

Norwood Hospital construction closed down



"Great Things" might be on the way, but it is unclear whether it will be Steward bringing them for the new Norwood Hospital.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

For the second time now, construction has ceased at the Norwood Hospital construction site.

The Norwood Record has confirmed that Suffolk Construction, its subcontractors, the Norwood Police Department (NPD) and the Norwood Fire Department (NFD) have closed down the site until further notice.

NPD Chief William Brooks said Deputy Chief Christopher Padden recently walked the site with the NFD and Suffolk.

"All work stopped," Brooks said. "They were making plans to shut down the site. That would involve making fencing to block entrances to the building and make sure the fencing is completely locked down, and they're apparently going to leave the lights on in case we get calls down there."

Representatives from Steward stated in an email that they are not in charge of the construction schedule.

"You would have to get the construction schedule from Suffolk Construction or MPT (Medical Properties Trust, Steward's landlord)," said Steward North Region Marketing/Communications Lead Deborah Chiaravalloti in an email. "I do

not have that."

Both MPT and Suffolk did not go on the record with comment, but sources familiar with the project and its schedule said there is no timeframe now for the project, that it is currently in a holding pattern.

On Monday, Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey released a letter demanding Steward's financial information – which the company is required to do by law and has repeatedly refused – as well as selling its seven Massachusetts hospitals as soon as possible.

"The time has come to move past our many months of discussions and begin executing a safe, orderly transition of your seven licensed facilities in Massachusetts to new operators as soon as possible. This begins with your commitment to fully disclose the financial information we have requested by close of business on Feb. 23, 2024," she wrote in the letter. "Your continued refusal to do so, particularly at this moment, is irresponsible and an affront to the patients, workers, and communities that the Steward hospitals serve. It also leads to a further breakdown in trust and creates a major roadblock to our ability to work together to resolve this effectively."

Board of Selectmen Chair Matthew Lane sounded audibly frustrated with the situation when asked.

"It sucks, and it's a disservice to the community and the surrounding commu-

nities," he said. "It's been really disappointing and I wish I had an answer every time someone grabbed me on the street or at church and asked, 'What's going on at the hospital?'"

Lane said one of the big concerns of the Board is that of ambulance maintenance, at least for the short term. In the longer view, the local economic impact of having the hospital closed for a period longer than originally anticipated is equally concerning.

"You have guys (ambulances) going out for longer runs and that affects things like staffing patterns and overtime because you have an extra level of unpredictability that you're dealing with," he said, adding that Chief Brooks and NFD Chief Tim Bailey have been weathering the storm well. "They've been great throughout this, they've been really strong leaders but there's only so much they can do."

Lane added he is especially concerned when he's at work in Jamaica Plain and sees some familiar looking vehicles.

"I work in Jamaica Plain and I see Norwood ambulances on the J-Way (Jamaica Way) all the time when I'm walking at lunch, and that's not right," he said. "The J-Way is like the Indy 500. For our EMTs and our firefighters, those can be long runs and they're waiting and Boston's

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NPS Director of Finance
Matthew Wells

Schools budget will increase for Town Meeting

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee met last week and discussed the upcoming Norwood Public Schools District (NPS) fiscal year 2025 (FY25) budget in preparation for the May Annual Town Meeting.

The short version? Education is expensive. Few people know exactly how expensive it is and, consequently, why it is so expensive. But the School Committee, Superintendent of Schools David Thomson and Director of Finance and Operations Matthew Wells laid out this year's budget increase and what specific challenges are most vexing when balancing the NPS books.

To begin, Wells said they are recommending a lower budget than what would be at level-services. Wells and Thomson said a level-funded budget would be about a 13.6 percent increase, or \$7.7 million, and the Superintendent's recommended budget would be a 9.95 percent increase

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at \$5.61 million. Wells said a 6 percent budget increase would be \$3.41 million and a 5 percent increase would be \$2.8 million.

“A 13 percent increase? We can’t move forward with that,” Wells said. “We have to find a way to get down to something that’s a little more achievable and feels a bit better.”

Wells said to get to the recommended budget they would need an increased use of circuit break funds from \$4.36 million to \$5.43 million, a \$100,000 reduction in select supplies, materials, and PD accounts, a \$75,000 reduction to district-wide hardware budgets, and a \$40,000 decrease to daily substitute lines. He did say he was proud they could get it to where they wanted it without losing any staff positions.

To account for the 13 percent increase in level services, Wells said there are a lot of costs in the budget that the district not only has to pay,

but also has no control over. He said out-of-district special education placements (OODs) account for 3.83 percent of the total district budget increases. He said the positions that were created during the pandemic through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Bill (ESSER) have to be kept, and account for 1.11 percent of those increases.

“So 4.94 percent on the bottom line, before we even start, is just tied up in these two areas,” he said. “So right away, we’re starting with a 5 percent budget (increase). And then we move up from there and start talking about all the other lines, accounts and expenditure we have in education. So when we put this together, driving up from the 5 percent to 9.95 percent, we’re adding about 5.01 percent in the other areas we have control over.”

Wells pointed out from that point of view, the 9.95 percent increase isn’t as large

of an increase as it first looks.

“And that’s not bad,” he said. “In this market, that’s a pretty decent increase. But you have to understand, 9.95 percent doesn’t sound great, but when we’re starting from a 5 percent increase, and we have to start from there, because we don’t control those items that are below that. Students move in, placements change, if they have to go from a collaborative to a residential, we have no choice in that. That’s what’s best for the student and we have to fund that. That is our start point. It’s at 5 percent.”

Wells said the appropriation from Town Meeting will be less than the actual expenditure, as NPS uses a lot of funding from circuit breakers, grants and other funding sources. But those sources either fluctuate year-to-year or, in some cases, simply end. He said, for example, the appropriation from Town Meeting, is about \$6 million for OODs, but the actual expenditure is

much higher.

“Around \$11.87 million,” he said. “It had about a \$2 million increase year-over-year.”

School Committee member Teresa Stewart pointed out that because of these funding schemes, residents and taxpayers most likely are not aware of the full cost of education. Wells agreed and he felt this should be addressed, especially for Town Meeting members.

“In almost every district I’ve worked in, we don’t talk about this, we don’t talk about what that whole cost is, because we always say we’re supporting it with the circuit breaker,” he said. “In a lot of districts we just put that smaller number forward and say, ‘This is what it costs,’ and we never say that we’re using the circuit breaker, and so having that very transparent conversation about what goes into all of this is important for all of us to understand that.”

And connected to this is the fact that it’s virtually impossible to predict exactly how many high needs students will come into the district. High needs students is the collective term for students with disabilities, English as a second language students, and economically disadvantaged students. Thomson said about 60 percent of Norwood’s total school population are in one or more of these categories.

“And those numbers are

from Oct. 1, and they have continued to climb since Oct. 1,” said Thomson. “So here’s the problem with the funding formula. We’re being funded for next year based on our Oct. 1 numbers, but numbers will continue to go up until the end of the year. It is not a stagnant number and it is not a stable number. Not that that’s bad, but that population requires more services.”

Thomson said the post-COVID-19 economic landscape is in part to account for these increases in Norwood.

“It used to be you would see people moving by the second week of September, and moving after that would still happen, but it would be a rare event,” he said. “The nature of our society post-COVID is that people are more transient because of housing issues, because of work, and it impacts the schools,” said School Committee Member Kate Sibbing-Dunn.

“The schools reflect society,” Thomson said. “We are in the middle of a housing crisis, jobs are shifting and changing constantly and disappearing, and all of these are driving people to be moving nonstop. So we’re not seeing our overall numbers increase, because the amount of places to live in Norwood is pretty stable, but we’re seeing families leaving and coming, and the students who are leaving are tending to not be high needs and the students we’re receiving are tending to be high needs.”

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Planning Board focuses on potential 3A development

3A MBTA draws most comment

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The day before Milton voted to reject its MBTA Communities 3A plan, the Norwood Planning Board held a public hearing on its zoning amendments headed to Town Meeting in March.

The agenda had all zoning amendments on the docket for review, but the Board voted to continue the hearing since the MBTA portion took up most of the allotted time, the meeting being held at the Norwood Senior Center.

The MBTA zoning regulations had been heavily discussed throughout the fall of last year during Planning Board meetings and other public forums. The basic gist of the legislation is that Norwood has to zone a maximum of 50 acres for redevelopment to allow about 2,000 units of multi-family housing as-of-right within half-a-mile of its train stations.

Town Planner Sarah Dixon presented the full plan (available at <http://tinyurl.com/3atuyc47>), which includes about 78 acres and spreads those 2,000 units over a wider area in order to lower the

density concentration, exceeding what the state asked for. The new 3A zoning would encompass Windsor Gardens, Norwood Central, Norwood Depot and the Downtown General Business district.

Dixon said the Planning Department's strategy was to layer the new zoning over areas of Town that are already developed and areas that are in need of development – basically areas that are under-utilized and have not been historically bringing in revenue to the Town.

"We included a lot of parcels with the intent of distributing den-

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a busy city and it's not good for morale. And thank God I they're all doing their part. My hope is that another hospital takes over."

Selectman Michael Saad shared Lane's frustration.

"It's just sad for Norwood," he said. "You can't just let someone come in and leave you high and dry on a contract, and that's what the hospital did to us. It's the American Dream, declaring bankruptcy. Hopefully someone will buy it."

Brooks said the police's responsibilities for the site fall under trespassing and safety for officers if they have to respond to calls there.

"There are concerns that if you get heavy rains with wind, and water gets into the building and then freezes and makes a sheet of ice, we're concerned about our officers going down there for a call," he said. "We hope that people won't get into the site and, specifically, into the building, but if we do get called down there

we are concerned about the officers having to go in and walk through there."

Brooks said the unfinished and untended building isn't a good thing for the Town.

"It's a shell of a building and is just sitting there, and it's enormously frustrating to see this continuing to get kicked around and not making the kind of progress we had hoped for," he said.

Brooks said this hasn't historically been a concern for Norwood.

"Because usually when a building is being built, the construction is ongoing and it gets put up and finished and it's done," he said. "This start and stop and start and stop and start and stop; I mean once you leave a building like this and there's no human activity inside, yeah it just invites problems. That's not just my experience in Norwood; it's just the way things are when all of a sudden there's a shell of a building with no human activity there. It just becomes a problem."

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Second fire in as many weeks at Home Foods



The Norwood Fire Department (NFD) reported responding to another fire at the Home Market Foods at 140 Morgan Dr. at the Vanderbilt Park. The NFD reported responding to the call on Feb. 14 around 7 p.m. and used two lines to attack the fire. Most of the fire was knocked down quickly, according to Norwood Firefighters. This is the second fire in as many weeks, as the NFD reported responding to a fire at the site on Feb. 4, where a fire apparently started in one of the food factory's ovens and spread into the ventilation system. The site also saw a fatality last year when an ammonia pipe suffered a massive leak and killed one worker, and the Town has also been repeatedly experiencing problems with tractor trailers parking in the Vanderbilt Industrial Park when they should be parking along Route 1 on the Foxboro/Wrentham line to wait to bring up and drop off their cargo.

PHOTO BY NFD

WAIT TIMES UNDERSCORE NORWOOD HOSPITAL NEED

To the Editor:

Emergency rooms across the region are bursting and so it is critical that Norwood Hospital be fully rebuilt as soon as possible, no matter who the eventual operator will be. It's also important for the state to start reimbursing community hospitals at a more competitive rate so that all communities in Massachusetts can access quality care.

According to recent reports, South Shore Hospital is currently very overcrowded and the ongoing closure at Brockton Hospital is only adding to the crisis. We are at a critical point and we need all stakeholders to do their part to get the Norwood Hospital project fast-tracked.

Norwood Hospital was closed after severe flooding four years ago. Once the rebuild is complete, it will be the first completely new hospital built in the last 25 years in the region. If and when it is completed, it would be a world-class, 400,000 square foot medical facility that will create 4,000 jobs and serve thousands of patients who currently are struggling to simply get a doctor's appointment.

The hospital has been slated to include 130 acute care beds, 113 medical-surgical beds, three pediatric beds and 14 critical care beds — a total of more than 250 beds that are currently non-existent in a region that is experiencing unprecedented stress and demand on its healthcare system.

Among the treatment options that are currently in limbo as the construction site at Norwood Hos-

pital sits mostly idle are breast care, gynecology, pulmonology, diabetes and endocrinology, gastroenterology, neurology, nutrition and weight loss, ENT, ophthalmology, sleep medicine, pain medicine, urology and advanced orthopedic services, including spine care.

Right now in Massachusetts even seniors cannot get in to see their doctors. ER wait times are hours upon hours due to a lack of capacity in the area. Frustrated patients are foregoing routine check-ups and preventative care because of back-ups at medical centers and hospitals.

We cannot wait any longer. Stakeholders should work together to ensure current reported challenges facing Steward do not derail this vital reconstruction project that has been four years in the making. It's time for our elected leaders and the healthcare industry to step up so that workers can get back on the job and get the hospital open again. The region needs relief now.

We need the Norwood Hospital construction project to be financially stabilized and fully funded so this major hospital can once and for all be rebuilt. The professional union workers on the job will ensure it is done properly and in a timely manner so the community can have the healthcare resources it so desperately needs. We will build a great hospital that will serve generations to come but that will also play a critical role in addressing the short-term capacity issues of our healthcare system.

Tim Fandel

Business Manager of Plumbers & Gasfitters
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sity, and we included a lot of parcels where there wouldn't be any economic incentive for actual redevelopment, which is important because it achieves two things," she said. "One, it focuses the outcome of this law on the modest handful of parcels where it's not only appropriate to encourage re-investment, but it's needed. And two, it creates consistent neighborhoods where multi-family housing already exists and the zoning and resulting redevelopment would match the feel of the neighborhood."

Dixon said there are currently five, six-acre lots within the planned zoning area that are vacant and likely to be redeveloped, and she said later that the Town expects about 300 new units to be built from this redesign within a few years of implementation.

"And just for an illustration, Upland Woods has 262 units, and

many parcels in this district already have multi-family housing, including Avalon, which has 198 units," she said. "And so there wouldn't be much of an economic incentive for those types of properties to redevelop at all."

Many residents discussed the proposal with the Board on a variety of issues. Most notable was the discussion concerning Town services and schools. Several residents said they were concerned about the impact of the potential maximum build-out of an additional 2,000 units would have, particularly on schools, water and sewer. Dixon said that in speaking with Department of Public Works Director (DPW) Mark Ryan, there is no expected negative impact on water and sewer, since all of the sites in the rezoning already have such connections.

In terms of school capacity,

Dixon pointed to the Avalon Bay and Upland Woods developments and the fact that those developments did not have the feared effect of overtaxing the school system as was thought when they were proposed, and pointed out that since they were going in where previously industrial and commercial uses were — which paid a lower tax rate than residential — the Town saw increases in tax revenue in the range of six figures.

Selectman Bill Plasko said he disagreed with the strategy of spreading the density out over a wider-than-needed area, and that doing more than what the law required was a mistake.

"We should be doing no more than we need to," he said. "This is 78 acres, approximately, when we only need to have 50. We need to rework this so we meet the law, we get housing where we can that makes sense for the

community, but we don't go crazy."

He has stated in the past that this approach by the state dictating how municipalities should go about increasing housing was also wrong.

Plasko was particularly perturbed, however, about the inclusion of a parcel currently being used as a parking lot and staging area for the Norwood Hospital reconstruction (currently on hold), but has historically been used as an employee parking lot for the Norwood Hospital. The lot area is split and is owned by the hospital's landlord, Medical Properties Trust on the east side, and by Brothers Realty LLC on the west side. Plasko said that area should be kept for a medical use.

"On this particular site, it's been said that it's an area needing new investment and that it's underused," he said. "That's true, it's just a parking lot, but what did that parking lot do? It supported all the hospital staff. That's where they all went because the Town wouldn't allow garages, and we had that parcel to serve the community for a reason. Those people had to park there."

The approved rebuild plan for the Norwood Hospital, if it ever gets built, does include a parking garage.

Attorney David Hern spoke in his capacity as a representative of the owner of the property at 25 East Hoyle St. (he

spoke before as a private citizen in support of the zoning district overall). According to Norwood's GIS website, the parcel is owned by Brothers Realty Trust LLC, and Hern said the company has been reaching out to medical companies to get them to take over the property for those uses.

"My clients have owned this property and members of their family have owned it for many years," he said. "They have, over the years, talked to Steward and others about whether there's an interest in devoting the property to medical or medical-related work. There is no market for that right now; there is not likely to be. They've engaged Newmark, a brokerage house for medical office and facilities in New England, and they are the most active sales team in New England. They've studied this site for two-and-a-half years, and they don't see any feasible way to develop this for commercial use."

Hern added that Steward was also not interested in the property.

"They used to have it for public parking but they let the lease go," he said. "The Guild Building is used for medical office space, it's fully leased, but it's only 20 percent occupied."

The Board still needs to vote on the remaining accessory dwelling unit zoning regulations, but voted to recommend the MBTA Communities rezoning map and regulations.

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Board of Health reviews sanitation reports and discusses Zyn

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Health (BOH) met last week and discussed the monthly sanitation report and other health-related items in Town.

Norwood Health Department Sanitarian Kyle Simpson gave the sanitation and restaurant inspection report. Simpson splits inspectional duties now with Environmental Health Agent Angelo De Luca, who was also at the meeting, and De Luca filled in any details about items he took during his rounds.

The most prominent issue concerned BrightPath Child Care, where Simpson said they found multiple rodent droppings on the floor throughout the kitchen and storage areas, as well as food handlers not wearing hair restraints while preparing food. The coving along the wall was also missing in several places. Simpson said they are already scheduled to return for another inspection.

“That concerns me a bit,” said Chair Kathleen Bishop. “Multiple rodent droppings observed on the floor, I mean these are kids that this could make sick... And I get it, this time of the year it’s hard, because they do, mice, get in around this time. But you have

children in there.”

De Luca said they would be following up with another inspection and will have an update at the next BOH meeting.

Also discussed were a few reports of patrons getting sick from food at local eateries. Simpson said it’s hard to nail this down, since a sick patron will rarely go to the doctor when they get food poisoning and, while several Norwood restaurants were on the list of said sick customers’ recent menus, De Luca said there was nothing conclusive tying the illnesses to the food. For instance, De Luca said that a customer at Friendly’s called in a complaint of food poisoning.

“During the inspection I didn’t see any risk factors,” he said. “The temps were great, all the food handling was good, they had no staff illnesses or sick callouts... But it’s difficult when the person who complains gets sick at a restaurant, but they don’t go to a doctor and get a diagnosis, and so it’s really hard for us to confirm it came from that location.”

Board member Carolyn Riccardi asked what people do generally when they get food poisoning. Bishop said it really depends on how sick they get, at least from what she’s seen at her urgent care workplace.

“Norovirus for example, they usually get over it in 24 hours, and other people it hangs on for a while,” she said. “Some people come into the urgent care where I work and we do stool samples and they send them out to make sure they don’t have anything contagious, but that’s usually for people who have had symptoms for multiple weeks, not just a day or two.”

Similar complaints concerning Chipotle and Lewis’ were made with similar inconclusive results. De Luca said Lewis’ has been fairly compliant in most inspections, with a few notes and occasional rodent activity. He said they have had a pest control company coming into the restaurant every few weeks. De Luca offered to request the pest control reports of the last few weeks and review them, and the Board agreed.

“But the inspection overall was actually pretty good and pretty compliant,” he said.

In other news, Riccardi asked the Board about the new-ish nicotine product known as Zyn, which is nicotine salts and other additives in a pouch that is absorbed in the mouth. The product does not have any to-

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This Application requests a **Special Permit** pursuant to Zoning Bylaw **Section 5.4.4** for a proposed expansion on a pre-existing non-conforming structure greater than 25% of the existing habitable floor area; 14' x 30' 1 story addition, deck, and proposed 1 story addition 15' x 7' addition foundation dimensions.

Any zoning relief that may be required in adherence to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw shall be considered by the Board. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeals and may be requested by emailing comdev@norwoodma.gov Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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Work and cleanups plans from Trails Advisory Committee

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Trails Advisory Committee (NTAC) met on Feb. 13 and discussed several cleanups, activities and projects slated for the Town's trail systems.

"There's no end in sight for any of the cleanups," said Chair Joseph Greeley.

First off, Greeley said they are already planning for upcoming Earth Day Cleanups, as well as several other one-off cleanups to get the trails ready for the prime season.

Greeley and Paddock said they'd come up with a plan and tentative schedule for cleanups and invasive pulling for Earth Day. Greeley said they can expect about 20 people per site and should work on having a

few lined up for the April 20 date. Member Chris Paddock said it also might be a good idea to have an educational walk through Hennessey Field to show people what would be taken out of the area if the proposed drainage basin and nature walk were put in place there.

"And make people realize Hennessey Field is just entirely invasives," he said.

Paddock suggested that they go after the buckthorne at the Pine Tree Forest in the coming months for invasive control. Member Joe Barrett agreed that the buckthorne is a serious problem in the area, which sits in wetlands just east of the Vanderbilt Park and west of Route 95.

"They pull out of the ground fairly easily any time the ground is wet, like in the spring

and winter, and so I like Chris' idea," he said.

Member Elizabeth Young said she's a member of the Norwood Evening Garden Club and will work on getting the group involved in the cleanup. "If I can get them inspired, we might be able to get a bunch of them out there to do buckthorne," she said.

Barrett said that the area of the Pine Tree Forest Trail, which starts on Morgan Drive and ends just west of Route 95 at Traphole Brook needs some attention for a cleanup as well.

"Everywhere else has been picked up recently at least once it seems, except there," he said. "It's a lot of stuff, but it's only a 10th of a mile so it's a small section."

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bacco and comes in several flavors. Riccardi said she was concerned, as the Town has a ban on flavored tobacco products, and Bishop said the wording there might be the key factor as to why it's available in stores right now, as the current flavor ban only applies to flavored tobacco products.

"We'll have to look at what our regulations say, and if they say 'tobacco products,' then we may have to change it to say 'nicotine products,'" she said. "We might have to change our bylaws."

Health Department Director Stacy Lane added that tobacco companies are always finding new ways to get their products to market. "Unfortunately, they're constantly coming up with new product, and we're constantly finding new things," she said. "They're always finding new ways to hide it, and we learn something new every time we go out on an inspection."

"If we could get that off our shelves, I would be into that," Riccardi said.

Member Joan Jacobs said she would speak with the state

board related to tobacco.

The Board asked about Mama's Bar and Grill, the former location of the Shamrock Pub, and De Luca said they ran into more issues than they foresaw, and are currently working to finish the interior.

"We haven't heard from them in a while, but the last I heard they were getting some interior painting done," he said.

Lastly, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Brian McCracken as interim Tobacco Inspector for the Town as an agent of the BOH.

Lane said McCracken is taking over for permanent Regional Tobacco Program Coordinator Rotem Aloni while she is on leave. Lane said McCracken is part of the Regional Tobacco program, and will stay on when she returns as part-time help for the program.

For more information on the Board of Health and the Health Department, go to <http://tinyurl.com/mtj2s9rh>

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Greeley said they currently have a few high school students with service hour requirements, and Barrett said he might have a little work for them to do in order to help secure a small group of temporary water crossings around the University Avenue trails, just northeast of the Norwood Country Club.

“There are two of those crossings that we put in that could use some work to secure them down so they don’t float,” he said, offering some wood and rebar to help secure down into the ground. “It’s not the most exciting thing, but if they’re looking for community service hours we could take them in and secure those down. It will be ‘sexier’ than picking up trash, but not by much.”

Greeley said they have also been contacted by the Parent Teacher Organization at the

Willet School and he said the group wants to host an outing for the kindergarten into the trails system with about 200 students.

“We are going to circle back in March and flesh out some details, but that’s certainly an exciting outing for us as well,” he said.

The NTAC also discussed Norwood Student Nick Brewer’s proposed Eagle Scout project for a water crossing at the Meadow Street Trail. Brewer’s application is up for consideration at the Board of Selectmen on Feb. 27 and the Conservation Commission on Feb. 28. Greeley said he will attend in support of the project and encouraged members to go and support him as he seeks approvals.

Greeley and the Committee agreed to a community walk at

the Meadow Street Trail system on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. The general public is invited. Member Vic Babel admitted that most residents may not go for hikes in the middle of winter, but said it’s a much different and enjoyable experience and recommended residents come and check it out.

“It’s beautiful out there,” he said. “When I used to go out there in the winter with snow coming down I’d see deer – because you can see quite a ways because there’s no vegetation.”

Barrett agreed. “It’s just a different degree of enjoyment because you’re out all the time in the spring, summer and fall and you’re not really out in the winter,” he said.

For more information on the NTAC, go to <http://tinyurl.com/mtpykv4>



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Neponset River Water Quality Hybrid presentation in Canton

The Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA) invites the public to join their Annual Neponset River Water Quality Presentation on Tuesday, March 5 from 6:30 pm - 8 pm. The event will take place in the Canton Public Library Community Room, located at 786 Washington Street, Canton.

From May through October, over 40 volunteers collaborate with NepRWA staff to collect water quality samples from 41 sites across the Neponset River Watershed. The samples are then tested for E.coli, Phosphorus levels, and Dissolved Oxygen. The Water Quality Presentation looks at the current sampling data and compares it to previous years to identify long-term trends. This data informs NepRWA’s efforts to monitor the health of the Neponset River and take action as needed.

“The Annual Water Quality Presentation is a great way

to bring volunteers and members of the public together to see how things are changing in the Neponset River Watershed,” said Benni Marques, Environmental Science Fellow. “The data collected by volunteers provides valuable insights into the river’s health across various locations.”

In addition to the water quality data presentation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Remedial Project Manager, Natalie Burgo, will provide an overview about Superfund, along with updates about the Lower Neponset River Superfund Site.

The event will be held both in-person and over Zoom, with registration required for both options. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information and

registration, please visit www.neponset.org/events/annual-water-quality-presentation

For any questions, please contact NepRWA Environmental Fellow, Benni Marques, at marques@neponset.org or 781-575-0354 x302

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NORWOOD HOUSING AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR QUOTES FOR ON-CALL ELECTRIC SERVICES
Project Number NHA-2024-E

The Norwood Housing Authority (the Awarding Authority) invites written quotes from qualified licensed electrical contractors to provide on-call electric services for a period of one year starting April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025 in accordance with the documents prepared by the Norwood Housing Authority

The Project consists of: Electrical services at property owned by the Authority in Norwood, Massachusetts. The work will include repair work and new installation for projects up to \$15,000.00. The Authority has 481 apartments spread over (5) five locations all in the Norwood, Massachusetts. Based on previous years invoices the total contract value is anticipated to be less than \$15,000.00.

The Contractor shall provide Massachusetts licensed electricians, electrician’s helper(s), materials tools, and supplies (except as noted in these documents) to properly, and in accordance with the Massachusetts Electrical Code, and satisfactory to the Norwood Electrical Inspector necessary to carry on the work under this request.

Quotes are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A(2)(B) & to state prevailing wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

An electronic copy of the bid documents may be obtained at: www.norwoodha.org under news & events on February 22, 2024 at 11:00 am.

Quotes must be received before **Thursday, March 21, 2024 by 10:00 A.M.** The Norwood Housing Authority will not accept or review bids received after the designated submission deadline.

Quotes should be mailed, or delivered to Norwood Housing Authority, 40 William Shyne Circle, Norwood, Massachusetts 02062 and received no later than the date and time specified above in a sealed envelope marked “Norwood Housing Electrical BID – 2024- 2025”

Contractors interested in familiarizing themselves with the existing conditions may make an appointment by contacting Todd Rego at 781-762-8115, Ext 205 Tuesday thru Thursday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM March 5, 2024 thru March 7, 2024.

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A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. On January 24, 2024, Bird Incorporated d.b.a CertainTeed Roofing recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds a NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION on two portions of the disposal site, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1070 through 40.1080.

The NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION will prohibit the following site activities and uses on a portion of the above property:

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- Use of Property for school/day-care or playground/park; and
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Any person interested in obtaining additional information about the NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION may contact Jason Wilkinson, LSP of Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions, Inc. at jwilkinson@ramboll.com or at 978-449-0339.

The NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION and the disposal site file can be viewed at Mass DEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 4-0024105 at <http://public.dep.state.ma.us/SearchableSites2/Search.aspx> or at the MassDEP, Southeast office at 20Riverside Drive, Lakeville, 508-946-2700.

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**SECTION A - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
TOWN OF NORWOOD, MA**

Sealed bids will be received up until 11:00 A.M., Thursday, March 14, 2024, on Projectdog.com project code: **860396**:

"Cooper Park Construction"

Bidders must be qualified to perform the work described in these specifications in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 30, Section 39M.

The complete bid package may be obtained digitally on Projectdog.com using the project code **860396**. The bid must be filled out and signed as directed herein, endorsed with the name and address of the bidder, and marked, **"Cooper Park Construction NCD-24-02"**. Bid submissions are to occur digitally on Projectdog.com. No physical copies will be accepted.

A non-mandatory site visit will occur on **February 28, 2024 at 11am** at the end of St. Joseph Ave., Norwood, MA 02062.

A certified check or bid bond, with acceptable surety in favor of the Town of Norwood and equal to at least five percent (5%) of the bid, must be submitted with the bid. The successful bidder shall, within ten (10) days of notification of award, furnish the Town a payment bond and labor and materials bond in an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the bid.

Bids shall be prepared, considered, and the contract awarded in accordance with all statutes governing such contracts (Chapter 30 as amended). Every General Bid shall be on forms furnished by the Town. Bids submitted on other forms may be rejected. The award of the contract shall be made within 30 working days after the opening of General Bids, Saturdays, Sundays, and Legal Holidays excluded.

The Town of Norwood notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed, or national origin in consideration for an award.

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.

Wages are subject to minimum wage rates under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D inclusive, as most recently amended. Prevailing wage rates will be provided.

An award will not be made to a Contractor who is not properly equipped to undertake and complete the work. The right is reserved to waive any informality and to reject any or all bids in accordance with the provisions of MGL as amended.

BY: Tony Mazzucco, General Manager

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**SECTION A - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
TOWN OF NORWOOD, MA**

Sealed bids will be received up to 11:00 A.M., March 7, 2024 on www.Projectdog.com using the Project code: **860395** for the following Public Project:

"Annual Road Resurfacing"

Bidders must be pre-qualified to perform the work described in these specifications in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 29, Section 8B and Chapter 90, Section 34. The contractors must be pre-approved by Mass. Highway Department prior to receiving an official proposal form.

The complete bid package may be obtained online at www.Projectdog.com beginning on February 22, 2024. Log in and enter the Project Code **860395** to find the project and submit bids. Hard copies of bid documents will not be provided. Hard copies of bid submittals will not be accepted.

A certified check or bid bond, with acceptable surety in favor of the Town of Norwood and equal to at least five percent (5%) of the bid, must be submitted with the bid. The successful bidder shall, within ten (10) days of notification of award furnish the Town a performance bond and labor and materials bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the bid.

Bids shall be prepared, considered, and the contract awarded in accordance with all statutes governing such contracts (MGL Chapter 30 and Chapter 149 as amended). Every General Bid shall be on forms furnished by the Town. Bids submitted on other forms may be rejected. The award of the contract shall be made within 30 working days after the opening of General Bids, Saturdays, and Sundays excluded.

An award will not be made to a Contractor who is not properly equipped to undertake and complete the work. The right is reserved to waive any informality and to reject any or all bids in accordance with the provisions of MGL as amended.

The Town of Norwood notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed or national origin in consideration for an award. As part of his obligation of remedial action under the foregoing section, the Contractor and Subcontractors shall maintain not less than 5% ratio of minority employee work hours to total work hours in each job category specified in Section 44F of Chapter 149 MGL.

The Town of Norwood notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed or national origin in consideration for an award. Contractors shall take Affirmative Action to negotiate with qualified minority or women-owned subcontractors in accordance with MGL Chapter 193. For any municipal design or construction project that includes funding provided by the Commonwealth, in whole or in part (such as reimbursements, grants and the like), awarding authorities will need to have MBE and WBE goals incorporated into both the design and construction procurement. The current applicable MBE and WBE goals developed by DCAMM in consultation with Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office (SDO) are 6.6% MBE and 15% WBE on design contracts and 4.2% MBE and 8.8% WBE on construction contracts.

Wages are subject to minimum wage rates under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D inclusive, as most recently amended.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to accept any part of a bid or the one deemed best for the Town.

BY: Tony Mazzucco, General Manager

Norwood Record: 02/22/24

Deaths

BUTTERS



Kimberly Janice passed away peacefully on Tuesday February 13, 2024 surrounded by her loving family. Born in Norwood, MA on July 13, 1984 to her proud parents, the late David Joseph Butters of Norwood MA and Karen Patricia Butters (O'Neil) of Roslindale MA. She leaves behind the loves of her life, her three young boys, Maverick, Mason and David. They were her pride and joy and she often referred to them as her biggest and best accomplishments of her life. She also leaves behind her fiancé and high school sweetheart, Derek Lightbody of Walpole, MA who she loved dearly. She also leaves behind her five siblings who she cherished; Stephen Butters of Norwood MA, Sherry Sherman and husband Doug of Plymouth MA, Crystal Masse and husband Jeffrey of Franklin MA, Darlene Foster and husband James of Plymouth MA and Sean Butters of Norwood MA.

Kimberly graduated from Walpole High School, Class of 2002, and achieved her Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice at Mass Bay Community College. Growing up she enjoyed swim team, basketball and softball which her beloved and dedicated dad coached. Her love for her children, family, fiancé and friends knew no bounds, and if any of them needed anything she would be there in a moment's notice no matter what time, distance or circumstance. Kimberly had a smile that lit up the room, a contagious laugh and the sweetest most friendly disposition that always made everyone she encountered feel like a friend. It didn't matter if it was someone she saw occasionally, an old friend she hadn't seen in years, an employee at the local grocery store, or a complete stranger, she always made an effort to make conversation, take an interest in their lives and leave them feeling better than how she found them. She lived to the fullest in her short thirty-nine years of life; never one to turn down a trip to the beach, a night of karaoke, a paint

night adventure with her mom who was, without a doubt, her best friend, a laughter filled game of scrabble or a Golden Girls marathon. Her soul emanated kindness, loyalty and love and this world without a doubt is a little dimmer without her in it, however each and every person lucky enough to have known her are undeniably better and happier people for it. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Go Fund Me Fundraiser that has been organized to support the education and needs of her three children. Visiting hours will be held Friday, March 1, 2024 from 5-7pm at the Alexander F. Thomas and Sons Funeral Home, 45 Common Street, Walpole MA.

DIPIETRO



Franca (Facchini) of N. Attleboro, formerly of Norwood, passed away on February 16, 2024 at the age of 73. She was born on June 24, 1950 in her hometown of Sulmona, Italy. Franca was a strong woman of her faith, Roman Catholicism. She enjoyed the beach, cooking numerous Italian specialties for family and friends and caring for her loved ones as well as spending a night out at the casino. She was very proud of her family and heritage and we all enjoyed hearing the many stories she told. Beloved wife of the late Bruno DiPietro. Devoted mother of Paula DiPietro and her fiancée Richard Degulio Jr. of N. Attleboro and Michelle Higgins and her husband Christopher of Foxboro. Sister of Lorenzo Facchini of Canton. Cherished Nonni of Olivia Muise, Jonathan Higgins and Nicholas Higgins. Daughter of the late Giuseppe and Eva (DiBacco) Facchini. Also survived by Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, and Nephews. 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 her name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105-9959 www.stjude.org

FOLAN



PAUL T. "Rock", a life-long resident of Norwood, passed away on February 13, 2024 at the age of 80. Beloved husband of Janet L. (Doyle) Folan who he was married to for 52 years. Loving brother of Thomas Folan of Norwood, Robert "Pebbles" Folan of Norwood and the late Dorothy Miksch. Son of the late Thomas and Irene (Feist) Folan. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Paul was a 1961 graduate of Norwood High School. He was a Manufacturing Technician for Polaroid Corporation in Norwood MA working there for 25 years. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood, MA 02062.. Burial will be private. Donations may be made in his name to the Best Friends Animal Society 5001 Angel Canyon Road Kaub, UT 84741 www.bestfriends.org

LANE

Clifford Robert "Bob", 94, passed away peacefully in his sleep Tuesday, February 13, 2024 in his home in Westwood. He is survived by his daughter Nancy Gorton, her husband Paul Gorton, and their children Ryan and Alicia of Randolph, MA, his son Richard Lane of Westwood, MA, son David Lane, of Bellows Falls, VT, and sister Jane Johnson of Cape Cod. He was predeceased by his wife Eileen (Tootie) Mumblow Lane. He was a U.S. Army Veteran, a member of the Order of Runeberg in Norwood, a member of the Boylston Schul-Verein in Walpole, and a long time employee of Hollingsworth & Vose, Walpole. A Funeral Service was held in the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood on Tuesday, February 20. Interment was at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, we encourage you to make a donation in Bob's memory to a charity you hold dear.

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PARKER

Justin Richard was taken from us tragically and unexpectedly on Saturday February 3, 2024 at age 37, leaving us heartbroken with a void in our lives. Justin was born in Quincy MA and was raised in Holbrook and he worked for Highway systems maintaining roadways and bridges. Justin's parents, his two brothers, and his daughter were his anchor. Justin's proudest accomplishment in life was being a father to his beautiful daughter Brianna who he spent most of his days with and gave his life fulfillment. Some would describe Justin as a reserved man and one who kept to himself. Those who knew Justin well would say the opposite. Justin was a caring and sincere person who would not hesitate to help those family and friends he loved. Justin will be sadly missed by his daughter Brianna and her mother Kristie O'Connell, his parents Steve and Kelly of Norwood, his brothers, Chris and Rob, Rob's wife Jenn, and as a "cool uncle" by his nephews Jack, Charlie, and Mason, and grandmothers Mary Parker and Corally Toye and his closest friends. A Funeral Service was held in the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood on Tuesday February 13. Interment was at Highland Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers or donations, we ask that today you hug someone you love and tell the people closest to you that you love them while you have the opportunity. Life is very special, a gift. Love and family is all that truly matters and time waits for no one.

RYAN

ARLINE M. (Prendergast) of Norwood passed away peacefully surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with ALS on February 10, 2024 at the age of 80. Beloved wife of Eric P. Ryan. Devoted mother of Hilary R. McCarthy and her husband Shane of Norwood, Niamh M. Colpitts and her husband Todd of ME, Mark R. Ryan of Norwood, Emma A. Ryan of AZ and the late Sinead H. Green. Only sister of Thomas F. Prendergast of Canada. Cherished grandmother of Jake Ryan, Hailey Ryan, Hunter Colpitts, Abbey Ryan and Kingston Ryan. Arline grew up in Ennis, Ireland where she met the love of her life and husband of 56 years Eric. They moved to Dublin where they raised a family of five children. Arline was very active in Templeogue Tennis Club where she was ladies captain for several years. Arline, Eric and family moved to the US in 1989. Arline worked in Boston at Shaw data and subsequently Siemens in Walpole. Arline was known for her wonderful cooking and open house, hosting many over the years for every holiday. Arline was a mother to everyone. After retirement Arline became very active in the Norwood Senior Center where she made some wonderful friends in her later years. A funeral mass was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to the ALS Foundation 200 Frieberg Parkway, Suite 1000 Westborough, MA01581 www.als.org or to the Compassionate Care ALS, CCALS P.O. Box 1052 West Falmouth, MA 02574 www.ccals.org

TOMASELLO

Edward Francis of Plainville, formerly of Norwood, passed away on February 7, 2024 at the age of 90. Beloved husband of Mary Elizabeth (McAuliffe) Tomasello. Devoted father of Michael E. Tomasello and his wife Christine of RI, William "Bill" Tomasello and his wife Kathy of Norwood, Edward T. Tomasello and his wife Sharon of Center Conway, NH, Robert C. Tomasello and his wife Catherine "CJ" of Mansfield and Susan M. Mills and her husband Don of Exeter, NH. Brother of the late Joseph, Jack, Bill, Peter and Paul. Cherished grandfather of 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Son of the late Joseph A. and Catherine L. (Tracey) Tomasello. Edward graduated from Norwood High School in 1951. He was a U.S. Navy Korean War veteran. After serving his country honorably, he worked 37 years at Norwood Post Office as a Letter Carrier and Clerk. All services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the West Roxbury VA Medical Center, 1400 VFW Pkwy., West Roxbury, MA 02132.



ROTARY MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST

Please join us for a Neponset Valley Rotary Membership breakfast meeting on Wednesday, March 6, at Sheraton Four Points, Route 1, Norwood, MA at 7:30 AM. Ours is a dynamic Rotary club that strives to change and save lives in our world, both locally and globally, by offering our community a variety of service projects that range from improving literacy, to delivering clean water, to supporting our community food pantries. Want to make a difference in this world? Come check us out on March 6th...you'll be glad that you did. If you would like to attend, to reserve a seat, please email Mike Thornton at: Mjt373group@gmail.com Looking forward to seeing you on March 6th!

THE WOMANS CLUB TO MEET

The Norwood Woman's Club will be meeting on Tuesday, March 12th at 12:30 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 572 Nichols St, Norwood Ma. The Black Velvet Band will be returning to help us celebrate St. Patrick's Day. There will be a lot of singing, dancing, and clapping going on to the Irish tunes. A light lunch will be served. Guests are welcomed. Yearly dues are now \$35.00. We are asking everyone to bring one item for the Ecumenical Food pantry to each meeting. Any questions please call Trina at 781-762-8173. Hope to see you there.

VFW ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

The Norwood VFW will be hosting a Happy St. Patrick's Day Party on Sunday, March 17, from 4 to 8 PM. This event is open to everyone. The Public is invited. Tickets are only \$20.00 per person. The traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner will be provided. This will be

preceded by the very delicious Lamb Stew. This Stew has always been a favorite. The Dinner is scheduled for 5:00 PM. The evening will also feature Irish and Dance Music. Wonderful music will be provided for everyone's dancing and listening pleasure. This event will be in the Function Hall at the Norwood VFW Post 2452 at 193 Dean Street, Norwood. It is strongly encouraged that tickets be obtained by Friday, March 15. The Tickets are available for sale at the VFW Post on Dean Street. Please call 781-762-6910 for more information. Come eat, dance, and have fun.

PARKWAY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS A FAMILY CONCERT

Parkway Concert Orchestra presents a family concert on Sunday, March 3 at 3 p.m. at Holy Name Parish Upper Church, 1689 Centre St, West Roxbury. Music Director Thomas Kociela conducts the 50 piece non-profit orchestra in an exciting program including Capriccio Espagnol by Rimsky-Korsakov, Spiderman by Elfman, An American in Paris Suite by Gershwin, The Walk to Paradise Garden by Delius, and other selections.

This concert is presented by Holy Name Enrichment Program and is sponsored by Vogt Realty Group in memory of Gene and Ann Vogt. The program is supported in part by an operating support grant through the Cultural Sector Recovery Grants for Organizations program from the Mass Cultural Council. During intermission, the audience will have a chance to meet and learn about the orchestra instruments at an instrument petting zoo. Concert admission is free. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. For more information, please call 617-792-4277, visit the orchestra's web site at www.parkwayconcertorchestra.org or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/parkwayconcertorchestra.

IMPACT NORWOOD CREATING MAGAZINE

Calling all Norwood residents! How has physical and mental wellness impacted your life? Impact Norwood is a substance use prevention and mental health awareness coalition seeking to improve health in Norwood youth. We are creating a wellness magazine, Mindful Mustangs, focusing on stories of resilience, mental health, physical activity, community, and prioritizing overall wellbeing, but we need submissions! We are looking for articles and artwork from Norwood residents of all ages sharing any story about their own wellness journey or using one of our prompts. You can find the application and submit your response online at <http://tinyurl.com/MindfulMustangs24> or at one of our physical locations: the Civic Center, Morrill Memorial Library, Senior Center, and Town Hall. To find out more, please visit impactnorwood.org/mindful-mustangs or email mindfulmustangs@gmail.com with any questions.

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 Transgender and Non-Binary Youth: March 8,

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For the Record



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.

BMW Z4

Winter time is not the best time to test a BMW Z4 but how could one say no to it? I had it for a week and the weather was cold and dry. The summer performance tires get hard when cold and traction will lessen. The older Z4's were much harder riding than this 2023. It's hard to find any faults with this car. It's easy to enter and exit, plenty of room for two, even if you're tall. Power comes from a very smooth 2.0 liter turbo 4-cylinder via an 8-speed multi function automatic. The optional M Sport changes the whole car—this BMW even had a remote start. The Harman Kardon surround system is engineered for the cabin, top up or down. With the top down and wind deflector in place, very little wind comes in. Heated seats and steering wheel, another plus. The ride is smooth for a car that handles like this one does. The biggest surprise is the price: base is \$53,800 (destination: \$995). As tested, with options, that makes the Z4 even better—the total MSRP: \$64,620 all in. A good looking performance car that is easy to drive.

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

Monday, February 12

1008 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Healthcare - Washington St Caller reports on 911 2 parties fighting verbally. Possibly physical. 665 reports parties separated, one accused the other of property theft. Now going for voluntary evaluation.

1452 Phone - Health & Welfare Check No Service Location/Address: Engamore Ln Leasing Office on business line requesting welfare check on party. States the involved party called the leasing office @ 0300 this morning and stated she was in danger and in need of police help because someone was after her. Officers spoke with the involved party who stated they were not in any trouble, officers report they appear to be in no distress. Units clear.

1646 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Vanderbilt Ave In the parking lot of the cheer gym, furthest entrance party with a grey hoodie acting suspicious and making the females in the cheer gym concerned. 663 curtesy transporting the male party to Longwood. Male party stated he was just looking at the towers around the highway. He has been dropped off and unit is clear

2229 911 - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Mountain Ave e911 caller reports hearing noises near her basement and toward her backyard. Caller has had previous breaking and entering issues and is concerned this is a repeat issue. Units checked the area and the home and everything appears ok at this time

Tuesday, February 13

0518 Phone - PD-Assist Fire Department Investigated Location/Address: Walnut Ave

e911 caller reporting smoke condition in her basement with alarms sounding. 669 responding with FD. FD investigated the home and all apparatus and units clear from the scene

0935 Initiated - PD-Suspicious Activity Checked Location/Address: Home Market Foods Inc - Morgan Dr 668 reports hearing a loud explosion in the area. Units are checking the area. 668 reports it was a tire exploding on a TT unit.

1054 Initiated - PD-Unwanted Party Spoke With Location/Address: Chapel St Walk in to the lobby regarding an unwanted party. 667 advises they involved party wanted it documented that due to courts being closed today, she was unable to address the issue of someone that is on the lease.

2131 Initiated - PD-Assist Public Spoke With Location/Address: Dean St Arrest: Pires, Ricky Jardim Address: 16 Gordon St Framingham, Ma Age: 21 Charges: Motor Vehicle, Malicious Damage To c266 §28(a)

Wednesday, February 14

0754 Phone - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: Starbucks Coffee Co. - Bos-Prov Hwy Shift manager at Starbucks would like to speak to an officer in regards to an upset customer who threw a drink at an employee's feet because it was made incorrectly. The involved party is no longer on scene. The manager would like to document this incident. Officer spoke with the manager, report to follow.

0910 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Prospect St Caller stating she is locked out of her house with her 3 year old child. FD to assist with lockout, units clear.

1224 Phone - PD-Noise

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Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Hoyle St Caller on the business line stating her neighbor is blaring her radio and it is shaking her furniture. Party has been advised to turn the music down.

1804 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: St George Ave From HQ, caller reporting a vehicle running for around 2 hours. RO of that vehicle is working at this address, Norwood 664 en route to notify that party. Norwood 664 reports that vehicle was gone on arrival.

Thursday, February 15

1443 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Spoke With Location/Address: Chateau Restaurant - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reporting an unwanted female party is in the building and would like her removed. WF wearing a green shirt and blue hat. Currently yelling at employees for unknown reasons.

1653 911 - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: Home Depot - Bos-Prov Hwy Male party on 911 states he is parked in his vehicle and an unknown male party approached him and was acting irate. He threw a soda at his vehicle and his car. 5'3-5'4 Brown jacket, brown hair, Hispanic. He entered the store. Caller is in a Ford Transit van color white and is a dog vehicle. Norwood 676 reports speaking to the reporting party, unable to locate the other half. OF assigned.

1657 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Charlwell Nursing Home -

Walpole St Caller from the Charlwell stating a resident is going around harassing other residents and ranting about religion. The staff wants her removed. Norwood 667 reports that party was escorted off the property and advised, units standing by to ensure she does not return. Norwood 667 reports that party and her mother were picked up by an Uber.

1756 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Mobil Gas - Wash./RR Av - Washington St 911 caller reporting 2 male parties that appeared to be "casing the house" across the street. Those male parties have since started walking towards the Mobil. One described as wearing a black hoodie and the other wearing a white hoodie. Norwood 661 reports those individuals are going door to door for Power Home Remodeling. All parties advised.

1857 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Report Follows Location/Address: Howard St Caller on 911 states a silver Audi drove into her front door and handicap ramp in the front of her home. No one is in the vehicle. No injuries or hazards at this time. Norwood 661 reports the vehicle rolled out of the driveway from across the street and struck a handicap sign. The vehicle did not strike the home. 661 reports that vehicle was moved back across the street, all parties advised, report to follow.

Friday, February 16

1057 Phone - PD-Illegal Dumping Services Rendered Location/Address: - Atwood Ave RP on business line reports illegal dumping. MA REG 4DCG18, parked in front of his house. Left trash and left. It was a bag of banana peels

1118 Phone - PD-Assist Public Spoke With Location/Address: Phillips Ave Party in the lobby looking to talk to an OFC in regards to issues with their property. Civil issue between landlord and tenant. Parties advised, ofc clear.

1121 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Investigated Location/Address: Wickham Way 911 caller from the VA peer support specialist. Reports they are trying to reach a male party here.

February 22, 2024

No answer. Clear, FD checked apartment. Male party not on scene.

Saturday, February 17

1808 911 - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Engamore Lane Caller reports loud banging with a dog yelping in the apartment above him. Dog was put back into the crate, all quiet.

2054 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Hampden Dr suspicious activity from a male baby sitter. Caller states that she and her girlfriend came home and that this male person stated that he was babysitting and wanted to jump from one balcony to another. Caller is 17 year old female and is concerned for her safety.

2116 Phone - PD-Warrant Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St warrant serve Vehicle NJ Reg. N13NXA being towed from the police station to Don and Wally's. Arrest: Jacobs, Tracy S Address: 25 Browning Ave Apt. #3 Boston, Ma Age: 50 Charges: Drug, Possess Class A, Subsq.Off. Cocaine, Trafficking In, 36 grams or more, less than 100 grams Straight Warrant License Suspended, OP MV with Alcohol in MV, Possess open container of

2251 Phone - PD-Disturbance Sent On Way Location/Address: Norwood Central Station Building - Broadway St Transit requesting assistance with a unruly passenger. In train car 17-16. Involved party was located and sent on his way off of the train. Transit updated and units will be clear.

Sunday, February 18

1007 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Vicinity of: Howard St + Fulton St 911 call for a bulldog type dog running around. No collar or owner nearby. ACO contacted and responding but cancelled en route. 665 reports owner located Fulton Ave.

1638 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Investigated Location/Address: Bullard St Business line caller reporting a white colored dog in this area with no collar on. Possible that dog got loose from this location. OFC spoke with resident. Homeowner is walking dog on leash.

1902 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Investigated Location/Address: Nucar Volkswagen - Bos-Prov Hwy Netwatch security reports a female party in a silver SUV parked next to a blue jeep that is not authorized to be there. OFC on scene reports it is a party dropping off a loaner car, and dealer is giving her, her car. OFC clear. Matter resolved.

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from 9-10 a.m. Understanding Pediatric Anxiety Disorders and OCD: March 22, from 12-1 p.m. Partnering with Schools for Services and Supports: April 5, from 9-10 a.m.

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

NORWOOD TOASTMASTERS CAN IMPROVE COMMUNICATION SKILLS

The Norwood Toastmasters Club, a not-for-profit educational organization is well into its 25th year! We develop communication and leadership skills for our members and the community at every level of ability. Guests are always welcome to come and see just how we do it! Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. We meet from 6:45 until 8:30 p.m. at the Lydon Suite in the Norwood Civic Center, 165 Nahatan St. in Norwood, Massachusetts. Please visit our website: <https://norwoodtoastmaster.toastmastersclubs.org/> for additional information."

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).

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 March 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Adriana Malliaros (Case #24-07) with respect to property located at **183 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062 [Map 14 Block 13 Lot 4C]**, in the **General Residence (G) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/xsu-pnjz-wua>
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This Application requests a **Special Permit** pursuant to Zoning Bylaw **Section 5.4** for a proposed expansion on a pre-existing non-conforming structure greater than 25% of the existing habitable floor area; addition of a dormer and second floor expansion of existing rear flex space on first floor

Any zoning relief that may be required in adherence to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw shall be considered by the Board. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeals and may be requested by emailing comdev@norwoodma.gov Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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Morrill Library Events

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

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: 2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 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.

Join the art instructor Stephanie Enloe for sensory-friendly art classes for adults, a program specially designed for adults with all levels of cognitive abilities. The attendees will get a chance to create an art piece in a sensory-friendly and inclusive environment.

MONDAY MATINEE SERIES

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to launch Monday Movie Matinee, a film series starting in January. The series will run from January - May. The films will be shown on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. All showtimes at 1PM. Movie dates are: 2/26, 3/11, 3/25, 4/22, 5/13. February movies are: Judas and the Black Messiah (126 mins) and A Haunting in Venice (104 mins).

THE HIDDEN HISTORY OF BLACK BOSTON

Celebrate Black History Month with the Morrill Memorial Library as we welcome award-winning educator, Joel Mackall, on Monday, February 26 at 6:30pm in the Simoni Room.

Joel will customize his guided tours of the City of Boston for our armchair traveling audience in an interactive presentation: The Hidden History of Black Boston.

Join us to learn Boston's 400-year African-American history! We will delve into the rich narratives of neighborhoods and pivotal sites, events, and figures from the eras of Faneuil Hall and Long Wharf, which marked Boston's connection to the Atlantic world, all the way to the vibrant Black communities that flourished in Beacon Hill in the early republic, and the South End and Roxbury in the early 20th century. Joel's presentation is built on engagement and responsiveness - moving at a pace that allows for in-depth exploration and encourages participant interaction. We cover themes of Black organization and community formation across activism, religion, civil rights, and economics, connecting historical events to contemporary challenges.

The big idea? It's a conversation, and we definitely welcome and encourage questions.

ONE VOTE FEATURED

League of Women Voters, in partnership with Morrill Memorial Library, is excited to host the film screening of the documentary One Vote on Thursday February 29, at 6:30 PM in the Simoni Room at the library. The film will be followed by a discussion.

Movie description: ONE VOTE is a small film about a big topic: American democracy. At a moment of unprecedented cynicism about the political process, ONE VOTE bears hopeful witness to the humanity and rich diversity of American voters, and to the unsung stories that comprise our exercise of democracy. It is an inspiring film that follows five diverse Americans on election day. At times funny, surprising and heart-wrenching, the film eschews partisan politics in favor of an honest portrayal of voters' Election Day experiences. It will move you to conquer their own obstacles and objections and to inspire one and all to participate in the democratic process. Run time: 1hr. 18 mins.

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 February Lego club meeting will be held in-person at the library on Thursday February 29, 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.

UNRAVELING MYTHS ABOUT TRANS PEOPLE IN SPORTS

The Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with a cohort of over 40 Massachusetts and New Hampshire public libraries to host journalist Erin Reed for a virtual presentation titled "The Real Score: Unraveling Myths About Trans People in Sports" on Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00pm on Zoom.

In this presentation, we will explore the complex and often misunderstood world of transgender athletes in sports. Delving into the history and current controversies, we will address the myths and misinformation surrounding "biological advantages." We will also discuss the discriminatory nature of recent sports bans targeting transgender individuals, and interrogate how similar arguments have been historically used to marginalize other minority groups. We will look at the real world impact of these sports bans, and how they might touch places you didn't think about. Finally, we'll put it all together in considering what transgender inclusion means for society at large.

About the presenter: Erin Reed (she/her) is a transgender journalist based in Washington, D.C. She tracks LGBTQ+ legislation around the United States for her subscription newsletter, Erin In The Morning. Her work has been cited by the AP, Reuters, The New York Times, The Washington Post, and many more major media outlets. You can follow her on twitter and tiktok @ErinInTheMorn.

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