



The CPC heard a presentation concerning a proposal for 20 units of veteran housing at this building on Vernon Street.

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CPC hears affordable veteran housing proposal

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Community Preservation Committee (CPC) met on Jan. 10 and discussed several applications for funding from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) fund, the most prominent of which is a proposal from Caritas Communities.

Caritas is asking for \$1 million to help with the acquisition of 20 Vernon St. for a \$5.6 million, 20-unit affordable veterans housing building. Caritas CFO Greg Rittchen and Interim Executive Director Frank Connell went over the project, which essentially is outfitting the current building for 20 units.

Connell gave some background on Caritas, which he said operates about 29 “deeply affordable” communities

throughout Greater Boston. He said focusing on veterans housing has become key for the Caritas organization.

“In our portfolio, we have two veteran-specific properties already; one on the VA campus in Bedford and another in New Bedford,” he said. “It provides no end of confusion that that is where our veterans housing is. We are the largest provider of housing for homeless veterans in the state. That is something we are extremely proud of as an organization.”

Rittchen said the proposal will provide housing to veterans and locate them to a centralized Downtown area with amenities and access to multiple kinds of public transportation (Commuter Rail and bus service).

“It’s right at the edge of the Central Business District,

which makes it really attractive for people who don’t necessarily own cars,” he said. “Also, because of where it’s located, it’s not so difficult for the Zoning Board of Appeals or the Planning Board to get behind us and say, ‘Yeah we think this makes sense,’ and we’ve already had those conversations with the chair of the ZBA and Building Inspector Gary Pelletier.”

However, the issue of not having enough parking spaces did come up relative to the side parking lot to the north west of the building. CPC Chair Joseph Sheehan asked if the group is planning to purchase that lot for use, and Rittchen did say that they have an option to designate certain spaces through an ease-

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On migrants, superintendent and elementary schools

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee met on Wednesday at the Savage Center for one of its shorter meetings, at only an hour-and-fifteen-minutes in duration.

Superintendent Search Subcommittee members Kate Sibbing-Dunn and David Hiltz gave an update on where they are right now in the search process. They said currently, everything is on schedule to replace current Superintendent David Thomson, who decided not to renew his contract earlier in 2023. He will be finishing out the 2023-2024 school year.

“Everything is going to plan and we had our first evening of interviews on Monday and we will have our second round tomorrow,” Sibbing-Dunn said. “There is nothing else to report. It’s going to plan and schedule, and once information is public about finalists that will be posted.”

She added that a list of finalists will be completed and made public soon.

“We should be announcing finalists on our Jan. 24 agenda,” she said.

Hiltz said they are working with their consultant Chris Hardy to put together a schedule of interviews with the finalists after the announcement. Sibbing-



Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Strategy
Dr. Charisse Taylor

Dunn said Hardy will come in on the 24th to explain the process and what steps are next to name and hire a new superintendent.

“We would share on the website and then a schedule, too, would go up,” she said. “Someone pointed out to me recently that our last superintendent search was still on our website somehow. We’ve taken that down or hidden it, but similarly that (current) pertinent information will go up.”

Sibbing-Dunn said the process has been a positive and collaborative one so far.

“The committee is fantastic; I appreciate everyone’s time and commitment,” she said. “We

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A Day for Peter Kasputis

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The friends and family of Norwood mainstay Peter Kasputis are hosting a fundraiser on Feb. 24 at the West Roxbury Elks at 1 Morrell St. in Boston to help him in his time of need.

Organizer Tina Hanifin said she and Kasputis have been friends since grade school, and was also best friends with his now wife Kari during that time.

“We basically grew up together,” she said.

Hanifin said Kasputis has always been “someone you could lean on,” and she’s asking residents to

lend support back to him now. “Peter is an incredibly loyal guy,” she said. “And so a group of us who have known Peter since childhood have gotten together and are trying to throw a fundraiser.”

Kasputis suffered a stroke from a brain infection in May 2022, and is now in rehabilitation. Hanifin said funds raised from the Feb. 24 event will go towards helping in his recovery. She said he is now wheelchair-bound for the most part and is going to physical therapy. She added that the Matt Brown Foundation has been helping them to adjust, as the organization has donated a wheelchair-accessible van and have donated work to make their home

wheelchair accessible.

“The Matt Brown Foundation has been instrumental,” she said. “We’ve also been reaching out to local businesses that have been helping us as well... The community has really come together in Norwood. We’ve had help from Lustra Cleaners, the Old Colonial, people from all walks of life just sort of through word of mouth. I mean people who don’t even know him are coming together to help a family in need. And we’re all hockey families, and the hockey community here in Norwood has been amazing and very helpful. That’s just been a huge part of

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Norwood resident Peter Kasputis and his daughter.

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Will My Friend's Fiancée be Entitled to a Survivor Benefit?

Dear Rusty: I have a very good friend who has cancer and will begin chemotherapy this week. He is 71 years old and is currently receiving Social Security benefits. He has been living with his fiancée for a little more than 2 years, but they have been a couple for about 15 years and will be married in the next few weeks. She is 60 years old.

I am naturally concerned about his, and her, future so my questions are.

Signed: A Friend with Questions



Russell Gloor
AMAC Certified Social
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- What, if anything, should he and his wife do to ensure that she gets his Social Security benefits?

- What benefits will she be entitled to, and how soon will she be able to begin receiving them after his death?

Dear Friend: You are kind to be concerned about your friend and his fiancée. Here's what you need to know:

Social Security goes by state rules when it comes to what is often referred to as "common law marriage." That means that whether your friend's fiancée will receive any benefits as a surviving spouse in a "common law" relationship depends on whether they live in a state which recognizes common law marriage. Most states do not, but state laws have changed over the years and many states which once recognized such unions as "marriage" no longer do. Although they may have "been a couple" for 15 years, if your friend and his fiancée have been living together for only two it is likely only the last two years will count for Social Security benefit purposes. So, whether your friend's fiancée will get anything when your friend dies depends on where they live - unless they get married, in which case the rules are different.

In order for a married widow(er) to receive surviving spouse benefits, the couple must have been married for at least 9 months. If they marry and your friend lives longer than 9 months thereafter, then his wife will be entitled to a surviving spouse benefit from her husband. The amount of his wife's benefit will be based upon the amount your friend is receiving at his death, adjusted

for her age when she claims her surviving spouse benefit.

A surviving spouse can claim benefits from the deceased as early as age 60, but those benefits will be reduced for claiming before full retirement age (FRA). Taken at age 60, the wife's benefit would be 71.5% of your friend's SS benefit at his death. The wife need not claim the survivor benefit immediately; she could opt to delay claiming in order to get a higher percentage of the husband's amount. Survivor benefits reach maximum - 100% of the deceased's benefit amount - at the recipient's FRA.

So, if your friend and his fiancée now live in a state which currently recognizes common law marriage (CO, IA, KS, MT, NH, SC, TX, UT, RI, or in the District of Columbia), then your friend's partner will be considered his "wife" and entitled to survivor benefits as normal (the fiancée would need to prove they cohabitate in a marriage-like relationship to claim benefits).

If they do not live in one of those states, but they get married and the marriage lasts for at least 9 months, then the wife will be entitled to normal benefits as a surviving spouse (as described above).

But if the couple do not live in one of the above states which recognize "common law" relationships, or if their soon-to-occur marriage doesn't last at least 9 months, or if they do not get married, I'm afraid your friend's partner will not be entitled to any survivor benefits from your friend.

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ment for resident use if needed in the future, but he doesn't think that's going to happen.

"The vast majority, if not all of these residents, likely won't have cars," he said. "We think a sort of (car share) program like Zipcar would be better for us, because while no one might be able to afford a car themselves, and likely don't need it as they rely mostly on public transit, it's still good to have access to a car."

He added that less than 5 percent of the population in the group's supportive housing owns a car.

Rittchen said the units are generally about 400 square feet, and added the building will have a community room on the first floor. He said almost 25 percent of the units will be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

He said they are looking to procure the funds and purchase the property in July of this year. They would acquire it, and then figure out financing with the state through the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). They are

looking to start construction in mid 2025.

"The state would provide the vast majority of the funds for the actual construction," he said.

Norwood Veterans Agent Ted Mulvehill is very excited about the proposal, and said though Norwood does not have a current issue with homeless veterans or the housing thereof, that doesn't mean the Town shouldn't step up to help those in need.

"Do we have homeless veterans in Norwood?" he said. "No we don't. I'm happy to say there have been isolated incidents over the years where there were veterans found by the police department, and we have a great relationship so that when they find a veteran, they let me know and we transport them to the appropriate shelter. Nobody sleeps outside in Norwood."

But he said that doesn't mean the housing would go to waste.

"Is there a need for veteran housing in Norwood?" he said. "No. Is there a need for veterans housing in general? Absolutely."

Mulvehill said the issue of homeless veterans is a "difficult and emotional topic for us to discuss," and though the Veterans Administration has committed

ted millions of dollars every year for homeless veterans, the need continues.

"It's like 'Field of Dreams,'" he said. "If we build it, they will come."

Mulvehill pointed out that after World War II, the Town stepped up to build housing for veterans returning from overseas.

"It was for veterans who didn't come home to family," he said. "They built a series of Quonset huts (cylindrical prefabricated structure [<http://tinyurl.com/2smukszs>]) by the cemetery parallel to Bellevue Avenue... There were 50 of them dedicated to returning veterans and I thought that was exceptional. It was very farsighted on the part of the Selectmen then."

Mulvehill said those huts were later replaced with Washington Heights, which was also for veterans and their families and still gives priority to veterans meeting certain conditions.

The CPC also heard proposals for a conservation land transfer, an updated \$14,000 payment for a regional housing services position and a proposal for \$80,000 from the Norwood Trails Advisory Board for the Tiot Trail system. For more detail on the last item, check out The Record's coverage of the Trails Board on Page 3.

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The overall plan for the Norwood Trails system is to connect as many of the current trails as possible into one connected network.

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NTAC planning for Tiot Trail

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Trails Advisory Committee (NTAC) met last week and discussed current plans for the Tiot Trail, now forwarded to the Norwood Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for funding in the open space and recreation bracket.

The plan is to turn several disconnected trails in Norwood into a single system stretching throughout the Town. Some have nicknamed the project 'Norwood's Emerald Necklace,' as it mirrors the vision of Frederick Law Olmsted's Emerald Necklace in Boston. The NTAC is seeking Town Meeting approval in May for \$80,000 to permit and build a total of 13 water crossings on the eastern side of Town, around the Norwood Memorial Airport, the Meadow Street trails and the trails around University Avenue and the Norwood Country Club.

The funding will help designate where water crossings should go and make sure they are secured in the right places and useful for trail goers. NTAC Chair Joseph Greeley presented the overall plan to the CPC the Wednesday, after the NTAC, meeting to general and tentative approval, though they will need many more permits and approvals from relevant Town boards before construction can begin, even after getting the funding.

The park system is planned to encircle Norwood, starting to the south at Traphole Brook and moving east through the Neponset Valley lands up to Meadow Brook, then around the Norwood Memorial Airport and up through an existing trail to the Route 1/University Avenue intersection. From there, at its most northern point, it goes southwest through Planting Field Brook to Germany Brook, heading around Ellis Pond through some streets along Hawes Brook, making a slight detour

through Windsor Gardens to hit Endean tand then the planned Bernie Cooper Memorial Park.

The main work is expected to be completed by volunteers. Norwood resident and engineer Gerry Hopcroft has been using his experience from working on trails at the Acadia National Park in Maine for the Bridge Building Crew.

Hopcroft said one of the main responsibilities of the Trails Committee

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In accordance with the requirements of Norwood Local Bylaw Article 47 Section 2.1, the Community Preservation Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 5:30 PM at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062. This meeting will be held in a hybrid format where Committee members and the public may choose to attend in-person or remotely using Google Meet at: <https://meet.google.com/hda-kniw-eya> or by dialing in at: 402-946-0125. Access Code: 547 694 165#.

This public hearing is the third of three hearings being scheduled to accept questions and comments on applications for CPA funding. The proposed projects under consideration at this hearing include: (1) funding to restore the blue room fireplace at the Fred Holland Day House; and (2) funding to improve the park parcel at the corner of Washington and Mylod Streets. Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Community Development Department at Town Hall during normal business hours.

Joseph Sheehan
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This year local community group, Sewstainability, will be hosting a charity project to make fidget quilts for residents in local nursing homes. The Morrill Memorial Library will be hosting an information session about the project on Saturday, January 20 at 10:00 am.

Come learn more about fidget quilts and how you can help. We need all levels of experience! Note, this is not a workshop, we will not be assembling fidget quilt squares. Rather, attendees will come away inspired to create their own fidget quilt squares to contribute to this community effort. A handout will be provided and there will be some materials available to take home, but we are encouraging people to use materials they already have. This is a fun project to work on during the winter months, and is an opportunity to be play and be creative and imaginative. Use up your crafting stash while benefiting your local community and meeting other local crafters - what could be better?

Please register just so we know how many people to expect. Contact the Adult Services department with any questions by calling 781-769-0200 x2.

THE METAMORPHOSIS

In 1949 Rogers and Hammerstein composed 'You've Got to be Carefully Taught' for their Broadway play, South Pacific. Overshadowed in the musical by now iconic songs 'Younger than Springtime and Some Enchanted Evening,' it nevertheless was notable for its controversial and courageous embrace of inter-racial relationships, confronting a timeless convention:

You've got to be taught to hate and fear,
You've got to be taught from year to year,
It's got to be drummed in your dear little ear—
You've got to be carefully taught!

His name is Chuck Dunlap. He's fifty-ish, pretty well fit, and possesses a fine baritone voice. At karaoke night here in the Broken Spoke he is the only black man in the bar. He's drinking draft beer and he's intense, our conversation interrupted only by his turn at the microphone, where he does creditable renditions of Barry White and Temptations songs. When he sits back down, he turns to me: "We gotta talk, man, we gotta talk."

"We're all the same, man. I used to hate white folks, and I mean HATE. Hey, I'll call a spade a spade! Ha! It's worse up north, much worse up north. I was up there outside Chicago one time, and—let me tell you this story, let me tell you this, this is pure HATE—I was up visiting outside Chicago, I don't know what town, but we was in the hotel outside Chicago and I got up one morning and went outside for some air and I see this little kid, not four or five years old, out back with a cowboy hat on, and a little toy gun. And he points it at me and I figure I'll play with him, and I raise my hands like this, and this little kid says to me—and I'm not kidding—he says to me, 'We don't like no niggers around here.' That's what this little kid said to me, just like that. 'We don't like no niggers around here.' Now that's HATE, that's pure HATE. How'd he get that way?"

You've got to be taught before it's too late,
Before you are six or seven or eight,
To hate all the people your relatives hate—
You've got to be carefully taught!

"It's better down south. We've been living together three hundred years, we get along. It's much worse up north, much worse. Yes, I used to hate whites, and I mean HATE. What changed me? I don't hate whites no more. How did I change? I'll tell you. '68, '69, we're outside

Cairo, Illinois, little Podunk town, me and my wife and my brother and his wife, and we want a beer. We stop at this little joint, and just as we stop, fifty, and I mean FIFTY, motorcycles pull up, all whites, and go into the bar. I'm thinking no no, this ain't no good, but my brother says hell, let's go in. So we go in and we're the only non-white folks in the bar. And I don't like it, this ain't good, I don't feel right in there. And what happens? You know what happens?

"This piece of white trash—I'm sorry, but you know what I mean, she looks like low-class white trailer trash—this white woman comes up to our table and asks ME to dance. There's no way this is gonna happen, this just ain't a good thing—my wife turns to me and says, 'Go ahead, dance.' I'm shaking my head like this, no no, this ain't a good thing, but what the hell, so I get up and I danced with that white woman. Then this white dude comes up to our table and asks my wife to dance, and she does, and then everything's all right, we had a hell of a time, no problems. We got along with them motorcycle people just fine, so fine you know what happens at the end? When we had to go?"

"We was the only blacks in that bar, in this little Podunk town, and we got along just fine with them all, and when it comes time to go, they followed us outside and got on them motorcycles, and gave us a fifty-motorcycle escort across the Mississippi bridge into Missouri. A fifty-motorcycle escort! That's what changed me. We're all the same, man, we're all the same."

You've got to be taught to be afraid
Of people whose eyes are oddly made,
And people whose skin is a different shade—
You've got to be carefully taught.

"This is a redneck bar we're in, least that's what they tell me," Chuck Dunlap told me one night long ago in Nashville, Tennessee. "So I come here on karaoke night, every Sunday. I don't give a damn. We're all the same, man, we're all the same."

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Chief Timothy Bailey and the Norwood Fire Department would like to share the following permitting information and safety tips with residents ahead of open burning season.

Open burning season begins Jan. 15. **Residents must obtain a permit to open burn in compliance with Massachusetts law.**

Permits are free. Residents looking to obtain a burn permit can do so by visiting the Town of Norwood - Community Self-Service Portal.

Burning permits from previous seasons do not carry over from year to year. All residents need to re-apply for a seasonal permit online by clicking here.

Residents must obtain permission from the Norwood

Fire Department on the day they wish to burn by calling 781-762-1313 and dispatchers will inform them if burning is allowed that day.

Violations of the permit requirements, open burning law, and/or open burning regulations will be grounds for permit revocation.

Open Burning Guidelines Residents are reminded of the following Massachusetts open burning guidelines:

Burning must be done:

Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., from Jan. 15 to May 1- At least 75 feet from all dwellings As close as possible to the source of material being burned.

Residents are allowed to burn: Brush, cane, driftwood,

and forestry debris (but not from commercial or industrial land clearing). Agricultural materials including fruit tree and bush pruning, raspberry stalks, and infected bee hives for disease control. Trees and brush from agricultural land clearing. Fungus-infected elm wood if no other acceptable means of disposal is available.

Residents may not burn: Leaves, Brush, trees, cane, or driftwood from commercial or industrial land clearing, Grass, hay, leaves, stumps, or tires, Construction materials or demolition debris, Household trash.

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this.” Hanifin said the adjustment hasn’t been easy. There have been a lot of painful changes in the Kasputis’ lives over the last two years.

set up to help resident Tara O’Brien (Pacella).

“About 99 percent of the trouble I got into as a kid involved Peter,” said resident Liam Lydon. “But 99 percent of the fun I’ve had also involved Peter.”

“Peter went from an being an able-bodied person going to all his daughter’s hockey games and so forth, and he’s now basically wheelchair-bound full-time,” he said. “The family has hit some hard times with all the medical expenses and treatments that Peter needs.”

Hanifin said Kasputis has always been there for her and her family as well. She said her son was going away to play in the National Hockey Program and she said the Kasputis family opened their home for him to throw a going away party before he left.

The event on the 24th at the West Roxbury will feature live music, raffles, a silent auction, light fare and a cash bar. Hanifin said a lot of folks have been asking why they’re not having the event at the Norwood Elks.

Kasputis is also currently unable to work, so the family is in need.

“My husband also had cancer about 10 years ago, and once when I was on my way to the Cape for a game I got a flat tire,” she said. “At 6 a.m. I called Peter, and at 6:30 a.m. he’s there. He’s just somebody you can totally lean on.”

“My husband and his dad are longtime members of the Elks in West Roxbury, and they were great with a discount and setting it up,” she said.

Though Kasputis has already been through a lot – Hanifin said Peter is a cancer survivor as well – he has been an avid supporter of others in need, working with the local ALS organization 4 You I Will Fight, which was

And Kasputis, apparently, is also a fun person to be around, according to friends.

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An aerial view of the construction site at the Norwood Coakley Middle School.

COURTESY PHOTO

MSBC says project on schedule despite blips

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

no change to the bottom line,” Terrio said.

The Norwood Middle School Building Committee (MSBC) met recently and discussed the progress of the new Coakley Middle School building’s construction.

The other big change came from dealing with bad soil on the access road located near the south of the building, which Terrio had brought up as an upcoming issue at the December 2023 meeting. He said they have to remove much of the unsuitable soil, and now they need to secure additional geotechnical and supervising services from Project Architect Ai3. This will result in an additional \$20,350.

Vertex Project Manager Chase Terrio said construction is continuing at pace, and said he was particularly happy to see the installation of the building’s stormwater infrastructure nearing completion. He added that they are basically done with putting up the steel superstructure.

The MSBC also voted to host a spring walkthrough of the site. No date was finalized at the January meeting.

“We’re working through on final inspections on the steel and maintaining our slab pour schedule,” he said.

Terrio said there will be a few upcoming meetings, including a first meeting with students and the construction team.

The MSBC also approved about \$70,000 in project changes from the contingency fund to deal with unexpected costs of the project, mainly because of a need to relocate stormwater infiltration basins due to groundwater level challenges during excavation. Terrio said the basin’s size had to expand and spread out to deal with this and issues with other utilities around the site.

“We’ve been working very closely with (CMS Principal Margo Fraczek) to provide a presentation to students,” he said.

“But end of the day, still

WT Rich Project Manager Bethany King said the team will be meeting with different students of different grades and programs throughout the late winter

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safe distance away from the fire. An adult should be present and actively tending to the fire until it is completely extinguished. Never use gasoline, kerosene or other flammable liquid as a fire starter. Burn one small pile of material at a time and slowly add to it to ensure the fire does not get out of control. Put the fire out if winds pick up or the weather changes. Most fires get out of control during sudden

wind changes. Keep fire extinguishing materials handy. Materials should include a water supply, shovels and rakes. If the fire gets out of control, call 911 right away.

What times are best for open burning?

You can help prevent wildland fires by burning early in the season. Wet and snowy winter conditions help hinder the rapid spread of fire on or under the ground. Changing weather conditions and in-

creased fire danger in spring can lead to many days when open burning is not allowed. April is usually the worst month for brush fires. When snow recedes, but before new growth emerges, last year’s dead grass, leaves and wood are dangerous tinder. Winds also tend to be strong and unpredictable in April. For more information about open burning in Massachusetts, go to <http://tinyurl.com/bdda9ej6>



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PUBLICATION NOTICE

Estate of: Carolyn Lyla Bank Norfolk Division
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Date of Death: September 29, 2023

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate and, by Petition of
Petitioner Jonathan E. Geiger of Plainville, MA
a Will has been admitted to informal probate
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has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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crew during construction will be to manage volunteers and use them to the best of their abilities. He said some people may seem like unlikely workers for such a project, but that's not always a detriment. For example, he brought up a similar project including a foot bridge on the Neponset River in Quincy not too long ago.

"We had a person in a wheelchair help build this thing in the water and the mud," he said. "As it turned out, they were very useful to have, as the ramp goes up and we wanted to make sure it was accessible. When we got the first ramp up we asked, 'Hey, why don't you give it a try and see how it works?' She did, and it didn't work. The reason was the upper deck was overlapping. So we went up and fixed it and she was then able to roll through nicely."

Hopcroft said that volunteer work can be done quicker than some might expect.

"We did that in a day-and-a-half," he said. "On the first day we had about 15-20 volunteers and on the second day we had about 40. Many of those were intellectually or physically challenged."

There are 13 foot bridges planned, and Hopcroft said it

would be best to build them mostly off site and then place them on the crossings. Most of the bridges are sited currently along the University Avenue, Airport and Meadow Brook, where the Neponset River and Traphole Brook flow respectively.

Member Joe Barrett added that Hopcroft helped the NTAC survey the path locations and the contours of the areas around the crossings and that helped the design process go very quickly.

"Now we have the designs and we have something in place to pursue getting permits," he said.

In slightly related news, the NTAC also went over a plan

from a young Norwood resident who is looking to organize funding and construction of one of the crossings for his Eagle Scout project around the Meadow Street trail.

The NTAC was generally in favor of the helping hand, but Greeley said they would work on a contingency to get the crossing done if the Eagle Scout project doesn't come to fruition for any reason, as the volunteer assistance is not a contract. However, he said this is just a contingency and he didn't feel there was any real reason to think the project wouldn't go as planned.

In other news, member Brian Palmateer discussed wayfinding signage to help di-

rect residents to Norwood's many trails, otherwise known as trail heads, and how this fed into actually marking the trail itself. He said they have a potential for some grant money on this and the NTAC Wayfinding Subcommittee is looking at what kinds of trail heads and trail markers, known as trailblazers, they want to put in the Norwood system.

Palmateer said Bartlett had prepared a trailblazer guide detailing their design and layout.

"Essentially, you're putting a map with 'You are here' on a post," he said. "And the

reason for that is that many of our trails do not have a place where you could put your typical trail marking. You'll notice a lot of our trails have ribbons on bushes, because there aren't a lot of trees, and so you can't have your typical trailblazers."

Palmateer said they will stay on the grant and figure out how they can maximize the chances of obtaining some funding.

For more information on the NTAC and to keep abreast of meeting times, go to <http://tinyurl.com/mtpykfv4>

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Morrill Library News

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SENSORY-FRIENDLY MOVIE FRIDAY

The Morrill Memorial Library is offering an in-person sensory-friendly movie on the 4th Friday of the month for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Join us for our Sensory-friendly Friday movie at the Library! This program will be held in-person in the Simoni Room on Friday January 26, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our January movie in the Sensory-friendly Friday movie series is Disney's Elemental, rated PG.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY LEGO NIGHT FOR ADULTS

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with the L.E.A.D. program affiliated with Norwood High School to host a Sensory-friendly Lego Club for Adults. Our January Lego club meeting will be held in-person at the library on Thursday, January 25, from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

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

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THE WONDERS & WOES OF AI

Morrill Memorial Library is thrilled to announce that our very own Library Director, Clayton Cheever, will give a presentation, "The Byte Side of Life: The Wonders & Woes of AI," on Monday, January 29 at 7:00pm in the Simoni Room.

Ready for a tech-tastic experience? Embark on an exhilarating journey into the world of Artificial Intelligence (AI)! Join Library Director Clayton Cheever for a captivating exploration of the "byte side of life"—where we demystify the complexities, celebrate the wonders, and talk frankly about the risks of AI. This program promises insights, wonders, and a glimpse into the future.

NORWOOD'S WINTER OUTLOOK

The Morrill Memorial Library welcomes Joe Delli Carpini, the Science and Operations Officer at the National Weather Service's Boston office in Norton, for a presentation "About the National Weather Service & Norwood's Winter Outlook," on Tuesday, January 30 at 7:00pm in the Simoni Room of the Library.

This presentation will begin with a brief overview of the National Weather Service, which is a federal agency located within the Department of Commerce and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. In addition to issuing warnings and forecasts, Joe will also discuss some of the other duties that the staff at the Boston/Norton office is involved in, including climate data, research, and outreach. Joe will mention a few ways people can become involved in reporting weather to the NWS, and provide an update of the official NOAA Winter Outlook for the Norwood area. The presentation will review what a "normal" winter looks like for Norwood, see how snowfall and temperatures have trended so far, and discuss some of the global influences such as El Niño, which is expected to dominate through the win-

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TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on February 6, 2024 at 7:00 PM** on the request of MPG Realty Capital LLC with respect to property located at **1223 Washington St (Map 7 Block 1 Lot 26), 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 Google Meet:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/xsu-pnjz-wua>
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This Application requests a **Comprehensive Permit**, under M.G.L. c. 40B §§ 20-23 to allow the construction of an eight-unit multi-family residential building on the subject property at 1223 Washington Street.

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

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

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BERNARDO

Robert "Bob" of Norwood, formerly of Needham and Westwood, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 8, at the age of 89 years old. Bob was the loving husband of the late Winifred (Winnie) Coyne Bernardo for more than 55 years; father of Betty Ann Berejik and her late husband, George of Buzzards Bay, Leemarie Bernardo of Foxboro, Cathy Roach and her late husband, Stephen of Medway and Bob Bernardo and his wife, Janet of Onset, formerly of Medway and Westwood. Bob was the cherished grandfather of nine and the great-grandfather of 20. Bob was the brother of the late Frank Bernardo, Patricia Soderlund and Bernard Bernardo. Bob is survived by his brothers, Ron Bernardo of Norwood and Donald Bernardo of Millis; as well as many nieces and nephews. Bob was a friend to many people in his life and was always willing to help anyone who needed it, whether it be a relative, friend or random stranger in need of assistance. There are no services planned at this time, per his request. Memorial contributions can be made to the U.S. Olympic Ski and Snowboard Team.

EYSIE



Christopher James, 57, of Norwood, passed away on January 11, 2024, at Sturdy Memorial Hospital in Attleboro after a long illness. His family is very grateful for the compassionate care he received from the wonderful staff. Beloved son of the late George and Helen (Seastrand) Eysie of Norwood, survived by his siblings, Helen Pavlosky (late John) of Norwood, Rayhme Cleary (Paul) of North Falmouth, George Eysie (Diana) of Kingston, Barbara Gallo of Norwood and Thomas Eysie (Kate) of Norwood. Loving uncle to 13 nieces and nephews and many great nieces and nephews. He found great joy and happiness being a proud uncle. A 1984 graduate of Norwood High School, he owned a successful interior design business for many years. He thrived in the spotlight whether he was giving a design

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seminar or performing in Dancing with the Norwood Stars. Chris will always be remembered for his creative eye and attention to detail which made him a talented interior designer. He was able to perfectly coordinate colors and fabrics in his home designs as well as in his fashionable outfits and extensive shoe collection. Chris will be greatly missed and remembered for his warm smile and vibrant personality. Visiting hours will be held at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington Street, Norwood, MA, on Friday, January 19, from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. A funeral home service will be held Friday at 6:30pm. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, PO Box 849168 Boston, MA 02284. www.danafarber.org

FISHER



Douglas S. age 76, of East Providence, formerly of Sharon and Walpole, passed away on January 10, 2024, at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, MA. Beloved son of Irene "Renee" (Lowe) Fisher of Saco, ME, formerly of Walpole and RI, and the late William F. Fisher. Devoted father of Lauren B. Fisher and her husband, Jason Brownstein, of Beverly. Brother of Jill Nickerson of Westminster, SC, and Bruce Fisher and his wife, Mary, of Biddeford, ME. Loving grandpa of Hayden Brownstein (age 8) and Emma Brownstein (age 5). Former husband of 23 years to Cheryl (Chaitman) Fisher of Beverly, formerly of Sharon. He also leaves behind many loving cousins who filled long-lasting memories of fun-filled childhood summers. A 1965 graduate of Walpole High School, he went on to graduate from Northeastern University and spent the first part of his career as a Certified Public Accountant. He later brought his accounting background to several financial roles in the grocery industry. Doug - known as

"Dougie" to many - will long be remembered for his generous heart, big dreams, passion for the Red Sox, fondness of the ocean, and love for classic rock. Over the last 8 years, he cherished FaceTime calls and visits with his grandchildren, playing UNO, talking about sports, and collecting an endless portfolio of their artwork. He will be dearly missed. Visiting hours will be held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 from 10:30am-12:30pm at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. A funeral home service will be held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 12:30pm followed by a burial at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, MA. Following the burial, there will be an informal gathering at a local establishment. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to an organization long dear to his heart (surely inspired by their partnership with the Red Sox), the Jimmy Fund C/O Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 - 9168 www.jimmyfund.org

OGRYZEK

KENNETH John, of Walpole, formerly of Norwood, passed away on January 10, 2024 at the age of 78. Beloved husband of Elizabeth A. (Columbo) Ogryzek. Devoted father of Kevin J. Ogryzek and his girlfriend Dawn Marie Roy of N. Attleboro. Brother of Dianne M. Kaminski and her husband Joseph C. of Norwood. Son of the late John J. and Margaret R. (Hughes) Ogryzek. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Kenneth was a 1963 graduate of Norwood High School. He was a US Army Vietnam Veteran. Kenneth was a Retired Custodian for the Town of Norwood School Dept. working at the Coakley Middle School for many years. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. Burial at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 - 9168 www.danafarber.org

Obituary Policy

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ter. Finally, Joe will give a best “guess” as to how much snow can be expected for Norwood.

About the presenter: Joe Delli Carpini is a meteorologist, and is the Science and Operations Officer at the National Weather Service’s Boston office in Norton, Massachusetts. He has over 30 years of forecasting experience. He has been a Norwood resident with his wife Kelly and two children since 1996.

ART THERAPY WITH ELISANDRA LOPES

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to host a 4-part series called Art Therapy with Elisandra Lopes starting in February. The event is in-person on 1st and 3rd Saturday in February and March. The program dates are February 3rd and 17th and March 2nd and 16th. All times between 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Please join Elisandra Lopes, a mental health clinician, as she guides the attendees through understanding how art is used in dealing with challenges like low self-esteem, anxiety, and self-care. There are four workshops. Each deals with different aspects of self-care. The schedule for each workshop is Feb 3rd: Self-care/Well-Being through art therapy (exploring the 8 senses of wellbeing) Part 1. Feb 17th: Self-care/Well-Being through art therapy (exploring the 8 senses of wellbeing) Part 2: March 2nd: Self-esteem vs Self-Confidence and March 16th: Managing anxiety in a healthy way through art therapy.

About the presenter: Elisandra is a Cape Verdean art therapist/mental health clinician by day and illustrator/designer by night. She has a BFA in Illustration and a Masters in Mental Health & Art Therapy from Lesley University. We thank the Friends of the Morrill Memorial Library for generously funding this program.

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We thank the Norwood Senior Center for being our partner in promoting the film series.

DISCOVER NEW ENGLAND UFOs

Come to the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, February 8 at 6:30 pm for a close encounter of the curious kind. Join Ronny LeBlanc, television star and author of “Monsterland: Encounters with UFOs, Bigfoot and Orange Orbs,” as he outlines some amazing UFO sightings that have occurred in the New England area, latest revelations from the US Government as well as what these craft just might be. 2024 is stacking up to be a year to remember for UFOs, and theories abound: Are they interdimensional? Are they our craft from the future?

Ronny LeBlanc stars in two shows for Discovery+ & the Travel Channel, EXPEDITION BIGFOOT and PARANORMAL CAUGHT ON CAMERA, and is a globally recognized figure in the world of paranormal, Bigfoot and UFOs. Ronny is an independent researcher and author of the critically acclaimed and best-selling “Monsterland” books which detail the history and connection between various phenomena, highlighting a research area of central Massachusetts nicknamed Monsterland. Ronny was the first person ever to cast a Bigfoot print in the Bay State, discovered by a couple in Leominster State Forest in the summer of 2010. He is a regular speaker at UFO, Bigfoot and Paranormal Conferences around the country and has appeared on Coast to Coast AM, CBS and cover stories for the Boston Herald, Sentinel & Enterprise and Telegram & Gazette.

Big Y Selects Norwood Scholarship Foundation as beneficiary of Bag Program

The Norwood Scholarship Foundation has been selected as the beneficiary of the Big Y Norwood Community Bag Program for the month of January.

The Big Y Community Bag Program, which launched in January, 2019, is a reusable bag program that facilitates community support with the goal to make a difference in the communities where shoppers live and work.

The Norwood Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars was selected as the Janu-

ary beneficiary of the program by store leadership at the Big Y located at 434 Walpole Street, Norwood. The NSF will receive a \$1 donation every time the \$2.50 reusable Community Bag is purchased at this location during the month of January.

“We are very excited about being this month’s recipient”, said George Usevich, President of the Norwood Scholarship Foundation. “These donations will help us to fulfill our mission of providing over \$80,000 in scholarships to de-

serving Norwood students each year.”

The purpose of the Norwood Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars, founded in 1985, is to assist and encourage residents of Norwood to obtain post-secondary cultural, vocational or professional education. Since its inception, the NSF has awarded over \$1,300,000 in aid money to over 1,100 students from the Town of Norwood. To learn more about the NSF Dollars for Scholars, please visit norwooddollarsforscholars.org.

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and spring months as part of educational outreach on the project.

“I want to give Bethany a lot of credit, and this is a pretty robust program to give students an idea of what’s going on at our site and gives an understanding of what the roles are for the team, how the industry works, the process of building a new school and helps keep interest in the student body for a possible STEM career,” Terrio said. “It’s a great opportunity and we’re looking forward to our first meeting on Jan. 25.”

Other work completed recently included roof drains and piping infrastructure installation work in Areas C and B, and underground electrical conduits in Areas C and B is also being installed. Concrete has also been poured on the third and fourth floors in Area C, and rebar and mesh in the slabs in Area B is ready for concrete pouring this week or next. Terrio said the building is currently wrapped with tarps to keep out the worst of the weather, but he said that’s getting to be a challenge in

the winter storm months.

“We’ve been pretty fortunate with the weather that we’ve been able to continue and progress and not have to stop,” he said. “It’s been a lot of coordination to make sure we maintain temperatures.”

More detailing, welding and bolting is expected for the next week or so in Area A and trench work is also continuing to facilitate the electrical and plumbing work on the site. The installation of stair #2 on the site inside the main entrance is expected to start soon as well.

Letters to the Editor

WHAT WONDERFUL MEMORIES

To the Editor:

One of life’s greatest pleasures is being a sports fanatic. We New Englanders are so lucky no matter the season we can follow our favorite professional teams: football, baseball,

basketball, hockey and soccer. Sometimes all of them. Champions, for sure. Don’t you just love living here?

The Patriots have given us so many wonderful memories. Remember Adam Vinatieri’s 45 yard field goal during that blizzard against the Oakland Raid-

ers back in 2001 in an overtime thriller? And how about when Malcolm Butler made the most spectacular interception at the last minute to defeat Seattle 28-24 in 2015 for Super Bowl XLIX? And then, of course,

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BMW M2 Coupe
The BMW M2 coupe for 2023 is powered by a twin power, 3.0 liter inline 6 via an 8-speed automatic (6-speed manual available). BMW built this car with the U.S. in mind. This is a rear drive sports coupe that’s loaded with driver options that are standard equipment. The M package makes this car a real driving machine. I was the last person to get the car before it goes into storage for the winter. The performance summer tires get hard and do not like cold weather, not to mention snow. The ride is surprisingly very good, power is over the top at any speed. The base price starts at \$62,200 (destination \$995). Now comes some options, including the remote start, carbon fiber, adaptive LED, BMW 50 year emblems, live cockpit pro with HUD, and the Brooklyn Grey paint brings the total MSRP to \$76,895. There is nothing not to like about this car except winter driving. Yes, you could put four snow tires on, but I would feel guilty driving this car on salt covered roads. During my week loan it sat under cover because we got snow that week. This is a great coupe and after a two hour drive, we both out feeling refreshed.

Junior Damato, the “Auto Doctor,” has agreed to field auto repair questions from Bulletin and Record readers. Please send your questions to news@bulletinnewspapers.com and we will do our best to get them answered.

Monday, January 8

1537 911 - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Investigated Location/Address: Big Y Foods, Inc. - Walpole St 911 caller reports a vehicle that was driving all over the road and possibly trying to hit him. They were getting into a verbal argument. Cars described as a GMC and a BMW. Caller states other vehicle has two kids in the car. Caller states other person got out of his car with 2 children and grabbed a cart and went into the store. Adult is described as dark Hispanic male, black hat, gray jacket. Two children are wearing black sweatshirts and appear to be 10yo and one younger than 10yo. OFC spoke with both parties. Parties separated and advised.

Tuesday, January 9

1739 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Services Rendered Location/Address: Boch Chevrolet - Bos-Prov Hwy Car facing wrong way on RT1 in front of Chevrolet, unit off with it. Car was able to move into parking lot. Party was test driving a vehicle and mistakenly took a left turn.

1837 Phone - PD-Parking Violation Vehicle Towed Location/Address: - Norwest Dr 1st lot left side MA REG 2RKC14, 2021 Nissan Altima parked in handicapped spot, no placard and a revoked registration for insurance. NIL Negoshians

Wednesday, January 10

0524 Phone - PD-Assist Public Report Follows Location/Address: Upland Rd 911 caller reports vehicle is stuck in the flood FD in route, submerged vehicle Party is still in the vehicle Party is out of the water

0808 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: St Catherine of Siena School - Nahatan St Caller on the business line, the principal, looking to speak to an officer regarding children that were approached by a vehicle and asked to get in earlier this morning at their bus stop. Norwood 665 requests an OF, also en route to check the area where the incident occurred at Ellis and Maxwell.

0828 911 - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Pleasant St + Dean St Caller reporting that a deer was hit and the truck took off. Norwood HQ reports DPW advised, they are unsure on a response ETA at this time. Norwood 666 reports dragging the deer off to the side of the road by the Asphalt plant. All units clear.

1304 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Spoke With Location/Address: Berwick St Assistant manager of the Home Depot looking to do a health and welfare check on an employee who hasn't been to work in about 2 weeks. She has been unable to make any contact with him. He called his boss at work and they squared things away. Units clear.

1408 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Bruce Rd Caller on the business line reporting 2 small white dogs running around the road. ACO Brianna notified and en route.

1829 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Furlongs - Cottage St Caller on 911 states she locked her young child and keys in her vehicle. Fire opened vehicle, no issue.

Thursday, January 11

1159 911 - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: - Lenox St Caller states a male party was yelling at a female and using very derogatory names towards her. When the caller stepped out and asked him to move along he then made comments towards her. Caller stated his vehicle is parked out in front of her shop. Caller hung up as questions were being asked. White male approx in 50 years, jeans and went into an office. Norwood 677 reports there was a verbal dispute between 2 parties over a handicap spot. Peace has been restored, all units clear.

1313 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller states she believes her vehicle was stolen. Last time she saw it was on Tuesday. Upon gathering further information, that vehicle was towed by Negoshian's on 1/9. Norwood 667 reports attempting to make contact with that female party. She is either not answering the door or not home at this time. The female party does have 1 in hand. All units clear.

1513 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Perks Coffee House - Washington St. From HQ for customers reporting there were employees that walked out of the building with the door unlocked and the lights on. Norwood 676 reports speaking to a calling party, he reports the cook and the cashier both left for the day. No one has gone in or out since then. Norwood 676 reports the business shut down due to an emergency. Units walked through the building, everything is in order, the business next door had the key and units were able to lock up the building. All units clear. Dispatch spoke with the business owner, he stated he will head over to the business to lock it up and make sure everything is in order.

1538 Phone - PD-Larceny/ Forgery/Fraud Report Follows Location/Address: Jacobsen Dr Caller on the business line grandson reporting his grandparents had cleaners over the house today and after leaving, the grandparents noticed their iPad went missing. The grandson has "find my iPad" on and notices the iPad is in another town. OF assigned, all units clear.

2150 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: St Catherine Rd Business line caller reports suspicious male party walking up and down the street yelling "Michael." Caller believes party may be looking for someone, or is intoxicated. Cruisers dispatched. PD on scene speaking with party. Requesting FD to scene to evaluate party for a contusion to the head. 664 reports party is being transported PC to the hospital with FD and 665 on board. 664 following to hospital.

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0255 Phone - PD-Stolen Motor Vehicle Report Follows Location/Address: Franklin St 911 caller reporting her vehicle has been stolen out of her driveway, possibly by her son. Caller states her son is 16 years old and frequents the areas of Melville Ave and areas of West Roxbury. 667 requesting BOLO be put out to surrounding towns. 669 checking area of Melville for vehicle. 669 reports vehicle not in area at this time. 665 checked area of Bahama Dr, as well as behind Shaw's with nothing found. 669 reports vehicle located and stopped in area of 19 Plimpton St. Vehicle then took off towards Cross St. 665 reports vehicle stopped on Lenox Ave, one party fled on foot into Hennessey Field. Vehicle possibly occupied times two. 2nd party described as a heavy set black male with curly red hair. 661 staging in area of 8 Franklin St. State PD responding with K9 for search as well. Approx. 20 min. ETA at this time. State PD Trooper staging in area of Pleasant and Hillside. 661 reports lights in the back of 8 Franklin St. 669 responding to assist. State PD K9 on scene @ 04:22hrs. 669 reports K9 hit on a yard on Monroe St. Footprints located in leaf pile. Nahatan St checked up to area of Pendergast Circle rotary. Tow company en route to take possession of vehicle. 665 reports Negoshians has possession of vehicle.

0627 Phone - PD-MVA Property Damage Report Follows Location/Address: Neponset St Calling party reports he hit a deer while driving and sustained minor damage to his vehicle, states he is not injured. Party sent on way. Minor damage sustained due to animal hitting vehicle. Animal left area. Report to follow.

1242 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Broadway St Caller on the business line reporting an elderly male appeared to be stumbling around and walking in and out of traffic. Norwood 669 reports speaking with that party. This is his normal behavior.

1257 Initiated - PD-Warrant Services Rendered Location/Address: Stop & Shop - Bos-Prov Hwy Units off in the area attempting to apprehend a suspect that is possibly in the area. Units unable to locate that party, all units clear at this time.

1336 Phone - PD-Assist Pub-

lic Services Rendered Location/Address: Nahatan St Caller on business line reports she found a needle on the sidewalk. Caller was concerned children would find it and requested PD assistance. Norwood DPW en route to remove the needle.

1346 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Hillcrest Rd + Longwood Ter From HQ for solicitors in the area, possibly connected to a call in the area yesterday for a stolen iPad. Black vehicle seen in the area which is operated by the cleaners. Reports that vehicle and stated the location and direction of travel. Units were able to locate and stop that vehicle. Vehicle was occupied by 5 individuals, all parties identified and photographed. All units clear.

1431 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Convenient Food Mart - Washington St Caller on the business line looking to speak to an officer over the phone regarding illegal dumping in the area. Norwood 663 reports that the dumpsters being picked up at 4am causing loud noise. Norwood 663 reports speaking to the management of the convenience store. He was able to get in contact with the waste management services that pick up the trash in the area and they were advised to pick up the trash at a later time to comply with the noise ordinance.

1538 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Winter St Call on 911 for a party who says he found evidence of a poacher. Norwood 669 reports speaking to the reporting party. He was advised and referred to the appropriate services. All units clear.

1548 Phone - PD-Warrant Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Melville Ave Portable 473 OFC Sinclair reports 1 in custody at this time. Norwood 661 transporting 1 male party to the station. Norwood 663 providing a courtesy transport for 1 juvenile party, Cedar St. Juvenile Arrest Charges: Default Warrant

1645 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: - Norwest Dr Caller on the business line, property manager states he witnessed a moped and a maroon Honda do a possible drug exchange. The incident occurred around 5-10 minutes ago. Caller states this is an ongoing issue with the moped. Caller was looking to speak to an officer over the phone. Spoke to reporting party and some of the involved parties. It appears to be a misunderstanding. Involved parties were trying to make FaceBook Marketplace purchases in front of leasing office.

2130 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Pizza Palace - Washington St Checking on motor vehicle MA REG 3SVE63 One next in line started. Negoshian notified. One adult male in custody. Returning to station. Negoshian has the vehicle. Arrest: Sciaba, Jeremiah James Address: 607 Washington St Apt. #2 Braintree, Ma Age: 24 Charges: OUI-Liquor OR .08%

Alcohol In MV, Possess Open Container Of

Saturday, January 13

0042 911 - PD-Unwanted Party Spoke With Location/Address: Nahatan Ct Caller reports someone in her house and she doesn't know who he is. 18 YOM Spanish party. Female caller doesn't know who he is. Red shirt. Jacket. Blue sweat pants. Beard and braids. North Face hat. The mother did not know that the daughter had a friend over and she did not want him there.

0157 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Caller reports that the party out of this address is playing loud music and banging doors. Spoke to residents and they have agreed to keep it down.

1306 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Pellana Rd Walk in party to the station reporting he was walking past the above address and their dog came towards him aggressively and unleashed. Would like an officer to talk to the resident about the dog and advised the leash law. Spoke with the resident, advised of the leash law and that the ACO would be reaching out.

1359 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St Caller reporting the apartment above him he can hear a crying dog. Home owner returned home. Dog checks out okay. Appears to be crying due to the owner leaving. Units clear.

1703 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Shaws Supermarket - Nahatan St

Sunday, January 14

0845 Phone - PD-Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Lancaster Lane Caller reporting their neighbor at the above location is pumping water into the roadway causing it to flood and freeze over forming a sheet of ice. 661 spoke to the resident and they were advised. DPW is being notified about the ice.

1204 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Hawthorne St 911-caller states a stray has been tied to pole at stated address due to attacking a leashed dog. Owner of the leashed dog will remain across the street with his leashed husky, awaiting PD arrival. ACO is on scene. Dog has been reunited with its owner. The dog did not attack anyone. It was attempting to play.

1405 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Building Checked/Secured Location/Address: Highland Cemetery Chapel - Winter St RP Reporting Chapel Door Open Both units performed a walk-through. Everything appears in order. The door has been secured.

1808 Initiated - PD-Prisoner Transport Location/Address: Chestnut St Transporting one prisoner to BI Needham with Fire. Officer on board with A4

2131 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Roosevelt Ave Caller on the business line states there is someone trying to break into his house. Unit reports it was a misunderstanding. Courtesy transport provided for the misunderstood party.

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—V.C.

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.

—V.C.

Novena to St. Clare

Ask St. Clare for three favours, 1 business, 2 impossible. Say nine Hail Marys for nine days, with lighted candle. Pray whether you believe or not. Publish on the ninth day. Powerful novena. Say "May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored, glorified, now and forever, throughout the whole world. Amen." *Your request will be granted, no matter how impossible it may seem.*

—V.C.

School Committee

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were able to do this because everyone on the committee has some sort of background related to all our district priorities and strategies, and so that makes for rich conversation. So despite many snowstorms, we're going to stay on schedule."

Loud wooden knocking sounds could be heard at this point.

"There was a six-foot river on Upland Road today; it seems more likely that we're going to be swimming through the interviews," said Chair Marie Anne Mazzola.

In other news, Assistant Superintendent for Operations and Strategy Charisse Taylor gave an update on the incoming migrants seeking asylum in Norwood. At last week's Board of Selectmen meeting, Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said a hotel in Town will be taking up to 70 families in a move to consolidate the 8,000 or so families seeking asylum in the state.

Taylor said the current estimate would have up to 40 students coming into the district, though she said that looks more like around 33. She reiterated that the state will be reimbursing the district up to \$104 a day. Mazzucco had said previously that Chapter 70 funding for those students may also be in play.

Taylor said the department has been meeting since the fall when these families started coming to the state and, while Norwood was not participating yet, it was thought to be a possibility worth preparing for.

"We've been talking about emerging needs, taking stock of what we have in terms of resources and what we need to develop, and those meetings will continue," she said, adding that things may change in the coming weeks as Norwood's "New Arrivals" start to arrive. "This is the information we have today; as we get more, we will share more."

Taylor added that she feels this could be an opportunity for Norwood.

"I would just like to say as the daughter of Caribbean immigrants, as a first-generation American, from an island that is very close to both the country and island that many of these students are coming from, I just want to say it is a privilege for us to be able to cultivate and share in the journey of the greatness of who they are going to become," she said. "And so as we think about diversity and inclusion, this makes us richer."

For the school's announcement on this, go to <http://tinyurl.com/5b9msky4>. For a list of frequently asked questions, go to <http://tinyurl.com/3dxh72yd>

Lastly, the committee discussed a short update on the Elementary Schools Study. Hiltz said they have a meeting on Jan. 30 from 2-3 p.m. coming up with the vendor AppGeo.


"We will be able to provide more updates on that meeting," he said. "We will have members of that group and members of the team who are a part of this, like transportation, some of the principals and some of the department heads whose feedback is important to that process."

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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.

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