



Veterans Service Agent Ted Mulvehill led the parade on Thursday to the Norwood Common ceremony, which saw a much higher turnout than previous years.

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Veterans Day sees big, thankful turnout

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

A few hundred residents, veterans, musicians and marchers came out for the annual Norwood Celebration of Veterans Day on Nov. 11 on Washington Street and at the Town Common.

Norwood Veterans Agent Ted Mulvehill led the ceremony, which included speakers from Town government and several musical interludes from the Colonial Boys and Colonial Pipers. Mulvehill said the celebration was his favorite time of the year.

"Fourth of July is great, it's a big party and it's our birthday," Mulvehill said. "But Veterans Day, well, it's the best day to me personally. And I'm being very selfish about that, but it's because we can thank our veterans in person. This is the day where we can walk up to the guy down the street, or the lady behind the counter, or the mailman or the firefighter or the police officer or public official who we know is a veteran and say thank you

and shake their hand and tell them how much we appreciate their service and sacrifice on behalf of us all."

Mulvehill said he was touched by the large turnout from his Town.

"It fills my heart with civic pride to see a gathering like this where elected officials, fraternal organizations, veterans organizations, police, fire and citizens can come in and enjoy each others' company and celebrate a holiday that means so much."

Board of Selectmen member Bill Plasko remarked that though the day is a solemn observance, it isn't just a solemn occasion.

"Today's activities are often referred to as an observance, which is an action represented by ritual, which is what we do here every Nov. 11 paying tribute to veterans on Veterans Day," he said. "However, I prefer to consider it a celebration. A day of action that marks one's

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NAC Meeting, Nov. 10, 2021 (back corner, Chris Donovan. front Robert Brew of BHH).

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

Airport Commission, BEH at odds over chopper landings

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Airport Commission (NAC) met on Nov. 10 for a meeting that ran just over an hour, most of which was spent on a discussion and vote concerning differing interpretations of the Airport's authorized helicopter landing/parking areas.

The matter focused on unauthorized helicopter operations on the west apron, leased by Boston Executive Helicopters (BEH), one of the Airport's two fixed based operators (FBOs) and the plaintiff in a federal lawsuit against the Town and the Airport.

Airport Manager Russ Maguire listed incidents where choppers from BEH and Blue Hill Helicopters (BHH) had landed on the apron, and two more where transient helicopters had landed there on Nov. 4. He recommended that action be taken against BEH, acknowledging that neither of the latter two he-

licopters belonged to it, but that at least one of them had been ground transported to its hangar by staff.

"I do have concerns that, again, we've got helicopters operating on an unauthorized apron of the Airport, which is counter to what we have in the FAA chart supplement, and what we have in our regulations," Maguire explained. There are helipads at either end of the main taxiway, with five at its south end and four at its north end, near the west apron.

BEH President Christopher Donovan was permitted to speak from where he sat, occasionally consulting a stack of paperwork that he held on his lap. "What chart supplement is he representing or referencing? Because the airport facility diagram doesn't show anything on authorized or unauthorized helicopter operations, nor do the rules and regulations of the Airport, nor do

Airport

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HI GUYS,

There have been a myriad of activities for the children around Town lately. I think that's great since it seems as though they have been in hibernation over the past many months. Certainly not the childhood most of my generation was fortunate enough to have! The 5-to-11 year old kids have also been lucky to have the necessary vaccine made available to them beginning last week at NHS. Sejal, our Pharmacist from Norwood Pharmacy inoculated a large number of the children. Sejal also did inoculations at the Senior Center, the Housing Authority, and Nahatan Village. Don't know what we would do without his services!

REALLY!

Our national news has reported that the Biden administration is proposing that the IRS have free reign to go in and look at all our accounts that are \$600 or more (and for what reason do you think?). Should we first check the president and the accounts of elected members of Congress to locate from whence their dollars came?

NFD

Our department is on the go 24/7 with tremendous wear and tear on our ambulances due to the lack of caring and of factual information from Steward, the unfortunate owners of our Norwood Hospital. Will it remain as did the old Stop and Shop on Central that we unfortunately did not take by eminent domain? The wear on our apparatus is of course going to cost much more than usual. Fire Chief Hayes was interviewed by the local news recently and stated that it is certainly costing more to run our ambulances, being out of Town many times daily, and he has not been contacted by anyone from the great

Town and Country

Steward organization that seems to be looking everywhere else to purchase more property. Where is their professionalism? We feel very sorry for the excellent staff that has served our Town and the patients from many other towns for so many years. I have tremendous respect for all the professionals that worked at the NH as you are the ones that make it the great hospital that it has been seemingly forever, present owners excluded. Without you, they would be at a tremendous loss! How are most surviving and will they be willing to work for Steward again if Steward ever does the right thing...Although, many would like to see our Town own the hospital again as it did many years ago. Do you remember our Director, Mr. Richardson, he was great! Miss Peterson was Director of food services on the floors, Ruth Abraham, RN, was Director of Nursing, and of course, Arthur Myette, Chef Extraordinaire. Do you remember the delicious Regina Salad? Arthur prepared everything from scratch. I remember seeing at least 30 turkeys lined up on the counter ready to be plated for the patients on Thanksgiving Day. He was the best, and I can still picture Jenny Babel, RN, in her whites waiting for the bus just about every day ready to serve her patients. Those were good days in comparison. Working for Miss Peterson was my first job at 14 years old. You did what you were told or you had no job!

DISPATCH.....AGAIN!

Just because the state says they are going to give money to clog together a combined dispatch means very little, other



Jackie Saber

than something political. Why are the towns that touch our borders, and many more, smart enough to refuse to be a combined dispatch? It is unnecessary silliness that can cause a myriad of problems which include the possibility of a death, especially with a heart-related condition. A very SMALL handful of people seem to be the ones that are making the decision about the lives of all of our citizens and for those that come to the NH from other towns. Has any one of them sat for a full shift as a dispatcher to see what really takes place and how our incredible dispatchers from the PD and FD handle every different situation professionally and correctly? Probably not. A few years ago, I sat in at the FD Dispatch Center and was blown away by their knowledge. It's not just.....send this or that out and everything will be okay. Far from it. They and the PD know so much more than a silly computer on the wall can tell them! Their experience is top notch. To go into detail would take too long, it is so technical in

each department. They know the workings of their department. and know all the ins and outs of the people that they deal with. A stranger calling them from another location after looking at a computer doesn't cut it. It is NOT Norwood. Let's keep Our Town Our Town, like most of our smart neighbors. WAKE UP NORWOOD...Don't let a few people change our lives in OUR TOWN for the worse...SPEAK UP! If you are reading this, please talk with your friends and neighbors and let them know of this ridiculous situation. Please tell them of the possibilities of such a negative unnecessary issue. Let's get together and be a Town that has always, for the most part, melded together to do the best for all of our family and friends in Norwood. The issue is extremely serious!!

Please e-mail our Town Manager, Tony Mazzucco, with your opinions. Managers@Norwoodma.gov. Direct dial is 781-762-1240, to leave a message. I know of two incredible gentlemen [I'll give you a hint] they both had the same first name, and had positions of authority in Our Town, who are now retired. If this information had somehow crossed their desks, it would have been simply denied, as these two gentlemen loved this Town as if it were their own and would never hurt or take a chance of hurting any of our citizens. By the way, there is another issue that pops up if our dispatch leaves Town. We will not have 100% power to hire or fire any dispatcher if need be. I noticed a sign in the ground in Walpole that statedWe Are A 911 Town. If this is passed by a very small handful of individuals, NORWOOD WILL NEVER BE A 911 TOWN EVER AGAIN!!!!

JOYOUS TIME OF YEAR...CHRISTMAS AND HANUKKAH

Our Town's common will, hopefully, again display the Nativity and the Menorah. But...where is the Nativity in front of the Balch?? Just because one person rode into Town and said the Nativity is injurious to the children...we crumbled and removed it after almost 80 years. The ACLU

and judge were wrong...The first amendment states "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or PROHIBITING the free exercise thereof." The Nativity represents a philosophy. Let's stop this silliness, put the Nativity back where it belongs!

IS IT A POSSIBILITY?

The beautiful Morse House sits basically idle when it could be used for education....How about making it Our Town's Music and Art Center. Piano teachers along with other instrumental instructors and art teachers could really help many kids, not only from Our Town, but from others also.

MEMORY ETERNAL

The untimely passing of our Board of Selectmen member, David Hajjar, was a shock. David worked tirelessly for Our Town for many years! His work was greatly appreciated! God Bless his family and know that we send our very sincere condolences. Memory Eternal, David.

I also want to send my sincere condolences to the family of the recently departed, Helena Allen. She was a dear friend, always smiling, helpful, kind and full of laughter. It's been quite a few years, but you might remember Helena behind the jewelry counter at TJ Maxx where she designed the cases and prepared her jewelry for show every day for 20 plus years in Our Town. She was the best! We loved you and we always will. Memory Eternal, Helena

A LIFT ASSIST CALL, or as I thought!

A short time ago I called the NFD for a Lift assist for my husband. One of our super dispatchers, as they ALL are, Colleen Diblasi, took my info and immediately dispatched the ambulance which I could hear on the road within a minute. John Campisano and Dave Lazzaro arrived helping my husband up. To my surprise they immediately said he should go to the hospital due to the fact they saw a serious issue. If it weren't for John and Dave things might have been very different. Thank you for everything you did. You guys are the best!

BYE GUYS, fall is here and the buds are on my Rhodies, so that tells me we will probably see another spring.

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If "Check's in the mail" no guarantee it gets there

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Norwood Police Chief William Brooks and Norwood Fire Chief David Hayes came before the Norwood Board of Selectmen on Nov. 16 at the Board's regular meeting.

Brooks discussed a recent criminal operation in which scammers use glue or other sticky material to fish mail out of U.S. Post Office Mail Boxes.

"It continues to be a problem and it's kind of the new crime over the last year," he said. "Criminal rings have figured out how to do this where they will take a soda bottle, wrap it in fly paper or they'll dunk it in a gummy substance, tie it with string and then drop it in a mailbox and jostle it around, pull the mail out that's stuck to it and then they'll look for the mail that has checks in it."

Brooks said the criminal ring involves several different groups of people working in concert to take those checks, wash them, rewrite them and then deposit them.

"They wash the checks and that takes all the ink off the check, with the exception of what's been written on by the bank," he said. "They will fill it out to a new person in a new amount and then they take that check to a bank and then negotiate the check, usually for a much higher amount."

Brooks said there are two big problems in their dealing with the perpetrators because with older mail boxes it only takes about a minute or so to fish out the mail, so it's hard to catch these people in the act.

"The other issue is that the victim doesn't realize there's a problem with the check until they get their bank statement or the person calls back saying 'I've been waiting for that check and you never mailed it to me,'" he said. "There's that lag between when they actually mail the check and when the theft is re-

alized, and then we have to try and scramble and figure out when the check was mailed, who was the person, etc."

Brooks said they have made arrests in these cases on several ends of the scam, but he said it's still slow going. He said soon hopefully, the mailboxes will be changed over to a new box design that prevents this kind of theft.

"The one at the post office is a good example (new design), where you can't pull down the door anymore, there's a slit instead. And there are one-way fibers inside, so if you were to slide a letter in, you can actually hear and feel the letter going through those fibers and you can't get it back out. A lot of mailboxes have been retrofitted, but others haven't. Checks that have been mailed on Vanderbilt have been stolen and a mailbox on Rock Street has been hit a number of times, and so we're taking inventory of mailboxes to figure out which ones have been retrofitted and which haven't."

Regarding the fire department Chief Hayes said they are working to replace the self-contained breathing apparatuses currently used, but it's slow going. He said the ones they have still work, but are not rated to the temperature the National Fire Protection Association wants.

"We got \$25,000 (grant) and we think we're going to try to use it for 40 new personal safety meters," he said, which sound an alarm if a firefighter is alone and falls over for a period of time.

Hayes said, however, that the current price hikes of materials and transportation issues have made purchasing these items more complicated than they would have been otherwise.

"These items were \$528 in May, and they're \$594 now," he said. "We're seeing that across the board with everything. However, on a positive note Town Purchasing Agent Cathy

Carney and Deputy John Cody saved us about \$40,000 in price increases over this past Veterans Day. John spent Veterans Day with the president of the company we're buying the fire truck from and Cathy pushed the paperwork through here to save \$40,000 on the price increase. The price of the truck actually went up \$70,000 from last spring already, and that represents a significant savings."

Hayes said even though price increases in equipment will hit them hard this year, he said they will stay within their budgeted amount for new equipment.

"We'll reuse something, we'll manage," he said.

In other news, the Board approved a request from the Norwood 150th Committee to use the Town Common for the First Night Celebration of the 150th from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Dec. 31. The Board also approved a request from same to send out a flyer with the next electricity bill informing residents of upcoming 150th events and First Night.

Town Manager Tony Mazucco said there will also be a presentation of the events coming to the Board in the next few weeks.

"We do have a website, NorwoodMA150.gov. We are really starting to ramp up with the 150 and I know we've been talking about it since before COVID so I would encourage residents to go to that site," he said.



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TOWN OF NORWOOD
APPLICATION FOR RETAIL WINE AND MALT BEVERAGES PACKAGE GOODS STORE LICENSE NOT TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES.
PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for the transfer of the Wine and Malt Beverages Retail Package Store license for Ro-Jo Company, Inc, dba Cravings on the Go, manager John Shalbey of the license under Section 15, Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of Wine and Malt Beverages not to be drunk on the premises located at 69 Providence Highway, Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of the premises is as follows: Single story building with one storefront, one back room and two bathrooms. The outdoor areas are a fueling station. The square footage of the retail is roughly 2,000 square feet.

Public hearing on this application will be held on **Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 7:05 p.m.** in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

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Letters to the Editor

REGRETS HISTORY THAT'S BEEN LOST

To the Editor:

I write in response to your article about the Morse House presentation to the Select Board in last week's issue.

Norwood has an unfortunate history of effacing architectural traces of its past. We at the Norwood Historical Society deeply regret all the history that has been lost. We share with the Norwood Historical Commission (a board of town government) the goal of preserving and maintaining the history of all who made Norwood the town it is today. Thanks to Norwood Community Media, Toni Eosco's presentation on "Morse: Family, House, and Future" at the Society's April meeting is available for all to stream, and learn more about this rich legacy.

The creation of the proposed commission on the future of the Morse House is a positive step. Hopefully this body can advance a conversation that recognizes the town's responsibility to maintain historic properties, engage realistically with financial realities, and envision a viable future for the Morse House.

The Norwood Historical Society adds value to our community. There is the intangible value of the programs we offer and events we host. There is tangible value of the grant dollars we bring into the town and the ways we raise Norwood's profile at the state, regional, and national levels. A revitalized Morse House could bring similar tangible and intangible value to South Norwood.

We very much look forward to bold leadership and vision to preserve and maintain the Morse House, realizing this asset's potential and increasing the value for the whole community. Not only would that recognize the important role of the Morse family in this region, it would also serve as a potent reminder of the ways the Morse family shaped what we now know as South Norwood, while preserving a unique piece of our town's history.

Cashman Kerr Prince
President, Board of Directors,
Norwood Historical Society

THIS TOWN LACKS LEADERSHIP

To the Editor:

(The following letter was sent to the Board of Selectmen)

Everyone is looking for an angle. Well how about looking back and acknowledging where you came from. It is sad to acknowledge that not one of you is a leader. You grew up in an environment of non-privilege, worked hard and have a home and checking account. Yet you don't even respect the request to restore the Morse House, the FIRST house in Norwood, MA. It's interesting to note that apartments smother the downtown along with other apartment/condo construction. This obviously has your approval, perhaps because you think the locations for these new buildings enhance a downtown that doesn't exist! What would make sense is to build structures near downtown that serve our seniors. Folks WALKING TO THE BANK, THE CHURCH, THE STORE!!!!.....These apartment dwellers don't walk to any of these places.

This impressive dwelling sits on a hill overlooking South Norwood, in view of the almost 7000 South Norwood residents. My how things have changed. You show no respect for the early centuries in this Town, especially when The Tannery and Bird and Son were the two manufacturers and the pulse for the Town. The Morse House is a sleeping beauty owned by this Town. However, it is not like the mansion that is for sale and costing us money....I'll tell you who the man of Norwood is and deserves thanks, David Spiegel. The man puts his ideas and money into action. Already the demolished area near the rotary as you approach Route 1 is alive and well. It's obvious he planted seeds carefully and won't get a field of weeds.

If you haven't deleted this email by now I thank you to put on your thinking cap and leave your kids something to remember.

Madeline Eysie
Norwood

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The Morse House Speaks...

Toni Eosco
Spokesperson,
Norwood Historical
Commission

British Statesman Winston Churchill said, "We shape our buildings; thereafter, our buildings shape us."

The George Henry Morse House is the peoples' house. It was a home full of life and social entertaining. It belongs to ALL of us in Norwood. Its continuing gentle presence up on a little hill enhances the quality and beauty of our town. It demonstrates civic pride. It embodies all its citizens - those who came before us, those here now advocating for its value, and those who would use the home in the future once we rehabilitate it. It is an authentic asset that provides a tangible sense of place through which we can share Norwood's history, display historic items, have meetings/socials, and provide educational forums. Respecting the Morse property says a lot about who we are as a society - especially now with all the buzz of a 150th town anniversary celebration.

The Norwood Historical Commission (NHC) recently met with the Board of Selectmen (BOS) on Nov. 9th to seek support of a Community Preservation application that would begin the journey of a full rehabilitation of the Morse House. The ensuing conversation was at times surprising, and perhaps complex for some viewers to hear. We would like to shed some light on the subject.

In February 2021, town meeting approved a \$50,000 Community Preservation funded Feasibility Study and Master Plan which was completed by Gienapp Architects, LLC of Danvers, MA. We had several meetings this year to discuss the needs of the house. Selectman David Hajjar had been our liaison to the NHC, and he attended several meetings with us. Within the study, the structural engineering contractor summary stated that the house was in good-to-fair condition for its age and that it could be supported for continued and better use. The Board of Selectmen and Town Manager knew what we were working on. Therefore, the comments we heard from the BOS when we entered the November 9th meeting were quite surprising to us.

Rehabilitation is not the same as restoration. Rehabilitation acknowledges that this historic property needs to be



altered/modernized in some way to meet continuing uses while still retaining those elements that keep the property's historic character intact. To maximize any future use, the house needs to meet building, energy-efficiency and accessibility codes. All the windows need rehabilitation. The heat and ventilation systems need to be improved and air conditioning installed. The kitchen needs a tasteful remodel. Yes, all these rehabilitation efforts are expensive and that is why the NHC was applying for funds from the Community Preservation Committee - to get this project started.

NHC is a Town Board authorized by Chapter 40, Section 8D of Massachusetts General Laws. Our NHC Bylaw passed at town meeting codified our purpose and responsibilities. Our most important obligation is to advise the Board of Selectmen concerning the preservation, protection and development of historical sites and assets of the Town of Norwood - of which we have so few. The George Henry Morse is a most important asset, is town-owned and needs rehabilitation. Norwood has put minimal financial effort into its care, but did allow a dedicated group of volunteers, spearheaded by former NHC member, Dale Day, to do restoration work and repairs with donated services and funds for which the NHC is still so grateful. If that work had not been done, the house might not be in the good condition that it is to rehabilitate.

The George Henry Morse House, a gracious and modest Italianate-style structure on 1285 Washington Street in South Norwood, is a historical treasure of great significance. Built circa 1868, and lived in by George and his family, the house was originally part of a large complex of structures that supported his substantial farming operation. George was also a successful wood auctioneer - an occupation still prevalent at the time. Originally, the property included numerous house lots and hundreds of acres of

land which had been accumulated through generations of Morse ancestor ownership for over two hundred years. George is a direct descendant of Ezra Morse, who is Norwood's earliest permanent settler. Ezra had built a saltbox home for his family in the 17th century on this property. It was demolished when George built his new home. It is the mill industry of the Morse family that survived for centuries on Water Street and depicted on old maps.

The reason George was able to amass this property wealth is tied to his ancestry. He is a direct descendant of Samuel Morse, an English immigrant, who traveled with several family members across the ocean on the ship "Increase" during the Great Puritan Migration in 1635. The 'Mayflower' has the accolade of being the first ship to arrive during this period which historians define as 1620-1640. These were turbulent times in England. Samuel Morse is one of the signers of the 'Dedham Compact.' He and members of his family are noted often within Dedham's earliest history. Morse ancestors are important in many of our nearby towns' histories as well. Morse descendants continued to demonstrate prominent, strong civic and industrious leadership over the next centuries. The impressive contributions of the Morse family line are written about in numerous scholarly readings.

A community and civic leader, George Henry Morse was one of Norwood's first selected assessors when Norwood incorporated in 1872, serving alongside Tyler Thayer and Caleb Ellis. This was a job he was well-suited for as he previously served as a Surveyor of Highways for Dedham's Second Parish (which is now South Norwood). A few years later in Norwood's first publicly held election, George was elected Selectman serving alongside Samuel Pond and Tyler Thayer as listed in the 1876-1877 report of Norwood Officers. He

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Six-story housing proposal for Lenox Street

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Planning Board met and held an informal discussion with representatives of the owners at 259 Lenox St.

The site is currently home to the employee-owned manufacturing business Savogran, which manufactures trisodium phosphate, a heavy-duty household cleaner (recommended by Bob Vila as of 2019).

Representative Jacob Vance said the employees of the company are currently looking to develop the property for residen-

tial, but not immediately, and so they came before the Planning Board to show what they had in mind and get a feeling from the Board on that proposal. It should be noted that no plans have been submitted, as this was an informal discussion, and that Vance and attorney Philip Macchi said they were open to changing the plan based on public input.

“We’re by no means done with design and we welcome your input and, hopefully, we can formulate a project that everyone in Norwood can be proud of,” Vance said.

“I bought the site back in

February, and they actually approached me,” Vance said. “It’s a 25,000 square-foot industrial building used by the Savogran Company, which has been there since the late 40s and they expanded the building since the late 60s. They are a chemical manufacturing company which makes paints and cleaners. They are an employee-owned firm, and they were looking to wind down their operations, and I came in and was able to purchase the site from them. They’re still operating on the site and they will be for at least five years or when

we come up with a plan that works for this board and the community.”

Macchi said they have been conducting abutters meetings and with Town officials over the past few months while developing their plan.

“Over the past nine months we have been outreaching to the neighbors, to individual Town Officials, have talked with (Town Planner Paul Halkiotis and Assistant Town Planner Sarah Bouchard) a number of times, and basically what we’re looking to do is in some way shape

or form, what we believe would be a zoning overlay, is to create a mixed-use but primarily residential complex on that site,” Macchi said.

Vance said they are looking to do a six-story, 66-foot tall residential building with commercial on the first floor. He said the site lends itself to transit-oriented development, as it sits directly adjacent to the Norwood Central MBTA Commuter Rail Station.

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pleasure at an important occasion, usually engaging in enjoyable social activities such as our parade, our music and our comradeship gathering together to honor our veterans. So today we celebrate our veterans because we know without them we would not have a land of the free. We gather to pay tribute and honor to all veterans who have served, whether in war or peacetime, to preserve our freedoms and way of life. We respectfully thank those few who have served our nation unselfishly and those who continue to serve our democracy.”

Plasko said he felt the best way to honor veterans is to participate in the democracy they fought to protect.

“We must emulate the veterans and their dedicated service to others,” he said. “Together we can make America as good as it can be.”

Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue pointed out that this year’s turnout was higher than almost any other.

“We have parents, grandpar-

ents and we have children who have shown up this year more than any time before... This is Norwood, this is our future and it’s so wonderful to see all of these people here. We have all been through hard times. The COVID event was something that most of us have never seen before. I don’t know if the biggest crowd here in 20 years is the result of getting over COVID or a result of the beautiful day, or surely to acknowledge all those who have served.”

“A wonderful thing is happening here today,” she said. “I’ve been around for a long long time, but what I see here today is something very special. Please look around and see all the wonderful children we have around the whole place.

Newly-minted Assistant Town Manager Michael Rosen

also spoke during the ceremony, and said every Norwood resident should do their part to make sure veterans are supported in the Town.

“This year, as we mark Veterans Day and honor our nation’s veterans and their selfless courage, we should take the time to celebrate the legacy of all of our Norwood veterans, and ensure that they are well supported,” he said. “There are ways all of us can support those who bare the physical, emotional and psychological scars of wars. It’s important we get to know them and ensure they know we’ve got their six, especially during this time of social distancing and isolation. Sometimes, just sitting down to engage with veterans or their family members to talk can go a long way. Call, email, reach out online, no matter how, keep connecting.”



Norwood Thrift Shop Annual Christmas Sale

For the members of the Women’s Community Committee, one of the happiest and most anticipated days of the year is the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Why? It’s the **Thrift Shop’s annual Christmas Sale!**

This year, the **Thrift Shop, located at 1091 Washington Street in Norwood,** will be magically transformed into a winter wonderland on **November 27, 2021 at 9:30am. and will continue thru December 23rd.**

Regular retail hours are: **Wednesdays 6-8pm, Thursdays 9:30am-3:00pm & Saturdays 9:30am-12:30pm.**

All year, a team of women sort through the weekly donations, cull out the Christmas items and pack them away until the sale. The sale features new items, ornaments, decorations, games, toys, holiday clothing, tablecloths, tree skirts, dishes and lots more!

The Women’s Community, a volunteer non-profit organization, hopes that this Christmas Sale is one of the first stops for your holiday gift buying. All proceeds are used to support local organizations.

TOWN OF NORWOOD

LOCAL TAX LEVY PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Selectmen has scheduled a public hearing on **Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 7:15pm**, in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, concerning the percentages of fiscal 2022 tax levy to be borne by each class of property, in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 56, as amended by Chapter 369 of the Acts of 1982, and Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1983.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Thomas F. Maloney, Chairman

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department

SUFFOLK Division **Docket No. NO21P1148GD**

NOTICE AND ORDER:
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR

In the matter of: Sariah M. Small **Norfolk Probate and Family Court**
Of: Norwood, MA **35 Shawmut Road**
Minor **Canton, MA 02021**

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

- Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **05/12/2021** by **Stephanie Williams of Norwood** will be held **12/07/2021 09:00 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing** Located **Suffolk Probate and Family Court**
- Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:
File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least (5) business days before the hearing.
- Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.
- Counsel for the Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.
- Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over the age of 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor’s best interests.

Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

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“I think this presents a real opportunity to transition from the higher-density commercial uses on the left side of this building to the open space and lower density residential districts to our right,” Vance said.

C3 Architect John Harding went over the site plans, and said the building will have multi-layers so as not to be a large box. Basically, it will be an H shape, with an extra portion jutting out to the east. The western half of the H will sit directly adjacent to the railroad tracks. The jutting out portion to the east will be three floors, then five floors and then six at the start of the H formation, so as to present a stepped-back appearance. Inside the negative spaces of the H will be green courtyards.

“We’ll be putting the commercial uses out to Lenox Street, giving them the most exposure and benefit to the community, and then letting the building step up as it goes away from Lenox Street to the railroad tracks,” he said. “In total, we have 186 units, with one-to-one parking. There’s about 40 percent of the site, including the courtyards, that’s dedicated to open space.”

Harding said though the entire site is currently paved, they will be able to make 8 percent of the site into permeable surface.

“And we think that’s a real benefit to a more sustainable approach to the site,” he said.

Halkiotis also said nothing can be yet set in stone for this project, as new state legislation

is on the way in the coming months regarding affordable housing requirements around MBTA commuter rail stations. He said the state has decided that municipalities need to dedicate at least one area within a half mile of an MBTA commuter rail station as affordable housing. He said the details aren’t out yet, and that’s pretty concerning considering it has not been stipulated whether or not towns with more than one station, like Norwood’s Central Station, Depot Station and Windsor Gardens Station, would need a dedicated area for each location.

Halkiotis said at this point, there’s not a good way to know how this could affect the project, but he did say that like other state initiatives, like Chapter 40R, it would probably mean fewer

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parking space requirements for proposals such as this at 259 Lenox St.

“I think there will be some provisions that will provide flexibility for parking if they’re right near the train stations, and all this zoning within a half-mile will be near those train stations,” he said. “It’s likely that the parking requirements will not be as rigorous as they are in other places.”

Halkiotis said they won’t know until the state releases the full plan. “Stay tuned and hopefully we’ll know in the next one or two months,” he said.

Board Member Debbie Holmwood said she felt the one-to-one parking ratio, 186 spaces, was just not enough for the site. She mentioned the nose-in parking on the residential building across the street owned by the Bartucca family.

“The train station parking lot

is always empty, and so to say we’re not going to need parking, I mean I don’t have a crystal ball but people seem to be staying home and working, and if parking wasn’t an issue around there, would the Bartuccas need the parking spots in front of this commercial space?” she asked. “I think we need to be cognizant of that. We’re thinking of a building that’s going to have 186 units. Maybe now there’s 20 trucks coming out and it’s already pretty dense there... There is a parking issue.”

Board member Ernie Paciorkowski said he had a problem with the six stories at about 66 feet. He said he felt that was too out of place for the area, and Chair Ed Sheehan and member Rob Bamber said they agreed.

“I’m a bit overwhelmed; it does look a little bit like Cambridge to be honest with you,” he said.

Sheehan asked Halkiotis what the current zoning allows for height, and he said it was 60 feet. Paciorkowski said he would not want to see anything higher than that.

TOWN OF NORWOOD
REQUEST FOR ALTERATION OF PREMISES FOR ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES.
PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for All Alcoholic beverages for Daunia Restaurant dba Vico Ristorante Italiano, 89B Central Street, Norwood MA, Vincenzo Loffredo, Manager under Section 12, Chapter 138 and Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of All Alcoholic Beverages to be drunk on the premises of 1068 Washington Street Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of premises was as follows: 2,200 sq. ft. with front door facing Central Street and rear door.

Alteration: Approx. 100 square feet of additional space for the purpose of installing a bar in the dining room.

Public hearing on this application will be held on **Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 7:05 p.m.** in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

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Library News

MUSICAL SUNDAYS RETURN WITH A SWING!

Have you missed Musical Sundays concerts at the Morrill Memorial Library? So have we! The Musical Sundays Concert Series will resume this fall in-person in the library's Simoni Room. All of the shows will begin at 3:00 pm, and seating for all of these concerts will be very limited to allow extra space for the audience and musicians. Please register in advance for any and all concerts to guarantee your seat. For those who cannot attend in-person, Norwood Community Media is partnering with us to broadcast the concerts live on their channel.

The popular duo Sonny and Perley return on November 21. Their program highlights material from Sonny and Perley's Jazz repertoire, the Great American Songbook with selections from the 1920s through the 1980s, International Cabaret, and Bossa Nova. Sonny and Perley interpret and perform in their own inimitable artistic style, incorporating elements of education, history, art, culture, audience engagement, intimacy, and artistic creativity. With 30 years to perfect their musical signature, the magazine All About Jazz says of this husband and wife team: "They brightly meld lyricism, passion, and rhythm in a way that is both rich and exotic."

Registration is required for all of these shows and seats are sure to go quickly. To sign up, please visit our website at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. The Musical Sundays Concert Series is supported by the Library Endowment Fund.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Holiday blues getting you down? Join us for this in-person event on December 9th at the Norwood Civic Center to learn more about how the food we eat impacts our mental health, see a live food demonstration, and indulge in some healthy snacks. Kelsey Massis, registered dietician at the Norwood Public Schools, will be leading 2 sessions of this program and teaching participants how to boost their mood with healthy food, especially around the holidays. The library will also be on site at the Civic Center with a special library pop-up featuring books on healthy cooking and nutrition to check or to get you a library card if you need one! Space is limited so sign up for either Session 1 at 5:15 PM or Session 2 at 6:30 PM on the library's event calendar (norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar) or by calling the library at 781-769-0200 x2.

This program is sponsored by a collaboration with the Morrill Memorial Library, Impact Norwood, and the Norwood Recreation Department.

"FINDING SANCTUARY: AN ARTIST EXPLORES THE NATURE OF MASS AUDUBON"

Massachusetts Must-Read author Barry Van Dusen discusses his latest book, "Finding Sanctuary: An Artist Explores the Nature of Mass Audubon," on Monday, November 22 at 7:00pm on Zoom.

The Morrill Memorial Library, in collaboration with the Tewksbury Public Library, will host Barry Van Dusen, recently recognized by the Massachusetts Center for the Book as one of Massachusetts' must-read authors of the year, on Monday, November 22 at 7:00pm. Over the course of four-and-a-half years, nature artist Barry Van Dusen visited all 61 of Mass Audubon's public wildlife sanctuaries, nature centers, and museums, producing drawings and paintings at each location. Follow his travels and share in his adventures—from the islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket to the mountain peaks of the Berkshires. Learn about hatching turtles on Cape Cod, rare orchids in the Connecticut River Valley, and a bear encounter in a western Massachusetts forest. Birders, naturalists, conservationists, gardeners, artists, art appreciators, and all outdoor folks will enjoy this presentation.

Registration for this program is required. Attendees can sign up to attend virtually via the Library calendar at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or by calling the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. Thanks to the Tewksbury Library for inviting the Norwood Library to partner.

"SUSTAINABLE DECORATING FOR THE HOLIDAYS"

As part of the Fall Sustainability Series, Kristen Nicholson of Blue Stem Natives presents a workshop, "Sustainable Decorating for Holidays," Wednesday, December 8 at 7:00pm in-person and on Zoom. The Morrill Memorial Library, with co-sponsors Progress Norwood, Together Yes, and Norwood Community Media, wraps up our Fall Sustainability Series with a workshop on sustainable decorating by Kristen Nicholson of Blue Stem Natives on Wednesday, December 8 at 7:00pm. Local plant shop Blue Stem Natives deals entirely with plants native to our ecosystem in this part of New England. In addition to selling and advising on the use (and value) of native plants for yard-scaping and houseplants, Blue Stem Natives advises on responsible foraging techniques and tips for using natural plant material in home décor, upcycling items around your yard/home without sacrificing quality, and supporting wildlife with landscape. Registration for this program is required. Attendees can sign up to come in-person or virtually via the Library calendar at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or by calling the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. For those attending virtually, Zoom access details will be sent upon registration and again two days prior to the program. This event was generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

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SPECIAL VOTER REGISTRATION FOR JANUARY ELECTION

The Board of Registrars wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that a special registration session has been set for the January 3, 2022 Special Town Election. An evening special registration session will be held at the Municipal Building, Room 32 on Tuesday December 14, 2021 from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

This is the **FINAL REGISTRATION SESSION** prior to the Annual Town Election.

Daily registration of voters will be conducted at the Town Clerk's office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 P.M. A mail-in registration form is now available at Norwood Morrill Memorial Library and the Norwood Post Office.

You may also register to vote on-line at sec.state.ma.us

Qualifications to register to vote are that the applicants must be 18 years old on or before election day and must either be born in the United States or be a Naturalized Citizen.

ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION

Anyone wishing to vote by absentee ballot for the upcoming Special Town Election, which will be held on Monday, January 3, 2022 please call the Town Clerk's office and we can mail you an Absentee Ballot Application. The Absentee Ballot Application is also on the Town of Norwood website under the Town Clerk's section.

WOMANS CLUB TO MEET

The Norwood Woman's Club will be meeting on Tuesday, December 14 at 12:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the

Knights of Columbus Hall, 572 Nichols St, Norwood. We will be entertained by Jill Sanford who will explore the works of Georgia O'Keefe, one of America's most innovative artists. The program is called ART FOR THE MIND. A light lunch will be served. Guests are welcomed. Any questions please call Trina at 781-762-8173. Hope to see you there.

SOUTH NORFOLK MENTAL ILLNESS MONTHLY MEETING

The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group will hold its monthly meeting at The Grange, 28 Rockwood Road (Route 115) in Norfolk, MA from 7-9 pm on Thursday, December 2. We would appreciate the cooperation of all in observing the Covid-19 precaution of wearing a mask while indoors during our meeting.

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 Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group 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. For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

150th CELEBRATION TO BEGIN ON FIRST

On January 1, 2022, Norwood's First Night Celebration will kick off a year of celebrations of Norwood's 150th Anniversary. Starting at 3 pm on

New Year's Eve, the First Night party will include a road race, dancers, magic, music, singers, and games. Complete details will be posted soon on the town's anniversary website – <http://norwoodma150.gov> – which will include a year's worth of exciting things to see and do on the special Events Calendar page.

Following First Night, the first currently scheduled event will be held on Tuesday, January 18, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the F. Holland Day House on Day Street when the Norwood Historical Society will sponsor a discussion of Patricia Fanning's book, *Norwood, A History*.

On February 10, 1872, a petition from "George B. Talbot and others, inhabitants of the southerly part of Dedham, praying to be set off as a town" was submitted to the Massachusetts Senate. Governor William B. Washburn signed the resulting act into law and Norwood was incorporated.

On Wednesday, February 23, Norwood will stage a Gala at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel, in recognition of that date of incorporation. Further details will be posted on the anniversary website as that date approaches.

On Saturday, February 26, just after the end of the Beijing Winter Olympics, the Skating Club of Boston, now located at 750 University Avenue in Norwood, will hold a skating event. Norwood residents will be able to see Olympic caliber talent at a world-class facility at a special low price of \$10 per person, with proceeds going to help fund the events and activities of the Norwood 150th Anniversary.

And anyone with questions or ideas is encouraged to send them to info@norwoodma150.gov.

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is also listed as the Fire Chief in the 1876-1877 report. His many contributions are significant in Norwood's earliest history.

In George Henry Morse's later years, he sold the house to Charles Sumner Bird. Many decades later, the home was generously offered back to Norwood for its citizens by industry leader and philanthropist, Charles Sumner Bird, Jr., through the business arm of the Home Building Co. as stated on the deed. At Special Town Meeting on May 10,

1973, by a unanimous standing vote, the town accepted the property for \$1.00. It is a generous story of a respected friendship between the Bird and the Morse families.

At the conclusion of the question-and-answer period at the Nov. 9 Board of Selectmen meeting, where it became obvious the Board would not support our NHC Community Preservation application for funds at the present time, the NHC members requested that a George Henry Morse House

Subcommittee be established so that all parties involved can come to a consensus regarding how the town wants to use the Morse house property. It became evident at this Board of Selectmen meeting that the Town has been considering some 'grander' plan that includes the Morse property.

The NHC is open to the discussion of grand plans, but we were very disappointed that no one had had the courtesy to inform us those different ideas were being tossed about. NHC input must be involved in the development of any plans that include expansions, additions, or changes to this property. IT IS OUR LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY TO BE A PART OF THAT DISCUSSION. The Board of Selectmen agreed to put the creation of a subcommittee on the November 30th agenda. We look forward to this meeting and to 'getting things right' by creating an inclusive process that provides for rehabilitation of the George Henry Morse House.

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CLANCY

Bridie T. (Lydon) of Norwood, MA, formerly of Westwood, MA, and born in County Galway, Ireland, died November 11, 2021 surrounded by her loving family. Beloved wife for 48 years to the late Lawrence Clancy. Loving mother of Karen Barron and her husband Robert of Norwood, Christine Butler and her husband Scott of Quincy, Maureen Derle of Norwood and her fiancé Lawrence Anderson of Boston, and the late Catherine Martin and her husband Jason of Quincy. Also survived by 12 grandchildren, 1 great-granddaughter, and many loving nieces and nephews. At the request of Bridie's family, Funeral Services and Interment will be private. Donations may be made in Bridie's memory to American Heart Association at www.heart.org Holden-Dunn-Lawler www.hdlfuneralhome.net

COSGRO

Margaret P. (Matheson) of Norwood, passed away on Nov. 5 at the age of 99. Born on Nov. 13, 1921, she was the daughter of the late Daniel W. and Addie E. (Biggar) Matheson of PEI Canada; loving wife of the late Ernest H., and beloved mother of Richard H. and his wife Winnie of NH, Dana A. and his wife Janis of VA, and Glenn A. and his wife Patty of Norwood; dear sister of the late D. Lloyd Mathieson, Harold A. Mathieson, and Anna C. MacFayden. Also survived by her beloved five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Peg was a kind selfless charitable lady and was a giver to all. She enjoyed volunteering many hours at her church fairs and baking was her talent making scrumptious pies, her famous biscuits, and banana bread. She loved family and enjoyed being an avid cheerleader to her grandsons and would never miss a game! Nana will also be remembered for her Scottish Determination with her NEVER give up attitude! Funeral from the Folsom Funeral Home, 649 High St., Westwood. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan St., suite B-102, Danvers, MA 01923 would be appreciated. For obituary and guestbook, please visit website. Folsom Funeral Home www.folsomfuneral.com

FREITAS

ANTHONY J. a long-time resident of Dedham, MA, Anthony (Tony) Freitas died peacefully at the age of 90 on November 13, 2021 with his family by his side. He graduated from Oliver Ames High School in North Easton, MA, after which he served in the US Navy during the Korean War. He then went on to earn degrees in Mechanical En-

gineering from Wentworth Institute and Northeastern University. Tony married Eve Michienzi of Norwood in 1956 and they brought three beautiful daughters into their lives. While he enjoyed indulging all his girls with affection, he derived the most pleasure from fussing over his granddaughter. His career as a Senior Principal Engineer with Polaroid spanned 30+ years and yielded many lifelong friendships. He loved to invent and problem-solve, referring fondly to the company as "a candy store for his mind." He also pursued many extracurricular interests that tapped his talents and athleticism: tennis, wine-making, scuba diving, kayaking, bowling, cycling, gardening, to name only a few—and of course creating one-of-a-kind, whimsical art in his woodshop. Tony took great pleasure in contributing to his home community through volunteer work with The Lions Club, Knights of Columbus, Town Meeting member and the Endicott Estate Commission. Most recently, he added the Dedham Civic Pride committee, Dedham Rotary, and the Retired Men's Club to his list of affiliations. An avid gardener, he enjoyed planting in the community gardens, often sharing his home-grown vegetables and spectacular sunflowers with friends at the Endicott Estate greenhouse. He is survived by his best friend and wife of 65 years, Eve Freitas, as well as his loving children; Fran Rush and her husband Richard of Norwood, MA; Nancie Freitas and her husband Paul Priola of Hill, NH; Jeannie Freitas of Norwood, MA; and granddaughter Erin Rush of Norwood, MA. The family invites friends and family to celebrate Tony's passionate, creative life and contagious enthusiasm at an Open House at the Endicott Estate in Dedham, MA this Saturday, Nov 20th from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., with a Memorial Tribute taking place at 1:30. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations in Tony's memory may be made to Hospice of Massachusetts, 681 Main Street, Haverhill, MA 01830

HILLIARD

Donald E., Sr. on October 29, 2021, Donald E. Hilliard, Sr., beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away at his home in Bethlehem, New Hampshire, surrounded by his loving family. He was 88 years old. He was born in Hyde Park, MA on November 27, 1932 to his parents, the late Donald F. and Anna Hilliard. During the Korean Conflict, he joined the United States Coast Guard, and served on the ice breaker "East Wind". He was a member of the expeditionary force "Operation Deepfreeze I" at the South Pole under the command of Admiral Richard E. Byrd. Formally from Norwood, MA, he graduated from Boston University with a Bachelor of Arts, and earned a Master's Degree and CAGS from Bridgewater State College. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary Alice (Whelan) Hilliard, son Donald E. Hilliard Jr. and his wife Lana, and his grandchildren, Donald E. Hilliard III and Charlee S. Hilliard. He is the brother of Mary Bilotta of Scituate, MA, James T. Hilliard of Harwich, MA

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and the late Jean Elchuck of Walpole, MA. Services were private with full military honors performed by the U.S.C.G. Assisting with the arrangements is Pillsbury-Phaneuf Funeral Homes & Crematorium in LITTLETON, NH. To view Donald's online tribute and send condolences to his family, please visit www.PHANEUF.net. Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062 Telephone: 781-762-0482.

HALDIMAN

WILLIAM F. Jr. of Norwood formerly of Seville, OH passed away on November 14, 2021 at the age of 65. Beloved husband of Monica L. (Anderson) Haldiman. Devoted father of Dylan M. Haldiman and his wife Katelyn J. of Plainville. Brother of Fred Haldiman of Seville, OH, Sande Haldiman of Creston, OH and Cheryl Shumaker of Wooster, OH. Cherished grandfather of Paige, Peyton and Piper Haldiman. Son of the late William and Martha (Baker) Haldiman. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. William was a member of the Elks. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 10:00am followed by a funeral mass at 11:00am at the Sacred Heart Parish 169 Cummins Highway Roslindale, MA 02131. Visiting hours will be held on Friday, Nov. 19, 2021 from 4-8pm at the funeral home. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168 www.dana-farber.org

LeBLANC

Patricia A. "Patty" (Elliott), 84, of Norwood, passed away on November 3, 2021, in the comfort of her home, surrounded by her family after a long courageous battle with cancer. Sur-

vived by her husband of 63 years, Harvey T. LeBlanc. Loving and devoted mother of Cathy, Mary, Ann all of Norwood, Tom and his wife Ingrid of Mukilteo WA, Susan and her husband Bob Bray, Tim and his wife Kara, and Sarah and her husband Jeff Flynn all of Norwood. She was the adoring grandmother of Evan, Selena, Christopher, Shawn, Brianna, Justin, Ryan, Natalie, and Jake. She is also survived by many dear cousins. Patty loved spending time at home with family. She was a 1955 graduate of Norwood High school. She pursued a career in skin care and was trained by Elizabeth Arden in NY. As an Esthetician and proud owner of Patty's Skin Care Salon in Newton she worked well into her seventies. Patty loved taking care of people and established lifelong friendships with many. Visitation hours will be Thursday, November 18th at Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Funeral mass will be held at Saint Catherine of Siena church on Friday, November 19th at 11:00 a.m. Burial to follow at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. GilloolyFuneralHome.com

MARTOWSKA

Agnes Pauline (Russis) of Lakeville passed away on Sunday, November 7, 2021, at the Hathaway Manor Extended Care Facility in New Bedford at the age of 91. Born in Cambridge on Tuesday, March 18, 1930, she was the daughter the late William and Agnes (Aideuis) Russis. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Anthony Paul Martowska to whom she was married for 49 years. She is predeceased by her brothers William Russis, Charles Russis, and Robert Russis as well as her son, Wayne Martowska, Sr. She is survived by her children Michael Martowska and his wife Maureen of Lakeville, David Martowska and his wife Donna of Foster, RI, Diane Martowska of Smithfield, RI, and Shirley Grindrod and her husband David of Lakeville. Agnes is also survived by her 13 grandchildren: Wayne Martowska, Jr. of Gardner, Christopher Martowska of Hillsborough, NC, Rachel Martowska of South Easton, Michelle Miceli of Mansfield, Matthew Martowska of Norwood, Dawn Watson of South Hadley, Derek Martowska of Cherry Hill, NJ, Dusty Martowska of Foster, RI, Aimee Deely of Smithfield, RI, Ben Roy of Swansea, SC, Sarah Salkeld of Chepachet, RI, Jessica Ollerhead of Lakeville, and Richard Grindrod of Lakeville. She is survived by her 21 great grandchildren. Although Agnes started raising her family in Norwood, Lakeville became her home when, in 1961, the family bought

a log cabin on Long Pond known as Hemlock Lodge from the family that built it. Agnes and her family would spend weekends there during the spring and fall seasons as well as the entire summer until Agnes moved there permanently in 1973. She loved tending her gardens, particularly those along the shoreline. Family was the most important thing to Agnes, and time with family was sure to put a smile on her face. Watching her grandchildren and great grandchildren play brought her great joy. The family loved it when Agnes would play her accordion at family gatherings. Agnes enjoyed various activities throughout her life, from going on vacation with her daughter Shirley's family to going out to play bingo. She enjoyed boat rides on Long Pond with her family as she trolled for fish. Agnes will always be remembered as a kind and loving mother and grandmother who gave so much of herself to make "family" her priority. She leaves many with fond memories of homemade bread, potato pancakes, warm fires in the fireplace, large summer family cook-outs, polkas on her accordion, putting puzzles together on her porch overlooking Long Pond, and loving hugs that will be cemented for generations to come as a symbol of what life on Long Pond with her was like. Funeral from the DahlborgMacNevin Funeral Home, 280 Bedford Street, Lakeville, MA. A funeral mass was held at St. John Neumann Church, 157 Middleboro Road (Route 18), Freetown, MA. Interment followed at Precinct Cemetery in Lakeville, MA.

McGUIRE

Thomas Stewart, age 89, passed away peacefully on October 27, 2021 after a short illness, having just spent a full day surrounded by family. Tom was born in Holyoke, MA on May 12, 1932 to Albert T. McGuire and Edna E. (Graham) McGuire. He was a proud graduate of Holyoke High School, a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and a U.S. Army Korean War veteran. He lived much of his life in Norwood, MA, raised his family there and fondly remembered many wonderful friends and good times. He spent the past 20 years happily enjoying his retirement in Florida. Tom was preceded in passing by his wife Roseann (Maruca) McGuire, originally of Springfield, MA. He leaves behind their daughter Kathleen McGuire Urquhart and her husband Matthew; their daughter Barbara McGuire and her two children Daniel Broderick and Megan Broderick; his great-grandson, Liam Broderick; his sister-in-law, Jody Maruca; and his son-in-law, Edward Steven Broderick. Tom is survived by his wife Jean Henne of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, her 3 daughters, Melinda Henne, Holly Thompson-Smoyer, and Sandra Cull and their families. Tom also is survived by his sister Barbara (McGuire) Post. There will be a celebration of life ceremony at a future date. As a remembrance, contributions to the American Cancer Society are appreciated.

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Accessible trail project discussed

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Trails Advisory Committee (NTAC) met recently in person at the Norwood Senior Center and discussed the possibility of installing accessible trail infrastructure on one of its trails.

The discussion arose when Chair Joseph Greeley brought up the fact that Norwood Eagle Scout candidate Zachariah Gorin expressed interest in delivering a project for the Trails Committee, but needed ideas.

"He wants something outdoors, and he wants to develop a trail," Greeley said.

Member Marguerite Krupp said she had recently been to

the Cape Cod Sea Shore Park where she got an interesting idea for a project.

"They recently developed what they call a Button Bush Trail, which is a trail for those who are visually handicapped," she said. "It's fairly short, but at points of interest they have both legible and Braille signs. Then different sensory interactions, like for example something you might want to smell or something you might want to touch."

Krupp said they have a rope for guidance in between posts to guide a visually-impaired person along the trail.

Member Lee Leach said he liked the trail when he went and added it wouldn't be hard to set something like that up in

Norwood. Krupp said she agreed.

"It's the kind of thing where there's not a lot of construction, but it's a lot of design and thinking," she said. "Plus, it would require some involvement with an organization for the blind to develop the Braille."

Member Patti Austin pointed out that the Stony Brook Audubon Trail in Norfolk, Massachusetts, also has such a Braille trail setup and is a bit closer than the Cape.

In other news, Member Lee Leach updated the group on the fourth annual New Years Day Hike planned for 2 p.m. on Jan. 1.

"Which is a Saturday this next year," he said. "We'll meet

at the Willett School, which is in the Westover Parkway District," he said. "We've done this hike many times before, but never on New Year's Day and we'd like to extend an invite to everybody in the community for about an hour to walk out and walk back."

Greeley said it will be rain, shine or snow.

"If there's snow on the ground and if people have brought their snowshoes, great, but the three years past on this date, we've had excellent warm weather," Leach said. "It's been more towards shorts and t-shirts."

Greeley added that members of the Trail Committee will be heading up Mount Norwood

at the farthest point of the hike and invited residents to come and join them.

"When you put Mount Norwood, shouldn't you put in parenthesis, the Norwood Landfill?" asked member Vic Babel with a laugh. "People will be saying, 'What the heck is Mount Norwood?'"

"If they're inquisitive about it, they'll just have to come," Greeley said, also with a laugh.

Greeley added the Norwood Orient Masons Lodge will be joining the hike and will be providing refreshments after the hike. Progress Norwood will also be taking part in the hike.

For more information, reach out to the Trails Committee at Trails@NorwoodMA.gov.

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the minimum standards of the Airport."

He then asked the question that the rest of the meeting would revolve around: "If a pilot's coming into the Airport, how does he know that something is unauthorized?"

Maguire referred to the airport diagram provided by the FAA that specifically identifies the two helicopter parking areas. The diagram explicitly identifies helicopter parking, but does not explicitly identify the Airport's authorized or unauthorized areas. Noting this, Donovan explained that the west apron is a non-movement area, and that aircraft routinely operate in those zones because air traffic control clearance is not required there.

Donovan also put forward that if an aircraft restriction were to be based on a safety determination, then FAA involvement would be required. "If there's a safety concern – a valid safety concern – then we should discuss that safety concern. But to restrict that category class of aircraft, there's nothing in that diagram, or in FAA regulations, that would allow that, or even show a pilot... where he can and cannot land."

Maguire disagreed with Donovan's position regarding helicopter landings in non-movement areas, and cited apron area safety issues presented by fuel trucks, pedestri-

ans, and motorists, as well as one created when BEH had landed a chopper near a transformer.

Airport Counsel Mina Mikarious offered his advice, stating that the Airport can determine where safe and efficient operations happen "as long as it's not unreasonably discriminating against a particular class of aircraft, or being unreasonable in its rules and regs." He recommended that a clarification of authorized landing areas be distributed.

Vice Chairman Michael Sheehan noted the Airport's efforts made to benefit helicopter operations, while spelling out its landing area policy using a marked aerial photo of the Airport. "We just want this to be a safe operation. Mr. Donovan knows where he can land. He wants to make an argument that there's some confusion. There's no confusion."

Commissioner John Corcoran – silent up to that point – was invited by Chairman Mark Ryan to comment, and he did so extensively. "I think maybe we can take a look at it through the SMS – the safety management system that the FAA utilizes – and get them involved to settle this, instead of us having to make a decision that is going to be incorrect, or challenged, or second guessed," he recommended.

A licensed pilot and flight instructor, Corcoran went over the importance of the FAA's pilot reference guide, as well as the process of adding airport data to them regarding authorized and unauthorized landing areas. "We can get this information in there, but it has to go through a safety management review by MassDOT Aeronautics or the FAA."

"Isn't it already in there?" Ryan asked.

"Well, it's in the facility directory," Maguire responded. "The chart supplement." When

Ryan sought further confirmation regarding the Airport's authorized and restricted areas being in the FAA's chart guide, he added that "it says helicopter parking."

"It doesn't say that," Donovan interjected.

"I'm looking right at it, Chris," Maguire responded.

"Okay. But it doesn't say..." "It says helicopter parking," Corcoran added. "It doesn't say..."

"...authorized." Donovan finished. "It says 'helicopter parking.' It doesn't say authorized or unauthorized, and there's no rule or regulation." Robert Brew, the new owner of BHH, supported Donovan's position.

Sheehan motioned that letters be sent out regarding the west apron not being authorized as a landing area, and that Maguire work with BEH, BHH, Makarious, and DuBois & King regarding the clarification of authorized and restricted helicopter landing areas.

Makarious and Corcoran suggested the involvement of either the FAA or MassDOT in the consultation, and the final motion included the latter. Additionally, FlightLevel Norwood was included on the mailing list, at Corcoran's recommendation.

The motion to send the letters was voted on separately from the motion to determine safe areas for future consideration of helicopter operations. Both passed unanimously.

There was still dissent, however, as Donovan argued – just prior to the votes – that the motion restricting helicopter landings on the west apron would target BEH's customers.

"No it's not," Ryan responded. "We're trying to help the whole system."

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ROSSMAN
 Evelyn R. Rossman of Walpole, formerly of Stoughton, passed away on Monday, November 8, 2021 at the age of 92. She was the beloved wife of the late Irving Rossman. Evelyn was the devoted mother of Joel Rossman and his



wife Michele, Mark Rossman and his wife Nancy, Steven Rossman and his wife Karen. She was the adored grandmother of Amanda Hughes, Matt Rossman, Kristen Lawrence and her husband James, David Rossman and his wife Jacqueline, Daniel Rossman, Andrew Rossman, Michael Rossman and his wife Sabrina, Brian Rossman and his wife Michaela, Jennifer Fiske and her husband Peter. Proud great-grandmother of Aiden and Kailey Rose Hughes, Hannah and Cameron Lawrence, Benjamin Rossman, and Stella Rossman. Dear sister of the late William B. Nathanson. She leaves behind loving nieces, nephew and longtime neighbors and friends. Evelyn also leaves her extended family at Crown Automotive Sales in Marshfield, MA, where she

spent 45 years as a bookkeeper, working up until the age of 84. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Jimmy Fund, Boston, MA or Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. A funeral service was held on Friday, November 12 at the Schlossberg Family's Chapel on the Hill, 824 Washington St. Canton, MA and interment followed at Sharon Memorial Park.

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