



TM Member Susan Davis asked why the Schools Department keeps going to outside vendors for studies at last week's Town Meeting night.

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TM approves schools articles

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Special Town Meeting (TM) concluded last Thursday after two hours of discussion and approval of all presented articles.

TM started a bit late, however, as the schedule did not initially account for parent teacher conferences previously scheduled at the Norwood High School. Town Moderator Gerri Slater said this was an oversight that would, hopefully, not be repeated.

"We did not know about school conferences until the Finance Commission Chair, as I think everybody here on Monday night saw, alerted us to that fact at approximately 10 p.m.," she said. "That shouldn't happen and it won't happen again.

It's not fair to you all as Town Meeting members – it's your meeting – and we shouldn't be deciding things on the fly, like when we adjourn and when we are going to resume a meeting. You have my assurances and I've spoken to the Facilities department, the Town Clerk, the Town Manager, and I'll speak with the School Department as well so we all make sure something like that is known for the future. And I appreciate your indulgence in that."

The meeting picked up where it left off with several articles concerning the schools beginning with **Article 14**, a request for \$40,000 for a Superintendent Search Committee consultant fee. **Article 15** was for \$100,000 for a comprehensive review of the School De-

partment Student Services (up from an initially estimated \$60,000) from an outside consultant. **Article 16** was for a social emotional enrichment pilot program for \$50,000 and **Article 17** was for establishing a new revolving fund for the Parks Department to take over the Norwood Public Schools District Extended Day Program.

While the Extended Day discussion took up the most time, the discourse on the review of School Department Services focusing on special education best encapsulated an apparent disconnect between TM members and NPS. The review was put forth because NPS had noticed that its number of students with special

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The Norwood Commerce Center (Winsmith Mill) is putting together a general permit to allow more consistency in the future.

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Hometown Arcade continued again

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The retroactive application for a special permit to operate Hometown Arcade at the Norwood Commerce Center at 61 Endicott St. was continued – once again – by the Norwood Zoning Board of Appeals at its most recent meeting.

The application was first filed in July when it was discovered that Hometown Arcade had not originally requested a special permit. Owner and operator Matthew Snow said at a summer Board of Selectmen's meeting that his lawyers had told him he was not required to have one. However, Building Inspector Gary Pelletier disagreed.

Since then, the organization has been seeking a retroactive special permit to operate the business in the Commerce Center, but has twice sought and received continuances. Attorney representing the organization Ryan Gazda, of McDermott, Quilty & Miller, said they wanted another continuance but that there has been some progress.

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ConCom hears Wendy's/BJ's fix, dumping at Bernie Cooper Park

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Conservation Commission (ConCom) met on Wednesday, Nov. 15 and discussed two big developments regarding wetlands: one seemingly positive and one definitely not.

Bad news first: Conservation Agent Carly Rocklen reported that someone has been dumping construction materials and/or debris at the Bernie Cooper Memorial Waterfront Park. Rocklen said Assistant Town Planner Holly Jones first informed her of the fill being dumped. The department reported it is looking into

the origin of the materials and can hopefully stop such action in the future.

"After all the cleanup they've done that's so disappointing," said Vice Chair Catherine Walsh.

"We should see if the DPW can put a 'no dumping' sign up there," said member Peter Bamber.

"I'm kind of surprised there's not one already there with all the dumping that's gone on in past years," Walsh said.

The ConCom will hope to deter this behavior in the future.

The good news is that the Wendy's/BJ's situation has a new plan to tackle the water buildup in the infiltration basin.

The water feature, located behind 1412 Boston Providence Hwy., has been an issue since before it was actually placed; facing criticism from ConCom members around 2017 when they were still in the design phases.

ConCom Chair Stephen Washburn recalled those meetings when the issue was first brought back to the Commission in August of this year.

"I can recall rather vividly when this first came to the Commission that a former member of the Commission was adamant that the problem was that this was built in the groundwater and it was never going to drain," he said. "No

amount of appropriate-sized stone or domed drainage grade or otherwise was going to let this thing evacuate water. It seems that this is what has finally been concluded and accepted."

In recent year this stormwater feature has not been properly draining and, according to Solli Engineer Casey Burch, about nine inches of water stays there after a rain event and only dissipates after being evaporated.

"It's there pretty much at all times and takes a while to evaporate," Burch said. "What we're planning to do is come in with material and plugs and create a kind of pocket wet-

land."

Burch said they would fill in about 10-to-12 inches of soil and put in plantings that would help keep the water from going too stagnant and producing loads of mosquitoes. Burch said the plantings, which would be suited to high-water environments, would also help to reduce the water there.

"We're keeping the stone underneath, but 12 inches is enough for these plants to grow and thrive in these constant wet conditions," he said. "The idea is you won't see the water as much, just plants at

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needs is at 25 percent, much higher than the state average.

“The state average is I think, 19 percent and the fact that we have 25 (percent) is that we have too many,” said Assistant Superintendent for Operations and Strategy Charisse Taylor. “That signals to us that there is an over-identification problem happening.”

TM member Susan Davis asked why this has to be done with a third-party vendor.

“I don’t understand why every time this happens we have to go outside and pay all this money for committees, especially with the school(s),” she said. “I don’t understand why that within the school, they can’t form a committee and find out what is going on out there and what you need to really be successful. I just don’t get it.”

Norwood School Committee Chair Anne Marie Mazzolla said this has come up in multiple discussions and it was felt that NPS staff may not be objective when reviewing each other. School Committee and Town Meeting Member Katie Neal Rizzo added that teachers who have direct connections to students and, in some cases, children of their own in the system, would be vulnerable to conflicts of interest in making these kinds of assessments, and that an objective party would be better suited to it.

“That has been requested of us in multiple meetings,” Mazzolla said.

As these articles were thoroughly discussed, a theme appeared to emerge: TM members feel the schools were starting to ask for more and more money. TM members brought up the old 60/40 funding split that the NPS and Town Administration used to use, and that the old

funding proportion seemed skewed more towards schools now. Neal-Rizzo said at this point, that was irrelevant.

“We talk about how expensive student services are and people question the school budget and how much we spend on these services every, single, Town Meeting since I’ve joined eight years ago,” she said.

Neal-Rizzo said the discussion on the review was symptomatic of a greater suspicious nature when it comes to school funding at Town Meeting, despite the fact, she said, it is likely to save money in the long run.

“We are not only providing the services we are legally required to provide, but it would also help to avoid future litigation, which would cost the school district a lot,” she said. “I don’t think people understand how many times the schools are approached with legal challenges and the costs of that. And the more comprehensive this study is, the more it’s going to save us. Spending \$100,000 right now has the possibility and potential to save us \$100,000 just in the next year. Special education services are extremely expensive and cost the Town a lot. It would help with efficiencies, finding out if services can be combined or departmental groups can be combined and avoiding litigation.”

Neal-Rizzo said she felt frustrated as a school supporter because just five articles before, TM agreed to spend \$60,000 on a public safety staffing study.

“And nobody questioned that money, but this study is being questioned,” she said. “Sometimes you have to hire outside groups, and this is one of those situations in which you have to do it.”

Mazzolla later discussed the funding discrepancy in earlier drafts of the warrant articles. She said they initially felt \$60,000 would be enough, but after NPS put out bid requests from consultants the highest bid came back at \$118,000 and the lowest came back at \$67,000,

so it was felt that more should be requested. She said if there’s any leftover from the \$100,000, it would go directly back into the General Fund as free cash.

TM members voted to approve the funds with one or two members in opposition (no count was taken).

The Extended Day Revolving Fund was approved, but TM members had to amend the motion. TM member and former Town Moderator David Hern and TM member John Hall felt that the text in Article 17 was incomplete. After a long discussion and a brief recess it was completed and TM voted approval.

Essentially, the revolving fund allows fees to be placed into a dedicated fund for Extended Day before the potential transfer from the NPS to the Parks Department, if the decision for that move is made at a future Town Meeting. Finance Commission Chair Myev Bodenhofer said if that was not established, those funds could be in financial limbo, as Extended Day’s programming crosses over the spring, summer and fall months. Moving funds would be difficult without a Town Meeting unless this dedicated fund is established.

Article 18 was for the creation of a compensated absences fund for Town employees and was passed without much fuss. Article 19 was for the appropriation of \$2 million from free cash to the Override Stabilization Fund, and Article 20 was for the application towards \$500,000 in grant funds from the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities grant for the Hawes Pool repairs. Article 21 was for an NPS Food Services Grant of \$27,099.20 that was mistakenly closed in free cash rather than allocated to the food service revolving fund, and the article corrected that.

The final bit of business was unpaid bills, this time in Article 22, and it was passed to pay a total of \$19,036.20 to various entities.

The last motion to adjourn Town Meeting was passed unanimously.

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Residents gathered at the Norwood Food Forest to hear about how to prepare fruit trees for winter on Saturday.

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Food Forest preps for winter

Bryant Jones
Staff Reporter

Shannon Borucke, Food Forest Builder at the Boston Food Forest Coalition held a free pruning and natural pest control workshop on Saturday, Nov. 18 at the Norwood Food Forest on Mylod Street. There were twelve in attendance on an unusually cold day but the knowledge passed on by Shannon made it worth braving the cold.

Mark Negron, a Norwood resident and Food Forest volunteer heading the activity explained that the Endean Food Forest project (Hawes Brook Recreational area) is located on a 37-acre conservation property in Norwood, directly adjacent to a well-established 75-plot neighborhood garden area. He said Saturday's event was sup-

ported by a grant from the Norwood Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council.


Borucke explained that, "I'm out here working with the Conservation Commission teaching Norwood neighbors how to do integrative pest management, also called 'IPM.' We're trying to find holistic approaches to identify and treat what's affecting our trees here at Norwood's Food Forest to protect them better. I wish we could say no pests forever, that's the ideal, but no. I teach holistic approaches of reinforcing natural processes, how our environment has naturally evolved to care for its own growth. So the idea is that the more we practice it over time, the more strength we give to trees and shrubs to protect themselves."

Borucke said it won't completely get rid of the pests, but it will keep a lot of

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the basin."

He said they couldn't put in a full constructed wetland simply because the space in the parcel is too small and there's not enough room to work around the BJ's Gas Station and Wendy's restaurant.

"We get all the exact requirements of an actual wetlands because of the forebays (sediment barrier) and stuff like that; we just don't have room for that here," he said. "We're trying to get to something close as possible."

Rocklen said she only had two issues with the plan. She believes there is an outlet from the basin at the same elevation of the water collecting in the basin and so not much of it moves out of the basin. Rocklen said Jones, who had been working as the Norwood Conservation Agent at the time, felt that the outlet should be protected to allow the water to leave. Burch said they were unaware of an outlet and have not yet found it.

"If during construction we do find it, I'm assuming if that's there they probably put it there because there was water in this and they wanted to get it out, but it didn't work because it's at the same elevation as the wetlands," Burch said. "But if you removed it, theoretically, which we don't want to do because of disturbance to the wetlands, but if you did the water is at the same elevation as the pond and we're assuming this is constant groundwater (at the basin) and it's always going to be there. So even if that pipe wasn't there, this would still be an issue."

Rocklen's other issue was that she wanted them to use a seed mix that only has native plants. Burch said they would comply.

The ConCom voted unanimously to approve an enforcement order to allow the work to take place with an expiration date of the summer, so as to allow planting to take place in the spring.

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A couple of Vietnam memories

Two memorable moments during the Vietnam war while stationed in the middle of the jungle at Udorn Thawi Air Base in northern Thailand.

It was 1966 and I had just completed an 8 PM to 8 AM 12-hour-shift. I was looking forward to the best part of my day. I would head for the mess hall, the Air Force breakfast was the best. The food was superb. Then I would head to the hooch and sleep for 9-10 hours.

By the time I reached the mess hall most of the airmen on base had come and gone. There were probably 20-25 personnel scattered around the hall, which seated 500 soldiers. After completing my trip through the chow line, and not being a morning person (I did not want to talk, eat or sit with anyone), I headed to the farthest table. I was looking at 499 seats. Perfect!

As I was eating I noticed an officer, a Major, in the food line. This was very unusual. The officers' mess hall was as good as any five star restaurants. Why was he here? He could be a food inspector. The Air Force periodically sent out food service officers to inspect the mess halls. I continued eating and when I looked up, I noticed the major was heading towards my table, passing by a couple of tables with airmen sitting there. This major was going to ruin my breakfast! This major is going to ask me my opinion on food cleanliness, etc. Why me? I did not look up when he asked, "Airman, do you mind if I join you?" Unhappily I answered, "Not at all, Major." As he sat down he said, "You can call me Jim." Really? At that point I looked up and realized it was James Garner. Maverick! I said, "You can call me Tom." He explained he was a major in the Re-



Tom Folan
USAF

serves and with the USO. He enjoyed meeting with the enlisted airmen and wanted to thank them for serving. (I checked later. He was enlisted, fought in the Korean War, was wounded and received the Purple Heart). He didn't mention this.

I asked him about being an actor. He appreciated the life he has; best tables, no waiting in line, best tickets for sporting events. He considered himself lucky. Later in his career he would star in 50 movies and on TV as "Rockford". He had done quite a bit of traveling and loved Cape Cod.

Next thing, I look up and about 15 airmen are jammed in sitting at my table. Even the cooks were there. Jim seemed very relaxed and comfortable. He answered a lot of questions with humor. Upon leaving he stood and thanked everyone for their service and a very enjoyable breakfast. Then he turned to me and said, "I'll see you, Tom." I replied, "I'll see you Jim."

The second memorable moment was sitting watching Nancy Sinatra on a makeshift stage in a Rice Paddy singing and dancing to "These Boots are Made for Walking." Whew! No one was complaining.

Happy Veterans Day.

HOLIDAYS A DIFFICULT CHALLENGE FOR SOME

To the Editor:

A Holiday Message from the Norwood Food Pantry

During November, the month of Thanksgiving, the Norwood Food Pantry wishes to express their sincere appreciation and thanks to all the individuals, groups and corporations that have supported us during difficult times this year. We are most grateful for the support you have given to us and to our clients.

The holidays are soon approaching and many of us are

thinking about plans to celebrate which may include gifts for loved ones, travel plans or special holiday dinner preparations. For some of our Norwood residents the holidays present a very difficult challenge. Struggling to meet ever increasing daily expenses, including basic food items, leaves little, if nothing, for extra holiday foods such as stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, canned veggies such as peas, carrots, green beans, and fruits such as cranberry sauce, peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, etc.

So, if you are looking for a

way to give thanks this holiday season, please consider donating food – not money – to the Norwood Food Pantry. Our clients, your neighbors, are ever grateful for your support.

Please visit <https://www.norwoodpantry.org/donate-food> for a list of items or contact us directly at norwoodpantry@gmail.com.

Wishing you and yours a healthy and happy holiday season.

The Norwood Food Pantry
Volunteers

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A VISIT WITH HENRY

I sometimes ask about local attractions when working in other cities and have more than once received the sheepish reply: "I've never been there." People often overlook local attractions; it seems they don't know what they have in their own back yards. In this vein, I decided to visit a local attraction that I had overlooked.

Walden Pond is famous because Ralph Waldo Emerson owned a shoreline lot on which he allowed a young acolyte to erect a shanty. During the two years he lived there, Henry Thoreau wrote "A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers." Received indifferently, the publisher returned all unsold copies to Henry, leading to one of his characteristically dry musings: "I have a library of one thousand volumes, eight hundred of which I've written myself." He then wrote a book about his pond-side experience, entitled, "Walden, or Life in the Woods," which has fared somewhat better.

Walden Pond lies off Rt. 126 in Concord, a mile from where Henry lies on Author's Ridge alongside Louisa May Alcott, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and Mr. Emerson. It is a classic kettle pond, those bodies of water settled into holes gouged and abandoned by retreating glaciers. It has a beach and bathhouse, and a cleared bank on its western shore where railroad tracks ran in Henry's time, and commuter rails run today. A broad, gentle path encircles. Walking north from the beach you come to a rock cairn marking the site of Henry's cabin. It is set back from the water, higher in the woods. As I stand envisioning his hut and bean field, I genuinely sense his spirit.

Henry Thoreau had as severe a personality as New England produces. He never would have read "How to Win Friends and Influence People," indeed an acquaintance once remarked, "I love Henry, but I

could never like him." Neighbors, in stern Yankee judgement—quintessential enough to inform Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter"—considered him slothful and directionless. He was a wandering observer, deeply embedded within his own world, daily walking the countryside and recording in his journal minute and mundane characteristics such as its temperature, the depths of ponds frequented, and dates on which various flowers bloomed. To borrow one of my father's phrases, he was an Odd Duck. He never married; he never raised a family. He never owned a house. He never held a job of consequence. And he wrote a perfect book.

Certain books are best read at the time of life most relevant to their themes. Among books embraced by adolescents, for instance, is "The Catcher in the Rye" by J. D. Salinger; among books appealing toward youthful restlessness is "On the Road" by Jack Kerouac. These books reflect the maturing processes' corresponding emotional and intellectual development. "Walden" and its treasure of ideals is another to be read when young.

In the 1990s conservationists, fronted by musician Don Henley, succeeded in preserving 85 surrounding acres at Walden Pond as a monument to Henry David Thoreau. Though well-intended, I wondered if they really knew Henry, because I could not help but think they should recognize their flawed judgement. In fact, Henry even had a few words for these people, from his perfect book. But before relaying them, let me say this: Henry was our spring love, not the one with whom we seasoned. His was our initial dream, our early hope, our developing vision—until we married, until we worked to feed little mouths, until we began paying for our own little huts, until...until we grew up. By building his cabin he was lay-



Don Reddick

ing the foundation of moral and intellectual integrity, intending for our lives to assemble the rest. The nails and boards he accumulated were material for the window through which we all could look ahead. Observations and thoughts recorded in his books and journals were stockpiled components for completing our own shanties.

Henry will remain in my core, that energetic, enigmatic, endearing Odd Duck and his perfect book, part of which states, "...many are concerned to know who built the monuments of the East and West. For my part, I should like to know who, in those days, did not build them, who were above such trifling."

The only monument necessary for this man is the one he wrote himself. When you read it, you understand he walked in all woods, not just Walden's. You understand he measured the temperature and depth of all humanity, not just Concord's. When you read it, you understand the flowers he waited to see bloom were...us.

These are my thoughts as I stand by the cairn. I reach down, add pebble to pile, and recall reading that Henry Thoreau's neighbors, after his death, were astonished at his growing reputation.

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Once the survey is submitted it cannot be edited. Additionally, there will be a focus group for the public on No-

vember 29, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the NHS Library, with Mr. James Hardy, Field Director of the Massachusetts School Committee Association.

The purpose of the focus group is to engage stakeholders around the following questions: 1. What are the strengths of the district that need to be preserved and protected? 2. What are the areas of growth, development, improvement, and change that are important to you? 3. What are the characteristics you value in a Superintendent? 4. What else does Jim and the search committee need to know?

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other beneficial life in the process.

“So ideally diseases will be gone, but there’s no way to say that something will be removed 100-percent,” she said. “The indiscriminate killing of microbial life by pesticides is generally the downside. There is no one-step solution. It requires heavy industrial processes to make these chemical pesticides which produce pollution. By spraying these herbicides or pesticides, you’re killing not only your target pests, but also killing the beneficial bacteria, fungus and microbial life that support your tree. So over time, the soil is actually losing its nutrition, so natural methods of pest control are more about bringing that nutrition back and keeping it in place.”

Borucke said they want to focus on using natural processes to keep pest populations down rather than harsh chemicals.

“There are no pesticides or herbicides used at the Norwood Food Forest, we’re focusing on structural preventative pruning and cages against mammals so there’s no chemicals involved there,” she said.

“As for preventative measures, we use a lot of composting so that’s about bringing back beneficial microbial life naturally. We bring predatory insects like lady bugs to a tree that’s infected with aphids. Aphids harm trees, so if you bring

lady bugs to a tree infected with them, the lady bugs get a nice meal while your pests are being eliminated. We do a lot of introduction of live insects and neem oil as well as natural plant-derived substances that you can spray trees with that are not harmful. People ask how experienced in gardening do you have to be to do this and you certainly don’t have to be an expert. You can be a novice and still approach these things. It’s just a matter of observing what’s happening to your space, what’s attacking it, and what you can do to make it better. So I would say you don’t need to have a prerequisite to step into these methods, anyone can really practice these holistic approaches.”

Borucke then took the group tree by tree showing how to prune the dead or infected branches as well as posing questions the group would vote on as to how to treat a certain tree. Lime and copper were brought up as additional treatments to the aforementioned neem oil. Borucke discussed how Neem oil works by suffocating insects or disrupting how they feed. The pest must be present when the oil is sprayed on the plant to be effective. Some neem oil products control fungal diseases such as powdery mildew and blackspot.

Pitch was discussed in depth. Trees secrete pitch when they’re stressed to

try to seal wounds. Pitch starts off as sap and then hardens into a crystallized material. Once it hardens, pitch does a good job of protecting wounds from further damage by insects.

Borucke then showed the difference between fungal and bacterial infection on an affected tree. Leaf wilting is a common symptom of fungal plant pathogens. Common bacterial blight symptoms include brown lesions surrounded by a bright yellow halo at the leaf margin or interior of the leaf. You are not actually seeing the disease pathogen on the tree itself, but rather a symptom that is being caused by the pathogen.

Some of the plum trees were affected by the same burrowing insects Borucke mentioned could have been aphids. One particular plum tree was chronically affected by these burrowing insects and Shannon had the group prune it back.

Following the training, participants answered questions and learned how to better use integrated pest management solutions for their own gardens. This was a practical training as the group actively pruned the trees at Norwood’s Food Forest, accomplishing work while learning.

For more information, check out <https://www.bostonfoodforest.org>



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Norwood Thrift Shop Annual Christmas Sale

For the members of the Women’s Community Committee, one of the happiest and most anticipated days of the year is the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Why? It’s the **Thrift Shop’s annual Christmas Sale!**

This year, the **Thrift Shop, located at 1091 Washington Street in Norwood,** will be magically transformed into a winter wonderland on **November 25, 2023 at 9:30am and will continue thru December 23rd.**

Regular retail hours are: **Wednesdays 6–8 pm, Thursdays 9:30 am–3:00 pm & Saturdays 9:30 am–12:30 pm.**

All year, a team of women sort through the weekly donations, cull out the Christmas items and pack them away until the sale. The sale features new items, ornaments, decorations, games, toys, holiday clothing, tablecloths, tree skirts, dishes and lots more!

The Women’s Community, a volunteer non-profit organization, hopes that this Christmas Sale is one of the first stops for your holiday gift buying. All proceeds are used to support local organizations.

Notice is hereby given by Upndown Towing and Recovery LLC at 558 Pleasant Street, Norwood, MA 02062 in pursuant to M.G.L. c.225, section 39A, that the following vehicles will be for sale at a private auction on 11/27/23 at 9 am to satisfy the garage keeper’s lien for the towing, storage and notice of sale:

2019 Volkswagon Tiguan
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2018 Jeep Wrangler
VIN: 1C4HJXDG6JW160480

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The 37th annual Norwood Turkey Trot brought out hundreds of eager runners on Sunday to raise money for the NHS Boosters Club and to test their mettle on Nichols Hill.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

Turkey Trot brings out hundreds

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The 37th annual Norwood Turkey Trot hit the streets on Sunday to a crowd of more than 600 hundred runners, onlookers, fans and organizers at the Norwood High School (NHS).

The event was set up decades ago to help fund the NHS Boosters Club, which provides material support to the various high school athletics teams in Norwood.

NHS Boosters President Paul Forrest said he was proud to be a part of such a storied tradition and to make the lives of many NHS students better in the process.

“It’s just a great and beautiful day here. My parents started this 37 years ago and I’m glad to be a part of it, it’s a great tradition in the Town,” he said. “A lot of people use the race as a way to start off the holidays.”

Forrest said he took over from his parents relatively recently, at least when compared to the lifespan of the event.

“I really enjoy being a part of this; I’ve been a part of the Boosters for 10 years now and the funds we raise go back to the students at Norwood High,” he said. “It’s always a great day to invest in the community and give back.”

Race organizer Jim Henry said he’s also been a part of the race for a long time, since 2001.

“This is my 22nd year with

the race, and I’ve been the race director for 15 years now,” he said. “It’s incredible. The amount of support you get from the community, the Boosters, it’s just great. You see people who have been doing this for years and it’s become a family tradition for them and to kick off the holiday season.”

It is well known that the last hill on the course – coming up Nichols Street – is a beast. Several residents could be overheard talking about the “Heart-break Hill of Norwood” before the race began. Henry said as race director and an avid runner himself, he doesn’t get to fully participate in the race per se, but he makes sure the course is still what it used to be before the race.

“I’m kind of busy on race day,” he said with a laugh. “It’s a tough course and I figure I have to run it, I just don’t do it on race day.”

Resident Betsy Knapp said she’s run the race several times however this will be her first time running it with a broken wrist.

“I tripped over my running shoe and fell and broke my wrist,” she said. “I just wanted to do a turkey race and I haven’t done this is a long time; I want to run Nichols Hill.”

Knapp said she wasn’t going to let a small thing like a broken wrist get in the way.

“I did a race yesterday and I’m going to do a race today,”

she said with a confident smile. “My legs work fine.”

Also in attendance was the Gover family, who overall had possibly a less enthusiastic feeling about the race. With the exception of Claudine Gover, the team of Tyler, Rachel, Lilly, Kerrin, Colleen, Emmy and TJ said they have never even run a 5K before.

“I signed them up because they wouldn’t sign up themselves,” Claudine said. “Everyone said, ‘Let’s wait until the day of,’ and I was just like ‘No, we’re talkers, we’re not doers. I’m going to sign everybody up and then you’re all forced to do it.’”

If a family member bowed out – none of them did mind you, save for one at home watching the dogs – the family agreed that their punishment

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The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department

NORFOLK Division **Docket No. NO23C0443CA**

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME **Norfolk Probate and Family Court**
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
781-830-1200

In the Matter of: Royce Che Flood

A Petition to **Change Name of Minor** has been filed by **Royce Che Flood of Norwood, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Royce Nathaniel Slayden**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Norfolk Probate and Family Court** before 10:00 a.m on the return day of **12/27/2023**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 17, 2023
Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate *Norwood Record: 11/23/23*

Share the Warmth of the Season with Our Holiday Sharing Tree.

Help bring some holiday cheer to a local child! Beginning November 20th, just take a “mitten tag,” listing the age and gift ideas for a local child, from the Sharing Tree in our Norwood Branch lobby. Return all wrapped gifts to OneLocal Bank by December 11th.

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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.

EATING SEASONALLY IN NEW ENGLAND

As part of their Local Food Program, the Sustainable Business Network of Massachusetts is partnering with the Morrill Memorial Library to talk about what it means to eat seasonally in New England with Local Food Program Manager Kerry Kokkinogenis on Tuesday, November 28 at 6:30pm in the Simoni Room.

Most cultures have ideas about which foods should be eaten during certain seasons, even if those seasons differ widely (wet or dry, versus cold or hot). Many people also believe that eating seasonally is rooted both in ideas of eating healthily, and eating locally. Here in New England we have

an abundance of locally-grown, -harvested, and -caught foods that can make winter dinners tastier, more nutritious, and appealing to many palates. At tonight's program, we will talk about what is in season and the ways some farmers extend the growing season. Everyone will leave with a handful of local, seasonal recipes that will satisfy many different eaters.

Registration is required for this in-person event. Sign up at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

PFAS AND THEIR EFFECT OF OUR HEALTH

The League of Women Voters is excited to partner with the Morrill Memorial Library to bring an information session about Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) that are part of our everyday life on November 29 at 7p.m. at the Simoni

Morrill Library Events

Room at the library As you know PFAS is in consumer products, drinking water and elsewhere. The session will cover information about the effect of these toxic elements on our health. There will be an expert speaker from Silent Spring Institute. This institute is dedicated to research on the effects of toxic chemicals on our health.

INCLUSION IN THE CLASSROOM DOCUMENTARY

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with Norwood SEPAC for the screening of the documentary Forget Me Not: Inclusion in the classroom in the Simoni Room on December 14, at 6 PM. There will be a discussion following the screening of the documentary.

If you are a parent with a child with a disability, you know the anxiety experienced when your child enters the school system. Forget Me Not intimately documents a family's fight to have their son with Down syndrome included in the country's most segregated school system, the New York City public school system. Propelled forward by others' struggles and successes, Forget Me Not offers a rare look at what a truly inclusive education can look like and how it can

lead to a more inclusive society so that everyone has the opportunity to achieve their full potential. For more information, please visit <https://www.forgetmenotdocumentary.com/index.php/about-film/>

The documentary features Henderson K-12 Inclusion School located in Boston. We are honored to have Amy Gailunas, one of the teachers featured in the documentary, join us for a discussion and offer her insights into what inclusion in school looks like.

Registration is required. Suitable for ages 18+. Sign up at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

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 November Lego club meeting will be held in-person at the library on Thursday November 30, 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 intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Registration is required. Sign up at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY MOVIE IS POLAR EXPRESS!

The Morrill Memorial Library is offering an in-person sensory-friendly movie on the 4th Friday of the month for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. In the month of December the program will be held on the 15th due to upcoming holidays.

Join us for our Sensory-friendly Friday movie at the Library! This program will be held in-person in the Simoni Room on Friday December 15, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our December movie in the Sensory-friendly Friday movie series is Warner Brothers' Polar Express, rated G. The Morrill Memorial Library and Lifeworks Inc of Norwood are excited to bring this program series to the Norwood community. Registration is required. This event is recommended for attendees aged 18 and up. Please register at <https://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/> or call 781 769 0200 Ext 2.

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court**

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION **Docket No. NO23P2784EA**

Estate of: Thomas J. Flaherty **Norfolk Probate and Family Court**
Also known as: Thomas J. Flaherty, Sr. **35 Shawmut Road**
Date of Death: 10/14/1997 **Canton, MA 02021**
 781-830-1200

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Thomas J. Flaherty, Jr. of Norwood, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: **Thomas J. Flaherty, Jr. of Norwood, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 A.M on the return day of 12/20/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 15, 2023
Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

Norwood Record: 11/23/2023

For the Record

SUPPORT TOYS FOR TOTS!

On Saturday, December 9th, at the Norwood V.F.W. Post 2452, 193 Dean Street, Norwood, from 7:00 p.m. til Midnight.

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Representative(s).

Please E-mail Trudy Wallace @ trudywhitewallace@gmail.com or Facebook for more information, questions, etc. All proceeds to go to Greater Boston Area (USMC) Toys for Tots.

PARKWAY CONCERT ORCHESTRA PRESENTS HOLIDAY POPS CONCERT

Parkway Concert Orchestra presents its annual Holiday Pops concert on Sunday, December 3 at 3 p.m. at Union Congregational church, 55 Rhoades Ave, East Walpole. Music Director Thomas Kociela conducts the 50 piece non-profit orchestra in an exciting program including Waltz of the Flowers and Scene in the Pine Forest from the Nutcracker, Hanukkah Overture by Shugar, Sleigh Ride by Anderson, and other holiday favorites. The program is sponsored by

Walpole Co-operative Bank and is supported in part by an operating support grant through the Cultural Sector Recovery Grants for Organizations program from the Mass Cultural Council, as well as a grant from the Walpole Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Donation is \$15; \$10 for seniors and students; and free for children under 12 years old. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. For more information, please visit the orchestra's web site at www.ParkwayConcertOrchestra.org, call 781-444-5041 or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/parkwayconcertorchestra.

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Thank You Novenas
For Favors or Prayers Answered

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin
(Never known to fail!)
Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.
Grateful thanks. —K.B.

St. Jude's Novena
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 9th day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude. My Prayers were answered.
In gratitude for helping me. —J.H.

Miracle Prayer
Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked You for many favours. This time, I ask you this very special one (mention favour). Take it, dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within Your own broken heart where Your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become Your favour, not mine. Amen.
Say for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted. —D.J.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court**

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE **DOCKET No. NO23P2702EA**

Estate of: Elizabeth Mary McNeil **Norfolk Division**
Date of Death: 07/17/2023

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate and, by Petition of **Petitioner Patricia L. McNeil Federico of Ashburnham, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate **Patricia L. McNeil Federico of Ashburnham, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Hometown Arcade *continued from page 1*

The Commerce Center is a large business space that sublets to other businesses. However, because the Commerce Center is located in a manufacturing zone that does not allow commercial businesses as a matter of course, businesses wanting to operate there almost always need to apply for a special permit from the ZBA.

The previous ZBA meeting on Oct. 24 saw two applicants withdraw their proposals – one for an events space and one for one-on-one personal training – when the Board expressed opposition. The opposition was not relative to the types of businesses applying but for the perceived lack of parking spaces.

During that same meeting attorney David Hern, representing the Commerce Center and attending the meeting on another issue, said the organization was putting together a proposal for general business operations and would have that to the Board when it was com-

pleted.

Gazda – the Hometown Arcade attorney – said they wanted to wait until that was done and see how that may affect their application.

“We have been informed that the owner of the Commerce Center should hopefully soon be filing an application for a major project special permit, that will provide additional information that’s germane not only to our application, but to the other special permits pending for the Commerce Center as well,” he said. “Which I believe has been scheduled for the Dec. 12 hearing.”

Gazda said, hopefully, that will take care of the zoning issues at the site, and said the parking issues are also being worked out.

“In addition to that, there has been a traffic and site plan prepared by both the Commerce Center and those tenants that we would hopefully like to submit as part of our record or put to-

gether a substantially similar traffic plan prepared for the Board,” he said. “We just would like some additional time to have that finalized for December and we think it makes sense for all of these items to be discussed together once the Commerce Center is further along in its discussions with the ‘city’.”

ZBA Chair Michael Sheehan corrected that last bit.

“We’re still a Town, thank you counselor,” he said.

While Gazda said the major project special permit has apparently been scheduled for Dec. 12, the Board voted unanimously to continue the Hometown Arcade hearing to Dec. 5, presumably to be continued again.

This is not the only ongoing issue for Hometown Arcade, as discussed in last week’s Board of Selectmen’s meeting, a one-day liquor license violated certain provisions. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/r3n8uzum> for the full article.

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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 De-

cember).

HELPLIGHT UP THE CIRCLE OF HOPE

The Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation invites you to help light up the Circle of Hope by purchasing a luminary to be lit on Saturday evening, December 2, on the Town Common from 4 – 6 PM. Continuing a Norwood tradition begun 22 years ago, the members of the Circle of Hope Foundation say the luminaries are a symbol of Life, Hope, the Season, and Remembrance of others. Last year more than 2000 luminaries were lit on the town common.

Luminaries can be purchased for \$5.00 each by sending your payment to COH, PO BOX 421, Norwood, MA 02062 or by stopping by Murph’s Place Restaurant at 58 Broadway, Norwood. You may include a brief message of life, hope, the season or re-

membrance to be written on the luminary. The candles will be lit beginning at 4:00 pm and the Foundation members welcome residents and friends to come out and see this beautiful site.

The Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation is a non-profit organization established to support Norwood residents who need assistance due to a catastrophic medical occurrence. Since its founding in 1998 the Foundation has provided over \$1,000,000 to Norwood residents in need of assistance. The Foundation was established in 1998 in memory of Michelle Kennedy, a young Norwood resident, who suffered with leukemia. During Michelle’s battle the entire Norwood community, many of whom did not know Michelle, joined together and it is in that spirit that the Circle of Hope Foundation continues.

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 December 5, 2023 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Kathleen Smith regarding property located at **156 Gay St. (Map 17 Block 12 Lot 19), Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **Single Residence (S) 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>
Or dial: (US) +1 941-254-1160 PIN: 402 158 920#

This Application requests a **Special Permit** under **Zoning Bylaw Section 5.4** to allow the construction of a proposed single story addition on the western side of the house. This represents expansion of a pre-existing non-conforming dwelling in excess of 25% of habitable floor area.

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 cped@norwoodma.gov Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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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 December 5, 2023 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Marina Bekker of Euphoria Health and Fitness, regarding property located at **61 Endicott St. (Map 8 Block 4D Lot 44), Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **Manufacturing (M) 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>
Or dial: (US) +1 941-254-1160 PIN: 402 158 920#

The previous application was withdrawn without prejudice on October 24, 2023. This application requests a **Special Permit** under **Zoning Bylaw Section 3.1.5 D6** for Commercial Recreation (Indoors) in the Manufacturing District.

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 cped@norwoodma.gov Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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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 December 5, 2023 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Shalini Baldeon behalf of Avni Modern Event Space/Norwood Commerce Center, regarding property located at **61 Endicott Street (Map 8 Block 4D Lot 44), Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **Manufacturing (M) 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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The previous Application was withdrawn without prejudice on October 24, 2023. This Application requests a **Special Permit** pursuant to **Zoning Bylaw Section 3.1.5. D 6** to open an event space under the Commercial Recreation (Indoors) use.

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 cped@norwoodma.gov Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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Monday, November 13

1055 Phone - PD-Warrant Report Follows Location/Address: - Plymouth Dr Call from Dedham Juvenile stating they issued a warrant for an individual at this address. Units off at address to serve 674 transporting 1 juvenile back to Dedham Juvenile Court for that paperwork. Party was transported, unit back in town. Juvenile Arrest Age: 16 Charges: Default Warrant Default Warrant

1514 Phone - PD-Mental Health Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Riverside Community Mental - Lenox St Call from facility requesting officer for Section 12, in Avalon Bay apartment non combative female. Fire transporting to BI Needham, father of party riding on ambulance, unit clear.

1528 Phone - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Hoyle St + Washington St Yellow sweater, blue pants, white boots. Female party on 911 states that someone who has threatened to kill her daughter. She wants to press charges against the girl. Spoke with calling party and involved parties, denied claims. Officers will be forwarding information to SRO. Units clear.

1529 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Spoke With Location/Address: Albemarle Rd HWC for female approximately 30 y/o, calling hospital she was discharged from recently, cussing at staff acting manic over the phone requesting we check her wellbeing, party is no longer answering their calls, last call approximately 45 min ago, no suicidal statements. 674 reports party checks okay, is with family. Was calling because she was frustrated with program, no services needed.

1530 Phone - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: Washington St Anonymous caller on the business line states individuals on the third floor are yelling and screaming.

Transporting 1 female in custody Arrest: Carbonell, Elena Address: 4 Easton St Apt. #2 Lawrence, Ma Age: 23 Charges: A&B

1658 Walk-In - PD-Missing Person Services Rendered Location/Address: CVS Pharmacy - Nahatan St Party in the lobby reports his mother has dementia and wandered from the parking lot while he was shopping. NWD 661 checking the Avalon, Lenox and rear of Shaws with no results. 674 checking downtown specifically Nahatan and Broadway and then checking stores near TJ Maxx Party has been located in intersection of Railroad and Clark, reporting party being notified to respond. Party reunited

Tuesday, November 14

0052 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Mountain Ave Caller requesting a well being check on his son who has been drinking tonight last spoke at 9pm. There were no concerns at 9pm, caller believes son has been drinking too much. Few lights are on in the house, no vehicle in driveway and no apparent cause for concern or signs of emergency. Officers attempted the access point provided from calling party without success. Attempted knocking on the door again as well without success. NWD665 was informed by the father that his son is awake and will speak with officers at the door. Male party transported to hospital by ambulance, cruisers clear.

0753 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Report Follows Location/Address: Rockhill St Calling party requesting a welfare check on a male party at this location. Caller is the party's healthcare proxy and states she has not heard from him since 6 PM on 11/13 and would like to make sure he is ok as he has not been feeling well. Officer on

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scene requesting Norwood fire, possible liver issue. On the phone with healthcare proxy. Fire to transport to BI Needham.

Wednesday November 15

0901 Walk-In - PD-Lost/Found Property Services Rendered Location/Address: Cedar St DPW drops off a found bike.

1359 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Boch Toyota - Bos-Prov Hwy Party possibly living in tent on property. In far back corner of property near Neponset St. Tent has been removed. Nobody was in tent.

1848 Phone - PD-Threats Spoke With Location/Address: Brookfield Rd Female on business line reports 2 students she used to teach have been sending her threatening messages on Facebook messenger, stating they are going to come murder her because they "know she is the reason they were expelled" Students were asked not to return. She hasn't seen or heard from then since June besides these messages. 665 spoke with reporting party, got all the information and will be following up, unit clear. Confirmed accidental with employee, already reset on arrival, unit clear.

Thursday, November 15

0251 Phone - PD-Larceny/Forgery/Fraud Report Follows Location/Address: Norwood News & Book - Washington St Someone stole register, reports manager on 911 line who went to open store and register is gone. Spoke with owner, business's register is missing, other businesses in area seem in order.

0627 Phone - PD-Breaking & Entering Report Follows Location/Address: - Chapel St Male on business line says his rental cars window was smashed sometime last night, Hyundai vehicle, parked in parking lot "upper lot" at the end of Fairview Road.

0731 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Wickham Way 911 caller states that he has damage to his vehicle. Glass is broken and steering wheel is damaged. Believes he knows who it is but that person is not on scene anymore. Also states there was a knife in the vehicle. He removed the knife and is on the kitchen table. The caller did not see the person who did this but states that he knows who did it. Norwood 665 reports speaking to the reporting party and checking the area. OF assigned.

1802 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Spoke With Location/Address: Austin St 11 year old male making school threats called in by therapist. No access to weapons. Spoke to juvenile involved with in-house clinician. Incident happened at school today. In house clinician will be following up with the therapist.

Friday, November 17

0218 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Yankee Spirit - Bos-Prov Hwy Motor Vehicle Stop MA REG 1BHK98 One tow started for the vehicle. Negoshian enroute for the Transporting one adult male back to station. In custody for OUI Negoshian has the vehicle. Arrest: Robinson, Mark

November 23, 2023

Anthony Address: 202 Court St Dedham, Ma Age: 25 Charges: OUI-Liquor OR .08% 0432 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Celtic Way Report of a vehicle on wrong side of roadway making it difficult for vehicles to get by. MA REG 2EEN70 is vehicle. One tow started. Don & Wally's One male in custody for OUI drugs. Returning to station. Don & Wally's has the vehicle Arrest: Todis, Peter George Address: 141 Elm St Quincy, Ma Age: 53 Charges: OUI—Drugs Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Drug, Possess Class A

0655 911 - PD-Disturbance Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Nichols St 911 caller reports 2 male parties came into his house, the wrapped an extension cord around his neck and tried to fight him. He is bleeding from his ear. 911 caller disconnected unsure if the parties are still in the home. 661 transporting one male under arrest back to the station. 667 transporting one male under arrest back to the station.

Saturday, November 18

0951 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Yew Dr Caller reporting a male party appeared to be walking around her house. This has been an ongoing issue and would like to speak to an officer about potential break-ins. Party left the scene in MA REG 16WG21. 676 reports no damage, nothing missing. Appeared to be a teenage boy on the property. 676 attempting to make contact with the owner of the vehicle he was scene getting into. 676 attempted to make contact with the owner of the vehicle. Voice message left, awaiting a call back. All clear.

2155 911 - PD-Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Highview St Caller on 911 reports he is requesting his father and his girl-

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would be to do the dishes by themselves on Thanksgiving.

"If I do the dishes, can I go home?" asked Rachel to laughter.

"The only time I run is to the fridge," said Tyler.

"I'm feeling confident about it now though, I'm ready for the attack," said TJ.

Patricia "Nana" Gover, the family matriarch, had already started as a walker for the race.

Norwood Community Media (NCM) Director Jack Tolman, his friend Jeff Mahoney and Mahoney's nephew Mike Allan were all taking in the racers before it began. Tollman said he tries to run it as often as he can.

"I've been running; I think this is my 12th year," Tollman said.

"I remember being at the bank years ago, so in the last 37 races I think I've only missed four over the years," Mahoney said. "It's a great tradition."

Tollman said it's a great way to kick off the holiday

season and it's just a very fun run for him.

"Typically the weather's just right, you know?" he said. "Some years have been bad, but I come back for the familiar faces and just because it's nice to give back to the Norwood Boosters."

Mahoney said his nephew is an NHS student, and Allan, speaking for himself, said this will be his first Turkey Trot, but hopefully not his last.

"It's just fun and I like to run a lot," he said.

"We'll see if he likes to run once he comes up Nichols Street at the end," Mahoney said with a laugh.

Westwood resident Lauren Leonard said she comes with her team every year to help raise money and see friends and family.

"I am the coach of a team called 'Lauren Leonard Health'; we're based out of Westwood," she said. "We've been doing this race for 10 or 11 years and we usually have 20 or 40 of us here of all ages and levels, and it's just one of

these fun events that bring people back from all these different towns and it's just this happy, challenging race with one big hill at the end."

Leonard added that she and her fellow out-of-Town team members were not at all concerned about possibly giving the NHS athletics teams a potential boost in their performance with this fundraising.

"No not at all!" she said with a laugh.

Residents Eric Saint-Amour and Joe Rooney said their running club, the Thirsty Irish, do what they call a 'Grand Prix' every month and this is the one for November.

"We just compete against each other," said Rooney. "We get a big group together for this."

"This race, I mean the whole last half-mile is uphill at the end, it's just what separates people you know what I mean?" said Saint-Amour.

For results, go to <https://tinyurl.com/msupbsw3>

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WHAT 3A MEETING DID SHE ATTEND?

To the Editor:

I must have been in a different 3A plan meeting than Sara Dixon. I don't remember many attendees requesting more units being built. Most people I heard wanted as few units as possible. Make no mistake. This plan is not designed to help Norwood. It is designed to help Boston relieve its housing problems. That is why it is a state-mandated plan. The people who will benefit from the plan as it is proposed will be the developers who always seem to come out on top in this Town. At the League of Women Voters meeting on this subject, a task force member said that Norwood schools wouldn't be affected by this plan because there would be almost no children living in the apartments. I wonder why it is called multi-family housing. Does that sound like no children? Listening to these people will not be good for Norwood.

*Henry Graham
Norwood*

TOWN OF NORWOOD LOCAL TAX LEVY PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Selectmen has scheduled a public hearing on **Tuesday, December 12th, 2023 at 7:00 PM** in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, concerning the percentages of Fiscal 2024 Tax Levy to be borne by each class of property, in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 56, as amended by Chapter 369 of the Acts of 1982, and Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1983.

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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 December 5, 2023 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Son Dang regarding property located at **70 Union St. (Map 15 Block 1 Lot 102), Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **Single Residence 2 (S2) 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>
Or dial: (US) +1 941-254-1160 PIN: 402 158 920#

This Application requests a **Special Permit** under **Zoning Bylaw Section 5.4** to allow the construction of a proposed second story on the existing house. This represents expansion of a pre-existing non-conforming dwelling in excess of 25% of habitable floor area.

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 cped@norwoodma.gov Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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CITATION

Docket No. 15P0997EA

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court

Estate of: Margaret Mary Rodgers Norfolk Division

To all interested persons:

A petition has been filed by:

Harriet Critchley of Norwood, MA
requesting:

General trust Petition for reasons more fully stated in said petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on December 6, 2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Patricia A. Gorman, First Justice of this Court.

November 01, 2023

Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate *Norwood Record: November 23, 2023*

TOWN OF NORWOOD
APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF MANAGER
PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for a Change of Manager from Julie Farren to Michael Theroux for Bertucci's Restaurants, LLC, 1405 Boston Providence Highway, Norwood, Massachusetts under Section 12 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Public hearing on this application will be held on **Tuesday, December 12th, 2023 at 6:50 PM** in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

Matthew E. Lane, Chairman
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friend leave the home. States his father and his girlfriend are not on the lease and have been trying to move in since his mother has been hospitalized. Norwood 663 reports the son was concerned about the father and girlfriend staying in the home. All parties advised,

Sunday, November 19

0754 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St + Central St Report of a Hispanic female wearing an orange top and brown leggings seen defecating/urinating on a park bench in the area of Norwood Common. Nothing found. Benches appear to be clear of any bio-hazard.

0914 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St In the area of the bus stop on Washington st. Calling party reporting a male party roughly in his 40s with a mustache wearing a dark

jacket, black backpack, and a red hat, urinating on a public mailbox. The party is no longer in sight but was walking towards Neponset St. Party has been advised and sent on way.

0921 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Prospect St Caller reports 2 yr old screaming for 20 min and is concerned for well being but would also like to file a noise complaint. Unknown if there is a parent home. Everything checks out okay. Child was in their high top chair while the mother was cleaning the home. No issues.

1351 Phone - PD-Mental Health Report Follows Location/Address: Hoyle St 57 year old male caller reports that he is on probation and that he would like to go back to jail. Male party has been drinking and has swords and knives in front of him at this time. He does not want to hurt himself but would like to be arrested. This was regarding a landlord tenant dispute concerning the caller with possible

GOONAN

Marie Theresa (Devaney) Goonan of Norwood, formerly of Walpole and Ireland, in her 99th year, passed away peacefully on Friday November 17, 2023 sur-



rounded by her family. Born in Moycullen, Co. Galway Ireland, Marie was the youngest of nine children of the late Joseph Devaney and Bridget (Gavin). Marie was the beloved wife of the late Patrick J. Goonan. She was the devoted mother of John and his wife Laura of Osterville, the late Patrick and his surviving wife Sheryl Goonan of Ayersville OH, Ellen and David of Norwood, and Kathy and her husband Dermot O'Mahony of Kildare, Ireland. Marie was the sister of the late Mary, Patrick, Sarah, Michael, Nicholas, Delia, Martin, and Thomas. She was the loving grandmother of Jennifer and her partner Natalie, Sinéad and her husband Michael, Kate, Robby, Danny, Joe and Jack. Marie was the proud great-grandmother of Connor Ray and Delaney Marie Bolze. Marie is survived by many nieces, nephews and friends in the United States and Ireland. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis Services from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rt. 1A) Norwood on Saturday, November 25, 2023 at 9:30 AM. Funeral Mass in St. Timothy Church, 650 Nichols Street, Norwood at 10:30 AM. Visiting Hours in the Funeral Home on Friday November 24, 2023 from 4-8 PM. Interment will be private at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Marie's memory to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, see www.dana-farber.org or charity of your choice.

HAKAR

Linda Selma of Norwood, formerly of Medford, November 16, 2023. Devoted daughter of the late Abraham and Helen Hakar. Sister of the late Anthony and Charles Hakar. Linda is survived by her nieces and nephews, as well as many dear friends and their families. Funeral Service on Tuesday, at 11:00 a.m., at the Church of St. John of Damascus, 300 West St., Dedham. Please make contributions in Linda's memory to the Church, stjohnd.org Interment in Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park. Guestbook at www.KfouryFuneral.com

MALLET

Graham Phillips Mallet, 80, of West Hyannisport, formerly of Norwood and Worcester Massachusetts lived independently and in good health, until he passed



away quietly at his home on October 3, 2023.

Graham is survived by former wife Kathleen Mallet of Norwood and his dear sister Pamela S Mallet of Hyannis. Loving father of Matthew Mallet of Seattle, Washington and Maureen Gadowski of Dedham. Proud grandfather to Maeve, Teagan and Matthew Gadowski. Graham also leaves behind his cousins Tina Mallet Rier, Windsor Mallet, William Graham and Deborah Fields Graham and longtime close companions Tracey Person and Karen.

Graham was born to parents Donald and Alva Mallet, on January 10, 1943, in Worcester, Massachusetts. Graham graduated from (Worcester) Classical High School and received a degree in Business Administration from Boston University. He served in the National Guard from 1967 until his honorable discharge in 1973.

Graham's professional career included working at innovative companies such as Kurzweil Music Systems and Lotus Development. Graham was also an entrepreneur, first as an owner of Heritage Hobby and Crafts in Needham, Massachu-

sets during the hobby boom of the early 1980s and later in real estate rentals on Cape Cod.

Graham was known for his love of live music, the outdoors and animals, particularly felines. During summers as a youth, Graham took up boating at Sagamore Beach, Massachusetts. He maintained his love of boating into his twilight years, retiring his last boat Graywolf (named as a nod to his uncle Wilfred Graham) in 2021. Graham could frequently be found attending live music events, most recently the Beach Boys at the Cape Code Melody Tent this past summer. Graham adopted a cat in 2015 and was still mourning the recent loss of Shadow until his passing.

The memorial service will be held on Monday, November 27, 2023, at 5 p.m. at First Church, 670 High Street, Dedham. The family requests that people make donations to MSPCA Cape Cod in lieu of flowers.

PITARO

MARIA Grazia (Costa) of Norwood passed away on November 13, 2023 at the age of 92. Beloved wife of Luigi Pitaro. Devoted mother of Rose Marie Fruci and her husband Domenico of Norwood, Nick Pitaro



and his companion Laura Dickinson of Norwood, Teresa Morrissey of Norwood, Mario Pitaro and his wife Pamela of Norwood and the late Maria Teresa Pitaro. Sister of Maria Tassone of Toronto, Canada, Anthony Costa and his wife Maria of Toronto, Canada and the late Gregory Costa. Sister in Law of Eleonora Costa of Norwood and the late Cosmo Tassone. Cherished Nonna of Francesco, Luigi, Maria, Lisa, Jamie, AJ, Christopher, Eric and Haley. Great Nonna of Connor, Ronan, Giovanni, Greyson and Henry. Daughter of the late Mariano and Rosa (Pitaro) Costa. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood. Burial at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the Alzheimer's Assoc. 309 Waverley Oaks Road Waltham, MA 02452.

SAGI

Celly (Maliach) of Norwood, formerly of Brookline, who was a beloved daughter, sister and mother, passed peacefully with her children by her side on Thursday, November 16, 2023. Daughter of the late Sarah & Avraham Maliach. She is survived by her former husband, Moshe; her siblings Fortune Naim, Morris Shahak, Joe Shahak; her daughters, Anat, Maya and Michelle Sagi, and Michelle's partner Michael Canney. She is deeply loved and will be missed by all. Services were held at Levine Chapels, 470 Harvard St., BROOKLINE, on Sunday, November 19, burial followed at Shara Tfilo Cemetery, 776 Baker St., West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Jewish National Fund-USA, www.jnf.org or the Chai Center, 105 Saint Paul St., Brookline, MA 02446, www.getchai.com Levine Chapels, Brookline 617-277-8300 www.levinechapel.com

SHAW

DENNIS A. of Sharon, formerly of Norwood, passed away on November 16, 2023 at the age of 76. Son of the late Herbert W. and Anna M. (Stasis) Shaw. Loving brother of Nancy L. Moushegian and her late husband Garry of Norton and Carol Puffenbarger and her husband Raymond of Virginia. Cherished uncle David Puffenbarger of Virginia and Derek Michienzie and his wife Dawn of Norton. Great uncle of Brayden Michienzie, Sophia Michienzie, Emma Michienzie, Madison Michienzie, Kaitlin Claridge, Kimberly Puffenbarger and Dylan Puffenbarger. All services 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 his name to the American Heart Association 300 5th Avenue #6 Waltham, MA 02451. www.heart.org