



Residents gathered on Tuesday to celebrate the Festival of Lights.

PHOTOS BY JEFF SULLIVAN AND JONATHAN CARDONI

Norwood lights menorah candles

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

About 50 people gathered around the large menorah at the Town Common last week on Dec. 12 to celebrate the start of – really the middle of – the Chanukah season.

Rabbi Mendy Horowitz said they did originally meet on Dec. 10 to start the celebration, and while some folks came to the event, they felt they should wait for the weather to get better so they could welcome everyone for the night.

“I know this was supposed to be Sunday night, but divine Providence has it that we’re here on Tuesday night,” he said, “though I was here on Sunday night in the rain dancing. Some of you were here. Martha Greenfield was here with her daughter, grandchild-

ren and son-in-law.”

Greenfield is the widow of Aron Greenfield, who survived the Holocaust during World War II and then made his way to Norwood to purchase Brenner’s Children Shop, where he became a local mainstay for many in the Downtown. Greenfield passed away last year on Sept. 26, 2022, but his memory lives on in the hearts of many Norwood residents, as well as Rabbi Mendy.

“We dedicated this menorah to Aron Greenfield, Holocaust survivor, and I said, ‘For Aron, some rain wouldn’t scare him, it wouldn’t be a big deal for him,’” he said. “But we wanted to make it comfortable for everyone and I want to thank all of you for coming and I want to thank the Norwood Board of Selectmen who made this happen.”

Horowitz said he also wanted to thank Norwood Police Department Chief Bill Brooks, Norwood Town Manager Tony Mazucco, Assistant Town Manager Michael Rosen, Norwood Fire Chief Tim Bailey, and all those who came out to make the night a special one.

“And also I’d like to mention Mr. Bernie Cooper, the longtime Assistant Town Manager here in Norwood who passed away. He would come down every night to help us light our menorah for us. Thank you Bernie. We evoke his memory as well.”

Selectmen Chair Matt Lane said he was happy to be a part of the night’s festivities.

“Happy Chanukah everyone,” he said. “On behalf of the

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The Morse House Christmas Party drew a large crowd last Thursday to celebrate the accomplishments of the South Norwood Committee.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

South Norwood honors its own

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The South Norwood Committee (SNC) held its annual Christmas party last Thursday with a bit of a special twist.

This year, the committee honored its current and past chairs with a dedication of benches inside the Morse House, with around 80 people either cramming in or waiting for space outside. The evening featured more than enough nibbles and victuals than the crowd could have eaten, and the atmosphere was as magical as Scrooge’s Christmas Dinner at the Cratchit’s house (after his visitation by three spirits and the ghost of Jacob Marley, of course).

“Anybody who leaves here hungry tonight, it’s your own fault,” said Selectman Bill Plasko to laughter from the gathered crowd.

Selectman Michael Saad said it was an initiative to recognize the tireless work of the committee, which has been working to promote and sustain South Norwood for decades.

Olga Abdallah, Walter

Gotovich, Joe Antonelli, Patricia Bailey and Cheryl Mandelli – all current or former chairs of the committee – were honored with dedicated benches to them and the committee itself, which are to be placed at the Hawes Pond Park and the Balch School.

“We’re going to build a ‘Chair’s Park’ down at the pool area where we have our cookouts and the fishing derby,” Saad said. “Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Mark Ryan and his crew have already poured the cement around the pond and they’ll bolt them in over the spring. And we’ll put the picnic tables in the back corner of the pond for the park.”

Saad said the committee has always worked to help out South Norwood residents and Norwood as a whole, with the derby, putting up the Christmas Creche, the cookouts, and the Christmas party.

“We try to help our own community, that’s all,” he said.

Olga Abdallah said it’s been an amazing few decades in the com-

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CPC info sessions scheduled

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Community Preservation Committee (CPC) has scheduled two of three public hearings on proposed projects for the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) round of Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding.

The meetings will be at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 3 and Jan. 10. The Jan. 3 event will be held at the Norwood Town Hall while the Jan. 10 event will be held at the Norwood Senior Center.

CPC Coordinator Kristen Phelps said the sessions are designed to help residents get the details of projects before they come before Town Meeting™ so any questions and/or details can be sorted out then, rather than on the TM floor.

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mittee.

“All these years, we’ve enjoyed working together,” she said. “We worked hard, we had a lot of fun, no one ever complained and people were so marvelous.”

Abdallah kept up a constant refrain when she recalled the work of the committee, almost like a holiday song: “And it never cost the Town of Norwood one cent.

“I can remember standing next to the pool, and having Michael Saad and all of his whole crew and Eddie and my sister Helen, everybody all working together and cleaning the whole area inside and outside the pool, and it never cost the Town of Norwood one cent,” she said. “It was a neighborhood group getting together and manually and physically working together, and we just went on from there. We just kept on going improving the South Norwood area.”

Abdallah continued, saying they worked on the Balch School, the Junior High School, and more.

“No matter what we did you could see rapid improvements, and it was out of true love that everybody got together and fixed up this

whole Morse House. We put so much love in it, and it didn’t cost the Town of Norwood a cent,” she said. “Anything that needed work in South Norwood, we did it. And it didn’t cost the Town of Norwood a cent.”

Abdallah said the work was hard, but it was made lighter by the fact that everyone pitched in and did what needed to be done.

“Manually we were there, with paintbrushes, ripping out the wall-paper and going up to Boston to get new wallpaper and you know what?” she asked. “I have wonderful memories and the best thing is that these memories, everybody who helped us out, we never had one argument, we never had one fight, and we just walked around in an old fashioned way and used our brushes and everything else. I would like to thank everyone personally from the bottom of my heart.”

Selectman Bob Donnelly said he was happy to help out wherever he could and see the work blossom over the decades, and see the work continuing.

“It’s really pleasing to me as a

resident of Morse Hill for 30 years to see all the changes that are happening in South Norwood and Morse Hill,” he said. “You have Dave Depree with the Space Center, which is taking an old industrial building and making it something marvelous, we have a new pool project coming along, we have the Coakley behind us, Bernie Cooper Park, the Morse House, everything that’s happening and now we have a proposal to make some improvements to the veterans’ park up the street from us... The past is rich, but the future is rich too because of all the work the people in this room have done.”

Former DPW Superintendent Joseph Welch said the Town would have had a much harder time of it without the Abdallah family.

“They’ve done a tremendous amount of things for the Town of Norwood, not just South Norwood,” he said. “They care for everybody. They have a little problem? They might come to me or somebody else to straighten it out. But I got to tell you, they could not do enough for the Town of Norwood.”

Plasko said the effort was something to see.

“It’s a small token to recognize the effort of all of you,” he said. “This section of Town has had the strongest group of advocates who worked for anything that was ever needed. I want to congratulate everybody being recognized and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.”



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Young performers of the Skating Club of Boston put on a show for attendees this past Friday.

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Skating Club of Boston brings holiday ice pageant to Norwood

Bryant Jones
Staff Reporter

It was an enchanting evening of figure skating to get us in the holiday spirit at The Norwood Skating Club of Boston's (SCB) Annual Holiday Pageant on Dec 15.

Hosted by Skate Boston's Junior Activities Committee, more than 40 skaters performed holiday themes with free admission at the Tenley E. Albright Performance Center at the Norwood branch of The SCB. The idea behind the event was to bring Norwood residents into the club and familiarize them with the space.

The Tenley E. Albright Performance Center is the centerpiece of the Norwood branch's new facility, an Olympic-sized arena with upholstered seating

for 2,500 spectators. The first five rows of seating retract to allow for ice-side dining during special events. The seats can also be reconfigured to flexibly meet the needs of various competitions.

One of the younger skaters, six-year-old Adalyn Yang, performed some surprisingly complicated spins and techniques. Adalyn has been taking lessons at the Academy at Boston Skate Club for almost two years.

"I'm very happy about my performance as I really enjoyed skating for everyone tonight," Adalyn said. The skater was among a host of young skaters that put on solo or group performances with skills far beyond their ages. Older teens were less abundant but no less talented in their technical performances. Laughs and awe

were elicited by the Barbie and Ken Doll themed performance near the end.

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Skaters showed off their skills during the holiday show, which organizers have said they want to continue for years to come.

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Prayer to the Blessed Virgin
(Never known to fail!)

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.
—J.M.H.

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OPINION

They grow up fast enough

One of my biggest fears as the parent of young children, aside from the obvious issues of health, safety, etc...was their questioning the existence of Santa Clause. To me there is nothing more innocent and uplifting as a child staring up at a Christmas Tree or stockings hung by a fireplace or staying up late to watch Christmas TV specials (yes, now known as "Holiday Specials") with wild eyed excitement at the wonder of it all.

Grinch parents will grouse that it's all just about greed and is a bunch of commercialized nonsense and that children need at the earliest to grow up and deal with the world's realities, and the best way to handle Christmas is to dispose of any notion of Santa Clause being real. Of course, these are the same parents who are thrilled the first moment Little Johnny picks up a doll or little Susie plays with a truck because they now get to rush them off to a "gender specialist" to deal with the kid's obvious "identify confusion", proving how they are such woke and enlightened parents. Oh wait, I need to stay on point...

My children are now all grown and living on their own, happy and healthy and productive members of society and so my life is complete, the rest, as they say, "is gravy." My kids appreciate everything they have and have a full and deep acknowledgement of what others don't, and do what they can to help those less fortunate. Yes, they greedily rushed to the tree on Christmas morning to see what Santa brought them because that's what fortunate kids get to do. It may be hard for some to appreciate that when children are focused on the toys they are going to get on Christmas morning, what they will remember for the rest of their lives is the magic of the season. The magic of Santa Clause.

And so, with that being written, what better way to summarize the joy of this season than to reproduce a letter written by a little girl to a newspaper questioning the existence of Santa Clause and the iconic response written by the newspaper's editor.

"Dear Editor," Virginia O'Hanlon started her letter to the editor, "I am 8 years old."

The young girl from New York City penned a letter in September 1897 to the New York Sun, explaining: "Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.'"

Then came the pointed question: "Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

The response:

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy.

Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! . . . You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world, which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real?

Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else so real and abiding. No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives, and he lives forever — a thousand times ten thousand, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Response written anonymously by editorial writer Francis Pharcellus Church

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HIS SHARE OF THE LOAD

Mike Lydon and I stood on the cold inland shoreline, distant mountains bumping Lake Louise's northern horizon. To Boston boys believing the Kancamagus Highway the epitome of wilderness, Alaska had proved revelatory. On our way into the lake, we had observed a massive uprising of ancient earthly turmoil, a jumbled, mesmerizing, mountainous marvel crafted by a million years of patient, godly thought. As we stood on shore, we saw across a broad bay the skeletal genesis of someone's dream, a wooden ribbed rising on a piece of land jutting into the vast lake.

Twenty years later I retraced our steps across the far north with two daughters. Across the Glenn Highway we drove, over the Top of the World Highway into memories of Dawson City and its coterie of characters I had come to know. Down central Yukon through Pelly Crossing, Carmacks, and Whitehorse we had traveled, fortunate to avoid October snow. Returning to Anchorage and back on the Glenn Highway, we decided to seek lodging on Lake Louise.

I have formed my own Interpretation of Dreams. Our original trek across Alaska and the Yukon was the genesis of appreciation in accomplishing one. It is important to have dreams, and significant to accomplish them. Or at least die trying. A favorite quote is from the late New York Yankees' owner George Steinbrenner. "If you don't have a hernia," said he, "you're not pulling your share of the load." I fashioned this into my own understanding: if you don't have a hernia trying to accomplish your dreams, you're not pulling your share of the load.

As we bumped along the seventeen-mile gravel road to the lake—Alaska's Lake Louise, not its famous Albertan cousin—I told my girls of Lydon and I camping on the lake's southern shore, and of the lodge being built across the bay. I was curious to see its fruition. We paused at the magnificent grandeur the overlook affords southward, that white-mountain, blue-glacial madness, that mesmerizing masterpiece of stark, raw beauty Mike and I had observed years before. Back in the car we spotted a caribou, endured the corrugated road, and slowly approached the lake. We pulled into the campground, where I spotted the lodge on its jutting point of land across the bay. We crawled back onto gravel and jolted toward it. Two or three cars were in the parking lot of The Point Lodge, and as my girls ran to the shoreline to take pictures, I entered to inquire about availability.

Inside was quiet, not a soul to be seen. It was as impressive inside as out, a large dining area and adjacent bar, great picture windows and wrap-around deck overlooking broad water, and finally, after a halloo, a young woman. They are closed for the season, she told me, and after directions to an open lodge across the bay, I mentioned my previous visit, of looking across the lake as this lodge was being built. The woman smiled ruefully.

"The man who built it, it was his dream," she told me. "His name was Jim Adams. He was a sheetrock contractor and musician from Wasilla. Did the whole thing, did all the sheetrock, his own idea, and do you know what happened?"



Don Reddick

"Why, no."

"Jim built the place and arranged a grand opening, a grand opening party, the first day the lodge was opened. After all his work. This huge party, invited everyone he knew, and you know what happened? He had a heart attack right at the party! Right during the party! He died right here, right in his own place, his dream place. On its opening night."

That evening, sitting in the rustic dining room of yet another wonderful lakeside lodge and enjoying end-of-vacation drinks, I shared this story with my girls. They were twenty-something, and as I uttered the words, I sensed they did not appreciate the tragedy as did I. As my daughters expressed horror at furred atrocities adorning the walls, I stared through the picture window, out over the lake toward that lodge on its spectacular, jutting point of land. I mused quietly and raised my glass in silent acknowledgement.

He had pulled his share of the load.

Woman's Club seeks food pantry donations

Woman's Club seeks food pantry donations. On January 16th between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m., the Norwood Women's club will be collecting the following items in the Knights of Columbus parking lot, or will accept checks made out to the Norwood Food Pantry. Everyone is invited to stop by with a donation.

Instant mashed potatoes (13oz), instant rice, tea (black, green or herbal), Coffee (instant, regular or decaf), jams/jellies, Crackers (graham, Ritz, Townhouse, Triscuits, saltines), white albacore tuna or small canned chicken, pasta (ziti, penne, elbows, spaghetti etc) pasta sauce (tomato, marinara, tomato basil etc.), oatmeal (small canisters- instant and old fashioned).



November delivery to food pantry shown in photo left to right Phyllis Spiro, President of the Norwood Woman's Club, Sue Medinaceli and Cindy Daft of the Norwood Food Pantry.

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About 100 residents came out to place 500 wreaths on the graves of veterans in Norwood over the weekend.

PHOTOS BY JEFF SULLIVAN

Placing Wreaths for Veterans

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Wreaths Across America teamed up with 22Mohawks and Ecolab to lay down more than 500 wreaths on veterans' graves at the Highland and Old Parish Cemetery on Saturday.

More than 100 residents came to lay the wreaths down and remember those who served the U.S. Armed Forces. Event coordinator Andrea Reed said she was thankful to the residents and Town of Norwood for putting on the event, and she and the event organizers said the day was not only to honor those who served, but to help them in their times of need.

Reed said the theme was to serve and succeed. She said she used to work for the Department of Workforce Development and Training Resources.

"It's actually where I met Teddy Mulvehill," she said.

Reed related the story of speaking to and subsequently helping out an unemployed veteran and of how that veteran was on the brink. She said she just did her job and related all the programs and aid available to him because of his service, and got him started on the training process.

"He told me, 'I was thinking that was my last day. I'm a single dad, and I didn't think I could raise my child anymore. So I was going to bring my child to my ex-wife's house and that was going to be it. You saved my life.' That's why I do what I do. It's stories like that; it's people I

meet along the way and that I keep with me. It's important."

Reed asked all those placing wreaths to read the veteran's name out loud when doing so, as it helps keep alive those who are no longer with us.

22Mohawks founders Dave Campisano and Stacey Ann said their organization works to help provide veterans with the resources or help they need. The organization's name comes from the fact that on average, 22 veterans die by suicide each day. Campisano said since Sept. 11, 2001, there have been about 7,100 combat-related deaths among soldiers, and in that same time period, there have been more than 125,000 veteran suicides.

The pair said the day was special because they get to remember the Fallen, honor U.S. soldiers and show the next generation what the value of freedom is. He said for Saturday, he wanted to personally remember and honor his former wrestling coach and Norwood native Cpl. Mike Mahoney, who served in the U.S. Army for many years.

"Coach Mahoney taught me what it means to be tough and resilient, and to never take life too seriously," he said. "I'll always remember Coach Mahoney, as his laugh could bring a smile to any room. We lost Coach Mahoney in 2006 to the internal battle that many veterans suffer with. I just want to remind you that you are not alone. We all suffer our own battles, and most of us don't want to burden anyone with

them. But being vulnerable and willing to share your weakness may help others to do the same, and your story may just save a life."

Norwood student Zach Skutt talked about his grandfather and what it meant to him.

"This event is important to me because my grandfather

Wreaths

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One of the projects proposed is the Morse Hill Veterans Park. This comes directly from Selectman Bob Donnelly, and is aiming to be a parklet similar to that of Stearns and Elliot streets.

“He is the sponsor,” she said. “He worked with the Department of Public Works to develop a conceptual design, primarily focused on providing an Americans with an Disabilities Act (ADA)-accessible gazebo, a way to get there, some pollinator gardens, some additional landscaping and some benches to make it more appealing as a park and not just some open space on the corner.”

Phelps said there will also be a Veterans memorial on the site, but that has not been designed yet.

“There is a small sign there now memorializing the veterans of South Norwood, but that will be expanded, which is another important element,” she said. “We want to create awareness of the South Norwood folks who served.”

Currently, the CPA money request for the park is around \$91,000.

“For all the plantings, the site work, the benches, the gazebo – the largest element of the project,” she said.

The Morse Hill CPC hearing will be later, either Jan. 24 or Jan. 31. The specific date has not been set at the time of publication.

The Jan. 3 hearing will review the proposed restoration and display of the Washington Fire Bells, the restoration of the historic stained-glass windows at the Morrill Memorial Library, funding to preserve Town Annual Reports, funding to rehabilitate Memorial Hall benches, funding to restore and preserve Town Hall artwork (several murals) and funding to create a playground at the Norwood

Memorial Airport.

Readers may remember the airport playground had been passed over in previous years, but this year the CPC discussed a \$150,000 grant the proponents obtained from the Massachusetts state legislature to lessen the impact on the CPA Fund.

Phelps said at a recent CPC meeting that the grant is a partial reimbursement earmark. She said there is a bit of a hitch, however, in the current scheduling for this particular CPA project.

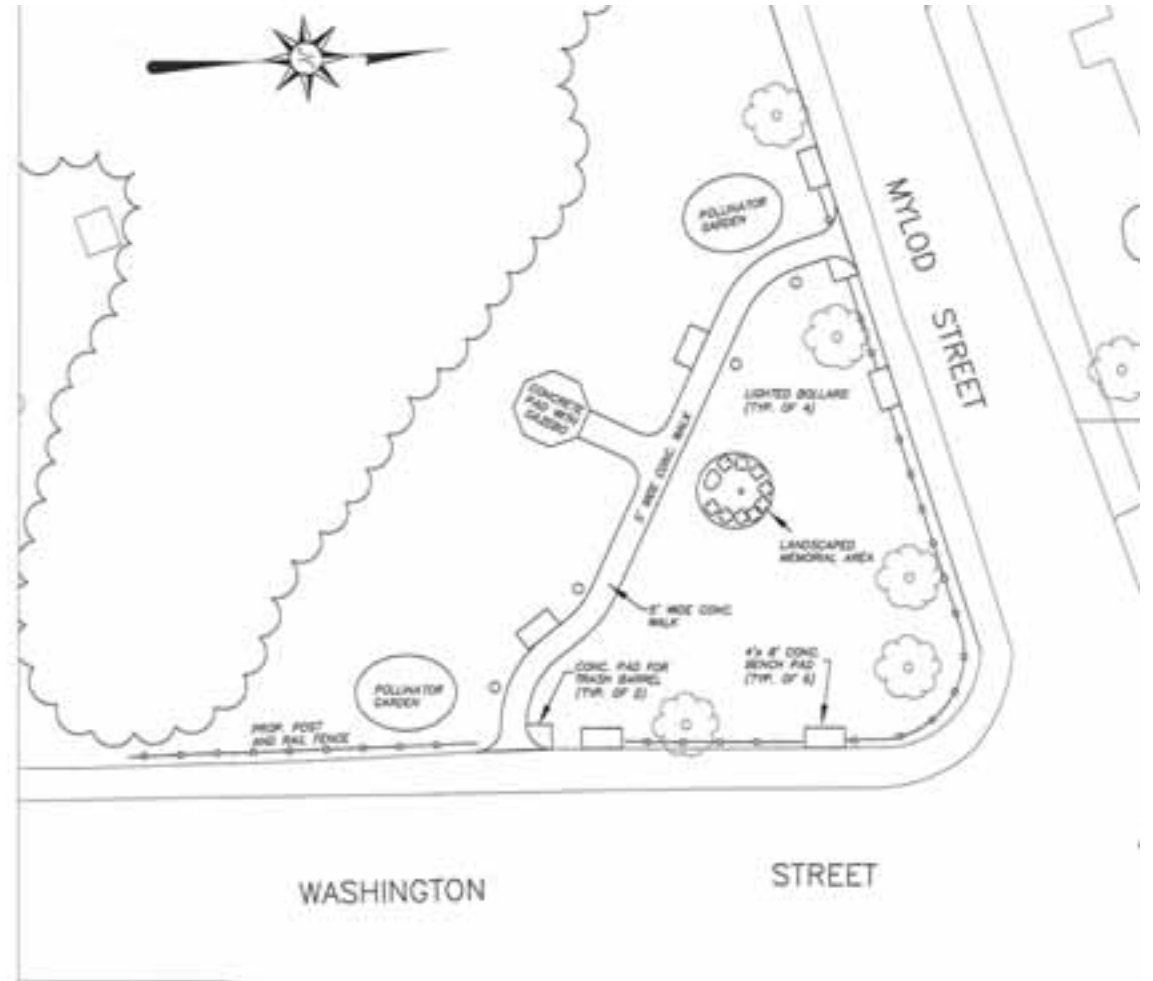
“It has to be spent in its entirety by June 30, 2024, and so the timing is a little bit of an issue,” she said. That would likely not be enough time after the May Annual Town Meeting to deplete that account and finish the work.

Phelps said they scheduled it at the earliest public hearing so that if the CPC thought it prudent, they could recommend it be put on the warrant for the upcoming March Town Meeting.

“There are sufficient funds in the Open Space Reserve fund for their request; there would be no appropriation, just the one request on the March Town Meeting for the CPA,” she said. “I literally just had this conversation today, so it hasn’t been vetted.”

She said the second option would be to have it on the annual Town Meeting in May and getting as much done without the \$150,000 grant as possible before then so that the work could be completed by the end of June.

“Those are kind of the two options,” she said. “The warrant for March opens Dec. 12 and closes Jan. 9, so if you were all supportive of me at least inquiring about the process – this is not committing you to anything, the public hearing would still move forward on Jan. 3 – but if



The preliminary design for the proposed veterans park at Morse Hill in Norwood.

COURTESY PHOTO

you’re going on the March meeting it would have to be discussed on Jan. 3.”

“To have it go alone in March, I don’t see what the problem would be and I don’t see a downside,” said CPC Chair Joseph Sheehan.

Member John Hall said he would want to have it on the March Town meeting because the other option means appropriating the funds for a project that hasn’t been approved by Town Meeting yet, and could be denied.

Sheehan said the funds are from the state and shouldn’t be problematic.

“We just have to make sure we get the project approved and that they know they can’t spend any CPA money until later, after July 1 and probably a little after that taking care of all the administrative things they have to do,”

he said.

The CPC tentatively agreed to hear from the project proponents at the Jan. 3 meeting and relay Hall’s concerns and figure out what would be the best option. Sheehan added he felt the March Town Meeting would be the way to go.

“I think that would help them out a lot more instead of putting them on a time squeeze,” he said.

The Jan. 10 hearing will feature discussions on affordable

housing at 20 Vernon St., funding for the continued participation in the Shared Housing Services Organization, a transfer to the Land Conservation Fund and water crossings at the Norwood Trails Advisory Committee site off of Route 1 and University Avenue known as the Norwood Tiot Trail.

For more information on these projects and for more info on upcoming hearings, go to <https://tinyurl.com/eh255pbc>

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NORWOOD COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

In accordance with the requirements of Norwood Local Bylaw Article 47 Section 2.1, the Community Preservation Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 5:30 PM at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062. This meeting will be held in a hybrid format where Committee members and the public may choose to attend in-person or remotely using Google Meet at: <https://meet.google.com/hda-kniw-cya> or by dialing in at: 402-946-0125 Access Code: 547 694 165#.

This public hearing is the second of three hearings being scheduled to accept questions and comments on applications for CPA funding. The proposed projects under consideration at this hearing include: (1) funding to support the creation of affordable Veterans Housing at 20 Vernon Street; (2) funding to support continued participation in the Shared Housing Services Organization; (3) a transfer to the Land Conservation Fund; and (4) funding to permit and construct water crossings along the proposed Norwood Tiot Trail. Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Community Development Department at Town Hall during normal business hours.

Joseph Sheehan
Chairman

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Rita A. (Lyon) of Norwood, formerly of Roslindale, passed away peacefully in the comfort of her loving family, on December 9, 2023. Rita was born in Boston on January 19, 1940, the daughter of the late Rita M. (Tierney) and John C. Lyon. Beloved wife of the late John M. Foley. Loving mother of Robert J. Ahearn and his fiancée, Nina Ficarò Rago of Winthrop, John E. Ahearn and his wife, Susan of Foxboro, Catherine T. Hardy and her husband, Paul of Roslindale, Laureen M. Flahive and her husband, Michael of Foxboro and Michael P. Ahearn of Boston. Loving stepmother of Nancy Boulter and her husband, Bob of Mansfield, John M. Foley, Jr. and his wife, Mary Ellen of Westport, Susan Britton and her husband, Jimmy of Lowell and Laureen Doolan of Kingston. Rita was predeceased by her former husband, Robert F. Ahearn. Cherished grandmother of Courtney,

Jake, Sean, Jessica, Lauren, Margaret and John, Jr.; as well as her nine step-grandchildren. Dear sister of Philip Lyon and his wife, Kathleen; and the late John Lyon and Catherine Hohenstein. Rita is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and lifelong friends. Funeral from the Robert J. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, December 16, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. Interment at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Donations in Rita's memory may be made to: Alzheimer's Association, 311 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 02472 or at alz.org For directions or to leave a condolence message for Rita's family, please visit: lawlerfuneralhome.com Robert J. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home (617) 323-5600.

GORIN



Donald Eugene, affectionately known as Don to his family and friends, husband

Deaths

of Paula Gorin, resident of Norwood, passed away on December 14th, 2023, after a lengthy illness. Don had an unwavering love for his family. He was born in Alton, IL. His high school years were distinguished by his role as class president and his prowess in sports. This early promise of leadership and teamwork followed him into adulthood as he pursued higher education at Southern Illinois University. Don made his home in Brighton, IL, until 1977. He then moved to FL where he met his wife Paula before moving to MA in 1984 and settling in Norwood in 1998. Don's professional life was characterized by his steadfast work ethic first in establishing his own home service business in IL and FL and later in security, first at Stone & Webster Engineering and later at the Fox Hill Village in Westwood. Family was the cornerstone of Don's life. He was the beloved husband to Paula Gorin (née Greenberg), father to his children, Kelly Broyles of Brighton, IL; Sharon Windham and her husband Vic of Godfrey, IL; Donald Gorin and his wife Theresa of Chesterfield, MO, and Michael Gorin and his wife

Cherie of Sharon, MA. The joy of being a grandfather to James and Jordan Broyles; Christian James "CJ" Windham; Henry, Ben and Ryan Gorin; and Liam Gorin as well as his 5 great grandchildren was a role Don cherished deeply with much pride. Don was also a loving brother to James Gorin and his wife Elizabeth of Scottsville, TX, Edward Gorin and his wife Alice of Piasa, IL, and Gary Gorin (deceased). Don was a passionate fan of Boston sports; not to mention his undying loyalty to his St Louis roots. He was a man who found the greatest fulfillment in the happiness of his family and the simple pleasures of being a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend. His memory will be cherished and kept alive in the stories told and the lives he touched. Don will be remembered with love and will always hold a special place in the hearts of his family and friends. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Donald's memory to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center: <https://www.bidmc.org/giving>

SMITH



DAVID Robert of Roslindale, formerly of Norwood. Peacefully, my Loving Mr. Smith passed

away after a tuff battle with kidney cancer on December 16, 2023 at the age of 71. Beloved husband of Deborah A. Farrell-Smith. Loving brother of Frederick Smith and his wife Louisa of AZ, Sandra Smith of East Dennis, Joe Smith and his wife Michele of Foxboro, Thomas Smith of Mansfield and the late Peter Smith and John Smith Jr. Son of the late John and Mary (Prebis) Smith. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Great uncle of his Special Girl Briana Campbell. Her laughter, craziness and love brought much sunshine and happiness to his life. David was a 1971 graduate of Norwood High School. He was a longtime member of the Norwood Elks as well as bartender there for 50 years. David loved being with family and friends and cruising was one of his favorite things in life. The family would like to thank all family and friends for their support over the past few months prior to David's passing. Also they would like to thank the entire staff at Dana Farber who assisted the family with their hard work and support. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 0 2 2 8 4 - 9168 www.danafarber.org

Obituary policy

The 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.

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Skate Club *continued from page 3*

“We have a very robust events calendar, this event is an annual event that our Junior Activities Committee (JAC) hosts every single year,” Mia Bailey, an organizer with the pageant said. “It’s actually the teenage members of the JAC that help coordinate and put on the whole show. So we’re just standing back and enjoying their work today. There are various different levels of membership that we have at the SCB in Norwood. If anyone is interested in joining, we highly encourage you to stop by; we’d love to give a tour to anyone in

our community.” Bailey added that the group has been working to bring more public events to the wider community.

“We hosted an international event, Skate America, here in the fall of 2022, that was sanctioned by the United States Skating Association,” she said. “We host a different international event every August called the ‘Cranberry Cup.’ The biggest thing we’re hosting of international magnitude is the ‘World Championships of Figure Skating’ in 2025 at the TD Garden.”

Joy Johns, on the Membership Committee, discussed the specifics of the facility. He said they have three sheets of ice, the Olympic rink discussed above, an NHL-size rink and a practice and training rink.

“The best way to get involved is to enroll in the Academy that gives lessons,” he said. “We have several former Olympians on staff give lessons, phenomenal trainers here. They give exceptional lessons on the best ice in the area.”

The 1240 Cafe and bar is usually restricted to membership only but was open to the general public at this event with a buffet. The 1240 Cafe is open seven days a week, and is owned and operated by the Skate Club. This gives it greater freedom and flexibility in designing the menus and catering to the tastes of competitive athletes and recreational skaters alike. Designed by the Club’s Executive Chef, Mark Flemming, the 1240 Cafe menus have been planned with the input of Club members and loyal patrons.



Patrons gathered to watch the local version of the Ice Capades in Norwood.

PHOTO BY BRYANT JONES

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NORWOOD COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

In accordance with the requirements of Norwood Local Bylaw Article 47 Section 2.1, the Community Preservation Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 5:30 PM in Room 24 of the Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062. This meeting will be held in a hybrid format where Committee members and the public may choose to attend in-person or remotely using Google Meet at: <https://meet.google.com/hda-kniw-eya> or by dialing in at: 402-946-0125 Access Code: 547 694 165#.

This public hearing is the first of three hearings being scheduled to accept questions and comments on applications for CPA funding. The proposed projects under consideration at this hearing include: (1) funding to restore and display Washington Fire Bells #7 and #10; (2) funding to restore historic stained-glass windows from Morrill Memorial Library; (3) funding to preserve Annual Town Reports; (4) funding to rehabilitate Memorial Hall benches; (5) funding to restore and preserve certain pieces of Town Hall artwork; and (6) funding to create a playground at the Norwood Memorial Airport. Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Community Development Department at Town Hall during normal business hours.

Joseph Sheehan
Chairman

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Storm hits Norwood



In case you were away this week and missed it, the region was hit with a large storm that knocked out power for 600,000 residents across New England. Norwood fared a bit better than many in terms of getting the power back up quickly, thanks in large part to Norwood Light, but there were still issues. Several trees were knocked down, including one large evergreen at the Old Parish Cemetery. There was flooding, including this scene in the bottom photo showing the Norwood Police Department (NPD) blocking the road on Route 1A near the Upland Woods. The NPD and Department of Public Works were able to clear the flooding and get traffic moving again, but residents have complained for years now that the area is prone to flooding, and have asked the Town and commercial businesses up the road to fix it.

PHOTOS BY NPD

Fire Safety Tips for the Winter Holidays



Add water to your tree stand daily.



<< 3 feet >>



Place the tree a minimum of 3 feet away from any heat source.



Dispose of your tree after Christmas or when it becomes dry.



Keep candles at least 1 foot from anything that can burn.



Hang lights using clips, not nails, so that cords do not get damaged.



Keep kids away from the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

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The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court**

**INFORMAL PROBATE
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DOCKET No. NO23P1901EA

**Estate of: Deborah M. Leotsakos
Date of Death: 04/29/2023**

Norfolk Division

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate and, by Petition of **Petitioner Theodore N. Leotsakos of Norwood, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Theodore N. Leotsakos 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.

Norwood Record: 12/21/2023

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.

QIGONG CLASSES

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to announce a series of Qigong classes on four Thursday evenings in January with David Sholemson of 3 Body Healing Arts. The program is called 3 Body Qigong for Health and Healing and will take place from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm on January 4, 11, 18, and 25.

David will be teaching the attendees the practice of 3 Body Qigong. This form of Qigong helps to energize your body, mind and spirit. It has been known to reduce stress, depression, and negative emotions by improving the flow of energy in your body and quieting your mind. This 4-week series will include body tapping, meridian stretching, practicing/learning to feel energy, and music meditation/sound healing. Start the new year with a positive plan to improve your health and re-discover that peaceful place within.

The class will be standing and seated as well as on the ground so please bring a mat.

Movements can be adapted to be done in the chair. Please arrive 5-10 minutes before class as we will begin at 6:30pm promptly.

Separate registration is required for each session.

Monday Movie Matinee

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to launch Monday Movie Matinee, a film series starting on January 8, 2024. The series will run from January - May. The films will be shown on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 1PM. Movie dates are: 1/8, 1/22, 2/12, 2/26, 3/11, 3/25, 4/22, 5/13. January movies are: A Man Called Otto (126 mins) and Asteroid City (105 mins).

For the Record

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SERIES

Superintendent David Thomson is pleased to announce that Norwood Public Schools has partnered with McLean Hospital for a series of online events focusing on youth mental health.

Implemented during the 2022-2023 school year, NHS Leaders in Youth Mental Health Parent Series is an ongoing series in partnership with McLean Hospital meant to provide caregivers with information and strategies to navigate raising children and providing mental health support for them.

The series will feature a guest appearance by various McLean practitioners.

Events include:

Parenting in the Context of Anxiety: What Parents Need to Know to Support Their Children and Themselves: Jan.17, from 9-10 a.m. Understanding Transgender and Non-Binary Youth: March 8, from 9-10 a.m. Understanding Pediatric Anxiety Disorders and OCD: March

22, from 12-1 p.m. Partnering with Schools for Services and Supports: April 5, from 9-10 a.m.

In addition to this series, Norwood High School partners with McLean Hospital for clinical consultations to best support student mental health needs, staff professional development, and a private parent mental health series on topics of interest to Norwood families.

VFW MEAT RAFFLE

The Norwood V.F.W. Post 2452 hosts a Meat Raffle every Saturday from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The Meat Raffle is open to the Public and everyone is welcome. The price for each Drawing is only \$2.00. Ten Drawings are conducted each Saturday. A Pre-Buy for \$20.00 is available during the week at the Post. This Pre-Buy

allows for entrance in all Ten Drawings conducted on Saturday. The winners of the Pre-Buys need not be present to win.

The Drawings also include a 50/50 Money Raffle. A separate Winner Takes All Raffle is conducted at the end for an additional \$5.00. The Norwood VFW is located at 193 Dean Street in Norwood. The Meat Raffle will continue every Saturday thru May.

The Norwood VFW is looking for new members. Veterans of the Gulf War, and personnel who have served overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan are welcome to visit the post at any time or come to one of the Monthly Meetings which are held on the Fourth Wednesday of each Month from September thru May (Except December).

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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.

Toyota Prius

Toyota has been building the Prius for many years and upgrading it every year. This year the all new Prius has even more to offer. Our Prius Limited hatchback style had ample room for four and storage room behind the seats. Standard equipment is long, including all Toyota driver assistance safety features. Seven-inch info display, 12.3-inch multi-function touchscreen, JBL 8-speaker audio with sub woofer, fixed glass moon roof, 8-way power driver's seat, heated/ventilated front seats, heated rear seats, LED lighting, power lift gate—our car did have a few options. Total MSRP: \$37,494.00. There is some noise under hard acceleration and full power. There is plenty of power and excellent fuel economy—average 52 MPG, both city and highway. The Prius does have a smooth ride on all road surfaces and conditions. The one item that bothers me is the radio volume control on the right side of the touchscreen, other than that, the Prius gets a thumbs up.

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.

I'm 65 and Working; Can I Collect Ex-spouse Benefits?

Dear Rusty: I turned 65 earlier this year, and I still work full time. I was divorced four years ago after 38 years of marriage, but my ex-husband has been collecting Social Security for at least 10 years now. Can I start collecting Social Security and still work full time? And can I collect my ex-husband's amount if it is more than mine (and what is the best way to achieve this)? When I went to my local SSA office, they said they had no way of knowing that.

Signed: Working Divorcee



Russell Gloor
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Working Divorcee:

Although you are eligible to claim Social Security at age 65, because you are working full time you may wish to wait a bit longer to do so. That's because Social Security has an "earnings test" which applies to anyone who collects benefits before full retirement age, and you have not yet reached yours.

The earnings test imposes a limit on how much you can earn before SS takes away some of your benefits. If you exceed the annual earnings limit (\$22,320 for 2024), Social Security will want back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit and you will need to repay that, usually by having future benefits withheld. If you significantly exceed the limit, you may even be temporarily ineligible to receive SS benefits until you either earn less or reach your full retirement age (FRA) of 66 years and 8 months. So, if your earnings from working will significantly exceed the annual earnings limit (which changes yearly), it's likely that your wisest move would be to wait longer to claim your Social Security. As a bonus for doing so, your monthly payment will have grown and will be higher when you claim later. The earnings test no longer applies after you reach FRA.

Regarding benefits from your ex-husband, you cannot collect his instead of yours. What you may be able to do, when you claim your own benefit, is to get an additional amount which brings your monthly payment up to 50% of his. In order for that to happen, you would need to satisfy the following criteria:

- You are not currently married.
- The personal benefit you are entitled to at your FRA must be less than 50% of your ex-husband's FRA entitlement.

If the above are true, when you claim your own SS retirement benefit you will also get a "spousal boost" to bring your payment up to what you're entitled to as an ex-spouse. The amount of the spousal boost, if you claim Social Security at your FRA, will be the difference between half of his FRA entitlement and your FRA entitlement. If you claim your benefit before your FRA, not only will your own benefit be reduced for claiming early, but the amount of your spousal boost will also be reduced (benefits claimed before FRA are always reduced).

Whenever you decide to claim Social Security, you will be automatically deemed to be filing for benefits from your ex-husband as well (you shouldn't need to apply separately). You've already satisfied the basic criteria of at least 10 years married to get benefits from an ex-spouse and, if you satisfy the above criteria as well, you will be entitled to a spousal boost when you claim. But your current earnings from working full time will likely affect your eligibility to collect Social Security benefits at this time, so waiting until your full retirement age to claim may be your best choice.

If you will only slightly exceed the annual earnings limit you can consider claiming earlier, as long as you are comfortable with receiving a permanently reduced amount, and the prospect of not getting benefits for a number of months if you exceed the earnings limit (the number of months you will go without benefits depends on how much you exceed the limit by).

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Monday, December 11

0849 Phone - PD-Threats Services Rendered Location/Address: Dunkin Donuts - Nahatan St Female in the lobby states her vehicle is in the Dunkin Donuts parking lot and her adult daughter is in the vehicle making threats. Requesting an officer to assist having her daughter removed from the vehicle. Daughter will be waiting at Dunkin Donuts for the father. Mother is on her way. Units are clear.

1035 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Bldg 3 - Morse St Caller states there is a homeless tent set up in one of the abandoned buildings. Unknown if anyone is inside. 665 reports there was no one inside. Property manager was advised that he can remove the items. Units are clear.

1125 Phone - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: Cleveland School - George Willet Pkwy 911 caller reporting an 8 year old juvenile with autism, assaulting multiple teachers inside the school. 666 request the ambulance for an evaluation. 667 going to follow up with the mother.

1231 Initiated - PD-Warrant Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Great Clips - Nahatan St Norwood 668 reports 1 party in custody. 669 transporting the party to Dedham District.

1340 911 - PD-Breaking & Entering Report Follows Location/Address: Norwest Drive Female party reports a B&E things were taken. She just got back home no one is in the house at this time.

1413 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: Lansdowne Way Caller reporting a noise complaint. States it's been an ongoing issue and also been harassed by these neighbors as well. Units clear. Party was spoken to.

1415 Phone - PD-Warrant Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Melville Ave Dedham Juvenile Court Probation officer called on the business line requesting an officer to check the residence for a juvenile party with a warrant for his arrest. Per probation officer, if contacted take

into custody. One juvenile in custody. 669 transporting him to Dedham. Age: 16 Charges: Straight Warrant

1436 Phone - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Belmont St Caller on the business line reporting her father hit her in the head. No injuries. Female is outside awaiting and officer. Units clear. It was verbal only. Party was advised of their 209A rights.

1702 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Mazda Gallery - Bos-Prov Hwy Motor Vehicle Stop MAREG 3NJK56 One male in custody Don & Wally's for the tow. Don & Wally's has the vehicle. Arrest: Flaherty, Kevin T Jr Address: 5 Rose Ct Norwood, Ma Age: 47 Charges: Straight Warrant

1743 911 - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Vanderbilt Club - Vanderbilt Ave e911 caller reporting one her customers vehicle was broken into in the parking lot. States unknown party smashed vehicles windows and took off. No known direction of travel or description of party. Unknown if any items were stolen at this time. Cruiser responding. Additional business line call reports two more victims.

2026 Initiated - PD-Larceny/ Forgery/Fraud Report Follows Location/Address: Daddy's Dairy - Central St Report of a \$20 counterfeit bill.

Tuesday, December 12

0841 Phone - PD-Larceny/ Forgery/Fraud Report Follows Location/Address: Jack Madden Ford - Bos-Prov Hwy From HQ, walk in party wishes to make report about items stolen out of her car when she had it in for service at Jack Madden. Heading to Jack Madden to speak with staff.

1113 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Confirmed Accidental Location/Address: TJ Maxx - Nahatan St Female on business line reporting a white male in a green sweatshirt and wheel chair asking for money for laundry, party wants him moved along Officer George has 1 male party under arrest, en route back to the station Arrest: Provencal, Michael

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A Jr Address: 112 Southampton St Boston, Ma Age: 46 Charges: Straight Warrant

1217 Phone - PD-Parking Violation Spoke With Location/Address: St George Ave HQ reports a caller reporting 2 people have a small argument over a white van in a limited parking spot. Requesting an officer to assist. Spoke with caller and everything is okay, unit clear.

1321 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: David Terrace Caller reporting he found a piece of paper on the outside on the ground that was written by an y/o child who states she is being abused. The child lives in apt. She put her name, apartment number and age on the note. Spoke with parents who stated daughter is at the Callahan school right now, 677 en route there. Spoke with child, believed to be an overreaction to discipline. Responding back to residence to pick up parents and provide courtesy transport back to the school to speak with staff. Again not abuse. Mad at discipline and punishment from her parents.

1443 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Cameron Rd HWC on female customer, bank called to report while their collection agent was on the phone with involved party, she stated "if i kill myself you get all the money". Party is currently \$500 behind on a loan payment. Female party didn't mean what she said, was just upset bank raised the interest rate on her loan.

1840 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Engamore Ln By the train track boarding area female party states she had missed her train and is freezing cold.

Norwood 667 reports the next train arrives around 7:15pm, 667 will have the female wait in the cruiser until the train arrives due to the cold weather. Norwood 667 reports that female party is on the train safely and all units clear.

Wednesday, December 13

0845 Phone - PD-Mental Health Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Charlwell Nursing Home - Walpole St section 12 combative 58 male Officers report the party was transported without incident.

0917 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Transported to Hospital Location/Address: - Bahama Dr Health & Welfare check requested for above address. Police dispatched. Haven't heard from brother in 5 days and he has a history of depression and psychiatric issues. Voluntary transport to the hospital. Unit cleared.

1742 Radio - PD-Disturbance Gone on arrival Location/Address: Mcdonalds - Broadway St HQ took a call for juveniles smoking in the bathroom. 663 reports the juveniles are GOA. It is the same ones as a previous incident. The reporting party will not be letting them in if they return and will call if they give any problems.

1905 Phone - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Mcdonalds - Broadway St Spanish speaking party. Caller reports she believes people in the bathroom are doing drugs. Juveniles were spoken to and sent on their way. Units clear.

1940 Phone - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Meadow St Caller reports 2 parties fighting. Caller reports parties are now only verbally arguing.

2200 Phone - PD-Disturbance Arrest(s) Made Vicinity of: Norwest Dr Caller reports party revving truck engine and peeling out at high speeds. Caller reports party is also yelling at people. Arrest: Oreilly, Jimmy Address: 758 Norwest Dr Norwood, Ma Age: 36 Charges: OUI-Liquor Or .08% Unlicensed Operation Of MV

Thursday, December 14

1006 Phone - PD-Shoplifting Report Follows Location/Address: Home Depot - Bos-Prov Hwy Female party shoplifting, reported she is in the front of store. Described as a

white female, in a black jacket, with red hair. Her Cart is full of items heading to the garden center. Called in on 911 line by security. NWD 669 has one in custody. Arrest: Johnson, Stefanie Rose Address: 393 Kelley Blvd Apt. #1 North Attleboro, Ma Age: 34 Charges: Larceny Over \$1200

1718 Phone - PD-Larceny/ Forgery/Fraud Report Follows Location/Address: Home Depot - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reporting a known shoplifter is in the store and he appears to be shoplifting. Male party wearing orange fluorescent vest, red sox hat, and blue jeans. Last seen at the main entrance. Caller advised to meet PD at the main entrance also. Speaking with the suspect now and attempting to identify. Arrest: Carr, Clifford Duane Address: 62 Perrin St Roxbury, Ma Age: 51 Charges: Receive Stolen Property +\$1200, SUBSQ

2225 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: - East Vernon St Calling party from the first floor apartment stating loud music possibly from the second floor apartment. No noise or answer at apartment #2, loud music from a vehicle parked at McDonald's spoken to.

Friday, December 15

1014 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Maple St + Nahatan St 911 call for female party walking around outside w/ shoes on. FD started as well Party transported to BI Needham by NFD

Saturday, December 16

1026 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Shaws Supermarket - Nahatan St Store manager looking for assistance regarding a customer that sleeps in Starbucks and has in the past become aggressive when woken up. Party left prior to arrival. Manager has been advised and will call back if that party comes back. Other party was located and spoken too. She was uncooperative. Manager did state he did not wish to pursue a letter of disinvite at this time.

2043 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Engamore Ln Noise complaint of loud music. Called in on the business 669 reports no noise upon arrival. Residents refused to answer the door and chained it closed. Unit clear.

Sunday, December 17

0252 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Mill Pond Ln Male party's ex-baby mother showed up at his house late, intoxicated, requesting an officer to log incident with her. Unknown if she is returning. Left in a white vehicle. Call was for an unwanted party that had already left. Units clear.

1122 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Spoke With Location/Address: Vernon St Female party requesting a wellness check on 4 kids. Stating her kids have not spoken to her and is worried their father is not allowing them too. On-going issue between ex-wife and ex-husband. Kids and father check okay.

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served in the U.S. Air Force," he said. "He was a highly-decorated veteran and for a good amount of my life he's played a large role."

Norwood Historical Society President George Curtis reiterated how important it was to say the veterans' names out loud as participants laid their wreaths.

"Saying their names out loud, remembering that they were real people who had real stories, that's what we're doing at the Historical Society too," he said. "We have a project we're working on to collect and tell these stories of veterans, and so if you have a veteran in your family or if you're a veteran in Norwood, we'd like to get in contact with you."

For more information on the society, go to <https://norwoodhistoricalsociety.org>

Norwood Firefighter Dennis Mawn emceed the event, taking over for Norwood Veterans Agent Teddy Mulvehill, who couldn't attend this year's ceremony (though he has at most if not all the previous ceremonies).

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Board of Selectmen and the Town of Norwood, thank you for being here and thank you for doing this. We want Norwood to be a welcoming community for our Jewish friends and families and this is so special that we can do this every year.”

Horowitz relayed the story of Chanukah once again, as he usually does on this occasion since the tradition started a few years ago. He pointed out that the celebration honored now is that of the temple, that of the lamp and that of light and warmth and celebration.

He pointed out that the holiday also marks the Israelites’ victory of the Syrian kingdom of Antiochus Epiphanes IV, who tried to conquer and oppress the Jewish people living in Israel. The Jewish Maccabees fought back in a guerrilla war against the Syrian army, and after three years of fighting won out against the organized troops.

But Rabbi Horowitz pointed out that this military victory is not the story that is told today. The story told today is that of light and love, not war.

“It’s the light we keep inside ourselves,” he said. “The spirit, the light that we hold inside ourselves, the holiness that we have, the idea that we show on these holidays, no matter what happens, nothing could extinguish the flame, the fire that we have in our heart. The Holy Menorah, the holy candelabra that each of us has in our heart. That’s why this holiday is so important, because we focus not on the war, not on the negativity, we focus on the positivity of the added light.”

Horowitz said adding light is what it’s all about.

“And every single night, what do we do?” he said. “We light another candle and another candle and another candle, to teach us this very special message: You can’t chase away darkness with brooms and sticks, but with love, with kindness, with another mitzvah, another good deed. With a kind word, reaching out to a neighbor who needs help, there are many other mitzvahs that we can do that will, slowly but surely, usher in this world that can be a world of true goodness and kindness.”

Resident David Weinstein was decked out in a Chanukah sweater and hat full of light for the night. He said he came out for the music, which was a lot of electronic dance music (EDM) versions of classic Chanukah songs.

“It’s great music and great people,” he said. “I’ve been coming every year since they started it. It’s the one thing they have to represent the Jewish people. I mean coming here and celebrating the Jewish heritage? There’s nothing better than that in the world.”

Residents Marcia and Jeffrey Shapiro said they were happy to see the holiday represented in Norwood after so many years of its absence.

“Norwood’s my home Town!” she said. “It’s wonderful; it’s Chanukah, it’s just a great thing to do.”

“It feels really nice for Norwood to do this, because for years, it wasn’t done,” Jeff Shapiro said. “It’s recent, and it’s just great.”

One resident, who asked to be known as Janice, said this was first time at the Norwood Menorah Lighting.

“We always watched and just thought it would be good to come out tonight,” she said. “It’s very important, especially with what’s going on in the world. It’s very interesting.”

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