



The School Committee finalized a plan to change school start times at the beginning of the 2022 school year.

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School Com votes to change school start times in 2022

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee met on March 10 and voted unanimously to change school start times.

Recent studies have shown what the optimal sleep times are for adolescents and the new start times try to adhere to the findings when possible. The Committee voted to start elementary schools at 7:40 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. (1:55 p.m. end), Willett at 8 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. (1:30 p.m. end), the high school at 8:10 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. (2:50 p.m. end) and the Coakley to start at 8:40 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. (3:20 p.m. end).

The committee voted to have these commence in the fall of 2022 in a series of motions. First, the committee voted 4-1 with Chair Teresa Stewart voting against. She said wanted to implement new start times in the fall of 2021.

“I am just going to say that, professionally, I have to vote no on that,” she said. “It is not because I

don’t hear the community. I just want to be very clear on that. But I cannot do what I do professionally and vote down the opportunity to make a difference in fall 2021.”

The next motion was to start the change in the fall of 2022, assuming school operations are back to normal. Committee member Myev Bodenhofer introduced an amendment to shift the elementary school start times later if transportation costs and feasibility allow (as it is earlier than the optimal sleep periods for those students). That motion passed unanimously.

One of the biggest factors in deciding which plan to go with (there were several) fiscally came from Transportation. Norwood Public Schools (NPS) Transportation Director Allen Bishop said having all schools start at the same time is unfeasible, as it would require the purchase or hiring of more buses at a cost of \$1.3 million.

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Norwood is getting ready for its upcoming April 5 Municipal Election, for which in-person voting and absentee voting options will be available.

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League of Women Voters wants your candidate questions

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood League of Women Voters (LWV) is hosting a community forum for the candidates running for municipal office in the Town on March 22 at 7 p.m. in a virtual format.

The forum will be held in a private Zoom meeting which residents can watch on their Norwood Community Media (NCM) channel or livestream at NorwoodCommunityMedia.org. LWV Norwood Chapter President Courtney Rau Rogers said the idea was to keep the forum moving as quickly as possible so every question can be heard.

“The moderator will read questions both from the League and any questions that come in from the public and then the candidates will have about a minute to answer,” she said. “For this election, there are lots and lots of uncontested elections, and so we’re doing a video reel for each candidate of two-to-three-

minute statements that will play at the end of the forum.”

The League is asking that any residents reach out with their questions for the candidates. Rogers said these questions should not be specific to any one candidate and could be asked of any of them. Send said questions to lwvnorwoodma@gmail.com by Saturday, March 20 at 8:00 p.m. to get them in the forum.

“Any question we get from the public, we need to be able to ask all candidates running for that seat,” she said. “Sometimes people will want to ask an incumbent a very direct question, and that’s not really what we’re doing. We’re sort of soliciting information about general goals and plans for the office. You know, a challenger running against an incumbent might not have a record to run on and so that can’t be answered by

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on April 6, 2021 at 7:20 PM** on the request of Atty. Richard Staiti /Jana Realty LLC. (Case #21-05) with respect to property located on **13 East Hoyle St., in a General Business (GB) Zoning District.** This meeting will be conducted digitally using ZOOM. Participation may be accessed through a computer, tablet or smartphone. <http://www.norwoodma.gov/>, via the ZOOM link <https://zoom.us/j/5837520127?pwd=UVg3d1lGNlQwZ1hoSzQwdHJbnhwdz09or> by contacting the Zoning Board of Appeal via email at zoningboard@norwoodma.gov.

This Application requests a Special Permit under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow:

- 1) To erect a 3' X 2.6' double faced free standing sign on an existing nonconforming sign pole.

The applicant seeks a Special Permit in accordance with section 6.2 of the Zoning Bylaw.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be requested by emailing zoningboard@norwoodma.gov or by calling 781-762-1240 ext. 6064 Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

BOARD OF APPEAL

Thomas Brady, Chairman
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Scott Murphy

Norwood Record: 03/18/2021, 03/25/2021

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on April 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Mr. Alex Glushchenko of 10 Morrill Rd. (Case #21-04) with respect to property located on **10 Morrill Rd., in a Single Residence - 2 Zoning District.** This meeting will be conducted digitally using ZOOM. Participation may be accessed through a computer, tablet or smartphone. <http://www.norwoodma.gov/>, via the ZOOM link <https://zoom.us/j/5837520127?pwd=UVg3d1lGNlQwZ1hoSzQwdHJbnhwdz09or> or by contacting the Zoning Board of Appeal via email at zoningboard@norwoodma.gov.

This Application requests a Special Permit under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow:

- 1) Addition of a 32.4' X 16' dormer on the second floor of the existing structure.
- 2) Any such other relief deemed appropriate by the Board of Appeal.

The applicant seeks a Special Permit in accordance with section 5.4 and 5.41 of the Zoning Bylaw.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be requested by emailing zoningboard@norwoodma.gov or by calling 781-762-1240 ext. 6064 Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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The plan to turn the area into a park has not been halted due to the recent discovery of asphalt under the current topsoil.

COURTESY PHOTO

Asphalt found underneath topsoil of Saints Park spot

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Community Preservation Committee (CPC) met with Town Planner Paul Halkiotis virtually on March 10 and discussed the state of the Saints Street Lot, soon, hopefully, to become the Saints Street Park.

“We just finalized the Conservation Restriction with the state, it’s all signed and I think it’s ready to be recorded,” Halkiotis said. “I started that last April and we finished it this February. It takes a lot of time to go through all those issues with the state and the Wildlife Trust, which will be holding the restriction. But that’s done.”

The Conservation Restriction means the land will not be put to any other use besides conservation, barring an act from the Mas-

sachusetts Legislature. With that out of the way, he said representatives from the Town met with Horsley and Witten the previous week to start preliminary discussions on a park design, which sits adjacent to St. John Avenue, St. Joseph Avenue and St. Paul Avenue.

“We had a pretty big group of people, including the principal from the Balch Elementary School, and we talked about what our priorities were going to be to include as part of the park project,” he said. “We talked about holding public outreach meetings to get information from the neighborhood residents and different Town boards and committees, and they are hoping to complete the park design by July.

I think we’ll be doing good if we get done by July.”

Halkiotis said they will give Horsley and Witten a wish list of everything residents and stakeholders want to see in the park and the design consultants will come back with a cost estimate and allow the CPC and Town Meeting to fund the construction of the park based on what Town Meeting would be willing to vote to approve.

Halkiotis also brought up a different issue facing the project, that being an asphalt parking lot is now buried underneath a thin layer of topsoil on the site, taking up about an acre of the site.

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CPC

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both parties, for example.”

Rogers said they put out a call for questions last week for each of three contested races and are hoping for a good response. However she said they do not believe the forum will run longer than 90 minutes or so.

For those three races, currently David Michael Hiltz Jr. is running against Benjamin Alton Moser for School Committee. Planning Board Member Al Porro will be running against his former fellow board member Debbie Holmwood, and Shannon Joyce Greenwell, Mary Paz, Sheri McLeish and Patricia Tibaudo will all be running for the single vacant seat for the Board of Morrill Library Trustees.

Selectman Bill Plasko, Town Moderator David Hern, Board of Health Member Kathleen Bishop, Finance Commission members Kellie Noumi and Robert Donnelly, Trustees of Morrill Library members Sarah Begg and George Michalec and Norwood Housing Authority member Patricia Starr are all running unopposed.

“I just hope people tune in,” Rogers said. “We’ve chosen to keep the event virtual this year because even though pandemic numbers are slowly decreasing, it’s still safer for people to be at home to participate in this event. And I think we reach a greater audience, quite frankly, where people can sit in their living room with their tea or their after dinner beverage and watch in the comfort of their own home. We saw the ones we ran in the spring and summer were really successful.”

The Municipal Election is on April 5. Any resident wishing to look at a sample ballot or to fill out an absentee ballot application should go to the Town website at <http://www.norwoodma.gov/> or call the Clerk’s Office at 781-762-1240.

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Selectmen considering TM split and UAVE safety issues

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, March 17 in a semi-virtual platform and discussed the idea of splitting up Town Meeting to provide a little more time for certain items to be completed and ready for meeting members to vote on.

The Board ended up not taking a vote on Tuesday to split items in the Annual Town Meeting and the Special Town Meeting – which are usually held consecutively as one big meeting – and hold the annual in May as usual and postpone the special until June. Board Chair Bill Plasko said this was because of the filing deadlines of April 6 for warrant articles that could impact issues being brought up by the Norwood Planning Board, presumably the reintroduction of the Route 1 Rezoning article.

“The dates are coming upon us very quickly,” Plasko said. “The Planning Board is trying to get back to Town Meeting and they could actually use a couple of extra weeks.”

The board agreed to take a vote next week, but this also brought up a discussion on whether or not either meeting should be held virtually.

“I have discussed with the Moderator whether he’s going to request a virtual, I think he is going to, but he hasn’t actually made that formal and said he’s going to get back to us in a couple of days,” Plasko said. “We have time for that, but we do need to keep in communication with him because once he gives us the word, he would like that we post it and have a meeting on it. Again, we can’t run out of time here, we have to watch these dates carefully.”

Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said there would be no cost impact if they decide to go virtually as all the software and training has already been purchased and completed.

The gravel excavation site at 973 University Ave.– across the street from the Skating Club of Boston – was a big topic of discussion.

The actual motion passed did not reflect the hour-and-a-half-long discussion of the site, which touched on multiple issues of the property owned by Joseph Federico Jr.

The Board voted to continue the hearing for 45 days to allow for a peer review of the sheet piling on the site (metal retaining walls put in place to stabilize a dig site), inspect the rock wall behind the piling and review the sloping. Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Mark Ryan said he wanted a peer review on that because it is not his area of expertise.

The majority of the discussion centered the installation of a fence. The site came under scrutiny in 2019 when it was discovered that there was no stormwater management infrastructure on the site as required by law. The Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in conjunction with the Massachusetts Attorney General, fined the company that owned the

site – UAVE LLC – \$50,000 for that and required they pay the Neponset River Watershed Association \$25,000 for any potential remediation.

During that time, it was also discovered that UAVE had not renewed its special permit allowing for rock and gravel excavation since its original two-year permit was approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) in 2013. UAVE was also required to install a fence surrounding their property, and in doing so ended up cutting down trees and encroaching on the property of its neighbor at 975 University Ave., M S Walker.

The entire point of the Board meeting was that the Selectmen have jurisdiction to ensure the public safety of residents, and the Board was specifically concerned that a second fence recommended by Town Engineer Mark Ryan in the fall of 2020 for safety was not yet installed. That fence is slated to be built atop the area where UAVE is excavating and in the sand that UAVE wants to excavate. UAVE Attorney Dan Bailey said it just wouldn’t make sense to put the fence there until the excavation was finished. The fence would overlook where the company is digging now. There’s a large section of rock ledge they are digging down against, creating a rock wall that the sheet pilings will be put against to ensure it doesn’t fall down. The fence will be at the top of that artificial cliff to ensure no one falls down.

Ryan agreed, and Bailey said the company would have no problem putting a fence there once the excavation is complete.

UAVE plans to develop the site after the excavation is completed – though the company will not specifically say what it plans to build there once the rock has been extracted. Once the excavation is complete, Bailey said the perimeter fence will remain but both he and former ZBA member Patrick Mulvehill questioned the need for the second fence given the perimeter fence should keep the public away. He said anybody gaining access to that area with the cliff is already a trespasser. Selectman Helen Abdallah-Donohue pointed out that UAVE is already a trespasser, as the perimeter fence they erected encroached M S Walker’s property by six feet. The construction of the fence also destroyed about 30 trees on M S Walker’s property (UAVE submitted plans to remedy the situation that the Board said they had no problem with).

“If somebody’s gaining access to the property, are they not a trespasser?” Mulvehill said. “I’m not going to belabor the fact of the six-foot issue with the fence, because it’s not germane to this hearing, which is about public safety.”

Plasko pointed out that there is still liability for the property owner if someone trespasses on their property and injures themselves.

“Town Counsel, (David DeLuca) correct me if I’m wrong, but I don’t think the fact that someone could travel over M S Walker’s property and then somehow get hurt on the UAVE

property because they may be a trespasser doesn’t change the fact that there is a liability and concern for public safety,” he said. “It’s very similar to having swimming pools in back yards and having to have fences around them to secure them and it doesn’t matter if somebody’s a trespasser or not if they drown in that pool.”

UAVE geologist Luke Fabbri pointed out that the perimeter fence already secures that area of the property by securing the whole of the property.

Mazzucco also asked if Norwood Fire Department Chief George Morrice and Norwood Police Department Chief William Brooks could be permitted to inspect the site for safety issues as well.

“I do want to make one statement for the record, and that is – I can’t resist the pun – but we’re on a slippery slope here,” attorney Bailey stated. “The Zoning Board has issued a special permit, the time period to challenge the permit or any of the conditions in it has long since expired. There is crystal clear case law in Massachusetts that conditions in permits can’t be revisited after the appeal period has expired. We’re willing to do this, we’re trying to cooperate. I recognize there are concerns the Board has at this site, but we’re going to be careful here. What I want to point out here is I don’t want to turn this into another ZBA hearing. You mentioned getting the fire chief and the police chief out to look at the site. They had the opportunity to do that in the special permit hearing. Did they do so? I don’t know. But there are specific processes having to do with the different jurisdiction of Town Boards. We wouldn’t go to the ZBA if we had an issue with an alcohol license.”

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TOWN OF NORWOOD

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Description of premises as follows: Free standing 7200 square foot building, 3 dining room entrances and exits, 1 office emergency exit, 2 floors, 5 rooms, 2 dining rooms, 1 lounge, 1 kitchen and 1 office.

Public hearing on this application will be held remotely via GoToMeeting on **Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

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OPINION

Perhaps there was more of a message in comments

During Tuesday's Selectmen's meeting another instance of a jurisdictional dispute became public when Selectman David Hajjar commented that an operational move orchestrated by Town Manager Tony Mazzucco and Norwood School Superintendent David Thomson flew in the face of the conventional way of doing things. And in the past this newspaper would have sided with Mazzucco, the thinking at this address being that the old way of doing business was hindering the dynamic and proactive approach this Town needs to adopt to keep up with the times. Now, we're not so sure.

The issue arose when Mazzucco announced to the Selectmen that he and Thompson had figured out a way that the Town side of government could assume an administrative piece of the schools' personnel functions. The move as explained made sense in that those personnel operations would be streamlined and the Town as a whole would save some money. Hajjar wasn't against the move. In fact, he commented that it actually made sense. What he objected to was that there was no involvement by Selectmen or the School Committee prior to the decision being made. Selectman Abdallah Donohue agreed with Hajjar.

This is not the first time both Hajjar and Abdallah Donohue have pushed back against the apparent aggressive maneuverings of their Town Manager. And it does come across as the old guard trying to preserve their relevance. In this particular instance, the move by Mazzucco was small enough that the Selectmen and School Committee didn't need to be involved in any discussions. That's what you hire a town manager and school superintendent to do, make decisions on a day-to-day basis to streamline efficiencies and advance progress.

However, the comments by Hajjar seem particularly timely given what has been going on in Town Hall lately. As has been detailed recently in this newspaper and addressed in former Zoning Board of Appeals member Patrick "Packy" Mulvehill's announcement that he is stepping down in this week's issue, the changes being made within the corridors of Town Hall have some employees distressed. And there has been at least one casualty, namely former employee Ramanda Morgan, she quitting her job after alleged unfair and, perhaps, illegal treatment by superiors.

Morgan's treatment by those in authority were investigated by the Town and the findings by the law firm confirm that, at a minimum, in multiple instances Ms. Morgan was subjected to treatment considered in violation of the Town's Professional Conduct Policy. The findings did fall short of concluding that her treatment rose to the level of a hostile work environment based on race, but did conclude that Ms. Morgan was not treated with respect, dignity, honesty, integrity or fairness. Only the future will tell whether or not Ms. Morgan will consider legal action against the Town for the way she was treated, and if so the exact details in her case will be made public.

Was the treatment of Ms. Morgan an isolated case or perhaps a harbinger of things to come should Town government maintain its present course of delegating responsibility without public officials' hovering oversight? Perhaps Mr. Hajjar's comments were meant to allude to recent activities extending well beyond the personnel consolidation recently announced by Mazzucco. It is important to note that Mazzucco is not being identified by this newspaper or the findings of the Town's investigation as someone directly responsible for Ramanda Morgan's treatment. However, the issue did arise during his watch so he, as well as some elected public officials must accept some responsibility.

A letter to the fine people of Norwood,

It was with regret and yet some sense of happiness that I recently retired from my position as one of your Zoning Board of Appeal members. Happiness in that I can say that I did my part as a lifelong/third generation Norwoodite who participated in our government and had a say in how she operated. Regret in that I leave with anger and sorrow over the treatment of our admin Ms. Ramanda Morgan. I will not go into the "Horrible" way in which she was treated by her superiors, nor will I get into the way in which she was "Ostracized" by her superiors and "Upper Management" at Town Hall once she filed a formal complaint as to her work environment/treatment. Let's just say that the parties involved received a "Slap on the wrist," some "Sensitivity Training" and, oh yes, the obligatory

"Cuomo Apology" in that "I didn't know that I was offending you or making your work environment MISERABLE" should quell and appease all concerned...pathetic to say the least.

I love this Town and I will still operate my business here for years to come. However, let me be very clear; there is a problem in Town Hall and the people that work there know exactly what I am referring to. What happened to Ms. Morgan, (who, by the way is African American) can happen again and I fear it very well may given that the remedy given was as weak as Cam Newton's throwing arm! Ms. Morgan, who by all metrics was an absolute five-star, 15-year-plus employee of the Town, is no longer working there. This is wrong!

Thank You, for all the kind words and phone calls over the



last two weeks and thank you Norwood for allowing a Native Son to serve you for the last 30-plus years.

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*All the best,
Patrick J. "Packy"
Mulvehill*

Letters to the Editor

LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

To the Editor:

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us . . ."

These opening lines are from A Tale of Two Cities, the classic historical novel, written by Charles Dickens in 1859 that depicts life set in London and Paris before and during the time of the French Revolution. This masterpiece usually is read by sophomores or juniors in high school.

It also appears apropos to life today, as this was the most painful lost year of lockdown and isolation. So many lives were turned upside down. For those affected by the physical horrible illness of the coronavirus, "it was the worst of times." For parents, teachers and others, whose work had to be done remotely from home, or there was no work at all, "it was the

winter of despair." For schools, places of worship, restaurants and other businesses that had to close, it was the "season of Darkness." Children and seniors being home all year, with no personal socializing, caused additional emotional stress and strain on family life.

One consolation to all this adversity was time – a year to read. Books are so precious, both fiction and non-fiction. So are Newspapers like the Norwood Record that report community news and current events. Computers also are a great asset, especially with Zoom. So, during this long trying time, books, newspapers and computers were the "season of Light."

Reading in all its forms welcomes the reader to concentrate, to think, to imagine, to feel, to recognize the complexities and joys of one's life. The results are for children and others to share knowledge and to grow. It's part of one's magnificent journey of life-long learning. Try reading the Constitution of the United States, our Declaration of Independence, and the biographies of our Founding Fathers. Norwood's own

history and notables can be referenced in our Morrill Memorial Library, and when this is all over, students can congregate at the library again. Although there will never be time to do it all, reading is a great custom and habit to undertake.

There are positive signs now for Norwood's students to return to school. It will be the "spring of hope." We can see the light at the end of the tunnel. The answer to this past difficult year for them is to go back to school and be awesome. Academics are top priority. Then art, music, and sports for balance. A great education begins at home and continues in elementary, middle and high school by creating the best environment for learning and enhancing the skills and talents of our Town's students. The upcoming building of a new middle school is exciting and will be absolutely wonderful. Norwood strives for excellence by setting a high standard that has absolutely no boundaries. It is who we are.

*Judith Howard
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Correction

In last week's issue of the Norwood Record, Heath Miller was incorrectly referred to as Heather Murray. We apologize for the error.

Blood Drive set for March 20 at Public Safety Building

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Fire Department (NFD) and the Norwood Police Department (NPD) are hosting the Dana Farber Cancer Institute/Brigham and Women's

Hospital Blood Mobile for the departments' annual blood drive. The drive will start on Saturday, March 20 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. It is strongly recommended that interested persons make an appointment at tinyurl.com/NorwoodP2021, as

walk-ins will be handled in the order they come in after precautions and tests are taken.

NFD Chief George Morrice said there is always a need for blood, especially now when so

Blood Drive

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Sustainability Com finishing Action Plan

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Sustainability Commission (NSC) met on Monday, March 15 and made its final edits to the Sustainability Action Plan the group has been working on since its creation in 2019.

The plan deals with a myriad of local issues and goals for resilience and sustainability throughout both the municipal and civilian areas of Town life, everything from soil management and infrastructure to lawn care and water usage. The group is aiming to have the document ready for Town Meeting in May.

Committee member and Norwood Energy Manager David Ruggiero brought up the subject of home heating and energy usage and said the commission should include advocating for electric heat incentives for homeowners and for net-zero carbon standards for new municipal buildings.

Ruggiero also brought up the

issue of a potential partnership with National Grid that would use the Town to promote the benefits of natural gas as what is referred to as a bridge fuel to renewable clean energy, "to promote participation, awareness and the benefits of natural gas efficiency programs by reducing greenhouse gases and increasing efficiency," he said.

Ruggiero said it had been brought up at a previous meeting but not discussed for inclusion in the plan. Member Heather Miller said she felt this might not align with sustainability goals. Natural gas may burn cleaner than heating oil or coal, but its extraction through fracking – the most prominent extraction method used in the United States currently – releases abundant plumes of methane into the atmosphere. The gas, most commonly associated with cow digestive systems, is estimated to be 30 to 80 times more potent of a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide.

But Chair Peter McFarland pointed out that at least for the

current time, power and heat generation is dependent on fossil fuels like natural gas. Even if the home heating system is running on electrical generation.

"I think for the short-term, five or 10 years out, we're still going to be dependent on natural gas," he said, adding that electric heat only accounts for 15 percent of residential, commercial and industrial properties' heating arrangements. "So it's not as though we can turn off the natural gas tap."

Miller said she felt there was an incentive to update to natural gas and she felt that National Grid doesn't promote electrical heat as much as it could, even though it's one of the primary electrical transfer utilities in the state.

"When we were updating our heating system a few years that was where the incentives and rebates were," she said. "So it seemed like they must be driving people towards that route and that's not where things are going

Sustainability

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Agent and Environmental Planner) Holly Jones found an aerial photograph from 2004 and that photograph shows vegetation in this area, but no mature vegetation," he said. "Now there's mature trees that grew through this parking lot. So we talked to (Norwood Department of Public Works [DPW] Director) Mark Ryan and it was decided we really need to pull that out of there. We asked DPW if they could do that work and they said it's a big job, there are mature trees that have to come out, the asphalt has to be scraped up and disposed of responsibly, and with the park design and construction we're going to have to replace native plantings in that area."

Halkiotis said after thinking it over and discussing it with other officials, the park would go ahead with construction but add the asphalt removal to the CPC project instead of putting it in the DPW budget.

"It's going to add some money to the project, but in a way it kind of creates a blank slate for a chunk of this property," he said. "I had known that there was parking there a long time ago associated with the Burke Shingle Factory. Ernie Paciorkowski told us a story that back in 1954, when one of the big hurricanes came through – Hurricane Carol maybe, that the family car was flooded and totaled on that parking lot. I didn't know if it was a crushed stone parking lot or whatever, but when Joe Greeley was walking the site, they had discovered some asphalt there."

Halkiotis said public meetings will be coming up and those interested should keep an ear to the ground.

"It's one of those meetings where normally you'd want to do it in person as a kind of design charrette, but we'll do our best to have a format and a meeting where we can solicit everyone's

input," he said.

The CPC also discussed a project from Town Manager Tony Mazzucco that proposed to put compost toilets at trail heads through the Town. These toilets would require little maintenance as they have no moving parts and would provide a needed outlet for residents using the trails. Mazzucco originally brought it up during a Board of Selectmen's meeting the previous week when the Board voted on potential CPC projects as a kind of first wave. The board took a look at projects and voted on them before they get so far along in the CPC process that a lot of time and effort was spent.

The CPC tabled the discussion, as no actual project had yet been submitted to the CPC and therefore there was formally nothing to discuss, but member and Selectman Matt Lane said he just wanted to make the committee aware.

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 on April 6, 2021 at 8:00 PM** on the request of **1369 Providence Highway Realty Trust. (Case #21-03)** with respect to property located on **1369 Providence Highway, in a Highway Business (HB) Zoning District.** This meeting will be conducted digitally using ZOOM. Participation may be accessed through a computer, tablet or smartphone. <http://www.norwoodma.gov/>, via the ZOOM link <https://zoom.us/j/5837520127?pwd=UVg3d1lGNlQwZ1hoSzQwdHJbnHwdz09or> or by contacting the Zoning Board of Appeal via email at zoningboard@norwoodma.gov.

This Application requests a Special Permit under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow:

- 1) For the establishment of a used car facility that will sell preowned vehicles, repair and service vehicles.
- 2) Open lot storage of used vehicles with vehicle repair to be performed indoors.

The applicant seeks a Special Permit in accordance with section 3.0 D (1); H (2) of the Zoning Bylaw.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be requested by emailing zoningboard@norwoodma.gov by calling 781-762-1240 ext. 6064 Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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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 on April 6, 2021 at 7:40 PM** on the request of Alan & Erin Kennedy. (Case #21-06) with respect to property located on **595 Neponset St., in a Single Residence (S) Zoning District.** This meeting will be conducted digitally using ZOOM. Participation may be accessed through a computer, tablet or smartphone. <http://www.norwoodma.gov/>, via the ZOOM link <https://zoom.us/j/5837520127?pwd=UVg3d1lGNlQwZ1hoSzQwdHJbnHwdz09or> or by contacting the Zoning Board of Appeal via email at zoningboard@norwoodma.gov.

This Application requests a Special Permit under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow:

- 1) To construct a 2 story addition that will increase the building area by 1,513 square feet which is greater than 25% of the building area.

The applicant seeks a Special Permit in accordance with section 5.4.4 of the Zoning Bylaw.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be requested by emailing zoningboard@norwoodma.gov by calling 781-762-1240 ext. 6064 Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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few people are out and about and taking the opportunity to donate.

"We're happy to do it and have their mobile come," said Morrice. "Blood donors are always needed so we're happy to support that. In these times I think it's important for us to maintain that supply for those who may need it."

NPD Chief William Brooks said the pandemic put a lot of collection schedules way behind. "The Red Cross tells us

there's a blood shortage so they asked us if we would host a blood drive," he said. As I understand it, many blood drives had to be canceled last year because of Covid which has put the nation's blood supply way behind. So when they asked, of course Chief Morrice said we'd be happy to host them."

All participants will be screened in the lobby with the fast acting test and will wait in the community room to be called

upon. When called, they go over to the fire side of the building to the Bloodmobile.

"All Covid precautions will taken and we hope the public will come participate," Brooks said.

All donors will receive a \$5 gift card for Dunkin' Donuts. If you have questions about your potential eligibility, email BloodDonor@Partners.org or call 617-632-3206.

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School Start Times *continued from page 1*

"If we were able to start everybody at the same time, we would almost have to double our fleet of buses," he said, which would bring the total number of buses to roughly 26. "The Coakley drives most of this as they utilize all 13 of our buses due to the geographic location of that school... It would cost an additional \$1.3 million to have all the schools start at the same time at 8:30 a.m. It isn't fiscally feasible and it doesn't adhere to our budget nor the pledges we made at the override."

But he did say there may be room for having late returning buses for high school and middle school students who participate in sports or after-school activities.

"That's something we can determine once we have things nailed down," he said. "There is wiggle time in the schedule."

Residents who participated in the survey in February (about 1,300) stated in their answers that they would prefer a school year 2022 start for the new start times, as public transportation at the MBTA is shaky at best and many parents are experiencing times of uncertainty in their working situations. While many are still working from home, there's no guarantee that will or won't be changing come fall. The full results of each survey (elementary, middle school and high school) can be found at Norwood.k12.ma.us/sc/school-start-time-subcommittee.

Extended Day Program

Director Kristin Capezio noted that traditionally the program has run from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., but she said the program might have to shift to a 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. or 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. start time to cater to the new start/end times for classes. However, she said that's not really a problem.

"The Extended Day Program has provided after-school care from the hours of 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. for quite some time," she said. "This option of going 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. or 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. is actually more tailored to actual hours of usage than it's ever been in the past and I think that needs to be noted."

Stewart pointed out that in the 2019 survey, there were as many parents who responded that they would need childcare if the changes proposed here were made as there were who stated that they would no longer need childcare if the changes took place, making it a null issue.

"And I think that's not only true for our community of parents but also for our community of staff," she said.

Coakley Principal Margo Frazek warned that there will be issues of childcare for her staff and probably those of other schools, but she pointed out there have been issues for

staff childcare for years at the current start times, especially since each staff member's childcare issues will change over time.

"Kids grow up, it's really annoying," she said with a laugh. "I think all three levels have childcare issues that are probably pretty equitable across the board. I think the issues there will remain. In other words, if we don't make a change there will be staff who have childcare issues. As I've said, over the past four years we've had staff members who weren't able to join our NPS team for no other reason than trying to find childcare before 7 a.m. not being a feasible thing to do."

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Ask The Doctor

Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns an 8-bay center in Middleboro, MA. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.

Dear Doctor: I have a front-wheel drive 2010 Toyota Highlander. At any speed, as I first apply the brake to begin to slow, the pedal gradually depresses which is protocol. But as I continue pressing it feels like the pedal slightly stops and then continues to depress. Stopping is not affected and it doesn't go to the floor. It's not a smooth depressing feel -- but as if something's catching it midway through the depressing stage. --Fensterblau

A) First you need to pull the wheels and check the brake caliper slides and the caliper piston operation. This is the first step even before bleeding the system. This vehicle is known for having front caliper piston problems and binding from rusted brake pads and caliper pins.

Dear Doctor: My 2001 Chrysler PT Cruiser has 150,000 miles and still drives nicely. In the past year it developed a problem of the engine cutting out when I either take my foot off the gas, or when I come to a stop. Sometimes this does not happen for weeks on, but other times it happens two or three time on the same day. I've been using bottles of fuel injector cleaner, and have also taken this car to my local mechanic to clean the fuel injector system to no avail. What could be my issue? --Louis

A) The first step is a check of any fault codes. Second, a road test with the scan tool connected and watch the idle control motor position. A lazy idle control motor, throttle position sensor, lazy EGR valve (slow to close). A check of the fuel filter and fuel pressure. These are all a good starting point.

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.

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APRIL 5, 2021

TOWN OF NORWOOD

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Norwood in said County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Norwood qualified to vote in elections to meet in the various voting precincts designated for their districts in Norwood on Monday, the Fifth day of April, 2021 at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following:

To choose all necessary Town officers. The following are to be chosen by ballot, namely: One Selectmen for three years; one Moderator for one year; one Member of the Board of Health for three years; One Member of School Committee for three years; Two Members of the Finance Commission for three years; Two Trustees of the Morrill Memorial Library for three years; One Trustee of the Morrill Memorial Library for one year (to fill a vacancy); One Member of the Town Planning Board for five years; One Member of the Norwood Housing Authority for five years; Ten Town Meeting Members for District One for three years; One Town Meeting Member for District One for one year (to fill a vacancy); Ten Town Meeting Members for District Two for three years; One Town Meeting Member for District Two for two years (to fill a vacancy); Ten Town Meeting Members for District Three for three years; One Town Meeting Member for District Three for two years (to fill a vacancy); Ten Town Meeting Members for District Four for three years; One Town Meeting Member for District Four for one year (to fill a vacancy); Ten Town Meeting Members for District Five for three years; Four Town Meeting Members for District Five for two years (to fill a vacancy); One Town Meeting Member for District Five for one year (to fill a vacancy); Ten Town Meeting Members for District Six for three years; Ten Town Meeting Members for District Seven for three years; Two Town Meeting Members for District Seven for two years (to fill a vacancy); Ten Town Meeting Members for District Eight for three years; One Town Meeting Member for District Eight for two years (to fill a vacancy); Ten Town Meeting Members for District Nine for three years.

For these purposes, the polls will be open at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon and shall be kept open until 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon when they may be closed.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in ten public places in this Town seven days at least before the time and day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Norwood this ninth day of March, 2021.

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BROYER

Michael James, decorated Vietnam Veteran and retired Norwood Detective Michael James Broyer, age 73, passed away on February 27, 2021. The son of the late James and Helen Broyer. Father of Jessica Nassif, Sarah Noble, Ashley Sanford, Rebecca Pulcini, and Connelly Broyer. Grandfather to Jon, Abdullah, Michael, Mary, Alyssa, Adrain, and Shelby. Michael was a highly decorated Vietnam veteran who served two tours and received a Bronze Star with Valor and Two Purple Hearts. He was a combat medic paratrooper in the 101st Airborne. He is a University of North Carolina Chapel Hill Alumni. Memorial Services will be held at a future date. He will be laid to rest in West Roxbury, next to his beloved parents and brother.

DOUCETTE

Robert Francis Doucette Jr., 63, of East Walpole passed away March 14, 2021 surrounded by his loving family. Born September 15, 1957 to Robert and Marie (Golden) Doucette in Germany. Robert was a graduate of Norwood High School. He then proudly served as a member of the United States Coast Guard. Robert dedicated 34 years to the Norwood Police Department, retiring as Sgt. during his time at NPD he was active in the honor guard. Robert also served on the board for the Norwood Circle of Hope. He was passionate about cooking and loved to dance. Robert is survived by his beloved wife, Martha (Feibelman) Doucette; his children, Sarah and Douglas Doucette; his adored grandchildren Lily and Ava; his loving siblings, Karen Glavin, Christine Blake, David Doucette; and many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held on Friday March 19, 2021 from 3 to 7pm at Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., Norwood. Funeral Mass will be held at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Norwood at 11am on Saturday March 20, 2021, with interment to follow at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Relatives and friends are invited to view the Mass live by visiting: stcatherinenorwood.org (click "view Mass live" on right side of homepage). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may

be made in Robert's honor to the Circle of Hope, PO Box 421, Norwood, MA 02062 GilloolyFuneralHome.com

GALLANT

James R., of Norwood, Massachusetts, died on March 10th, 2021 at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston after a short illness. Born in Norwood on April 29, 1959, he was the beloved youngest son of the late John B. and Simonne L. Gallant of Norwood. A 1977 graduate of Norwood High School, Jim also took some journalism courses at Suffolk University in Boston. Jim had a small circle of friends who were very loyal to him, and he returned the same loyalty to them. One of Jim's major interests was the ill-fated ocean liner R.M.S. Titanic, which sank on its maiden voyage in April, 1912. He was a member of the Titanic Historical Society. Jim was the adoptive father of Amanda York in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. He is survived by his brother Joseph and his companion Christine Egan of Norwood. He is also survived by the aforementioned group of loyal friends. Funeral arrangements were private, and handled by the Folsom-May Funeral Home in Norwood.

JEWELL

RUTH T. (McCarthy) of Norwood passed away on March 11, 2021 at the age of 98. Beloved wife of the late George M. Jewell. Devoted mother of Michael P. Jewell and his wife Sheila of Randolph and Shirley A. Amoruso and her husband Louis of Mansfield. Sister of the late Raymond McCarthy, Paul McCarthy and Jackie Jackson. Sister in law of Florence Jewell of CA. Daughter of the late Patrick and Catherine (Curran) McCarthy. Cherished grandmother of Elizabeth and Matt Lacasse, Michael D. Amoruso, Michelle and Jon Foley and Alissa and Jim Marengi. Great grandmother of Abigail, Ethan, Bria, Callie, Benjamin and Jewell. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Ruth was member of TOPS, KOPS, Women's Club and Sodality at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Norwood and AARP. She also volunteered for Meals on Wheels, Norwood Food Pantry and Nursing Home for Elks. A private funeral mass will be held at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Norwood and

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burial will be at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to Catholic TV PO Box 9196, 34 Chestnut Street Watertown, MA 02471 www.catholicstv.org/donate or to the SMA Father's 337 Common Street, Dedham, MA 02026 www.smafathers.org/donations

NARDELLI

ELIZABETH "Betty" A. (Caruso) a lifelong resident of Norwood passed away on March 12, 2021 at the age of 85. Beloved wife of Joseph P. Nardelli Sr. for 63 years. Devoted mother of Joseph P. Nardelli Jr. and his wife Kathy of Gardner, Mark A. Nardelli and his wife Cheryl of Norwood, Stephen J. Nardelli and his wife Lori of Walpole, David J. Nardelli and his wife Judy of Franklin and Lisa M. Puccia and her partner, William Sibilgia of Mansfield. A loving sister to Antoinette Campbell of Norwood and daughter of the late Giacomo Caruso and Frances (Giordano) Guertin-Caruso. Cherished grandmother, "Noni", to Amanda, Joseph, Michael, Mark, Nicholas, John, Jacquelyn, Alexandra, Francesca, David, Brittany, Brianna, and six great grandchildren. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Betty was a 1953 graduate of Norwood High School and later attended the Henry O. Peabody School. She retired as a sales representative for the Emerson-Swan company in Randolph working there for 32 years. Betty was a former member of the Canton Town Club and a devout parishioner of St. Catherine of Siena Church in Norwood. She loved to dance and was always the first one out on the dance floor. She also enjoyed cooking Italian dishes, reading in the sunshine, and most of all she cherished time spent with her family. Betty was a selfless and compassionate mother, so proud of all her children and their accomplishments. A funeral mass was held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood. Burial followed at St. Mary's Cemetery, Canton, MA. Arrangements by

the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the Alzheimer's Assoc., 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452. www.alz.org/manh

STAHL

Mary Wilson Kistler, Age 98, passed away peacefully on March 1, 2021 in Needham, MA. The daughter of Mary Collett Wilson Kistler and Charles Edmund Kistler, Mary was born on August 11, 1922 in Greensboro, NC, at her grandparents' home, and grew up in Morganton, NC. She graduated from St. Mary's High School in Raleigh, NC and attended Wellesley College, to which she remained devoted her entire life. Throughout her life, Mary pursued diverse passions: hometown Mimosa Festival Queen at age 18, hydroplane racer - the only woman competing against men - on Lake James in NC, X-ray technician at Grace Hospital, Morganton and Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, political campaigner for U.S. Senators Frank Porter Graham and Edward Brooke, III, first weather girl on WBZ TV in Boston, avid New England skier who once did Tuckerman's Ravine, Mt. Washington on Mother's Day, and enthusiastic scuba diver beginning at the age of 60 in the Bahamas, sometimes diving with three generations of family. Mary was first married to James Braxton Craven, Jr. in 1941 and had two sons, James Braxton Craven, III of Durham, NC and Stephen Kistler Craven of Honolulu, HI. In 1956, Mary married then Lt. Lawrence Edwin Stahl, USN, the love of her life. During his naval career, they lived all over the world. In retirement, they lived in Gulfstream, FL and continued to explore new countries around the globe. Ten years after Larry passed away, Mary moved to Westwood, MA to be closer to her daughters, Mary Powers of Dover and Betsy Wilkinson of Lexington. For many years, Mary and Larry spent six months a year in Dornoch, Scotland, where they developed many special friendships. Mary continued visiting Dornoch until she was 92. Throughout her life, Mary was very active in the Episcopal Church. Her volunteer activities extended beyond her church to various hospitals, US Navy family support groups, the Red Cross, the Junior League, the National Cathedral and THIS for Diplomats in Washington, DC and other organizations. In addition to her four children, Mary leaves behind nine loving grandchildren as well as seven nieces and nephews. Mary was predeceased by her husband Larry Stahl, her two beloved brothers Charles Edmund Kistler and Andrew Milton Kistler, II, and her grandson David Braxton Craven. The family will have a

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private Memorial Service, officiated by her son, Jim, an Episcopal minister, in the United States Naval Academy Chapel, and Mary will be interred with her husband on the grounds of the USNA, Annapolis, MD. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Library Foundation of Burke County, 204 South King St., Morganton, NC 28655. Kraw-KornackFuneralHome.com Family Owned and Operated 781-762-0482.

SWEENEY photo

Edward Joseph, Age 89, of Norwood, passed peacefully on March 10, 2021. Born October 5, 1931 to Joseph and Mary (McPartland) Sweeney, he was the beloved husband of the late Barbara (Dalton) Sweeney. Ed was passionate about life; awakening to a new day and experiencing what it had in store for him. He was an avid railroad fan; Ed authored rail publications and coordinated a local rail enthusiast group. He loved jazz, painting in oil and other mediums, building model trains, traveling, and gardening. Ed graduated from Boston University, then served in the United States Air Force. He worked for many years as the Director of Public Relations for GCA Corporation. He is survived by his loving children, Janet Rico and her husband Arthur of Wrentham, Patricia Fox and her husband David from Lottsburg, VA, and Joseph Sweeney and his wife Kathleen (Clifford) of New Canaan, CT. He leaves six grandchildren, Kaite, Michelle, Daniel, Matthew, Patrick, and Caroline. He was predeceased by his wife Barbara, and by his granddaughter, Lauren. Services will be private during this time of Covid-19. A Celebration of Ed's Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ed's memory to the Arc of Massachusetts, 217 South Street, Waltham, MA 02453, or online at: thearcofmass.org Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. 781-762-0174 GilloolyFuneralHome.com

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Fees are \$20 for both Male and Female dogs, \$15 for Spayed Female and Neutered Male. Certificate showing the dog was spayed or neutered must be shown. Rabies Certificate must also be shown.

Due to the Town Hall being closed all dog licenses have to be registered through the mail.

AUTHOR DESCRIBES RESEARCH PROCESS FOR NEW HISTORICAL WWII NOVEL

The Morrill Memorial Library and other Boston area libraries are partnering with Haley Booksellers to offer a fascinating program with local author, Jane Healy, on Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00 pm. Author of the bestselling "Beantown Girls," Jane will debut her newest novel this Spring. "The Secret Stealers" is based on the true stories of the women of the Office of Strategic Services, the precursor to the CIA, during World War II. This exhaustively researched historical novel follows an American woman spy who joins the French Resistance in Nazi-occupied France. In this virtual program, Jane Healey will walk us through the inspiration and the research behind "The Secret Stealers," the history of the Occupation of Paris and The French Resistance, and the characters and their connection to real life events.

Registration is required. To sign up and receive Zoom access, please visit the library's online events calendar at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or visit or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. If you're interested

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in purchasing an autographed copy of "The Secret Stealers" from a local bookseller, details will be provided at the program.

EASTER NATURE QUEST

Spring has sprung at Bird Park, and we're celebrating the season with an interactive Easter Nature Quest. On this quest, families and friends follow the bunny trail searching for 8 signs of spring at the park. Using a quest guide, participants learn about some of the park's flora and fauna and gather clues to figure out a secret message and find their way to the Easter Bunny! Each participant receives a bag of candy as a reward for completing the quest. Photos with the Easter Bunny are welcome. The "bunny trail" is about 0.5 miles with some parts paved. Recommended for ages 2-8, but all are welcome! Come on Friday, April 2 & Saturday, April 3; 1:00-4:00 pm. Presented by The Trustees. Event starts at the Music Court (stone stage) at Francis William Bird Park, East Walpole. Largest Parking Lot at Polley Lane (use "135 Polley Lane" for GPS). Preregistration required. Please register at <http://bit.ly/FWBParkEvents>. Registrants will receive event details via email. Questions? Please contact M a r a (mogara@thetrustees.org; 508.668.6136). For updates and announcements, please follow Bird Park programs on Facebook @friendsofbirdpark. Member Child \$6; Member Adult \$2; Nonmember Child \$8; Nonmember Adult \$4; Children under 2 Free.

GARDEN CLUB TO HOST VIRTUAL PROGRAM ON TREES & SHRUBS

The Norwood Evening Garden Club will virtually host Joann Vieira, the state-wide Di-

rector of Horticulture for The Trustees of Reservations on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The public is invited to attend for a \$5 donation. If you are interested in registering for this program, please send an email to membership@NorwoodEveningGardenClub.com.

Vieira is passionate about plants - trees and shrubs in particular - and will share some of her favorites, along with tips on sourcing and growing them. Come and learn more about distinctive trees and shrubs that will add interest and sophistication to your garden year-round. And learn which ones are fragrant, which ones have interesting form or winter presence, which ones have beautiful flowers and/or foliage and which ones are well suited to New England gardens.

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

WHEN THE IRISH INVADED CANADA: IT'S NO BLARNEY

Calling all history buffs and Irish enthusiasts! Join the Morrill Memorial Library via Zoom on Thursday, March 25 at 7:00 pm as New England author Christopher Klein tells us about a unique twist of Irish history in North America.

Just over a year after Robert E. Lee relinquished his sword, a band of Union and Confederate veterans dusted off their guns. These former foes, however, had no intention of reigniting the Civil War. Instead, they fought side by side to undertake one of the

most fantastical missions in military history: to seize the British province of Canada and hold it hostage until the independence of Ireland was secured. In this talk, learn the outlandish, little-known story of the self-proclaimed Irish Republican Army that carried out five attacks on Canada—known collectively as the Fenian Raids—between 1866 and 1871. With the tacit support of the U.S. government, this motley group—including a one-armed war hero, an English spy infiltrating rebel forces, and a radical who staged his own funeral—managed to seize a piece of America's northern neighbor, if only for a matter of days.

Registration is required for this program funded by the Friends of the Library. Please sign up by visiting the library's online events calendar at norwoodlibrary.org/wp-admin, or call the Reference desk with any questions at 781-769-0200 x2.

ABSENTEE BALLOT ELECTION INFORMATION

The Town Clerk's Office wishes to inform the registered voters in the Town, anyone that wishes to Vote Absentee in the upcoming Annual Town Election, Monday, April 5, 2021, MUST complete an Absentee Ballot Application before a ballot can be mailed to them.

The deadline to apply for an Absentee Ballot to be Mailed out is **TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021**.

An Absentee Ballot Application can be found on the Town of Norwood website or you can call the Town Clerk's Office 781-762-1240.

All Absentee Ballots are due back to the Town Clerk's Office on or before Monday, April 5, 2021 at 8:00 PM.

Absentee Ballots can be dropped off in the Drop Boxes at Town Hall or returned through the mail.

TOWN OF NORWOOD - INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Town of Norwood, acting through the Norwood Memorial Airport Commission, invites sealed bid proposals for furnishing all labor and materials and performing all work in connection with a construction contract at the Norwood Memorial Airport, Norwood, Massachusetts as follows:

CONSTRUCT TAXIWAY D (200' X 35') AND RUNWAY APPROACH OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL AIP No. 3-25-0037-XX Contract # NAC-21-01

The sealed bid proposals will be received until 11:00 A.M., Verizon Time, April 19, 2021, at the Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington St., 3rd Floor, Norwood, Massachusetts 02062, at which time and place all bids will be opened and read aloud via a virtual video conference. Bids are to be mailed via the U.S. Postal Service, Fedex, UPS, or delivered to the Town Hall mailbox located beneath the Town Hall tower at the corner of Nahatan Street and Washington Street or to the greeter located at Door #1 at Norwood Town Hall. Proposals must still be delivered prior to 11:00 A.M. Call 781-762-1240, x6036 to confirm delivery.

Taxiway D Construction Bid Opening Mon, Apr 19, 2021 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (EDT)

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Bid documents will be made available beginning March 19, 2021. A prebid conference will be held via a virtual video conference at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday March 31, 2021 to review the project and site conditions.

Pre-Bid Conference - Taxiway D Construction

Wed, Mar 31, 2021 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (EDT)

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A certified check or bid bond in an amount not less than 5% of the bid price for the Contract work will be required from each bidder. The bid security, made payable to Town of Norwood, shall be as described under INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS.

A performance bond and payment bond in the amount of 100% of the award amount shall be submitted by the successful bidder within 10 calendar days of the award.

Drawings and Specifications may only be obtained electronically by registering and downloading at: <https://bids.norwoodma.gov>.

A planholder's list can be obtained at the Town's website at purchasing.norwoodma.gov.

The proposed development to be accomplished under this Contract will be subject to the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) requirements of 41 CFR Part 60 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act; the Commonwealth of Massachusetts EEO, Anti-Discrimination and Affirmative Action Programs; and the Town of Norwood Affirmative Action Plan and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Plan set aside for this work.

All Federal, State and local DBE/MBE/WBE forms and documentation must be submitted with the bid. SOMWBA Certification of DBE's is a requirement.

Assurance and/or Certification statements of the Bidder as provided in the bid documents must be executed (signed) and submitted at the time of the bid opening. These certifications are intended to satisfy the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Massachusetts Department of Transportation - Aeronautics Division (MassDOT), and Town laws relative to the non-segregation, non-discrimination, and DBE practices.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Orders No. 11246, 10925, 11114 and any amendments or supplements to those Execu-

tive Orders to ensure equal employment opportunity. Bidders will be expected to comply with DBE requirements of 49CFR part 23. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the contract documents.

Attention of bidders, is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment, the minimum wage rates to be paid under this contract and to procedures under the appropriate sections, as amended, of the General Laws of Massachusetts and the Federal Government.

The successful bidder shall be required to submit documentation that all employees to be employed in the work subject to this bid have successfully completed a course in construction safety and health approved by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration that is at least 10 hours in duration. Any employee found on a worksite subject to this section without documentation of successful completion of a course in construction safety and health approved by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration shall be subject to immediate removal.

The Norwood Memorial Airport Commission reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids, or to accept any other than the lowest bidder, should it be deemed to be in the best interest of the Commission to do so.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within ninety (90) days after actual date of the bid opening.

Awarding Authority

Norwood Memorial Airport Commission.

Norwood Memorial Airport
Norwood, Massachusetts

Norwood Record 3/18/2021

Monday, March 8

0839 Other - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Hemlock St N463, on private detail, request cruiser for courtesy transport. N674 handled same.

1031 Initiated - Citizens Complaint State DPW/Norwood DPW Notified Location/Address: Berwick St N407 reports ice around water gate, maybe pipe leaking.

1040 Walk-In - Found Syringe Services Rendered Location/Address: Bank Of America (Atm) - Nahatan St Party in lobby reports syringe in lot. N674 properly disposed of same.

1146 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Plymouth Dr Report friend's trunk is open and no answer at the door and/or phone. N662 reports trunk closed upon arrival, no one answering at apartment, friend will try cell phone again and recall police if no response.

1152 Phone - Warrant Of Apprehension *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Mountain Ave N667 places subject under arrest and N667, with N666 following, transports directly to Dedham District Court.

21-4737 1555 911 - Report Of Fire Services Rendered Location/Address: St Timothys Church - Nichols St Garbage truck forced to dump its load due to fire. NFD, DPW notified and responded.

2348 911 - Disturbance *Complaint/Summons Location/Address: Mobil Gas - Rte 1/Dean - Bos-Prov Hwy Passerby reports a possible argument between a customer and a cashier. N666, N663, N661 responded. As a result, Don & Wally's towed Ma. Reg# 2FDY89 FOR (revoked inc.) Driver and passenger made arrangements for pickup.

Tuesday, March 9

0624 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: St John Ave Nurse from Westwood Dialysis Center (781) 326-9985 called to check on patient who missed appointment. N678

spoke with her and she is fine and will call them.

1019 Phone - Assist Other Agency Spoken To Location/Address: Cedar St N435 and vice principal check on student.

1107 Phone - Well Being Chk Transported To Hospital Location/Address: Bahama Dr Report neighbor not answering door/phone. N665 reports she has fallen inside apartment. NFD and Complex Maintenance sent. NFD transported to hospital.

1202 Initiated - Assist Other Agency Taken/Referred To Other Agency Location/Address: [Ded] Lenscrafter's - Bos-Prov N680, on another call, reports a male ripped side view mirror off car and was banging on car's windows, he left on foot towards Starbucks, car left area. Dedham notified and N680 coordinated watching and assisting them locating him. Dedham will handle.

1339 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Albemarle Rd Subject advised who was moving driveway markers for snow removal. #458 working with him also.

1743 Phone - SUSP VEHICLE SPOKEN TO Location/Address: BALCH SCHOOL ACCT# 1379D - WASHINGTON ST Caller reports MA PC 2TJJ31 has been running with no one inside for the last hour. N667 spoke to the owner he mistakingly left it running.

1901 Phone - Forge/Counterf *Report Filed Location/Address: la Pizza - Walpole St Employee states he received a counterfeit twenty dollar bill.

2133 911 - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Lenox St Officers stood by while a party retrieved property.

2220 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Plimpton Ave Caller wishes to speak to an officer regarding an upstairs neighbor's noise level. All parties advised, satisfied.

2255 911 - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Buckminster Dr

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Caller reports hearing what she believed to be two gunshots coming from somewhere in the area. All quiet upon arrival. Officers spoke to multiple residents who did not hear anything.

Wednesday, March 10

0045 Initiated - Susp Person Spoken To Location/Address: Lucky Mart Inc - Washington St N668 reports male party hanging out in front of Lucky Mart. Party known to Sargeant. Spoken to and sent on his way.

1047 Phone - Civil Dispute Spoken To Location/Address: Talbot Ave Caller reports a company that has done work on her house is harassing her and her husband. N677 spoke to that party and she was advised.

1403 Phone - Larceny Under Investigation Location/Address: Norwood Healthcare - Washington St Report Apple I-Phone missing. Caller is Health Care Proxy to patient and she will speak with home today and recall officer tomorrow. Under investigation.

1429 Phone - Assaults *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwood Healthcare - Washington St Report patient on patient assault last evening. N661 spoke to other staff, reporting party got busy running the facility and cannot come to the phone. Will call back. 1535mHrs- Call back-report filed.

1732 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Codman Rd Caller reports his son was threatened by some other kids in the neighborhood. N664 spoke to the father and will follow up with the SRO officer.

1756 Initiated - Susp Vehicle *Report Filed Location/Address: Plymouth Dr MA PC 92V480 unoccupied with suspended registration. Plates seized, owner notified.

2108 911 - Hit And Run *Re-

port Filed Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports MA PC 3FBG29 struck her vehicle and continued southbound on Route One. BOLO to the cars and surrounding cities and towns. N663 located that vehicle unoccupied at 293 Lenox Street.

2323 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Hill St Party advised of loud television, turning it down.

Thursday, March 11

0702 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Walpole St + George Willet Pkwy Caller reports male party with gray hoodie is whacking street signs. NN678, N669 responded. Spoken to by N678 and sent on his way

0712 Phone - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Mountain Ave + Roosevelt Ave Caller reports while out walking his dog he was approached by a black male wearing blue jeans and blue hoodie that started screaming at him and his dog. Party walked home and called P.D.. Officers checked area but did not locate. N667 spoke with caller.

1104 Cellular - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: 800 - Washington St Caller reports she corralled a loose dog, no tags. N.A.C.O. notified and responded.

1245 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Albemarle Rd + Harrow Rd Subject taking pictures of cars and houses from the road. W/M no shirt. Local resident advised and known to the Officers and consistent behavior.

1501 Phone - Animal Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Orleans Rd Dogs from 46 Chatham in his backyard. NACO responds. Citation issued by him. Dogs back at 46

2016 911 - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reports her boyfriend will not leave the residence. N667 reports that party is

going to leave for the night.

2238 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Wedgewood Dr + Robinwood Rd Caller reports a tractor trailer is dropping off vehicles and revving the engines. N669 spoke to that driver and he will try to keep the noise level down, he also asked if they could pick up the cars earlier in the day.

Friday, March 12

0625 Phone - Susp Person Spoken To Location/Address: Pleasant St Caller reports a female party is walking around his yard taking items. N667 reports that party was looking through peoples trash, no items taking she was advised and sent on her way.

1249 Phone - Assist Fire Dept Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: Dean St Outside burn investigation.

1635 Phone - Be On The Lookout Area Search Negative BOLO out of Foxboro for NY PC KJJ1896 was involved in a road rage incident, possibly traveling on route 1 south, a fire arm was shown. BOLO sent to the cars 1635 Hrs. Units searched the area.

1808 911 - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Building 3t2 - Buckminster Dr Caller reports her storage unit was broken into.

1857 Phone - Assist Fire Dept Police & Fire Notified/Respond Location/Address: St George Ave Medical alert alarm. NACO on scene for a dog inside. Resident not home.

2217 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Jefferson Dr Caller reports she can hear arguing in the house next door. N663 spoke to those parties they report it was a verbal argument between mother and son.

2247 911 - Citizens Complaint Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: Cedar St Caller reports neighbor is having a fire in

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his yard, the caller is concerned with the wind the fire may spread. FD notified.

Saturday, March 13

0203 911 - Assist Citizen Transported To Hospital Location/Address: Norwest Dr Third party caller states her friend is outside and has fallen. NFD was already responding to that call for service prior to 911 call. Caller was advised of pending response. NFD transported to BI Needham.

1028 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Eric Ct Report 2 B/M's, both wearing blue scull caps, standing outside a white car that pulled into complex

with B/M operator, they are fidgety and anxious. N669 reports both car and persons were gone upon arrival, spoke to caller.

1122 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Jefferson Dr Party in lobby with her 8yoa son, he is stealing things. N674 sent. Mother and son left station before officer's arrival.

1137 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Douglas Ave Report of a white van, back doors open, with a W/M that appears to have 5-10 gasoline cans outside van, first house on the right after the bakery. N667 reports GOA.

1207 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Nichols St Report dog that N.A.C.O. is trying to catch is in area.

1917 911 - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: Countryside Ln Caller would like his son spoken to and or removed from the residence. N661 spoke to the son and caller and reports there was a verbal argument over dinner.

1928 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Oakleigh Rd

Sunday, March 14

0317 Phone - Susp Activity Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Dominos Pizza -

Washington St Caller reports suspicious activity with several cars going up to end of street behind Domino's. N674,N664 responded. No vehicles at the end of street. GOA

1022 Phone - Well Being Chk *Report Filed Location/Address: Hill St Caller requests a wellness check on his elderly mother. Subject was not at her apartment. BOLO given to cars. Party later called in all set.

1607 Phone - Motor Vehicle Accident *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy + Everett St Multiple 911 calls for a MVA, caller reports parties from one of the vehicles involved took off from the scene. N664 reports all parties were located. Refer To In-

cident: 21-230-OF Refer To P/C: 21-63-AR P/C: Carter, Devaughn Lamont Address: 22 St Paul Ave Norwood, Ma Age: 22 Charges: A&B A&B On Police Officer Refer To Accident: 21-69-AC

1608 Phone - Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Caller reports a verbal argument at her neighbor's apartment. Female party left prior to arrival.

1636 Phone - Well Being Chk *Protective Custody Location/Address: Surrey Rd Caller reports a verbal argument between family members. Walpole PD responded. N667 returns with one female to the station in protective custody S/M 24271.6, 1735 Hrs, E/M 24273.8, 1741 Hrs.

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in the future and we need to be starting to step away from it and recognizing that it's going to be a process."

Ruggiero said he felt it would make more sense to promote Norwood Light and programs for electric heating systems. He said Norwood Light has about 100 to 150 residents hooked up for electric heat and it would be a good idea to use the municipal light department to promote electric heat. The group agreed to both promote electric heat but also help residents with natural gas systems to use them as efficiently as possible.

"As diplomatically as possible," Ruggiero said with a laugh.

Help Wanted: Garage Mechanic

The Boston Catholic Cemetery Association has an upcoming position available for a Garage Mechanic. This is a perfect position for the semi-retired mechanic/jack of all trades with a flexible schedule.

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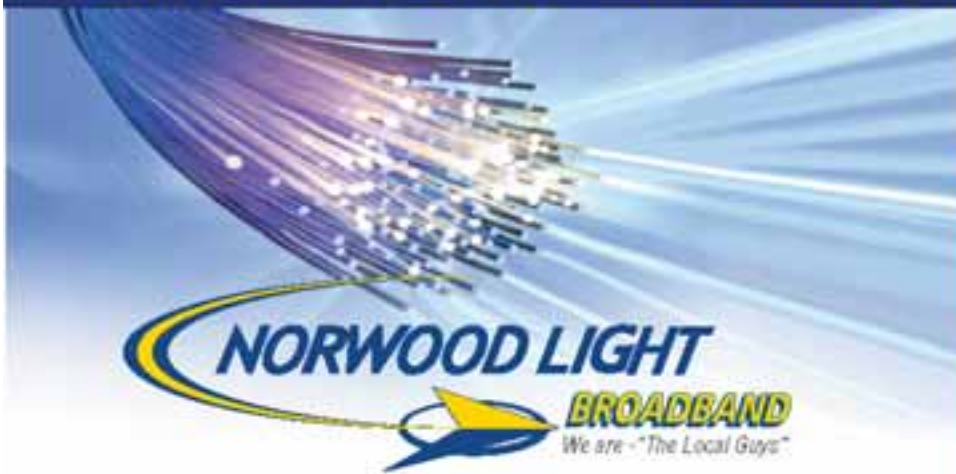
Norwood Police mourns retired Officer Doucette



Norwood Police Department (NPD) Chief William Brooks and the department announced this week that recently retired NPD Sgt. Bob Doucette passed away on Sunday in Boston. He retired three-and-a-half years ago following 34 years working in Norwood at the department. His career followed his service at the United States Coast Guard. The department stated he was active in the Norwood Circle of Hope Charity – which selects families and individuals in need of funds for cancer treatment – and he marched during Town events and parades in the NPD Honor Guard. Sgt. Doucette, fondly known as "Douce" to his friends and co-workers, was well liked and admired by all who knew him, according to the department. The NPD will observe a seven-day period of mourning effective immediately, with all officers will wearing a horizontal mourning band on all shields

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