



SPoT! is moving across the street and some of the Planning Board members said they are concerned about setting precedent regarding signage size.

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Planning Board talks SPoT! new location, Power Lane mod.

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Planning Board voted to approve a special permit for a primary sign and a secondary sign at the new proposed location for SPoT! Bagels at 95-105 Central St.

Perry Makarios, owner of SPoT!, is moving his location from 20 Broadway St. to 95-105 Central St., basically across the street from his current location. The primary sign, which would be lit by goose-neck back lights, would face Cottage Street, and the second sign would be facing south toward the parking lot,

which would not be lit. Both exceed the maximum square footage allowed.

The primary sign only exceeds the limit of the Town Zoning Bylaw by 1.5 square feet, but the secondary sign would exceed the requirement by a total of 75 square feet.

The secondary sign will be raised metal lettering off of the brick of the building. The height of the sign would be eight feet six inches high and eight feet three inches wide. Planning Board Chair Ernie Paciorkowski said since the sign would be a part of the structure itself and not have its own huge background, he was in favor of the

proposal, considering the side of the back wall.

“Proportionally I think it could work,” he said. “It works and it’s not a billboard.”

Member Debbie Holmwood pointed out since Makarios now owns the building at 95-105 Central, he’s hopefully going to be moving in new tenants. She said while she’s fine with the larger sign for SPoT!, she’s concerned that it might set a precedent with those potential tenants.

“It’s in proportion with the building,” she said.

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Preliminary informational work has started on the Carillon renovation project at the Norwood Town Hall.

COURTESY PHOTO

CPC talks long-term plan, approved projects

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Assistant Town Planner Patrick Deschenes said he had received updates on currently approved projects, including those from the recent Town Meeting and the Saint Gabriel Chapel at the Highland Cemetery.

However, the meeting began with CPC Vice Chair Peter McFarland saying they are in communication with Parks and Recreation Superintendent Travis Farley regarding the Bond Street Playground and the Lower Balch/Eliot Park Rehabilitation.

“He was hopeful that Bond Street would be first since there’s only two components with it,” he said. “The DPW would go in first and level the site, and then the

vendor will come in and pour the rubber surface.

The project is slated to receive \$88,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Fund and is scheduled for six to eight weeks of planning and construction once the vendor is chosen and the materials received. McFarland said Farley is hopeful they could get the whole project done by late September or October.

For the Lower Balch rehabilitation, slated to receive \$142,470, McFarland said Farley is hopeful to get the handicapped ramp completed this fall, while work on everything else, including the

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“And I think you’re doing a really good job with the building, it’s getting a great face lift... that being said, because we are going a little bigger and bigger and bigger because of the run of this building, you’re going to have two more tenants, are you going to say you want signs a little bigger with these two?”

Makarios said they were considering a pharmacy for one of those spaces but that proposal didn’t pan out. They are still talking to an ice cream parlor for one of the two spots.

“He hasn’t signed a lease yet, but he’s under agreement,” Makarios said, adding the name of the ice cream parlor is Daddy’s Dairy.

Holmwood asked that signs on the windows and awnings would not be al-

lowed and asked that it be a requirement in the order of conditions for the special permit.

“We want a clean look, and that’s purposely done by my choice,” he said. “The other tenants? I can put that in their leases.”

That requirement of Makarios’ tenants was put in the order of conditions as well. The Board voted unanimously to approve the special permit.

The Board also heard from Power Lane Development proponent Daniel Merrikin, and ultimately voted to accept the modification. Merrikin has been trying for almost a year to create a new subdivision off of Dean Street, east of Route 1, next to the power station. He is continuing his plan for three single-family homes in addition to two that are already there, now listed as being on 261a and 265 Dean Street respectively.

Originally, Merrikin pro-



The new subdivision will add three single-family homes. Some residents said in the past they were concerned about the loss of trees in the area.

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posed having those three new homes close together so as to preserve as much of the current wooded area as possible. However, the Norwood Zoning Board of Appeals did not grant him zoning relief because of violations on the lot. Now, the proposal stretches the road further out so the homes are not in violation of the zoning code setbacks as it was before.

“After you endorsed, the

Building Inspector let us know he had a concern about the shape of two of the lots complying with the lot width provision of the Bylaw,” Merrikin said. “We had two options available to us; one was to extend the road allowing us to reconfigure the lot shapes. The second was to try to seek a variance with the Zoning Board, which we did, and they very politely said no.”

Merrikin said the road would extend another 90 feet and not change much else.

“It’s all very much the same,” Merrikin said.

Holmwood said she’s concerned about the loss of greenery from the added 90-feet of street, but Merrikin pointed out there is now more room for street trees and a reduction in the size of the two lots’ driveways.

“It’s not like we tacked on 90 feet of impervious coverage on the property, it was a give and take,” he said. “And the plans stipulate that we’ll mark out the clearing and then the engineering department will go out and look at it before a tree is cut, making sure if we have a tree on the boundary that we save it if we can. It’s all on the plan.”

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Grateful thanks. —B.D.

The Prayer to the Sacred Heart

Oh Lord Jesus Christ, to Your most Sacred Heart I confide this intention {name petition}. Only look upon me, then do what Your love inspires. Let Your Sacred Heart decide. I count on You. I trust in You. I throw myself on Your mercy. Lord Jesus, You will not fail me.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in You. Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe in Your love for me. Sacred Heart of Jesus, Your kingdom come. Sacred Heart of Jesus, I have asked You for many favors, but I earnestly implore this one. Take it, place it in Your open Heart.

When the Eternal Father looks upon it, He will see it covered with Your Precious Blood. It will be no longer my prayer, but Yours, Jesus. Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You. Let me not be disappointed. Amen. Thank You, B.D.

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It's that time again. It's the end of the fiscal year and the Norwood Finance Committee closed out by dotting their I's and crossing their T's.

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FinCom closes out FY 19 with contingency meeting

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

The Finance Commission (Fin Com) met on Monday, July 15 in a brief contingency meeting to close out the FY 19 budget and to handle some fiscal transfers. All members were present except for Vice Chair Anne Marie Haley.

"The purpose of this meeting is to just clean up any items we have for the FY 19 budget," Chair Alan Slater said. "We're doing that using the Municipal Relief Act, which was approved by the Legislature a number of years ago, and it involves moving money from one account to another. Several accounts have minor shortfalls."

Three requests were made for municipal fund transfers, according to Town Clerk Thomas McQuaid.

The Engineering Department made a \$2,000 error at the beginning of the year on calculating the amount of what the salaries would be.

"The second one was a \$2,000 transfer for the Conservation Commission salary," McQuaid continued. "That was a case where the person preparing the budget didn't understand that the person receiving the salary had a Master's Degree, which is a five percent higher level of pay."

"The third one was just be-

cause some overtime happened during the year, and that's a \$100 request," he added.

Committee member Robert Donnelly outlined from which account the monies would be transferred. The \$2,000 for the Conservation Department would go to the conservation agent and would come from public work wages.

"The engineering salary, \$2,000, is coming from a co-op salary," Donnelly said. "The third item is being transferred from zoning overtime, and the source of money is the zoning lease account."

For FY 19's reserve fund activity, as of the beginning of the meeting, the remaining balance was \$38,040.

McQuaid announced that this was the second week of the MUNIS accounting system being in operation.

"The good thing is that the payroll is not going to go live until January," he said. "There's definitely a learning curve."

"In the past, department heads would forget about there was a step, and it was a pretty dumb system," member Judy Langone said. "This system is really going to help."

McQuaid said MUNIS was "a much more flexible system" that would take pay raises due to steps and degrees into account.

Right now, he said, they are

in MUNIS version 2018 version 16. However, they are "pushing internally to get to 2019."

For example, the utility department, doesn't want to learn

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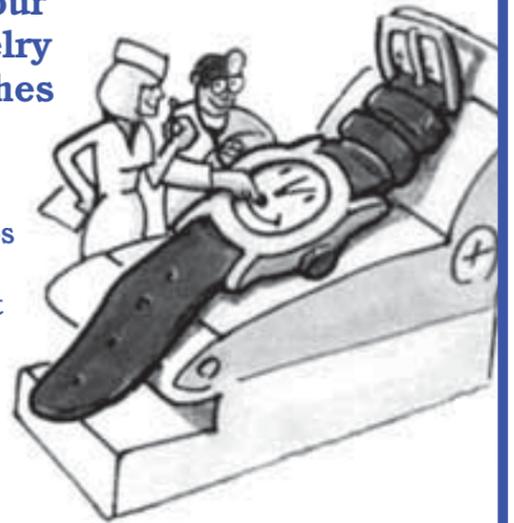
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Should I claim benefits early and invest them?

Dear Rusty: I am 64 years old and my wife is 62. We both have good paying careers. Our original plan was to wait until we each turned 70 before drawing our Social Security benefits. But I was talking to a friend who is a very successful small business owner who told me that he started drawing his SS benefits at age 62. He puts the funds in a mutual fund every month. He has "run the numbers" and he is convinced that he will come out ahead rather than waiting to draw at age 70. I was shocked to hear this advice since I had never heard any expert advocate this option before. What say you, Sir?

Signed: Questioning My Plan

Dear Questioning: I, too, have "run the numbers" many times. Although Social Security will say that it makes no difference when you apply (they say you get the same in total benefits no matter which age you claim) with average longevity today being in the mid-80's (84 for men; 87 for women) that may not be true. I have done numerous "break even analyses" and have found that if one claims at their full retirement age instead of at age 62, they will have collected the same amount of benefits at age 78 in either case. That means that by living longer than age 78, you will realize more in total cumulative lifetime Social Security benefits by waiting until your full retirement age to apply. Similarly, if you wait until age 70 to claim, you will break even (collect the same in total benefits) at age 82, and if you live beyond 82 you'll get more in cumulative benefits by waiting. If you live well beyond those ages, the extra benefits can be very substantial.

I wonder if your friend included in his analysis how the "earnings test" affected his early benefits. If you are still working and you claim benefits before you reach your full retirement age, you'll be subject to Social Security's "earnings limit" (\$17,640 for 2019) which, if you exceed it, will cause Social Security to withhold benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. This applies to both you and your wife. The earnings limit doesn't go away until your reach your full retirement age,

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Russell Gloor
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

so when contemplating whether to collect benefits before your full retirement age you should assess the amount of benefit loss you will incur if your earnings exceed the earnings limit. Although at your full retirement age (FRA) Social Security gives you time credit for any months you don't receive benefits because you exceeded the earnings limit, it will take you years to recover any withheld benefits because they only slightly increase your benefit at your FRA to compensate for withheld benefits from over-earning (you need to live long enough to recover those lost benefits).

And did your friend consider this: your surviving spouse will receive 100% of the benefit you are receiving at your death. If you claim before your full retirement age, your surviving spouse will get the reduced amount; if you wait until after your full retirement age to claim, your surviving spouse will get the full amount of your benefit increased by delayed retirement credits. Benefits are about 76% more at age 70 than they are at age 62.

Of course, the question of when to apply must always take into account your current financial needs, your current health and lifestyle, and your expected longevity (considering your family history). Whether to claim early and invest those benefits or wait until later is a choice only you can make. But you should consider the above points and compare the guarantee of increasing your lifetime benefit amount by 6% to 8% for each year you wait to claim, against the interest or growth rate you might expect from investing in the securities market.

OPINION

So, what's so great about the Town of Norwood?

Where to begin? The problem with attempting to list everything that's so great about this Town is that you leave yourself open to complaints about all the things you missed. And of course you will have those that for every great item listed will counter with something that's not so great about Norwood. And that's certainly fair and there is plenty to criticize, but we choose this week to focus on what makes Norwood special.

To simply state that the people living in this Town are great is too cliché-ish. It's what these people accomplish that comprises the list. Norwood has a recreation department, but that in and of itself isn't so great because most towns have their own rec. department. Norwood's rec. department is great because it never stops trying to improve by continually adding new programs for both adults and kids. Its athletic facilities are fantastic and Travis Farley and crew have admirably taken over for the equally dedicated Gerry Miller.

The Norwood Senior Center is great. No, not just great, outstanding. My own mother marvels about all the great things happening there just by reading the listings published in this newspaper. It is common knowledge that this senior center is the envy of other towns in Norfolk County. If you're a senior and not taking advantage of this wonderful place, please make an effort, you won't be sorry. If you need help getting there, call the center and they will make sure you can participate. Isn't that great?

Some may have issues with Norwood's public services but, all in all, they all make the great list. The DPW is fantastic, and who could possibly complain about the response times and community involvement of the police and fire departments? And what about Norwood Light and Broadband? Any town having its own light department is good, but Norwood's goes above and beyond with its dedication to resolving power and cable issues and at the same time continually providing bet-

ter than competitive rates of other light and cable companies.

Like to read? Norwood has a great library. We know because we are always scrambling to find space on these pages to highlight all the great stuff happening down there. And you don't have to just like reading to enjoy the place. Music, computers, guest speakers, historical presentations and more all make up the curriculum at the Morrill Memorial Library. Yes, it's an architecturally beautiful building, but what happens inside is truly what makes it great.

The hundreds of volunteers who support all of the events continually happening around here throughout the course of every year make the great list. Think about the 4th of July celebration, Norwood Day, The concerts happening all year, both indoor and outdoor, even up in the belfry of Norwood's Town Hall where the carillon bells can uplift spirits some-

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the current version if the 2019 version will be released shortly.

Member Kellie Noumi asked if there could be a consolidated administrative department between the municipal and school sides, as well as a consolidated public facilities department, to save money, which has been spoken about previously.

"There's been some discussion in the past," Slater said, "not only with facilities, but whether you want to combine IT, as an example, or combine accounting or human resources.

"What we finally decided is let's get facilities

out of the way and done, one way or the other, and then we can go on to other things" he added. "But I agree."

"There's always the fear that we won't get enough attention to our building (with the schools), so there was some resistance," McQuaid said. "But I think mostly that resistance was because we were dealing with the whole override."

"But this central facilities thing has to do, in my opinion, with the culture and reluctance to give up authority," Langone said. "I think it comes down to believability and trust and everybody working together."

SENIOR NEWS

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

COUNCIL ON AGING: COA Board Meeting will be held on August 1, at 1:00 PM.

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

FRIENDS EVENING DANCE: July 19, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM The DB Band.

HANDCRAFTERS: Handcrafters meet every Monday

from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

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

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

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

MANICURES: Friday July 26, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB: The Board of Directors meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 9:30AM, at the Senior Center. The club membership meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks Lodge, at 10:00 AM.

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July Events
Ice Cream and Entertainment, Howie Newman, Friday, July 19th @1PM. Elder Care Alliance, Lunch and Learn, July 25th 11:30-1PM.

Line Dance with Susan, July 25th @ 1PM \$5.00(room will be available at noon if you would like to bring your own lunch).

Nanci's Trip Corner, "Rag Time", The Musical & Hart's Turkey Farm Lunch, July 25, (Thursday), Tour Cost: 99.00. You'll travel to Meredith, New Hampshire, where a full course luncheon will be served at The famous Hart's Turkey Farm. After this scrumptious meal, you'll then attend the LakesRegion Theatre's production of "Rag Time".

Gloucester Lobster Cruise, August 27, (Tuesday), New England Clam Bake, Cost \$99.00. Enjoy a two and half hour cruise, a clam bake and jazz music. Your cruise will return to the dock at 2:00 PM and you will travel to Kimball Farm where you can enjoy a homemade ice cream and browse their country store.



Regional Manager for Mobility Works Andy Faraone shakes hands with Engineer Matt Smith after the ZBA approved the move.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

ZBA hits quorum snag, but approves Mobility Works move

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) met on Tuesday, July 16, for what turned out to be a relatively short meeting.

The Board voted 4-0 to approve a move by Mobility Works from 333 Boston-Providence Highway to 560 Boston-Providence Highway, and it

was the only item on the agenda the Board was able to discuss.

The Board members ran into a problem, one that Board Member Philip Riley said in his 40 years at the ZBA he's not seen before. The issue came up at a hearing regarding 655 Pleasant St., which has been rescheduled for Aug. 6, along with proposals for additions for 65 Hillshire Ln. and 77 Cameron Rd. and a two-family

conversion proposal for 241 Pleasant St.

The issue was disagreement among the Board as to interpretation of Massachusetts General Law Ch. 39 Section 23D, also called the Mullin Rule, named after the 1983 lawsuit that created it. The rule states that if a member of a municipal board misses a public hearing, they can review the evidence later, attest to reviewing

the evidence and then, at a later meeting, vote on the matter. In this way, the ZBA thought it could hear the above-mentioned three cases without a quorum of four.

For the meeting on Tuesday several members had removed themselves from the proceedings for conflict of interest-related reasons. Board Member Patrick Mulvehill had a last-minute emergency and could not make it to the meeting. In

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Car fire erupts near Windsor Gardens



The Norwood Fire Department reported responding to a call for a car fire in a parking lot off of Engamore Lane early Tuesday morning. According to NFD Spokesperson Joe O'Malley, they first received the call at 12:30 a.m. and were on scene at 12:39 a.m. to find the car fully involved. Firefighters were able to knock down and extinguish the fire completely by 1 a.m. O'Malley said no injuries were reported and no cause has yet been determined, but investigators are still examining the vehicle as of July 17.

PHOTO BY NFD

Norwood to commence Sustainability Commission

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

"I just like the sound of Commission."

The Town of Norwood will soon be convening a newly-formed advisory commission based solely on sustainability and the environment.

The Town is hosting two information sessions on Wednesday, July 24 and Tuesday, July 30 at 7 p.m. in the Finance Commission Room at Town Hall for residents interested in getting involved with the soon to be commission.

Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said the idea for such a commission is not new, and that there are sustainability commissions, committees or boards throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

"So there's a lot of towns that have some form of a sustainability commission, an energy sustainability committee, a climate commission, you just Google 'sustainability commission Massachusetts' and they come right up," he said, adding that the name for Norwood at least was just out of preference.

The Norwood Sustainability Commission is currently slated to be an advisory board, much like the Trails Advisory Commission. There will be appointed positions lasting three years as commission members, alternate commission members and sub-committee members. Mazzucco said that when they were think-tanking the concept, they didn't want to necessarily put a limit on how many people could be on the commission at one time. However, he also didn't want people to underestimate the time commitment required. The solution was to create a position description.

"I don't want to call it a 'job description' because they're not going to get paid," he said. "We need people to do the work, to come up with a strategic plan the Town can follow and help put the plan into action. Then we move on to the next plan."

Mazzucco said this will not be a voting position, but more of a way to help create civic engagement. He said, for instance, if Norwood was to implement a plastic bag ban, which has been done in several Massachusetts cities and towns, the Town cur-

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most cases when this happens one of the Board's alternate members is called in.

Member Philip Riley said that according to the "Zoning Bible" that is the Handbook of Massachusetts Land Use and Planning Law by Mark Bobrowski, in section 4.10.07 D, the handbook states that if this power (call in an alternate member) is available to a board, then it needs to hold a public hearing. However, Riley pointed out that because they lacked a quorum they were unable to hold the hearing. He felt it was improper for them to even hear the cases.

Board Chair Thomas Brady disagreed, and said he had spoken with two town counsels on the matter and that they did not believe this conflict could result in litigation against the Town. Riley pointed out that they should at least have that in writing.

"I just think we should have a written opinion saying 'yeah, we can do this,' because then we have it on record," he said.

Brady said that while he thinks it's not really a problem, it's a risk they don't want to take.

"We just don't want to have egg on our face, there's no other way to put it," he said.

Attorney James Hilliard represented both Mobility Works and property owner David Spiegel. The company, based in Akron, Ohio, outfits minivans for those with disabilities. Hilliard said the work done in Norwood is the last leg of the logistical journey of these vehicles, and that their current space is too small.

"By the time a vehicle comes to this site, 95 percent of the work is completed," he said. "When it comes to the site, a lot of the work is electronic; putting the final touches on a vehicle for an individual because these vehicles are fitted to a particular individual's disability and size and weight."

The site would have open lot storage of vehicles and would not be affected by the current moratorium because it is on Route 1, where there is an exemption. Residents said they were initially concerned because Mobility Works filed its application under auto repair. However, the two in attendance said they were fine after Hilliard said it is not body work or engine repair and doesn't create noise or light pollution.

removal of the skate park, is expected to start next spring.

"That's got like five components and it might have to go out to bid," McFarland said.

Farley is likely to come to the CPC in September to go over the full timeline for that project.

In other business, Committee Member Joseph Greeley said he has been talking to Carillon extraordinaire Lee Leach about the Carillon Rehabilitation project as well, which was slated to receive \$215,000.

"His timeline is to get through the Summer Carillon Series first, I think it ends the third week of August, before he does anything else," he said.

Greeley said preliminary research and work qualification has been completed, but the rest of the project timeline has not been solidified.

Member Cheryl Doyle said they are getting ready to go out

for bid for the Lower Pond Pavilion project, scheduled to receive \$43,390.

"Our project won't take long to do, it's just pouring the pavilion, moving a couple of boulders and putting in a couple of handicapped signs," she said.

Deschenes said the bid for that project will be on hold until the Town's accounting system is fully implemented and the department is fully trained, so there's not a solid timeline for when bids go out. He said the conversion started July 8.

"My feeling is we won't have anything 'concrete' until September," said McFarland.

CPC Chair John Hall said he wants Deschenes to keep an eye on the Town's Accounting Department to make sure they know when projects will get started.

Deschenes said the Chapel account is still open with the Permanent Building Construction

Committee (PBCC), and they are expecting more invoices to come. The remaining balance is \$96,450.

"So it remains to be seen if the remainder will be used or if it will come back to us," he said.

Deschenes added that the funds allocated to the Chapel renovations are not holding up any other project currently approved by the CPC. He said this project was unique because it was sort of an "emergency."

"I think we've definitely learned a lesson with the chapel, especially in terms of communication and updates," Greeley said. "It's been very, very difficult as far as updates from the PBCC, and we've learned that we need to manage with the other project managers going forward. We can't let what happened with the chapel 14 months ago when TM agreed to fund it happen again."

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times sagging from life's constant gravity. The historical society is always going above and beyond to educate about the importance of the past and how it can lend direction for the future.

Yes, other towns have these kinds of things too but, in our opinion and experience publishing in other communities, Norwood employees and volunteers take a back seat to no one.

And if you know of any town that steps up more than Norwood does to help people in need, please let us know because we never cease to be amazed by the largesse of this community. You want an example of greatness? The Circle of Hope is the embodiment of it. Every penny raised by that group goes toward helping others.

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Okay, we've run out of room, otherwise we could go on and on. Does Norwood have its problems? Are there legitimate issues that pose dangers to the continued quality of the lives of those living here? Yes there are, and we write about them every week. But every now and then it's important to take a step back, catch your breath, and consider everything that's good about living here and the people who go out of their way to make this a great place to live.



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Teamsters treat youths from Boston Higashi School



Teamsters Local 25 President Sean O'Brien treated about a dozen young autistic students from the Boston Higashi School to a huge surprise last week when he showed up to their school in an 18-wheeler truck for a touch-a-truck event. Norwood residents Brandon Nsamba, Sammy Jean Babtiste, and Kyle Brookes took part with their classmates in exploring the vast vehicle. "We're championing the cause of Autistic children throughout Massachusetts and our goal at some point in time is to transition Autistic children into the workforce," O'Brien said in a press release. "People living with Autism already show they can be valuable workers in many industries but we need to provide more support for teens entering adulthood. The Higashi School does a tremendous job of teaching these kids and we want to make certain that there is a future not only for the children that are affected by Autism, but also their families as well."

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ASSOCIATE PLANNING BOARD MEMBER OPENING

The Norwood Planning Board has an opening for an Associate Planning Board member. The Associate Planning Board member will participate on Special Permit applications on an as needed basis. The Associate Planning Board member will attend all Planning Board meetings and participate but will only be involved with voting on certain Special Permits when an

elected Board member cannot participate because they are on vacation, out sick or have a conflict of interest. The Planning Board meets twice a month on Monday evenings. This is an opportunity to serve your community and participate in the operation of Town government. If you are interested in becoming an Associate Planning Board member, send a letter of interest and resume to the

Norwood Planning Board by August 9, Mr. Ernie Paciorkowski, Chairman, P.O. Box 40, 566 Washington St. Norwood MA 02062. If you have questions about the Associate Planning Board member position, contact Mr. Paul Halkiotis, Director of Community Planning & Economic Development, (781) 762-1240 ext. 164 or at phalkiotis@norwoodma.gov.



Thank You Novenas For Favors or Prayers Answered

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.
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Norwood Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said Norwood is catching up to towns that have already established Sustainability Commissions.

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rently would write up a Town Meeting Warrant Article. However, that's not how the commission would want to approach it. He said springing items on people at Town Meeting can result in people voting on something before being totally informed on the impacts.

"The actual bylaw for a plastic bag ban is not very complicated; we could have it in a day. Then you need a year or a year-and-a-half working with the stakeholders in the community, residents and businesses to make sure everyone is aware of the implications."

Mazzucco said plastic bag bans in other municipalities have gone off without too many problems. He said in Adams, the Town Mazzucco was formerly employed, one thing people were concerned about was food containers, like the plastic bags that go around soup containers from a takeout restaurant. The Adams ban actually had an exemption for that. He also said some residents were concerned about their respective stashes of grocery bags used for everyday activities like walking the dog or trash disposal.

"I think we all have enough bags under our counter to last through the next millennium," he said with a laugh. "Good public policy takes time though."

Mazzucco said the primary aim of the commission will be to work on plans and be boots on

the ground for sustainability issues. Outreach and civic engagement is the key, he said, so as to make residents aware of every contingency within a plan so it doesn't become a verbal fight on the floor of Town Meeting. For instance, if there's community backing for planting more trees, he said the research has to be done to make sure the species of trees are sustainable, that the Town can actually plant trees and where these trees can and cannot be planted, and if there are plans in the future to develop a parcel that would negate greenspace as an option. He said initiatives for household waste gasification, reducing water usage, solar power and increasing open space could all be housed within this commission.

"We're excited about the formation of the Sustainability Commission!" said Progress Norwood's Katie Neal-Rizzo. "We're excited about the Town Managers focus on sustainability and how to best protect Norwood's resources and citizens, in the face of the climate crisis we're currently facing. There are a number of Progress Norwood members who are interested in serving on the commission directly, and I'd imagine Progress Norwood will be supporting or collaborating with the commission on a number of projects and initiatives in the future."

TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** in **ROOM 12** of the **Municipal Office Building** on **August 6, 2019 at 7:15 PM** on the request of Dean Bovarnick (Case # 19-17) with respect to property located on **9 Upton Avenue**, in a **G-General Residence District**.

The application requests:

This Application requests a SPECIAL PERMIT under Sections 3.1.5, 3.1.6 and 5.4 of the Zoning bylaws to allow: Conversion of an existing non-conforming single-family dwelling existing on July 21, 1927, to a two-family dwelling on a lot meeting current lot area requirements for a single-family dwelling, with said proposed second dwelling unit conforming to all setback requirements of the Zoning Bylaws but increasing the habitable floor area of the original structure by more than 25%, together with such other relief as the Zoning Board of Appeal may determine to be appropriate.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be viewed during normal working hours, Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

BOARD OF APPEAL
Patrick J. Mulvehill, Chairman; Philip W. Riley, Barbara A. Kinter, John R. Perry, Thomas Brady

Norwood Record, 07/11/19, 07/18/19

Monday, July 8

0233 Initiated - Parking Violation Parking Ticket Issued Location/Address: Rock St 2 violations 0659 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Washington St + Upland Rd Raccoon was struck and wandering dazed. NACO notified and will handle same.

0754 911 - Power Outage Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St Caller reports transformer blew above dumpster in rear. There is no power. NFD and ELD notified. N661 responded for Well being check on resident at APT#15 who is bed ridden. N661 reports that she is all set.

0853 Walk-In - Citizens Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Cameron Rd Party complains about a basketball hoop on the side of the street. Resident at this address was advised.

1224 Initiated - Parking Violation Spoken To Location/Address: Day St 5 citations issued. 1319 Phone - Illegal Trash Disposal Spoken To Location/Address: Neponset Valley Child Care - Kerry PI Construction materials left in the dumpster. No video in the area and employee advised.

1349 Phone - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St Units spoke to the caller who suffers from dementia, no crime was committed.

1620 Phone - Assist Other Agency Services Rendered Location: Walpole Police Department Norwood Hospital nurse reports Walpole FD dropped off a patient that still had some narcotics. N662 secured the narcotics and will be dropping them off at Walpole PD.

1633 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Lenox St + Nahatan St Older female seems to need help and attempting to get a ride. Calls she was also in the lot of Shaws.

2032 911 - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Planet Fitness - Walpole St Caller reports his vehicle was scratched while he was in the facility.

2156 911 - Debris On Road Services Rendered Location/Address: Concord Ave Caller reports orange cones blocking the road. DPW notified. N664 reports kids were playing street hockey and used the cones as nets.

2236 911 - Well Being Chk Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Prospect St + Nahatan St Caller reports a male party fell off his bike and was face down on the street, he did get up but was stumbling.

2328 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Neponset St Caller reports kids with flashlights playing. N677 reports they were plying

flashlight tag and will bring it in for the night.

Tuesday, July 9

0108 Initiated - Vandalism *Report Filed Location/Address: Nicks Package Store - Washington St N666 reports broken window, possibly from a rock.

0235 Phone - Assist Other Agency Services Rendered Location/Address: Victoria Cir Probation requesting officers make contact with party who cannot be contacted and GPS bracelet is not on. N665, N666 made contact, he was directed to contact probation and they were notified of same.

0903 Phone - Complaint Of Mv Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Nichols St Caller reports an elderly male operator who is having difficulty driving.

1015 Walk-In - Stolen Lic Plate *Report Filed Location/Address: Plymouth Dr Party reports that she is missing one of her license plates. MA PC 5PM115.

1428 Phone - Pedestrian Accident Taken/Referred To Other Agency Location/Address: Union St Report that a female was hit by a vehicle. Walpole notified.

1501 Phone - Susp Activity Could Not Locate Location/Address: Winter St Stone marker out front moved and damaged. Caller was not home on few attempts but a message was left to call when they return.

1525 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Hoyle St Verbal argument between landlord and tenant. Matter was resolved.

1554 Phone - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Sunnyside Rd Caller reports threats from his teenage cousin.

1616 Phone - Found Syringe Services Rendered Location/Address: Central St Caller reports she found a syringe. N662 disposed of that item.

1825 Phone - Assist Other Agency Spoken To Location/Address: Union St Walpole requesting a Spanish speaking officer. N666 responded.

2136 911 - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Rockhill St Caller reports his vehicle may have been stolen. That vehicle was not stolen his son took the car without permission. N663 located that vehicle.

Wednesday, July 10

0631 Phone - Noise Complaint Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Atwood Ave Caller states landscaping company has started working before 7:00am. N679 responded and reports they started up their trucks, went through the parking lot and were gone before

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arrival.

0908 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Rosemary House (Rooming House) - Rosemary St Caller requests a well being check on his adult brother. Units spoke to him and report that all is well.

1220 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: First St Lowell PD requests a check of this address for an 18 yo male who is staying with a friend. Units report that no one was home, Lowell PD notified.

1300 Phone - Report Of Fire Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: Rock St Brush fire underneath an outdoor porch.

1707 911 - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St Patient wishes to speak to officer about abuse. Officer states that was a medication issue, no abuse.

2045 Initiated - Walk And Talk Spoken To Location/Address: Crossfit Prosperity - Morse St Spoke with several members outside CrossFit Property in the Space Center to inquire about the recent incidents of damage at the property. They stated they are here most nights and have not seen anyone out of the ordinary in the lot when they leave.

Thursday, July 11

0134 Phone - Parking Violation Services Rendered Location/Address: Railroad Ave Caller reports 2 vehicles blocking sidewalk. N678 responded. Minor violation and will address in the morning.

0745 Cellular - Lost And Found NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Party found a newborn baby bird. Animal control notified and will pick it up.

1014 Phone - Assaults *Report Filed Location/Address: JC Jacobs Plumbing Co - Washington St Report of a disturbance inside this address.

1407 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Ledgeview Dr Confused elderly male left in the care of his wife.

1611 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Mobil Gas - Wash./Rr Av - Washington St Dispute between tow company and customer. All parties spoken to, satisfied.

1741 911 - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Shaws Supermarket - Nahatan St Employee reports female party causing yelling and disrupting customers. All parties advised, spoken to and left the area.

1756 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Work Out World - Bos-Prov Hwy Report stolen phone. Phone not stolen, misplaced.

1813 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: E Vernon St Caller requesting check on elderly mother that was upset over past incident 19-15501. Party was spoken to and is okay.

2000 911 - Malicious Damage Spoken To Location/Address: Cranmore Rd Caller reports a broken window, requests extra checks of the neighborhood.

2141 Phone - Susp Vehicle *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Supreme Gas (Dba) S&H Supreme Norwood Gas - Broadway Employee reports a person appears to be sleeping behind the wheel of a vehicle at pump number seven. As a result, N662 placed one party under arrest, N669 transported him to the station. Refer To Arrest: 19-275-AR Arrest: Brunelli, Michael J Address: 117 Walnut Ave Norwood, Ma Age: 41 Charges: Drug, Possess Class B

Friday, July 12

0251 911 - Report Of Fight *Report Filed Location/Address: Dean St Caller states a fight going on outside in back parking lot. N663, N664, N679 responded. Three females arguing and a male trying to break it up. Report filed.

0305 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Victoria Cir Probation monitoring requesting check on party whose bracelet is very low and needs to be recharged. N666, N669 responded, spoke with party who called into monitoring center.

0404 Phone - Susp Vehicle Vehicle Towed Location/Address: Washington, Fulton, To Howard And Back - Fulton St Caller reports a dark colored coupe circling the area for past 20 minutes and sounds like it has an alarm going off as well. N666, N669 responded and located vehicle (Ma.Reg# 3xdj70) on Howard St. by Fulton St. Vehicle broke down and was towed by Center Autobody.

0640 911 - Report Of Fire Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: Remtec - Morse St Caller reports work was done in building yesterday and upon arrival this morning, employees detect an odor of what smells like wires burning. N679, N664, NFD responded. Building Inspector notified and responded. Officers cleared.

1430 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Lane Dr PI advised to report in.

1738 Initiated - Warrant Service *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Prospect St N669 returns with one under arrest to the station S/M 80581, 1759 Hrs, E/M 80581, 1804 Hrs. Refer To Arrest: 19-276-AR Arrest: Sakalis, Maria Irene Address: 201 Prospect St Norwood, Ma Age: 18 Charges: Warrant Arrest

2136 911 - Susp Person Spoken To Location/Address: Concord Ave Person walking down driveway, left after being confronted. Officers spoke to that individual; he was lost and looking for a friend's house.

2207 911 - Susp Person Services Rendered Location/Address: Concord Ave Caller reports someone is in her house. Officer states that was a resident in the two-family home returning.

Saturday, July 13

0555 Radio - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Pleasant St Spoke to father of son with restraining order. Advised of options.

0617 Phone - Assist Other Agency Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Out of control patient. N663, N669, N668 responded.

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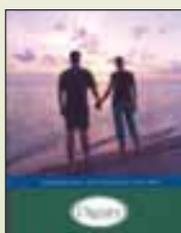
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DEATHS

CURRAN

Michael F. Of Norwood passed away on July 11, 2019 at the age of 58. Devoted brother of Jimmy Curran of Norwood, Tommy Curran and his wife Aline of Billerica, Mary Brown and her husband George of Dedham, Kathy Keady of Norwood and Eileen Curran and her husband Jim Zuis of Sharon. Loving uncle of Kelsey Brown, Meaghan Brown, Christopher Zuis, Kayla Zuis and the late Liam Brown. Mike is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and dear friends, especially Mark Henry & Lou Columbo and the Irish Heaven fellas. Son of the late James and Anne (Folan) Curran. Funeral from the Kraw - Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., NORWOOD, MA. Burial at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations in Michael's memory may be made to The Jimmy Fund, c/o Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan Street, Suite B-102, Danvers, MA 01923. kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com. Family Owned and Operated. 781-762-0482.



SULLIVAN

Robert T. Of Norwood, passed away on July 10, 2019 at the age of 86. Beloved husband of Frances C. (Curran) Sullivan. Devoted father of Mary Chernak and her husband Karl of Birmingham, AL, the late John T. Sullivan and his surviving wife Maureen A. (Barry) of Norwood, Carol Gerry and her husband David of Wrentham, George Sullivan and his wife Maureen (Murphy) of Norwood and Clare Brown and her husband Richard of Plainville. Cherished grandfather of Joseph Chernak, Kelly Sullivan, Noelle Sullivan, Jeannette Gerry, Rachael Gerry, Stephen Gerry, Samantha Sullivan, Robert Sullivan, Erika Sullivan, Richard Martin Jr. and Ryan Martin. Great-grandfather of Dawson John Sullivan. Robert is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Son of the late Robert and Marion (Callahan) Sullivan. Funeral from the Kraw - Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., NORWOOD, MA. Burial at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations in Robert's memory may be made to Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood, MA 02062. kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com. Family Owned and Operated. 781-762-0482.



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Upon arrival patient was upset but had calmed down. Nurses administered medication. All in order.

0912 Phone - Missing Person *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwood Healthcare - Washington St Resident missing and suffers from dementia. B/M 69 years, red top and jeans. S District Bolo. Walpole PD finds him. N664 meets them at Walpole PD and transports to Norwood Hospital.

1018 Phone - Death *Report Filed Location/Address: Chapel St Caller reports her uncle is deceased. NFD responds. BCI responds.

1735 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Oakleigh Rd Caller reports an elderly female that looks confused and possible lost. N666 reports she was out for a walk and her husband came and picked her up.

1816 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Taso's Euro Cafe & Pizza - Access Rd Caller reports female sitting out front and looks like she may need some help. N677 provides a courtesy transport to Canton S/M 6176, 1844 Hrs, E/M 6180, 1856 Hrs.

1821 Phone - Liquor Law Violation Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Bay State Wine And Liquor - Walpole St Fake ID left at the store. Unable to identify person.

1855 911 - Civil Dispute Spoken To Location/Address: Plymouth Dr Dispute between landlord and tenant. Advice given.

1859 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Lenox St Caller concerned about comment her boyfriend made about their pet. Pet is in good health. No issues.

1906 911 - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Bertuccis Pizza - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports his friend stole his car. BOLO to the cars and surrounding cities and towns. N677 reports the caller misunderstood, friend went to the bathroom, car was never moved.

1951 911 - Report Of Fire Police & Fire Notified/Respond

Location/Address: Worcester Dr Caller reports stove is on fire. NFD notified. Fire handled.

2020 Initiated - Unwanted Party *Protective Custody Location/Address: Bamboo Cafe - Washington St Unwanted party in restaurant. N670 placed that party under protective custody, released to custody of ex-wife.

Sunday, July 14

0936 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Florence Ave Units speak with the party in question, all is well.

1035 Phone - Report Of Fire Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: Oakleigh Rd Small fire in backyard.

1617 911 - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Venice Cafe - Washington St Owner of the property reports he would like a patron disinvited from the property. That party was gone upon the officers arrival. Owner of the property was spoken to and advised, N662 will keep a lookout for that party.

1741 Phone - Civil Dispute Spoken To Location/Address: Plymouth Dr Sub leasing issue dispute and everyone ad-

vised.

1845 Phone - Lost And Found State DPW/Norwood DPW Notified Location/Address: Town Hall - Washington St Employee reports a bike in the parking lot that has been there for a few days. DPW notified.

2016 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: North Ave Caller reports she is having an issue with a neighbor's dog. N667 spoke to that party and they are satisfied.

2132 Initiated - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Stonebridge Apts - Dean St N664 reports party using a coat hanger to get into a vehicle. N664 reports party checks out.

2136 Walk-In - Warrant Service *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St Walk in request he would like to be taken to court in the morning because he has a warrant. N677 and N666 place the individual into custody. Refer To Arrest: 19-278-AR Arrest: Mcmenamin, Daniel Burt Address: 41 Crescent Ave Braintree, Ma Age: 37 Charges: Warrant Arrest

2252 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd Caller reports someone is ringing her doorbell.

Library Events

MOVIE MUSICAL MONDAYS ARE HERE!

The Morrill Memorial Library's popular summer film series, "Movie Musical Mondays," will be offered again this year, featuring a total of seven musicals or music biopics shown on most Mondays in July and August at 6:30 p.m.

The films are: "Mary Poppins Returns" (2019) on July 22, and "A Star is Born" (2018) on July 29. The series will resume two weeks later on Monday, August 12 with "Royal Wedding" (1951) and conclude on August 19 with "Bohemian Rhapsody" (2019).

Popcorn will be provided, and a CD of the soundtrack from each musical will be raffled off before the screening. To register for any or all of these films, go directly to norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call 781-769-0200 x110, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

7:00 p.m. to hear Boston Harbor Islands volunteer and storyteller Marguerite Krupp share stories of the Boston Harbor Islands. She will take you on a visual and historical tour of some of the 35 islands and peninsulas that make up the Boston Harbor Islands State and National Park Area—a treasure at your doorstep. To register for this program, go to the Calendar page under Events on the library website or go directly to www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call 781-769-0200 x110, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk. Patrons may now request two-for-one passes for admission to the islands through October by picking up a special bookmark at the library Information Desk.

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Ask The Doctor

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

To the Doctor: I'm going to be purchasing a new car soon to replace my 10-year-old Buick. The models I am interested in are either 4WD or have turbo. I've heard that both of these can be very problematic and expensive to repair or maintain. Do you have an opinion or suggestions?

From the Doctor: Late model vehicles have good warranties and are holding up better than ever. I drive a new vehicle every week for evaluation purposes. You should drive as many vehicles as you can and write down the pros and cons of each. When you narrow your choice down to a few vehicles, write back and I will give you my opinion.

To the Doctor: For probably more than a year, the seatbelt light will come on in my instrument panel, indicating that I need to buckle-up, even though I always use my seatbelt when driving. When I jiggle the receiver-area of the device, that turns the light off, but it happens so much that I've put a piece of electrical tape on the plastic over the light. Is this deactivating my airbag? And what do you think is the problem?

From the Doctor: Electric connections in seatbelt buckles do wear. Some manufacturers have extended warranties on buckles. You need to check with the dealer's service department for any extended warranty. Any failure in the SRS system will disengage the air bags until the seatbelt light is out. You can check with local salvage yards to purchase a used seatbelt buckle if a new one is out of your price range.

To the Doctor: My 2010 Cadillac DTS has 50,000 miles. When should I change the spark plugs?

From the Doctor: The factory suggestion is 100,000 miles. I am a 50,000 mile or five years kind of guy. Make sure you use only the factory a/c Delco spark plug. It's never too soon to replace spark plugs or perform preventive maintenance service.

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

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Dedham" at the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, August 26 at 7:00 pm. South Dedham (now Norwood) was heavily involved in the Civil War, sending over 400 men into the Union armed forces in the 1860s, when South Dedham had a population of roughly 6,000. This illustrated presentation will focus on some of the individual soldiers and sailors from the local area, including their civilian occupations and military experiences.

Mr. Kelly will also examine the roles of some of the South Dedham families and their contributions to the war effort. He is a member of Olde Colony Civil War Roundtable, Friends of Gettysburg, Friends of Fort Ticonderoga, and several area historical societies. To register for this program, go to norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call 781-769-0200, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

BOOK GROUP TO DISCUSS "THE GREAT ALONE"

The Morrill Memorial Library's Turn the Page Book Group will meet again on Wednesday, August 21 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. to talk about Kristin Hannah's powerful novel, "The Great Alone." Returned Vietnam POW Ernt Allbright impulsively decides to move his family to Alaska, where they will live off the grid in America's last true frontier. 13-year-old Leni, caught in the middle of her parents' passionate yet tu-

multuous relationship, hopes that a new beginning will lead to a better future for her family. Her mother, Cora, will do anything and go anywhere for the man she loves. Copies of the book in a variety of formats are available to check out at the Circulation Desk. To sign up for either the morning or evening session, led by Patty Bailey and guest host Casey Argyrou, go to norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call 781-769-0200, x110, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

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Mental illness is a label for a variety of diseases of the brain. Often it strikes in late adolescence, devastating the afflicted person and the family. The South Norfolk Alliance is composed of such families who find mutual support and join together to advocate for their loved ones.

We welcome all families in the South Norfolk Area who are dealing with mental illness and their loved ones. In case of inclement weather, we will align with the Norwood schools. If they close, the meeting will be cancelled.

For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

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ASSOCIATE PLANNING BOARD MEMBER OPENING

The Norwood Planning Board has an opening for an Associate Planning Board member. The Associate Planning Board member will participate on Special Permit applications on an as needed basis. The Associate Planning Board member will attend all Planning Board meetings and participate but will only be involved with voting on certain Special Permits when an elected Board member cannot participate because they are on vacation, out sick or have a conflict of interest. The Planning Board meets twice a month on Monday evenings. This is an opportunity to serve your community and participate in the operation of Town government. If you are interested in becoming an Associate Planning Board member, send a letter of interest and resume to the Norwood Planning Board by August 9, Mr.

Ernie Paciorkowski, Chairman, P.O. Box 40, 566 Washington St. Norwood MA 02062. If you have questions about the Associate Planning Board member position, contact Mr. Paul Halkiotis, Director of Community Planning & Economic Development, (781) 762-1240 ext. 164 or at phalkiotis@norwoodma.gov.

26th ANNUAL CONCERTS ON THE COMMON

The Town of Norwood Concerts on the Common Committee is pleased to announce our 26th annual Sunday Evening Concerts series for 2019. This year there will be eight concerts each Sunday evening beginning on Sunday, July 7 and ending on Sunday August 25.

Coming up is The Westwood Swing Band on July 21st. On July 28th a special 26th Anniversary Celebration evening featuring Natalie Joly and the Reckless

Hearts. This night is sponsored by Ernie Boch, Jr., Chestnut Hill Realty, CMI Property Management and David Spiegel.

August brings the return of several favorites on the 4th it is the Roy Scott Big Band, followed by the Tom Nuttle Big Band and the 11th. August 18th brings back the Oberlaendler Hofbrau Band and ending the season on the 25th with the Black Velvet Band.

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