



Hundreds came out to celebrate Juneteenth in Norwood over the weekend.

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Juneteenth was big!

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The third annual Norwood Juneteenth Celebration kicked off on Saturday to a crowd of hundreds of residents from Norwood and beyond.

The day celebrates the last slaves being informed that the Confederacy had been defeated and slavery was now outlawed, traditionally thought to be June 19, 1865, in Galveston, Texas. Organizer and Norwood Police Officer Geoffrey Baguma said he is impressed at the response from the Town.

"It went very smooth; the weather definitely kept up and

in terms of the artists and performances, it went really well," he said, adding this year was a bit more relaxing than the two previous. "After seeing people coming out last year, even with the rain, it left a good vibe with me, in that I know now it was just going to grow, and this year, it was less looking around wondering if people are going to show up and gave me a real opportunity to melt into the crowd and enjoy it. It was almost like I was spectating; just coming there to have fun."

Baguma said the event was aimed at being as inclusive as possible, and said the reasoning was that everybody benefits from Juneteenth, and so everyone is

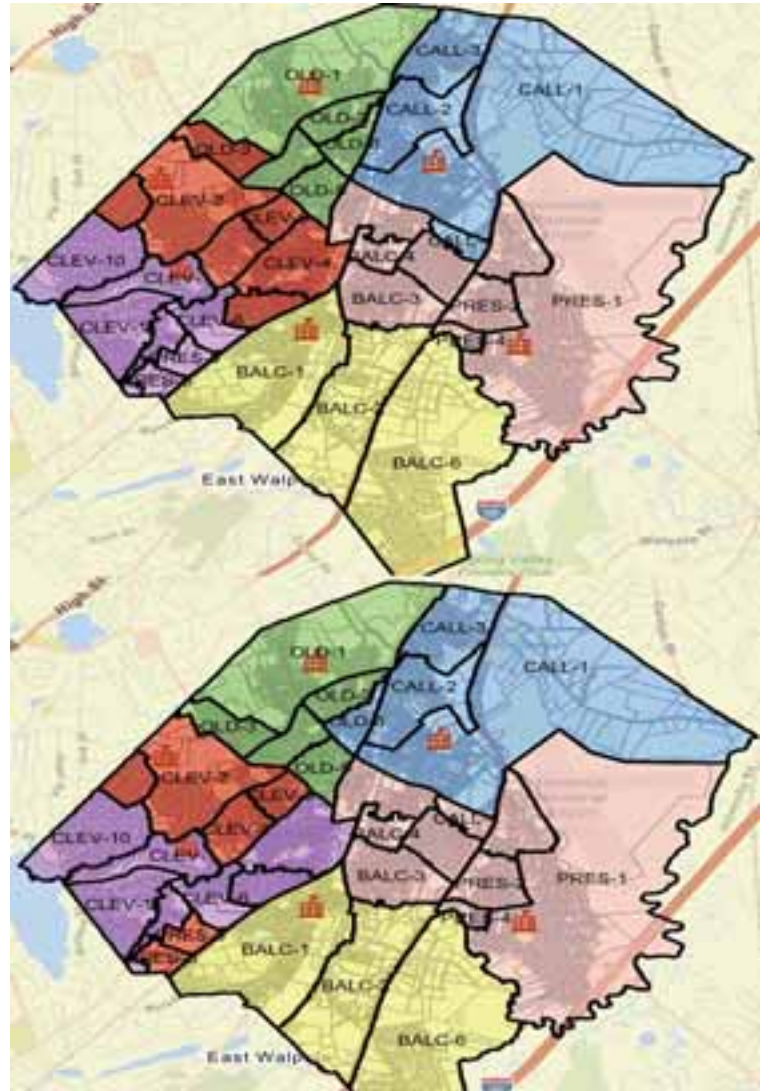
welcome to share in its celebration.

"This wasn't put together to create separation of any sort or incite any anger or ill will or anything in the negative," he said. "That optimistic type of vibe and spirit was there, which is why I think we'll be able to grow bigger and bigger with that spirit of positivity."

Morrill Memorial Library Executive Director Clayton Cheever said the library is definitely focused on similar if not identical goals. "The library is all about stories, and how we are stronger when we come to-

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The two scenarios being considered for reorganizing Norwood's elementary school districts.

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NPS lays out elementary school district plans

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

More than 55 residents attended the Norwood Public Schools (NPS) district webinar on Monday detailing the plan to rearrange the elementary school districts to optimize space and reduce class sizes.

The webinar went through the different scenarios that consultant Sanborn Geospatial looked at

while undertaking the study, as prescribed by the last Fall Special Town Meeting approval. These scenarios are all based around the fact that the district is moving the fifth grade from all the elementary schools to the new Coakley Middle School building when it is completed for the 2025-26 school year.

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SPED gives School Comm. update Study delayed

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Norwood Public Schools (NPS) Director of Student Services Lori Cimeno gave the School Committee an update on student services during the 2023-2024 School Year. Cimeno warned that the numbers she gave are subject to change, since the school year had not closed when she prepared the report.

"As with everything in

special education, these numbers are fluid, so we had to mark a point in time to be able to give you that data," she said. "When the school year actually closes out we'll be able to finalize these numbers for you."

Cimeno said in October of 2023, the district had 856 students in the district eligible for individualized education

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Norwood Sportsman's Club members Mike Regan, left, and Allan Howard, right, discussed the current situation around Guild Pond behind the club's building on Nichols Street.

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ConCom and Sportsman closer to Guild restoration

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Conservation Commission (ConCom) met with members of the Norwood Sportsman Club (NSC) on Wednesday, June 12, to discuss the fate of the Guild Pond. The pond sits between Willett Pond and Ellis Pond, directly south of Nichols Street and behind the Sportsman's Club address of 576 Nichols.

Norwood Conservation Agent Carly Rocklen explained the situation by saying the NSC originally approached her in the spring wanting to place about 180 to 200 sandbags to dam its outflow and increase the wa-

ter level of the pond so that it could be stocked with trout for the group's annual children's fishing derby.

NSC President Allan Howard said the derby was a great success, and NSC Secretary Mike Regan said they were getting ready to go out and remove the sandbags when Rocklen told them to stop.

The ConCom recently met and discussed the situation, and it was agreed – then without the NSC, as they were unable to contact them in time – that the ConCom would look into a restoration study for the Guild Pond so that its water levels could be maintained without the use of sandbags, and there-

fore provide conservation land for active and passive recreation. The ConCom and the NSC agreed they would look into Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding opportunities through the Norwood Community Preservation Committee (CPC), of which ConCom Vice Chair Catherine Walsh is also a member, and try to fund a study with those funds. The CPC would also be the eventual funding source for the construction of such a restoration, should the CPC, ConCom, the NSC, and Town Meeting Members vote to do so.

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gether," he said. "Juneteenth is all about freedom, and so is the library. We protect fundamental freedoms when we protect our freedom to read, our freedom to speak and Juneteenth is all about how we are all better when everyone is free."

Oasis Restaurant owner Ercy Olivier said she opened her restaurant six months before COVID-19 hit, and is amazed at the support from the Town. She said the Juneteenth celebration is important to support because it's important to give back. "We're the only Caribbean nation restaurant here; we've been here for five years and this is my second time coming to Juneteenth," she said. "I think it's important because Norwood is becoming different than the way people thought it was before. A lot more of us are coming in and I'm happy to celebrate this. Nobody thought we would have this 10 years ago in Norwood. It's important for us."

Got Styles Salon owner Valerie Brathwaite has been in the community a bit longer, 24 years, and marvels to see how the Town has change in that time. "We wanted to support the community," she said. "We've been here 24 years, so anything in the community we want to support it. I felt welcome when I came, and had no problems. The community really got us in here and it's great."

Resident Susan Barnette said she came as a stand in for her niece Ieshia Karasik, who was on the Juneteenth Committee with Cheever, Baguma, Jua Robinson and Assistant Director at the Norwood Rec. Department Sam

White. Barnette said Karasik had to travel, but she herself was floored by the celebration.

"I said of course because we live in Watertown and we just don't do anything for Juneteenth in Watertown," she said. "This is just great. This is my first time, but there are a lot of people, they're all friendly; there is a lot of diversity and there's great stuff people are selling."

Resident Jacquelyn Silva said she dropped in with her dog, Thanos Optimus Prime (who, it turned out, is a big softie), after getting an ice cream at Daddy's Dairy.

"I stumbled upon this," she said. "It's great to see people out celebrating life and freedom. I'm glad I came out. Thanos is enjoying himself with all these other dogs around too. It's just a great event."

Residents Michelle Elchaak and Ayana Baptiste said they are longtime Norwood residents and have come every year since the celebration started.

"Juneteenth, I mean I've lived here since 1995 and I've never seen anything like this," Baptiste said. "Being the third time is wonderful."

"It's like the whole Town is out here, it's amazing," Elchaak said.

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As Ryan steps down, runway set to reopen

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Airport Commission (NAC) held its monthly business meeting last Wednesday afternoon at the Welch Administration Building (111 Access Rd.). It ran about 10 minutes and featured a light agenda with no appointments.

The brief session was most notable because of the fact that it was the last one for NAC member Mark Ryan. After 24 years on the Commission – most of it spent as Chairman – Ryan had announced during its leadership reorganization in April that he had not sought re-appointment, and that he would be stepping down at the conclusion of the June meeting.

Ryan had not been present at the May NAC meeting (which, at five-and-a-half minutes, may have set an unofficial speed record) and at this one – his first actually sitting to the

right of the new Chairman Michael Sheehan, and with his nameplate without his former title – he looked out of place as he quietly heard the month’s business.

The agenda’s first item had Airport Manager Mark Raymond updating the Commission on the reconstruction of Runway 10/28, and he stated that the paving and striping had been completed and that all remaining work would be finished by the end of the month.

“Then they can start using that runway again?” Sheehan asked.

“Correct,” Raymond replied.

For most of 2023, low flying aircraft rattling the windows and disturbing the general peace of the Rock Street/Winfield Street neighborhood – directly across Route 1 from the western end of Runway 10/28 – had been an ongoing issue that the NAC, Raymond, and



Mark Ryan, left, and Michael Sheehan, right, hold Ryan's farewell gift, a commemorative clock from the Norwood Airport Commission.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

Airport tenants had attempted to address in coordination with neighborhood residents.

Those efforts had met with mixed results, but the temporary closure of the runway has – for the time being – com-

pletely eliminated the problem and the complaints.

However, anticipating a likely outcome of the looming reopening, Sheehan facetiously commented on Raymond’s confirmation. “The Rock Street people will be very happy.”

Related to the Runway 10/28 reconstruction, its latest payment request (No. 4) of \$549,186.97 was approved, with 90 percent of it to be paid for by the Federal Aviation Ad-

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HARD WORK EQUALS SUCCESS

One of Our Town grads, Maureen Crook Vinson, has done what she has dreamed of since her 3 year old granddaughter asked her the question, "Grandma, Do You Have Kids?" It is the title of Maureen's newly published children's book available for sale. For many years she thought of writing the book but only had the title...which of course is important...so...she decided she'd better get down to business and compose her thoughts and have them published in a beautiful book, and that's exactly what she did. The cover is beautifully inviting, obviously Maureen had a great illustrator, publisher, etc. The book is available from Amazon, printed in English and Spanish, \$14.99. Maureen, you did it...Congratulations a million times over!! Can't wait to read it!!



Jackie Saber

MEMORIAL DAY RESPECT

My sister and I went to Highland Cemetery just before Memorial Day. Upon arrival we saw a most respectful and beautiful sight. Many people were there placing all our flags - American, Fire, Police, and War Veterans in their proper places. Thank you to Liam Maguire, Bill Maguire, Jim Marcelonis and Stevie Marcelonis, and all the other persons for taking the time to give of themselves for others. It is truly appreciated! Thank you. "JAKE" Jake is looking great again this year. He stands tall and proud at Highland, as he represents all of our Norwood Firefighters, those of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. May our firefighters and police always be safe. We are very proud of both departments. It's hard to imagine the 'hell'

Saber

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Letters to the Editor

OPPOSITION DOESN'T MEAN DISREGARD FOR VETERANS

To the Editor:

Regarding your June 13, 2024 article titled "CPC plans forward progress on 20 Vernon St. Veteran Housing":

I'm a newly minted Town Meeting Member and feel the need to comment on some opinions being brandished about, suggesting that objec-

tions to the project are an apparent disregard for Veterans. This could not be further from the truth.

The objections to this project have nothing to do with veterans. Nobody is saying they don't want veterans, and nobody is saying they don't want to help veterans who need help. Norwood residents have a long history of service to America.

This project just isn't a good fit for Norwood. Let me explain why:

First off, the sale price for the property needs to be reassessed. It amounts to a give-away. The \$1 million gift to the buyer is much more than Norwood can afford for this one project. There is no guarantee that if the project

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LITTLE CHARLIE

We walked granite steps into the cemetery, my daughter carrying a bouquet of handpicked flowers. We sought Governor Bradford's resting place, then paused at the mass grave of sixty Revolutionary War sailors who perished when the General Arnold sank in Plymouth harbor during the furious, storm-cursed night of December 26-27, 1778. We strolled thirty feet further down frost-heaved asphalt to the grave.

We visit at my daughter's behest. Years earlier we had noticed the small stone, chipped and weathered from almost seven hundred New England seasons. On its marble face, beneath a sculptured lamb, barely discernable and becoming less so with succeeding years, is engraved "Little Charlie." On the back, if you move dirt and grass at the bottom, the date 1857 emerges, as well as "8 m 17 d." My daughter placed the flowers and we stood back, silently acknowledging a long-forgotten child, dead and buried one hundred and sixty-eight years.

While working in Spartanburg, South Carolina, a woman named Smith murdered her two children by strapping them into their seatbelts in the back seat of her car and releasing the hand brake, allowing the car to roll into a pond. A maintenance man in the plant once dated this woman. "I'll tell you one thang," he told me in that difficult accent, "she didn't look like she looks now, she's gained weight in prison. When I first met her, she was a looker!"

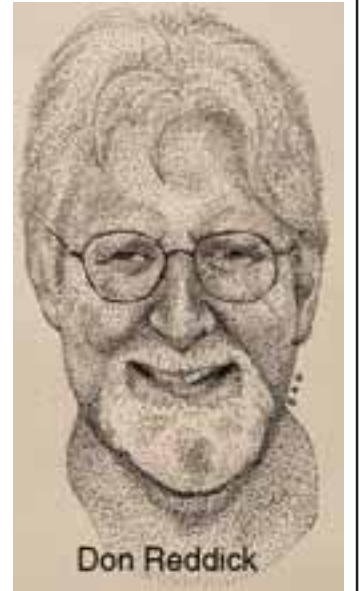
"Know how we met? I was driving along and we got backed up by an accident. I got out of the car, you know,

just to see what was happening ahead and I looked back and saw this woman smiling at me in the car behind. I walked back to her and that's how I met Susan Smith. We only went out once, so I can't tell you that much about her. But I'm telling you, man, she was a looker..."

With an afternoon off, I decided to drive over to the tragedy site. The area is remote, and poor. South Carolina's piney woods generate a dense, earthy aroma in southern summer heat. I travel straight, sunbaked roads, red clay bordered with sparse, brittle grass. When I pulled into the entrance to the pond, I stepped out and saw a mound monument of children's toys, cards, ribbons and messages left by a stunned and horrified nation in memory of two little boys it never knew.

The pond was smaller than imagined, an asphalt boat ramp falling to water barely thirty feet from the mound. Several Japanese huddled nearby, quietly conferring, cameras clicking. Another car arrived, the national exposure of this gut-wrenching story turning the site into a veritable tourist attraction. I poked among cards and letters, read heart-breaking messages directed to the young unfortunates. I was struck by the heinous nature of the crime, wondering how on earth a woman could possibly do such a thing to her own children.

I thought of this as I watched my daughter place flowers on Little Charlie's grave. I marveled at the mysterious, instinctual affection this young girl exhibited from the first moment she found him. An immutable, silent longing to comfort, to care, to covet, a spiritual necessity to simply exert fierce, motherly love and protection over the young, even a youth not her own, indeed a youngster never known.



We celebrated my daughter's twenty-first birthday in a local Irish pub, buying our young lady her "first" beer. My wife and two other daughters were there. My sister and her husband showed up, my brother and his wife showed up, their daughters and friends showed up, my friends showed up. Our "we'll only stop for one" turned into six hours of "we'll only stop for one after another." At one point a friend of my niece approached me at the bar and asked for advice on successful writing. I began a bland reply, a rote response. Nothing suggested that I would momentarily reduce this woman to tears, but as I spoke I stopped and looked over at my girls, ensconced in the laughter of friends and family. I turned back to this young woman, and perhaps considering jarring juxtaposition between parents heartless and heartbroken, said, "Do you want to know what success really is?"

She looked up at me, seemingly surprised by an unexpected turn in conversation.

"It's when your kids are your best friends."

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Starbucks didn't follow its original 2005 landscaping plan, and the Planning Board is making sure this time, the company does.

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Starbucks on notice

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Planning Board met on Monday, June 10, and voted to approve a Site Plan Review for the Starbucks at 1000 Boston-Providence Tpke.

The plan itself is for a renovation of the site that will require the location be closed for the next three months or so – August at the earliest, according to representative and architect Daniel Brennan – because of conservation issues. The site is within a buffer zone of the Neponset River.

But what got at least member Debbie Holmwood's attention was the fact that since the location first came before the Board back in 2005, certain landscaping plans were made and approved, but never planted or realized.

"What do we do when we don't do what we said we were going to do 20 years ago?" Holmwood asked.

"A lot of the landscaping that was approved the last time this came before the Board either wasn't installed in the first place or was but wasn't maintained," Norwood Town Plan-

ner Sarah Dixon said. "And so we've discussed that plan with the applicant and the plan that is before you now incorporates a lot of those prior plantings that aren't there now."

Dixon said the new landscaping will be followed up on, as now the Board's regular order of conditions for approval – the base set of conditions before the Board may add any if it so chooses – now requires the landscaping plan to be checked by the Building Commissioner

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fails Norwood either gets our money back, or gets the deed to the property.

Secondly, we don't need the additional 20 units in our subsidized housing inventory. We've already exceeded our requirements by a long shot. It's not benefiting the residents of our town. There are no veterans qualified for this housing living in Norwood. Even if there were any, they would not have pri-

ority over any other veterans from surrounding towns.

Finally, this is a \$1 million give-away. Norwood would not own the building, nor would we collect the rents. It amounts to Norwood giving the buyer \$1 million to help buy and develop the

building. If I had a buyer willing to buy my house for \$1 million, do you think Norwood would give me the \$1 million? The town's \$1 million could be better spent elsewhere.

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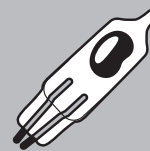
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I'm Already Collecting Social Security - How Will My WEP Reduction be Calculated?

Dear Rusty: I don't understand exactly how the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) works for my situation. I turned 62 in 2017 and am currently still working in a "non-covered" job, not paying into Social Security, but from which I will get a government pension when I retire. I began collecting Social Security at my full retirement age in 2021 and am now collecting \$1507 per month thanks to the cost of living adjustments since I started. Will my Social Security benefit be reduced by \$587 if I retire this year?

Signed: Confused by WEP

Dear Confused: You're certainly not alone to be confused by WEP, and your situation is somewhat special because you started your SS benefits before taking your "non-covered" government pension. And, unfortunately, most tools and charts which suggest how much WEP will reduce your Social Security benefit don't accommodate that nuance very well.

In your case, when you claimed Social Security at your full retirement age (FRA), you were awarded the full benefit you were entitled to, unreduced by WEP because you were not yet collecting your non-covered government pension. You were able to collect your full SS amount and receive each year's full cost of living adjustments (COLA) to those higher amounts. What actually happens is that each person's Primary Insurance Amount (PIA) is first determined at age 62, and Social Security applies an annually awarded COLA to their PIA (primary insurance amount), even if they're not yet receiving benefits. You received your full PIA, including COLA, because you claimed at your full retirement age. But when you start collecting your pension from your non-covered government job, the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) will kick in and reduce your Social Security benefit.

The amount of WEP reduction depends on how many years you had contributed to Social Security from "substantial" earnings but, with 20 or fewer years, the maximum WEP reduction is determined by the year you turn 62 and doesn't change. Since you turned 62 in 2017, your maximum WEP reduction, according to Social Security's process, is \$442.50 – lower than the \$587 you suspect.

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Russell Gloor
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Nevertheless, due to the way Social Security calculates the WEP reduction, the reduction from your current amount will seem larger than the WEP maximum. And that's because of the way Social Security applies the WEP reduction to your benefit. They start by first removing all cost-of-living increases since you were 62 from your primary insurance amount (PIA). They will then take your PIA (sans COLA) and subtract \$442.50 (if you have more than 20 years of substantial SS-covered earnings they will subtract less), and then they will reapply all the cost-of-living increases since you were 62 to your WEP-reduced PIA. What just happened, in effect, is that your previous (pre-WEP) COLA increases were removed from your PIA, and those same COLA percentages were reapplied to your smaller WEP-reduced PIA, to arrive at your new monthly benefit amount under the Windfall Elimination Provision. And that new amount will be lower than your previous SS benefit amount by more than the published maximum WEP reduction for the year you turned 62.

A word of caution: Timely notification to Social Security of your non-covered pension is very important. As soon as you receive your non-covered pension award letter, deliver it to your local Social Security office and request a WEP recalculation of your SS retirement benefit. The WEP recalculation will likely take months to process, during which time you will continue to receive your higher non-WEP SS benefit. That means you will be overpaid for the period between when your non-covered pension started and the month your new WEP SS payment began, and that overpayment must be refunded to Social Security.

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before a certificate of occupancy (approval to operate basically) can be made.

In the order of conditions, Dixon specifically noted that now, as part of the regular order of conditions, any landscaping that dies or is lost must be replaced in the same season it was lost and in the same condition as in the plan. She added that after installation of the planting, a letter stamped by a certified landscape architect be provided establishing that the plantings were done according to the approved plan.

Dixon added there were a few modern updates to the plan. "It's also noteworthy here that anything that was a non-native species has been replaced with something you typically prefer to see on plans that have been approved," she said.

Speaking of non-native

species, the Board voted unanimously to keep two Callery pear trees on the site, since they have been there for about 20 years.

"Right now, Callery pear is a species that's being considered by the state to be added to the invasive species list," Dixon said. "It's not on that list yet, but it's under consideration. Conservation Planner Carly Rocklen noted that it might be worth considering a replacement of those trees. But Assistant Director of Community Development, Ilex Jones, had offered an alternative point of view, in that there is some benefit to having 20-year-old mature trees on that site."

"Leave the trees," Holmwood said.

The Board voted to leave the pear trees despite their potentially invasive nature, as

they were established and provided more benefits than harm.

Associate Planning Board Member Derek Mason asked about the traffic issue that the drive thru can sometimes cause, as traffic can be backed up out into Route 1 at times. Brennan said they made some improvements, but there is only so much they can do.

"It's all about the speed," he said, referring to how quickly they can get people in and out of the drive-thru. He said they moved up a menu board so patrons have more time to peruse the menu. "But, unfortunately, there is not much more we can do with the site to get a bigger queue moving. This is basically the best we could do."

The Norwood Conservation Commission will be discussing the proposal in the coming weeks.

Elementary Study *continued from page 1*

Sanborn outlined several scenarios, only two of which it recommended (all scenarios and materials can be found at <https://www.norwood.k12.ma.us/sc/2024-elementary-study>). One scenario (not recommended) was to literally do nothing and keep everything the way it is, save for the fifth grade moving to the Coakley. This was called Scenario 0.

This had some advantages, including this scenario includes the largest decrease in the number of students attending each school. However, Prescott Elementary School Principal Bryan Riley and Sanborn Senior Project Manager Priya Sankalia pointed out that the whole idea is not just to make the most space available.

"You don't want to reduce capacity so much that there is then space not being used as well as it could be," said Sankalia. "Scenarios 1 and 3 (the recommended options) really optimize the spaces available to the NPS for the elementary schools."

Riley added that it wouldn't be much of a net gain to do nothing. "The actual programmatic impact of that (decrease), I mean we might be talking about one classroom that might be able to be freed up," he said.

The two scenarios Sanborn and the district are most seriously considering, 1 and 3, would reconfigure the Willett School as a K-4 school and create a new

school district. The main difference between the two plans is the placement of the new district; one placing the new Willett district about where you would expect, between the Cleveland, Oldham, Balch and Prescott Districts and the other carving out Windsor Gardens so that it becomes part of the Willett District. This would also leave much of the Cleveland District as it is. Windsor Gardens is in the Prescott District currently, with the entire Balch District in between the rest of the Prescott and Windsor. In fact, the Cleveland, Willett, Callahan, Balch and even the Oldham Schools are all a closer drive than the Prescott (though that doesn't account for Route 1A traffic at delivery times).

This direction would reduce capacity levels to around 75 to 80 percent capacity for each of the elementary schools (several are currently at or above 100 percent).

Scenario 0 would reduce those capacities to around 70 to 75 percent on average. However, Sankalia said this does nothing to address the lopsidedness in the distribution of multilingual, special education and low-income student percentages the district currently faces. The Balch is still taking the lion's share of multi-lingual students with all scenarios, with 45 percent of its students estimated to be as such under the new plans and 44 percent currently. The new

scenarios significantly reduce the Balch's low-income population by 13 percent, and the special education percentage goes down from 20 percent to 14 percent.

The Callahan and the Oldham are the two schools currently educating the largest shares of special education, with 28 percent and 26 percent respectively, which would be reduced in both scenarios 1 and 3. Callahan's low-income population would also be further spread around the districts. Oldham's low-income percentages would also be reduced.

Several residents asked questions. Many felt this was too soon to implement, and others said they felt going with the do nothing scenario would be their preference. However, while there were those expressing concerns – including students going into fourth grade next year would again have to switch to another school – the Coakley – in the 2025-26 school year, there was no overt opposition to either Scenarios being considered.

The NPS website on this study (<https://www.norwood.k12.ma.us/sc/2024-elementary-study>) has links to surveys for residents and staff respectively. The community survey will close Oct. 21, and it is strongly recommended (in ALL capital letters on the website) that these surveys should be completed after fully reviewing the presented materials.

There will be updates on the surveys at upcoming School Committee meetings, along with another public forum at the Balch School at 10 a.m. on Sept. 14. The final vote on this is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 30 at the Norwood School Committee.

To see the whole webinar, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2uuk42b9>

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plan (IEP) and special education programming. In March, they had 869 students.

“This does not include our out-of-district numbers,” she said.

For those taking specialized programs in the district, October 2023 saw 193 students in the program, with 196 in March 2024 and 212 in June 2024.

“I think of note, 28 elementary school students were referred to specialized programs this year, and 15 of those were grade 1 students,” she said. “This is a trend we are seeing; as students at the Willett, when they move on to the elementary, that same support and structure is not there.”

Cimeno said the number one referral to specialized programs is behavioral dysregulation, which, according to a study from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), is when emotional regulation strategies are adopted which are, overall, harmful to the individual (<https://tinyurl.com/2j4s2da3>).

“It takes our time and requires a lot of resources at this point in time,” she said. “Mental health is at the top of our concern level.”

Cimeno said in the 2022-23 school year, they had 16 students at the middle school hospitalized for mental health reasons, and in the 2023-24 school year there were 25.

“So we continue to see an increase in the number of students requiring hospitalization for mental health,” she said.

Cimeno also broke down the past year’s out-of-district transportation costs, which can be some of the largest expenses in the budget (and are unfunded mandates by the state). In total, the district has 80 students in these placements, for a grand total cost of \$10.1 million. Those figures are further broken down, with 23 students put in collaborative placements at

\$83,009 per student, \$1.9 million in total, one student at public day placement at \$68,971 per student and total, 50 students placed in private day placement at \$123,359 per student, \$6.2 million total and six students in a residential placement at \$319,182.74 per student, \$1.9 million total.

Cimeno said they conducted 467 special education evaluations with three psychologists handling that caseload, with about 155 evaluations per year per psychologist. “Which actually exceeds how many days there are in the school year,” she said.

Cimeno said 90 students were found to be not eligible.

On a related note, School Business Official Matthew Wells said the district did not receive any bids for its proposed Student Services Comprehensive Review request for proposals (RFP). The study was first introduced at the fall 2023 Special Town Meeting for \$60,000 to review the special program inclusion process (<https://tinyurl.com/33whp446>).

At the time, about 25 percent of NPS students were being recommended to special programming, either for special education or other programs, and it was seen to be an anomaly, as the state average is 19 percent. The study is to determine if Norwood’s analysis and admission is too broad and, hopefully, get some of those students off those programs thereby decreasing the unfunded mandate from the state (<https://tinyurl.com/33whp446>).

Wells said that this is not a usual ask for consultants. “We received no bids on that; we are regrouping on that a little bit,” he said. “We are carrying over into the next fiscal year and during the summertime have some conversations about what the best approach would be at this point in time. We knew this was going to be an issue. We could

not identify organizations that do this type of an audit. It’s very comprehensive, quite large and there was some interest and some people who did ask for the RFP, but nobody submitted proposals.”

Wells said they might separate the study into smaller pieces and pitch them out to groups who do those smaller types of studies. “They will be much smaller costs at that point and we could do quote processes and maybe move forward, and just take it as it comes along and see what we can get done,” he said.

The proposal included reviewing special education, nursing, guidance and “other pupil services,” and Wells said just breaking those down should help gain more interest on the RFP.

Lastly, Acting Superintendent JJ Munoz informed the committee that this will be his last meeting as acting superintendent, as incoming superintendent Tim Luff will be taking over at the next meeting.

“I just want to thank the School Committee for allowing me to do this work alongside you guys and the teachers and staff of Norwood, and I am more than happy to give my seat to superintendent Luff – as he’s over there in the stands – and I can go back to that chair where Matt Wells is at and whisper to (School Committee member) Teresa (Stewart),” he said with a laugh. “But it’s been an honor to serve as acting schools superintendent, this is a phenomenal community and our teachers work so hard every day.”

Ryan Steps Down

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ministration (FAA) and 10 percent of it to be picked up by the Town.

In other business, the NAC motioned to allow the Trails Committee to file a notice of intent with the Conservation Commission to build a bridge over a brook crossing an Airport-owned trail outside its perimeter fence. It was approved with an amendment from Ryan requiring FAA clearance of the project before construction can begin.

After the blanket approval of commercial permits for FY25, and the confirmation of no other agenda business, Raymond spoke again. “Mr. Chairman, we have one other item we’d like to address before we vote for adjournment.” Standing up and picking up a box on the floor near Ryan, he brought it over to Sheehan. “I’ll hand this off to you.”

Sheehan opened the box. “Mr. Ryan, we knew you didn’t want a plaque, so we got you a clock.” Taking the clock out and holding it up for view with Ryan, Sheehan noted Airport improvements made under his term, and the appreciation of management, the NAC, and the Town “for all of your time and effort to make this Airport the success that it’s been over the last 24 years, through the good times and the bad times.”

Reading the inscription and thanking everyone, Ryan chuckled. “I was hoping I’d get out of here before anything was done like this,” he said. “But that is really thoughtful.”

Very briefly touching on the progress made at the Airport during his tenure, and the continued progress that he anticipated from the Commission and management moving forward, Ryan then focused on what he had represented for so long.

“It’s a great little asset here: Norwood Airport. It serves a lot of purposes,” he said, gesturing in the direction of the observation area – which will soon be home to the Tyler J. Lawrence Memorial Park – he went on. “It’s great to see people coming down there and sitting out there and enjoying the scenery. And soon we’ll have a little playground here for them. It’s just... It’s been great serving here, and I appreciate everything everyone has done.”

A replacement for Ryan has yet to be appointed to the Commission.

The NAC typically meets at 4 p.m. on the middle Wednesday of the month. For further information, visit its page on the Town website or contact Town Hall.

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Date: June 04, 2024

Stephanie K. Fattmann, Register of Probate

For the Record

DEDICATION CEREMONY AT MYLOD ST.

CONSERVATION AREA

The Norwood Trails Committee and Norwood Conservation Commission are hosting a dedication ceremony at 10am on Friday, June 28th at the Mylod Street conservation area. The Women's Community Committee has donated an ADA accessible picnic table which is now installed at this site. The table is ADA accessible and located adjacent to the parking area. It allows for unobstructed views of the Norwood food forest and the Endean meadow, and is a great spot for a family gathering, bird watching or to rest after walking the Endean trails. Parking is limited, but available at the Norwood community gardens lot.

The Women's Community Committee is an all-volunteer, non-profit, community service organization in operation since 1925. We appreciate their donation of this table for community use, and honor their goal of extending a helping hand. Questions? Send an email over to trails@norwoodma.gov.

READING

FREDERICK DOUGLASS

The Old Parish Preservation Volunteers (OPPV) is sponsoring a public reading of Frederick Douglass's July 5, 1852 speech, "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" The event will take place on July 4, at 2:00 pm in the Old Parish Cemetery in Norwood at the grave site of abolitionist and Unitarian minister Rev. Edwin Thompson.

This event is free and open to the public.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

We will be having our yearly recitation of The Patriotic Rosary on the Norwood Town Common on July 3rd at 1 pm. Everyone is invited to celebrate God and country with us as we pray for our military, living and dead, our police officers, our firefighters, our government officials, and each person in all of our 50 states. We will sing all of our patriotic songs and conclude with taps to remember those who have given their lives in the service of our country.

Please join us for this beautiful event and bring a chair to sit on. In case of rain, it will be held in St. Catherine of Siena Church, diagonally across from the Common.

MONTHLY BALLROOM DANCE

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging will be sponsoring their monthly Ballroom Dance, on Friday, June 21, from 7-10 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood. Music will be provided by Dave Valerio 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

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The overall feeling of the restoration plan is that a new spillway would be built on the eastern end of Guild Pond to keep the water level higher. The reason this would be a restoration plan and not a new construction, according to Regan, is because there was originally an 18-inch concrete spillway keeping the water up.

"Then in the 1960s, maybe 1962, I think it was Fairbane that owned the property, a developer had come in with a backhoe and, unfortunately, completely broke out a professionally built spillway, because they were planning on building houses where the pond is now," he said. "That created a lot of excitement with the people in the neighborhood and in Town and that's why, I think it was 1973, that the Town decided to purchase the land surrounding the pond and establish the area as conservation land."

Right now, sandbags are being used to keep the water level higher than it otherwise would be.

According to Rocklen, there are a couple of issues with using sandbags, at least for the long-term. First, they are very temporary. Second, they can open up and silt the area, which causes environmental harm to any waterway the silt and sand gets into.

But as of right now, the new spillway is at least 18 months away, so the sandbags, which have only broken once, accord-

ing to Regan, will likely stay where they are unless an alternative plan can be put in place.

Walsh agreed with Rocklen they would talk to Community Preservation Coordinator Kristen Phelps to see if they could go before Town Meeting for the restoration study funds in October, rather than the regular Annual May Town Meeting.

"I think some of the things we're going to have to include are a little research and get some pricing," Walsh said. "Maybe get an engineer to look at it and maybe we re-engage with Wetlands and Waterways and see if they do that type of work, but we probably need to get one or two proposals to do the actual assessment of what's the best way to accomplish our mutual goals."

ConCom Chair Stephen Washburn said he is really glad this project appears to be moving forward. "I think we have a situation here where the will of the NSC, the ConCom, the neighbors and abutters have all aligned," he said. "I love everything we're hearing tonight."

Regan agreed, and that in his time at the NSC they have wanted to restore the spillway since well before the Town adopted the CPA. And he is surprised to learn that Guild Pond is exactly the kind of place for said funds to be used. The CPA funds projects that are either based on open space

and recreation, historic preservation or affordable housing.

"We're really excited as a club because, personally, I didn't understand the CPA to the level that it's at, where this kind of recreational use would get funding," he said. "We would love nothing more than to see that spillway professionally fixed so we never have to touch it again."

The ConCom will be making space for this project again on its agenda so as to solicit public comment. Because there was no public hearing advertised, only the ConCom members and NSC could speak about the project during this meeting. However, a public hearing will be forthcoming, and Washburn said residents who feel strongly about this project should email or write to the ConCom at conservation@norwoodma.gov or 566 Washington St. Norwood, MA 02062, respectively.

In separate but related news, the ConCom voted unanimously to approve a change in the order of conditions to the Willett Pond Dam restoration project on the other side of Guild Pond. Rocklen said the involved company can go through the water rather than the wetlands to access the dam and do the required work.

"So there is no need to create a driveway through the wetland and have to restore that area," she said.

The ConCom agreed this was a less intrusive method of construction.

Legal Notice

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, July 3, 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 Request for Determination of Applicability for landscape planting, bollards installation, and minor modifications to the parking lot in Buffer Zone and Riverfront Area to the Neponset River.

Project Location: 1000 Boston-Providence Turnpike.

Carly Rocklen
Conservation Planner

Norwood Record: 06/20/24

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 July 9, 2024, at 7:00 PM** on the request of **Victoria D'Annunzio (Case #24-15)** with respect to property located at **35 Fulton St, Norwood, MA 02062 [Map 5 Block 5E Lot 134]**, in the **Single Residence (S) 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 5.7.3** to demolish the existing house and reconstruct a larger house on a non-conforming lot.

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 Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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our NFD is dealing with...No in-house dispatch, (same with the PD) no hospital, and miles upon miles of ambulance travel due to wrong doings by Steward. The flowers that have been planted at the base of Jake's memorial look beautiful. Thank you to all for your respect and honor, for without NFD/NPD we wouldn't have a Town. Many thanks to our super retired Fire Captain, George Geary, and his team for the incredible memory they created for Our Town!

MANY THANKS

I want to thank Claire and Kelley for their super kindness in helping me with a very important issue at EYECARE specialists. Thank you so much!

COMPLAINING?

Sure, tearing up the sidewalks and streets are somewhat of an issue to the home-

owner. But...The results are incredible!! Have patience! Thank you, Norwood! **DIFFERENCE OF OPINION** The traffic lights at Hawes sure created a big difference of opinion, but remember, everyone has the right to an opinion, as we all see things differently, and some drivers don't mind waiting in a stopped line for 10 or 15 minutes. Yikes!

DO YOU HAVE A PD/FD SCANNER AT HOME?

I have had a scanner in my family since birth, as my dad was NFD. After marriage, Nick and I purchased a scanner many, many years ago. If you don't have one you are probably not aware of some of the daily operations of our PD and FD. It is hard to believe what is going on in our Town, much like that of other towns, unfortunately.

These two departments certainly don't tell us everything over the scanner, and rightly so, but sometimes you hear something that is not a common occurrence in Our Town. Our country and the

'upbringing' of our children in it is certainly changing.

NOT A BUSH OF BEAUTY FOR VERY LONG

My Rhodis bloomed incredibly beautiful this year as they usually do, along the perimeter of my entire back yard. BUT...the gorgeous flowers lasted only 2-3 days in full magnificent bloom. What a disappointment! Can't blame that on climate change!

SIDE AISLES A JOKE?

I totally agree with Judith Howard's recent column about the need for side aisles in the new Coakley auditorium. You have to be uncaring, unaware, and unknowledgeable thinking that side aisles are unnecessary. I certainly wouldn't want my child in a school where escape from fire is impaired. If the two John's, Carroll and Howard, were here...this would NOT be an issue!

BYE GUYS,

Jackie
"The greatest glory in living lies not in never failing, but in rising every time we fail."

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Morrill Library Events

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

ADULT SUMMER READING TO BEGIN!

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!

1969 STONEWALL REBELLION

In honor of Pride Month, the Morrill Memorial Library is pleased to partner with Joshua Hyde Library and other Massachusetts public libraries to present a virtual talk by author Milo Todd about the 1969 Stonewall Rebellion on Wednesday, June 26 at 6:30pm on Zoom.

Join author Milo Todd on Zoom as he discusses the Stonewall Rebellion, a grassroots

movement that sparked LGBTQ+ rights across the country. What happened during the multi-night rebellion around the Stonewall Inn in June of 1969? What was the first thing thrown and who threw it? Who took part and who stayed away? Hear the details of what happened and how this ultimately led to the creation of Pride Month.

Note: This session includes mention of transphobia, racism, police brutality, slurs, murder, sexual assault, and misgendering/deadnaming.

About the author: Milo Todd is a writer, editor, and educator. He instructs the 9-month Novel Immersive for LGBTQ+ Writers. His debut novel, *The Lilac People*, will publish with Counterpoint in Spring/Summer 2025. His fiction focuses on trans and queer history, and has appeared in *SLICE Magazine*, *Hare's Paw Literary Journal*, *Response Magazine*, *Foglifter Journal*, *Home is Where You Queer Your Heart* (Foglifter Press), and *Emerge: The 2019 Lambda Fellows Anthology* (Lambda Literary Press). His other works have appeared on *Writer Unboxed*, *Dead Darlings*, *GrubWrites*, and *Everyday Feminism*, among others.

MONDAY MOVIE MATINEES ARE BACK!

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to continue our Monday Movie Matinee film series. The series will run from June - 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: 6/24, 7/8, 7/22, 8/12, 8/26, 9/9, and 9/23. June movies are: June 24: *Devotion* (138 mins)- PG13 - Starring Jonathan Majors, Glen Powell.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY LEGO CLUB FOR ADULTS

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to host a Sensory-friendly Lego Club for Adults. Our June Lego Club meeting will be held in-person at the library

on Thursday June 27, from 1pm -1:45pm.

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.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY 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 June 28, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our June movie in the Sensory-friendly Friday movie series is Warner Bros. *Space Jam: A new legacy*, rated PG.

The Morrill Memorial Library and Lifeworks Inc of Norwood are excited to bring this program series to the Norwood community.

PRIDE MONTH SPECIAL MOVIE

The Morrill Memorial Library wishes everyone a Happy Pride Month! What better way to round off our Pride Month celebration than a special screening of *Red, White & Royal Blue*?

Based on the bestselling book of the same name by Casey McQuiston, this movie captured the hearts of the fans from all over the world. We are excited to host a special screening of the movie on Sunday June 30th at 2PM in the Simoni Room.

Synopsis: When the feud between the son of the American President and Britain's prince threatens to drive a wedge in the U.S./British relations, the two are forced into a staged truce that sparks something deeper.

Library Events

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Deaths

CACCIAGRANI



Albert F. of Norwood passed away on Saturday June 15, 2024 at age 72. Born in Boston, he was the son of the late Catherine (Hurd) and Albert H. Cacciagrani. Albert was a Tractor-Trailer Operator for many years until his retirement. He was a member of the Norwood Elks, the VFW Auxiliary, and was a loyal fan of the New England Patriots. Albert was the beloved husband and best friend

of Susan E. (McDonald) Cacciagrani of Norwood. He was the brother of Anita and her husband George Ducharme and Richard Cacciagrani and his wife Fran all of Walpole, and the late Carolyn and her late husband William Bailey. Albert was the uncle of George Ducharme and his wife Marge of Norfolk, William Bailey and his wife Kelly of Woodstock CT, Jeffrey Bailey and his wife Carie of Lakeville, Sharon and her husband William Busch of Foxboro, the late Gregory Ducharme and his surviving wife Kathleen of Norwood, and the late Greg Miller. He is survived by nine grandnieces and nephews, and five great-grandnieces and nephews. All Services are private. Arrangements were made

Deaths

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Obituary Policy

The Norwood Record publishes obituaries from information supplied by funeral homes. Relatives and friends also may supplement information by e-mailing to news@norwoodrecord.com by Monday at 1 p.m. Photos also will be accepted.

TOWN OF NORWOOD BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be conducted by the Board of Selectmen at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 9th, 2024 upon the following petition of National Grid:

To install approximately 50 feet of 2-inch Plastic main extending from the existing 2-inch Plastic main in Morse Street, Norwood, Massachusetts.

This meeting will be conducted in the Selectmen's Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, Massachusetts.

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

Norwood Record: 06/20/24

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 July 9, 2024, at 7:00 PM** on the request of **Ismayil Nasirov (Case #24-14)** with respect to property located at **66 & 72 Broadway St, Norwood, MA 02062 [Map 1 Block 3 Lot 11]**, in the **Central Business (CB) Zoning and Mixed Use Overlay (MUOD) 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 3.1.5**, Table of Use Regulations, to operate an auto repair facility in the Central Business District.

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 Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

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Ask The Doctor

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

Mazda CX-30

Mazda has plenty of vehicles in their lineup, along with a big press fleet. They are proud of their lineup. I had a CX-30 last week—this is a cross between a car and SUV. It feels and drives like a compact car. There is comfort, visibility, firm seating, seating for four and plenty of storage when the rear seats are folded down. Open the hood and there is ample room for servicing. Turbo charging is more of the norm than not today. The little 2.5 liter pumps it 327 HP. Power goes through a 6-speed multi-mode automatic and this CX-30 is AWD. LED lights front and rear, leather seats front and rear, as well as heated leather steering wheel and front seats. Power glass moon roof, large touchscreen center display. Mazda also has all the latest safety technology. The body style is a crossover with plenty of storage and no blind spots looking out. Put the car in sport mode and both engine and transmission come alive. The one item I could not find and miss is the 12-volt power plug. Seats are firm and supportive. The radio in all Mazda cars does have a learning curve. The red crystal metallic paint looks amazing. EPA: 22/30 combined 25 MPG. MSRP with options and destination: \$38,905.

Junior Damato, the "Auto Doctor," has agreed to field auto repair questions from Bulletin and Record readers. Please send your questions to news@bulletinnewspapers.com and we will do our best to get them answered.

Monday, June 10

1120 Phone - PD-Harassment Services Rendered Location/Address: Ellis Nursing and Rehabilitation Center - Ellis Ave Call on the business line from the director of nursing. She states she has a resident who is claiming he is being abused by staff. Resident is a 93 M.

1545 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Engamore Lane Caller on the business line reports her dog was attacked by another dog. Reporting party let management know and is waiting to speak with animal control.

1709 Phone - PD-Disturbance Investigated Location/Address: - Central St Verbal argument between male and female. Male party is now not allowing female to walk away. 911 caller is female's sister. No weapons OFC spoke with male. He was sent on way and will be catching a train.

1752 Initiated - PD-Warrant Report Follows Location/Address: Ellis Ave OFC's out for a warrant service. Male party in custody. AR to NWD 665. Arrest: Conley, Richard O. Jr. Address: 55 Ellis Ave Norwood, Ma Age: 53 Charges: Default Warrant

1911 911 - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: St Joseph Ave 911 caller reports her downstairs neighbor is banging and throwing things and causing a scene. Female party in custody, transporting back to station, H.Q calling around for female OFC for a search. Sharon PD en route with a female police OFC. Arrest: Mclean, Brittney V Address: 10 St Joseph Ave Apt. #1 Norwood, Ma Age: 26 Charges: Straight Warrant

Tuesday, June 11

0506 Phone - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: Mobil Gas - Wash./RR Av - Washington St Anonymous caller reports 3-4 people loud verbal argument. When pressed for more information. Caller did not want to provide anything further. Caller on business line said no weapons, just verbal and loud, while on the phone, caller said possible separation of parties. Two people walking away. Second caller, female party on 911 line for male party on foot wearing a grey sweat shirt, white male, khakis has a knife and a gun in his hand. Upon question-

ing male is walking towards Railroad St. OFC's were called to the area by an anonymous caller for a possible argument. OFC's were in the area, when female party called for the same incident. Arrest: Collins, Kristofer Alan Address: 279 Railroad Ave Norwood, Ma Age: 42 Charges: Assault W/Dangerous Weapon

1009 Phone - PD-Assist Fire Department Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Ellis Nursing and Rehabilitation Center - Ellis Ave With FD for a combative patient in the Driftwood unit. Clear, transported to the hospital by FD.

1826 Initiated - PD-Assist Public Spoke With Location/Address: Norwest Dr Calling party stating that there is someone in her home who she wants removed. Party was being vague about who's in her home. She will call back when she gets home. 911 caller was seeking male party to be removed. No weapons. Caller will await PD. The male party left without incident, but is being transported to BI Needham by Norwood Fire.

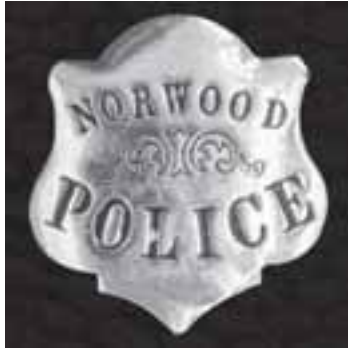
2044 Radio - Health & Welfare Check Spoke With Location/Address: Cypress St Female caller requesting to speak to someone and then rambled on and made references of weapons. Unknown if she was singing a song. Spoke to the party and the party's mother. She checks okay. Party had a friend over and was singing a rap song.

2234 Phone - PD-Stolen Motor Vehicle Services Rendered Location/Address: Porter Party Publishing - Winslow Ave Party reporting that her black Toyota RAV4 was stolen out of the driveway. Last seen around 18:15 this afternoon. MA REG 726ABS. Checking the uptown area. Possibly left there. Reporting party is in the cruiser to check. Starting mileage is 69179. Vehicle has been located at the bubbles laundromat. Caller left it there earlier in the day and walked back home. Vehicle is now back in the driveway of the home address.

Wednesday, June 12

0409 Phone - PD-Vandalism Spoken To Location/Address: Lenox St 911 caller reports his car and another car in the parking lot had ketchup thrown over them at some point last night after 6:30 PM. Small amounts of ketchup on reporting party's car and three other vehicles. No actual damage to any vehicles. One more vehicle

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was found with ketchup on it.

1444 Phone - PD-Disturbance Sent On Way Location/Address: Tremont St 911 caller requesting an officer to assist with getting his belongings from his girlfriend's vehicle. Call was disconnected during the information gathering. Attempted to call back, message left. 663 reports verbal argument over property. Parties were advised. 663 remaining on scene to prevent escalation while male party waits for an Uber.

2045 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Spoke With Location/Address: Village Rd W Agency willing to do a welfare check on a 14 year old female. Agency learned that there could have possibly been a physical altercation there last night between the mother and the daughter. Officers checked her well-being and made contact with her. Mother was not present however the daughter was. Female involved party checks okay and stated everything was okay.

Thursday, June 13

0957 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Winter St Visiting nurse on scene and has tried to make contact with her female patient and has not been able to reach her. Looking for assistance with a well being check. Units requesting FD to make entry. The PD and the FD were able to wake up the party. 662 will advise the landlord of the damage caused by gaining entry to the apt.

1325 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Kathleen Ln Case manager from BI Needham is requesting well being check on the wife of a patient. She had been at the hospital every day, all day and now they are not able to reach her via phone and have not had her visit the husband since. He is due to be discharged now and the case manager is concerned for her well being. She was transported to the hospital and the calling party was advised.

2300 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Bahama Dr 911 caller reporting a male party up in a tree, naked. Norwood 667 reports just children in the tree. Norwood 662 reports 2 fully clothed children removed from the tree.

Friday, June 14

1139 Phone - PD-Assist Public Spoke With Location/Address: Washington St Caller stating the male home owner at the above address that she has been staying with put all of her clothes on the front lawn and is kicking her out. She would like to know what her options are and would like to

speak to an officer on the phone. Officer called the party as requested to advise.

1142 911 - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Sturtevant Ave 911 caller states that there is a company that is illegally dumping asphalt. No illegal dumping happening. Neighbor's driveway is being paved.

1247 Initiated - PD-Runaway Report Follows Location/Address: Norwood High School - Nichols St 679 on scene reporting a runaway juvenile. OF assigned.

1700 Initiated - PD-Runaway Services Rendered Location/Address: Cedar St Check the area for a runaway juvenile, issue was resolved officers clear.

1917 911 - PD-Mental Health Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr 911 caller reports she is sad. She called to wish us a Happy Father's Day. No emergency; however, caller was not making sense. Per Officer Landry he will be calling the female party on the phone. Information sent to Officer Landry. Female was sad because Father's Day is coming up and her father is deceased. Officer Landry will be stopping off at the above address to speak with the female party. Officer spoke to the female she said she will make some dinner and hang out. Female requested to talk to someone from Riverside. Officer sent her information to Riverside. 2101 Initiated - PD-Traffic Enforcement Report Follows Location/Address: Walpole St + Washington St 1. MVST with MD REG 4EP4932, area of Walpole and Saunders. 1. Don Wally's called for next in line. Operator was under arrest and transported by 674 back to HQ. Arrest: Carr, Brandon M Address: 17 Saunders Rd Norwood, Ma Age: 25 Charges: License Suspended, Op MV With C90 S23 Speeding rate of speed exceeding posted limit * C90 S17

2302 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Brewster Dr Call on the business line reporting a suspicious white male with grey shirt and dark shorts walking back and forth on the street heading towards end of the street. Officer clear, area search negative.

Saturday, June 15

0820 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Investigated Location/Address: Guild St 911 caller reporting a ex girlfriend refusing to leave and threatening to damage his vehicle. She is currently outside sitting in a gray colored Mitsubishi truck. Verbal argument between boyfriend and girlfriend. Girlfriend sent on way. Boyfriend (calling party) is satisfied. OFC's checked the boyfriend's vehicle and there was no damage.

0845 Phone - PD-Missing Person Report Follows Location/Address: Olde Colonial Cafe - Nahatan St Caller on 911 reporting a person trying to come into the cafe while it's closed. Described as an older B/M wearing a patriots jacket and pajama bottom pants. OFC transporting male party back to the station to wait for his wife. Male party at the station. NWD 674 reports man was missing out of Boston.

0950 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Investigated Location/Address: Norwest Dr Female caller

on business line reports her ex is outside trying to pick up their kid. She is unsafe. Wants officers there. OFC's responded. Spoke with both parties. Male sent on way. Parties referred to court. Child custody issue.

1059 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Investigated Location/Address: Guarino Pastry Shop - Washington St OFC waived down by a passerby. Reports a male party had a big knife. OFC's on scene with that male party. Report knife has been dropped. OFC's clear. It is a male party who lives nearby. He was just gardening. He was advised to put the knife away and to not garden with that in the future. Male party cooperative. OFC's clear.

1358 Phone - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: Dollar Tree - Walpole St 911 caller reports 3 dark skinned females threw a cup of coffee at the back of his head. Girls called 911 as well and said he was harassing them. OFC's clear, OF to NWD 667.

1553 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Avalon Apartments - Lenox St Caller on 911 reports she believes someone may have tried to break into her house. Door knob is very loose and the door has marks in it. Border of the door is cracked, looking like someone tried to kick the door and stick something in between the door and the lock to try and open. Damage on door verified. No items from home missing.

Sunday, June 16

0410 911 - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Washington St 911 call reporting her ex-boyfriend broke her bedroom window with a rock before leaving in a grey Rav 4 in an unknown direction. Officers spoke with the female party and are headed to Chapel Ct to attempt to speak to the male party. MA REG 2NJV32 in the driveway.

0506 911 - PD-Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Chapel Ct Call that started at Washington St for the male who broke his ex's window... the female party is now outside his door. 661 bringing the female back to her home SM 77380.4 @ 517. EM 77380.9 @ 519

1212 Phone - PD-Assist Public Taken/Referred to Other Agency Location/Address: Hampden Dr E911 call: Female stating she cannot get her items out of the address/apartment above. Female states the apartment owner is not home. Female will be standing by for officers. Asking for advice on what to do. OFC's clear. NWD 668 spoke with mother in Florida. Gave permission for calling party to access apartment. She will call maintenance. Civil matter. All units clear.

1709 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Endicott St Caller states there are baby ducks stuck in the drain. Caller states the mother duck is above the ducklings in the street. Caller will remain on scene. ACO Henry notified.

1903 Phone - PD-Threats Report Follows Location/Address: The Skating Club of Boston - University Ave HQ receiving calls from a party reporting bomb threats to the Skating Club of Boston and the Norwood Police Station.

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(Source: IMDB) The movie is rated R with a run time of 112 minutes.

AGING PARENTS: UNDERSTANDING HOUSING OPTIONS

Morrill Memorial Library is partnering with Cornerstone at Canton to host a presentation called Aging Parents: Understanding housing options on July 16, at 6:30PM 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.

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with Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Albert's memory to VFW National Home for Children, 3573 S. Waverly Rd. Eaton Rapids, MI 48827.

CHANDLER



Thomas, age 57, of Franklin, passed away on June 8, 2024. Born on January 5, 1967 in Albany New York to the late Bob and MK Chandler, Thomas grew up in Dover and lived in Franklin for the past 20 years. He was a 1985 graduate of Dover-Sherborn Regional High School and a 1992 graduate of Salem State University, where he graduated with a degree in criminal justice. He worked as a private investigator for several years before taking a sales position with Shaughnessy NES (now United Rentals), where he was employed for over 20 years before his death. Thomas leaves behind his family, Kim, Ryann, Molly and Declan. He also leaves his siblings, Colleen and her husband Steve McCormick, Julie Chandler, Nancy and her husband Craig Drinkwater, Lynne and her husband Nick Spirito, Dennis Chandler and his wife Janet, and his twin brother Michael Chandler. He was an uncle to 17 nieces and nephews as well as a great-uncle to 8. His true source of joy

was his three children. He was bursting with pride when his oldest daughter recently graduated from high school and was looking forward to bringing her to college in a few months. He enjoyed watching Ryann and Molly's high school gymnastics meets, and he was a beloved youth baseball and flag football coach and spent countless days and evenings over the years on a field coaching his son, Declan. When he wasn't working, Thomas could be found on his boat or on his motorcycle, working on his 1964 Chevy Impala SS, at the beach, on the golf course, at the Pats game, at the Tavern and spending time with family and friends. He always had a funny story to tell, a beer to share and a hand to lend. He will be missed by so many. Arrangements were made with Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in Most Precious Blood Church, Dover on Saturday, June 15, 2024.

EASTER



Michael B. of Norwood passed away Sunday evening, June 9, 2024, at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Michael battled with a congenital disorder, Polycystic Liver and Kidney disease. He was 33. Michael is

survived by his loving parents Sheila M. (Murphy) Easter of Norwood and Brian G. Easter of Norwood and his loving sister and brother Christine Kiklis of Norwood and Stephen Easter of Harrisville, RI. He is also survived by his aunts, uncles, cousins, his large extended family, many friends as well as his dear companion, his dog "Coco". Michael was born, raised, and educated in Norwood where he had been a lifelong resident. He worked in the restaurant industry, employed at the family-owned business, Mug and Muffin and Brookside restaurants in Norwood. Michael was known for his quick wit, humor and love of all animals. The family would like to thank the staff at BIDMC Boston transplant unit, Spaulding Rehab Boston and Mass General Hospital for their compassionate care. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Norwood. Interment at the Highland Cemetery in Norwood. Donations in his memory may be made to Circle of Hope Norwood in lieu of Polycystic Liver and Kidney disease.

KELLEY

Alice (Esper) Kelley, a life-long resident of Norwood, passed away peacefully at home on June 13, 2024. She was 93 years old. Alice was the dear and devoted wife of the late Edward "Skipper" Kelley. Loving mother of the late Edward Kelley Jr. Dear grandmother of Nicholas Edward "Niko" Kelley. Beloved daughter of the late David and Millie (Abbott) Esper. Dear sister of the late Frances Esper, Freda Franciosi, Charles Esper,

Catherine Moseley, George "Rolly" Esper, Marion "Dolly" Corcoran, Florence Esper and Richard Esper. Alice is survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Alice was born and raised in Norwood. After graduating Norwood High School, she worked as a secretary at Estabrook & Co. in Boston's Financial District, and would go on to work at Northrop Corporation. She was a lifetime, active member of St. George Orthodox Church in Norwood, serving on many committees for fundraising events at the Church. Alice also served her community on the Norwood "Pops Night" committee, and was a founding member of the Norwood Food Pantry. Alice's Funeral Service will be held Thursday June 20, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at St. George Orthodox Church 6 Atwood Ave. Norwood. Visiting hours will be held in the Church Thursday beginning at 9:30 a.m. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Interment will conclude services at Highland Cemetery in Norwood. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Alice's memory to St. George Orthodox Church or to the International Orthodox Christian Charities 110 West Road Suite 360 Baltimore, MD 21204. (www.iocc.org) Guestbook and other information at www.KfouryFuneral.com

WHIPPLE

Everett Lewis ("Whip") slipped peacefully into eternity with Jesus on April 1, 2024. Whip was born on January 29, 1948 in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. As a young boy Whip started his formative years in Yarmouth, eventually settling in Norwood, Massa-

chusetts where he attended Norwood High School, graduating in 1966. Shortly after graduation Whip went on to serve valiantly in the Marine Corps as a Lance Corporal, and came to be known as the "Blooperman" among his platoon in the Vietnam War. After his tour in Vietnam he resided in Norwood, Wrentham and Taunton working for Brown-Ferris Industries, Inc. After working with them for 30 years he spent his golden years in Georgia and Florida. Whip was an exceptional athlete, excelling in baseball, both in ability and knowledge. He knew every statistic imaginable. He had a contagious laugh and unmatched sense of humor. He was a friend to all who knew him and lived a life that was lighthearted, fun and full of good cheer. He cherished time with friends and will be missed by many people. Whip was predeceased by his parents Everett William Whipple and Solange M. Whipple (Lemieux). He is survived by his wife, Katherine Whipple of Bradenton, FLA and his three daughters Victoria Avilla (Kevin), of Fort Meyers, FLA, Jennifer Weinbaum (Craig) of Fort Meyers, FLA, and Alexandra Whipple of Atlanta, GA. Whip also leaves behind his brother Bill Whipple (Brightie) of St. Petersburg, FLA and his sister Holly Johnson (Mark) of Weathersfield, VT and grandchildren Caleb, Leah, Ava and Jack, as well as many in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins. His memorial service was held at the Disabled American Veterans Club in Bradenton, FLA on May 4th. His cremated remains are buried at the Sarasota National Cemetery for veterans in Sarasota, FLA.

Italian Lodge scholarship awards

The Norwood Italian Lodge #1235, a local chapter of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, recently held its Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner on June 5, 2024, at Conrad's Restaurant in Walpole. Norwood Lodge President, Steve Eosco, greeted the nearly 50 members and guests who attended the event. Scholarship Chairwoman, Toni Eosco, made several introductions, and acknowledged lodge members, Barbara Campagna and Winnie Carfagno, for their volunteer work on the lodge's scholarship committee. Toni Eosco also recognized Denise Furnari, Ex-officio of Massachusetts Grand Lodge Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, and George Franco, Ex-officio of the Norwood Italian Lodge as well

as his wife Diana who oversees the lodge's website. Scholarship award presentations took place after a delicious dinner buffet.

The Italian Lodge has a long history of supporting youth, education, and Italian culture. Through the volunteer work of its members to raise funds, and through the addition of memorial funds and other generous donations, the Norwood Italian Lodge #1235 awarded two \$1,000 Scholarships.

Committee member, Winnie Carfagno, made the first award presentation to Lorenzo Carrara, a graduate of Xaverian High School. He is the son of Vincent and Catherine Carrara of Norwood, as well as the grandson of lodge members, Frank and Barbara Fruci of

Norwood. Lorenzo will pursue a degree in business and marketing at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania.

Scholarship Committee Chair, Toni Eosco, made the second scholarship presentation to Anthony Fraone, a graduate of King Philip Regional High School. Anthony is the son of Maurizio and Alisa Fraone of Wrentham, as well as the grandson of lodge members, George and Phyllis Sabatini of Walpole. Anthony will pursue a degree in business and sport management at Fairfield University in Connecticut.

After the scholarship presentations, guest speaker, Norfolk County Commissioner Richard Staiti, delivered inspiring remarks to the scholarship recipients and members. He



(left to right): Lorenzo Carrara, Lodge Scholarship Recipient, Richard Staiti, Norfolk County Commissioner, Anthony Fraone, Lodge Scholarship Recipient.

shared stories from his own upbringing with Sicilian roots and described the several paths of his own professional journey throughout life.

For information about Norwood Italian Lodge mem-

bership please contact President, Steve Eosco, at 781-769-7865 or visit the lodge Facebook page at Norwood Italian Lodge #1235 Sons and Daughters of Italy to learn more about the Lodge.