



The Community Preservation Committee once again strategized around the 20 Vernon St. veterans housing proposal, which is up for Town Meeting vote in November.

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## CPC not likely to reduce 20 Vernon Street funding request

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Community Preservation Committee (CPC) met last week and dis-

cussed the proposed 20-unit affordable veterans' housing project at 20 Vernon St. put forward by Caritas Communities LLC.

ussions in a situation like this. "A lot of times when you're talking about state funds like they've talked about, you can't use that money for acquisitions, which is probably why they're

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**CPC member John Hall**

earmarking this ask," he said. The source of the funds Caritas is eyeing from Norwood is Community Preservation Act (CPA) money, which is 11 percent of the total development cost.

The proposal includes a request for \$800,000 from the Town to fund half of the purchase of the property. Caritas stated that the project in full, which will renovate the existing commercial space into small living spaces, is estimated to cost around \$6 million and will be using funds from the state and other housing entities to complete the plan.

However, CPC member and Board of Selectmen member Matthew Lane pointed out that the state cannot fund property acquisi-

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The CPC also discussed the current frequently asked questions (FAQ) document the group is putting together regarding 20 Vernon and which questions would probably generate the most feedback. Generally, members felt that the most likely direction TM members will take would center on lowering the amount the Town should proffer. CPC member John Hall did not mince his words in reaction to this prognostication.

"We know there is a signifi-

cant body in Town Meeting that is simply opposed to the goal that the community housing project through CPC is intended to achieve," Hall said. "They don't want affordable housing. No matter what it's called, no matter who it is trying to serve, no matter how well it's called out specifically; they just don't want it. Now, they may be of the view that they can't get a sizable number of people to vote for that view in its raw form, and are casting about for things that sound more reasonable to achieve the same goal. I think when you're dealing with that kind of behavior and those kinds of tactics, you just have to be firm. We're not going to be drawn into a discussion on how this is going to be changed. A lot of discussion and a lot of negotiation went

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The Norwood School Committee fielded questions from residents regarding the elementary school redistricting study on Saturday.

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## NPS meets with parents for elementary redistricting

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Public Schools (NPS) Elementary School Study Working Group met with more than 50 residents on Saturday to go over the proposed plans to move students around the district to accommodate the new Coakley Middle School taking on the fifth grade.

The decision to move the fifth grade took place a few years ago, NPS officials saw a potential opportunity to optimize space now available in the other elementary schools once the fifth grade moves to the new Coakley. The new Coakley is slated to open in time for the 2025-26 school year. NPS hired Sanborne Geospatial in December to work the details.

Sanborne came up with three options, named Scenario 0, Scenario 1 and Scenario 3 (they had several other scenarios that they deemed infeasible, and the Norwood School Committee agreed). Scenario 0 would basically keep things the way they are, with the fifth grade now at the Coakley. The other two scenarios would convert the Willett Early Education Center back to a regular elementary school and spread kindergarten classes among all the elementary schools. Scenarios 1 and 3 just have different configurations as to how to do that, with different schools assuming different geographies.

NPS Superintendent Timo-

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## Coakley incident a misunderstanding

### Never any threat within the NPS

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee met last Wednesday for its first meeting of the start of the school year.

Norwood Public Schools district (NPS) Superintendent Timothy Luff said at the opening that there was a bit

of a commotion at the Coakley Middle School due to a misunderstanding between classmates. He said there was never any real danger in the NPS.

"There was a potential safety threat at the Coakley this morning," he said. "We

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thy Luff led the exchange, and continued to be adamant that no changes would occur until residents had their say. There is currently a survey out that can be found on the district's Elementary Study page at <https://tinyurl.com/mrx4zu95>. That website also contains the detailed plans for each scenario. The survey closes Oct. 21.

Resident Andrew Doyle, who said he was a former student of the Balch Elementary School and a current father of two girls at the Cleveland, said the main issue for him was everything was too much, too fast.

"The only problem that I had, and that my wife had with this, was the timeline; it just seemed really early to me," he said. "It just seemed to come really quick, the study in May, its executive summary in June, the FAQs this month. The decision will be made in October, and the timeline is just too soon based off of other changes going on. I'm not saying there's a definitive timeline. But within 12 months of finishing the study and then implementing it throughout the Town I think is something that is really going too fast."

Doyle added that he would have liked to see the recent influx of new arrivals – migrant families – integrated into the district before any redistricting was taken.

Resident Meredith LaBelle said she was grateful for the public to get an opportunity to weigh in on the decision. Something she feels isn't always the case.

"I do feel like when the con-

versations took place about the school time changes, the decision just happened and was made before the community was given the opportunity to provide input," she said. "I think there are so many great things about Scenario 1 and Scenario 3, but my major concern is the timeline as well. We as a community need time to think about and wrap our minds around and work out the kinks of having a grade 5-8 school. That's a pretty major shift."

LaBelle said she was concerned that the teachers of the fifth grade haven't been notified as to who is moving yet. Luff said that was the case, but it should be pointed out that it was discussed at a previous School Committee meeting and since teachers within the elementary grades don't need specific certifications for each different grade, those who wanted to move would be given first priority. Luff said several teachers he talked to wanted to know what was happening with the study and its implementation before making a decision to move.

LaBelle said she was concerned about the kindergarten teachers at the Willett potentially moving to different schools, but did say she loved the overall plan.

"But I do worry about the shakeup of teachers and ask you guys to reconsider," she said.

Resident Sara McGann said she has two children in the school system and sees the overall benefits of the plan, but children and other children who will have to move schools twice when the

district changes. She asked if some kids who had just moved the year before be kept in the schools they were already in.

"I am struggling with how to manage that," she said. "We really want to look at the impact that this is going to have on the kids who are being moved. And as a community we need to have discussions on how this is going to fit. I'd love to see a better look at grandfathering kids, even if that means you have a fourth grader who is going to have to change schools now and then to the middle school. Transitions are so hard."

McGann said her child had a really difficult time transitioning from the Willett to the Cleveland.

"It significantly impacted his learning," he said. "You get adjusted and really starting to feel successful at school and then have to transition again. So is there a way to grandfather kids in, since some of the schools won't be at capacity?"

Luff said they would be thinking about it, but they have not yet made a decision on that.

Resident Andrea Bird said she was concerned about how the NPS would staff the schools in such a short time, and asked how much hiring the district would be doing to facilitate the transfer.

Norwood High School Principal Hugh Galligan said it wouldn't be a large addition of staff, maybe two or three additional people.

"Otherwise we'll be shifting existing staff from our schools to other existing schools," he said.

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into this. This is the last version."

The question was asked that should Town Meeting amend the funding allocation to about half of the proposed \$800,000 – an amount unlikely to buy even a condominium (let alone the condo association fees) in Town – and whether or not this could kill the project, most of the CPC agreed that it was entirely likely. Caritas representatives did not respond to questions on this from the CPC at the time of publication.

The CPC has been working to provide as much information as possible for Town Meeting members before the meeting vote in November. Hall felt they had gone above and beyond providing enough information, and that he felt some of the opposition may be making arguments in bad faith.

"I hate to be disrespectful to people who aren't here, but this speaks to the fact that most

people who speak up don't know how the CPC works even after they have been told, so at what point do you say your ignorance is willful and we stop trying to change your mind because you're not willing to entertain what the facts are?" Hall asked.

CPC member Cheryl Doyle also pointed out that the project will be providing solid economic benefits to the Town through taxes and real estate values in the area.

"The thing is this project is going to be an expensive permit," she said. "So the Town's making money, because you're going to be pulling all those permits; plumbing, electrical and building. And because of the fact that the tax shifts on it – it's multi-unit residential and it would make more than the commercial would have made, and so there is more revenue."

Doyle felt this was a good way to make the case against the

perception that this project is a "gift" to the proponent, as some had said during last month's public hearing on the proposal.

Essentially, the CPA and the CPC function to provide funding gathered from a 1 percent surcharge on residential property in the Town and a fee from every real estate transaction in the state for use toward affordable housing, open space and recreation and historic preservation. It was mentioned in previous meetings as well as this one that the Norwood CPC and CPA fund has allocated more than twice as much money for historic preservation and open space and recreation than for affordable housing.

Doyle and CPC member Julie Barbour-Issa said they should emphasize the fact that Caritas cannot get acquisition funds from the state – as Lane had said – and that this roadblock could derail the whole endeavor.



Norwood firefighters gathered around the grill to make sure the 150-plus seniors at the Senior Center last week had their share of hot dogs and hamburgers.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

# Seniors celebrate with NFD

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

About a dozen members of the Norwood Fire Department (NFD) donned their essential equipment and headed out to the Norwood Senior Center last week. What equipment? Spatulas, paper plates, propane tanks, sunglasses, buns, beans, hot dogs and a mess of cheese and burgers to name just some.

The NFD and the Norwood Senior Center have gathered for about six years now to celebrate their mutual appreciation. Usually, the day has a jaunty atmosphere where firefighters and seniors trade stories, chew the fat and just enjoy each others' company.

While this did happen – es-

pecially with some sitcom-worthy ribbing and banter among department members during the cookout – there was also a somber tone at one point when the NFD provided a video to about 150 Norwood seniors called *Burned: Protecting the Protectors*, which details the journey of one Worcester family, their fire department and the efforts to determine how a wife's firefighter husband got cancer, and how deep that rabbit hole actually is (you can see the whole film at <https://etherealfilms.org/burned/>).

The film demonstrated that firefighter protective gear, or turnout gear, was covered in Per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) chemicals, to the point where the people making the

actual gear weren't allowed to touch it for safety concerns. And it was shown that such exposure can exponentially increase risks for occupational cancer in firefighters, especially when the PFAS are exposed to high heat and water.

Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey recently signed a bill (<https://tinyurl.com/5adne7vh>) that would phase out all PFAS in protective firefighter gear by 2027.

However, firefighter Dennis Mawn pointed out that the fight's not over.

"Within minutes, they filed a lawsuit to slow the phase out," he said. "Big chem had an injunction filed to stop the


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
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## NHA director honored by NAHRO



The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials named Norwood Housing Authority Executive Director Sean Barnicle the Massachusetts Executive Director of the Year last week during the association's conference in Falmouth.

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## Norwood remembers



The Norwood Fire Department and the Norwood Police Department gathered outside the Public Safety Building last week for a remembrance ceremony for Sept. 11, 2001. The somber event featured speakers former Norwood Veterans Agent Teddy Mulvehill, State Rep. John Rogers, State Sen. Michael Rush and members of the Norwood Board of Selectmen.

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### TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on October 1, 2024, at 7:00 PM** on the request of **Carlo Petrosino (Case #24-22)** with respect to property located at **63 Prospect Ave. Norwood, MA 02062 [Map 1 Block 21 Lot 11]**, in the **General Residence(G) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

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

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

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# Letters to the Editor

## CPC IGNORES CPA APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To the Editor:

Norwood's CPC officials (Community Preservation Committee) have voted to send the 20 Vernon Street proposal to Town Meeting even though it does not meet one of the most important requirements needed to gain CPC approval.

I've attended several meetings with Norwood CPC officials who have stated on numerous occasions that there's nothing they can do to stop this because the application meets all the requirements. The issue I term the "gifting" of \$1 million (reduced to \$800K) to Caritas has been gnawing at me since Spring Town Meeting, so I investigated the Commonwealth and the Norwood CPC regulations myself, and found out that the Norwood CPC officials are wrong.

This project does not meet CPA application (Community Preservation Act) requirement #3, which requires that the proposed project "will preserve or utilize assets currently owned by the Town". The property at 20 Vernon Street is not an asset currently owned by the Town, but rather by Joseph Mazotta (S&M Realty Trust) who has owned the property since 1983, and therefore does not qualify for approval. There are 2 other requirements that this project probably doesn't meet, requirements #4 & #5. This project should immediately be removed from any further consideration.

My investigation also brings to light, the \$25,925 in CPA funds for fireplace restoration at the F. Holland Day House that the CPC approved and Town Meeting voted in last Spring. This property is not an asset owned by the Town either, but rather by the Norwood Historical Society, a private non-profit who has owned this property since 1934. This project should be

stopped immediately since it was improperly approved as it did not meet the CPA application requirements.

The CPA application requirements are listed in the CPA Application Process Document and is available on the town's website.

Norwood's CPA funds should remain in Norwood to help the Town of Norwood and our residents, and this concept is a primary requirement in the CPA application. I never thought my CPA tax money would be used to provide cash to outside parties to purchase and operate property within the Town of Norwood that would not ultimately be owned by the Town. In this case, Caritas Communities LLC has applied for \$1 million (reduced to \$800K) from Norwood's CPA funds to purchase property at 20 Vernon Street. They would purchase, develop, manage and then provide housing to qualified homeless Veterans. Why should we let Caritas drain our funds for their project? Let them apply to other funding sources like corporate donors, private benefactors and the like.

I feel the need to state that my objection is not about Veterans, it's about financing. There is no question that we should support our Veterans. My dad was a US Navy Veteran who served in WWII on an LST during D-Day. I have great respect for our Veterans. However, this idea of sending our CPA money out of the town is wrong. Judith Howard questioned in her letter to the editor last week why Norwood Housing Authority didn't purchase and rehab the property OURSELVES for Norwood's Veterans, disabled, seniors or others in need. Keep the money in Norwood, and retain ownership of the property. She's absolutely right! Our CPA funds should be used for the betterment of our Veterans and residents in our Town.

The CPC plans to send this proposal to Town Meeting this

fall for approval. PLEASE, contact your town meeting members and ask them to vote this down. The list of Town Meeting Members and their contact information is available on the town's website.

Steve Konetchy  
District 4 TMM

## CONCOM SHOULD STAND ITS GROUND

To the Editor:

I enjoyed reading the article about the vernal stream and the conundrum presented to the Conservation Commission. At issue is the desire of the property owner to build out a second driveway for the properties that currently share a driveway.

I wanted to express that I grew up in the 200s of Vernon Street in a house with a shared driveway with the next door neighbor. Each family owned their own home. For decades this worked for us, and it must have worked for the prior owners of the two houses sharing the driveway since the houses were built, perhaps in the early 1920s or 30s I assume.

We got to share winter shoveling/plowing duties and kept lawns going up to the driveway appropriately trimmed. As my parents got older and kids weren't living there any more, our wonderful neighbors took on the lion's share of snow removal.

I'd like to express that the Conservation Commission should stick to their guns. They shouldn't have to be responsible for neighbors trying to figure out how to share a driveway. Apartments share parking lots, and multi-level houses in the cities have to share parking or a driveway as well.

Neighbors should learn to be true neighbors. Share a driveway, get to know each other. The kids (if there are any) will grow up together playing games in the yards and said driveway (if allowed to play outside LOL).

The CON COM is right to protect the intermittent stream at all costs. You wouldn't believe how much life is dependent on the ebbing and flowing of a vernal body of water! We encroach on nature all the time and eventually every small decision can add up to have dire consequences for nature. So, stick to your position CON COM and help protect the town, even if it is one small driveway or one larger property at a time. Neighbors should cooperate and work things out.

Anne Clifford Whitaker  
Chelmsford, MA  
(Grew up in Norwood)

## Correction

In last week's issue of The Norwood Record, the story on page 1, entitled, "Vernal streams: Wetlands or not?" had two errors in the story. Firstly, the term "vernal stream," while colloquially used, is not an official term for an intermittent stream, as the term, "vernal," refers to spring, and intermittent streams can occur throughout the year. Second, the article stated that the Norwood Conservation Bylaw does not mention intermittent streams, only the Conservation Bylaw Regulations do. That was incorrect, and streams and intermittent streams are separately defined within the Bylaw. We apologize for the error.

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# Middle School halfway completed

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Middle School Building Committee (MSBC) met last week and discussed the progress of the new Coakley Middle School. The \$155 million project is about halfway done according to Vertex, the overall project manager (OPM) for the endeavor.

“That’s \$76,445,222, which brings us to 50 percent of the budget spent to date,” said Vertex Project Manager Luke Apone.

Apone added that a total of about \$133 million has been committed to the project so far in terms of planned and accepted funding costs. The rest of the \$150 million is for contingencies, for which the project is actually in the green (it’s actually added to the contingency budget).

Apone said they are also about a third of the way through the Massachusetts School Building Authority’s (MSBA) proposed contribution of \$55 million. “About \$23.8 million has been reimbursed to date, which is 31 percent of the grant,” he said.

MSBC Chair Alan Salter added they are reimbursed from the MSBA every month.

In terms of actual work progress, Apone said the brick siding is being installed on the building, with the south facing side about 95 percent complete.

For reference, the building is split into three “areas” that could be considered as separate buildings, in the same way that townhouses are separated. Area A refers to the southernmost section, with B in the middle and C to the north.

Apone said most of the curtain wall windows on the west elevation of Area C and the south elevation of Area A are complete, with several being



The windows in much of the building are being installed, along with the start of interior work for the building.

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intentionally not installed to help facilitate loading materials into the building.

“Finished facade materials have started on the (south) side of the building,” he said, referring to a brick curtain wall being installed on the north side.

The building is designed to have multiple materials in its facade, and Apone said they are more along with the brick portion of that than the granite slab siding that is being installed currently. He also said they are installing wall tile in the interior wall corridors and have installed the ground floor locker rooms.

“Lockers were delivered to the site last week for the second and third floors and instal-

lation for those will begin any day now,” he said.

He said they are installing ceiling grid on the second floor of Area B, continuing soffit framing on the ground floor of Area A, have started drywall hanging in Area A, and they are continuing to install electrical, plumbing and fire protection apparatuses on the second and third floors of Area A.

“And overall, the project is still on schedule for Phase 1 Substantial Completion for June 6, 2025,” Apone said.

The plan would then be to occupy the building in the fall of 2025.

MSBC member Bob

**Construction Progress**

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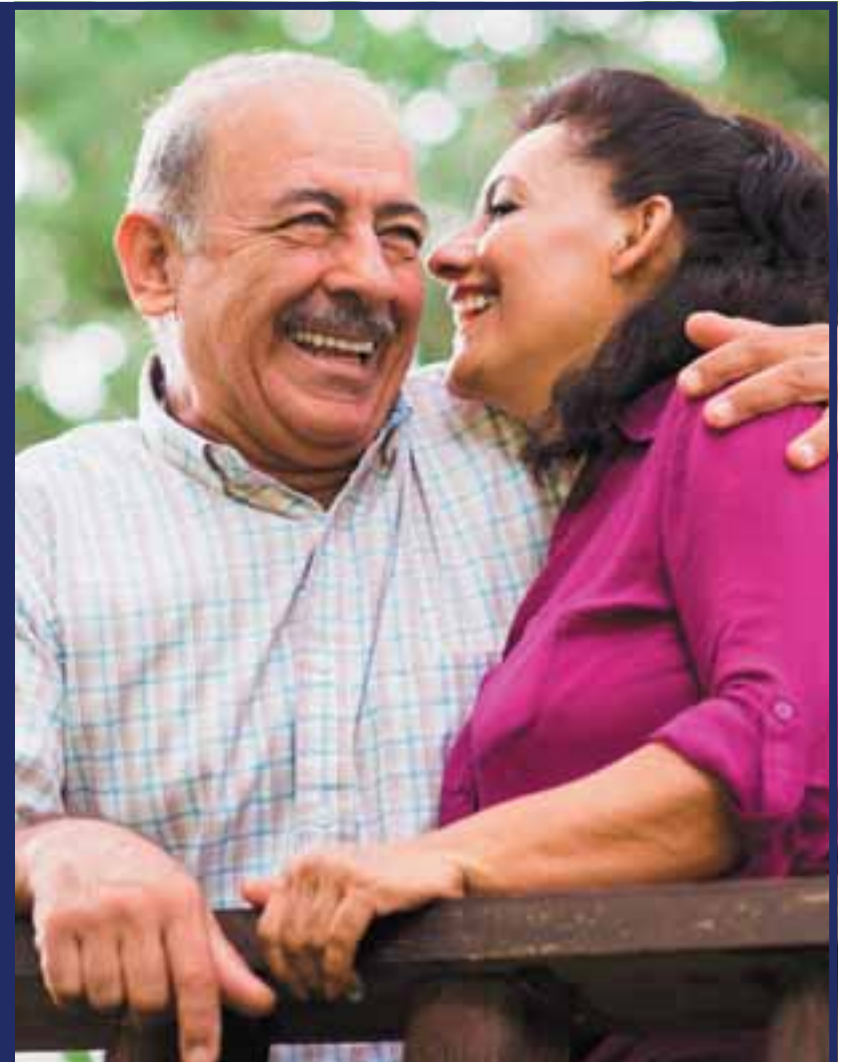
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*Signed:  
Wondering Widow*

**Dear Wondering Widow:** Provided you have not remarried before age 60, you have a choice which benefit to receive – either your deceased husband's benefit as his surviving spouse, or your ex-spouse benefit from your ex-husband while he is still living. Taking your survivor benefit from your deceased husband will likely be best because it is based on 100% of his SS amount when he died, whereas your ex-spouse benefit from your living ex-husband is based on 50% of his FRA entitlement. To get an ex-spouse benefit from your ex-husband (which you can't get until you are 62), your own SS retirement benefit would need to be less than 50% of your ex's FRA entitlement.

As you know, you will be eligible for survivor (widow's) benefits from your deceased husband when you are 60 but be aware that by taking your survivor benefit at 60, it will be reduced for early claiming. Rather than 100% of your husband's SS benefit, at age 60 you will get about 71.5%. Your surviving spouse benefit reaches maximum at your full retirement age (FRA) of 67 and will grow to that point but will be reduced if taken prior to that.

Also, if you are working,



**Russell Gloor**  
AMAC Certified Social  
Security Advisor

Social Security's "earnings test" will apply until you reach your full retirement age, so your plans for working may influence your decision on when to claim your widow's benefit. If you exceed the earnings limit (\$22,320 for 2024; it changes annually), Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. They "take away" by withholding future benefits until the penalty is satisfied, which means you would go some number of months without benefits. And, if you substantially exceed the earnings limit you may even be temporarily ineligible for any SS benefits (until you earn less or reach your FRA - the earnings test goes away at your FRA).

If you claim your surviving spouse benefits from your deceased husband first, and your ex-husband later dies, you do have the option to switch to the higher survivor benefit from your ex-husband. In effect, if both husbands are deceased, you have a choice which benefit to take (and, obviously, you'd chose the higher of the two).

None of this, however, happens automatically. To claim your surviving spouse benefit you will need to contact Social Security directly at 1.800.772.1213 (or call your local SS office) to make an appointment to apply for widow's benefits.

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Donnelly asked about shelter and shielding for the rooftop heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) units.

"We've talked about that during a site visit and there are a couple of proposals out there that (Middle School Project Architect) Ai3 is working on and maybe by the next meeting we'll have something to present to the committee on that," said MSBC Chair Alan Slater. "It's an aesthetic issue and a cost issue, and we'll have to balance

aesthetics and costs."

In other news, Vertex Project Manager Anissa Ellis said they are working with Norwood Public Schools district Educational Technology Director Joseph Kidd about internet infrastructure and servers in the building.

"He's putting out proposals and requesting updated pricing for switches and servers," she said. "We're expecting to have that for the October meeting."

The total estimated technol-

ogy budget is over by about \$20,000 at this point.

Ellis also said the furniture, fixtures and equipment budget is currently over by about \$140,000, but said everything is on schedule and they are expecting an install of all proposed items by May of 2025.

Ellis also said they are working on plans now to move the old CMS infrastructure and staff into the new building.

For more information on the project, go to [NewCMS.org](http://NewCMS.org)

## Schools Open *continued from page 1*

immediately conducted a threat assessment in collaboration with the (Norwood) Police Department (NPD) and deemed that it was not a credible threat. This was actually a student who shared a social media post regarding an event that took place in Texas a few days ago. She was nervous about coming to school because she saw this post as a potential school event that she shared with her peers."

Luff said students shared the posts with school staff and they were able to respond quickly.

"Thank you very much to those students at Coakley who reported that to the principal and allowed us, when I was notified at 8:53 a.m., to work with the NPD," he said. "We worked with the chief and the School Resource Officer. I spoke to the chief this morning and we drafted a statement addressed to the community at about 9:45 a.m. when we knew enough to determine that it was not a credible threat."

The NPD reported on its social media pages that the original poster in Texas was arrested without incident and that even though it was determined to not in any way be related to the incident, the NPD kept officers at the Coakley throughout the rest of the day as a precaution.

"It's just a reminder to folks of how seriously we take safety in our schools and we will be vigilant about any activity or threatening incident," he said. "And thanks to those students for reporting this, that's exactly what we want people to do."

In other news, Luff said the district started off the year with an Opening Day Convocation before classes began that turned out to be a real hit with the teaching staff and students.

"It was quite the production," he said, "and a big Thank You to everybody who put it together. Dr. (Jose)

Munoz put together an incredible video for us, along with our administrators. Our PTOs and PTAs were out front being the Swifties and cheering people as they came in. Our cheerleaders were in the lobby welcoming our folks, the school nutrition workers came out and helped with breakfast, Jack Tolman and (Norwood Community Media) NCM were there recording for us; we had student interviewers talking to people as they came in. Our student bands were there and they were incredible, and there were some amazing student speakers. We had one from every grade who stepped up."

Luff said participants in an after-action survey stated they felt the event helped build unity, engagement and a "motivational atmosphere."

"Many felt it to be the most engaging and meaningful convocation in years, fostering a district-wide sense of community," he said. "The involvement of students was particularly appreciated, making staff feel acknowledged and valued."

Luff said they got 241 responses from feedback surveys and 100 percent said they found the experience valuable. He said he then went to all classrooms in the district the next day.

"And in every classroom, every staff member I saw came out and thanked us for the convocation and the day; that alone I think showed it was worthwhile," he said.

For the full convocation, you can watch it at <http://71.174.214.34:1500/CablecastPublicSite/show/13154?site=2>

The committee also discussed pre-opening day professional development (PD) with Munoz. Munoz said they worked on improving their PD with the teachers even during union negotiations.

"The benefit of this is we're already seeing some of the dividends paying off in

some of the classes," he said. "We've decided to have a huge focus on student engagement. Let's talk about how we can engage more students with the content every day."

Munoz said they had 400 teachers, school administrators and district staff participate in the PD before the start of the school year, with about 100 participants per building. He said this year they're working on a new tack with Kagan ([Kaganonline.com](http://Kaganonline.com)) to develop new ways to engage students in group work activities. He said the idea is to make sure that each student in each group has a clear goal and purpose so that everyone is valued and doesn't feel left out.

"The teachers actually practiced the structure," he said.

Munoz said they got positive feedback from teachers on the new method, with 4.1 out of five being the lowest rating from teachers.

The Board also voted to reinforce the Capital Improvement Project associated with the Savage Center Parking lot repaving project for the Town Meeting Warrant coming up in November. Chair Anne Marie said they had voted to send it to Town Meeting last year but it was bumped, and several Town representatives have said they are hesitant to repave the parking lot since it is currently patched up (all patch, according to Town Manager Tony Mazzucco) and is likely to be a nonissue because the whole Savage Center is extremely old and could be rebuilt in the next 10-to-20 years.

But School Committee members and Town-wide Facilities Director Paul Riccardi – in an earlier meeting – emphasized the need for the repaving, since it's becoming a huge problem for vehicles going to the center. The Savage Center currently houses the NPS administrative offices, as well as the Little Mustangs Preschool Academy.

# Seniors and NFD *continued from page 3*

legislation. But the governor got it through, and they'll have to take us to court if they want to stop it."

In fact, the American Chemistry Council has already released a petition (<https://act.chemistrymatters.com/pchCEOI/>) trying to drum up opposition to the law. The petition states that "The bill treats PFAS as a single substance without considering the different characteristics, such as toxicity, environmental fate, and bioavailability, of various PFAS chemistries. By calling for a ban on all PFAS in firefighting PPE, legislators are putting firefighters at risk of potentially dangerous hazards with improper equipment."

"But it's a historic moment; first in the nation to have a deadline on banned PFAS," Mawn said. "We're very proud of it, or proud to be a small part of it."

Mawn said in the past, the issue hasn't gotten as much attention as he and the department might have liked.

"In the beginning, we showed it to very poor crowds," he said. "We invited every Town Meeting member by hand letter, and only half-a-dozen showed up, on two occasions. But we have a great relationship here. The seniors always tend to support their firefighters. Even with the legislation, we wanted to show it because it's an important issue."

Ronco discussed the department's most recent loss to cancer, retired firefighter John Bellanti, who died in 2021 of occupational cancer.

"He was loud, obnoxious, and his method was that he was perfect and everybody else did it wrong," Ronco said, to laughter from the crowd. "He was a character, and he did 25 years and was about to retire. He was on his vacation with his wife and got a phone call from his doctor who said he

had to come back because he was diagnosed with multiple myeloma."

Ronco said the department fought to raise awareness around the issue whenever they could. He said evidence has shown this was not an unknown issue.

"There is evidence that the chemical companies knew about this and there were billions of dollars set aside for wrongful death suits to pay off the families of firefighters," he said. "They found it was cheaper to pay off the families of firefighters than to fix the issue. That's just disgusting."

Mawn also wanted to thank Town Manager Tony Mazucco for his support throughout the campaign.

"When we first showed him the video, he said to us, 'Whatever you need, I'll get,'" Mawn said.

Resident Marguerite Camozzi said she's relieved that something is being done, but she said it seems to be one symptom of a much bigger problem.

"It was just very interesting to find out what's way ahead of us," she said. "It's scary. It's all over the United States; whatever is cheaper and what they can get away with for a while - no matter the consequences - that's what they're going to do."

Resident Barbara Connolly said she came specifically for the movie. "I was just interested to see the movie," she said.

Residents Bob McElroy

and his wife Kathleen said they wanted to come out and see everybody.

"We attend a lot of the Senior Center functions," he said. "It was a very interesting movie because most people don't give much thought as to what's in the gear. What's in the smoke, all those chemicals and what's wrong with the fire, it's in the air and gets in your lungs, sure, but the firefighter gear? No I didn't think of that."

Senior Center Executive Director Kerri McCarthy said the usually festive event is one of the more popular functions at the center.

"We always get a great crowd when they come to the senior center," she said. "People are always excited, they call all day to see if there are any openings, any seats available and they're always like let them all in, no matter what we'll feed them."

Mawn and Firefighter/Medic Paul Ronco ran the evening, and both said they were happy with the turnout. Mawn said he is always enthused when they interact with the senior center because they get the most insight.

McCarthy said the Police and NFD both come in to educate residents on how they can stay safe and get a good meal in the process. Firefighters of all ages took turns on the grill serving up hot dogs, burgers and baked beans (yes, grilled baked beans) for any and all at the event.

And, best of all, nothing was burned.

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Registration is required and free for all events below unless otherwise indicated. Sign up at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27

The program is free and open to attendees aged 18+.

# Morrill Library Events

[norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or by calling the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

Dive into the world of art journaling, where there are no

rules—just endless possibilities! Explore paints, pens, collage, and words, in a fun and relaxed environment. You'll leave with your very own personalized art journal pages and a treasure trove of ideas to keep your creativity flowing.

No experience needed! All supplies will be provided. Attendees must be aged 18+. Limit 20 registrants. All attendees must be aged 18+.

## SENSORY-FRIENDLY ART CLASSES

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with Norwood-based Lifeworks Inc to bring a series of art classes called Sensory-friendly Art Classes for Adults to the library. The classes will be held weekly on Fridays from 10:30 am to 11:45 am in the Simoni Room.

Join the art instructor Stephanie Enloe for sensory-friendly art classes for adults, a program specially designed for adults with all levels of cognitive abilities. The attendees will get a chance to create an art piece in a sensory-friendly and inclusive environment. August movies are: The Marsh King's Daughter (108 mins) -R. She said (129 mins)- R.

The class schedule is as follows: 9/20, 9/27, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22,

## SEPTEMBER VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

The Morrill Memorial Library has partnered with Ashland Public Library and other libraries throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire to bring the following virtual programs to our communities: "Finding and Identifying Birds" - Author and birder Heather Wolf explains how to find and identify more birds in your locale by picking a "patch"—a place close to home where you can watch birds often—on Monday, September 24 starting at 7:00pm. "The Great Boston Fires" - Historian David Kruh describes Boston's "great" fires of the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries and their impacts on the city on Monday, September 30 starting at 7:00pm. All of these programs will take place on Zoom. Registration is required. Please register by visiting

## AGING PARENTS AND HOUSING OPTIONS

Morrill Memorial Library is partnering with Cornerstone at Canton to host a presentation called Aging Parents: Understanding housing options on Thursday, September 26 at 6:30p.m. in the Simoni Room.

Social isolation can have a profound effect on seniors living at home alone. Many older adults have limited opportunities for meaningful interactions and daily exercise, especially during the cold winter months. While visiting your loved ones, it is important to keep an eye out for both physical and cognitive changes.

Please join Anne Stein, Director of Community Relations and Rebecca Scalzo, Executive Director at Cornerstone, Canton as they take the attendees through the signs to look out for and how to determine the best living option for your loved ones so that they can have the highest possible quality of life.

## ART JOURNALING FOR BEGINNERS

The Morrill Memorial Library is excited to host local artist Lynda Bassett, who will host an art workshop titled "Unleash Your Creativity: Art Journaling for Beginners" on Sunday, September 29 starting at 2:00pm in the Simoni Room.

## HALOWEEN COSTUME SWAP

Get ready for a fun and eco-friendly way to celebrate Halloween this year! From September 30 to October 30, the Morrill Memorial Library will host its 2nd annual Halloween Costume Swap, offering patrons the chance to donate or shop gently used costumes. Whether you have costumes your family has outgrown or are looking for something new-to-you, this swap is the perfect opportunity to get into the Halloween spirit while supporting your community.

We are accepting children's costumes, from infant sizes through teen sizes, as well as family-friendly adult costumes. All donated costumes should be in good, gently used condition, free of rips, stains, or other damage. Please note that only costumes will be accepted—regular clothing items cannot be donated. A large bin for donations will be available in the hallway outside the Children's Room, and costumes will be displayed on portable coat racks nearby for

easy browsing.

You can visit the Costume Swap anytime during library hours to either donate, shop, or both! There's no need to donate in order to shop, and all are welcome to participate. After the swap ends, any leftover costumes will be donated to local organizations, ensuring that all costumes find a good home. Celebrate Halloween in a fun, sustainable way with the library's Costume Swap! Need more info? Call the library at 781-769-0200 x3 or email the staff at [norchild@minlib.net](mailto:norchild@minlib.net).

## CREEPY CRAWLIES AND OTHER CREATURES

Let's all get into the Halloween spirit! Morrill Memorial Library is excited to offer a live animal hybrid program called Creepy Crawlies and Other Creatures of the Night on October 17 at 7PM in the Simoni Room.

Joy Marzolf is back by popular demand and this time she is bringing in some live creepy crawlies with her! At some times of the year, like Halloween, we often think about many creepy creatures in the animal world, including many that are active at night. How do you hiss without using your mouth? Eat by using a built-in straw? From animals that look creepy like spiders and bats, to those that just sound creepy, many of these creatures include important predators that help us unseen under the cover of darkness. Learn about the amazing talents of some of our creepy animal friends and what you can do to help them help us! This program will be a combination of presentation followed by interaction with some live creepy crawlies.

### TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on October 1, 2024, at 7:00 PM** on the request of **Teresa Pitaro (Case #24-19)** with respect to property located at **17 Thompson Rd, Norwood, MA 02062 [Map 6 Block 8 Lot 31]**, in the **Single Residence 2 (S2) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/xsu-pnjz-wua>  
Or dial: (US) +1 941-254-1160 PIN: 402 158 920#

This Application requests a **Special Permit** pursuant to Zoning Bylaw **Section 5.4** to construct an addition of about 240 square feet to the rear of the existing single-family residence that would expand the habitable floor area by more than 25% and increase the nonconformity. The structure is pre-existing non-conforming in rear set back.

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

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

Norwood Record: 9/12/2024, 9/19/2024

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

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION** Docket No. NO24P2508EA  
Estate of: **Elayne Trundley** Norfolk Probate and Family Court  
Also known as: **Elaine Fitzpatrick** 35 Shawmut Road  
Date of Death: **10/23/2021** Canton, MA 02021  
(781) 830-1200

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Kristy Lee Morin of Norwood, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

**Kristy Lee Morin of Norwood, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 A.M. on the return day of 10/16/2024**. This is **NOT** a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

#### UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 09, 2024

Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

Norwood Record: 09/19/2024

## Deaths

### DeGIORGIO

Maria (Gironda) Of Norwood, September 11, 2024, at 76. Beloved wife of the late Nicola DeGiorgio. Loving mother of Domenic G. DeGiorgio and his wife, Gislane of Foxboro and Maria C. Smolynsky and her husband, Adrian of Charlton. Cherished grandmother of Julia DeGiorgio, Tatiana and Nico Smolynsky. Dear sister of Vito Gironda of Calabria, Italy, Onofrio Gironda of Norwood, Antonio Gironda of Peabody and Olivina Gironda of Hingham. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and extended family. Visitation will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2024, from 8 to 9:30am, at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington Street, NORWOOD, followed a Mass of Christian Burial in Celebration of her Life at 10am, in St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood. Interment will be held at the Highland Cemetery in Norwood. Donations in Maria's memory may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)

### HANDRAHAN



Paul J. Handrahan, age 72, of Norwood, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, September 8, 2024. Born in Boston, he was the son of the late Katherine (Hannon) and Cornelius Handrahan. Paul worked for many years for the United States Postal Service. He was a member of the Masonic Celestial Lodge in Westwood, and Order of the Eastern Star. Paul was a member of the Widows Sons Massachusetts Grand Chapter. Paul was the beloved husband of Linda L. (Chute)

Handrahan of Norwood. He was the devoted father of Angela and her husband Juan Carlos Castaneda of Jamaica Plain, Linda and her husband George Olivencia, III of Temple TX, and Henry Paul Handrahan of Wiscasset ME. Paul was the brother of Mark Handrahan and his wife Jane of South Boston, the late John and his surviving wife Deborah Handrahan of Cape Cod, and the late Neal Handrahan. He was the proud grandfather of Giancarlo, Geovania, Nicholas, Alexandra, Hope, Raven, and the late Makinzee, and is survived by many nieces, nephews. Relatives and friends are invited to gather at the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rt. 1A) NORWOOD Funeral Home on Thursday September 19, beginning at 10 AM prior to the Funeral Service in The First Congregational Church in Norwood, 100 Winter Street, Norwood at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Paul's memory to Bikers

### Deaths

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## HILL



**LINDA A. (Pentowski)** of Derry, NH, formerly of Norwood, passed away on September 13, 2024 at the age of 70. Beloved wife of Wesley M. Hill III. Devoted Step-Mother of Melanie Hill of Taunton and Wesley M. Hill IV and his wife Tonya of Berkley. Loving sister of Mark Pentowski of FL, Stephen Pentowski and his wife Marie of Wareham, Michael Pentowski and his wife Patricia of Spain, Gary Pentowski and his wife Eugna of WA, Kevin Pentowski and his wife Lynn of Norwood and Timothy Pentowski and his wife Debra of Norwood. Cherished grandmother of Wesley M. Hill V, Dylan Hill and Leland Hill. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Daughter of the late Joseph M. "Mitch" and Jacqueline (Morgan) Pentowski. Linda was a 24 year employee for Precision Tool and Die Co. working as a Process Technician and a 28 year employee for Polaroid Corporation. Linda then went on to work as a receptionist for the Derry, NH Rehabilitation and Nursing Home. Linda was full of love. Her kindness, generosity and laugh will be missed by all. Visiting hours will be held on Monday, September 23, 2024 from 8:30am-10:30am at the Kraw Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. A funeral mass will follow the visitation on Monday at 11am in St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood, MA. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA.

## JAIME



**Cynthia (O'Brien)**, age 64, of Raynham, passed away on Saturday, September 7, 2024. Born in Akron, Ohio she was the daughter of the late Nancy L. (West) and Francis C. O'Brien. Cynthia worked for many years at Needham High School. Cynthia was kind hearted with a quick wit and could always put a smile on your face. Cynthia put the needs of others before her own and was always a shoulder to lean on for advice. Cynthia was the beloved wife of the late Edward J. Jaime, and the devoted mother of Ryan Jaime and his wife Rosanna of Canton. She was the proud grandmother of Thomas Jaime of Canton, and the step-mother of Christopher Jaime of Pembroke. Cynthia was the sister of Mary Coyle of Vernon CT, Nancy Ham of Lake Mary FL, Catherine Nease of Largo FL, Christopher O'Brien of (ORMOND BEACH FL), and is survived by many nieces and nephews. A Private Celebration of Life will be held for Cynthia. Arrangements are in the care of Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood.

## NOLAN



**BRODY L.** of Norwood passed away suddenly on September 12, 2024 at the age of 36. Beloved son of Lisa (Nolan) O'Neil of Norwood. Loving brother of David O'Neil and his girlfriend Rebekah Etique of Barre, MA. Devoted grandson of John and Marion (McGrath)

Nolan of Norwood and the late Marjorie (McGowan) O'Neil. Dear friend of Sherrijeann Robson and pet parent to Daisy. Cherished nephew of many loving Aunts and Uncles. Brody was a wonderfully eloquent writer as a child and young adult, having excelled in school and college and winning awards for his talent. He loved his job as custodian for the Mitchell Elementary School in Needham and was loved and respected by teachers, students and coworkers alike. He was always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. To know him was to love him. The most thoughtful, kind, gentle and sensitive soul, a fighter for the underdog who will be missed beyond words. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2024 from 4-8pm at the Kraw Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. A service will be held at 7:30pm on Thursday evening at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Brody's name to MSPCA-Angell at [www.support.MSPCA.org](http://www.support.MSPCA.org) or the Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech at [www.Clarkeschools.org](http://www.Clarkeschools.org)

## ONISHUK



Edna M. (Sudlows) of Norwood passed away Sun-

day, September 1, 2024, at the Jack Byrne Center for Palliative and Hospice Care in Lebanon, NH. She was 87. Edna is survived by her loving husband of 62 years, Frank R. Onishuk, her loving daughters Elizabeth B. Onishuk of Cambridge and Kathryn P. Husgen and her husband Eric of Marblehead. Edna was raised and educated in Norwood. She attended St. Catherine School and graduated from Norwood High School. As a young woman she enjoyed bowling, traveling, and was a member of the Pole Cats Ski Club. She married and moved to Walpole to raise her family where she resided until 2003 when she and Frank retired to Wolfeboro, NH. Edna worked in the medical field for many years. She was an employee at the Norwood Hospital, working in the admitting office and served many local doctors as a medical administrator. After retiring to Wolfeboro, NH, Edna and Frank enjoyed exploring Northern New Hampshire and vacationing along the Maine Coast. Edna's love of fresh produce brought her to the Wolfeboro farmer's market each week so that she could prepare beautiful meals for her family and friends. Edna had a fondness for farm animals. She was a frequent visitor to Live & Let Live Farm in Chichester, NH and Tiz A Miniature Horse Farm in Barnstead, NH. In honor of Edna's memory, donations can be made to the Jack Byrne Center for Palliative and Hospice Care in Lebanon, NH. Funeral Services were held at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington Street, Norwood and interment followed at the Highland Cemetery.

## SIENKIVICZ



**Franca (Ratto)** of Norwood passed away Wednesday morning, September 11, 2024, at Accent Care Hospice in Milton. She was 91. The beloved wife of the late Stanley E. Sienkivicz, is survived by her loving children Stanley E. Sienkivicz, Jr and his wife Candy and Michael Sienkivicz both of Mansfield and Nancy Rempelakis and her husband Nick of Millis, her dear sister Theresa Kosinski of Stoughton and her cherished grandchildren Angela, Lori, Craig, Kasandra, Michael-John and Jeremy and her great grandchildren Hunter and Lily. She was predeceased by her daughter-in-law Rose Sienkivicz. The daughter of the late John and Maria (Carazzo) Ratto, Franca was born, raised and educated in Canton. She was a graduate of Saint John's High School. She had retired from the Cumberland Farms corporate offices in Westwood where she had been employed for many years as a bookkeeper. All services and interment will be private under the direction of the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington Street, Norwood, MA. Based on her love and caring for animals donations in Franca's memory may be made to MSPCA - Angell at [www.mspca.org](http://www.mspca.org).



## 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.

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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](mailto:news@bulletinnewspapers.com) and we will do our best to get them answered.

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**Monday, September 9**

0821 Phone - PD-Vandalism Report Follows Location/Address: Melville Ave Caller reporting her vehicle has been vandalized. Black Honda Civic. MA REG: 3MDD44. OF given to 663. 663 canvassing the area for video.

0940 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller stating his cat turned the pilot of the stove on and he is out of the country. 667 en route to get a key for the apartment and meet FD on scene to get in. Able to shut the stove off. all units clear.

1220 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Lane Dr Caller stating a bicycle is parked in the woods, seems suspicious. Calling DPW to see if they can transport the bike to the station. Bike is not registered. DPW is en route. DPW has the vehicle and is returning to the station.

1439 Phone - PD-Disturbance Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Pleasant St Caller on 911 reporting he is a social worker from Riverside, and has a 47yo DK male party. Is scared for his safety and others. FD en route. Male party is being transported by FD to BI Needham. 667 to ride in the ambulance.

**Tuesday, September 10**

0037 911 - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Walpole St Negoshian towed his car when he feels it should not have been towed because he purchased a towing pass. Caller refused to give any information stated the officer could get it on scene. Party parked in the wrong spot in the lot even though he had a 3 day pass, party was advised and is going return in the morning to pay the fine.

0226 Initiated - PD-Motor

Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Neponset St + Westview Dr MA REG 4TFN35 One female party in custody. Don and Wally's en route Walpole PD notified and they have a female officer en route for a search Arrest: Burkett, Stephanie Address: 52 Railroad Ave Norwood, Ma Age: 35 Charges: License Suspended, Op MV With Marked Lanes Violation Attaching Plates Uninsured Motor Vehicle Unregistered Motor Vehicle Drug, Possess Class B, Subsq.Off. Drug, Possess To Distrib Class C, Subsq. Drug, Possess To Distrib Class C, Subsq.

0234 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Norwest Dr Refer To Arrest: 24NWD-302-AR

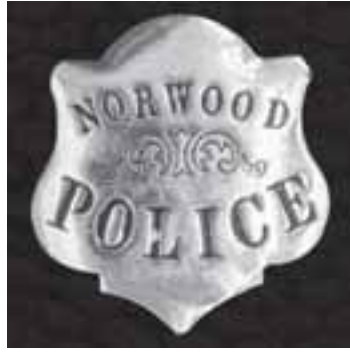
0619 911 - PD-Threats Services Rendered Location/Address: Rockhill St Male party making threats towards the caller through ring cam. Verbal altercation through the ring doorbell camera. Both parties were advised of their options.

1125 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint No Action Required Location/Address: Hamilton Cir Call for a sick bird in the driveway ACO notified and en route.

1144 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Area Search Negative Location/Address: CVS Pharmacy - Nahatan St Walk-in party reporting a male party possibly under the influence of something appears to almost passing out. Leaning over. Thin build wearing jean jacket. All parties in the area check out.

1720 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Rockland Trust - Lenox St Caller reporting a male party is stumbling on the sidewalk and appeared to get into an argument with another party. Described as a white male with a

*Police Logs*



white tank top and red shorts. Norwood 662 is returning to the station with 1 male party under protective custody. FD transporting that party to the hospital under PC, report to follow.

2033 Phone - PD-Disturbance Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: St Joseph Ave Norwood 661 reports being flagged down by a party stating his daughter just fled out the back of the home. Norwood 661 transporting 1 female party in custody, back to the station. Arrest: Mclean, Brittney V Address: 10 St Joseph Ave Apt. #1 Norwood, Ma Age: 26 Charges: Straight Warrant

2346 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Gone on arrival Location/Address: Jake N Joes Sports Grille - Bos-Prov Hwy Manager reporting they had a male party inside the restaurant appeared heavily under the influence and being aggressive towards staff. Staff feels unsafe to leave the restaurant. Caller stated he left about 5 minutes ago on foot towards the Maserati dealership, described as a white male with camo long sleeve, jeans, hat and white shoes. Units checked the area, party gone on arrival, clear.

**Wednesday, September 11**

1540 Phone - PD-Mental Health Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Riverside - Village Road W Employee requesting PD assistance for Section 12 in hand Party was transported to the hospital.

1633 Phone - PD-Threats Report Follows Location/Address: Coakley Middle School - Washington St Middle School principal called HQ requesting an officer to report a student that was making threats. Made contact w/ the juvenile's mother over the phone.

2151 911 - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: May Institute - Commerce Way 911 caller reporting an 18 y/o out of control smashing things. Unable to control. 662 on board of the ambulance, transporting to BI-Needham.

**Thursday, September 12**

1136 Initiated - PD-Parking Violation Services Rendered Location/Address: Peabody Rd 4 tickets issued. Over the time of

parking. Vehicles also moved. Students advised on how to get parking passes.

1139 Initiated - PD-Threats Report Follows Location/Address: Norwood High School - Nichols St SRO and marked unit out for a call at the high school. Units clear. OF to NWD 679 for threats.

1413 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Investigated Location/Address: TJ Maxx - Nahatan St Looks like a male party that is sleeping against the wall. White male, grey jacket, black shirt, green pants. Spoke with party. Checks out. Moved along.

1633 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Cafe Venice - Washington St Business line caller reports she threw three white females out of her business. They were verbally assaulting her. One left a pocketbook there. Caller wants the OFC to pick up the pocketbook and document what happened. Incident happened 15-20 mins ago. Contact made with the purse owner. Her sister is en route from Walpole to pick up. Purse has been picked up, unit clear.

1902 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Ace Locksmith - Washington St HQ has a report of an elderly W/M walking in the area unsteady on his feet. Norwood Fire transporting straight medical to BI Needham.

**Friday, September 13**

0001 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Caller reporting loud music coming from a vehicle located by the dog park. Music was quiet upon officers arrival. Employee of the Moderna was on break, and sent on way.

1229 Phone - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Shaw's Supermarket - Nahatan St Employee reporting that a black male wearing a white tee shirt, and black shorts was yelling and harassing customers in the store. Now walking to the CVS and is by the bench there. Involved party refused to give his name and is exiting the property. Speaking to Shaw's now. Spoke to manager of Shaw's and they are satisfied.

1259 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Prospect St + Vernon St Motor Vehicle Stop MA REG 6GLN58 - 2 in custody. NWD 662 returning with one in custody back to the station. NWD 663 transporting one party back to the station. Don & Wally's has the vehicle. Arrest: Cabrera Morel, Mario Melvin Address: 53 Olney St Apt. #2 Boston, Ma Age: 27 Charges: Straight Warrant Arrest: Ortiz, Gaby De Jesus Address: 87 Glenway St Apt. #3 Dorchester, Ma Age: 30 Charges: Unlicensed Operation of MV Inspection/Sticker, No

1548 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Melville Ave Caller reports someone drove into and damaged her fence.

1551 Phone - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: Rock St Caller reporting that two men were in a fist fight in the parking lot.

2129 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: Highview St Caller reports MA PC 4VAS19 was doing burnouts at a stop light. Spoke to the party & informed of complaints. Advised of repercussions of driving like that. Cleared.

**Saturday, September 14**

0945 Phone - PD-Assist Public Spoke With Location/Address: Wickham Way Female party would like to talk to an officer in regards to picking up belongings from old apartment.

1704 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Neponset St + Westview Dr from HQ- caller reporting machete stuck in the ground near telephone pole. Removed the item. Going to speak to couple neighbors, see if they saw anything. Returning back to the station.

2310 911 - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: David Terrace 911-BBQ, loud noise music...possibly #3. BBQ is outside on grounds. 2 issues: 1)BBQ outside with kids running around 2)party both residents have been advised, cleared

**Sunday, September 15**

0825 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Nahatan St 911 caller reporting hearing a male party screaming for help, caller unsure why that party is in need of assistance. Norwood 667 reports locating that party and making access into the apartment, party had fallen inside of her apartment and could not get up. Clear, FD transporting that party to the hospital.

1034 Walk-In - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St Walk in reports she is here for a custody exchange for 10am and male party did not show up for pick up.

1716 Phone - PD-Assist Public Spoke With Location/Address: Guild St Calling party stating that a neighbor is throwing shopping carts and trash on their property. Shopping cart from Shaw's hidden in the bushes. Going to Shaw's to see if someone is available to come get it. Made contact with Shaw's and they are contacting a manager to have someone go down and pick-up the cart. Also conducting a check later tonight as the reporting party stated they have a homeless person who has been staying behind the building.

1759 Initiated - PD-Traffic Enforcement Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Alden Park Apts. - Washington St 1. Motor Vehicle Stop MA REG 5EKJ95. Upland by Moderna Starting one next in line. One in custody. Don & Wally's has the vehicle. Arrest: Mercedes, Rafael Martin Jr Address: 5 Pacella Park Dr Randolph, Ma Age: 32 Charges: Electronic Device, Use While Operating MV, 1st Offense\* C90 S13B Identify self, MV operator refuse C90 S25 License Suspended, Op MV WITH C90 S23 Drug, Possess To Distrib Class B

1945 911 - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Berwick St Caller on 911 reports a black or grey suburban type driving on the street back and forth multiple times today. Caller states last occurred a few minutes ago. Caller then hung up. Spoke to reporting party and the vehicle was more concerned with the landlord's equipment. Landlord will call if he has concerns.

2205 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: Elks - Winslow Ave Bottom lot and there is loud music coming from a group of people. Unknown how many people are there. Parties have been spoken to.

**NORWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
LEGAL NOTICE**

The Norwood Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, The Wetlands Protection Act and the Norwood Bylaw XXV, including any amendments thereto on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be conducted in-person at the Senior Center at 275 Prospect St and digitally using Google Meet. Public participation may be accessed through your computer, tablet or smartphone at the following link: <https://meet.google.com/qxr-awkv-kuj> or dial: (US) +1 402-627-0114 PIN: 610 701 599#

The Commission will hear a Notice of Intent from applicant Joe Greeley on behalf of the Norwood Trails Advisory Committee, concerning the installation of a permanent wooden walkway over a drainage swale in Bordering Vegetated Wetland, Buffer Zone, and Riverfront Area of the Neponset River.

Project Location: Open space by the Neponset River, near Meadow St., Assessors Map/Plat Number 21, Parcel/Lot Number 21-13-2.

Carly Rocklen  
Conservation Planner

*Norwood Record: 09/19/24*

**TOWN OF NORWOOD  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on October 1, 2024, at 7:00 PM** on the request of **Richard Arnold (Case #24-21)** with respect to property located at **32 Walnut Ave. Norwood, MA 02062 [Map 3 Block 6C Lot 14C]**, in the **General Residence(G) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/xsu-pnjz-wua>  
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This Application requests a **Special Permit** pursuant to Zoning Bylaw **Section 5.4** to construct an addition adding a second story to the back and side bumpouts of the existing single-family residence, and replacing the front stairs with a covered porch running the width of the house. These additions would increase the zoning nonconformity. The structure is pre-existing non-conforming in lot area, Walnut Ave Frontage, Elkway Frontage, and side setback,

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

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

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WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET

The Norwood Woman's Club will be meeting on Tuesday, October 8th at 12:30 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall. 572 Nichols St, Norwood Ma. The Singing State Trooper will be returning to help us celebrate the 99th year of the Norwood Woman's Club. A light lunch will be served. Guests are welcomed. Yearly dues are now \$35.00 .We are asking everyone to bring one item for the Ecumenical Food pantry to each meeting. Any questions please call Trina at 781-762-8173. Hope to see you there.

NLWV OFFERS AN EVENING WITH REGISTRAR BRIERLEY

The Norwood League of Women Voters, in partnership with Norwood Morrill Memorial Library, is pleased to offer an evening with Norfolk County Register of Probate, Colleen Brierley, on Monday, September 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Simoni Room - 2nd floor. The Massachusetts Probate and Family Court is a department under the Massachusetts

Trial Court with jurisdiction over probate and family-related matters. The Probate and Family Court Department handles numerous matters involving families and children, including divorce, child support, adoption, guardianships, conservatorships, estates and wills, and much more. Come listen and learn about the necessity of this important court and learn about the role of the Register of Probate. Light refreshments offered. Thank you to Norwood Community Media for helping us to reach a wider audience. Registration is required for this in-person program.

OPPV FALL SEASON BEGINS

The Fall Season Begins on Saturday, October 5, from 8:30am to 10:30am at Old Parish Cemetery, Norwood's original burial ground established in 1741, located off Washington Street near Railroad Avenue.

The aim of the OPPV is to

properly clean stone grave markers, repair and reset broken stones, and document this historic site. With care and attention, the cemetery will continue to be a valuable historical and cultural resource for the town. Additional Saturday work days this fall include: October 12, October 19, October 26, November 2 and November 9. Anyone interested in helping preserve this site can join the group working in the cemetery, or visit the group's web site: https://www.parkpreservationvolunteers.com

The cemetery is open to the public during the time volunteers are working.

VFW MEAT RAFFLE IS BACK!

The Norwood V.F.W. Post 2452 on Dean Street in Norwood hosts a Meat Raffle every Saturday from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The Meat Raffle is open to the Public and everyone is welcome. The price for each Drawing is only \$2.00. Ten Drawings are conducted each Saturday. A Pre-Buy for \$20.00 is available during the week at the Post. This Pre-Buy allows for entrance in all Ten Drawings conducted on Saturday. The winners of the Pre-Buys need not be present to win. The prizes are delectable, delicious, and generous portions of meat and chicken. The Drawings also include a 50/50 Money Raffle. A separate Winner Takes All Raffle is conducted at the end for an additional \$5.00.

The Norwood VFW is located at 193 Dean Street in Norwood. The Meat Raffle will continue every Saturday thru May. The Norwood VFW is looking for new members. Veterans of the Gulf War, and

personnel who have served overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan are welcome to visit the post at any time or come to one of the Monthly Meetings which are held on the Fourth Wednesday of each Month from September thru May (Except December).

FALL ART VENT AT THE FARMERS MARKET

ART!, an offshoot of Norwood Art Walk, is excited to participate in the Farmers Market Artist Day on Tuesday September 24 from 2 to 6 p.m. Visitors will be able to browse through displays of traditional and contemporary paintings and digital art, quilted wall hangings and reversible bags, pottery items, photographs, and unique cards, all done by local and area artists. All items will be available for purchase. It is not too early to shop for the holidays or to treat yourself!

ART! is thankful to the organizers of the Farmers Market, Peter McFarland and Michele Taranto, for the opportunity to showcase these wonderful artists and artisans. Come and show your support for more ART! in Norwood!

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY BALLROOM DANCE

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging will be sponsoring their monthly Ballroom Dance, on Friday, September 20th from 7-10 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood. Music will be provided by Dan Mackowiak &

Friends (Band from Friday afternoon Holliston Senior Dance) and the cost is \$12.00 per person for your Ballroom Dancing pleasure. Coffee, tea, desserts & water are served & there are also door prizes. We look forward to welcoming newcomers of all ages. There is a Facebook page so you can check the status of events offered by the Friends: Friends Of The Norwood Council On Aging | Facebook

FARMERS MARKET OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The Norwood Farmers Market cut the ribbon and is open for business. The market will be Tuesdays through October 15, from 2-6pm on the Town Common.

The Norwood Farmers Market features 4 produce farms Oakdale, Riverdale, Barbosa Family and Medway Community Farms that all accept SNAP benefits plus the students from Norfolk Agricultural School's Student Farm along Pumpkin Farm which sells pastured-raised meats. Also, Jordan Brothers Seafood, Ally's Cookies, Microgreens by the Sea, Native Kitchen, Norwood's own LaBaguette North Bakery, Dorothy's Garden Flowers along with artisans Eight Bells Weaving, Pretty Little Links Jewelry and local organizations: Morrill Memorial Library, Norwood Trails Advisory Committee, Impact Norwood, Global Smiles Foundation and many others.

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TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on October 1, 2024 at 7:00 PM on the request of Pete Castaldini, regarding property located at 1182 Washington Street (Map 9 Block 7B Lot 49), Norwood, MA 02062, in the General Business (GB) Zoning District. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

Video call link: https://meet.google.com/xsu-pnjz-wua Or dial: (US) +1 941-254-1160 PIN: 402 158 920#

This Application requests to appeal a determination made by the Building Inspector regarding Section 3.4.5(2) of the Zoning Bylaw prohibiting the use of trailers for storage of goods or merchandise in nonresidential districts.

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

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

Norwood Record: 09/12/24, 09/19/24

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Notice is hereby given by Center Auto Body 101 Carnegie Row, Norwood, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after October 4, 2024 beginning at 10:00 a.m. by private or public sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale. Vehicles are being stored at Center Auto Body.

- 1. 2011 Chevrolet Cruze VIN 1G1PK5S90B7292639
2. 2012 Ford E-250 VIN 1FTNE2EW5CDA46341
3. 2015 Nissan Versa VIN 3N1CE2CP0FL373802
4. 2015 Buick Verano VIN 1G4PP5SK3F4204004

Signed, Center Auto Body

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TOWN OF NORWOOD APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF DBA PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for a Change of DBA for Mama's Inc. located at 175-179 Railroad Avenue, Norwood, Massachusetts to Washington No. 7, Manager of Record Elias Akiki, under Section 12, Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of All Alcoholic Beverages to be drunk on the premises of 175-179 Railroad Avenue, Norwood Massachusetts.

Public hearing on this application will be held on Tuesday, October 8th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

Robert G. Donnelly, Chairman
Amanda R. Grow
William J. Plasko
Matthew E. Lane
Michael Saad
Selectmen of Norwood as Local Licensing Board

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