



Town Meeting members will have to decide on 3A this week, along with a few other articles.

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## Town Meeting Primer: 3A decision time

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The March 21 Special Town Meeting is just about here, depending on when you're reading this, and the biggest and most anticipated vote has to be those motions and warrant articles regarding the MBTA Communities Act, also known as 3A, in Articles 4 and 5.

Former Gov. Charlie Baker pushed the legislation through the Massachusetts House and Senate just before he left, and it requires communities with or near major transportation infrastructure to rezone for more multi-family housing in an effort to ease the housing crisis the state is currently facing.

Norwood, for its part, would have to zone for at least 2,000 units within a half-mile of one

or more of its train stations, yet the current plan to be presented to TM allows more density as-of-right near each of the Town's train stations. Town Planner Sarah Dixon said they wanted to direct the density in two areas; geography that has been recently redeveloped and isn't likely to be redeveloped in the near future, and areas where redevelopment would be considered a benefit.

The first area, at least in terms of North to South, is Norwood Depot, which includes portions of the Downtown. Selectmen Bill Plasko and Michael Saad said they were against this and voted against the Board of Selectmen recommending the plan to Town Meeting, as it increases the amount of density and land area more than the minimum the state requires.

The biggest example of the

disconnect between Saad, Plasko and Dixon was the parking lot parcel just southeast of the currently paused Norwood Hospital construction site. Dixon included this in the second 3A district, which hugs the Norwood Central Station and its environs (excluding the Norwood Medical Overlay District that was passed for the Norwood Hospital reconstruction). Dixon and property owner representative David Hern said this lot could be better utilized than an open area previously used for parking. Hern went on to say that a medical use or office use has been sought after by the current property owner for several years with no luck. He said

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## School Committee reduces budget request ahead of May TM

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee met recently and voted to approve a proposed budget decrease of more than \$1 million for the next fiscal year. School Committee member Teresa Stewart said the cuts reduce the budget request from the original \$62,326,003 to the current \$61,211,003.



Norwood Public Schools Business Official Matthew Wells

The School Committee originally pitched a budget with a decrease in level services and an increase in funding of about \$5.61 million from last year. The \$5.61 million already included other cuts, as Norwood Public Schools (NPS) Superintendent David Thomson pointed out. Just to summarize, a level funded budget would be a 13.6 percent increase from last year, the School Committee originally proposed a 9.95 percent increase (the \$5.61 million) and now, after discussing with the Norwood Budget Balancing Committee (BBC), has proposed a 7.99 percent (the \$4.5 million) increase after cutting about \$1.1 million more from their original pitch.

"Just a quick reminder, level services was a 13.6 percent increase and we already did a whole bunch of cuts – supplies, professional development, other things we would have normally purchased in this budget to get down to 9.95 percent," he said. "And again, 82 percent of our budget is people, which does not give a lot of stuff to remove from the budget but we combed

through, found if there were any double countings and reduced as much as we were comfortable with. The hope is that we have chilled our spending moving forward."

Stewart said the recommendations came from the BBC. She said about \$550,000 would come out of an offset for the special education fund for the current fiscal year 24 (FY24) budget. However, her tone and wording expressed what some might call a level of concern over this move.

"We're hoping we won't need that if our extraordinary relief comes in," said Stewart. "They're (the BBC) asking us now to hope and believe that that relief will come in so that we can reallocate that \$550,000 to FY25."

The other \$565,000 in cuts came from several other sources, as explained by NPS Business Official Matthew Wells. He said while reducing staff is on the table, there are other ways to get those costs down without letting go of

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## Library touts high numbers

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Library Board of Trustees met on March 12 in the Simoni Room of the Morrill Memorial Library with Adult Services Director Liz Reed to discuss the current outlook of the library three quarters into the fiscal year.

The short version is the library is doing very well, and is coming back close to where it was in terms of visitors and adult programming prior to the pandemic, with a few caveats.

"It's a very busy library, if you hadn't noticed, and (Morrill Library Executive Di-

rector Clayton Cheever) has been reporting back to us record numbers of people coming through the door and physically coming into the building," she said. "We're able to track that really well now with some new software and get accurate counts. It's a lot of people."

Reed said at the front desk, they have seen about 14,392 people come in to ask for help, which is 24 percent higher than this time last year. Reed said almost all types of interactions are higher than last year as well, saving for book/item requests and interactions over 30 minutes. She said interactions less than two minutes are up significantly, 27 percent and interac-

tions over 30 minutes are down 18 percent (22 interactions at the front desk over 30 minutes).

"To me, that's a good sign, because it means that our new technology appointments are being utilized," she said. "Our senior center drop-in tech help is new this year; we're doing tech appointments one-on-one that is getting very established and very popular... We're getting lots of demand and it's being reflected in our stats."

She said the idea is that you don't want too much front desk time taken up with something like technology instruction.

"We're not having to have

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Morrill Memorial Library Adult Services Librarian Liz Reed detailed increased activity at the library over the last few years.

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that one-on-one long-term interaction with somebody at the front desk, because it's not the best place to do it," she said. "Teaching tutorials aren't really meant to be done at the front desk."

She said some of these interactions still take place, and they can include researching a topic or troubleshooting a piece of technology, like a patron's smartphone or something, which she said isn't exactly the best use of the front desk.

Reed also said the library is being heavily utilized for personal study. This was a trend they picked up on last year.

"Then I was like, 'my gosh, study room requests are going through the roof,' and they still are," she said, "even more so than the year before. We're really excited to be getting a study pod, which is a single person use clear door study space installed on the second floor, we're just waiting for it to arrive. We could definitely use more. I don't know when we're going to get them, but we are getting a lot of people just here for the library as space for studying, doing work and meet-

ing one-on-one with people."

Reed also said that programs at the library are seeing an uptick as well, with more than 2,800 people utilizing the library's assets for adult programming so far this year. This is much higher than 2022, and is about the same as the total for FY23 throughout the year with one more quarter left in FY24.

"Our attendance is really coming back strong for programs, and our number of programs is also coming back really strong," she said. "But how are we doing compared to pre-pandemic?"

Reed said compared to 2019, they're not exactly caught up. FY19 had about 4,000 people attending programming.

"However, we actually offered more programs than we did in 2019," she said. "And this is reflecting things where people's social comfort level has changed a lot since the pandemic. We don't have people who want to come out in large crowds anymore and we're also seeing people who don't want

to drive at night as much. So we might need to evaluate what times we're offering our programs moving forward."

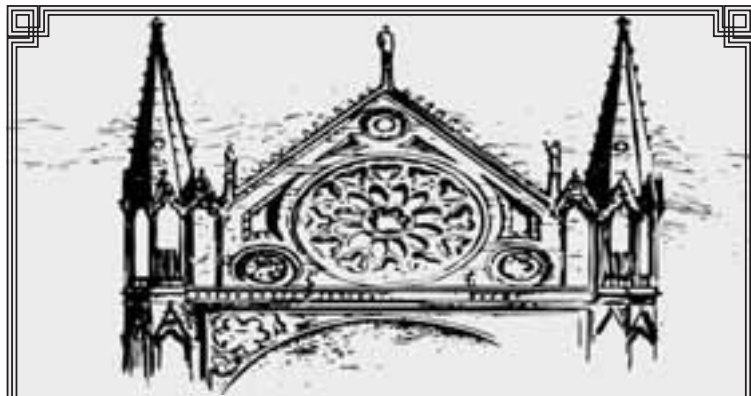
She added that the types of programming can probably change as well.

"We used to have people come out for movie nights, and now people can stream everything they want from their houses and so people are behaving just a little bit differently than pre-pandemic," she said. "But we're really proud of these numbers because it means we're being really strategic in the way we're offering our programs in the different things we're trying to hit in our strategic plan."

Reed said they also still have Zoom programs, but the attendance is usually around or below five people.

"We don't put too much energy into Zoom programs anymore compared to 2020 and 2021, but that being said we did have an extremely popular Zoom program earlier this month," she said. "'Myths and Misinformation About Trans Athletes in Sports.' That one, I mean normally we're getting about four or five people from Norwood going to one of those. We had over 30 from Norwood go to that and we had hundreds from across the state and New Hampshire go to that one. It was amazing turnout and we're very proud."

For more information on the library's programs and events, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2amd7vw5>



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About 35 residents came to the meeting to hear from officials and share their stories regarding scams on Monday.

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# NASTF: Always ask questions

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Staff Reporter

The Norwood Anti-Scam Task Force (NASTF) met with about 35 residents at the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday evening to discuss the issue of how to protect yourself against scams. To summarize, the best thing you can do is continually question any story or request that requires you to send money.

NASTF member Kathleen Rooney said the task force originally considered putting together a list of scams through a brochure as one of the first actions of the task force.

“We soon realized that our brochure would be out of date before it gets to print,” she said, highlighting the fast-moving nature of the scams. She said that they had about 80 scams listed when they were getting ready to print, and then two more came in, so they decided to change tack.

“In our new brochure, we decided to explain the behaviors of scams and prevent the reader from becoming a victim,” she said.

The main tool scammers use in these operations is fear.

“They’re trying to catch you off guard so that you act without thinking something through,” she said. “Scammers

prey on your emotions.”

The most heart-palpitating con that has been making the rounds here and throughout the United States is the ransom scam. A scammer will call you saying they have a family member held hostage, or that they’ve been in an accident or that they are in jail and you have to bail them out. Or else. The scammers use fear and urgency to get you to give them money as quickly as possible.

But remember: the police don’t require that you bail someone out of jail; they will hold onto them. That’s the point. And hospitals are required to treat life-threatening injuries regardless of someone’s ability to pay. And kidnappings for ransom in the United States are exceedingly rare, about 350 a year according to U.S. data sources (<https://www.reuters.com/article/idUSKCN1P52BJ/>)

Selectman and NASTF member Amanda Grow said there is a magic word that, at least in her experience, helps to get scammers off your back quickly.

“I’ve had scammers call and I’ve had someone text me a scam and as soon as I reply, ‘FTC,’ they ghost me; they’re gone,” she said.

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# OPINION

## Plasko is right, support his language

On January 25th of this year this newspaper published an opinion stating that Norwood should support the efforts by those in Town trying to make the best of the MBTA Communities Act 3A rezoning initiative that requires municipalities with public transportation to rezone about 50 acres to multi-family as-of-right. The opinion stated that "...for those at this point wanting to stand tall and bear arms, it is a no-win battle. That it is better to fall back, strategize, and live to fight another day." Our position hasn't changed, but we do recognize a better strategy when we hear one, and Selectman Bill Plasko has a beneficial improvement to what will be presented at Town Meeting this week.

Plasko isn't suggesting that Norwood should go the way of Milton and defy the state mandate; though buying time to see what the state Supreme Court decides isn't a bad idea. However, he did raise the point that the language to be presented before Town Meeting is too generous; that this Town can meet the state requirement with far less geography designated for rezoning. Designating Windsor Gardens and one other small parcel would both satisfy the state's mandate while at the same time mitigate the damage that the 3A act will inflict on this Town. The likelihood of a developer tackling a major project at the already sprawling Windsor Gardens is small, and isn't that what Norwood wants? Well, perhaps not.

Selectman Amanda Grow, in an impassioned speech at the most recent Selectmen's meeting, had this to say. "At the end of the day we've known for over a century that we needed to do something about the climate and we delayed and delayed and the entire time science told us the consequences of doing nothing. And the consequences of doing nothing is that we no longer have the luxury of living in single-family homes sprawling everywhere...the least efficient way for humans to live. We actually want to live close together and have our services close together...If we cared so much about that lifestyle perhaps we shouldn't have burned all those fossil fuels."

Huh? Is Ms. Grow actually suggesting that Norwood homeowners should be willing to 'suck it up' and potentially sacrifice their property values because the world dropped the ball on climate change? Really, is that what's motivating her excitement about 3A? That's a pretty big gamble with other people's net worth. And if you don't believe Ms. Grow is excited about 3A she goes on to say, "so I'm excited about this..." using arguments including that there are commercial parcels that would be improved with redevelopment. We hate to pick on Ms. Grow, but this is the same person who said, "Norwood's character is not its buildings and it isn't how many people are here. The character of Norwood is in its community, and that isn't really going to change with buildings or population."

Well, the very definition of community includes the common interests of its people. Can Ms. Grow guarantee that the significant influx of new people will share the existing common interests of Norwood's residents or does she think Norwoodians should be unselfish enough to sacrifice those too? The good news is we do agree with Ms. Grow that there are parcels needing redevelopment, but why do the rezoning all at once under the umbrella of 3A when it isn't necessary? Eighty three Morse

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# Letters to the Editor

## FRIENDS SUPPORT ZONING CHANGES

*To the Editor:*

Dear Neighbors,

The Friends of Norwood Center would like to express our support for the proposed zoning changes that conform to the new law requiring each MBTA community to have a zoning ordinance or by-law that allows for

multi-family housing district of reasonable size. We understand that failing to comply with this law may result in the forfeiture of state funding, a consequence that other towns are facing for failing to meet the new housing standards.

As a community organization dedicated to the improvement and vitality of Norwood Center,

we believe that these zoning changes will promote a diverse and inclusive community. By allowing for multi-family housing suitable for families with children, we can create more housing options that accommodate the needs of a wide range of residents, including families.

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## FIELD OF DREAMS

Iowa rolls in every direction, immense and impressive. Here are among the world's largest farms, an expanse of harvested fields dotted with white farmhouses, big barns, and soaring silos. There is a natural beauty, particularly as the early morning sun lifts across the horizon illuminating a charm, an earthiness. This is bare-bones America, the Heartland.

The people are predominantly Protestant and polite; hard workers who drive pickup trucks, enjoy country music, and root for Iowa State. They listen to high school wrestling on the radio. Drivers have a habit of raising one forefinger from the top of their steering wheel in greeting as you pass. And they live in the land that contains the Field of Dreams.

You recall the movie, Kevin Costner building a baseball field in his corn, encouraged by bewildering whispers, "If you build it, he will come;" his ensuing travels, picking up James Earl Jones and a young Moonlight Graham in attempt to unravel the mystery. *Field of Dreams* transcended baseball, addressing a common cultural norm, culminating in Costner's character Ray Kinsella reconciling with his deceased father.

I know that W.P. Kinsella wrote *Shoeless Joe*, the novel upon which the film is based. I know Kinsella is rolling in his proverbial grave because Hollywood has Ray Liotta, in his role as Shoeless Joe Jackson, batting right-handed. I know Kinsella did not write the emotional father-son ball tossing scene in his novel, but saw it added by screenwriters. I know Jackson's grand jury testimony regarding the throwing of the 1919 World Series is inconsistent. He admits knowing of the plot and receiving \$5000, but also insisted his record fifteen hits in the series proved

innocence. One suspects a rural naiveté, a rough hewn integrity, a damaged unsophisticate. Walter Johnson, a player as straight as an arrow, supported this conclusion, saying, "Poor Joe...I feel sorry for him. Others were guilty; Joe was merely foolish...I shall never believe that he was a bad fellow at heart. He was easily and terribly misled by his associates."

The mess culminated in eight players acquitted in court but banned, nevertheless, from professional baseball for life by commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis. I know Kenesaw Mountain Landis' father fought at Kennesaw Mountain outside of Atlanta in the Civil War and was so seared by the experience he named his son after it. I know years later, working in a liquor store in South Carolina, Jackson saw Ty Cobb enter. As The Georgia Peach was leaving, he recognized his old adversary and asked why he had not said hello, to which Jackson replied, "Because I didn't think you or any of the old fellows would want me to."

I drive 151 North through wooded hills, bestrewn with small farms. I arrive in Dyersville, a larger town than expected, a sign proclaiming, "Farm Toy Capital of the World." I am directed onto a lonely country road and soon see light standards.

The farm covers a slight rise affording views of miles of surrounding farmland. There are facts I could gather, inquire about visitors, learn more about old-timer and MLB games now held here, but I do not care. The field requires all my attention. I look at the small stands, at the spot where the little girl fell and was saved by Doc Graham. I walk where Ray played catch with his father, look past the sward toward harvested corn, the face of the earth like stubble of a two-day-old beard. It is silent; I am alone. I imag-



Don Reddick

ine Shoeless Joe Jackson, that tragic figure, walking from the outfield, forever young. He was among the greatest ballplayers of all, but because of that infamous World Series his likeness will never grace the Baseball Hall of Fame. And yet, isn't this the Field of Dreams?

My Baseball Encyclopedia states that Shoeless Joe Jackson ended his career at age thirty-one with 54 home runs, 785 RBIs, and a stunning .356 batting average. I also know the encyclopedia contains errors, such as stating that Tip O'Neil, the great 19th century Canadian ballplayer, died in Woodstock, Ontario. I happen to know that Tip O'Neil died of a heart attack stepping off a trolley in Montreal. So maybe there are other errors, maybe Shoeless Joe really had many more seasons, many more homers and RBIs. Maybe he never made the one mistake that haunted his lifetime and legacy. Maybe he is in Cooperstown today, where he belongs.

Cold wind picks up from the north, dancing over open fields, gathering in force until I pull up my collar and head toward my rental car. I glance one last time toward the corn; I stop and wave goodbye. It is March. It is spring. It will grow again soon.

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# Scams on the Rise *continued from page 3*

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) actively tracks scams and scam reports, and Grow said this is the best thing you can do if you suspect you've either been scammed or are in contact with someone trying to scam you.

Grow, along with Rooney, One Local Bank Vice President of Compliance Amy Sobchuk and Norwood Police Department (NPD) Sgt. William Fundora, all said that reporting the scam is one of the best ways to help fight the scammers. To report a scam, go to <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov>

"The more we understand about what has been happening and the ways it has been happening, the more effective we'll be in mounting defenses against," Grow said.

Grow pointed to data showing that scam reports have been leveling off while scam losses are continuing to increase.

"People felt ashamed for falling for it and wouldn't report it," she said. "Remember, this is a crime. You are a victim of a crime and it's not your fault. It's not something you should be ashamed of if it happens to you; it can happen to the best of us. If we keep these stories to ourselves and not report to the police or tell someone it happened, that means no one knows it's going on and we

can't prevent it from happening to the next victim."

Grow said one in five people will lose money in an impostor scheme, according to the FTC's data from last year. And Grow pointed out that while scams are thought to be dedicated to senior citizens, in fact more young people are falling for scams as well. Fake job postings, for instance, are a big money maker right now, as a scammer will post a job and entice you with an interview but then say they need a fee for setting up the interview, which is completely bogus.

Sobchuk said that your bank will never contact you asking for personal information, and that if you get a message you're suspicious about, you should contact the bank immediately.

"It's nothing to be ashamed of, it's more important to safeguard your money," she said.

She said some common tells in an email or text message is fear-inducing language, typos or misspellings or poor grammar and also email addresses that look similar to ones you see from the bank but aren't quite right. Replacing a zero for an O for example is a big tell.

Fundora discussed the law enforcement side of the equation, and said the biggest local scams include contractor or house work. Someone will, for example, leave a brochure on

your door for roof or driveway or window work. In some cases they're just trying to gain access to your home when you invite them in. In other cases, they may ask for the full payment up front, do some of the work and then disappear.

Fundora said that any time you're suspicious of someone soliciting the neighborhood, you can call the NPD.

Solicitors have to register with us, so if you see someone walking around call us and give a description, we might be able to help," he said. "Please don't let them in your house. Someone did recently and found things missing. If you need some work done, talk to your friends and find your own contractor."

Fundora also discussed the phone scams, and pointed out that even the NPD gets calls like that from spoofed numbers.

"We had the Norwood Police call us," he said with a laugh.

"My own phone number called me!" one woman in the crowd said.

Fundora said if you're concerned about a phone number, let it ring. If it rings more than four times usually they hang up. If they leave a voicemail, then you can tell who it is.

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## How Do Survivor Benefits Work for a Married Couple?

**Dear Rusty:** How does Social Security handle the death of one spouse? Say, for example, the husband receives \$2,000 per month in Social Security and his wife receives \$1,000 per month. How is the death of either spouse handled?

*Signed:  
Concerned spouse*

**Dear Concerned:** Benefits to a deceased beneficiary stop as soon as Social Security (SS) is notified of the death (notification usually done by the funeral director who handles arrangements). Benefits are not paid for the month of death, only for the preceding month when the beneficiary was alive for the entire month.

A surviving spouse is entitled to the higher of two benefits – their own personally earned SS retirement benefit, or an amount based on the deceased spouse's benefit at death. In the example you cite, and assuming the surviving spouse has reached full retirement age (FRA): if the husband dies first the wife will receive the husband's \$2,000 monthly benefit instead of her previous \$1,000 amount. But if the wife died first, the husband would continue receiving only his \$2,000 monthly amount because that is more than his deceased wife was receiving. Note in either case, the surviving spouse would be entitled to a one-time lump sum "death benefit" of \$255.

The surviving spouse would need to contact Social Security to claim the "death benefit" and - unless the surviving spouse was previously receiving only a spousal benefit – also to claim the higher monthly amount, if eligible. If the surviving spouse was previously receiving only a spousal benefit from the deceased (and not entitled to SS retirement benefits on their own), then Social Security would automatically award their higher survivor amount when notified of the death.

If a surviving spouse has reached full retirement age (somewhere between 66 and 67 depending on year of birth) and is eligible for a survivor benefit, the amount of the survivor benefit will be 100% of the deceased



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spouse's benefit. But if the survivor claims the benefit before reaching FRA, the amount of the survivor benefit will be reduced (by 4.75% for each full year earlier). The survivor's benefit reaches maximum at the survivor's full retirement age.

If a surviving spouse has not yet reached their FRA, and if they are entitled to (not necessarily collecting) their own Social Security retirement benefit, the surviving spouse has the option to delay claiming the survivor benefit until it reaches maximum at their full retirement age. And if the survivor's personal SS retirement benefit will ever be more than their maximum survivor benefit, the surviving spouse also has the option to claim only the smaller survivor benefit first and allow their personal SS retirement benefit to grow (to maximum at age 70 if desired).

With Social Security there is hardly ever a simple answer to a question but, in the example you use, if both are over their SS full retirement age:

- If the husband dies first, the wife will get 100% of the amount (\$2000) the husband was receiving, instead of the small amount (\$1000) she was previously receiving.

- If the wife dies first, the husband's monthly benefit will remain at \$2000, and he will get no increase in his monthly amount.

- In either case, the surviving spouse will be entitled to a one-time lump sum death benefit of \$255.

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or reducing the pay of any staff, at least any current staff.

"We do not recommend those items because at this point we're trying not to lose employees or terminate anybody as part of this," he said. "We don't want to be in that position."

The first recommendation, which the committee ended up going with, was to not replace the currently vacant Assistant Superintendent of Operations position and reorganize the Director of Finance position into an Assistant Superintendent position, for a savings of \$165,000. Also, by setting incoming replacement positions at a median of \$65,000 (some higher, some lower, depending on the positions) they can net another \$400,000 to hit that \$565,000 mark.

Wells and Thompson said they

wanted the reorganization to affect only positions that were not student-facing and work within the administration to reorganize the staff to encompass wider roles than they had had previously.

Specifically, Wells said they would first "re-title" the Director of Finance to the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations and eliminate the Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Strategy position, essentially merging two positions into one, netting that \$165,000. Next, they propose eliminating the currently vacant grant manager position to save around \$25,000 to \$40,000 a year. He said they want to re-title a financial analyst position to the Assistant Business Manager and increase responsibility and role to include grant management duties and increase pay to about

\$96,000 to come in line with current market trends.

In that vein, they would also increase the proposed salary of the Transportation Director to \$100,000, increase hiring salary of the Assistant Transportation Director to \$65,000, and increase the hourly wage of the transportation clerk position from \$16 an hour to \$25, all to come into line with current market trends.

The School Committee asked Wells to put together a job description for the new Superintendent Position and a public vote on the final language to come. The Board voted unanimously to accept the two recommended options to meet the BBC's budget decrease requests.

The Committee has its budget hearing scheduled for March 27.

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a residential use would allow it to generate taxes for the Town and contribute to the 3A density increase count.

Another district encompasses most of Windsor Gardens, which already houses a significantly dense housing complex. Plasko said that if they just rezoned Windsor Gardens, they could account for about 1,900 of the needed 2,000 possible units that could be built as-of-right, to further drive home his point about the current plan going farther than what was needed.

To see the full maps and zoning changes, go to <https://tinyurl.com/3atuyc47>

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) will be another significant cause of discussion. An Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) zoning amendment will be presented as Article 6. The new regulation allows single- and two-family residences to add another

unit via an ADU so long as it's 750 square feet maximum (or half the size of the primary unit) and is attached to the primary dwelling unit (with a few more regulations). The article is also looking to help ease the housing crisis by allowing residents to house family members in a separate residence so they don't have to move out or can be near to family members.

As of Feb. 29, the Board of Selectmen has made no recommendation on the measure, and will inform TM members during Town Meeting of their collective opinion.

Articles 1 and 2 have to do with zoning for kennels. Basically, it makes a commercial kennel a forbidden use in the single residence, S1 and S2 zoning districts and adds a new provision allowing the Zoning Board of Appeals to issue a special permit for personal kennels in those districts.

The commercial kennel use will be allowed through a special permit in the manufacturing, general business, central business, Boston Providence Highway and limited business districts. Article 1 changes these uses in the Town Zoning Bylaw, and Article 2 defines the difference between personal and commercial kennel.

Article 3 is looking to establish new procedures for public notice by the Planning Board to notify affected parties of proposed zoning changes, public hearings regarding those zoning changes, and digital distribution of these changes to Town Meeting members in the affected districts.

Town Meeting is set for Thursday, March 21, and will likely have to reconvene on Monday, March 25. Norwood Community Media will be live streaming the meeting at [NorwoodCommunityMedia.org](http://NorwoodCommunityMedia.org).

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We understand the importance of balancing growth and development with the preservation of Norwood's unique character and charm. We believe that the proposed zoning changes not only allow us to meet the housing requirement but also provide a multi-family housing district, helping our community remain vibrant and sustainable for years to come.

The Friends of Norwood Center believe having people and development in close proximity

to Norwood Center will be an opportunity to benefit Norwood Center business. Living close to the Depot or Central stations, residents will be near the Norwood Central Business District. Studies show that walkability creates more disposable income for people (they save on transportation costs) and increases likelihood of shopping and dining at local businesses and restaurants. We have 30 restaurants and grocery stores to offer, people don't need to drive

miles and miles while decreasing traffic congestion if they live in these districts.

We recommend you support these zoning changes and help Norwood Center continue to thrive as a welcoming and dynamic community.

*The Friends of Norwood  
Center  
Graham Stetson,  
President,  
Peter McFarland,  
Treasurer*

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Street, the Space Center, is a good example of a significant project being rezoned for beneficial purposes (and no, we don't include the apartment complex as part of the benefits). Rest assured developers will approach the Town over time with proposals for those existing commercial parcels Ms. Grow refers to in her

arguments, and Town Meeting will have the opportunity to evaluate the benefits of each of them one at a time without the prying eyes of the state hovering over the process.

We don't always agree with Selectman Plasko, but he is a pragmatist and he does know housing. His suggesting that TM step on the

brakes and consider language relative to limiting the geography of the 3A map should be supported. Giving the state what it wants is unpalatable enough, giving them more than required because of some sense of environmental or moral obligation is fiscally irresponsible and downright lunacy.



# Property sales increase for 2nd month

Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell reports that Norfolk County recordings in February 2024 show a slight increase in the total number of documents recorded, which includes an increase in property sales and mortgage recordings compared to February 2023. This marks the second month in a row that year over year property sales have increased.



Register of Deeds

William O'Donnell

The Registry of Deeds recorded 6,787 documents in February 2024. This was 1% more than in February 2023 and a 10% decrease compared to January 2024.

"Looking at the recordings from the past few months indicates that real estate activity in Norfolk County seems to be holding steady with some increases in property sales," stated Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell. "It is still very early in the year, and with the traditional home buying season yet to begin, it will be important to continue monitoring these trends and to see how external factors, such as interest rates, may impact the real estate market in the coming months to see if this positive momentum will be sustained throughout the year."

The total number of deeds recorded for February 2024, which reflects both commercial and residential real estate sales and transfers, was 961, which was nearly equal to the number in February 2023. However, looking at just commercial and residential real estate sales, the number was up 1% from last year.

"Despite some difficult market conditions, the total number of commercial and residential property sales in February 2024 showed a slight increase compared to the previous year," stated Register O'Donnell. "This year-over-year increase may suggest that the prospects of lower mortgage interest rates, predicted by some market observers to come down by the first half of the upcoming year in 2024, are bringing buyers to the table early."

The average sale price of commercial and residential properties for February 2024 rose to \$994,236, a 5% increase compared to February 2023 but a decrease of 2% from January 2024. The total dollar volume of commercial and residential sales is up, increasing 6% from last year but down 11% from last month.

O'Donnell noted, "With a limited supply of available properties on the market, any increase in demand is likely to cause an increase in the average property sales price. Unfortunately, when prices rise without a corresponding rise in inventory, it may result in increased competition among buyers. This makes it harder for homebuyers in general, but especially for first-time homebuyers."

For the month of February, lending activity showed an increase compared to the same month a year ago, the first time this has happened in over a year. A total of 916 mortgages were recorded in February 2024, up 1% from February 2023 and 4% less than last month.

"The increase in lending activity this month is likely a product of the increase in the number of property transactions compared to 2023," stated O'Donnell. "This may suggest that while some homeowners are still hesitant to make moves with average mortgage interest rates above 6%, others are not dissuaded by current interest rates, but time will tell if this trend continues."

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds continues to closely monitor the foreclosure market. In February 2024, there were 6 foreclosure deeds recorded as a result of mortgage foreclosures taking place in Norfolk County, whereas in February 2023, there were 3 recorded. The total number of notices to foreclose, the first step in the foreclosure process, increased from last year, going from 26 notices in February 2023 to 43 in February 2024.

"We all experience unforeseen events in our lives. Sometimes these events are beyond our control and can have a devastating impact on our finances. I would urge anyone struggling to pay their mortgage or who knows someone who is struggling to contact one of the non-profit organizations listed on our website, [www.norfolkdeeds.org](http://www.norfolkdeeds.org)," said O'Donnell.

For the past several years, the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has partnered with Quincy Community Action Programs (617-479-8181 x376) and NeighborWorks Housing Solutions (617-770-2227) to help anyone facing challenges paying their mortgage. Another option for homeowners is to contact the Massachusetts Attorney General's Consumer Advocacy and Response Division (CARD) at 617-727-8400.

O'Donnell concluded, "Real estate activity in Norfolk County is showing some positive trends, which is a good start to the year, but the housing market still has a few hurdles to overcome, including a limited inventory of available properties on the market, which is driving up prices and making it difficult for some buyers to find affordable options. To determine whether this positive momentum will last for the entire year, it will be important to keep an eye on these trends and observe how outside factors may affect the real estate market in the upcoming months."

To learn more about Registry of Deed's events and initiatives, like us on Facebook@ at [facebook.com/NorfolkDeeds](https://facebook.com/NorfolkDeeds) or follow us on Twitter@ at [twitter.com/NorfolkDeeds](https://twitter.com/NorfolkDeeds) and Instagram@ at [Instagram.com/NorfolkDeeds](https://Instagram.com/NorfolkDeeds).

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds is located at 649 High Street in Dedham. The Registry is a resource for homeowners, title examiners, mortgage lenders, municipalities, and others with a need for secure, accurate, and accessible land record information. All land record research information can be found on the Registry's website [www.norfolkdeeds.org](http://www.norfolkdeeds.org). Residents in need of assistance can contact the Registry of Deeds Customer Service Center via telephone at (781) 461-6101 or email us at [registerodonnell@norfolkdeeds.org](mailto:registerodonnell@norfolkdeeds.org).

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Robert F. Creesy, 85, of Norwood, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday February 20, 2024, with family by his side. He was the loving husband of Mary Anne (Frangiosa) Creesy of Norwood, who survives him. He was previously the husband of the late Ann Marie (Desautels) Creesy who predeceased him in 1989. Born in Beverly, Massachusetts on July 31, 1938, the son of the late Augustus and the late Georgia (Hammond) Creesy, he was a graduate of Beverly High School in the class of 1956 and later attended the New York Ranger School in Wanakena, New York. Robert proudly served his country in the United States National Guard during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Prior to his retirement, Bob worked as a Stockroom manager for Ad-A-Day Company in Taunton. Previously, he was a devoted Land Surveyor and Forester for the New England Forestry Foundation in Vermont, where he found this to be one of his greatest passions. Amongst his many enjoyments, Bob had a love for gardening. Especially in the summertime where he could tend to the flowers, alongside doing yard work to keep the greenery maintained. He was an avid woodworker who could be found most often spending his time in the workshop creating hand carved gifts for those he loved. He was also known for his "jokester" personality and

love for traveling. Above all else, Bob loved spending time with his family and more so, time with his beloved grandchildren, in whom he was very dedicated too. In addition to his wife Mary, Bob is survived by a son: Scott Creesy, and his wife Jennifer of Taunton, and their four children Carter, Brendan, Patrick and Adam; four children Eleanor Slye and her husband Christopher of Glen, New Hampshire, and their two sons Daniel and Nicholas; Catherine Tarbokas and her husband William of Dennis, and their three children Samantha, William, and Elizabeth; Sandra Doherty and her husband James of Westwood, and their two children Bridget and Cameron; James Campbell and his wife Laura of Brewster, and their three children Matthew, Kevin, and Heather; He was the brother of the late William A. Creesy and is survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. A Funeral Service will be held in the Trinity Community Church, 234 Walpole Street, Norwood on Saturday March 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM. Funeral arrangements were made with Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Bob's memory to St. Jude Children's Hospital, see [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

DESIMONE

Catherine G. "Kay" (Scordino) of Norwood, formerly of Jamaica Plain, passed away peacefully, at Sunrise of Norwood, on March 10, 2024. She was 91 years old. Devoted mother of Edward R. of Boston and Ronald A. DeSimone of Norwood. Dear sister of Geraldine Willman and her late husband, Herbert "Bert" of Norwood, Anne Larkin and her husband, Thomas "Tom" of Bedford, and the late Tony, Frank and Charles Scordino. Loving grandmother of Anthony

Deaths

L. of Norwood, Christopher E. of Fitchburg, and William A. DeSimone of Boston. Great-grandmother of Adrianna L. of Boston, Chase and Noah of Leominster. Godmother of Michael Verrochi and John Larkin. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment in St. Michael Cemetery, Roslindale. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Kay may be made to Till Inc., Donations, 20 Eastbrook Rd., Suite 201, Dedham, MA 02026 or [www.tillinc.org](http://www.tillinc.org) For guestbook, please visit [www.gormleyfuneral.com](http://www.gormleyfuneral.com) William J. Gormley Funeral Home West Roxbury 617-323-8600.

FAHERTY



Kerry Ann, 62, of Norwood MA, passed away on March 10, 2024, after a long battle with complications associated with diabetes. Kerry was born on July 10, 1961 in Norwood, to John and Sheila Faherty (Carter). Kerry was a graduate of Norwood High School class of 1979. Kerry had such fond memories of the neighborhood where she grew up and made lifelong friends along the way. Kerry started her first job at Dedham Chrysler as a member of the office, kick starting an over 30-year career as an office

manager in the automobile industry. In 2017, Kerry retired and spent her time living in Gloucester MA with her sister Kathleen and her favorite pups (Gronk & Greta). She loved to cook and bake and take rides to the beach and watch the dogs play in the sand and water. Kerry was predeceased by her father John Faherty, grandparents James and Mary Faherty and George and Julia Carter, aunt Mary Faherty, uncle James Faherty, aunt Ruth Carter and cousins Michelle Koelsch and Jamie Faherty. She is survived by her mother Sheila Faherty, sister Kathleen Faherty, brothers John Faherty Jr (wife Laura), Kevin Faherty (partner Nancy), and Brian Faherty (wife Carol), her aunt Margie Koelsch (husband Gerry), her uncle Jack Carter, her nephews and nieces and many cousins. At Kerry's request all services will be held privately at the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (Rt. 1A) NORWOOD. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Cape Ann Animal Aid. Kerry felt strongly about adopting animals that are surrendered, abandoned, abused, and need a loving home. <https://www.apeannanimalaid.org>

HOWARD



JOHN E. "Jack" Jr. of Norwood passed away after a brief illness on March 14, 2024, at the age of 77. Husband of Donna L. (Day) Howard of Hull. Devoted father of Keith R. Howard and his wife Jennifer Moses of NH and Kevin J. Howard of Norwood. Cherished grandfather of Lilah Howard and Samuel Howard. Longtime loving companion of Kathie Lopes of Quincy. Son of the late John

E. Howard Sr. and Gorizia M. (Felici) Howard. Jack was a member of the American Legion Post #440 in Newton. He was member of the Army National Guard during the Vietnam War. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. Burial at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation 1760 Centre St, Suite A Rapid City, SD 57703 [www.npcf.us](http://www.npcf.us)

MALACARIA



JOHN R. Jr. "Jack" of Norwood passed away on March 17, 2024 at the age of 69. Beloved husband of Nancy ES (Ferdinand) Malacaria. Devoted father of Amy C. Severson and her husband Kyle of MN, Jessica S. Young of FL, Anthony J. Malacaria and his long time companion Melissa of KY, April A. Chaisson and her husband Steve of Wrentham, David M. Malacaria and his long time Fiancée Annie of TN and Joshua R. Malacaria of Norwood. Brother of Julie Doane of ME. Cherished grandfather of 20 grandchildren. Son of the late John and Dorothy (Porro) Malacaria. Also survived by many close friends. Visiting hours will be held on Monday, March 25, 2024 from 4-8pm at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. A funeral mass will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 11am at St. Catherine of Siena Church Norwood. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the Norwood Animal Shelter, Town of Norwood P.O. Box 40, Norwood, MA. 02062.



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*Grateful thanks. —K.B.*

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*In gratitude for helping me. —J.H.*

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Foi apresentada uma Queixa de Dependência em 22 de fevereiro de 2024 a esta corte pelo requerente **Guilherme Henrique Alves**, contra o réu acima mencionado, **Joselio Firmino** pedindo uma Sentença de Dependência com determinação relativa à situação especial de menor imigrante, de acordo com a G.L. c. 119, §39M. O referido réu não pode ser encontrado dentro da Commonwealth em seu paradeiro atual; o serviço pessoal sobre o referido réu não é, portanto, praticável. O referido réu não compareceu voluntariamente a esta ação.

O réu é obrigado a servir ao advogado **Ludovino P. Gardini Esq., localizado na 296 Newton St., Suite 250, Waltham, MA 02453** sua resposta, se houver, à reclamação, dentro de 7 dias após a notificação desta citação, exclusiva do dia da citação. O réu também é obrigado a apresentar uma resposta no escritório do Registro deste Tribunal na Corte de Família e Sucessões de Essex, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA. 01970 ou antes da citação do autor ou advogado do autor, se representado por advogado, ou dentro de um prazo razoável depois disso.



## For the Record

### “TRIBUTE TO ELVIS” AT WOMAN’S CLUB

The Norwood Woman’s Club will meet on April 9, at 12:30 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 57 Nichols St. Michael Slater will bring us his unique “Tribute to Elvis.” Come and enjoy some of your favorite Elvis tunes. The cost of the May luncheon is \$30. Food choices are steak tips, baked haddock or stuffed chicken breast. Please put your food choice on your check made out to The Norwood Woman’s Club and bring it to the meeting. Hope to see you there. Guests welcome. Questions call Trina 781-762-8173.

### ART ASSOCIATION ARTIST DEMO RELEASE

The NORWOOD ART ASSOCIATION will hold their monthly ARTIST DEMONSTRATION on April 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the Simoni Room of the Norwood Morrill Memorial Library, located at 33 Walpole Street in Norwood. Attendees are encouraged to arrive at 5:30 p.m. These demonstrations are FREE and the public are welcome and encouraged to attend! Please bring your own beverage if you desire. Raffle tickets will be sold for the chance to win a piece of art donated by the attending artist.

The NAA is excited to announce that April’s featured demo artist will be D. Sue Dion. Sue paints in acrylic, watercolor, and oil and resides in Uxbridge where she also has a private studio which houses a picture framing business and her teaching space. She has studied at the RI School of Design and The Art Institute of Pittsburgh. Her paintings draw from two great American traditions, abstract expressionism and plein air. Through her use of color, texture, and edge, she invites her viewers to journey along unexpected pathways, ultimately arriving at their own, unique interpretations of her work.

For information or to become a member of the Norwood Art Association, visit their website at [norwoodartassociation.com](http://norwoodartassociation.com) or check them out on Facebook or Instagram.

### 2024 EARTH DAY CLEANUP

On Sunday, April 21st, Progress Norwood & the Town of Norwood invites you to join neighbors and friends for the 2024 Norwood Earth Day Clean Up, Community Picnic, & Fair <https://www.facebook.com/events/772957448070818>

Cleanups will be held at various playgrounds and green spaces around Norwood from 10-11:30 am. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit [tinyurl.com/earthdaynorwood2024](http://tinyurl.com/earthdaynorwood2024). Alternatively, motivated people are invited to meet Charlotte Firth of Charles River Running at 11:30 at the Town Common for plogging (combining jogging with picking up trash.) <https://www.facebook.com/events/1370475153600668> Immediately following the cleanup, grab lunch and join us at the Town Common, at the corner of Washington and Nahatan Street, for a community picnic, live music, and fair (11:30 am-1:30 pm). You will have a chance to visit over 20 local organizations to learn about their work to support the environment or what you can do to be more environmentally minded.

This event is FREE for all and family friendly. Cleanups will happen rain or shine, but in inclement weather, the picnic & fair will be held in the Norwood High School gymnasium at 245 Nichols Street.

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

A Solemn celebration for Divine Mercy will be held on Sunday, April 7th at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 547 Washington St., Norwood. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available from 1:30-2:30 pm in the chapel and the school gym. The recitation of the Most Holy Rosary will begin at 2:15 pm followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the church. Celebration of Holy Mass in honor of the Solemnity will be celebrated at 3 pm and will include veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. The Holy Mass and homily will be offered by Rev. Kevin Miller, of the Diocese of Scranton.

### 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: 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.

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## Morrill Library Events

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

### SENSORY FRIENDLY ART CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Classes are held from 10 am to 11:45 am at the Morrill Memorial Library, Simoni Room on the following dates: 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31, 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28.

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

### MUSICAL SUNDAY CONCERTS

The Morrill Memorial Library’s Spring Musical Sundays Concert Series kicks off in March! Join us for our first concert on Sunday, March 24 at 2:00-3:30 pm as we feature returning favorites, Knock on Wood. Note the 2:00 pm start time for this concert!

Knock on Wood is a high-energy acoustic folk-rock duo, featuring singer-songwriter Howie Newman and fiddler/mandolinist Joe Kessler. Combining acoustic guitar with fiddle, mandolin and pleasing vocal harmonies, the duo performs funny original music (suitable for all ages) and Classic Rock covers. It’s a very lively, fun show with great musicianship, humor and lots of audience participation. For more information, including videos and music samples, visit <http://www.howienewman.com/knockonwood>

Additional concert dates will be announced soon - stay tuned!

### VINTAGE POSTCARDS OF NORWOOD

This spring, the Morrill Memorial Library and Old Parish Preservation Volunteers are partnering to present a visual tour of local history as you may never have seen it before.

On Monday, March 25, at 6:30 pm, join Patricia Fanning, Robert Donahue, and Rock Street Press publisher Heather Cole for a discussion of the new book, *Wish You Were Here: Vintage Postcards of Norwood, Massachusetts*. This full-color publication features reproductions of more than 150 postcards from the private collection of Robert and Susan Donahue, with annotations by Fanning. It is an engaging visual tour through Norwood’s past and a great gift for fans of local history, vintage postcards, or early 20th century photography.

The postcards in this volume tell the story of Norwood from its founding to the late twentieth century. Businesses, houses of worship, educational, health care and recreational facilities, public buildings, landmarks and homes are all represented. For many, these views will spark nostalgia; for others, they will be totally unfamiliar. Either way, this is vintage Norwood.

### SENSORY-FRIENDLY LEGO CLUB FOR ADULTS

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with the L.E.A.D. program affiliated with Norwood High School to host a Sensory-

friendly Lego Club for Adults. Our March Lego club meeting will be held in-person at the library on Thursday March 28, from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

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

### SENSORY FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHT

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

Join us for our Sensory-friendly Friday movie at the Library! This program will be held in-person in the Simoni Room on Friday March 29, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our March movie in the Sensory-friendly Friday movie series is Universal’s *Dolittle* starring Robert Downey Jr., rated PG

### ENJOY ART IN BLOOM

Usher in springtime with the Norwood Evening Garden Club’s 18th annual Art in Bloom!

Art in Bloom is a community event that displays artwork generated by Norwood and Walpole High School students coupled with interpretative floral designs composed by members of the Norwood Evening Garden Club. Twenty pieces of artwork will be displayed in the Library on Saturday, April 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday April 7 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Admission is free and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend to support the student artists.

For information about the Norwood Evening Garden Club, visit [www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.com](http://www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.com). Contact Mary Ellen Heike at [meheike59@gmail.com](mailto:meheike59@gmail.com) with questions or for more information.

### CLIMATE RIBBON PROJECT

To celebrate Earth Day 2024, the Morrill Memorial Library is excited to host our very first Climate Ribbon Project! We hope to get townwide community participation in this month-long project, which will officially kick off at our annual Norwood 101 event on the evening of Monday, April 8.

About the CRP: As we deal with climate change it is important to reflect on all that we have and what we may lose due to climate change. Will it be our lakes, beaches, green forests? Will it be our food production? Will our health worsen? There is a lot to think about. Started in 2014, the Climate Ribbon Project uses art and ritual to grieve what we each stand to lose to Climate Chaos, and affirms our solidarity as we unite to fight against it (Source: <http://www.theclimateribbon.org/project#home>).

How will it work here in Norwood? Following our launch on April 8, we will have a table on the first floor with all the materials needed to create your own ribbon to contribute to the project. Or, you’re welcome to bring your own ribbons from home. Writing materials will be provided. The question you have to ask yourself is, “What do I love and hope to never lose to

climate chaos?”

Write your answer on your ribbon and we will show off all the ribbons as part of an outdoor display in front of the library. The Climate Ribbon Project will be a visual symbol of our collaborative efforts to create an impact in the community, to bring awareness about climate change to the Norwood community and beyond. The project will conclude on April 30.

### PLANNING FOR MEDICARE

Morrill Memorial Library is partnering with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts to bring a presentation on the very important topic of Medicare to the library. The program is called Planning for Medicare- Countdown to 65 on April 16, at 6:30 PM in the Simoni Room.

Please join us to understand Medicare eligibility. Learn about your health insurance options outside of employer-sponsored coverage. Many people need help understanding the coverage options available to them. This is especially true for people that plan to retire and are leaving employer sponsored coverage. For these individuals, retirement may be the first time they do not have a Human Resource representative coordinating, explaining, and negotiating a rate for their health plan premium. The presentation will explain: Medicare Parts A and B, Medicare enrollment timeline, Medigap Plans that supplement Medicare coverage, Medicare Advantage Plans, such as HMO and PPO’s, Medicare Part D prescription drug plans, and plans and programs available to early retirees, such as COBRA.

About the presenter: Susan Flanagan, Senior Plan Consultant, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

### BIRDS IN YOUR BACKYARD

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to offer a presentation called *Birds in Your Backyard* by Joy Marzolf on April 11, at 7 p.m. in the Simoni Room.

As the days get longer and temperatures get warmer, a wide variety of birds may visit backyards in the Greater Boston area. What makes a good backyard habitat? How do you attract those beautiful birds? Who is coming and who is going this time of year? Come find out more about our local birds, as well as occasional visitors, and what brings them to our neighborhoods. Experience the sights and sounds of some of our most beautiful neighbors!

About the presenter: Joy has loved animals from the time she was a child growing up in New England and she would always take advantage of any outdoor time to explore nature. In addition to a BA in Biology, she has been doing a variety of animal-related education programs in her professional life for over 20 years. One of her favorite things to do is break people’s misconceptions about many animals that people fear, such as predators including sharks, reptiles and spiders. This program is free and open to the public aged 18+.

We thank the Friends of Morrill Memorial Library for generously providing funding for this program.



**Monday, March 11**

1353 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: E Cross St + Pleasant St Called in by a Norwood school bus driver. Reporting a dalmation with no collar and leash and no owner walking in the area. ACO notified and responding to check the area.

1800 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Neponset St + Bahama Dr Reporting party stated 4 year old boy with long hair riding red bike unsupervised. Cruiser checked the areas of Neponset, Washington, and Ellis Ave without findings, checking the side streets now. Thorough check of the area without findings.

1843 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Rosemary St Calling party stated an ex-tenant is on scene attempting to break in to the building. Landlord on scene allowing the male party to retrieve belongings. Property has been retrieved and the male party has been verbally trespassed.

2318 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Spoke With Location/Address: Engamore Ln Calling party states male party has been in the doorway to entrance for 30 minutes. Calling party had attempted to ask if they were okay but the involved did not speak any English and could only point towards the building. Involved party described as gray sweatshirt and gray pants no further description. Strong language barrier but party has been spoken to.

**Tuesday, March 12**

1808 911 - PD-Threats Services Rendered Location/Address: CVS Pharmacy - Nahatan St 911- caller reports a verbal altercation over a parking spot with a male party, who in turn showed a small handgun. Other party is in a red Toyota, dark tint. Black male, dreads parked in first row in front of CVS. Calling party did not want to speak to PD on scene. He will be heading to Norwood Police Station to speak.

1909 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: - Washington St Riverside clinician would like to speak to an officer in regards to a panel falling off the window as she was speaking to a client through the window. 676 saw a broken window with glass on the ground. 676 was able to make contact with the property owner. They stated they will send some-

one out by tonight. Resident was advised to stay away from the window. Units will be clear.

**Wednesday, March 13**

0105 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Report Follows Vicinity of: CVS Pharmacy - Nahatan St Off with Mass reg: 4YFK47 Don and Wally's en route. 663 returning to the station with one male in custody. Don and Wally's has the vehicle, units clear. Arrest: McClure, Jason M Address: 147 Center St Brockton, Ma Age: 48 Charges: Straight Warrant Drug, Possess Class B Drug, Possess Class C

0714 Phone - PD-Vandalism Report Follows Location/Address: Alpine Rd Party in front lobby would like to report that their motor vehicle was vandalized. Checking Alpine for cameras. Spoke to neighbors who have ring cameras. They did not have anything.

0826 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Neponset St Party reports that an unknown male party was at her door yesterday. She would like to report it today. Caller is asking for extra checks in the area of her home. Subject is described as a white male in mid 50's with reddish hair in a pony tail and had a beard. Wearing an Air Force ball cap and a Bass Pro Shop sweatshirt. Male party was driving a black sedan with unknown plates. Reporting party states the male party was looking for a female party at this address.

1841 Phone - PD-Lost/Found Property Spoke With Location/Address: Winter St + Beech St Party in the lobby looking to talk to an OFC in regards to money they found. Party advised. Clear.

2147 Phone - PD-Harassment Spoke With Location/Address: Elliot St Party in the lobby looking to talk to an OFC to report harassment. Spoke to all parties. Came to a resolution. All parties will leave each other alone.

**Thursday, March 14**

1527 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller states that the door to her home is wide open when she arrived and would like officers to respond. The officers report the calling party thinks maintenance left the door open and maintenance thinks the calling party left the door open. Units are clear.

1645 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Report Follows Loca-

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# Police Logs



tion/Address: McDonalds - Union/Rte1 - Bos-Prov Hwy MVST MA REG 4FBS57, BCI is out with the above vehicle and 665 + MC7 will also be responding. 665 transporting one male back to the station under arrest. Center auto has the vehicle. Towing back to the station. Arrest: Lachapell Lorenzo, Samuel Antonio Address: 76 Walnut Park Apt. #3 Boston, Ma Age: 30 Charges: Crack cocaine, trafficking in 18 grams or more, less than 36 grams Fentanyl, trafficking in more than 10 grams c.94C, \*32E(c+) Cocaine, Possess to Distrib class B Unlicensed Operation of MV

**Friday, March 15**

0249 Initiated - PD-Warrant Report Follows Location/Address: Jefferson Dr Attempted warrant service on a male party at this address. NWD 668 advises cruisers to keep a look out. NWD 668 has male party in custody at the Acura in Westwood. Westwood notified of an audible alarm sounding in the area. They are sending a cruiser by as well. NWD 663 returning with one male in custody to the station. Arrest: Irving, Joshua Allen Address: 64 Jefferson Dr Norwood, Ma Age: 19 Charges: Straight Warrant

1236 Phone - PD-Assist Fire Department Services Rendered Location/Address: Bahama Dr Caller on 911 reporting a crane collapse, unknown occupants. MA Commercial V77055 Waiting for additional crane. No ETA given.

1528 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: May Institute - Commerce Way 911 caller requesting police for a 14 Y/O M, throwing rocks at cars and passing people. Party is outside by the playground. 679 reports all parties have been advised, situation will be handled internally.

1728 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Spoke With Location/Address: Spot - E Cottage St Shoplifter turned into wanted party. Spoke to all parties involved. Owner declined pressing charges. Involved has been verbally trespassed.

1807 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Sally Beauty Supply - Lenox St Man standing outside

store screaming and banging on windows of store. Worker has locked the doors to the store because patrons are scared to leave. That party is a white male around 50 yr old and wearing blue and white plaid with jeans. Male party has been identified and spoken to. He has left Sally Beauty and is sitting in a different business conducting business on his phone.

2105 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: - Bos-Prov Hwy 911 caller reporting that he is in a gas tanker refueling Irving and a man in a black Ford F150 was lighting fireworks near the truck. When the RP told the man to stop, the man circled the parking lot twice.

2306 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Upland Rd 911 caller reporting fireworks and car alarm going off

**Saturday, March 16**

1018 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Avalon Apartments - Lenox St Caller on the business line reporting a bat in her closet. ACO Briana to handle.

1219 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: St. Timothy Church - Nichols St Caller on the business line reporting a Blue Subaru Wagon doing donuts in parking lot, right side of the building. Norwood 665 reports that party was advised of the possible repercussions of his actions, all units clear.

1514 Phone - PD-Lock Out Services Rendered Location/Address: Big Y Foods, Inc. Store #105 - Walpole St Caller on the business line reporting her child is locked in the vehicle, 4 year old child, in no distress at this time. Toyota Highlander silver. Norwood 665 reports that party was able to unlock the vehicle. All units clear.

1544 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Village Rd E Caller on 911 reports daughter let another girl borrow her Nintendo game system, now not returning. Norwood 666 reports speaking to all parties. The involved party stated they did not have the gaming console. All parties advised. All units clear.

1704 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Adams St Reporting party stating that a male party at this address was recently removed from housing there and is not causing a disturbance currently but concerned he might start. Male party was given permission to be on Adams street. Was advised that he is not to cross the street onto Norwood Housing as he was trespassed from there.

2117 Radio - PD-Disturbance Spoke To Location/Address: Coventry Lane Call into HQ

states that there is a large party at this address and a fight has started to break out inside the apartment.

2227 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Thompson Rd Caller called into HQ reporting a male party asleep at wheel in a black Audi for a period of time. Concerned for his safety. Returning with one in custody. No operation of the vehicle involved. NWD 661 standing by waiting for a licensed operator. Licensed operator has arrived and taken the vehicle. Arrest: Sonnenberg, Jack David Address: 119 Bullard St Walpole, Ma Age: 19 Charges: RMV Document, Possess/Use False/Stolen

**Sunday, March 17**

0008 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Dean St + Pleasant St e911 caller requesting assistance after witnessing a male party lying on the side of the road with his bicycle. Caller is unsure if party is injured or requires assistance. Party took a fall off of his bicycle and has declined medical attention.

1513 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller on the business line would like a H&W check on his co-worker. She was supposed to show up to work at 12 and he has not heard from her. He is outside her house where her vehicle is parked outside, but no answer at the door. Made contact with the female party. She stated she overslept. All checks ok, units will be clear.

1705 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Cottage St 911 caller reporting a customer came into her store looking for a lost wallet. When told they did not find one he got angry and started threatening them. Norwood 674 reports a disagreement over a customer's lost wallet, business owner concerned about the possible negative reviews of her business. All units clear.

1810 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Gone on arrival Location/Address: Broadway Caller on the business line reporting a female party lying down on the sidewalk, described as wearing grey pants, tan boots, and dark jacket, caller concerned for her well being. Norwood 665 reports checking the area, party was gone on arrival, all units clear.

2256 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Broadway + E Cottage St From Norwood HQ for a male and a female party attempting to make entrance into a bowling alley. Norwood 664 reports those parties stated they were eating food, all units clear.

**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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The Town of Norwood(Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

**Water Main Cleaning and Lining – Elliot Street and  
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NPW-24-04**

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received until 11:00 A.M on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 and at that time publicly opened. Bid submittals will be to occur electronically on projectdog.com using Project Code: **861002**.

The Project includes the following Work:

The proposed work includes a Base Bid for cleaning and cement mortar lining of approximately sixteen thousand seven hundred (16,700) linear feet of 6-inch and 8-inch cast iron water pipe. The work includes bypass piping, new cement lined ductile iron pipe extensions or connections, valves, hydrants, hydrant branches, appurtenances, water service replacements with copper piping, traffic control, and trench paving.

The proposed work also includes a Bid Alternate A for cleaning and cement mortar lining of approximately five thousand three hundred (5,300) linear feet of 6-inch cast iron water pipe. The work includes bypass piping, new cement lined ductile iron pipe extensions or connections, valves, hydrants, hydrant branches, appurtenances, water service replacements with copper piping, traffic control, and trench paving.

**Obtaining the Bidding Documents**

**ProjectDog.com**

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website on or after March 21, 2024 and are available in electronic format only. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

**Instructions to Bidders.**

Each bid must be accompanied by bid security in the form of certified check, cashier's check, treasurer's check or bid bond in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the value of the bid, including all alternates.

Attention of bidders is called particularly to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum rates to be paid under the contract as determined by the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26-27H inclusive.

All bidders shall make positive efforts to achieve: (1) a minority employee work force hour goal of 15.30 percent, (2) a woman employee work force hour goal of 6.90 percent, (3) a goal of 4.2 percent participation of Minority-Owned Business Enterprise(s) (MBE), and (4) a goal of 8.8 percent participation of Woman-Owned Business Enterprise(s) (WBE). The contractor shall take all affirmative steps necessary to achieve these goals. The bidder shall submit completed MBE and WBE forms with the bid. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days (Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded) after the date of opening thereof.

A Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond, each in an amount equal to 100 percent of the contract price, will be required for the faithful performance of the Contract and provided within ten (10) calendar days of the award letter. The right is reserved to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids received, and to award the contract to any of the Contractors bidding on the work if, in the Town's opinion, the best interests of the Town thereby will be promoted.

The successful bidder shall be required to submit documentation that all employees to be employed in the work subject to this bid have successfully completed a course in construction safety and health approved by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration that is at least 10 hours in duration. Any employee found on a worksite subject to this section without documentation of successful completion of a course in construction safety and health approved by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration that is at least 10 hours in duration shall be subject to immediate removal.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders and Qualifications sections that are included in the Bidding Documents.

**This Advertisement is issued by:**

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General Manager

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# Seniors celebrate St. Patrick's Day



*The Norwood Senior Center hosted its own St. Patrick's Day celebration on Sunday to the delight of more than 100 residents. The event featured traditional foods - corned beef and cabbage most certainly on the menu - and traditional music to celebrate Ireland's patron saint.*

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# February Citizens of the Month!



**Grade 8:** Luke Nataupsky (missing from photo), Kyle Lynch, Sambhav Niraula, Farbentz Vixamar:

**Grade 7:** Himanka Kafle, Joseph Quaranto, Ella Petrillo, Mardochee Jean-Charles, Jossiah Alicea:

**Grade 6:** Gabe Martinez Ovando, Addilyn Gallugi, MK Holm, Carla Pierre Louis.

Congratulations to the February 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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