



The middle school grade configuration in Norwood may now go from grades six to eight to five to eight, thanks to recommendations from consultants.

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Residents most interested in middle school grade configurations

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Middle School Building Committee (MSBC), Compass Project Management (CPM) and architect Ai3 met with about 60 residents online on Jan. 14 for the first of what will be several community forums on the proposed replacement project for the Coakley Middle School.

The project, while not set in stone, will either replace, refurbish or renovate the Coakley Middle School. Most indications are that the best option would be a full replacement. The MSBC has been meeting for several years on the project, ever since it was determined that repairs to the

Coakley would cost more than a full replacement or renovation. The project's current timeline depends largely on whether or not it will be partially funded by a reimbursement from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), as a full replacement funded by the Town of Norwood would more than likely need more time to get the necessary loans and other financing squared away.

Part of the MSBA's lengthy process is getting community input, which was the purpose of the meeting on Jan. 14. One of the main questions residents had was when the new school could possibly be up and running. Ai3 Architect Justin Thibeault said since the project's scope of renovation or

replacement is not currently determined, that's not easy to say, but he did say the earliest it could start construction is 2023 and the earliest that would finish would be 2025, making the first school year of the new school 2025-26.

The big question was if it makes sense to keep the middle school configuration as grades six to eight or would it make more sense to increase the size of the building so that it could accommodate grades five to eight. Both school officials and consultants said there are different advantages to both scenarios, but residents at the meeting seemed to favor a grade five to eight configuration, as a survey re-

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Firefighters cast vote of no confidence in Chief Morrice

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

After what Norwood Local 1631 Union Members have called repeated attempts to come to a compromise, the Union announced on Friday, Jan. 15, that it has taken a vote of no confidence in Norwood Fire Department (NFD) Chief George Morrice.

The vote, according to Local 1631 President Paul Ronco, did not come lightly and said this vote was preempted by two other potential votes earlier in Morrice's tenure.

Ronco said both times the Union was able to talk members down from calling for a vote so as to give Morrice time and the opportunity to address their concerns.

"Three times in the last two-and-a-half years actually," Ronco said. "This vote wasn't taken lightly. This topic has been brought up numerous times."

Ronco said the first happened when Morrice was about six months into his tenure when union members came to an agreement to give the new chief time to settle in. At 18 months, a study was conducted – mentioned in the Union's letter to the Town and the Town government's response letter – that outlined recommendations to help with concerns union membership had regarding communication and grievances. Ronco said none of those recommendations were taken up,



NFD Chief
George Morrice

which led to this most recent vote.

It should be noted the Town's response letter to the union's original letter states that "The contention that the Town has not implemented any of the recommendations from the commissioned study on communication is likewise untrue." Ronco said he participated in those meetings starting in May of last year, but he said the Union did not feel it was getting anything or anywhere with them.

"For five of them, (Chief Morrice) did not bring anything to the table and they were just fruitless," Ronco said.

According to Ronco, there are two major issues that have led to such a drop in morale at the department. The first is what he calls a complete lack of communication between the Chief, the Town and the firefighters.

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Library News

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Join the Morrill Memorial Library, Progress Norwood, and TogetherYes for a very special program with author Eric Jay Dolin via Zoom on Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00 pm to learn about his book, "A Furious Sky: The Five-Hundred-Year History of America's Hurricanes." This book is a New York Times Editor's Choice for 2020, was named One of 50 Notable works of Nonfiction for 2020 by the Washington Post, and is one of Kirkus Review's top 100 nonfiction books of 2020 (also a finalist for the Kirkus Prize).

From the moment European colonists laid violent claim to this land, hurricanes have had a profound and visceral impact on American history—yet, no one has attempted to write the definitive account of America's entanglement with these meteorological behemoths. Now, bestselling historian Eric Jay Dolin presents the five-hundred-year story of American hurricanes, from the nameless storms that threatened Columbus' New World voyages, to the devastation wrought by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and the escalation of hurricane season as a result of global warming. Weaving a story of shipwrecks and devastated cities, of heroism and folly, Dolin introduces a rich cast of characters, including Benjamin Franklin, Ernest Hemingway, Katherine Hepburn, and Steven Spielberg, and puts us in the middle of the most devastating storms of the past, none worse than the Galveston hurricane of 1900, which killed at least 6,000 people, the highest toll of any natural disaster in American history. A necessary work of environmental and cultural history, "A Furious Sky" will change the way we understand the storms on the horizon of America's future. To learn more about this book, and its author, please visit www.ericjaydolin.com. Registration for this program is required. Please sign up by visiting our online events calendar, norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or by calling the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. Zoom access details will be sent out the day before and the day of the program. This program is part of Norwood's Civic Hub, a year-long series of LSTA grant programs brought to you with federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. This program is also the latest installment in Progress Norwood and TogetherYes' Spring 2021 Sustainability Series.

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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 27, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. using the GoToMeeting virtual meeting platform. The meeting can be accessed from the following link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/717889901> or it can be accessed by calling in at 1 (872) 240-3412, access code: 717-889-901. The focus of this public hearing will be to accept comments on a potential CPA funded project. This project is the supplemental funding to the ongoing Town Hall Carillon Rehabilitation. Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Community Development Department at Town Hall during normal business hours.

Peter McFarland
Chairman

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"We do have a chain of command, and the breakdown was in the chain of command," he said. "The Chief wasn't communicating with the officers or the men and women down here who follow out the day-to-day operations of the fire service. The only voice we had really was if something came up – and we've had a lot of contract violations in our eyes – the only process we have is going through the grievance process. We've just found throughout the 29 months that Chief Morrice has been in charge, the grievance process has just been rubber-stamped."

Ronco said about 90 percent of the time, at least as far as he knew, the grievance would be denied. It would then be pushed up to Town Manager Tony Mazzucco.

"Who would rubber stamp whatever the chief said and then would be sent to the Board of Selectmen, which would again rubber stamp whatever the chief and the town manager had agreed with," he said.

The other big issue Ronco cited was the lack of an additional advanced life support (ALS) ambulance for the Town. He said several paramedics were hired in the past few years with the understanding that they would be paid as paramedics and utilized as such, but without an additional ALS ambulance, there's generally a team of paramedics in a basic life support (BLS) ambulance. When one ALS is in use and a serious call comes in, that means that call has to go out for mutual aid to either Canton, Westwood or Walpole.

While Ronco said they do not have a problem asking for help every so often, these paramedics are not being paid for the work they were trained to do, and that hurts morale.

"There are paramedics there, but they just don't have the equipment to carry out what they can do," he said. "The other towns would capture the revenue from that ambulance run. And we're not concerned about that, we're not in the business to make money, we're in it to make sure everybody is safe and provide the best product that we can to make sure everyone is healthy... Since then we've already lost one paramedic to a different fire department, and in the past week or two I have at least one, maybe two, who are looking to move on to greener pastures. I think that is not helping with morale down here."

Ronco added using mutual aid from other towns leads to added wait times because an ambulance has to travel to get to Norwood.

"Almost on a daily basis," he said.

The Town of Norwood released a letter last Friday addressing the original letter announcing 1631's vote of no confidence. In the letter, signed by Mazzucco and Board of Selectmen Chair Bill Plasko, the Town contends that it has not resisted efforts to include a second ALS ambulance.

"It should be noted that Local 1631's assertion that the Town has resisted efforts to

upgrade the Town's ambulance service to a second paramedic ambulance is not correct," the letter states. "The Town fully supports a second ALS ambulance. Chief Morrice respects all advice of all department members, including emergency medical service coordinators. The fact that the chief may not accept all the recommendations of his staff is not a question of respecting their professionalism or integrity, but a matter of policy determination."

The Town also points to the creation of a second deputy chief position, the purchase of a new fire engine and the "creation of additional career development training opportunities" for NFD members as the progress Morrice and the Town have made in strengthening the department.

Ronco said he's been with the department for 26 years and he's never seen a vote of no confidence pass. He said they cannot reveal the actual vote count, but said it was "overwhelming." He said the most senior member of the department, with 32 years under his belt, said he's never seen a successful vote of no confidence either.

"I've never seen morale this low in 26 years," he said.

Both the Union and the Town have stated that this dispute – taking place during contract negotiations, notes the Town's letter – will have zero impact on the "first-rate fire and EMS protection" provided by the NFD.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on March 2, 2021 at 7:00PM on the request of Haydar Ali (Case #21-02) with respect to property located on 47 Florence Avenue, in a G-General Residence District. This meeting will be conducted digitally using ZOOM. Participation may be accessed through a computer, tablet or smartphone <http://www.norwoodma.gov/> or by contacting the Zoning Board of Appeal via email at zoningboard@norwoodma.gov

This Application requests a VARIANCE under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow:

- 1) New garage to be 2.1' from right side lot line, rather than 15'
- 2) New garage to have gross floor area of 908.54sf rather than 600sf
- 3) New garage to have roof height of 18'8" rather than 15'

All dimensions from S. 4.1.2.6 of Zoning Bylaw pursuant to Section S.4.1.2.6.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be requested by emailing zoningboard@norwoodma.gov or by calling 781-762-1240 ext. 6064 Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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Schools tentatively approve new school start times

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

The School Committee met with the School Start Time Task Force at its meeting on Wed. Jan. 13 to review when time changes for the schools should be implemented. Members voted 5-0 after an hour-long discussion to approve the recommendation of the task force to implement changes either for next year or the following academic year pending community feedback.

Bryan Riley, principal at the Prescott Elementary School, began the presentation with an overview citing the culmination of more than three years of study on the issue. The task force has met consistently, with a pause during the COVID-19 pandemic, since September 2018. It included a range of departments as well as a parent and student representative. Students and parents were surveyed as well.

One reason for considering the change in school start times, according to Dr. Margo Fraczek, principal of the Oldham Middle School, is because the range of adolescence now is considered to be from age ten to 24. Sleep requirements vary for the ages of younger students.

“As a parent of an 11-year-old, no one was more shocked than me to find out that adolescence starts at ten,” she said. “They tend to fall asleep later, wake up later, and most importantly, their deep sleep comes later.”

Right now, she explained, they are waking up for school right when they would be experiencing their deepest period of sleep. This is an issue that is being studied nationwide.

The staff found that students were sleepier in the morning and that higher rates of tardiness have been occurring. There were 232 survey responses that indicated that

a later response time would provide more sleep.

On the other hand, students worried about time to complete their homework and attend afterschool activities, sports and jobs, according to Fraczek.

“Kids do seem stressed,” she added. “They do seem overwhelmed. They do seem overtired. I think the evidence really is in favor of making some sort of an adjustment.”

The recommended start times for elementary schools fall between 7:40 and 7:50 a.m. and end around 1:55 p.m.. The Willett will start at between 8 and 8:10 a.m. and end around 1:30. The high school will begin between 8:10 and 8:20 a.m. and end at 2:50 p.m. The middle school will start at 8:40 or 8:50 a.m. and end around 3:20 p.m. Flexibility was built in for the School Committee to determine bus schedules and other factors.

At the high school level, Dr. Hugh Galligan, its principal, addressed the concern about afterschool activities, particularly fine arts and athletics. The clubs and fine arts will run with little if no shifts.

If the school start times were implemented next year, the practice time for athletics is currently 3:30 p.m., and it would remain the same. Contests, which usually start at either 3:45 or 4 p.m., would all go to 4 p.m., which is “not a significant shift,” he said.

“The question that many people ask is what happens potentially to that time in between school and when an afterschool activity starts,” Galligan continued. “Certainly we’ll work with our adolescents and our young adults in our school to be able to plan that time effectively, capitalize on that, and also make good use of times when we’re hopefully planning on building into the high school schedule in the near future.” Childcare options will be-

come critical with a time change, particularly at the elementary level, noted Cleveland Elementary School principal Nancy Coppola.

“As a result, we will continue to have an Extended Day Program,” she said. “It’s currently at all four elementary schools and at the Willett.”

She added that while the before-school program is not currently in effect due to the pandemic, it will be reassessed for the fall. A time change will be evaluated for the afterschool program to accommodate parental needs.

School Committee member David Catania called the task force’s report “very compelling.”

“The benefits are tremendous - more attentive students, better behavior - everything you could ask for,” he said. He said before the rationale for starting earlier must have been to prepare for a stronger workforce. Now that philosophy seems outmoded.

Vice chair Myev Bodenhofer brought up the concern of busing, which is a driving factor in scheduling.

Transportation director Allen Bishop said his mission was to keep the budget cost neutral. He said he should be able to do this while integrating the needs of St. Catherine’s into the new start plan.

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To Our Neighbors,

We’re writing on behalf of Behavioral Connections, an Applied Behavior Analysis therapy provider for children with autism. In a year that has tested us, we have all faced our own, unique challenges. For many parents, that has meant the lack of critical support and services for their children. And despite these challenges, you and your family still persevered, which is nothing short of incredible in times like these.

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OPINION

Bad time to be sick in Norwood

Not only is there no emergency room or inpatient capacity at Norwood Hospital, if you get sick you'll probably have to call an UBER to get to some place where people actually give a damn whether you live or die.

Okay, that may be a bit of an exaggeration; at least as it applies to Norwood's firefighters and ambulances since there is no reason to think services have been compromised in any way. However, regarding Norwood Hospital, residents in this Town are getting hosed and to believe otherwise is naïve.

As this newspaper and multiple media outlets have already reported, there is a power struggle at the Norwood Fire Department. The union is upset that fire chief George Morrice is not paying enough attention to them. In the majority of cases complaints from unions toward their employers have at least some legitimate grievances that deserve airing, as is the case here. However, what caught this newspaper's attention is that it only took six months into Chief Morrice's tenure before Norwood's Local 1631 began to voice displeasure in his leadership, not going as far as to cast a vote of no confidence but, according to union president Paul Ronco, it came close. After only six months? Morrice came up through the ranks. Up until a short time ago he was one of them. How can someone piss off their brethren in such a short period of time? The union claims they are being ignored, and perhaps they are. Norwood Selectmen have a history of either ignoring or simply looking the other way on matters that require serious consideration until it's too late, and the union's claims of selectmen rubber stamping everything put in front of them by the town manager rings true. The guess at this address is that most of the union's grievances boils down to money, but residents should take some time to consider all of the circumstances before casting an opinion on the union's vote.

Regarding the hospital, the delay in anything happening over there has nothing to do with insurance claims. "The answer we continue to get from them is they're waiting on insurance information," is Town Manager Tony Mazzucco's message to the Town. Steward Corporate Communications Senior Director Nicholas Puleo said the hospital is continuing to offer several services to the Town. "Norwood Hospital remains committed to meeting the health care needs of the community," he said. "As we continue the process of rebuilding after this summer's flooding, there are a number of services connected to the hospital that remain open and available to the community.

'As we continue the process of rebuilding'? What process would that be? The hospital is a blighted eyesore. They haven't even committed any resources to clean the place up. They won't even return phone calls from Town Planner Paul Halkiotis as the Town attempts to bend over backwards to accommodate them in rezoning the area around the hospital to make the rebuilding easier. Isn't returning phone calls part of the process?

Steward Healthcare doesn't give a damn about the well-being of Norwood or its residents. It's a for-profit monolith that considers providing healthcare services a necessary evil toward maximizing its bottom line, and rebuilding Norwood Hospital is obviously not conducive to maximizing quarterly earnings. And any verbiage they spout through public relations relative to their losing millions of dollars as Norwood Hospital endures rapid decay is nonsense. Don't believe it and don't believe in them because they don't believe in you.

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Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor:

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Judith Howard
TMM - District 3

GOOD RIDDANCE, DONALD TRUMP

To the Editor:

There are at least eight reasons why I am elated that Donald Trump is soon to be gone from The White House.

1: Separating young immigrant children from their families and even caging them, which will likely scar them for life.

2: He has told over 22,000 proven lies and that was months ago.

3 His policies led to over 200,000 American deaths from COVID-19. Many of those people did not have to die.

4: Inequality between those at the top and those at the bottom has likely never been worse.

5: His abysmal environmental policies and agenda.

6: Trump's familiar refrain of referring to even mild criticism of him or his administration as "fake news" has been co-opted by autocrats and tyrants around the world. Likewise, calling the press the "Enemy of the People" has not only put reporters in jeopardy, but has also been co-opted by autocrats and despots around the world.

7: Numerous members of his administration and even his family and cronies have or will likely end up incarcerated for their actions during the Trump years.

8: Like yelling fire in a crowded theater Trump incited, with his my way or the highway rhetoric and lies, an attempted coup d'etat in which five Americans died including police.

Brian Mich
Norwood

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leased at the forum showed that 47 of the 63 respondents preferred a 5 through 8 school.

Norwood Public Schools (NPS) Superintendent David Thomson said there were few advantages to keeping grades 6 to 8 in the new building.

"Well, you would have a smaller footprint, at that site, but I really can't think of any more," he said. "If we don't do a five through eight the Town would need to accept that we would have to do more building and renovation at the elementary level, because those sizes and spaces are not adequate right now. Some folks are hesitant about having younger kids with eighth graders, but really it's about how you set up the building, how you set up the programming and how you set up the transportation."

Educational Facilities and Campus Master Planner for Ai3 Keelia Kentor went over the group's methodology for studying what would be most beneficial for the Town and its students, and she said first they did a study of statewide grade configurations and evaluated Norwood's elementary schools.

She said they then looked at the pros and cons of the two configurations, which she presented at the meeting.

"Adding fifth grade to the middle school will immediately provide overcrowding relief to all five of the Town's elementary schools," she said. "It would create a single 5-8 school that would have a positive impact on all grade levels, pre-school through eighth grade, improving educational opportunities Townwide. This will result in two-thirds of all NPS students, grades 5 through 12, being in new facilities when you factor in that Norwood High School was opened 10 years ago."

She added that the Coakley has been named as the most deficient school in the NPS system.

She did say, however, that this plan would not be without its disadvantages. She said the size difference between fifth graders and eighth graders is substantial and the intermingling of the two groups could lead to mature conversations too early in their development. It would also lead to close proximity of different ages on the bus, and would possibly make younger students more vulnerable in the middle school environment.

"But pupils are grouped together who are more alike than elementary or secondary pupils and a larger variety of students are in the school and available for clubs, sports, performing arts, music, etc.," she said.

One issue also discussed

was that of ineligible costs, basically costs that the Town wants to include in the design of the building that the MSBA states upfront it will not reimburse. MSBC Chair Alan Slater said that's certainly something the committee is considering at this point in time, but there's nothing on the table just yet.

"At this point we just don't know what will be eligible and what will not be eligible," he said. "The information we've gotten from the MSBA to date says that it will pay for approximately 50 percent of the eligible costs. What that means at the end of the day has yet to be determined."

Slater said there are usually parts of any school building project the MSBA signs off on that are ineligible, but the Town should be able to work out what it wants and whether that will be eligible or not closer to the design phase of the project.

"The MSBA limits the size of certain buildings too, like a gym as an example; a middle school will only be allowed a gym of a certain size and if you want a bigger gym, you can certainly do that but the MSBA would not include that additional square footage in as an eligible cost," he said. "I guess that's to be determined. We should have a reasonable handle on this, I would think, when the preliminary schematic report is done in July, but right now it's difficult to say exactly."

For more information on upcoming meetings or the project in general, go to NewCMSProject.org.



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The Norwood Hospital is apparently trying to make progress towards a plan to rebuild, but the hospital's owner Steward has not yet released any such plan.

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Progress on Norwood Hospital is anyone's guess

Steward Healthcare not responding to public officials

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Hospital's recovery progress after last summer's severe flood remains unclear at this point, but Norwood Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said in a recent address to the Town that he will be meeting with hospital officials soon to discuss plans for the Norwood insti-

tution.

Though Mazzucco said the refrain from hospital officials remains the same.

"The answer we continue to get from them is they're waiting on insurance information," he said. "Their insurer is not being very cooperative is the way I would describe it, and those are my words. They continue to communicate with us and they're

trying to do a vaccination clinic out of Westwood to have some additional vaccination capacity, but we don't know too much about that yet. They continue to operate the (testing) trailer."

Steward Corporate Communications Senior Director Nicholas Puleo said the hospital is continuing to offer

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Airport Commission details gate damage

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Airport Commission (NAC) met on Jan. 13 and went over several issues, and the recent Jan. 4 gate collision by a motorist took up much of the meeting.

Airport Manager Russ Maguire detailed the damage and the reconstruction plan to the members. As stated in the Record's coverage of the Jan. 12 Norwood Board of Selectmen's meeting, the Airport is looking at replacing the damaged gate with about \$28,500 of a proposed reserve fund transfer of \$35,000 (for potential unanticipated costs).

Maguire said the Town has approved the fund transfer to restore the security camera, the access control system and a new gate and gate operation system. Maguire said the response from the Norwood Police and Fire was amazing, but also that of the Airport's tenants.

"I do want to recognize

some real heads-up action by FlightLevel's line personnel, who wasted no time in contacting airport management," he said. "We in fact did hear the motorist slamming into the gate, but nonetheless FlightLevel got on the phone and called us and called Air Traffic Control, who I would also like to recognize, as Air Traffic Control suspended operations for the runways."

Maguire said airport management and everyone involved did a great job responding to the crisis.

"We were able to reopen after a few hours in the afternoon, and all things considered, given the level of activity and what was required, I was very happy with the response," he said.

Members asked Maguire and Town-hired attorney Mina Makarios, of Anderson & Kreiger, whether the vehicle operator's insurance would pay the Town for damages. Makarios said that could hap-

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School Committee chair Teresa Stewart and member Anne Marie Mazzola explained for the public that all schools cannot start at the same time because it would cause a transportation nightmare. This would require more buses and additional traffic, leading to a budget increase of \$2.5 million per year.

"Part of the problem is geography," Bishop added. "The middle school is geographically at the south end of Town, the high school is at the center of Town, and of course the elementaries are spread out all over. If we had a campus structure, it may be doable."

One question Stewart received from parents is whether improving the time for middle school students will come at a cost to their younger counterparts.

On the contrary, Coppola said that research showed that schools on Cape Cod that made the switch showed students had fewer discipline problems and more attentive students at the elementary level.

"It also provides some opportunities for afterschool offerings," Riley added. He

said students could go to expanded offerings in the Extended Day Program and then participate in karate, for example, at 5 p.m., without having to choose.

Superintendent Dr. David Thomson explained that the plan could be implemented either in the upcoming fall or the fall of 2022, but the final decision would need to be made by the committee in March to give parents six months to plan.

School committee member Dr. Joan Giblin said the school start change has "not been on the community's radar." She noted that no one knows if the pandemic will still be a factor.

She added that she "wholeheartedly believes in this" time change, but can't make a commitment until she knows if students will all be returning to school full-time or if the Remote Learning Academy will still be in existence, along with other pandemic-related issues.

Thomson said another community survey with an analysis and series of meetings would not be attainable considering the focus on the middle school project and all of the research that already went into this analysis. One survey and meeting is a more feasible goal.

"But I think people will hopefully soon become reengaged in this conversation," he added. "It's a buzz, but



*School Committee Chair
Teresa Stewart*

when it gets to the front and makes a lot of noise or is eminent, that's when people tend to pay attention. When you look at the research and what is best for our students, that's really not something that is debatable."

Bodenhofer said that whenever the School Committee approves a policy, it tentatively approves it first and then has a period for public comment before having a final vote.

"I think that this is a large enough issue and impacts enough people in the district that it's appropriate to have a formal public comment period," she said.

Giblin made the motion to approve the task force's recommendation, pending feedback from the community. She also volunteered to join the task force and was welcomed.

All of the information since 2017 will be linked on the Norwood Public Schools website at <https://norwood.k12.ma.us>.

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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 27, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. using the GoToMeeting virtual meeting platform. The meeting can be accessed from the following link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/717889901> or it can be accessed by calling in at 1 (872) 240-3412, access code: 717-889-901. The focus of this public hearing will be to accept comments on a potential CPA funded project. This project is the supplemental funding to the ongoing Town Hall Carillon Rehabilitation. Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Community Development Department at Town Hall during normal business hours.

Peter McFarland
Chairman

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Pursuant to Mass General Law CH 40A section 9 and the Norwood Zoning Bylaw sections 6.2 Signs and 10.4 Special Permits; the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 7:05 P.M. via the GoToMeeting remote meeting platform. The meeting can be accessed from the following link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/718185669> or it can be accessed by calling in at 1 (872) 240-3212, access code: 718-185-669. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to accept comments on a proposed internally illuminated freestanding sign for Bank of America located in the Central Business District at 699 Washington Street. The subject property is shown on the Norwood Assessor's Map as Map 1, Block 13 Lot 5. Plans and supporting materials of the proposed signs are on file in the Planning Department at Town Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

Robert Bamber, Clerk

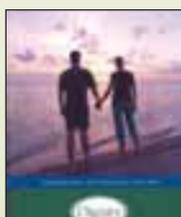
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several services to the Town, however aside from the COVID-19 testing tent set up in November all of those services are at satellite locations.

“Norwood Hospital remains committed to meeting the health care needs of the community,” he said. “As we continue the process of rebuilding after this summer’s flooding, there are a number of services connected to the hospital that remain open and available to the community. This includes: primary care and specialist services throughout surrounding communities, COVID-19 testing, outpatient sleep studies at our Guild Street location, physical and occupational therapy at Norwood Performance Therapy on Route 1, comprehensive medical and radiation oncology at the Norwood Hospital Cancer Center in Foxboro, comprehensive radiology services including x-ray, bone density, mammography, and ultrasound on Washington Street in Norwood and radiology services, including CT, at our Foxboro location.”

Mazzucco said the Town will be updating residents as soon as the Town hears from the hospital officials.

“We keep just getting the status quo, nothing’s

changed,” he said. “It is equally frustrating for us as I’m sure as it is for every resident in Town who has lost access to the ER, and our police and fire is just going gangbusters.”

Town Planner Paul Halkiotis said he has not heard anything from the Hospital as of Tuesday, Jan. 19. This is especially concerning, as the Town will be taking up a comprehensive zoning amendment for the area around the hospital that was originally set up to aid in the hospital’s possible rehabilitation or reconstruction.

“I haven’t heard anything,” Halkiotis said in a recent Planning Board meeting. “I sent the Medical Services District Overlay bylaw to the president of the hospital and I received no response. I asked Tony (Mazzucco) if he’s had conversations with them and he said there hasn’t been a lot of communication. Right now, we don’t have much to go with. We don’t know whether this bylaw amendment that was drafted on their behalf, whether it’s good, bad, or whether there’s

issues. I reached out and I did my job trying to communicate with the hospital president about the proposed zoning bylaw amendment and hopefully at some point somebody’s going to respond. But the ability to make any changes to that; that window is going to shut fairly soon.”



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CPC comfortable with Carillon fund increase

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Community Preservation Committee (CPC) met on Jan. 13 and discussed the ongoing funding requests for the restoration of the Carillon bell instrument at the Norwood Town Hall.

The instrument is made up of 50 bells connected to a type of wooden keyboard that allows a skilled carillonneur to play just about anything a piano can. But this piano can be heard for about a square mile.

Sadly, the instrument is in a state of disrepair and in 2019, proponents of the carillon like Lee Leach and Assistant Town Manager Bernie Cooper put in a Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding request at that year’s spring Town Meeting for \$215,000 to repair the instrument, which included restoration of the bell frame, the installation of new bell clappers on some of the bells, the replacement of guide wires and spring turnbuckles for the instrument. The funds also were set aside for painting the tower.

Earlier in the fall of 2020, it was discovered that other areas of the tower could use some repairs, like the bells themselves. The painting job turned out to have had its cost rise considerably since the original estimate as well. Now, the proponents of the repair, Lee Leach and Assistant Town Manager Bernie Cooper, are asking for an additional \$200,000, bringing the total repair to \$415,000.

“There’s so many unknowns still and plus the bid for the foundry work came in just under \$215,000, and there wasn’t really any contingency,” he said. “If the money’s not spent it goes back into the CPA reserve fund at the conclusion of the project.”

The new funding request comes for painting and bell repair, as well as some other unforeseen costs. The idea is that if work needs to be done on the tower, it’s better to get it done in one fell swoop, since putting workers up that high necessitates a lot of expense in the way of safety procedures and safety

Carillon

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Joanne M (Karchunes) of Walpole, MA. Joanne was born in Boston and raised in the Dorchester – Lower Mills area. She left us peacefully, at home, surrounded by her family on Sunday, January 10, 2021. She was 80 years young. She was married to the love of her life Robert F. Brenn (pre-deceased) for 39 years. She was the devoted mother of Laurie and Carl Abrahamson of Dedham, Kathryn McGowan of Norton, Linda and Rafael Palacios of Walpole, Carol Hansbury of Plainville, and Daniel and Aimee Brenn of Franklin. Joanne's greatest love was her children and grandchildren. She was the proud and loving grandmother of John and Heather Hansbury, Casey Hansbury (pre-deceased) Melissa and Michelle McGowan, Brian and Jen Abrahamson, Alec Abrahamson, Katie Hansbury, Mollie and Benjamin Brenn, and great-grandmother of Cady Hansbury. Joanne was the daughter of Eva (Malaguti) an Alec Karchunes, formerly of Mattapan. A remembrance celebration of Joanne's life will be held on a later date in the spring of 2021. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA. Her private burial will be at Knollwood Memorial Park, 321 High Street, Canton, MA 02021.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joanne's memory to "The Kidney Fund" at www.kidneynation.org

DeGIORGIO



NICOLA, of Norwood, passed away on January 15, 2021 at the age of 73. Beloved husband of Maria (Gironda) DeGiorgio. Devoted father of Domenic G. DeGiorgio and his wife Gislane of Foxboro and Maria C. Smolynsky and her husband Adrian of Charlton. Brother of Dominic DeGiorgio of Italy, Giuseppina Pitaro of Italy, Immacolata DeCiancio of France, Antoinetta Bilotta of SC and the late Concetta M. Aiello. Cherished grandfather of Julia, Tatiana and Nico. Son of the late Graziano and Concetta (Cutulle) DeGiorgio. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Deaths

Nicola retired from Masoneilan Co. working there for 40 years and was member of the Italian Club of Dedham. All services will be private. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959. www.stjude.org/memorial

DONOVAN



Helen Donovan, 91, of Norwood, passed away January 13, 2021. She was born on June 21, 1929 to John and Helen Donovan. She was a loving sister to Margaret Frates and her brothers John, James, and Francis Donovan. Helen was

passionate about spending time with her family and friends, traveling the world, golfing, the Red Sox, and her beloved dogs, Issac and Sassie. She is survived by her nieces Kathleen Holman, Mary Cloyd, Margaret Fraser, and nephews John, Joe, Chris Frates, and John Donovan. Services will be held privately. Relatives and friends are invited to view the Mass live at 11AM Thursday January 21, by visiting: stcatherinenorwood.org (click "Mass live" on right side of homepage) GilloolyFuneralHome.com

MAINI

Edward Age 87, of Norwood, passed away January 8 surrounded by love. Ed was the beloved father of Deborah Maini, Karen Maini, Diane Maini and his son-in-law Allan Gray. He was the devoted life partner of the late Patricia Daigle, his trusted companion for 38 years. Ed cherished being "Papa" for Cam and Zac, whom he loved dearly, as well as their parents, Shannon and Diane and the extended Daigle family. Caring uncle to Linda, Pamela, Lisa and Craig Maini. Ed graduated from Norwood High and attended Northeastern University, where he earned a degree in civil engineering. He was honored to be a Veteran and said his time spent

in Korea and the people he met there impacted his life forever. With great pride and courage, Ed celebrated his 50 years of sobriety in AA where he made many lifelong friends and was an active sponsor and mentor. Ed enjoyed a fulfilling career as an accomplished salesman, and received many awards and acknowledgements celebrating his success. He rekindled his love of sales in retirement, becoming an antiques dealer on Cape Cod. Ed expressed his creativity in many ways as a passionate and talented gardener, an enthusiastic photographer with a keen eye for the wonder of nature and as an avid reader with passions in astronomy, finance and science. Known for his quick wit and humor, he appreciated time spent with dear friends, many of whom he knew since childhood. We will miss his charm and charisma, and his desire to make us laugh even in the most challenging circumstances. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, NORWOOD, MA. Services will be held at a future date. A Celebration of Ed's Life will be held when we can gather together safely and enjoy a bowl of Ed's favorite ice cream, while sharing stories that made him such an

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—J.M.M.

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RANALDI

MARGARET C. (Reynolds) of Center Barnstead, NH passed away on January 10, 2021 at the age of 68. Beloved wife of Michael Ranaldi. Devoted mother of Joshua Ranaldi and his wife Chrissy, Nicholas Ranaldi and his s/o Chrissy both of NH, Michelle Raymond and her husband Tyler of Colorado, and Kelli Moon and Pamela Downey of NH. Sister of Jim Reynolds of Franklin, Donna Amadeo of Medford, William Reynolds of MA and Michael Reynolds of S. Boston. Cherished grandmother of Taylor, Toni, Reed, Tess, Trey, Julian, Mia and Ty. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Daughter of the late James and Gloria (Scribner) Reynolds. Visiting hours will be held on Friday, January 15, 2021 from 4-8pm at Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA 02062. All other services will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to Boston Children's Hospital 401 Park Drive, Suite 602 | Boston, MA 02215. www.childrenshospital.org KRAW-KORNACK FUNERAL HOME 1248 Washington Street Norwood, MA 02062 Telephone: 781-762-0482.

REILLY

James C. Age 69 of Norwood, passed away at his home on January 15th 2021 after a hard-fought battle with cancer. James was born in Dedham, MA and has lived in Norwood, MA for the past 40 years. James had a contagious love of life. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and loyal friend to many. James is survived by his wife Joan E. Reilly, son Christopher J. Reilly, daughter-in-law Margaret, and granddaughter. Private services will be held at Gillooly Funeral home and St. Catherine's church in Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of James C. Reilly to support cancer research and patient care at: Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or via www.dana-farber.org/gift.

WOOD

MARGARET (Walsh) of Norwood passed away on January 14, 2021 at the age of 95. Beloved wife of the late Douglas G. Wood. Devoted mother of Michael H. Wood and his wife Judith of Foxboro and Andrew G. Wood and his wife Eva of Norwood. Sister of the late Gladys Bryan and Florence Gard. Daughter of the late Albert and Esther (MacPherson) Walsh. Margaret got great joy in spending time with her grandchildren leaving behind Andrew and his wife Janelle of Roslindale; Amanda, Rebecca, Robert, and Rachel all of Norwood; Christopher and Daniel of Braintree; Melissa and Angela of Foxboro as well as three great-grandchildren Ryder, Keira, and Cassidy. Margaret was born in Nova Scotia, Canada and always looked forward to vacations on Prince Edward Island, where she leaves behind her niece Mary Gardsmith and her husband Dave Smith; grandnephew Christopher and his wife ILonka as well as their children Lincoln, Michael, Chloe, and Rowan. Margaret lived a full life, and her independent spirit and love for people kept her working in retail through her mid-80s, where she kept those around her constantly smiling. All who knew Margaret will miss the many stories she shared. All services and burial will be private. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to HESSCO 1 Merchant St. Sharon, MA 02067. www.hessco.org



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Congratulations to the December winners of Dr. Philip O. Coakley Middle School's Citizen of the Month. Citizens of the Month exemplify the school's mission statement and are chosen by teachers and staff.

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pen, but it would be more likely that the Town's own insurance on the property would seek restitution from the operator's insurance company. Maguire said Assistant Town Manager Bernie Cooper would be handling the insurance aspect of the incident, and he would be keeping up with Cooper on details.

Maguire also said the finalized numbers for air traffic for the year 2020 came in. The numbers do not reflect so much of a downward trend as one might expect due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 2020 had 55,893 aircraft come and go while 2019 saw 59,361.

Maguire added the airport got a notice from Southern Airways looking to continue operations.

"What I did want to add is we did get a notice from Southern Airways – they're the company that does a lot of charter flights to and from Norwood to Nantucket – they notified us on Dec. 11 that they'd like to continue operations at Norwood Airport," he said, adding it was contingent on the reopening of the Nantucket

Airport after the dispersal of the COVID-19 vaccine.

In other news, the NAC confirmed that it had not yet received a legitimate parking plan from Boston Executive Helicopters (BEH). The parking plan is possibly one of the last details for BEH's 10-year journey to becoming a fixed-base operator (FBO) at the airport, and the parking plan was one of the conditions required for the NAC to approve BEH's lease of the DC-3 Apron and the West Apron for usage to store and fuel vehicles.

The parking plan originally included in the lease from BEH was done on Google Maps, which the members of the commission said was not acceptable. NAC Member Michael Sheehan suggested that whenever the airport allows a company or individual to lease a section of the airport for use, such as the DC-3 Apron or West Apron, that an engineering design be included of the area both parties are agreeing on.

"So that there's no question down the road," he said. "I think

this will alleviate a lot of the back-and-forth about what's leased and what's not leased and encumbrances and whatnot."

In the meantime, the commission directed Maguire to check in with BEH and find out the status of the parking plan.

Also during the meeting, DuBois & King Engineer Jeff Adler gave the Commission an update on the company's project to pave the runways' safety areas. These areas are 300 feet on either side of each runway that allow for emergency off-runway landings. Maguire said these safety areas are not currently paved and can sometimes be hazardous to airplanes that might need them if the area becomes flooded, and since the airport is extremely close to wetlands, flooding happens frequently.

DuBois & King is currently going through the environmental permitting process from the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency (MEPA), and Adler said they received a certificate from MEPA at the end of December.



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.

Dear Doctor: I have a 2007 Toyota Solara with 65,000 miles in good condition. It has suffered two sideswipe accidents while parked and one side has the clear-coat flaking off in the repair area. I feel the vehicle is worth \$4,000 to \$5,000 dollars. My mechanic has advised me to consider a timing belt and other associated work for the car at a price of over \$2,000. I don't plan on keeping the car more than a few more years, and can't see paying that much money for something that may become a problem in the future, if at all. Is it worth doing the work at that price? Any advice? –John

A) I look at this the same way I look at these same questions at my shop. Your car has very low miles for the year. If you like the car with the large 2 doors, it would be worth to replace the timing belt. You do not need to replace any additional parts unless they have wear, such as timing belt pulleys and water pump. I would replace both fan belts while apart.

Dear Doctor: I have a 2015 Ford F-150 Platinum with 39,000 miles. I purchased and installed an auxiliary brake/taillight bar that goes between the bumper and the bottom of the tailgate. I used an inline connector behind the bumper plug, it works well, but the truck thinks I'm pulling a trailer and is disabling the Blind spot system. Is there any way to override this? –John

A) You may have to go directly to the light wire harness at the tail lights or try the plug and play tee fitting that is available at any parts store, there is also a light module than may be required. You may also want to call the light bar manufacture company.

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, January 11

0715 Phone - Noise Complaint Area Search Negative Location/Address: Washington St Caller reports hearing construction noise at 6:30 am and is still going on. N669 checked the surrounding area and did not locate.

1135 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Walpole St Ammunition found in the house while cleaning it for a sale. Officer returns with it.

1704 Phone - Arson *Report Filed Location/Address: Davis Ave Investigation started after NFD reports a TT unit fire over the weekend.

1818 Phone - Well Being Chk Police & Fire Notified/Respond Location/Address: Rock St

1943 Phone - Missing Person *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwest Dr Teen son left home to the train for Boston. Green Celtics top, Black bottoms. 5FT 9 IN 145 LBS. Phone ping to 700 Atlantic Ave Boston 2145 HRS. Party was entered into CJIS as missing at 2102 Hrs.

2335 Phone - Report Of Gas Leak Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: Cushing Rd + Nichols St Caller reports he can smell gas. FD notified.

Tuesday, January 12

0142 Walk-In - Recovered Missing Person *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwest Dr Missing party located, checks out okay. RP stated she will return with her son in the morning for a further follow up. Party removed from NCIC.

21-771 0330 Initiated - Parking Violation Parking Ticket Issued Location/Address: Adams St Two vehicles cited in Area B. MA Reg 3ZT 391 issued handwritten violation due to machine error. Machine processed ticket into system (Should only be one ticket for that vehicle in system)

0810 Initiated - Debris On Road State DPW/Norwood DPW Notified Location/Address: Madelyn Rd N407 reports 8 Christmas trees discarded on the street.

1303 Phone - Susp Activity *Report Filed Location/Address:

Law Office of Christopher Timson - Access Rd Attempted check fraud on a business account.

1417 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Old Farm Rd Report possum sleeping on front steps.

21-811 1430 Cellular - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Tremont St Contractor reports tenant keeps yelling at him and banging on his truck's windows. N664 reports landlord/tenant dispute, resolved for now.

Wednesday, January 13

0004 911 - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Norwest Dr Mother and son arguing. Officers responded and were able to calm both down and separate them for the night. Matter resolved.

0149 911 - Disturbance *Report Filed Location/Address: Tremont St

0316 Phone - Harassment *Report Filed Location/Address: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Dba Pvg One Llc - Norwood Pk S. Caller states he got a harassing phone call and would like to file a report. Caller was told of response being delayed due to officers' response to prior call and that he would be notified by phone. N669 spoke with party from the station.

0628 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Hilltop Gardens / Niles Company - Rock St Caller stated she heard yelling from a man coming from apartment #11 above her. She also hears banging. N669 and N679 responded. Party was spoken to, units clear.

0800 Phone - Larceny Spoken To Location/Address: Lenox St Report her eyeglasses and a bedroom window are missing. N678 spoke to her and N458 notified and will follow-up.

0842 Cellular - Well Being Chk *Report Filed Location/Address: Worcester Dr 3rd party information from father reporting daughter is having an episode and lighting things on fire on back patio.

0847 Phone - Fraud *Report Filed Location/Address: Larin Automotive - Pleasant St Report attempt to purchase car with

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fraudulent credit card.

1351 Phone - Report of Fight *Report Filed Location/Address: Bond St Playground - Bond St Report 12 kids in field, 2 are fighting. N678 reports fight over name calling, separated and sent on their way.

1500 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Identity theft. N679 reports no theft, just an advertisement sent to home to apply for a USAA card.

1533 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Greenwich Rd + Yarmouth Rd Request check of W/M, t-shirt, pajama pants, sneakers walking in neighborhood. Party checks out.

1625 Initiated - Susp Vehicle Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood Bank - Central St MA 8AS751; dark windows, brake lights, plate cover in front of Norwood Bank; claims to be teaching junior operator to drive.

1628 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Party reports stolen packages.

1630 911 - Report Of Fire *Report Filed Location/Address: Hennessy Field - Pleasant St Resident states they can see flames in the woods. NFD responded. Small fire extinguished.

2304 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Village Road W Caller reports loud neighbors. All parties advised.

Thursday, January 14

0611 Phone - Auto Theft Vehicle Towed Location/Address: Village Rd E Caller reports their car has been stolen from the parking lot after 2:00am. N669 responded. "Bolo" on Bapern Central. Negoshian's working overnight was called to check if they had towed (Ma.Reg# 2FDC65- White Honda Civic) and they stated they had with 3 others. NPD was not notified. Bolo cancelled. (Ma.Reg#9mk953- Toyota Tacoma)owner was notified.

(WA.Reg#BRF7520 - 2012 Honda Civic (RI.Reg# UL743 - 2008 Mercury Milan

0722 911 - Assist Citizen Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: William Shyne Cir Caller states he received a call from LifeLine that his mother had fallen out of bed. NFD responded and assisted.

1126 Phone - Disturbance *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: E Cross St + 2nd St Report male/female are in/out of a car and are in a verbal argument. N668 reports MA PC 1EG842 located with female in it. N665, N679 locate male E. Cross St./3rd St. N665 places male subject under arrest on a warrant only and transports to station. Refer To Arrest: 21-15-AR Arrest: Shayka, John Francis Address: 29 Sixth St Norwood, Ma Age: 25 Charges: Warrant Arrest

1511 Phone - Fraud Spoken To Location/Address: Nottingham Dr Report Amazon informed her that her husband's package will be delivered on Saturday, they did not order anything. N669 reports not out any money and no accounts compromised, just a scam.

1655 Phone - Well Being Chk Police & Fire Notified/Respond Location/Address: Adams St Check of an elderly party who appears to have difficulty walking. NFD responded and was able to assist her into her residence.

1845 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Florence Ave Party seeking advice regarding unsolicited credit check in his name.

2002 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Village Rd W Caller reports neighbors are being loud. N679 spoke to that party and they are putting the kids to bed for the night.

2303 911 - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Nichols St 9-1-1 hang up. Upon call back, resident states her brother is an unwanted party. N666 states that party has left for the night.

Friday, January 15

0705 911 - Abandoned Call Services Rendered Location/Address: Plymouth Dr Abandoned

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911. Sounded like someone snoring. Upon callback, phone just rang. N664, N669 responded for a well-being check. Party at that address states that is not her number. TLO'd and does not come back to anyone living there. All in order.

0822 Phone - Debris On Road State DPW/Norwood DPW Notified Location/Address: Summit Ave Report bread crust debris strewn in roadway. N665 reports no answer at door. N665 eventually makes phone contact, reminds resident about putting items on public way as this has been done by her in past. DPW to pick up debris.

0853 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Instron Inc. - University Ave N677 receives information from management whom reports engineering items stolen. Also see Call# 21-1023 1200 Hrs. and as a result N677, with N665 present, places subject under arrest and walks to booking. Refer To Arrest: 21-19-AR Arrest: Harvey, David Address: 28 Lorraine Rd Westwood, Ma Age: 46 Charges: Receive Stolen Property +\$1200 C266 \$60

1021 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St Motorist with a BT machine restriction says he has not been drinking but his test shows a violation. PBT requested and given by N668 in the lobby with the Drager Alco test 6820 test #436. 0.0% BAC result.

1045 911 - Shoplifting *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Cosmoprof - Bos-Prov Hwy Report female in MA PC 9SN826 shoplifted. BOLO to cars, South District, and Central District. Dedham stops same. N679 to store, N669 to car stop. N669 places 1 female subject under arrest for N679 and N669 transports to station S/M 21060 1139 Hrs., E/M 21064 1150 Hrs. Owner allowed to take the vehicle and Dedham PD dealt with driver. N664 assisted in booking with search of prisoner. Refer To Arrest: 21-18-AR Arrest: Blindman, Viktoriya M Address: 6 White Sisters Way Canton, Ma Age: 33 Charges: Shoplifting By Concealing Mdse, 2nd Off.

1049 Phone - Report Of Fire Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy Smoke and fire can be seen in the distance in the woods behind the golf course.

1456 Phone - Well Being Chk Area Search Negative Location/Address: Lenox St + Railroad Ave Cocerned for a female pushing a shopping cart up the hill and not looking that strong or well. Officer reports she is GOA and the cart is still there.

2232 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Meadowbrook Rd + Sunnyside Rd Caller reports someone is driving a bobcat in the area. No bobcat located but N678 came across MA PC 9AN429 parked in the area, they were spoken to and sent on their way.

Saturday, January 16

0059 Phone - Be On The Look-out Area Search Negative Westwood P.D. reports caller

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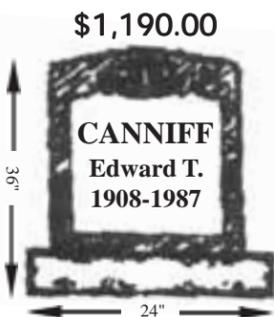
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states to them that he received a snap chat from a friend that is possibly being held against her will and maybe at the Budget Inn. Vehicle that they were driving in is a gray or silver minivan. No Plate # available. Bolo to cars . Motel was checked by Westwood, no vehicle fitting description. Westwood P.D.pinged phone and believe she may be in Boston. BPD notified.

0153 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Lancaster Ln Resident seeking advice on a family member. Restraining order declined at this time. N677 advised on situation.

0822 Phone - Assist Citizen Transported To Hospital Location/Address: Walpole St Male party reports an ongoing issue with a female. He

was transported for voluntary evaluation.

2114 Phone - Assist Other Agency Area Search Negative Location/Address: Plimpton Ave Dedham PD requesting assistance checking on MA PC 2GPP41 that was involved in a hit and run, N666,N667 checked the residence and surrounding area with negative results.

2138 911 - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Caller reports they can hear people yelling at each other. N666 spoke to the residents at this address they report there is nothing going on and there was no yelling going on.

2201 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Caller reports someone beeping their

horn for the last several minutes. MA PC 1FAE59 was parked in a reserved spot, N679 spoke to the owner of that vehicle and they will move it.

2321 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Alandale Pkwy Caller was delivering door dash and noticed someone at this residence looked like they were banging at the door trying to get out. N666 reports that party was hanging a picture on the front door, all is in order.

Sunday, January 17

0036 Phone - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Tremont St Caller reports neighbors are being loud. N666 spoke to the residents there and they were just talking about bills, all was quiet

upon arrival.

0210 Radio - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St Male party walking outside the business looked like he walked inside. Party was the manager and all is in order.

1059 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Windsor Shell - Walpole St Caller reports an unwanted male party inside business regarding a mask policy. Party was leaving as units arrived, Letter of Disinvite will be written.

1255 911 - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Highview St Calling party believes that her ex husband is on the premise and wants him removed. N663 and 665 responded and reported that party was not on the property.

1302 Phone - Unwanted Party Civil Matter Location/Ad-

dress: Mayfair Cir Caller reports an unwanted party. Upon arrival both parties had separated and civil matter was resolved.

1402 Phone - Assist Citizen Transported To Hospital Location/Address: Jefferson Dr Caller requests an officer speak to her autistic son after an incident at their home. NFD transported that party.

1928 Initiated - Well Being Chk Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Washington St + Mylod St Driver states two people walking in middle of road and acting odd near Middle School. Area checked.

2342 Phone - Susp Vehicle Area Search Negative Location/Address: Chatham Rd Caller reports his alarm in his vehicle went off, when he went outside he noticed a red or maroon van leaving the area.

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Dog Licenses now available

The Town Clerk's Office would like to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that the 2021 Dog Licenses are now available. All dogs three months old or over must be licensed. Licenses are issued on a calendar basis, January 1st through December 31st.

Fees are \$20 for both Male

and Female dogs, \$15 for Spayed Female and Neutered Male. Certificate showing the dog was spayed or neutered must be shown. Rabies Certificate must also be shown.

Due to the Town Hall being closed all dog licenses have to be registered through the mail.

Virtual tour of Boston's premium attractions

Join popular Boston tour guide Jay Bazzinotti for another of his illustrated tours, "Boston's Premium Attractions," on Tuesday, January 19, at 7:00 pm over Zoom. Dressed in full uniform of the First N.H. Regiment of Revolutionary War re-enactors, Jay will tell us about some high-end attractions in the Boston area that are well worth a visit. Registration is required. To sign up, please go to our online events page at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar or call 781-769-0200, x2. You will receive an email with the Zoom link a day before the program and again shortly before it begins.

Mental Illness support group cancelled

The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group will NOT hold its February monthly meeting. The tighter procedures governing the uptick in reported COVID-19 cases make it very difficult for us to comply.

Mental illness is a label for a variety of diseases of the brain. Often it strikes in late adolescence, devastating the afflicted

person and the family. The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group is composed of such families who find mutual support and join together to advocate for their loved ones.

We welcome all families in the South Norfolk Area who are dealing with mental illness and their loved ones.

When meetings do resume, in case of inclement weather, we will align with the Norfolk schools. If they close, the meeting will be cancelled. For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

Election nomination papers are now available

The Town Clerk's Office wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that nomination papers for the Annual Town Election to be held on Monday, April 5, 2021 are available in the Town Clerk's Office. Please call (781-762-1240 Ext. 6026) or e-mail: clerk@norwoodma.gov to obtain Nomination Papers.

Requirements for filing nomination papers

Major offices need 50 signatures of qualified voters.

Anyone wishing to run for Town Meeting Member who is not a candidate for re-election needs to obtain 10 signatures of qualified voters in their district.

The nomination papers must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office by Tuesday, February 16, 2021 by 5:00 PM.

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equipment. Purchasing Agent Cathy Carney said there is a 10 to 15 percent contingency funding put aside for the paint work and the actual bell work request has about 20 percent of that set aside for contingency.

Carney said 20 percent is higher than the usual maximum on CPA projects, but she said because of the uniqueness of the project and the individual nature of each bell (which were individually cast back in the 1920s just before the instrument was installed) there's no way to know what needs to be done until one gets in there.

"We've gone 20 percent on the bell work or a little bit more just because we don't know what we're going to find once we start taking those bells down and doing the repair on it," she said. "I think using these high amounts of contingency, again, it's more than I would like to see – I'm not one to budget more than I think we absolutely need – but in this case there are too many unknowns."

Carney also point out that Leach, herself and several other representatives from the Town will be overseeing any change orders from the company providing the repairs to make sure those orders are necessary.

Carney said this CPA request was made before the CPC agreed to send any potential applicant to her first to go over the actual costs of work they are considering. She said the idea is that since applications can come from regular residents who may not be intimately involved in the business of contractor work, they may have incorrect estimates on what work will cost. She said the carillon project was submitted before this agreement was reached, which is the reason the funding request has fluctuated so much.

"It really is better off all along if we have any of the applicants talk to me first so we can all have a better idea of what the costs are out there," she said. "That will help us in the future so we won't run into these problems. You never know what the bidding atmosphere is going to be like out there, but I know all the requirements that are required by state law, and that it's always going to increase the price. If a nonprofit were to do this, the price they would pay is going to be lower than what we're going to pay, sometimes 25 or 30 percent lower than what a municipality is going to pay."

The project will be detailed at the Jan. 27 public hearing on Town Meeting articles before the Feb. 4 Town Meeting.

Deadline

The deadline for all press releases for The Bulletin is Friday.

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