



Norwood didn't have an issue getting Town Meeting members out for the fall meeting, but coming to an agreement on lights and fire seemed a bit more problematic.

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## Fire, lights and water top TM concerns

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

Fall Town Meeting (TM) wrapped up in three-and-a-half hours on Monday, Oct. 18, having taken care of all its designated business.

The hottest topic was the first Warrant Article discussed, which was a vote to send a home-rule petition to the state legislature to allow newly-appointed Norwood Fire Chief David Hayes be able to continue past the usually-required retirement age of 65 to the age of 70.

Hayes is currently 63, and will be 65 in February of 2023. Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said the request was being made at this time because the State Legislature doesn't always move quickly on matters like these, and it could slip through the cracks to the point where Hayes may have to retire before the legislation is voted on at the State House.

The issue was raised by the Norwood Firefighters Local 1631 Union. Union President Paul Ronco said they this should have first been discussed with the union first.

"The last three years down at the Norwood Fire Department (NFD) have been tumultuous to say the least," he said. "We had quite a difficult time, not only with the past chief, but also with the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager. This article was put on the warrant with no communication with the firefighters who are directly affected by this article. Only a couple of days ago we had to reach out and express some concerns we had with this article."

Ronco said the root of the problem, in his opinion, was lack of communication.

"The fact that our human resources department had to hire an outside source to the tune of \$25,000-plus taxpayer dollars to fix the communication problem between the Town and the firefighters speaks to this. This communication issue is still lingering. Since

Chief Dave Hayes has taken over, 47 days ago, the place has gotten better. People are more relaxed. Three years before that, it was a toxic environment, and we were fending for ourselves. We were dealing with a pandemic, and we had been pleading with the fire chief, the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager for help. And it fell on deaf ears. This is kind of the same thing. This article, if we could have just voiced our concerns, I would not be standing here right now."

Ronco and Union Secretary Dennis Mawn asked that the vote be postponed. However, Town Moderator David Hern said that was technically out of order, as a 'No' vote from the assembled Town Meeting Members (TM) would basically amount to the same thing. Then TM Member Katie Neal Rizzo amended the vote so that the age limit would only be extended to Hayes' 67th birthday. That amendment failed.

The original motion to send a home-rule petition to the state legislature to extend Hayes legal ability to be the NFD's fire chief passed 64 to 54. The legislature generally takes the closeness of such a vote into consideration, and Hayes' extension may fail in the legislature because of that.

Moving on to the Light Department, TM voted unanimously to take \$6,574,500 from Free Cash to use for a capital improvement plan. The motion was one of three regarding capital improvement. This one included a line item for \$650,000 for new lights at the Norwood High School Track and Field Complex as part of the track and field renovation.

Several members were concerned about the lighting. TM Member and Finance Commissioner Anne Haley said originally, during the public process around the construction of the school and the fields, there was a "verbal agreement" that lighting would not be put in at the field complex because it could

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## Hajjar's impact "will be felt for generations"

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

Selectman David Hajjar passed away suddenly this past Saturday from a heart-related illness.

The Town mourned his passing, and a remembrance was observed at the Oct. 18 Town Meeting. Selectmen Chair Thomas Maloney said at the meeting that one seat at the Board's table would be left empty in his honor.

One could hear conversations from officials and Town Meeting members alike during the course of the meeting about what his impacts were on this Town. One official, talking about Hajjar's work on the Norwood Personnel Advisory Board and his love of details and interest in making the Town run more efficiently, said his work will be felt for generations.

Selecman Helen Abdallah-Donohue echoed that sentiment.

"He cared so much about his family; he cared about his church; he cared about the Town of Norwood and he cared about performing his work for the Town in an exceptionally beautiful manner," she said. "This is a huge loss for the Town. This is a big, big loss. What he was doing was systematizing the proper activities that the Town should follow in the years to come. He defined what needed to be done and then devised plans, and then he organized ways to get things done. Everything was reviewed by Town Counsel to make sure he was on the proper legal track and he did it in an organized manner. What he did will



Selectman David Hajjar

be felt for years to come."

Abdallah-Donohue said Hajjar was a committed member of his church in West Roxbury. He was a member of the Our Lady of the Annunciation Melkite Church on the VFW Parkway. When the church organization built a nursing home for its congregation, she said Hajjar was right there to help.

"A woman from Norwood, Loretta Merageas, her father donated the land to the Syrian people and they built a beautiful nursing home and David was a trustee for the nursing home for 13 years," she said.

Finance Commissioner Alan Slater said he worked with Hajjar for several years and said he felt they had become friends during that time.

"All I can tell you is that David loved working for the Town, that was

Hajjar

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## Hundreds attend first Wings and Wheels event

Rich Trombetta  
Staff Reporter

"Ladies and gentlemen. You're about to see a plane takeoff," announced Katie Seastedt, assistant director of recreation for the Town of Norwood.

The propeller of a single-engine plane slowly began to turn, its speed increasing until the sound was a loud and consistent hum. The pilots, visible in the cockpit, appeared to make last minute checks as the plane turned to the left and made its way toward the runway. Spectators, mostly families with young children, watched and waved good-bye, close enough to make eye contact with the pilots but far enough away to remain safe.

The first-ever Norwood Wings and Wheels event, organized by Norwood Recreation Department in cooperation with the Norwood Memorial Airport, was about to begin.

Groups of children, many visibly excited and some seemingly a bit nervous, were accompanied by parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and escorted by a volunteer guide past a security gate and down the tarmac. Various trucks, a police car with its lights on, a fire truck, a number of planes - including a jet and pontoon plane - and helicopters awaited them, the trucks available to be touched and climbed upon and the planes and helicopters ready for a perfect photo opportunity

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create a detriment to neighbors living around the high school. Town Meeting members who said they lived near the Balch School said they've also had issues with the lights around the

Balch's athletic fields in the past.

"It was a personal promise from (then Town Manager John) Carroll, and it should have been in writing but it

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wasn't," Haley said. "What can I say? We made a mistake."

Haley said during the entire public process for the school it was promised several times that there would be no lights at the field complex. School Committee Chair Teresa Stewart said the School Committee is aware of potential problems with lights during games.

"We did talk about this at one of our previous School Committee meetings, and we stated we do want to work with the community on this," she said. "We are open to creating an agreement around usage around the field if there's going to be lights."

NHS Principal Hugh Galligan said Norwood is in the minority when it comes to lights at its high school sporting events.

"We're one of the very few communities without a lighted field in Massachusetts," he said. "Outdoor-based community events are needed now more than ever."

Town Meeting Member Irene Gotovich said she lives right by the Balch School, where the lights are on three seasons of the year, but she said the lights at the high school would be a great asset to the community.

"This is such an enhancement to the community that I think lights at the field would only add to this," she said. "I understand there are concerns, but I would have to say this is something that I think is a sign of the times, that we should all get together and appreciate what this could add to the community."

The second capital project included two items for a combined borrowing amount of \$6.8 million and was for road repairs and replacing the heating, ventilation and air condi-

tioning machinery at the Norwood Public Safety Building. Norwood Facilities Manager Paul Ricardi said the replacement was extremely necessary.

"It is the way it is, but it is a disaster," he said. "From the control system, from the rooftop units, the whole thing is a mess. The environment system in that building is, in one word, inconsistent on an average day. It needs to be done, it needs to be done right and we at the Facilities Department are not going to put our stamp on it unless it's done right. We owe it to the people who have put up with this for 20 years to put a system in that operates the way it should. The heat is on in the summer when the air conditioning is on. The boilers are running all year, and the control system? We cannot manage it anymore."

The motion passed unanimously. The last issue of contention was for \$5.13 million for this year's relining of Norwood's water pipes through a no-interest loan from the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA). Selectman Helen Abdallah-Donohue said she felt this was excessive.

"The Town of Norwood is only 150 years old next year, and we began a program more than 20 years ago about spending \$1 million a year from a no-interest loan from the MWRA to reline our pipes," she said. "Mr. Carroll administered the program and that was his area of expertise and we started with the oldest area of the Town, and a lot of the pipes need to be relined. But I think using \$4.5 million is excessive, and I hope that in the future that the plan will be to go back to using \$1 million, and some of the pipes we're relining now are only 60 years old."

Abdallah-Donohue expressed her discomfort with

voting on so many capital improvement projects in one year at the last Board of Selectmen's meeting. She said the Board is looking into changing the Town By-law concerning Capital Outlay so that this could be rectified in the future.

"Some of the items are really good and some are up to opinion, but a wonderful thing we all agreed, and Mr. David Hajjar was a big part of it, we all agreed that we have to review the whole concept of capital outlay, because we have a Town of Norwood bylaw that we live by and we have policies that have been initiated over the years," she said. "And it was the agreement of the whole board that we will begin a review regarding which items should be in capital outlay, which items should be in another place and my big point is a lot of the membership of the Capital Outlay Committee is balanced by people who work for the Town. My concept of how we're going to spend \$12 million means that we have to have more people from the Town to help make these decisions, and we have to have committee meetings about them and we have to have local discussions about them. So it was agreed we're going to start this, so please offer yourselves out for membership and, hopefully, we'll get some more community input on it."

Selectmen Chair and Capital Outlay Chair Thomas Maloney pointed out at the beginning of the discussion that the Capital Outlay Committee had three meetings on this year's round of projects. Two were in-person tours of the areas of largest concern and one was a virtual meeting before the capital projects were submitted to the Board of Selectmen.

The water relining project passed unanimously.



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his passion,” he said. “Whether it was his work on the Finance Commission, the Personnel Board and, ultimately, the Selectmen, he loved working for the Town and coming up with ideas that would make the Town better and make life easier for its citizens. He was a friend and a colleague and he will be greatly missed by the Town of Norwood. He worked on a lot of different policies and programs and tried to standardize things and make things easier for people in the future. If you have a set of rules and guidelines you can live by and it’s very clear what they are, it makes it much easier for you to do your job. You didn’t have to worry about the fine details, David took care of those.”

Maloney said he worked with Hajjar on the Board of Selectmen, but also on the Neponset Valley Sunrise Rotary, for which Hajjar was most recently the president.

“We were going to make him president for life,” he said.

Maloney said he and David were talking very recently and Hajjar had said that even with his 13 years on the Personnel Board, his years on the Finance Commission, the Rotary and being a selectman, his work for the Town didn’t seem to weigh heavily on him. ‘The time just flew right by,’ said Hajjar.

Maloney also spoke to Town Meeting about Hajjar and the endless work he did for the Town and its residents.

“You see an empty seat at the far end here with David’s portrait, and the Board of Selectmen mourns the sudden death of our colleague, David Hajjar,” he said. “David was much loved by those who knew him best and widely liked by his fellow townspeople. He was universally well respected for his devotion to the Town’s welfare and his diligence in pursuing measures by which to improve it.”

Abdallah-Donohue said the Board liked to rib Hajjar for his consistency, especially when it came to updating the Board and any residents watching the meeting on Norwood Community Media about the number of building permits that were issued that month.

“He was a longtime member of this body and took particular delight in pointing out he never missed a meeting,” he said.

Hajjar is survived by his wife Elaine, his children Jenine Salter, Nicholas Hajjar, Matthew Hajjar and Abraham Omar. His loss is also felt by his grandchildren Teddy, Jackson and Charlie, his sister Densis Hajjar-Casamassima, his mother-in-law Helen Haddad and his aunt Jvonne Moses.

Maloney said the Board will be starting discussions on setting up a special election to replace Hajjar at a Board meeting on Thursday.



The Craft Affair made its way back to the Norwood High School gym this past weekend to the delight of hundreds.

PHOTO BY ARIANE KOMYATI

## Craft Affair makes grand return

**Ariane Komyati**  
Staff Reporter

After being cancelled last year due to COVID, The Craft Affair returned to Norwood on Oct. 16.

Perhaps around a thousand people attended the event, which took place from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Norwood High School. About 85 craft vendors were set up in the High School gym, selling a wide variety of homemade goods: crocheted items, pet jackets, resin art, homemade cannolis, Christmas ornaments, photography prints, knitted sweaters, doll clothes, scarves, handbags, soap, candles, phone popsockets, candy, honey, jam, bird houses, friendship bracelets, painted

wine glasses, door signs, and much, much more.

Students and volunteers also helped people buy tickets for raffle prizes and held a bake sale by the school’s entrance. Masks were required inside the school as a COVID safety precaution.

“We’ve always held the Craft Affair around this weekend in October. This is the 27th annual event. This is my first time doing the event,” explained Michele Hsu, the Craft Affair Coordinator. “I took it on last year, but unfortunately it was cancelled, so this is my first year. We expect during the course of the day to have about 1,000 people attend the event.”

The event typically raises \$10,000, half of which goes to

the Post Prom Party Committee and the rest divided up to the school groups that help out before, during and after the event. Hsu said the Post Prom Party is looking to be an amazing set of events this year.

Crafters came from all over New England to sell their special handmade items. Anne Mosey sold adorable hand-crocheted animals. “This is my first time at the Craft Affair,” said Mosey. “It’s very well organized; it’s been amazingly successful for me.” Mosey said she has been crocheting for over 50 years.

A wide variety of items were being sold at the fair - Cathy O’Toole was selling

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# OPINION

## Time for everyone to grow up

There is no doubt at this address that Norwood Firefighters Local 1631 Union is, oh how do we put this... high maintenance. They are like what Kyrie Irving is to basketball and what any of the Kardashian women are to their baby daddies. By most accounts, just like Kyrie, Kim, Kourtney and Khloe, the Norwood Fire Department is perceived to be very good at what it does, though how much better, if at all, to other municipal fire departments is difficult to quantify (and okay, I admit I'm not sure what good the Kardashians provide but I really wanted to use the analogy).

Because of the perceived superior product they provide and because of their onerous union contract and mostly because the majority of the union are either parents, husbands, brothers, sisters or just friends of at least half the Town Meeting members, they can get away with a lot, and they know it. The Board of Selectmen, who the union membership must ultimately take direction from, has historically dealt with the group on an 'only if we have to' basis, kind of like a babysitter finally forced to peel their eyes from *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills* because one kid is drowning his little brother in the bathtub.

The downside to these kinds of relationships is stagnation. It's obvious that the Selectmen don't like this union and more so than ever they are expressing this to Town Meeting either directly, for example, by recent snarky comments made by Selectmen Chairman Tom Maloney to TM relative to mysterious department building door and fire truck damage, to more indirectly by not communicating with the union concerning the attempt to keep Fire Chief Hayes longer than the mandated retirement age of 65 (See Page 1 article in this week's issue).

We are on record as not agreeing with Selectmen relative to their handling of the damages before TM, and we agree with the union now that Selectmen and or the Town Manager should have addressed their proposed legislation to lengthen Hayes' contract with the brethren in a timely fashion prior to introducing it to TM. Said Union President Paul Ronco, "This article, if we could have just voiced our concerns, I would not be standing here right now" rings a bit hollow but probably has some merit. They should have been afforded the courtesy of a meeting to discuss things, as painful as that probably would have been for the Selectmen. And the fact of the matter is, because of the lackluster support for the motion to file the legislation, undoubtedly in part due to the perceived sleight to the union, the legislation will most likely fail at the state level because the vote was so close. This was not the Town Manager's or Selectmen's finest hour.

Both parties need to grow up and stop acting like children. The union needs to stop throwing tantrums and Selectmen need to stop thinking they are oh so clever. And, on a final note, this newspaper is wondering why the Town Manager isn't doing more to mitigate the problems, either upfront or behind the scenes. Isn't that his job? Granted, there have always been more than the usual antagonisms between Selectmen and this union, but lately it seems worse than ever.

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handcrafted phone popsockets and flashy resin art pyramids.

"This is my first time at this Norwood craft fair. It's very nice - a big crowd, lots of vendors. I've done other craft fairs before, and I wanted to try something new," O'Toole explained.

"One of the unique things about this craft fair is that we have a lot of student involvement. When the crafters get here at 6:30 a.m., we have multiple athletic teams come to help set up and carry their items right to the gym. It's one of the very popular features of this craft

fair. We also have students working the raffle tables, and the cheerleading team is helping with kids' crafts," said Hsu.

Hsu said the event can be vital for many of the student groups and organizations that use that money for trips, shows, traveling games and more. For more information, go to <https://nhspostprom.weebly.com/>

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# The Record Book

### CIVIL WAR VETERANS IN OLD PARISH CEMETERY TOUR

Old Parish Preservation Volunteers (OPPV) will host a tour of Old Parish Cemetery titled "Civil War Veterans in Old Parish" on Saturday, October 23, at 2:00 pm. (Rain date Sunday, October 24 at 2).

Come and learn about the lives of those who left South Dedham to defend the United States during the Civil War. Sixteen men who fought are interred in Old Parish including four who were killed during the conflict.

The tour is free to all.

The new book, *Keeping the Past: Norwood at 150*, which includes a chapter about these brave men, will be available for purchase as well.

Old Parish Cemetery will also be open on November 11, Veterans Day, from 1-3 pm. Anyone interested in helping preserve this sacred site can visit the OPPV web site at <https://www.oldparishpreservationvolunteers.com>

### WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET

The Norwood Woman's Club will be meeting on November 9, at 12:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 572 Nichols St, Norwood. We will be entertained by Tommy Rull, a singer/entertainer who will take us on a journey through the years. A light lunch will be served. Guests are welcome. Any questions, please call Trina at 781-762-8173 or Carol at 781-762-5105. Hope to see you there.

### MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP TO MEET

The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group will hold its monthly meeting at The Grange, 28 Rockwood Road (Route 115) in Norfolk, MA from 7-9 pm on Thursday, November 4.

We would appreciate the cooperation of all in observing the Covid-19 precaution of wearing a mask while indoors during our meeting.

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. For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

### WALPOLE FOOTLIGHTERS ANNOUNCE AUDITIONS FOR CALENDAR GIRLS

The Walpole Footlighters are pleased to announce open auditions for Calendar Girls by Tim Firth, based on the Miramax motion picture by Juliette Towhidi and Tim Firth, on Sunday, November 7 and Monday, November 8 at 7:00 pm at the Footlighters Playhouse, 2 Scout Rd, East Walpole, MA. If you can't make the audition dates, please contact the director at [mariannephinney@outlook.com](mailto:mariannephinney@outlook.com) to make other arrangements. Callbacks, if needed, will be held Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 pm. To save time, download and complete the audition form at <https://bit.ly/3BmM4Xs>.

All actors must have had at least one vaccination shot by the audition dates.

This production was interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic and many of the original cast will be returning for this production. Actors auditioning for the roles of Cora and Celia must be willing to pose nude for the calendar during the performance. All those posing for the calendar will be concealed by a variety of props - cinnamon buns, flowers, balls of wool on knitting needles, and fruit. The audience will never see any

"naughty bits."

The production will be directed by Marianne Phinney. Performance dates are February 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19 at 8:00 pm and February 13 and 20 at 2:00 pm. Rehearsals will begin on November 11 and will be on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings. This is a non-union production and there is no pay for actors. Calendar Girls is based on a true story.

### OLD PARISH PRESERVATION VOLUNTEERS BEGIN NEW SEASON

The aim of the OPPV is to properly clean stone grave markers, repair and reset broken stones, and document this historic site. With care and attention, the cemetery will continue to be a valuable historical and cultural resource for the town. Saturday work days this fall include: October 30, and November 6.

The group will also host a tour of the cemetery titled "Civil War Veterans in Old Parish" on Saturday, October 23, at 2:00 pm. (Rain date Sunday, October 24 at 2). The Cemetery will also be open on November 11, Veterans Day, from 1-3 pm.

Anyone interested in helping preserve this site can join the group working in the cemetery, or visit the group's web site: <https://www.oldparishpreservationvolunteers.com> The cemetery is open to the public during the time volunteers are working.

### NORWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS 1976 REUNION

Join together for a fun night with friends on Friday, November 26, 2021 from 7pm-11pm at the Olde Colonial Café, 171 Nahatan St, Norwood MA. Buffet dinner and Live Band. \$35.00 per person by November 1, \$50.00 per person after November 1. Please make checks payable to : NHS Class of 76 Reunion. Mail to Karen Kinosian, 51 Bradford Drive, Norwood, MA 02062 or Venmo @DonnaMacLean31.

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available every Thursday in the chapel from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. and each First Friday/Saturday of the month for an All Night Vigil-6 p.m.-6:30 a.m. "Can you watch with me for 1 Hour?" (Matthew 26:40). St. Catherine of Siena Chapel, 547 Washington St., Norwood.

### CLASS OF 1972 REUNION

The planning committee is now looking to find/update classmates' contact info for the fall 2022 reunion. Please feel free to call or email to update/check your contact info. Bob Donnelly, 339-206-2516 [robertdonnell66@gmail.com](mailto:robertdonnell66@gmail.com), Diane (Shannon) Sheehan, 617-930-1777 [dsheehan909@gmail.com](mailto:dsheehan909@gmail.com), Gail Flaherty, 617-328-6585, Maura (Lafargue) Towne, 781-608-9468 [twinmcc@aol.com](mailto:twinmcc@aol.com). Hope to see you in 2022!

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Events like this reading of Frederick Douglas' speech 'What is the 4th of July to a Slave?' are heavily attended and Fanning said the Old Parish Preservation Volunteers group is expecting a good turnout this Saturday.

COURTESY PHOTO

# Civil War graves tour on Saturday

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Old Parish Preservation Volunteers (OPPV) will be hosting a free 2 p.m. tour of the graves of Civil War veterans on Oct. 23, this Saturday, at 2 p.m.

The tour will feature the 16 graves of Civil War veterans from Norwood, or South Dedham as it was known then. OPPV organizer Patti Fanning said the tour was like a preview for Veterans Day and the OPPV Open House Day on Nov. 11 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Fanning added that her new book, *Keeping the Past: Norwood at 150*, will also be available for purchase through cash or check.

"We do the tours this time of year," she said. "I was going to do it last year initially but of course we couldn't do anything last year. Really I think they're

an important group. I wrote about them in the book, but the tour will have a little more detail about their lives and the battles as well."

Fanning said the Civil War can get very broad in its coverage of the important events and milestones for the country that took place during that turbulent time, but said it's important to remember that these were real people.

"They felt it important to enlist and go off to save the Union and then they came back and lived their lives," she said.

One story of note that Fanning said they will be discussing on the tour is that of the three Fitz brothers. She said they were recently added to the list of veterans on the walls of Memorial Hall at the Town Hall.

"We discovered that when I

was doing research for some of this stuff, and found their

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What's an event without some front loaders to climb on? The Wings and Wheels event saw several opportunities to rummage around large vehicles for children last weekend.

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## Wings and Wheels

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on a gorgeous Saturday morning.

"I really liked the helicopters. They look a lot different when you see them close up," said Jafar Alaoui, an eight-year-old boy who attends Callahan Elementary School and has been on "like five airplanes." While Alaoui was impressed by what he saw, he is not sure a career in aviation is for him.

"I want to get into something that pays good money," the second-grader said before going to climb on a monstrous-sized excavator.

In addition to the planes and trucks, there were inflatable bouncy houses and slides for children to play on, as a DJ

spun upbeat tunes; Tom Petty's "Learning to Fly" blared as the first group made its way past the security gate and other songs like Frank Sinatra's classic "Come Fly With Me" and the Foo Fighters' "Learn to Fly" could be heard in the background throughout the event. Police officers and firefighters also engaged with kids and families, encouraging visitors to ask questions and even sit in the front seat of a police car.

"This exceeded our expectations," said Seastedt, who, along with Russ Maguire at the Norwood Memorial Airport, were the brains behind the idea for the event. "Our vision was to start small but within two hours [of people being able to enroll] there was a waiting list."

The free event brought out over 300 Norwood residents who, in groups of about 75 and for approximately 45 minutes,

had access to the tarmac area. One of the challenges Seastedt and the staff at the event faced was ensuring they followed all FAA safety and security guidelines, particularly since the airport remained operational while families enjoyed the experience. To the delight of the attendees planes and helicopters were taking off, landing and flying overhead.

"This is really cool," said Norwood resident Miguel Malena. "It's really impressive to see the planes still coming in."

Although this is the first Wings and Wheels event, Seastedt expects the Town to run it again next year or possibly in the spring.

"I like seeing the community coming together," Seastedt said. "And this wasn't just for families. We had a 77-year-old sign up. There is something for everyone, and it's such a beautiful day."



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## Ask The Doctor

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

### 2021 Infiniti Q50 AWD

The Infiniti brand always stood for quiet high quality vehicles. It has been a while since I drove an Infiniti QX50. The 2021 Autograph is the top of the line model. This is a mid size SUV that is very sports car like and even has a factory trail hitch with 3000 lb towing capacity. The style is very Infiniti like with the big grille and rounded lines no sharp lines or edges. The engine is a 4 cylinder variable compression turbo charged 4 cylinder pushing out 268 HP via a CVT transmission that has a firm gear change under acceleration, paddle shifter gives the driver gear selection and shifting both up and down. The interior is very plush and diamond puffed design, The diamond stitch design is usually found in SUV'S costing 3-4 times the cost of this Q50. A large multi display top and center dash. A Bose 16 speaker audio system, heated and cooled front seats and steering wheel, remote start all season tires 20 inch alloy wheels, panorama roof plus more. The Q50 has all the driver safety assist that you would expect. The base Q50 is called Pure FWD starts at \$37,250 destination \$955, our Autograph AWD \$55,850 plus options. Optional equipment on our Autograph is the premium white leather with the quilted stitching with suede accents \$2000, premium paint \$695, illuminated kick plates \$485 cargo net, cargo area protector \$285, welcome lighting \$425. EPA 22 city 28 highway. The bottom line this is a good mid size SUV that can seat 5 no third row seating in this mid size SUV. Another plus for this Q50 is that it is easy to drive and park and handles like a sports car.

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# Library seeking youth volunteers

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

Head of Youth Services Kate Tigie said the library is kicking off its youth volunteer program for youths ages 11 to 17.

“We are looking to start in November and we’ll be taking applications for kids to come and volunteer at the library for middle and high school students,” she said. “I know a lot of kids have to volunteer, but we’ve had a lot of kids inquire with us about volunteering just because they want to help us. I think it’s a great way for them to meet other people, and a great way to dip your toes into the working world to see what it’s like to have some responsibilities. It’s not a job, but it is a responsibility because you have to come once a week. We used to have a robust volunteer program before COVID and this is the return of that.”

Tigie said the Morrill website will have a Google form to fill out to sign up for volunteering, followed by a training session. She said the volunteer sessions are for a few months and students can decide if they want to continue later.

Tigie said the volunteers are not given assignments, but have to come up with their own way to contribute.

“Our volunteers are super creative, and so instead of us assigning work to them, they end up thinking of things that they want to do,” she said. “So it becomes more of a self-sustaining thing. We had a volunteer who ran a passive program called the I Spy Aquarium, and this person would fill an aquarium with all kinds of knick knacks like McDonald’s Happy Meal Toys or leftover summer reading prizes and they would create an I Spy list for people to find. We also had kids decorate the library for the Summer Reading program, and we let them do things like that where they can be creative and we can find a good groove for them.”

For more information, go to <http://www.norwoodlibrary.org/>

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names were left off the plaque,” she said.

She said they will also be discussing John Hale and Henry Park, who were related to the congregational minister Harrison G. Park. She said Henry was his son, and Hale was his son-in-law.

“They were killed about a month apart,” she said. “Hale was in Company I of the 28th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, called the Irish Regiment because it was raised with funding from Patrick Dunney, who was the publisher of the Boston Pilot. They were in all sorts of battles, but by the time he got there they were somewhat war weary. But on April 30, 1864, he was under the command of Patrick Robert Guiney, who himself was under the command of Ulysses S. Grant. Hale was killed in the Battle of the Wilderness on Nov. 5, which was the start of Grant’s Virginia Campaign. Guiney was severely wounded and Hale was killed.”

Fanning said Park was in the 40th Massachusetts Volunteers, and she said he wounded in battle near Fort Monroe.

“But he stood his ground,” she said. “He loaded, reloaded his gun, was hit a second time below the knee. He tried to get to shelter behind a tree and he was shot again. They got him to Fort

Monroe for treatment but he died two days later.”

Fanning said they will also discuss the life of Albert Ellis, who fought under the 2nd Dedham Company. She said he saw a lot of fighting, including at the famous Battle of Antietam.

“That was considered the

bloodiest battle of the war,” She said. “They got tossed right in there. He enlisted in August of 1862, and by September they were in the Battle of South Mountain and three days later they were at Antietam.”

Ellis lived through the battle to the age of 67 before he was buried in 1903.



### TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on November 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Dean Bliss, Bliss Properties LLC, (Case #21-24) with respect to property located at **66 Winter Street, Norwood, MA 02062, Map 2, Sheet 13, Lot 7** in the **Single Residence (S) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held virtually via GoToMeeting, with access information provided below:

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**DAVENPORT**

Scott Michael, Age 34, of Norwood, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, September 26, 2021. Scott was born February 14, 1987, in Boston and resided in Norwood for most of his life. He graduated from Norwood High School with the class of 2005 and attended Massachusetts Bay Community College. Scott was employed by Boston Orthopaedic and Spine, "ProSports," and loved his job and co-workers. He was a strong and resilient man who, despite many health challenges, lived life to the fullest. Scott battled cancer twice and endured two hip replacements and numerous surgeries due to complications of chemotherapy. He was proudly a part of the Jimmy Fund's telethon, featured on WEEI-NESN in 2012, and helped to collect and present \$5,000 for cancer research. Scott was generous to others during his health challenges and donated time by helping future Oncologists training at Harvard Medical School. Scott loved watching sports, fishing, and going to the beach. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his loving family and looked forward to playing with his nieces and their dog. He was the beloved son of F. Stephen and Barbara (Kelly) Davenport of Norwood; cherished brother of Mark Davenport and his fiancée Shea of York, Maine, Brian Davenport and his wife Amanda of Sandown, NH; proud uncle of Scarlett and Raelynn Davenport. Funeral from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Route 1A), NORWOOD. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11AM on Monday, October 4, at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 547 Washington Street, Norwood. Interment followed at Highland Cemetery in Norwood. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute at [dana-farber.org](http://dana-farber.org) Gillooly Funeral Home Norwood [GilloolyFuneralHome.com](http://GilloolyFuneralHome.com)

**FRUCI**

FLORENCE M. (Bilotta) a lifelong resident of Norwood passed away on October 17, 2021 at the age of 97. Beloved wife of the late Vito Fruci. She is survived by her three children, Richard Fruci of Norfolk, MA; Donald Fruci of South Dartmouth, MA and Cheryl (Fruci) Kurtz and son-in law Steve Kurtz of Sudbury, MA. She also leaves behind 4 grandchildren, Richard Fruci, Jr. and wife Michele Fruci of Norton, MA; Dawn Fruci of St. Petersburg, FL and Sage Kurtz of Philadelphia, PA as well as 2 great grandchildren, Matthew Fruci of Cumberland, RI and Justin Fuci, currently serving in the U.S. Navy. Visitation will be held at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA on Friday, October 22 from 4 to 7PM. A funeral mass will be held at Saint Catherine of Siena Church in Norwood on Saturday, October 23 At 11:00 AM. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Homes for our Troops, 6 Main St., Taunton, MA 02780 [www.myhphotusa.org](http://www.myhphotusa.org)

**GULLA**

NICHOLAS V. of Norwood passed away on October 16, 2021 at the age of 87. Beloved husband of the late Jacqueline R. (Russell) Gulla. Devoted father of Karen M. Gulla and her companion Michael Misner of Norwood, Kristene M. Gulla of Norwood and Kim A. Derby and her husband Joseph of Marshfield. Brother of Rosemarie McPhee of Walpole, Joseph R. Gulla of Norwood and the late Richard J. Gulla. Cherished grandfather of Liam Derby and Collin Derby. Son of the late Nicholas and Mary Lou (Truglia) Gulla. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Nicholas was a long-time employee for the Connolly Bus Co. in Walpole working there as a School Bus Driver. He was a member of the Norwood Sportsmen's Association and a Certified NRA Instructor. A funeral mass will be held on Friday, October 22, 2021 11am at St.

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Catherine of Siena Church 547 Washington St. Norwood, MA 02062. Mass may be viewed live at [www.stcatherinenorwood.org](http://www.stcatherinenorwood.org). Burial will be at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the American Red Cross 101 Station Landing Suite 510 Medford, MA 02155. [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

**HAJJAR**

It is always difficult saying goodbye to someone we love and cherish. Family and friends must say goodbye to their beloved David Hajjar (West Roxbury, Massachusetts), who passed away at the age of 64, on October 16, 2021. You can send your sympathy in the guestbook provided and share it with the family. You may also light a candle in honor of David Hajjar. He was predeceased by his parents, Edward Hajjar and Nellie Hajjar (Sahyoun). He is survived by: his wife Elaine Hajjar (Haddad); his children, Jenine Salter (William) of East Greenwich, RI, Nicholas Hajjar (Hillary) of Norwood, Matthew Hajjar of Norwood and Abraham Omar; his grandchildren, Teddy, Jackson and Charlie; his sister Denise Hajjar-Casamassima (Mario) of Quincy; his mother-in-law Helen Haddad; and his aunt Yvonne Moses. He is also survived by many extended family and friends. A funeral service was held at the Our Lady of the Annunciation Melkite Cathedral (7 VFW Pkwy, West Roxbury, MA 02132). Burial at the Highland Cemetery (320 Winter St, Norwood, MA 02062). In lieu

of flowers, please make contributions in David's memory to Our Lady of the Annunciation Melkite Cathedral ([bostonmelkite.org](http://bostonmelkite.org)) or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ([stjude.org](http://stjude.org)) 501 St. Jude Pl. Suggested donation: St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital

**KHOURY**

Joanne A. (Akikie) of Norwood, passed peacefully on October 11th surrounded by her loving family at the age of 85. Beloved wife of the late Hale Khoury of 48 years. Daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Akikie. Devoted mother of Thomas of Northborough and Michael and his wife Meghan of Walpole. Cherished sister of Dr. Donald Akikie and his wife Marilyn of Walpole and the late Joseph Akikie. Loving "Sithoo" of Zackary, Maximillian, Livia, Will, and Matthew. And also survived by one niece, two nephews, and many friends. A Funeral Mass was celebrated October 16th Saturday at the Cedars of Lebanon Church, 61 Rockwood St., JAMAICA PLAIN. Interment at Mt. Benedict Cemetery. Please, in lieu of flowers, all donations can be made to Our Lady of the Cedars of Lebanon Church.

**MAHER**

George B. of Norwood, formerly of Dedham and Jamaica Plain, October 12, 2021. Beloved husband of the late Gloria (McLean) Maher. Devoted father of Karen L. Egersheim and her late husband James of Norwood and Steven D. Maher and his wife June of Merrimack, NH. Brother of the late William L. Maher of Hyde Park. Grandfather of James Egersheim Jr. and his wife Lori of Amherst, NH, Lisa Brown and her husband Stephen of Quincy and Kasey Lee Maher of Hookset, NH. Great-grandfather of Michelle Ashcroft and her husband Jordan, Cassandra, Samantha, and Benjamin Brown, and James, III and Jared Egersheim. Also survived by his sister-in-law Margaret McLean and many nieces and nephews. Former Chief Schedule Maker for the MBTA, Boston. WWII U.S. Army Veteran, member of the National Guard, and lifelong member of the VFW. Funeral from the George F. Doherty & Sons Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home, 456 High St., DEDHAM. Interment in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton. Online guestbook at [gfdoherty.com](http://gfdoherty.com) George F. Doherty & Sons Dedham 781-326-0500.

**NUGENT**

James (Jim) J., 70, Of South Boston, passed away September 30, 2021. Born August 29, 1951 in Norwood, to James F. and Isabelle N. (Truskauskis) Nugent. Jim will be greatly missed for his sense of humor, love for his family and friends, and his passion for living life to the fullest. He is survived by his loving sister, Judith A. Maguire; his nieces, Hilary and Meredith; his nephews, James (Jim), Matthew, and Colin; as well as 9 great nieces and nephews. Graveside services were held at Highland Cemetery, 320 Winter Street, Norwood on Friday, October 22, 2021 at 10am. [GilloolyFuneralHome.com](http://GilloolyFuneralHome.com)

**O'DONOGHUE**

Nancy passed away peacefully on October 12, 2021, at her home in Norwood, just one month shy of her 91st birthday. Nancy was the daughter of the late Frederick and Florence (McPhee) O'Donoghue, and the sister of the late Daniel O'Donoghue. She is survived by her nieces, nephews, and their families: Steven O'Donoghue and his wife Kim and their son Griffin, all of Cumberland, RI; Janet O'Donoghue and her husband Patrick of Quincy; Dianne O'Donoghue and her husband Stewart Woodward of Waltham. Nancy resided in Wellesley for most of her life and had a long professional career as a lab technician at Brandeis University. She led a long, active life and shared her playful spirit with family, friends, acquaintances, and animals. Funeral from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Route 1A), NORWOOD. Funeral Services were held at the funeral home at 11AM on Friday, October 22, with Burial to follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Needham. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her memory to MSPCA-Angell support.mspca.org or to Doctors Without Borders [donate.doctorswithoutborders.org](http://donate.doctorswithoutborders.org) Gillooly Funeral Home Norwood [GilloolyFuneralHome.com](http://GilloolyFuneralHome.com)

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—J.H.

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# Library Events

## VIRTUAL FRIDAY NIGHT AND SCARY SATURDAYS SERIES

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Please register for any and all of these Zoom programs by visiting the library's website, [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or by calling us at 781-769-0200x2.

## MAINTAINING MENTAL HEALTH WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THE WORLD

As part of the Fall Sustainability Series, behavior analyst Meg Martineau, Ph.D, presents "Improving Mental Health While Understanding the State of the World," Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00pm in-person and on Zoom.

The Morrill Memorial Library, with co-sponsors Progress Norwood, Together Yes, and Norwood Community Media, continues our Fall Sustainability Series with an event about how to maintain mental health while acknowledging the troublesome state of our world on Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00pm. Meg Martineau is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst who obtained her Ph.D from Western New England University. She has provided behavioral and social emotional consultation to students and teachers for the past 11 years, and currently works in Newton Public Schools.

Registration for this program is required. Attendees can sign up to come in-person or virtually via the Library calendar at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or by calling the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. For those attending virtually, Zoom access details will be sent upon registration and again two days prior to the program. This event was generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

## FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

"Where, O Where is Light? From Darkness to Light with Rabindranath Tagore's Composi-

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## RATTO

John Stephen, of Needham, formerly of Norwood, passed away peacefully at his home on October 12, 2021 at the age of 93. He was the beloved husband of Frances (Minton) Ratto for the past 61 years. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his two children, four granddaugh-



tions," a live concert by Maitreyee Chakraborty, Suhail Yusuf Khan, and Mona Roy on Saturday, November 13 at 5:30pm in-person at the Day House.

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ters and one great granddaughter. He was a devoted father to Nancy M. (Ratto) Folan and her husband Mark of Norwood, MA, and Jo Ann Ratto Ross and her husband John of Nashua, NH. He cherished his granddaughters, Nicole Shaughnessy, Megan Moran, Kristen Folan and Elizabeth Ross. He was the great grandfather of Ava Shaughnessy. He is the brother of Charles Ratto of Sudbury, MA and the late Eugene, Louise and Marie. He was the son of the late John Baptiste Ratto and Theodora (Cuneo) Ratto. John grew up in Dorchester and lived with his family in Norwood. He treasured the many lifelong friends he had from both Dorchester and Norwood. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA 02062. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in John's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105-9959 [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org). The family is most grateful to Dr. Lisa Fleming, Barbara, Karen and the rest of the cardiology team at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital - Needham as well as Milly and Good Shepherd Community Care for their outstanding care. [www.KRAW-KORNACKFUNERALHOME.COM](http://www.KRAW-KORNACKFUNERALHOME.COM)

## WATSON

Stephen Joseph Watson, 74, of Watertown, passed away October 9, 2021. Born October 15, 1946 in Somerville to Albert and Mary Watson, he was raised in Norwood. Stephen served in the U.S. Navy as a radar man in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969 and on the USS Newman K. Perry from 1969 to 1971. During his time on the N.K. Perry, he cruised the North Atlantic Ocean, the Mediterranean Sea, and the Black Sea, while visiting many port cities along the way. After an honorable discharge from the Navy, he was an

air traffic controller in Norwood, Beverly, and Portland, ME. He also served as regional president of the local PATCO union chapter in Portland, ME. After a contentious strike in 1981, he was forced to leave his role as an air traffic controller. Ever resilient, he later became a real estate appraiser in 1983, and co-founded Northeast Appraisal in Windham, ME in 1988. Later he was a corrections officer at the Maine Youth Center. In 1998 he happily returned as an air traffic controller in Beverly where he retired in 2016. Stephen was an extremely warm man and approached everything he did with his signature sense of humor; he made friendships wherever he went and always had time to talk. He was passionate about his family and friends, and remembered every birthday. Stephen made it a top priority to see his grandchildren on each of their birthdays. A devout man, Stephen also served as a Eucharistic minister at his local parishes. Baseball was another of his major passions, especially anything related to the Boston Red Sox. He was a scout leader and a coach on his children's sports teams. He was delighted to go to Cooperstown to see his grandson play at a baseball tournament in 2019. Stephen was an avid fisherman, and enjoyed fishing with friends and family in Maine. He also loved everything related to aviation and cars; his dream car was his very own Chevrolet Monte Carlo. Stephen is survived by loving family, including his daughter Jennifer and her husband Mike; his son Stephen and his wife Lauren; his brothers and sisters Albert, Marjorie, Tom, James, and Helen; his grandchildren Ashlyn, Ryan, Samuel, and Madeline; and many adoring nephews and nieces. Funeral from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. Stephen will have a burial at sea on an U.S. Navy commissioned ship at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Stephen's memory to the Multiple Myeloma Foundation, P.O. Box 414238 Boston, MA 02241-4238 [GilloolyFuneralHome.com](http://GilloolyFuneralHome.com)



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**Monday, October 11**

0658 Phone - Be on the Lookout Area Search Negative Bolo out of Westwood for a white male, blonde hair, wearing black sweatpants who threatened an employee at Mercedes Dealership on Everett St with a crowbar then fled to Rt.1 traveling on foot S/B. Stop & Hold. Bolo to cars. Identified He does not have crowbar with him.

0856 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: The Juice Bar - Broadway Caller reports debris of clothing and newspaper in front of business and reports property may have been tampered with. N664 reports no property damage and removed the debris from the property.

2216 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Winnie & Tricia Di Bella - Celtic Way Family member requesting a check on their mother who has not answered the phone or returned any messages. N664 reports that party was asleep all is fine.

2249 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Highview St Caller reports the downstairs neighbor is being loud. N663 reports that party was trying to fix a door and she was advised to keep the noise down.

2302 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Shurfine Market - Nahatan St IN PC 2984380. Driver agrees to turn off engine while making delivery.

**Tuesday, October 12**

0005 Walk-In - Threats \*Report Filed Location/Address: Avalon Apts. - Lenox St Caller states while she was pulling into her apt. complex a male party approached her in regards to where she parked and impersonated an officer. Report filed.

1629 Other-Drunk Person Protective Custody Location/Address: Gazebo - Town Common - Washington St Report of a woman on the common, possibly unconscious. N674 placed that party under protective custody. NFD responded and transported her to Beth Israel Hospital Needham.

1808 Phone - Civil Dispute \*Report Filed Location/Address: Robinwood Rd Caller states a neighbor cut a tree on her property causing irreparable damage.

1847 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Walpole St Walk in reports he is unable to locate his dad. Hessco attempted to deliver his meal to him today and he was not home. Walk in went to the house after work and he was still not home. BOLO sent over area wide to surrounding cities and towns. N663 spoke to that party he is in the VA hospital. BOLO cancelled.

1952 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Mckinley Rd Out of state father reports he has been unable to reach his daughter for a week. Officers spoke to her, she is OK and will call her father.

2221 Phone - Noise Complaint Group Moved Location/Address: Walkhill Rd Parties opposite Kaufman being loud.

**Wednesday, October 13**

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0215 911 - Unwanted Party Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Prospect St Caller states her ex-boyfriend is outside her door and she wants him removed from property. N676, N663 responded, spoke to caller and reports he was gone upon arrival. Caller was advised of her options.

1013 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Olde Derby Village - Olde Derby Rd Party advised on a past issue with ex girlfriend.

1104 Phone - Civil Dispute Spoken To Location/Address: Fulton St

1436 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Fulton St Units stood by while female picked up belongings.

1645 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Spoken To Location/Address: Norwest Dr Kids gathering, bothering neighbors.

1809 Phone - Susp Person Area Search Negative Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reports a male party taking pictures of people and acting strange. N667 searched the area and will also follow up with the calling party.

1821 911 - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St Caller reports his name was removed from his mailbox and was concerned about receiving mail from the court. Caller had no warrant on file and was informed of his pending charges. Mailbox incident documented in case of additional occurrences as requested by caller.

1845 Phone - Assist Citizen \*Report Filed Location/Address: Neponset St Caller reports his resident that was just evicted left behind a firearm. N668 reports it was a BB gun.

2004 Phone - Death \*Report Filed Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd Health care worker reports her client became unresponsive while caring for her. FD notified. BCI, ME office, and SP all declined jurisdiction. Kraw and Kornack funeral home was notified.

2006 Phone - Assist Other Agency Area Search Negative Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy Walpole reports a citizen bought a refrigerator at home depot and when they drove away they noticed the fridge was not in the back of the pickup.

**Thursday, October 14**

0720 Phone - Susp Person Spoken To Location/Address: Upton Ave + Highview St Caller reports a person going through neighbors trash and requests an Officer speak with the individual. Officers spoke with the individual and advised him.

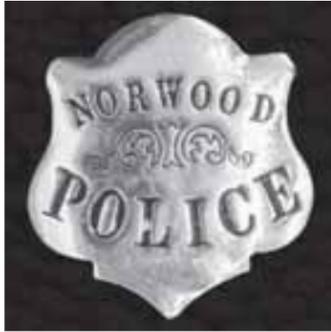
0811 911 - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Hawes Pool - Washington St Caller reports a 5 yr old in the playground with no parents. Mom was located a short distance away all parties spoken to and advised.

1306 Phone - Civil Dispute Spoken To Location/Address: Central Buick / Gmc - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller requests assistance with getting vehicle returned after dealership refused to release it. N676 reports the vehicle was released to the customer and they seek the courts assistance.

1340 Phone - Citizens Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Highview St Caller reports a male party going thru trash barrels and leaving trash behind. N665 reports no mess left behind it was his personal items.

1347 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Cafe Paprika - Washington St Delivery truck knocked over some flower pots. N667 spoke to the driver of that vehicle and he did pick up that flower pot.

1419 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Nichols St Caller reports she noticed a broken window in her base-

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ment. N667 spoke to the owner and reports it was from the landscapers.

1633 911 - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Albemarle Rd Elderly male with dementia attempting to leave his home. Units spoke to him and advised the caller.

1642 Phone - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr Female reports man taking pictures of children. Units spoke with him, he had permission. Caller was advised.

1649 Walk-In - Assist Citizen \*Report Filed Location/Address: Pleasant Pl Party advised on possible issue with his children. See report.

1833 Walk-In - Larceny \*Report Filed Location/Address: Oolah Ave Larceny of packages.

1921 Phone - Neighbor Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reports neighbor is knocking on her door and refuses to leave. Matter was resolved.

2219 Walk-In - Well Being Chk Area Search Negative Location/Address: Nahatan St Walk in reports that the female she was with was DK and walked away from her MV outside of station. Wellness check was requested due to her level of intoxication. Units searched the area, nothing showing.

2315 Phone - Unwanted Party \*Protective Custody Location/Address: Park St DK male placed onto PC and transported to hospital.

**Friday, October 15**

0014 Phone - Noise Complaint Area Search Negative Location/Address: Lorusso Corporation - Pleasant St Caller reports hearing the noise of machinery work coming from the Asphalt plant. Officers checked the area and observed a machine idling, no employees on site.

0016 911 - Well Being Chk Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Brooke Tree Service - Walpole St Caller reports a party screaming and running towards the woods. Officers checked the area, nothing showing.

0740 911 - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Nurse requests wellness check on patient inside apartment. N667 requests NFD as door is locked but can hear patient inside. NFD sent. N667 reports able to get, NFD canceled, patient is ok and nurse will handle.

0817 Phone - Well Being Chk \*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: 105 - Bos-Prov Hwy Report W/M, pajamas, no shoes walking up/down breakdown lane. Units locate him at Burger King. N666 to Section 12 subject. NFD sent. NFD, with N666 on board, transports to hospital.

0854 Phone - Susp Person \*Report Filed Location/Address: Maxwell Ave Report video of a male on her property, swing set, front door porch, and shed overnight. See Call#: 21-21625 0817 Hrs. today. N669 reports this is same subject. 0953 911 - Assist Citizen Spoken To

Location/Address: Rock St Resident reports landlord harassment, Norwood Housing Authority issue and Mass. Dept. Mental Health issue. N666 reports all issues are non-criminal - she is being evicted, also upset because D.M.H. denied the N.H.A. request to get her a free apartment.

1841 Phone - Violation Of Town Bylaw Spoken To Location/Address: Vernon St + Nichols St Report W/M with Verizon Hat and shirt, shorts, sneakers, Ipad, going door-to-door, last seen Vernon towards Prospect. N667 locates him, checks ok, almost done. Person who filled out application notified that his permit covers him, and other helpers also have to register.

1844 Phone - Harassment Services Rendered Location/Address: St Joseph Ave Request we go to a home and see if subject lives there and inform him to stop harassing over You Tube the resident in Canada. N676 reports spoke to tenants at both apartments, they lived here 15 years and do not know anyone by the name we were looking to speak to. Hamilton Ontario, CN Police notified. 1944 Hrs- Change address to #30.

1908 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Area Search Negative Location/Address: Cottage St Report 2 middle school aged kids going door-to-door "trick or treating". When asked to leave they lingered but eventually left. N663 checked area-GOA, spoke to caller and she is satisfied.

1912 Phone - Assist Citizen \*Report Filed Location/Address: Carmax Auto Superstore - Bos-Prov Hwy Report upon going to pick up his car from a divorce agreement, he has found drug paraphernalia inside it.

1948 911 - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Ellis Nursing And Rehabilitation Center - Ellis Ave Caller thinks she is locked in a back room of a Boston Dept. store. Staff notified and will go check on her.

2037 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: CVS Pharmacy - Nahatan St Female escorted off the property.

2136 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St Verbal argument between male and female. Parties were separated.

2149 Phone - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: St John Ave Caller reports loud shouting from a group of people. Units spoke with them, no issues.

2238 Phone - Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Cross St Female reports loud tow truck near her home. Auto shop was advised to do suck work during the day.

2252 Phone - Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: School St Female complains about group of people talking loudly and listening to music on their porch. Units spoke with them.

2337 Phone - Susp Activity Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Heather Dr Female reports three people outside her home with Halloween masks. Parties left in a black SUV.

2353 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Conrads - Washington St Owner reports unwanted male party at the bar. Units escorted him off property.

**Saturday, October 16**

0237 911 - Susp Activity Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Jefferson Dr Caller states he is not home but has a camera on his house and states his ex-girlfriend's car is parked out front of his home. N674 and N669 responded and state there was no vehicle parked

in area upon arrival. Officers checked outside perimeter and everything is secure and appears to be in order. Bolo to Norwood cars from N669 for (Ma.Reg# 2LDT28) Stop and Hold to speak to driver.

0834 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Shattuck Pk Rd Report animal stuck in down spout. N.A.C.O. Substitute Officer notified.

0837 Phone - Complaint Of Mv Services Rendered Location/Address: Hawthorne St Report ex-husband took MA PC 495JA8, her car, and she does not want him to have it, he has driven it in the past. BOLO to cars. N664 locates it parked on Day St. and both caller and ex are present. N664 reports wife has car back.

1819 Walk-In - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood Central Station Building - Broadway St Caller concerned about a friend's behavior. Officers spoke to him, he checked out OK. May have been a medication issue. Party OK to board next train.

1825 Phone - Animal Complaint No Action Required Location/Address: Forrest Ave Caller with loose dog. Dog reunited with owner prior to officer's arrival.

1827 911 - Runaway Child \*Report Filed Location/Address: Lane Dr Caller reports his twelve year old son is refusing to come home. BOLO to the cars and surrounding cities and towns.

2220 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Services Rendered Location/Address: Heaton Ave Loud parties on the street. Officer advised.

2255 911 - Susp Activity \*Report Filed Location/Address: Plymouth Dr Keys missing from disabled vehicles center console.

2307 Phone - Neighbor Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Franklin St Ongoing disoute between neighbors over noise issues. Officer to follow up with second half tomorrow.

2313 Phone - Recovered Missing Person \*Report Filed Location/Address: Lane Dr See 21-1094-OF.

**Sunday, October 17**

0039 Phone - Noise Complaint Area Search Negative Location/Address: Walnut Ave + Highland St Caller reports kids in a backyard of a brown house with yellow trim, towards the end of Walnut Ave. being very rowdy and swearing. Officers checked the area and all was quiet. No signs of anyone outside.

0905 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Engamore Ln Caller seeking assistance with reports of an unknown party breaking into her home moving her furniture and cutting her hair. N666 spoke to party and reports that this is the residents normal baseline. She told the officer she was installing cameras on the property today.

1136 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Neponset St Units stand by to keep peace while personal belongings are retrieved by order of 209a box 10.

1402 Phone - Noise Complaint No Action Required Location/Address: David Ter Report loud music. 1409 Hrs- Return call cancelling response as it was turned down. Units cancelled.

1426 Cellular - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: 23 Block - Bellevue Ave Report dog in MA PC 2HT146, window is cracked, does not appear distressed, but it has been an hour. N.A.C.O. notified and states it is ok.

1518 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Adams St Resident in lobby reports neighbors smoke cigarettes and marijuana and smell seeps into resident's apartment. N.H.A. aware and has sent them letters to stop but it has not stopped. N666 spoke to them and advised them.

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