, which requires a minimum of 20 minutes of recess time per day for K-5 students. Recess can only be taken away as a consequence when a student's behavior "jeopardizes the health and safety of the student or others."

The results of the committee's superintendent evaluation show Thomson received a "proficient" rating on several metrics, including professional practice goals, instructional leadership, pro-

fessional culture and overall performance.

"It's not easy to achieve proficient," Bodenhofer said of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education standards.

Feedback on the evaluation said Thomson led the district "compassionately and thoroughly" through the pandemic.

The School Committee will hold its March 23 meeting at the Savage Center. It's the first time the committee will meet in person since February 2020.

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—D.M.C.

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—S.G.H.

Letters to the Editor

PTOs and PTAs support new Middle School

To the Editor:

The Willett and Little Mustang Preschool Academy PTO, F.A. Cleveland PTA, Prescott Elementary PTO, Callahan PTA, J.P. Oldham PTO, Coakley Middle School PTO, and Norwood High School PTO are writing this letter in support of the new middle school project. We are writing to encourage a YES vote on Monday, April 4.

As PTOs and PTAs, we have seen the struggles of overcrowding at all five elementary schools and the middle school. We believe this project is the most cost-effective route for Norwood to take to alleviate these issues our schools face.

Those of us who have had students attend the Coakley have seen the problems with the building: lack of windows for ventilation and light, temperature irregularities, and structural integrity of the building. This building makes it difficult for our children to learn and succeed.

We believe the best step forward for our community is to take advantage of the \$46 million in state funds now. We look forward to the success of

this project and the solutions it brings to six of our school buildings. Be sure to vote YES for CMS on Monday, April 4!

*Willett and LMPA PTO
F.A. Cleveland PTA Prescott
Elementary PTO Callahan
PTA J.P. Oldham PTO
Coakley Middle School PTO
Norwood High School PTO*

Middle School Building Committee thanks voters

To the Editor:

The Norwood Middle School Building Committee wishes to thank the community for its overwhelming approval of a Town Meeting warrant article to fund the New Coakley Middle School Project, by a vote of 153-1 tonight.

Special Town Meeting, which convened on Monday, March 14 at Norwood High School, voted in favor of a warrant article to fund any Coakley project costs above the grant funding approved by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). This may include costs related to construction, demolition, equipment, furnishings, site work, testing, professional services such as design and engineering, and relocation for a new Coakley Middle School.

"The Middle School Building Committee worked rigorously to evaluate the current building and plan for the future of the Coakley Middle School, creating an exceptional building that will provide an extraordinary learning environment for our Coakley students and educators for years to come," General Manager Tony Mazzucco said. "We are thankful to Norwood's Town Meeting members for their support of this vision and the Coakley Middle School project."

The MSBA approved the Coakley project on March 2, indicating that it intends to participate in the funding of the project, contributing a grant of up to approximately \$46 million. At this time, the expected town share is approximately \$104 million.

With tonight's approval, the project moves on to a ballot vote on Monday, April 4. Pending voter approval in April, the project will enter MSBA's Module 6: Project Scope and Budget Phase, and will then proceed with design development and construction bid procurement.

Middle School Building Committee

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

This application is on file in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeals and may be requested by emailing sbouchard@norwoodma.gov Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on April 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM** on the request of MPG Realty Capital, LLC and David Hern, Jr. Esq. (Case #22-08) with respect to property located at **1223 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062, in the General Business (GB) 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 GoToMeeting:

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This Application requests a Variance under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Norwood Zoning Bylaw under Section 4.1.2.2 [Notes to Table of Use Regulations—Maximum Density] and Section 4.1.1 [Table of Dimensional Requirements] on lot area, front setback and floor area ratio. It also seeks a Special Permit under Section 4.1.1 [Table of Dimensional Requirements] to allow the multifamily dwelling use, and a Special Permit under Section 6.1.3.A [Schedule of Minimum Parking Requirements – Dwellings] and Section 6.1.12 [Special Permit]. Zoning relief has been requested to allow the construction of a three story multifamily building with 12 dwelling units.

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 sbouchard@norwoodma.gov Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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**SECTION A – ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
TOWN OF NORWOOD, MA**

Sealed bids will be received up to 11:00 A.M. (Verizon time), March 31, 2022, in the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062 for the following Public Project:

“Furnish & Deliver Eaton RF Mesh Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Water Nodes & Accessories”

The complete bid package may be obtained in the Purchasing Department during regular business hours. Documents can also be obtained by registering and downloading online at: <https://bids.norwoodma.gov>. The bid must be filled out and signed as directed herein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed to the Purchasing Department, endorsed with the name and address of the bidder, and marked, “AMI Water Nodes & Accessories, CONTRACT NPW-22-10.” This contract is for a 3-year period.

A certified check or bid bond, with acceptable surety in favor of the Town of Norwood and equal to at least five percent (5%) of the bid, must be submitted with the bid. The successful bidder shall, within ten (10) days of notification of award furnish the Town a performance bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the bid.

Bids shall be prepared, considered, and the contract awarded in accordance with all statutes governing such contracts (MGL Chapter 30B as most recently amended). Every General Bid shall be on forms furnished by the Town. Bids submitted on other forms may be rejected. The award of the contract shall be made within 30 working days after the opening of General Bids, Saturdays, and Sundays excluded.

An award will not be made to a Contractor who is not properly equipped to undertake and complete the work. The right is reserved to waive any informality and to reject any or all bids in accordance with the provisions of MGL as amended.

The Town of Norwood notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed or national origin in consideration for an award.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to accept any part of a bid or the one deemed best for the Town.

BY: Tony Mazzucco, General Manager

Norwood Record: 3/17/22

Deaths

ADAMS

John A. “Jack” of Norwood, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on March 5, 2022. Loving son of John J. Adams and the late Barbara A. (Flaherty) Adams. Devoted brother of Beverly Kozlosky and her husband Walter of Lynn. Dear nephew of Kenneth Adams and his wife Susan of West Roxbury. He was predeceased by two uncles and one aunt. The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and support staff at the West Roxbury VA for the compassion and care they provided to Jack and his family. All Services were private with Burial in Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jack’s memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1120, Framingham, MA 02701 or at cancer.org To leave a condolence message for the family, please visit: gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

MERINO

Deborah M. of Norwood, formerly of Dedham, March 12, 2022. Beloved daughter of the late John P. and Theresa (Burns) Merino. Twin sister of Cheryl Cosenza and her husband Peter of Westwood. Sister of the late John P. Merino, Jr. and his surviving wife Madeline of Dedham. Godmother to

Christa Cosenza; and aunt to Elizabeth Merino. Niece of the late George Merino and his surviving wife Virginia of Dedham; and many other aunts and uncles. Funeral from the George F. Doherty & Sons Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home, 456 High St., DEDHAM. Interment private. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Deborah’s memory to American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. For online guestbook, gfdoherty.com George F. Doherty & Sons Dedham 781 326 0500.

SULLIVAN



Eleanor M. (Borsare), 91, of Norton, MA died March 9, 2022. Born in Boston, she was the daughter of the late Edward and Anna (Ducey) Borsare. She was the wife of the late Francis Sullivan. Mrs. Sullivan grew up in Roslindale and lived in Norwood for 49 years raising

her family of nine children. She enjoyed her job as a part time sales associate at Frugal Fannies Retail in Westwood until she retired. She then moved to Norton where she spent her time reading books, and taking care of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mrs. Sullivan was a loving and caring Mom and grandmother. She always kept up with family gatherings, birthdays, school events, and holidays. She had a great memory and knew what was going on with each and every one of her family members. She loved entertaining everyone and sharing her stories. Mrs. Sullivan is survived by her daughters, Donna Lanzoni and husband Ronald of Walpole, Lois Sullivan of Foxborough, Kathy Carlson of Cataumet, Sandra Sullivan of Gallatin Gateway, Montana, Charlene Saad and husband Richard of Norwood, and Ellen Collamore and husband Richard of Norton; her sons, Frank Sullivan and Diane Crehan of Weymouth, and James Sullivan and wife Alison of Norwood. She was predeceased by her son, Richard Sullivan, and her brother, Edward Borsare and his wife Annette. She also is survived by 17 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She will be dearly missed and is forever in our hearts. GilloolyFuneralHome.com

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The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging are sponsoring a dance on March 18, at 7 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood. Music will be by The DB Band and the cost is \$10.00 per person for your Ballroom Dancing pleasure. Coffee, tea & dessert will be served & there will be door prizes.

There is a Facebook page so you can check on the status of the dance, in case of inclement weather: Friends Of The Norwood Council On Aging | Facebook

VFW 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Norwood VFW Post 2452 will be holding a Party to celebrate its 90th Birthday on Sunday, April 3 from 4-8 PM. The Party will begin at 4:00 PM. A Roast Beef Dinner will be served starting at 5:00 PM. The Dinner will be served until 6:00 PM. Music for everyone's listening and dancing pleasure will be provided by a DJ until 8:00 PM.

The following Menu is planned: Salad, Roast Beef, Mashed Potato, Corn, and Dinner Rolls. The Meal will conclude with Dessert.

The cost for this evening is only \$20.00 (Twenty Dollars) per person. This party is open to the Public. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the Meal and partake in the festivities.

GARDEN CLUB TO HOST DOUG TALLAMY

Recent headlines about global insect declines and three billion fewer birds in North America are a bleak reality check about how ineffective our current landscape designs have been at sustaining the plants and animals that sustain us. Such losses are not an option if we wish to continue our current standard of living on Planet Earth. The good news is that none of this is inevitable.

On April 26, at 6:45 p.m., the Norwood Evening Garden Club will virtually host Professor Doug Tallamy, nationally known entomologist, behavioral ecologist and professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the

University of Delaware. He will discuss simple steps that each of us can and must take to reverse declining biodiversity and will explain why we ourselves are nature's best hope.

The public is invited to attend this Zoom program. A \$5 donation is requested. If you are interested in registering for this program, please send an email to membership@NorwoodEveningGardenClub.com. Space is limited so register early.

Tallamy is an award-winning author of several bestselling books: Bringing Nature Home, Nature's Best Hope, The Living Landscape: Designing for Beauty and Biodiversity in the Home Garden (with Rick Darke), and his newest release The Nature of Oaks. His current research centers on the behavioral ecology of insects, conservation of biodiversity, impacts of alien plants on native ecosystems, and plant-insect interactions.

The Club, open to novice and expert gardeners, draws its members from Norwood, Walpole, Westwood, Dedham, Medfield and Randolph. For information about the Norwood Evening Garden Club, visit www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.com.

WOMN'S CLUB MEETING ON APRIL 12

The Norwood Woman's Club will be meeting on Tuesday, April 12, at 12:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 572 Nichols St, Norwood Ma. Our program will be Timeless Trends to Transform Any Space by Michelle Taranto. We will be collecting \$30 checks for our May 12 luncheon at Conrad's in Walpole. Please designate chicken, fish or beef on your check. A light lunch will be served. Guests are welcomed. Any questions please call Trina at 781-762-8173. Hope to see you there.

OPEN AUDITIONS for "Our Town"

On April 5-6, the Old Parish Preservation Volunteers will hold open auditions for their

August production of "Our Town," presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals (www.concordtheatricals.com) on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. The play will be presented on Saturday, August 13, in the Old Parish Cemetery – very appropriately because the entire third act of "Our Town" takes place in a cemetery.

Thornton Wilder's 1938 Pulitzer-Prize-winning play is one of the most enduring and popular plays in U.S. history, having been produced in more than 650 communities.

"Our Town" is set in the fictional town of Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, in 1901. Grover's Corners was inspired by the real town of Peterborough, whose population in 1900 was around 2,500 – or roughly the same as Norwood at the end of its first decade. It is not stretching a point to say that watching the story of Grover's Corners is like watching life in the new town of Norwood.

If you would like to try out for a part in the Norwood production of "Our Town," go to <http://www.oldparishpreservationvolunteers.com/>

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2022-our-town. On this page, you will find buttons to download an audition form, character descriptions, and script sides. Auditions will be conducted at the Norwood High School Auditorium, 245 Nichols Street, between 3:00 and 7:00 pm, on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 5 and 6.

Auditions will be under the supervision of the play's director, Tom Frye of Wichita, KS, who has lengthy experience in acting, writing, directing, producing, and teaching theater.

"Our Town" has nine roles for age 40 and up (six women and three men), six roles for age 15 and up (four girls and two boys), and two roles for age 9 and up (one boy and one girl). The production will also need back stage crew, including a Stage Manager and Assistant Stage Manager; people to handle costumes, props, and makeup. People who are interested in taking on these roles are encouraged to contact John

Grove and Tom Frye at norwoodoldparish@gmail.com. In late April, a press release will be issued with cast information.

PUBLIC FORUM MARCH 24th ON MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Town of Norwood would like to share with community members several upcoming meetings and events that will provide the public opportunities to provide feedback and learn about the Coakley Middle School Building Project.

One community forum is left on March 24 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Updates on the project will be presented, cost projections will be shared and there will be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions related to the project.

"We encourage Norwood residents to attend the upcoming forum to learn more about the project and ask questions or share feedback," Norwood General Manager Tony Mazzucco said. "This is an important and impactful project for our community, and we want to make sure residents are well-informed on the process, what's happened so far and the next steps."

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Prayer to the Blessed Virgin
(Never known to fail!)
Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.
Grateful thanks. —K.B.

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

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

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Monday, March 7

0745 Phone - Susp Activity Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Washington St + Cottage St Caller reports a male party aggressively pan handling causing her to be afraid. Officers check the area and the person had left prior to their arrival.

0832 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Phillips Ave Male party advised on a past unemployment scam.

0834 Phone - Malicious Damage *Report Filed Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Past broken window in MV overnight.

0837 Walk-In - Missing Person *Report Filed Location/Address: Saunders Rd Walk in party reports that his wife has taken her child and cannot be reached. N667 attempted to make contact with her. Report filed.

1148 Walk-In - Malicious Damage Services Rendered Location/Address: Cross St Walk in party reports past damage to his house from a BB gun. Party had reported same incident last night. He was advised.

1201 Phone - Susp Person Spoken To Location/Address: Maxwell Ave Caller reports an older male party with possible mental health issues walking up her street. Subject located and out for a walk.

1220 Other - Repossession Services Rendered Location/Address: Highview St MA 1DVN92

1354 Walk-In - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Boch Chevrolet (Dcd C Norwood - Bos-Prov HWY Past larceny of auto parts.

1536 Phone - Well Being Chk Area Search Negative Location/Address: Railroad Ave Caller reports seeing an older man take a young child by the hand and walk towards center of town. Units searched the area, but could not locate them.

1545 Phone - Report of Fight Services Rendered Location/Address: Engamore Ln Report of four teens possibly fighting in parking lot. Units spoke with them, no issue.

1553 Phone - Report Of Fight *Report Filed Location/Address Oldham School - Prospect St Principal reports that a student may have been assaulted earlier today. Officers investigate at Norwest Woods 639,604 and 101.

1755 Phone - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Parents report boys chased her daughter and friends. One of the boys can be heard on the video making inappropriate comments.

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

0211 911 - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd Caller requests to speak with an officer as she feels unsafe. Officers spoke with the resident and were able to calm her down for the night. Officers will contact CIT Coordinator for follow up.

1255 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Village Rd W Caller requests well-being check on 43 year old female. N665 attempted to locate her, she was not home. Calling party will call station later to request another check.

1428 Phone - Citizens Complaint Services Rendered Location/

Address: The Lark Ctr For Therapeutic Play And Learning - Washington St Report of a male yelling at walkers. Units spoke with him and he was moved along.

1602 Phone - Motor Vehicle Accident *Report Filed Location/Address: Melville Ave Caller's brakes failed causing his vehicle to hit a shed.

1836 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Melville Ave 3rd party caller requesting check of residence regarding a neighbor calling her about an argument. N679 and N663 spoke to both parties, was a verbal argument over a new washing machine.

Wednesday, March 9

0819 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Nahatan St + Washington St Caller reports a male party holding a flag across from St. Catherine's with an inappropriate message written across it and is also yelling and gesturing at people passing by. N663, N667 responded, spoke with party and moved him along.

1040 Phone - Neighbor Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Guild St Caller makes complaint about female neighbor opening the wrong package. Units spoke with her and advised.

1513 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Engamore Ln Wellness check on a female with possible mental health issues. Units spoke with her and she appeared fine. Visiting nurse will be over shortly.

1817 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Daddy's Dairy/Dutch Island Dairy - Central St Two homeless males asked to leave restaurant.

Thursday, March 10

0119 911 - Drunk Person *Protective Custody Location/Address: Press Ave Female reported to be intoxicated and belligerent by mother. N661, N678 responded. As a result, N661 returned with 1 female in protective custody. St. mil: 14675.6 @ 1:33/ ending mil: 14676.5 @ 1:36. Released to Mom at 6:30am

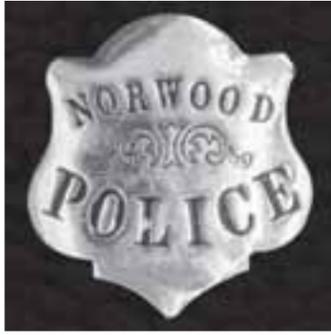
0714 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Walnut Ave + Winslow Ave Caller reports a male party wearing a Patriots jacket and maroon ski cap making gestures and yelling at residents as they pass him on Walnut Ave. N677, N667 responded and spoke with male party and advised.

0902 Cellular - Citizens Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St + Nahatan St Report party holding a political sign with a profane word on it. N668 reports he will move to another spot farther from elementary school building.

0919 Other - Warrant Service *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir B.C.I. assists with warrant service. N677 transports to station. Refer To Arrest: 22-74-AR Arrest: Dillon, Leon James Address: 7 Upland Woods Cir Apt. #206 Norwood, Ma Age: 24 Charges: Warrant Arrest

1823 911 - Well Being Chk *Report Filed Location/Address: Jake N Joes Sports Grille - Bos-Prov Hwy Employee re-

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ports a patron seems unstable on her feet and seemed disoriented. FD notified. Party transported to BI Needham with DC99 on board and N664 following.

2145 Phone - Runaway Child *Report Filed Location/Address: Nahatan Ct Caller reports her 16 year old daughter left a note saying she was running away. BOLO to the cars, surrounding cities and towns, MBTA. Party entered into NCIC.

Friday, March 11

1056 Other - Warrant Service *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Mountain Ave Information that subject with warrant is sleeping at the home. N677 places him under arrest and transports him to station. Refer To Arrest: 22-76-AR Arrest: Hennigan, Matthew Address: 41 Mountain Ave Norwood, Ma Age: 30 Charges: Warrant Arrest

1247 Phone - Motor Vehicle Stop *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Sumner St One under arrest MA 1NNN24 . M/V charges & a Warrant from Fall River. Refer To Arrest: 22-77-AR Arrest: Sanborn, Anthony S Address: 763 S Precint St Taunton, Ma Age: 30 Charges: License Suspended, Op Mv With Turn, Improper Warrant Arrest

1346 Cellular - Susp Person Services Rendered Location/Address: TJ Maxx - Nahatan St Caller thinks she was followed while in the store earlier today. N667 left her voice message, went to store she was not there. Store manager is familiar with male customer, advised of their option, manager did not wish to pursue anything at this time.

1521 Cellular - Neighbor Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Norwest Dr Mother reports that after her juvenile son made a barking noise at the neighbor's dog, the adult neighbor in charge of the dog then yelled at her son and pointed a finger at him.

1622 Phone - Assist Citizen Civil Matter Location/Address: Chatham Rd Subject known to the caller taking video today outside his home. All parties advised to avoid one another.

1651 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: 47 Chapel St - Chapel St Nursing agency requests check of client. Party checked OK and will call agency.

1902 Phone - Assist Other Agency *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Village Rd E N664 assists Quincy PD on arrest. Suspect is transported back to station for a courtesy booking. Refer To Arrest: 22-78-AR Arrest: Hoover,

Wilfred Address: 1503 Village Rd E Norwood, Ma Age: 47 Charges: Courtesy Booking 1956 Phone - Auto Theft *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: 1a Pizza - Walpole St Caller reports his vehicle was just stolen from the parking lot. N679, N678, N663, and N667 responding to the area. BOLO was put out to South District. Walpole PD located that vehicle and attempted to stop MA PC 258YB7 which then crashed Washington Street and Day Street. Operator then fled on foot. N667 placed that party under arrest Day Street and Central Street and transported him to the station. Center Autobody towed MA PC 258YB7. Arrest: Maurice, Daeshawn Address: 65a Lisbon St Malden, Ma Age: 22 Charges: Motor Veh, Receive Stolen, Subsq.Off. Leave Scene Of Property Damage Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Motor Veh, Larceny Of, Subsq.Off. License Suspended, Op Mv With Warrant Arrest Warrant Arrest

2114 Phone - Kids Gathering Group Moved Location/Address: Daddy's Dairy/Dutch Island Dairy - Central St Large group of juveniles gathered. Officers moved them along.

2252 911 - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Lenox St Caller reports a male party laying in the second floor hallway. N663 provided that party with a courtesy transport to the bus stop. Landlord will file a letter of disinvite.

Saturday March 12

0021 911 - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: Dean St Caller states she would like her adult nephew removed from home. N665 and N669 spoke to all parties involved. Caller agreed to let nephew stay the night and he will leave in the morning and was advised to call back if issues arise.

0039 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Transported To Hospital Location/Address: Highview St Female party seeking referral for services. N665 referred her to call DOVE and Riverside. Riverside conducted an evaluation and proceeded with a Section 12. NFD notified and responded. 1 female party transported to BI Needham with N665 onboard.

0146 Phone - Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: David Ter Barking dog. N677 reports dog was brought inside for the night.

1020 Other - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St Dispatch observed a young child walking around the lot then proceeding to enter the fenced in area behind the station. N677 spoke to the parents of the child whom were in Dunkin Donuts, all checks out.

1718 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Jiffy Lube (Bay State Ventures) - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports the business is open but there seems to not be any employees, he is looking to speak with someone about his vehicle. N679 locates that employee all checks out ok.

1853 Phone - Susp Activity Building Checked/Secured Location/Address: Cadillac Of

Norwood - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports car drove over the lawn and a truck is near the gate. Officers report no sign of any tracks in the fresh snow . 2252 911 - Susp Person *Protective Custody Location: Pendergast Circle Caller reports 2 parties walking down the on ramp, FD notified. N669 transports one female S/M 45928.8, 2302 Hrs, E/M 45931, 2321 Hrs. N661 also gives a male party a courtesy transport to the bus stop. N669 reports the female will be a PC back to the station.

2332 911 - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Pleasant St Caller reports her friend is suicidal and reports he cut his wrist and has a gun. N668 reports contact was made with that parties mother she reports he is sleeping and this was possibly a made up story.

Sunday, March 13

0609 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller requests well being check on his wife. He is currently in hospital and has not heard from her since 3 pm yesterday afternoon. N669 responding Made contact with party. Checks out, advised to contact husband.

1304 Phone - Motor Vehicle Accident *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Sumner St + Bos-Prov Hwy MVA & both cars have pulled into the lot . NO P.I.As a result one female under arrest . ST MI 45971 1343 HRS EN MI 45973 1349 HRS. Center tows. Arrest: Butler, Patricia Address: 371 Washington St Apt. #22 Norwood, Ma Age: 63 Charges: OUI-Liquor Or .08% Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle State Hwy-Traffic Violation

1353 Phone - Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Prospect St Noise complaint over commercial body work on a vehicle. Officer reports the resident is working on his own car.

1412 Phone - Harassment *Report Filed Location/Address: Rock St Dispute between B7 & B3 HPO is active.

1455 Phone - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: Shaws Supermarket - Nahatan St Manager reports they are having trouble with one employee who refuses to leave after being asked. She is outside on the side lot. Prior to the Officers arrival she left and came to the police lobby. A male also arrived in the lobby. Officers report they are ex boyfriend/girlfriend. Matter resolved and they were advised. Shaws advised and will handle that issue with HR.

2119 911 - Motor Vehicle Stop *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Dean St + Glendale Rd Westwood PD transfers a 911 call for MA PC 2JGH55 being followed by an uber driver reporting party in that vehicle is intoxicated. As a result units pull that vehicle over and N661 returns to the station with one male under arrest. Vehicle was towed by Negoshian's. Refer To Arrest: 22-84-AR Arrest: Mccarthy, Brian Address: 76 Rosewood Dr Stoughton, Ma Age: 45 Charges: OUI-Liquor Or .08%, 2nd Offense

First ever Peeps Diorama Contest at Morrill Memorial Library, starting on Tuesday, April 19, with community voting to take place between April 27 and May 4, and winners announced on Friday, May 6.

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No time to create a masterpiece of your own? No problem! Support our contestants by coming into the Library, checking out photos of the entries, and voting for your favorites! You can also log on

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Films in this series include: Thursday 3/17 - Joy Luck Club (rated R, 139 minutes), Tuesday 3/22 - Hidden Figures (rated PG, 127 minutes), Wednesday 3/23 - Harriet (rated PG-13, 125 minutes), Thursday 3/24 - On the Basis of Sex (rated PG-13, 120 minutes), Monday 3/28 - The Glorias (rated R, 139 minutes), Wednesday 3/30 - He Named Me Malala (rated PG-13, 120 minutes), Thursday 3/31 - For Colored Girls (rated R, 120 minutes)

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separately by visiting our online events calendar at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, by calling 781-769-0200 x2, or by visiting the Reference desk.

AWARD WINNING NOVELIST TO SPEAK IN-PERSON

The Morrill Memorial Library invites you to join us for an in-person author event on Monday, March 21 at 7:00 pm.

Award-winning novelist Erica Ferencik has received glowing critical praise for her literary thrillers featuring women who face extreme physical challenges in nature, even as they grapple with internal struggles. Inspired and informed by a month-long trip to Greenland, Ferencik sets GIRL IN ICE in one of the most unforgiving, unforgettable landscapes imaginable. Successful yet sheltered linguist Val Chesterfield, struggling to understand the apparent suicide of her climate scientist brother Andy, ventures to a remote Arc-

tic outpost to try to unravel what really happened during his final days. And at the same time, she's asked by Andy's research partner Wyatt to help him with a scientific impossibility—he's found a young girl frozen in the ice who thaws out alive, speaking a language that no one understands—and he needs Val to communicate with her.

Join us for an evening discussing her research trip to Greenland, Q & A with the author and the opportunity to purchase this novel as well as her two previous novels INTO THE JUNGLE and THE RIVER AT NIGHT, courtesy of Dick Haley from Haley Booksellers.

Special thanks to Norwood Community Media (NCM) for recording this thrilling event. Registration is required. Please sign up by visiting the library's online calendar, norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call 781-769-0200 x2.

Candidates

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Cullen said turnout for elections can be tricky to predict, but added that contested elections with more candidates generally bring out more folks to the voting machines. She said getting more voters to the polls for April's annual election is a goal for the group.

"We spend a lot of time focusing on voter registration and voter education, but we really want to focus on voter turnout," she said. "We would love to see turnout surpass 20 or even 30 percent in municipal elections. Historically, it does not run that high. I think maybe the middle school question on the ballot might increase turnout and contested races always increase turnout."

Cullen said while this is a crowded slate, they had three different contested races during last year's election and the candidate's night went off without a hitch.

"The Library Trustee seat had, I think, four or five candidates and we handled it pretty well so we're not worried," she said. "Things went smoothly before so that's what we're planning to do again. We always go in reverse ballot order so we'll do the School Committee first and the Board of Selectmen candidates will be in the waiting room. When that's done we'll bring them in."

Cullen said while they sometimes have the odd technical glitch, they have so far been able to fix it quickly and move right back to informing Norwood's voters.

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