



Dina Delic, youth services librarian, and Deršana Merchant, outreach librarian of Morrill Memorial Library, at the Norwood Farmers Market.

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As Norwood Hospital's partial construction continues, Carney and Nashoba Valley are set to close.

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Farmers Market a collection of stories More than just produce

Dilani Yogaratnam
Staff Reporter

Instead of the headaches of mall parking and rowdy teenagers, a farmer's market offers a feeling of community, as is clearly evident at the Norwood Farmers Market.

Among the usual fare there is the expected; from fresh organic vegetables to homemade jewelry, but just underneath are the stories behind the small businesses, with all vendors expressing pride in sharing their proceeds with the community. The Town of Norwood hosts a farmer's market every Tuesday, which began June 18 and will run thru Oct. 15, from

2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Norwood Town Common.

A mother and daughter are the proud owners of Boogie Bracelet, a company which began after Betty Somaio's husband died of cancer, leaving Sarah Somaio heartbroken. As a coping mechanism, Betty's sister taught Sarah how to make bracelets and, before they knew it, their house was overrun with hand-crafted creations. Thus began Boogie Bracelet, which is a nickname Sarah's dad gave her.

Other vendors might not have as moving a story, but their purpose to reach audiences is equally passionate. Take Ramon Hohlenwerger, owner

of Microgreens, who said, "I love talking about micro greens and their health benefits." Microgreens are plants in their youngest stage and contain more nutrients than their adult counterparts, he explained.

"They are fun, easy to eat. Make sure there is color in your diet," he added.

Educating and outreach are themes at the Market. "Our goal is to provide healthy, nutritious produce to everyone," said Todd Sandstrum, farm manager of Medway Community Farm, a 501c3 education working farm. "Every fourth grader in Medway comes to the farm for

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Most Steward hospitals garner bidders

Carney, Nashoba Valley to close

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

While the fate of the half-finished, formerly Steward-owned Norwood Hospital is unclear (it is now technically owned by Steward's landlord, Medical Properties Trust [MPT]), five of the other seven Steward hospitals in Massachusetts have found qualified bidders, according to recent filings in Steward's bankruptcy case.

St. Elizabeth's in Brighton, Good Samaritan in Brockton, Morton Hospital in Taunton, St. Anne's in Fall River and Holy Family in Methuen have bidders. Since Norwood Hospital is not connected, technically, with Steward anymore, it is not part of the bankruptcy proceedings and MPT has stated in the past it is looking for a new operator on its own.

As of the date of publication, Steward has not released the names of any bidders.

But on the bright side for Steward and MPT, it looks like the

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Planning Board signs off on 76 Prospect

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Planning Board gave its final written approval for the proposal for 19 single-family homes at 76 Prospect St.

The official proceeding was for an official "Plan Endorsement," from the Board. Dan Merrikin of Legacy Engineering and David Hern of Gelerman & Cabral. Merrikin said they need the Board's signatures on the endorsement so they can bring it to the Registry of Deeds.

"And once we have that documentation squared away it can be recorded at the Registry," Merrikin said.

Hern said there is a new party associated with the project after a recent mortgage transaction. "The covenant was reviewed by the Planning Department and Town Counsel and was found to be in order, but we have to have all mortgagees signed and sent, and as I said there was a transaction last week that necessitated obtaining one more signature," he

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The Norwood Planning Board approved the plan for 76 Prospect St. recently.

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Massachusetts Supreme Court now agrees in principle that, from a legal standpoint, the term “surface waters” is not inclusive of water that touches a surface which is quite relative to the Norwood Hospital quagmire because Norwood Hospital was flooded from top to bottom a few years ago. In the basement, readers may remember jarring scenes of waist-high water making its way through the basement of the hospital like the whitewater canoe slalom events showcased this week at the Olympics in Paris.

Steward and MPT (and Cereberus, which owned Steward at the time) contended that Zurich Insurance owed more than the \$100 million, as it had a \$100 million sublimit for surface water damage. Steward had, at the outset of the lawsuit, estimated the damage at \$220 million, and put that in its claim against Zurich. This supposedly caused the delay of almost two years between the announcement of a new hospital and shovels breaking ground.

Zurich’s contention was that surface waters means whatever waters have touched a surface, which the court stated was a “literal” interpretation of the phrase, while Steward and MPT contended that it meant waters that have literally touched the surface of the earth, and not just water that collected and infiltrated into the Norwood Hospital, making its demolition apparently inevitable. This also means Zurich would owe more than the \$100 million.

The Massachusetts Supreme Court issued a filing last week (<https://tinyurl.com/yjkunup4>) that appears to agree with Steward and MPT:

“We conclude that the meaning of ‘surface waters,’ and thus the definition of ‘Flood’ under the policies, is ambiguous in regard to the accumulation of rainwater on roofs,” the court wrote. “The uncertainty in the case law in Massachusetts and other jurisdictions confirms this ambiguity. Indeed, the conflicting interpretations of the term ‘surface waters’ are a direct result of the term’s ambiguity. As we must resolve such ambiguity in favor of the policy holders and

against the insurance companies that drafted the policies, we conclude that the definition of ‘surface waters’ does not include the rainwater that landed and accumulated on the rooftop courtyard and parapet roofs in this case, or at least it does not unambiguously include such accumulation of water on a roof.”

The filing is technically just an advisory, and so will have to be taken up officially by a lower court, but it looks like a favorable ruling for Steward.

In other hospital news, Steward stated last week it will be closing Carney and Nashoba Valley after getting no “qualified bids” for the hospitals last week. Gov. Maura Healey immediately issued a statement on the closure of Carney and Nashoba.

“This is not over. It’s regrettable that Ralph de la Torre and Steward’s greed and mismanagement are resulting in the closures of Carney and Nashoba Valley hospitals. These hospitals have long served their communities – their closures are about more than the loss of beds, doctors, and nurses. We want to assure the people of Massachusetts that we have

prepared diligently for this moment and will take all available steps to help facilitate a smooth transition for impacted patients and employees.

Congresspersons Stephen Lynch, Ed Markey and Ayanna Pressley held a press conference on Monday outside of Carney. Lynch said the closure announcement took him by surprise, especially since, he said, the hospital announcement to close Carney on Aug. 31 is actually a violation of the Massachusetts state law on the subject of hospital closures.

“That announcement violates state law, state regulations and federal law,” he said. “They are supposed to provide, first of all, a 120-day notice so they know the community can come together. They are supposed to provide a formal notice 90 days out of a public hearing where information would have been delivered to the neighborhood... But all of that was short circuited in the bankruptcy court announcement two days ago that Steward would close Carney Hospital.”

The loss of Carney and the Nashoba Valley Medical Center represents the loss of about 200 hospital beds in the state, which has also been heavily impacted by the closures of Norwood Hospital and Brockton Hospital. The two hospitals closure will also cost the state about 70 in-patient psychiatric behavioral health beds, which are also in critical short supply, as Steward and other healthcare providers have been slowly but steadily shuttering such beds and facilities over the past 10 years.

“There were 30,000 visits to Carney Hospital last year, very much concentrated on psychiatric care and mental health,” Lynch said. “In this area, we have precious little levels of service as it is. The removal of Carney Hospital will be a devastating blow to the mental health of our neighborhood.”

Congressperson Ayanna Pressley said she did not want those gathered to “limit their outrage.” Pressley decried the closure, and said it was not the result of any inherent economic climate or a lack of need/demand, but rather a “direct result of precise and reckless financial decisions and a blatant disregard for the health and wellbeing of our community.”

“It is a shameful reminder of what happens when we treat healthcare as a commodity rather than the fundamental human right that it is,” she said. “This decision, driven by Steward’s financial mismanagement and most of all greed,

is a damning example of how corporate greed and our for-profit healthcare system can devastate our communities and put lives at risk.”

“What are we going to do?” a voice shouted from the crowd.

“We are going to be exhaustive in our efforts and fight like Hell,” Pressley said. “We will be exhaustive because we know y’all are exhausted.”

But she did not elaborate further, at least on specific action steps. Senator Liz Warren in a statement was more specific about what she wanted to do:

“CEO Ralph de la Torre and Steward’s entire executive team need to be stripped from their roles at the company, and investigated for any wrongdoing,” she said. “State and federal lawmakers need to do everything in our power to prevent this from happening again, starting with Congress passing my Corporate Crimes Against Health Care Act.”

Congressman Markey said Steward, Cereberus Capital Management and MPT have “systematically pillaged this hospital for profit.”

“Andrew Carney is rolling in his grave right now because of what Steward Health Care has done to his legacy,” he said.

Markey also decried the current system where MPT owns the land Steward hospitals are currently located on. Basically, Steward only owned the right to operate the hospitals and none of the property after Steward sold all the real estate to MPT and pocketed the proceeds. MPT owns it, and will, presumably, continue to collect rents from whatever operator(s) take over in the other five hospitals (or Norwood Hospital, if and when they find an operator).

“It was a rotten deal from day 1 when (Steward CEO) Ralph de la Torre sold this land right from underneath the nurses and the doctors,” he said. “They knew the risks when they spent millions paying themselves instead of investing in our healthcare system.”

Markey ended his time at the press conference saying that he will have a word with de la Torre soon. A senate committee voted last week to authorize an investigation into Steward and subpoena him for questioning in that case. The Department of Justice has also opened an investigation into Steward for criminal proceedings.

“We will make Dr. de la Torre and Steward answer for their greed,” he said. “Ralph de la Torre should be forced to sell his private yacht and his private planes in order to ensure that we pay doctors, nurses and workers at the hospitals here in Dorchester and across the state.”




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Historical Society showcasing Day

Diya Bhandari
Staff Reporter

This past Friday, the Norwood Historical Society (NHS) unveiled a special exhibit dedicated to the life and work of Fred Holland Day, marking the 160th anniversary of his birth.

The multi-floor exhibition, hosted in the Fred Holland Day House (which also serves as the group's headquarters), showcased the breadth of Day's contributions to photography, publishing, and genealogy, celebrating his profound impact on both the artistic and historical landscapes of the country and Norwood.

Day, a prominent figure from the late 19th and early 20th centuries, is best remembered for his work in photography. Coming from a wealthy Norwood family, Day enjoyed the financial freedom to explore creative avenues beyond commercial success. This liberty allowed him to focus on subjects and projects that intrigued him personally, rather than those aimed solely at profit.

"The subjects that he took photos of were not commercial," spoke George Curtis, President of the Norwood His-

torical Society. "Where other people would take photos of things that were going to make money or even a publishing business, the things he published were things that might have been controversial or just what he liked. He could do what he liked and not necessarily what was going to make a profit, and that made him stand out from other artists at the time."

However, his impact was not only limited to his work in photography. In fact, Day pursued a range of interests, including publishing and genealogy, in which he contributed extensively to preserving the history and culture of Norwood.

Bryan Burns, the Treasurer of NHS, explained that through the exhibit, NHS wanted to highlight Day's contributions beyond his renowned photography.

"The exhibit is about the different aspects of Fred Holland Day's work. We wanted to do something to commemorate his 160th birthday and so we decided to draw in on our collections to show that he was not just a photographer but that he also did significant work in publishing and in genealogy."



The Norwood Historical Society has opened an exhibit of F. Holland Day's work at his old home on Day Street.

PHOTO BY DIYA BHANDARI

The exhibition, arranged with intention over three floors, offers visitors an immersive experience into Day's legacy. On the ground floor, the focus is on Day's photography. The space highlights some of his most influential images, including the renowned, "The Seven Last Words."

Day's innovative use of glass plates for his photographs added a unique texture to his work, though most of these delicate pieces were lost to time. "When he took his photographs, they were done on glass plates, which were very delicate," said Curtis.

"Most of them were destroyed. He had only made a few actual prints, which he

would hand to other photographers. It wasn't until those photographers passed away and their children, grandchildren, or estates started donating these works to museums, that they found Fred Holland Day photographs in other photographers' collections," he added.

"So we actually don't have that many of those prints, they're kind of out there in the world more than they are here. We did have an original print of The Seven Last Words, [but it] was too valuable to even

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Noelle Boyle, owner of Pretty Little Links, permanent jewelry.

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multiple visits and each class has raised beds. The first visit they seed. The last visit they harvest.”

And it ends with the schoolchildren selling back their vegetables to their parents.

For meat lovers, Pumpkin Farm offered a wide array of meats from five different farms.

“We raise all the meat,” Nicole Lobisser, owner of Pumpkin Farm, said. Ground beef and boneless chicken breast were the top sellers, she added.

Norfolk Abundance Farm, associated with the Norfolk Agricultural High School (AKA the Norfolk Aggie) offered a beautiful array of summer squash, zucchini and pickling cucumbers. Mr. Stone, who represented the farm, said the vegetables come from a two-acre garden run by students and the proceeds from this market go to food pantries and, during the school season, to the school cafeteria.

Jennifer Waryas, owner of TeaTimes said she attended farmer’s markets mostly for visibility and to get feedback, even when someone is not a fan of tea. Waryas wants to know who the audience is and she will then learn and adjust as time goes on. Charlotte Walsh, owner of Dorothy’s Garden, echoed that feeling and said it is “one of the ways to get to customers.”

Robin, owner of Robin’s Spice-y Spicemix, offered the passersby croutons seasoned with her spices. Garlic, onion, chives, oregano, parsley, red pepper are the fresh ingredients in her spice mix, which she said can be sprinkled on just about everything except cereal.

Folks had the opportunity to feed their brains as well, as Morrill Memorial Library had a colorful display of books.

“You go where the people are,” Outreach Librarian Darshana Merchant said. All proceeds go to Friends of the Library, a volunteer organization supporting the library in Norwood.

For those looking for sweet tooth satisfaction, Ally’s Cookies had a wide selection of large cookies made from scratch. Triple chocolate sea salt topped the list, according to Kay Reynolds, an employee of Ally’s Cookies, which has a store in Foxborough.

Sacred Mushrooms stood out from the crowd with its colorful décor and energetic owner Michael Abboud. His table included boxes of exotic mushrooms along with tinctures which he described as concentrated mushrooms in a liquid form. Mushrooms are good for the brain, he said. It takes two years to grow his mushrooms in a controlled environment, where carbon dioxide is sucked out of the room. He is about to expand his business, currently in Winchester, to Hyde Park as well.

Renee Johnson, owner of Amal, also has a mission to improve her customers’ health but not through food, instead using creams and body butters. An herbalist, Johnson said, “People seem to want to know how to fix issues with their skin and are not aware of natural resources,” she said. One ingredient used in her products is kokum, a fruit from India.

Going from one business to the next can be a whirlwind experience as so many stories and catchy names are concentrated in one spot. Eight Bells Weaving provided a hook with its catchy name but the name actually stemmed from Craig Jordan’s past experience doing “nautical things.” He said bells would ring every half hour on old sailing ships to signify time, and at the end of eight bells there would be a shift change. He found the phrase catchy, but what he actually sells, woven bags, have nothing to do with the name.

An assortment of small businesses sell their items on Norwood Common every Tuesday. For more information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/6na24xdc>

PLENTY OF INFORMATION, BUT STILL NO PLAN

To the Editor:

I appreciate Mr. Donnelly’s response to my previous letter on the stormwater issues. He pointed out that asking Town Meeting to establish an Enterprise Fund before decisions

were made was “putting the cart before the horse.” This is a very complex issue with many moving parts.

He states that there is ample information to discuss and determine the best path forward. I read all this information, which includes a 220-page engineering study (from 2004, up-

dated in 2022), along with documents, meeting minutes from numerous committee meetings, presentations and agendas from two 2023 Public Information Sessions - all available on the town’s website. It’s hard to find

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MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

A bottle lay cradled in sand; paper coiled within. Upon discovery, imagination, mind, and voice cried in unison, “A message in a bottle!”

The phrase has become romanticized, an embrace melded in metaphor by artists such as Nicholas Sparks with his novel, *Message in a Bottle*, as well as singer Gordon Sumner, known professionally as Sting, who marshalled *Message in a Bottle* to the top of the charts in 1982. *The Guinness Book of World Records* has a category for the longest time between the tossing and discovery of a messaged bottle, long recorded at 98 years until a 113-year-old message was fished from the Baltic Sea, tossed off Germany’s coast in 1913.

Henry Miller once wrote, “To be silent the whole day, see no newspaper, hear no radio, listen to no gossip, be thoroughly and completely lazy, thoroughly and completely indifferent to the fate of the world is the finest medicine a man can give himself.” In 1973 we gave ourselves “the shack”.

Nauset Beach was our youth-washed experience during that nebulous metamorphosis into what lay beyond adolescence, that time of questioning and seeking. We “walked in a dust of stars,” tromping late at night below brilliant sky and above bioluminescence churned by booted sand to the shack, one of the 99-year-lease cottages dotting Cape Cod National Seashore.

Its solitude and beauty took less-than-elegant form. The structure lay over the crest of the dunes from the ocean, like most Nauset shacks. A two-room shanty unforgiven by time, its main room contained a non-functioning sink, a loose-brick fireplace, and overstuffed chair under which a weasel made his home. The adjacent bedroom featured creaking floors and weather-warped

windows facing the dunes. Outside the front door, beside a sign spelling “BAGDAD”—which allegedly meant Bass, Ass, Goose, Duck, And Drink—lay a sand road, beyond which stretched marshes damping the mile or so to Chatham shore.

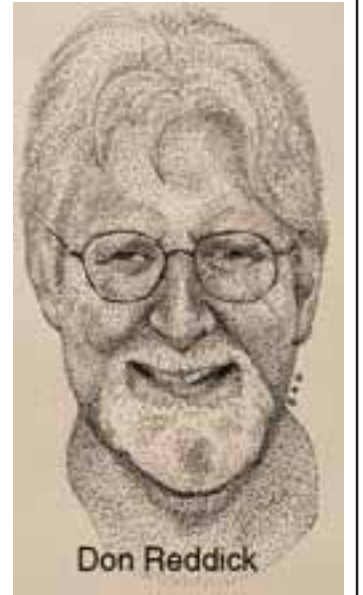
The shack inspired literary interest and we tacked our way toward Henry Beston’s masterpiece, *The Outermost House*, in which he wrote, “the three great elemental sounds in nature are the sound of rain, the sound of wind in a primeval wood, and the sound of outer ocean on a beach. I have heard them all, and of the three elemental voices, that of ocean is the most awesome, beautiful, and varied.”

Beston’s shack—which would be swallowed whole by a furious sea during the Blizzard of ’78—was in Eastham, and fulcrum of his brilliant description of the great beach during the 1920s. Perhaps encouraged to take first steps toward defining myself as a writer, I had a bit of fun with the others when I taped beach poetry to a post in the middle of the shack’s main room and signed it, The Mad Poet. I was amused as others pondered the author’s identity; less amused when I remained wholly unsuspected.

Reaching the shack meant a three-mile slog, preferably on wetted, low-tide sand. All manner of items drew attention on the great beach; the skitter of horseshoe crabs, pieces of driftwood—collected, whenever possible, for the loose-brick fireplace—lost lures coiled in sandy webs, perfect seashells, and beach glass. And one morning, strolling toward the shack, waves breaking and whooshing east, dunes and their grasses barring Chatham west, I spied sun-glinting glass. I peered and saw that it was a bottle. Closer inspection found it corked. Pulling it from the sand, I was astonished to see that it contained a curled piece of yellow paper.

A message in a bottle!

How extraordinary! How often is found a true message in a bottle? Here I was, a kid



on the shore of all America, breeze stiffened hair, sun bronzed arms and face, eyes shining with this remarkable discovery. I worked out the cork and shook the bottle to drop the paper close enough to catch with a pinky finger. When I got it out—excited, a message in a bottle!—I unfolded the paper and read:

“Plant Corn Early.”

Amused, confused; annoyed. *Plant corn early?* What on earth does that mean? I tossed the bottle and pocketed the note. I resumed trudging toward the shack more alone, having come so close to that elusive embrace. *Plant corn early?* Is that a joke, real advice, what is it? Deflated by being too distant to distinguish the whisper of an unerring promise, that romantic quest, that comforting companion assuring that though our steps be solitary, we shared adolescent turmoil. *Plant corn early?* Who would write that and toss it for me to find? I believe it universal to yearn for a message to unfold and explain all to a teenaged kid, so artfully affirmed with words written and sung by Gordon Sumner so long ago:

*Walked out this morning
Don’t believe what I saw
A hundred billion bottles
Washed up on the shore
Seems I’m not alone at
being alone
Looking for a home*

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I was Self-Employed and Don't Have Enough Credits for Social Security

Dear Rusty: For a thirty-year period, I was making a living as an independent contractor and freelancer. I was working on behalf of myself. Thus, I was only paying state and federal taxes when applied. Due to changes in the employment landscape, I wish to apply for benefits at age sixty-four, as receiving said SS benefits would serve as supplemental income to what I would be receiving from outside sources.

I recently discovered through the SSA that I do not have enough "points" to apply for Social Security benefits. What would be the method to obtain those required points in order to receive benefits?

Signed: Needing Points

Dear Needing: Social Security is an earned benefit, and eligibility is attained by contributing to SS through FICA payroll taxes, or Self-Employment (SECA) tax on your net earnings from self-employment, over your lifetime. You must have at least 40 "quarters of credit" to be eligible for Social Security benefits – essentially you must work one quarter of each year earning at least a specified amount during that quarter to earn one credit, and you can earn a maximum of 4 credits for each year you work. The amount of earnings per credit varies each year, but for 2024, work earnings of \$1,730 give you one credit (annual work earnings of \$6,920 earn 4 credits). Usually, you must contribute to Social Security for about 10 years to be eligible for benefits. You must have earned at least 40 quarter credits to collect Social Security retirement benefits/ If you have less than 40 you are not eligible for SS retirement benefits.

For self-employed individuals, SECA SS tax is paid when you file your federal income tax return - you pay into Social Security when filing your annual Self-Employment income tax return (the self-employed must pay both the employee and the employer portion of Social Security tax). If you did not file an income tax return for each year over your lifetime you were self-em-



Russell Gloor
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

ployed, you didn't earn any SS credits for that year. You pay SECA tax on your NET earnings from self-employment (after all business expenses are deducted).

If you are just a few credits short of the 40 necessary to be eligible for benefits, you can still earn those extra credits needed by working and paying SS FICA or SECA taxes on your work earnings. For each \$1,730 earned this year, you will earn one SS credit, up to a maximum of 4 per year. But you must contribute to Social Security from those earnings – if you work as a company employee you will have FICA taxes withheld from your earnings, and if you are still self-employed you would need to pay SECA taxes on net earnings over \$6,920 when you file your self-employment income tax return. You would need to do that for as long as it takes for you to attain the minimum 40 quarter credits needed to be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits. (FYI: you cannot "buy" the extra points needed; you need to earn them by working and contributing to Social Security from your earnings).

One final point: whenever SS benefits are claimed before one's full retirement age (FRA) Social Security's "earnings test" applies. The earnings test limits how much you can earn from working before some of your SS benefits are taken away. The earnings test no longer applies after you reach your FRA and, if you turned 64 this year, your FRA is 67. Self-employed individuals are also subject to an hourly limit of 15 to 45 working hours per month in their first year of early retirement.

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Correction

In last week's issue, the story entitled "MSBC concerned with plan changes," Facilities Director Paul Riccardi was incorrectly named as "Phil Riccardi." We apologize for the error.

Elementary school study survey gets 72 respondents

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Newly-minted Norwood Public Schools Superintendent Timothy Luff met with the Norwood School Committee on July 24 in a virtual setting and discussed the updated timeline for the Elementary School Study.

The study is looking at different options the district could take once the new Coakley Middle School is up and running with grades 5-8, not 6-8, as is currently the case.

The issue at hand is how to reorganize the elementary districts to help lower pressure on the elementary schools. One school is already over capacity and several others are approaching it, and so the idea was, according to hired consultant Sanborn Geospatial, to bring schools to a lower capacity without having too much unused space.

Last month, the School Committee discussed the differ-

ent options presented by Sanborn, which included two options that would create a new elementary school at the Willett and one that would leave things basically the way they are, just with the fifth grade removed from the elementary system.

The NPS website has all the materials up online and a survey out for residents and staff members. Go to <https://www.norwood.k12.ma.us/sc/2024-elementary-study> to see it all.

Luff said that as of July 19, they had 49 community responses and 23 staff member responses.

"We will continue to take feedback through the Google survey until the forums are held in September," Luff said. "At that time, I'm hoping to kick off a ThoughtExchange at those forums with the families and staff members."

ThoughtExchange is a tool that uses artificial intelligence to help coalesce and analyze submitted data, as well as gen-

erate questions and interactions.

"It takes concerns and feedback, and that can be rated by other participants in that exchange and there are also these kind of cyber interviews with the community that you can take to get more feedback as well," Luff said. "It takes all that, analyzes it for us and puts it into a great objective data set that also uses AI to give you some feedback and recommendations. But AI is not perfect, so we're not going to use that for everything, but it does give you some good themes that we will use."

Luff added that ThoughtExchange can use the data from the Google Surveys to put it into one manageable dataset. He added that the program allows translated feedback to go back and forth between participants as well.

"So we'll hopefully do

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keep here." Curtis added that they ended up having to transfer it to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Moving up to the second floor, the exhibit shifts focus to Day's literary contributions. Various books published by the firm he helped create, Copeland & Day, were carefully curated to showcase the firm's output. He co-founded the company in 1893 alongside his friend Herbert Copeland.

The third and final floor offers a deeper dive into Day's passion for genealogy and local history. Here, visitors can explore an extensive collection of handwritten genealogy records and historical maps that Day compiled throughout his life.

"We have things on display that have never been publicly displayed before," Curtis revealed, "specifically the handwritten genealogy and maps that Fred Holland Day put together."

This section also includes displays related to the early history of Norwood, including items from Norwood's first library and the local post office.

The team hopes to keep the exhibit fresh by rotating some items throughout the summer and fall, allowing visitors multiple opportunities to experience the diverse aspects of Day's work. The exhibit's organizers also hope it will inspire visitors to gain a deeper appreciation for his contributions.

"We'd like them to learn a

little more about Fred Holland Day and his contributions to Norwood's history," Curtis said. "I think he is a little bit of an unknown in town, and we want to highlight not just his photography, but also his book publishing and historical preservation efforts."

For those interested in supporting the NHS or getting more involved, there are opportunities to volunteer. The society welcomes anyone interested in contributing to their ongoing efforts and upcoming events. Keep an eye on their website and social media for volunteer meeting dates and details (<https://norwoodhistoricalsociety.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/norwoodhistorical> respectively).

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from the menu, but here's the link: https://www.norwoodma.gov/government/committees_boards/ad_hoc_stormwater_utility_study_committee/index.php

During one committee meeting held May 11, 2023, a few funding options were mentioned: a bond, general tax revenue, and a stormwater utility fee. Also mentioned was a 10-year estimate totaling \$37,387,000 (not including interest or inflation). The announcement for the August 10, 2023 Public Information Session was apparently mailed only to abutters (according to the agenda). I haven't seen any information about a 2024 Public Information Session, but would love to attend.

What this all boils down to is that Mr.

Donnelly is probably correct that ample information exists to put together a plan. So why haven't we done so? These studies, documents, meeting minutes and various presentations are all just pieces of the puzzle. All this information needs to be pulled together in order to develop a plan, which should look much like a business plan, with the project scope, phases, timeframes and costs all broken down with the finance options. A complete plan needs to be presented to the whole Town, not just the abutters. If we carefully craft a comprehensive, understandable and presentable plan, we stand a better chance of getting it approved at Town Meeting.

Steve Konetchy
District 4 TMM 3

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said. "We hope to have that back soon."

Hern said once that's completed, the plans will be recorded at the Registry and then provide the Planning Department with proof of said recording.

Town Planner Sarah Dixon said the measure is basically procedural, but Hern and Merrikin wanted to be in attendance in case there were any additional questions from the Board. Merrikin said the plan is essentially the same, save for some conditions put in place by the Planning Board and Conservation Commission. Merrikin said the plan reflects those conditions now, but is otherwise the same.

"But really no changes of note," he said.

The Board endorsed the plan, which had already been approved.

In other news, the Planning Board voted unanimously 4-0 to approve a site plan review for the proposed parking lot reconfiguration at 825 University Ave., on the Westwood line.

The Board approved the proposal with little discussion,

save for a question from member Debbie Holmwood. Holmwood wanted to know what is actually done on the property. The site is zoned for limited manufacturing and, at least according to Google Maps, has three tenants on site, which include Cohu Inc. and Instron. According to Cohu's website, the company provides test, automation inspection and metrology (the science of measuring things) products and Instron provides testing machines for tensile, fatigue and impact stresses. Looking at Instron's website, the company appears to smash and stretch things to make sure they smash and stretch as written on the label.

The proposal, as explained by Level Design Group Principal Nick Facendola, is aimed at making the property more walkable for the buildings' workers. It includes upgrades to accessible parking, upgrades to the local pedestrian paths around the site, will remove some excess parking spaces and will landscape some areas of the site that haven't seen much landscap-

ing before.

The building sits up Carey Lane, which is a publicly-accessible roadway from University Avenue to the property and Town-owned conservation land to the north of the site. Facendola said they also have to get approval from the Norwood Conservation Commission later on, as a drainage culvert on the property itself is a protected wetland. He said the conservation land is close to the property and is made up of, at least in part, wetlands and is therefore protected.

Specifically, Facendola said the property owner wants to build new walkways on the site, put in new crosswalks on the west and eastern parking areas and put in new accessible parking nearer to the building on the west. He said also they want to make the crosswalk more accessible with a better incline more suited for those with mobility issues. Facendola said they also want to put in a bike rack and several electric charging spaces.

"The overall goal of this project for the owners is to improve handicapped accessibility and access to the site and property, along with defining some painted crosswalks," Facendola said. "A lot of people at the facility like to walk the property during lunchtime and loop the property. They would like to have a standardized pathway, which is a painted crosswalk for the employees so they can do their laps around the property."

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that," he said.

Luff said he will also create some videos soon discussing the three different models as a kind of 'welcome to the community' to help get the information out. He also emphasized that community input on these decisions, at least to him, is absolutely vital.

"I want everybody in the community to know that I don't think we should make any decision or lean any way until we have all the community feedback and staff feedback on this," he said. "It's just not time to do that until we have that feedback."

The current vote is likely in October, and Luff said they will be looking for a vote on the curriculum as well, but he added they do not want to set the timeline for implementation just then.

"Because once we know what the model is and what you think works best for all kids, then we'll start looking at the feasibility of how it could be staffed," he said. "What transportation looks like, what special ed looks like etc., and then really see if it's feasible to put in place for FY26 (2025-26 school year), along with the Coakley Middle School change."

School Committee member Kate Sibbing-Dunn added that there will be more communication and outreach with parents and community members before the school year starts and before the forums this fall. As of the date of publication, the School Committee will discuss this again on Aug. 27, a public forum with Sanborn on Sept. 14, a staff listening session in either September or October, and an Oct. 16 meeting with the School Committee. The survey closes on Oct. 21 and the committee expects to vote on the plan around Oct. 30.

Luff also said they are looking at how the district will be setting up the Middle School once it is rebuilt for the 2025-26 school year.

"We are opening Coakley right?" he said. "We're going to be looking at staffing and staffing changes, but I don't know what that looks like yet. If we decide to move on the elementary study changes in the same year, there are those things. We've been having conversations with the elementary school principals and they're doing a great job really considering the budgetary impacts, what we need to do to maintain services and have a good successful opening of the Coakley and we need to make sure they all move together."

Luff said they would come back with recommendations when the elementary changes have been voted on.

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MONDAY MOVIE MATINEES ARE BACK!

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to continue our Monday Movie Matinee film series. The series will run thru September, 2024. The films will be shown on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Showtime at 1PM.

If you love movies and want to immerse yourself in unforgettable cinematic experiences, Morrill Memorial Library is the place to be! Join us on the 2nd and 4th Monday afternoons from June through September to enjoy an eclectic mix of movies. Movie dates are: 8/12, 8/26, 9/9, and 9/23.

ADULT SUMMER READING CONTINUES

The Morrill Memorial Library is excited to announce this year's Adult Summer Reading challenge!

Between now and September 7, fill out your Adult Summer Reading Bingo Card with what you read and did. When you have filled in at least 1 horizontal, vertical, or diagonal line of 5 squares (BINGO), you can turn your card in at the Reference Desk or email it to humbreit@minlib.net. You can also turn in your card at the library's Norwood Day table on September 7. Or, log your progress online by signing up for the Adult Summer Reading Challenge through our Beanstack page. All cards must be submitted before the end of the day on September 7.

For every BINGO on your card, you'll get 1 entry into our prize drawing at the end of the summer. Complete all 24 squares and get an extra 6 entries! We'll have several prizes,

so multiple participants will win. Many thanks to the Friends of the Library for generously funding our Summer Reading prizes.

One card per person, for readers high school-aged and older. Book titles may be used up to twice per card.

Questions? Call 781-769-0200 ext. 2. Download your Bingo Card from our Adult SRP webpage, which will go live on June 17, or pick one up in-person at the Reference Desk. Good luck and have fun!

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: 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23, 8/30, 9/6, 9/20, 9/27, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27

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

LIBRARY TO BE AT MORSE HOUSE!

Mark your calendars! Morrill Memorial Library will be at the Morse House on Thursday, August 8th from 4PM - 6PM. This pop-up library is part of the our Library Card Sign-up Drive and will coincide with the Open House event at the Morse House.

At the library's table, you

can sign up for a new card. Just bring a photo identification with your current address. Check our website for details. Check out books. Buy books. All proceeds go to the Friends of the Morrill Memorial Library who fund our programs. Learn about our Library of Things. Need a power washer? Lawn games? Puzzles? You can check out these and more non-traditional items at the library. Do you know that we have passport and notary services? ESL classes? Movie streaming services? Get familiar with all the wonderful library services.

HESSCO OFFERINGS PRESENTED

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with Health & Social Services Consortium, Inc (HESSCO) to bring an information session about HESSCO to the library on Thursday August 15, at 6:30PM in the Simoni Room.

As we age, there is a new lifestyle to navigate, medical help to seek, and many other future considerations to account for. We are bound to have many questions about the resources available in the community that will help us age well in place. Come join us as a representative from HESSCO explains the long-term services HESSCO offers for older adults and adults with disabilities.

About HESSCO: HESSCO is the Aging Services Access Point (ASAP) and Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for South Norfolk County in Massachusetts. Its mission is to help older adults and individuals living with a disability remain safe and independent at home for as long as possible. HESSCO contracts with a comprehensive network of health and supportive services to meet consumers' needs. As a member of the MetroWest Aging and Disability Resource Consortium (ADRC), a partnership among agencies that provides information, support and services to individuals of all ages living with a disability, HESSCO strives to ensure a "no wrong door" experience for all. For more information, please visit <https://hessco.org>

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MFF050 making Norwood waves

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Remember those Facebook Groups ads from about two years or so ago, touting Facebook as a way to bring people back together through common interests, presumably after the COVID-19 pandemic?

Those ads may have fizzled out, but the Massachusetts Female Friends Over 50 (MFFO50) Facebook group – which can be found and joined at <https://tinyurl.com/3amsr498> – now has more than 16,000 active members throughout the state.

Founder Kara O'Halloran said she is surprised, to say the least, about the group's popularity.

"It's pretty cool," she said. "I never expected it to be this successful, but I just realized there must be a need for connecting women over 50. I just thought it would be a few people meeting for coffee, I never thought we would be doing so many events."

The events are member-driven, so any member can create an event and start something where they are and, hopefully, meet up and make some new friends. She said the only limits are nothing too political or exclusive.

"Like we wouldn't have something just for married women or mothers or something like that, everybody's invited to every event," she said.

And O'Halloran said the group has a strong presence in Norwood, both in terms of membership and activities.

"We go to Cafe Venice a lot for music bingo there; we do the Summerfest concerts, we do the carillon concerts," she said. "We go to Fred Astaire in Norwood every week. Nina DiPerrio owns it and it's just amazing. We actually started going there after we attended Dancing with the Norwood Stars, and I said, 'I want to do that.' So we started private lessons as a group and now a few of those women have moved on and have private lessons and have done shows."

O'Halloran said she started the group in 2022 after seeing many similar stories on social media: people losing friends or coworkers or jobs and looking for female friendships.

"I saw posts of women over 50 looking for connections, but it wasn't around here. I did a Google search for something in the area and found nothing," she said. "So I just created it. I ended up sharing it in different groups and now we're up to 16,000 people in two years."

O'Halloran said it's great the connections people make because of the group, and she said she couldn't be more proud that the members have made it what it is today.

"Like people just message me all the time saying, 'This group has changed my life; I was watching Netflix every night and now I go out every night with friends,'" she said. "And now we have spinoff groups, so if you meet a few people you connect with, you can get your own thing going. Like we have people who get together for walks or hikes every week or get together for lunch once a month; things like that."

She added the subgroups are almost as numerous as the members themselves.

"We have so many subgroups, like a huge Cape Cod subgroup that has about 9,000 members, but also Middlesex, Metrowest and Western Mass, which was really tough to get them involved

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

Date: July 18, 2024

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Norwood Record: 08/01/2024

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF NORWOOD

The Town of Norwood hereby notifies all residents that the State Attorney General's office has approved the following amendments to the Norwood Zoning Bylaws (Articles 4 & 5) which were voted at the Special Town Meeting, March 21, 2024. These changes to amend the Zoning Bylaw were as follows:

Article 4. Insert a new Zoning Overlay District the "MBTA Communities Multi-family Overlay District" (MCMOD) in Section 2.2

Article 5. Amend the Official Zoning Map by creating the MBTA Communities Multi-family Overlay District (MCMOD), including subdistricts Norwood Central (MCMOD-NC), Norwood Depot (MCMOD-ND), and Windsor Gardens (MCMOD-WG) as depicted in the Map.

(Complete copies of these By-Law have been posted in the different locations listed below throughout the Town and are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.)

The above named articles are posted in the following public places throughout the Town, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 32: District 1 & District 2, Municipal Building (Town Hall); District 3 & District 5, Morrill Memorial Library; Murph's Place; District 4, Walgreens Pharmacy, Walpole Street; District 6 & District 7, Nick's Package Store; Pam's Market Corner Pleasant & Rock Street; District 8, Shaws Market, CVS - Shaws Plaza; District 9, Gulf Gas Station, Neponset Street.

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Deaths

INGERSOLL

Paul Joseph, of Norwood, passed away Friday evening, July 26, 2024, at his residence. He was 84. The cherished son of the late Francis and Estelle (Luzio) Ingersoll, Paul is survived by his beloved wife Mary (Halloran)



Ingersoll, his loving children Paul J. Ingersoll and his wife Cheryl of Dedham, Michael Ingersoll and his wife Cheri of Norton and Mary Beauregard of Westwood, his dear sister Doris Brock of Milton and his cherished grandchildren Patrick, Ethan, Adam, Dylan, Amanda and Emily. He was predeceased by his siblings, Francis, Alice, Jean and Marie. He is also survived by his many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and nephews and extended family. Paul was a technician with the Western Electric Company, retiring after over 30 years of employment. A proud veteran he served in the Navy as a Gunner's Mate 3rd Class aboard the destroyer USS Wallace L. Lind (DD-703). Paul was born, raised and educated in Boston and has been a Norwood resident for the past 56 years. He had been a member of the Norwood Bowling League, who had a fondness for animals and enjoyed music and traveling, but his happiest times were being with his family and grandchildren. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend funeral services in celebration of Paul's life at 10AM on Thursday, August 1st at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Washington Street, Norwood at 11AM. Interment will follow at the Highland Cemetery in Norwood. Visiting hours will be held in the funeral home Wednesday from 4-7PM. Donations in his memory may be made to the American cancer Association at www.cancer.org.

MARCELONIS

John J., of West Warwick, RI, formerly of Norwood MA, passed away Wednesday afternoon, July 17, 2024, at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. He was 63. The cherished son of Dorothy A (McAuley) Marcelonis of Norwood and the late Charles J. Marcelonis, John is survived by his beloved wife Donna (Hackett) Marcelonis, his loving children Robert Charles Marcelonis and his partner Kristen Nagle of Coventry, RI and Samantha Lee Marcelonis and her Fiancé Joseph Coons of Gilford, NH, and his dear siblings Dorothy Marcelonis of Norwood, Joanne Cook and her



husband Michael of Wrentham, Susan Carey and her husband John of Foxboro, Charles J. Marcelonis and his wife Kathleen of Marston Mills, Stephen J. Marcelonis of Norwood and James Marcelonis and his wife Marlene of Norwood. He is also survived by his loving In-laws Frank and Evelyn Hackett of Sharon MA, and his many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and nephews and extended family. John was born, raised and educated in Norwood. He graduated from Norwood High School and received his bachelor's degree from Framingham State University. A long-time employee of Direct Tire in Norwood, John had most recently worked as a warehouse manager at RH Scales. An avid sportsman, he enjoyed fishing and shooting, watching local sports teams and reading. However, John's favorite time was spent being with his family as a devoted husband and loving father. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Norwood. Donations in his memory may be made to the American Heart Association at www.heart.org.

MCDONOUGH

Barry Peter, of Stoughton, most recently of Norwood, passed away peacefully at his home on July 26, 2024. He was 60 years old. The cherished son of the late Patrick



and Anne (Leger) McDonough, Barry is survived by his loving son Conor Michael McDonough of Natick, his children Mathew and Maura, his sisters Katie McDonough and Colleen DiBlasi and her husband Joe both of Norwood, and his brothers Kevin and his wife Maureen of Norwood, Brian and his wife Julie of Boston, Steve and his wife Julie of Norfolk, Joe and his wife Kathy and Tim of Norwood. He is also survived by his many nieces, nephews, cousins, great nieces and nephews and his extended family. Barry cherished and was deeply loved by all his family. Barry was born, raised and educated in Norwood. A 1981 graduate of Norwood High School, he was a proud member of the 1980 Super Bowl football team. Barry received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, then proceeded to earn his Juris Doctorate from Suffolk Law School in Boston. An engineer, an attorney and an accomplished entertainer, Barry was always the smartest and kindest man in the room. His sense of humor was always quick and fun, and his joy at making others happy was boundless. Barry began his career at GTE in Needham. After receiving his JD, he was a successful sole practitioner operating his own Law Practice. He often worked pro bono for those who couldn't afford legal help. He then became a valued member of senior management at Citizens Bank, where he made many close friends and colleagues. Barry's lifelong passion was Magic. He visited the famous "Jack's Joke Shop" in Boston at the age of eight, bought his first trick and from then on, Barry the Magician flourished for decades. He took great enjoyment from operating his side magic business and he truly

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because there are not a lot of people out there," she said. "We have spinoff groups that are hobbies, so we have photography, travel, health and nutrition, book clubs, I mean anything and anybody is welcome to create a subgroup. And we really try to help small businesses too."

O'Halloran said the age minimum is somewhat loose. Really, the connection is the important thing. She said there is a myriad of reasons that someone might want connection, and they are supportive no matter what.

"It's just a different need after you get older," she said. "And I think COVID-19 had a lot to do with it. People were more nervous about going out; we have a lot of people who may have some health issues going on. I started it in 2022 when people were just beginning to go out. I saw a lot of, 'Does anybody want to go out and just do something?' I'm going stir crazy.' The lockdown and mask mandates were just ending, so I thought this would be a good time. It's been really good and we've had pretty good showings at events."

O'Halloran said there are about 100 events scheduled over the next months or so. The next big Norwood MFFO50 event is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 16 from 6 p.m. until 11 p.m. at the Hometown Arcade at Winsmith Mill. Again, to join the Facebook group, go to <https://tinyurl.com/3amsr498>

Legals

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, August 14, 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 141 Boston Providence Highway LLC, represented by Zachary Richards of Bohler Engineering, for the proposed construction of a gravel access drive and parking area, with drainage modifications, for the development of a Christmas tree farm in Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

Project Location: Boston-Providence Tpk., Map 22, Sheet 8, Parcels 8-14.

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The Commission will hear a Notice of Intent from Kevin Houliker of the Norwood Commerce Center, represented by Susan Spratt of McKenzie Engineering Group, for the proposed After-the-Fact work of removing existing structures and repaving in Riverfront Area, and new work consisting of partial demolition of a building, construction of paved parking in Riverfront Area, planting, and maintenance of a stormwater management system.

Project Location: 61 Endicott St., Map 8, Block 4D, Lot 44.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

DOCKET No. NO24P1616EA

Estate of: Jo Ann McDonough
Date of Death: February 26, 2024

Norfolk Division

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate and, by Petition of Petitioner Eileen M. McDonough of Norwood, MA
Eileen M. McDonough of Norwood, MA

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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loved performing and using his talent to bring joy and happiness to many. Besides the many parties where he performed, Barry would visit hospitals where he would bring smiles of wonder to both staff and patients with his skills. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Norwood. Private burial will be held at Highland Cemetery in Norwood. Donations in his memory may be made to the Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation at www.norwoodcoh.org.

SHEA

Carolyn (Keough) passed away unexpectedly on July 25, 2024. Carolyn, known to her family and friends as Carrie, was born in Boston on April 20, 1960 to Thomas and Doris Keough. She is survived by her husband, Steve; her loving father, Thomas; her brother, Tom; her dear sister-in-law, Nelly; niece, Victoria and her precious grandniece, Gracie; as well as countless friends and colleagues. Carrie attended Our Lady of Lourdes School in Jamaica Plain, Mt. Saint Joseph Academy in Brighton and was a graduate of Northeastern University. In addition to her family, Carrie left behind a large extended family of Norwood Bank/One Local Bank employees past and present. During her 44-year career at the bank, she was involved in every major project and became the expert employees turned to especially in the retail, marketing, and HR areas. She was always there to lend a hand, give advice, or most importantly make us laugh. Carrie leaves behind the legacy of her contributions to the Bank and the many lives she touched. She was truly an amazing wife, daughter, sister, aunt, great-aunt, colleague and friend. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St. West Roxbury. Interment Forest Hills Cemetery. For directions and guestbook gormleyfuneral.com.



involved in this incident, report to follow.

SECTION A – ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID TOWN OF NORWOOD, MA

The Town of Norwood, MA, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from for the following Public Project in the Town of Norwood, MA 02062

Provide all labor, materials, equipment, tools, and supervision necessary for power line tree trimming for the Norwood Light Department

The estimated annual cost is \$130,000

General bids will be received up until **11:00 A.M., Thursday, August 22, 2024**, on Projectdog.com project code: **863737**

Bidders must be qualified to perform the work described in these specifications in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (MGL).

There shall be three contract periods. The first shall term shall be September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025. The second and third years (9/1/25-8/31/26, and 9/1/26-8/31/27) may be renewed at the Town's sole discretion at the same pricing.

The complete bid package may be obtained digitally on Projectdog.com using the project code **863737**. The bid must be filled out and signed as directed herein, endorsed with the name and address of the bidder, and marked, **"TREE TRIMMING – NLD-25-01."** Bid submissions are to occur digitally on Projectdog.com. No physical copies will be accepted.

A certified check or bid bond, with acceptable surety in favor of the Town of Norwood and equal to at least five percent (5%) of the bid, must be submitted with the bid. The successful bidder shall, within ten (10) days of notification of award, furnish the Town a payment bond and performance bond in an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the bid for year #1.

Bids shall be prepared, considered, and the contract awarded in accordance with all statutes governing such contracts (Chapter 30 39M as amended and all other statutes governing such contracts). Every Bid shall be on forms furnished by the Town. Bids submitted on other forms may be rejected. The award of the contract shall be made within 30 working days after the opening of General Bids, Saturdays, Sundays, and Legal Holidays excluded.

An award will not be made to a Contractor who is not properly equipped to undertake and complete the work. The right is reserved to waive any informality and to reject any or all bids in accordance with the provisions of MGL as amended.

The Town of Norwood notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Wages are subject to minimum wage rates under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D inclusive, as most recently amended.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to accept any part of a bid or the one deemed best for the Town.

BY: Tony Mazzucco, General Manager

Norwood Record: 08/01/24

The Norwood Record

Monday, July 22

2225 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Dollar Tree - Walpole St Report of a male party that is possibly intoxicated outside of the business on a bench. Norwood Fire transporting to hospital.

Tuesday, July 23

0738 911 - PD-Disturbance Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Village Rd W

1146 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Healthcare - Washington St 911- Calling party reports her roommate is threatening her and pushing her. Spoke w/ nurse who states there are no issues. PD sent to confirm. Unit reports no physical violence. Staff will make room changes for both involved parties.

Wednesday, July 24

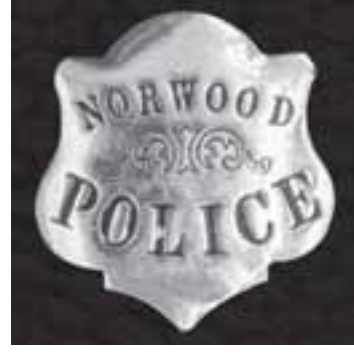
0122 Initiated - PD-Lost/Found Property Services Rendered Location/Address: Windsor Gardens - Buckminster Dr Norwood 663 reports speaking with a female party that stated her dogs located a bag with 2-3 laptops in a bush. Norwood 663 en route with that property back to the station.

1529 Phone - PD-Assist Public Spoke With Location/Address: Stop & Shop - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports an Indian female panhandling and is getting into the street. Officer spoke with the party.

1806 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Albemarle Rd Caller reports he shot an arrow in his back yard and it missed the target bounced off the ground and went through a window of his neighbors home. Both parties came to an agreement for replacement of the window, all satisfied, clear.

2107 911 - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Chapel St E911 caller states he witnessed a female party get jumped, male party states she is wearing a red shirt, grey pants red hair African American. Norwood 662 off with the calling party, states a group of 4 juveniles, 3 girls and 1 boy, all wearing black, possibly headed towards south Norwood. Norwood 662 reports the party that was assaulted is being transported to the hospital by FD. Units en route to speak with one of the parties involved. Norwood 662 reports they were able to identify 2 out of the 4 individuals

Police Logs



involved in this incident, report to follow.

Thursday, July 25

0955 Initiated - PD-Prisoner Transport Report Follows Location/Address: Folan Ave returning with 1 male party in custody AR assigned & requested by 493 Refer To Arrest: 24NWD-242-AR

1251 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Daddy's Dairy - Central St 20ish year old Male talking to kids outside of the Ice Cream store and asking for money. Red shirt tan pants and tan flip flops. Spoke to male party, denied as asking children for money. He stated waiting for the bus. Cleared

1510 911 - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Bond St Male party on 911 stated he noticed the wire fence around the Church was knocked down. After trying to repair the fence he noticed tools scattered. There are ring cameras on the property that show 3 men on the property. Asking for PD assistance. Seems to be an issue from a previous midnight shift. Damage to the fence appears to be related to suspects fleeing from stolen car on 7/23/24 (24NWD-770-OF). Information will be passed along to Ofc. Meegan.

Friday, July 26

1726 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Winter St Caller reporting she was assaulted by her neighbor. Both separated at this time. Caller is from other involved is from located in the drive way. Spoke with both parties. Stated this is an ongoing civil issue between tenants in the same house. Advised of their options in regards to filing at Dedham District and are satisfied. All units are clear.

2012 Phone - PD-Assist Pub-

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SENSORY-FRIENDLY FRIDAY MOVIE

The Morrill Memorial Library is offering an in-person sensory-friendly movie on the 4th Friday of the month for adults with different levels of cognitive abilities.

Join us for our Sensory-friendly Friday movie at the Library! This program will be held in-person in the Simoni Room on Friday August 23, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our August movie in the Sensory-friendly Friday movie series is Disney Pixar's Onward, rated PG. This event is recommended for attendees aged 18 and up.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY LEGO CLUB

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to host a Sensory-friendly Lego Club for Adults. Our August Lego Club meeting will be held in-person at the library on Thursday August 22, from 1pm -2pm.

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

August 1, 2024

lic Services Rendered Location/Address: Oolah Ave Caller reporting someone broke the back window of the apartment. Suspect tall skinny build male seen running away from the back yard. Male party has now come to the front door to apologize for breaking the window. Unable to see the person out front. Spoke to all parties involved, accidental by child in the backyard playing soccer. Child ran to the door to apologize. Been advised to contact the building owners and all parties are satisfied.

2128 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Shaw's Supermarket - Nahatan St Passerby informed 668 of a homeless woman behind Shaw's. 668 speaking with her trying to provide resources. Able to speak to staff at Father Bill's in Quincy that have a bed available.

Saturday, July 27

0833 Phone - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Adams St Caller reporting a disturbance, her neighbors from apt attempted to jump her. Call disconnected. caller on the business line states the grey house at the corner she can hear people screaming at each other. She was unsure of the exact house. Neighbor dispute between 2nd floor and 3rd floor. All parties have been spoken to and advised.

2051 Initiated - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: - Guild St Female caller on business line stated someone rode by on a bike stating "I'm going to kill you then the n word". Did not get a description of the person on the bike Spoke to calling party. Checked the area. Calling party stated she saw and heard 1 Spanish male with 1 adult and the party on the bicycle near the train station. Cleared. Continued to check the area.

Sunday, July 28

0547 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Gazebo - Town Common - Washington St Employee from DPW stated there has been a male sleeping behind the bushes closer to the Porta Potty for the last three days. States the male has littered all over the commons. Asking for PD assistance Party has been moved along. Advised to keep it tidy in the area. Units cleared

1746 911 - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Vicinity of: Dairy Fine - Fulton St 911-punched in face, offending party left the scene in a vehicle. Gray sedan, heading towards Norwood Housing authority. Wearing a white shirt. SGT Baker spoke with the RP and states there is no PC to arrest just A/B. Officer George out with that vehicle at School St. and Railroad Ave. Units clear, both parties were spoken to and advised of their options.

2245 911 - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Norwest Dr. 911- female party at her door, singing. "I'm gonna kill somebody in this house." No description given. Peephole isn't the best. Can't get a good look at person. 3 people in the home. Caller states it is quiet now. Units clear, juvenile is now in the custody of their mother. AR requested and assigned to Officer Osowski.

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Rangers win Town Championship

Pete Belanger
Submitted by

The Rangers capped off a league dominant 11-1 season with another Town Championship beating the White Sox 2-1 in a tough series. The Rangers, led by manager Steve Cline, have been in the Town Championship six of the last eight years, winning five times, with back-to-back wins in 2023 and 2024.

In the semifinal round series, the Rangers swept the up-and-coming Cubs team 2-0.

In game one, the Rangers cruised to a 10-0 win behind the pitching of Mike McDonagh's 15 strikeouts. Jack LeBlanc, Brendan Carey, and James Jordan had key hits to get the Rangers offense going. Rangers first baseman Jonah Flynn-Schofield smashed a base clearing double to get the Rangers on the board. Cubs second

baseman Gabe Hair made the play of the game with a diving catch to end a Rangers rally. Rookie outfielder Gabe Soto was unable to play but was on hand to root for his teammates and keep the Rangers focused in the dugout.

In game two, the Rangers Jake Delamere pitched a clean 6-0 shutout and ripped a double to score two runs to help secure the win. Chase Hogan had a solid single, stole a base, and made several key plays at second base. John Dalzel knocked in a big run and Devin Dwyer continued his stellar defense in center field and scored a crucial run to complete the Rangers rally.

In game one of the championship three-game series, the Rangers prevailed 3-2 in a pitching duel between Mike McDonagh and the White Sox Jayden Bautista. Both pitchers were on their A game. JD McCarthy had a solid hit and



Rangers are Norwood Town Championship winners!

played lockdown defense throughout the playoffs. The Rangers scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning with key hits by Jack LeBlanc and Mike McDonagh. Jake Delamere secured the win with a walk off single advancing Bredan Carey home.

The White Sox won game two 4-3 behind Joe Larkee's gutsy pitching, allowing only 2 hits. The White Sox played a great defensive game. White Sox second baseman Chase Nataupsky ended the Rangers rally with an incredible diving play. Nataupsky and Jayden Bautista scored big sixth inning runs while right fielder Rafael Rudorff made a clutch seventh inning catch to help secure the victory.

In the final game of the series, the Rangers clinched the championship with another outstanding performance from ace pitcher Mike McDonagh, with nine strikeouts and only one hit from the White Sox. White Sox pitcher Chase Nataupsky kept the Rangers off balance with five strikeouts. Rangers center fielder Charlie Hofman scored a key run to help secure the win. Catcher Jamie Crispi played another great defensive game and drove in a late run with a solid hit.

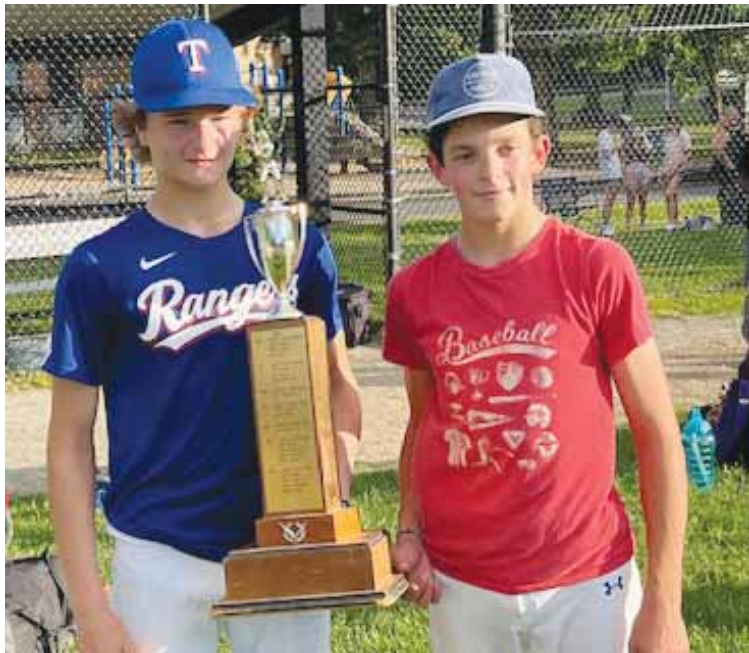
Rangers manager Steve Cline, along with coaches Pete Belanger, Matt Hajjar, Mike Dooley, and Nick Hajjar, were impressed with the team's commitment and hope to secure another championship in 2025.



Matt Hajjar, Jamie Crispy, Steve Cline, Mike McDonagh, Jake Delemere and Pete Belanger.



Rangers catching Coach Matt Hajjar with water celebration.



Pitcher Mike McDonagh and catcher Jamie Crisp.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 5 Jess Ip • August 12 Jennifer Herrmann • August 19 Wesley Arai • August 26 John Whiteside 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 31 Hipshot Band • August 7 PanNeubean Steel • August 14 Stoptime Revue • August 21 Slapback • August 28 Back in Time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 4 Portrait in Jazz • August 11 NHS Alumni Jazz Band • August 18 SOS Swing Band • August 25 Dan Gabel and the Abletones

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