



Residents flocked to the Old Parish Cemetery to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the mustering for the Battle of Lexington and Concord. Pictured above are descendants of Aaron Guild.

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Norwood Sounds the Alarm

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Almost 200 residents, drummers, fifers, flag bearers, descendants and officials came down to the Old Parish Cemetery on Saturday to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the mustering for the Battle of Lexington and Concord.

Town Manager Tony Mazzucco spoke during the ceremony after a short parade led by the Norwood Colonial Boys and welcomed the crowd to the work of the Old Parish Preservation Volunteers (OPPV). “I want to first thank the OPPV for what they have done, and I say this without irony, to bring this cemetery alive over the last few years,” he said. “The work they have done has been incredible.”

Mazzucco said he wanted to remind residents that this was no light decision that these militiamen – now collectively referred to as the Minutemen – made on that day when the report of the shot heard round the world made it to their front doors. “I’m going to take a moment so we can think about the men who marched from here to fight in the Battle of Lexington and Concord and the Revolution and what they were willing to give up,” he said. “It went beyond just their lives. They were giving up their family relations; they were giving up their history and their culture. The King



Participants mustered at Lustra Cleaners before heading to the cemetery.

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of England may have been 3,000 miles away, but it was the only culture they had ever known and the only community they had ever known.”

He said that 250 years ago, the idea of the connection between God and one’s monarch was strong enough in most kingdoms – as the monarch was said to have been selected by God to rule over their lands – but for England and the British Empire, King George III was also the head of the Anglican Church. “The men who marched from here were willing to challenge their fellow countrymen’s relationship with God Himself in their fight against tyranny and their quest for freedom,” he said. “Everything was laid on the line and they marched right from here. And many of them lay right here in this

cemetery today. And I like to think they’re looking up, smiling down at us knowing that America today – Norwood – today that we are still a big beautiful strong country. We may have our political discourse and political differences in America today, but let’s not forget that that’s what led them to march that glorious morning 250 years ago.”

U.S. Army Master Sgt., retired, former Colonial Boy and Norwood Firefighter Dennis Mawn also spoke during the ceremony. “As a man much smarter than me once said, ‘We forget our history, we are doomed to repeat it,’” he said, paraphrasing Harvard Professor of Philosophy George Santayana. “Maybe

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Members of the media, local officials and construction crews toured the Norwood Hospital site last week to drum up support for a new operator.

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Hospital shell almost completed

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Hospital Task Force (NHTF), various members of the press, state legislators and representatives from Suffolk Construction embarked on an hour-long tour last Friday of the Norwood Hospital construction site.

While the building may look completed on the outside that’s just the book’s cover. The building itself needs a lot more work before it can start accepting patients. Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said the first step is establishing a price from owner Medical Properties Trust (MPT) for both the property and the hospital. Then a buyer has to come in and a financial agreement must be met. Next the Massachusetts Department of Public Health

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Landowners don’t want Route 1 residential exclusion

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Planning Board met on April 14 and discussed Article 10 of the second Special Town Meeting planned for May 12.

Article 10 is focused on the Boston Providence Highway Zoning District (BPH) passed back in 2021. The article would remove language that, under the right lens, would allow multi-family buildings without any commercial or mixed-use component to be built with a special permit from the Norwood Planning Board. Town Planner Sarah Dixon said this was an oversight within the language of the bylaw and was not intended.

The BPH came about because Route 1 was historically a hodgepodge of zoning districts that, in some cases, did not allow retail as a use. It has been generally agreed that Route 1 is an economic driver for the Town of Norwood, allowing a large

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sometimes it feels like we may be repeating history now.”

Mawn recounted the events of the muster, starting with the first shots fired in Lexington between armed colonists and British regulars who had sailed out of Boston to secure a powder magazine the locals had been collecting and possibly using to threaten the increasingly authoritative rule of the British government there.

“Even as that exchange was taking place, an alarm was sounded for all militiamen to join the cause,” he said. “They take to arms gladly because we were all British at the time, but they had come to the sad conclusion that war was inevitable and they had prepared with high seriousness and resolve. That morning, the Town of Dedham did not hear the alarm until 9 a.m., when re-

lay riders from Dedham and Needham arrived.”

Captain Aaron Guild was one of those 60 militiamen from South Dedham/Norwood who left their homes in South Dedham to fire on the redcoats as they retreated back to Boston. Several of his direct descendants attended the ceremony to place flowers on his grave and participate in the day.

According to Dick Power, “He is one the Sons of the American Revolution, and he is my great grandfather, five times removed,” he said. “The interesting thing is that Aaron Guild started off as a British citizen. I mean this was a part of Great Britain! They said, ‘The regulars are on the move,’ they were all British and to say the British are coming, that would be stupid! We’re all already here!”

Power said his ancestor provided some much needed

experience for his fellow soldiers.

“He marched as part of the colonial regiment of the British Army during the French and Indian War/Seven Years’ War,” he said, of the war that ran from 1754 to 1763. “He marched with a company of men from Walpole. And he knew Washington personally. He wasn’t just a soldier, he was an officer, and officers in those days all ate in the same mess tent and were all friends. It’s kind of a cool thing when you think about the history and how that stuff evolved. And you have a direct connection to it. To be related to somebody who did that stuff in such a way!”

Power said he came from Walpole, but he had family members coming back from Virginia, Texas, and California to celebrate the day. “It’s pretty cool!” Power said.

“It’s very moving,” said his sister Priscilla Promise.

Twenty-one of the South Dedham soldiers are interred at Old Parish. Their names are William Coney, Benjamin Dean, John Dean Jr., Jonathan Dean, Nathaniel Dean, William Dean, Oliver Ellis, Abel Everett, Asa Everett, David Fairbanks, Amasa Farrington, Aaron Guild Jr., Moses Guild, Oliver Guild, Jeremiah Kingsbury, Benjamin Lewis, Nathaniel Lewis, John Morse, Seth Morse, Nathaniel Sumner Jr, Enoch Talbot and Aaron Guild, whose figure adorns the Town Seal of Norwood to this day.

Norwood students Evelyn Adams, Reuell Dsouza, Taylor Guenette, Julia Kelly, JP Lane and JJ Sleeman read excerpts from Paul Revere’s Ride by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Norwood Fontbonne Academy student honor roll

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Budget meetings being organized

Nor-Hollywood returning, Hawes problems

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, April 22 at Town Hall and discussed plans to face the ongoing issues around Norwood's budget.

Selectman Bob Donnelly, who had previously served on the Norwood Finance Commission (FinCom) before running for his current seat, said the working group to get the budget's structural deficit under control is coalescing. He said the Board is in contact with the FinCom and School Committee to try to get the ball rolling on creating that budget outlook for fiscal year 2027 (FY27).

"(The group would have) membership from the three boards to perhaps, sometime after the end of the upcoming Town Meeting, working with our finance teams from general government and the schools have a representation to start painting a picture about how our FY27 budget would be funded with recurring funds and not use free cash or other reserves," he said.

The issue stems from the pandemic, inflation, increasing costs, state mandates around education practices and the 2.5 percent cap on levy increases in Massachusetts. The bottom line is that this year, the Town is about \$7.5 million in the hole for its operating budget, and it's not likely to get better next year. The discussion has focused on the approximate \$20 million the Town has in free cash – leftover money year-to-year – and the debate on using one-time funds to plug the hole just for this year.

The basic arguments all include everyone agreeing that using one-time funds for operational expenses – expenses that recur every year – isn't sound financial policy. At the same time Town Manager Tony Mazzucco has expressed that he doesn't want to start losing staff when there is so much free cash available. The working group will meet and hash out what a balanced budget would look like in terms of staff loss and cuts to services, and the hope is that a middle ground can be reached that Town Meeting will find acceptable, and that a budget override – an increase to property taxes over the 2.5 percent limit – can be avoided. Donnelly said he has a draft letter that the Board needs to approve before things can get moving.

Selectman Bill Plasko said

he wanted to expand the outlook for longer than next year. "So we can make the Town finances stable for several years to come," he said, adding that he'd like to have members of the Town and Schools administration in the SDWG. "Because otherwise it resembles the Town-wide Budget Committee that really hasn't been able to get a focus on that. I think a more concentrated and focused group could work more effectively."

Donnelly said that was a wise move, as the Budget Balancing Committee is focused on one year's budget and this group could have a wider range.

In other news, Recreation Director Sam White stopped by to give the Board an update on his department. He said that the Hawes Pool renovation ran into a bit of a snag recently when pouring concrete for the new splash pad, but he said he is hopeful that they can remain on schedule to open on June 18.

"About a week-and-a-half ago, the concrete was poured incorrectly in the splash pad, unfortunately," he said. "They had to take it out, redo the rebar, do the inspections and they're shooting to pour the new concrete in the near future. The date they gave us is April 28. Basically, what happened was the mixture of concrete had an issue where they over poured, from what I understand, and the cure process went too quick and they weren't able to put in control joints that were supposed to go in."

White said the contractor will be paying the difference for the extra work. "We're still aiming for that opening date of June 18," he said. "That's still our target. I'm hoping that doesn't delay it, but right now we're sticking to June 18 until we hear otherwise."

White added that May 16 at 1 p.m. will see the grand opening of the Tyler J. Lawrence Memorial Park at the Norwood Memorial Airport.

Vavey Filmes Producer Victor Peguero and volunteer Judy Fiola came by to ask permission to film a movie about the true story of the Norwood Girls Soccer Team. He said they're looking to film from Sept. 15 through Sept. 29.

He said he's looking to cast local residents. "We already have four actors from Norwood," he said. "We want to get the story from the Town and give a chance for the locals, because this is about the Town here."

Peguero said he wants to schedule for two weeks because of weather conditions at the fields at Father Mac's. Assistant Town Manager Michael Rosen said the Recreation Department and schools won't be conflicting with filming at that time. The Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

Also at the meeting, the Board discussed starting a procedure around Local Initiative Programs. These are known as "Friendly 40Bs" where a developer will come to the Board with a development plan that would not be allowed due to zoning but would give additional community benefits for the Town as dictated by the Town. Plasko said this was just to get a basic standard operating procedure for the Board. Members agreed that this should continue, though no concrete regulations were set. The Board voted to continue the discussion at a later date.

Lastly, Selectman Michael Saad reminded the Board that the 36th annual Kids Fishing Derby and Rubber Ducky Race is set for this Saturday, April 26, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hawes Pond.

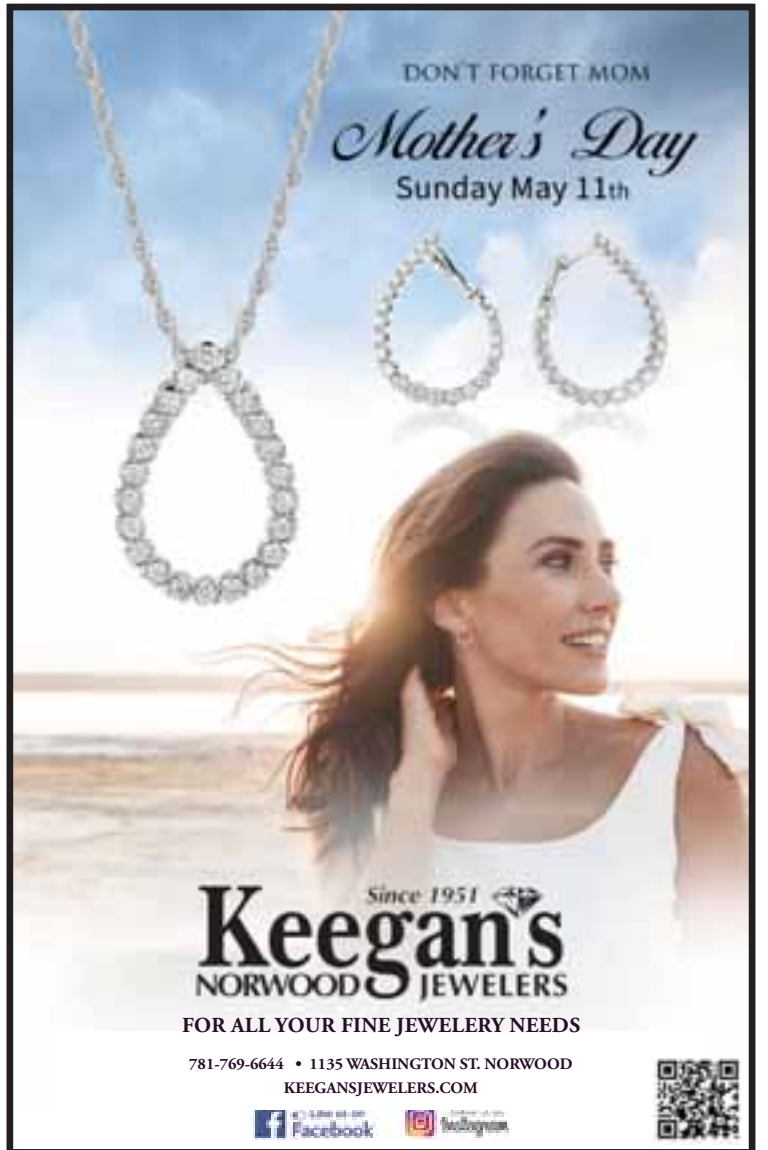
"Rain or shine!" he said.

Saad also reminded the Board that the Norwood Sportsman's Club will be hosting its fishing derby at its location at 550 Nichols St. from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.



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Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor:

After reading the wonderful article celebrating WCC's 100 years, I felt impelled to send my first Letter to the Editor.

Prior to my retirement at the Norwood Housing Authority, I worked there full time as a Resident Service Coordinator. I served seniors and people with disabilities residing in our four housing communities in Norwood. I was forever in contact with Peggy Thorne, who heads WCC's Social Service Department. She and members of WCC have always been there unconditionally when something was needed for one of our residents. Additionally, they have been immensely supportive of residents' social events. Their generous contributions have been immeasurable. Congratulations to all of the dedicated and genuine ladies that volunteer timelessly on behalf of Norwood's seniors and people with disabilities. I am forever grateful.

Pamela Flynn-Chubet
Part-time Resident Service Coordinator
Norwood Housing Authority

Letter carriers to pick up food

Funding cuts hitting home

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Food Pantry (NFP) is once again participating in the annual national campaign to ease food insecurity for residents in Norwood and across the country.

The campaign, run by the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), basically organizes letter carriers to do what they do best: logistics.

"Residents leave out a bag of nonperishable food items like cereal and soup and stuff near their mailbox and the letter carriers pick it up," Pantry Communications Coordinator Tracey Johnson said. "And then they and the NFP volunteers bring all the food inside, sort it based on type and then we store it."

Johnson said this has been going on for decades and Norwood has always had involvement since the Stamp campaign started. "The union branches do this every year on the second Saturday of May," said Johnson. "Norwood's been doing this every year since it started I think. Westwood also gets involved in it because they ship some of their food to us, as the NFP services Norwood and Westwood."

The campaign started in 1993 by the NALC and can deliver anywhere from 60 million pounds of food to 80 million pounds every year.

"This drive is really one of our most important drives of the year; it gets us through the summer," Johnson said. "Most people don't really think to donate in the summer. It's usually Thanksgiving or Christmas, but the summertime? We need donations more than ever. And right now we're pretty busy."

Johnson said they are providing food for more than 70 families a week just in Norwood. "That's why this drive is super important for us," she said.

The NFP is also sending a team to the May 4 Project Bread Walk For Hunger – <https://projectbread.org/walk-for-hunger/about>

The walk allows residents to raise funds by walking on the Boston Common from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. or in their own neighborhoods.

"This campaign is super useful because it funds breakfasts for children or summer lunch programs so kids can get regular food," she said. "It also works on legislation that helps us get more funding, especially right now. The Greater Boston Food Bank, I think the latest grant to get canceled was \$3 million. And we suffer for that. So this help offset some of that."

For more information on the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, go to <https://tinyurl.com/bdczap2>

For more information on the NFP, its Walk for Hunger Team and needed donation items, go to [NorwoodFoodPantry.org](https://www.norwoodfoodpantry.org).



TAKING THE LEAP

First, this is a true story. It began with disappointment; morning fog had descended following light snow, making the massive void a crock pot of heavy grey. Hoping early sunshine would burn the fog, we loitered in Bright Angel Lodge. I picked up current reading entitled, *Over the Edge: Death in Grand Canyon*. The book is literary roadkill, a rubbernecking, can't-take-your-eyes-off-it compendium of always gut-wrenching, frequently careless, occasionally idiotic, and sometimes intentional loss of life in America's most famous park. Little did I suspect, perusing page after page, that my wife and I would this day witness a couple "taking the leap."

Since its establishment in 1919, over 900 people have perished within Grand Canyon National Park. The most common cause of death has been airline crashes, followed by falls from the rim and within the canyon. Heatstroke and heart attacks have agency in the harsh environment, as well as dehydration and hypothermia.

There have been drownings while swimming, boating, and from flash floods. Rockfalls and lightning have taken lives, as have treefalls and even Hantavirus. There have been homicides by the evil as well as suicides by the hopeless. But it is falling, due to the park's most obvious danger, that fascinates.

I checked outside; the canyon remained fog-choked despite bright sunshine. I returned to reading. The most heart-wrenching account was that of Lana Virginia Smith. On May 10, 1997, distraught over personal problems, the twenty-eight-year-old had been drinking heavily in Bright Angel Lodge until she was shut off. Shortly after midnight, alerted emergency personnel found the woman flat on her back, over the wall and laying on a 45-degree angled bed of loose shale, yards



from the edge of the abyss. Distraught and frightened, urged to remain calm and motionless as her help frantically donned harnesses, she moved



Love strikes at the Grand Canyon.

PHOTO BY DON RIDDICK

and slid amongst a clatter of skittering rocks closer to the edge. Now hysterical and panicking, screaming for help, she slid again to the edge of eternity, grasping onto a small bush. Moments later, unable to hang on, she fell 230 feet to her death.

"Several other people have plunged off the rim to their deaths while using the camera," I read. "On July 7, 1978, Bobbey Kay Kendrick, age 45, shuffled along the edge of a truly dizzying precipice in search of a perfect vantage point for a photo from Yaki Point. She lost her footing and fell over the edge 600 feet. Less than a year later, on April 8, 1979, Roger Sydnor, age 30, walked out on the Rim Trail near the Visitor Center for a dramatic dawn photo. Sydnor lost his footing on the rim and fell 250 feet. The next such fatality occurred soon afterward, on April 27, 1981, and in nearly the same place."

With the 1991 release of *Thelma and Louise*, a movie in which protagonists, in dubious denouement, drove full throttle over the edge of a canyon, the suicide share of incidents increased. The movie had been inspired by actual events. On July 31, 1951, Blanche Mahape "climbed into her car and drove it past the Bright Angel Lodge...driving purposely off the rim...in its defense, in *Thelma and Louise*, as is often the case, Hollywood was imitating life, specifically the drive-off-the-rim suicides mentioned earlier. But, as is even more often the case, life—and death—would imitate Hollywood." Three "deaths by *Thelma and Louise*" occurred in 1993 alone.

And then it happened. Check-out time pressing, I closed my book. Driving east along the rim on Route 64, catching glimpses of vast space, we pulled into an overlook for one last gaze at that

clearing cacophony of soundless wonder. There was one other car. A short wall guarded against thousand-foot drop-offs. A young couple stood, arm-in-arm, staring over the slowly revealing abyss. My wife retreated from the cold, while I paused momentarily, savoring the spectacle, and when I turned toward our car, the young man spoke.

"Can you do us a favor?" he asked, reaching his camera toward me. "Can you take a picture of us?" Of course I could, and when I raised the camera—*this is a true story!*—the guy reached into his pocket, fell to one knee, and presented the ring to his partner. It was a remarkable moment, the woman's mittened hands jerking to her mouth, a celebration of hopelessly falling, here at the Grand Canyon, in love.

They had taken the leap.

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Dancer and founder of 22 Mohawks Dave Campisano, standing, with Fred Astaire Dance Studio Director Nina DiPerrio, above.

COURTESY PHOTO

Norwood Stars come out

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The 15th annual Circle of Hope (COH) Dancing with the Norwood Stars once again stepped its way across the dance floor in the Tiffany Ball Room at the Four Points Sheraton on Route 1.

Norwood Circle of Hope Board President Tim McDonough said that as of that night the Circle had raised and distributed more than \$1.4 million to Norwood families in need since the group's founding more than 27 years ago.

"It all started because of a young woman named Michelle Kennedy," he said. "We all sat down in a room and tried to decide how best we could honor Michelle's memory. She had her mom Lee make a promise that all the help people in Norwood gave to Michelle, she wanted that to continue for years down the road. That's how the Norwood Circle of Hope started and here we are 27 years later."

And McDonough said the need continues to grow to help local families facing crisis. "It's all because of you, the people out here and the people at home who contribute all year long to the COH that we're able to help so many people," he said. "We hope to keep that going for many years to come."

McDonough said he wanted to thank his colleagues on the COH Board, Donna Donnelly, Pam Conroy and Christine Woodward who helped to put together the night. He also took a moment to remember the family members of the COH who passed on this year, including founding member Carol Capuccio, founding member Jack Perry, and former dancer Patti Griffin Starr.

The Judge's Choice and Mirrorball Overall Winner was



Dancer Maddie Rice at the show on Friday.

COURTESY PHOTO

Norwood Housing Authority Executive Director Sean Barnicle. He said he couldn't believe he was selected as the winner for both awards. "It's been a fun thing!" he said.

Norwood Public Schools paraprofessional Shelbe Doliner also performed and feels deeply rooted in the Norwood community since starting work in the schools 22 years ago. She said she had some advice for any wallflowers out there who are a bit nervous to step onto the dance floor of the COH.

"Get involved!" she said. "The COH is amazing. I've been in the Town 22 years teaching and it's my family away from my family. The COH does amazing things not just for those facing illness but the whole community. Thank you!"

22 Mohawks Founder Dave Campisano also performed. His group helps reduce veteran and first responder suicide with programming, counseling, pet and service animal adoption and more. He said COH organizer Carol Riccardi reached out to him and asked if he wanted to dance.

"I said, 'Sure, it's a great cause,'" he said. "'God, I had

a bone to pick with Norwood before I left for the army, but Dancing Stars Continued on page 6

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Will My Medicare Premium Change because I Sold Investment Property?

Dear Rusty: I have questions concerning the deduction of money from my Social Security benefit amount as relates to the sale of investment property. I am 66 years old and have been drawing Social Security since I turned 62. My wife is 56 and is a housewife and has no taxable income. Our income comes from our rental property and my Social Security benefit. I have decided to liquidate two of our properties - one was sold in December 2024, and one is in Escrow and is scheduled to close in March 2025.



Russell Gloor
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

My normal Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) has been running about \$30K-\$32K. However, last year with the sale of the property I will receive a long-term capital gain profit of about \$255K. I did a rough calculation on what my AGI will be for 2024, and it looks to be about \$318K. How will this affect my Social Security benefit, and will it have an effect on the amount I pay for my Part B Medicare Plan going forward? I have a Medicare Advantage plan.

My next question is about 2025 (after the next property closes and I file taxes), my AGI with the long-term capital gain profit could be between \$700k-\$800K. How will this affect my benefits going forward?

Signed: Prudent Investor

Dear Prudent Investor: Actually, the GROSS amount of your Social Security benefit will not be affected by these transactions, but the NET amount of your SS benefit payment will change due to a provision known as "IRMAA" (Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount). IRMAA affects the Medicare premiums you pay from your Social Security benefit, and a higher Medicare premium will result in a lower net Social Security payment. Here's how this will work for you:

Your Medicare premiums each year (typically for Medicare Part B and Part D) are determined by looking at your "Modified Adjusted Gross Income," or "MAGI", from two years prior (MAGI is your normal AGI plus any non-taxable interest you may have had). Since the property you sold in 2024 will be reflected as part of your 2024 income, IRMAA will cause your 2026 Medicare

premiums to be higher than the standard monthly 2026 amount. How much higher depends on how much you exceed the income level for your IRS filing status. Using 2025 rules, if you file as Married/jointly and your taxable income (MAGI) is more than \$212,000 but less than \$334,000 then, instead of paying the standard 2026 monthly Part B premium, you'll each pay \$370 per month for Medicare Part B (and likely a supplemental amount of \$35.30 if your Advantage plan includes prescription drug coverage).

Your Medicare premiums are recalculated every year (again based on income from two years prior). Thus, in 2027, IRMAA will also affect your Medicare premiums and your net Social Security payment because of your 2025 real estate transaction. If your MAGI in 2025 will be over \$750,000, then IRMAA will increase each of your 2027 Medicare Part B premiums to \$638.90 (and likely also add a supplement of \$85.80 per month each to your Medicare Advantage premium for prescription drug coverage).

The good news is in 2028 all of this will be behind you and your Medicare premiums will revert to whatever the standard monthly premiums are for that year (because your income levels thereafter will presumably be below the then-IRMAA thresholds).

For reference, here is a link to Medicare's information on the Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount, or "IRMAA:" <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/factsheets/2025-medicare-parts-b-premiums-and-deductibles>

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Norwood supported me so much and I'm so grateful for everyone in Norwood. I'm also grateful for (Fred Astaire Dance Studio Executive Director and his dance instructor) Nina DiPerrio because I've known her for 20 years, and she guided me in the right direction. She kicked my butt!"

Selectmen Chair Amanda Grow also danced in the competition, and dedicated her participation to her late mother-in-law Kim and her friends Megan and Fran. Her outfit portrayed Lady Justice in sparkly silver makeup, satin red clothes and blind fold.

"Amanda, you're not going to be known for your blue hair anymore I can tell you that!" McDonough said with a laugh.

"I didn't think anybody would recognize me without the blue hair!" she said. "I would say the biggest struggle was not the dancing or being nervous, but just making sure the costume didn't get messed up before we came out!"

Derek Field is the director and owner of Field Martial Arts Academy in Norwood and has taught martial arts in the Town for the last 11 years. "It was an amazing experience for sure," he said. "We did a lot of laugh-

ing, shaking and moving!"

Norwood High School 2019 graduate, former Norwood Hospital birth registry worker and a member of the Lewis' waitstaff since 2017, Maddie Rice said she had a great time. "I've loved everything about his night, all the preparation and fundraising," she said.

McDonough said his usual co-host, former Norwood High School Principal George Usevich, was ill and couldn't make the show.

"George, I miss you tonight, I got through it but you'll be back next year!" he said.

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(DPH) has to complete a determination of need process.

"And then construction starts back up," he said. "We're then probably looking at another two years of construction once we're at that point. I do know that MPT does want to get rid of the building. They want to sell it, they want a hospital here, the state wants a hospital here, and so it's just a matter of getting everyone in the room and making sure the numbers work. It's a little more complicated than I'm making it sound, but that's what we're working on."

Mazzucco said they have had tentative bites from prospective operators/owners, and said from what he's heard from them it's likely it will be a staggered approach in which the ER is completed first. The ER will then help facilitate funds for the rest of the operation.

Also, Mazzucco said the parking garage that MPT has stated in the past it wants to complete is currently prefabricated and sitting on a site in Georgia. He said MPT has intimated it will move the garage up somewhere a bit more locally soon and start construction in the next few months.

Finally, Mazzucco said residents of Norwood and beyond need to keep up the pressure on the state. This will hopefully help streamline the DON process. "We've been focusing on the regional aspect of this and we'll be pulling it out more and more as we get more towns involved," he said.

Mazzucco said the response in Norwood has created a bit of a stir in the state. "I just had a picture sent to me from the state of about 300 letters that were handwritten by seniors in Norwood," he said. "They said they didn't even know people hand-wrote letters anymore. We had about 300 seniors write, and Pat Schick over at the Norwood Senior Center coordinated that. So they're seeing

things that they haven't seen with some of the other task forces, and that's a good thing because we need to keep the pressure up on the state."

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The post shell work would have to be done once an operator takes over. Representatives stated that, for example, before they can pour the concrete slab foundation the operator would have to install its drainage and inflow/outflow piping for whatever materials it will need when it has decided on all of its operations. Basically, it's not a decision the current owner MPT (a real estate holding firm, not a medical service provider), would want to make. Any such decisions would impact the site's desirability to a potential operator.

However, the shell construction schedule is on time since MPT took over the site in March of 2024.

"The shell is just about completed," said Mazzucco. "There is probably a week or two and then some site work. Somebody can go in, tour the building and then plan out what they want to get done and how they want the hospital to look. We have all the plans for the building, and they can look at that, but the shell is essentially done."

State Rep. John Rogers said the need for this new hospital is ever increasing, and he's hopeful with the work that's been done so far. "We see less of a construction site; this is very much a hospital," said Rogers, "a hospital in need of a provider, a provider who will finish the job and who will open the doors back to the hundreds of thousands of citizens who live, work or visit this region."

Rogers said the area is seeing an influx of permanent residents and the hospital's loss represents a huge gap in care. The hospital's absence will also be felt for large limited events,

like concerts, sporting events, auto exhibitions and the seven games the state is hosting for the World Cup next year.

"Concerts and events attract millions of patrons each year," he said. "The World Cup is coming next year. How vitally important a reopened hospital would have been to those attending those seven games that will occur over the course of five months. And the people are still coming to this region to live here and work here. They're coming to this place where Norwood Hospital was critically necessary. Now more than ever, a hospital is imperative."

Massachusetts Nurses Association Executive Director Julie Pinkham said hospitals around the state are overwhelmed and more and more beds, like the 155 approved by the state in the original plan for the acute care Norwood Hospital, are needed.

"If they're going to the emergency department, we're literally stacking them up in the hallways," she said. "Everybody is waiting for extended periods of time and care is desperately needed. Nurses are obviously overwhelmed with the situation and there is no question this hospital needs to reopen."

Massachusetts Building Trades Union President Frank Callahan said that, in one of the more dangerous fields to be working in across the United States, his fellow workers should not have to face further risks because of an unnecessarily long ambulance ride.

"Our members should not have to risk, during a life-threatening situation, a 45-minute ambulance ride to a hospital," he said. "That doesn't cut it, like we're seeing in some areas of Massachusetts and across the country. We need full-time, quality healthcare providers to match that coverage we have. They deserve it, they've earned it and we expect it."

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amount of commercial businesses in the Town to offset taxes for residents.

The BPH was designed with residential use in mind, allowing for mixed-use multi-family development in two dense intersections along Route 1, those being Everett Street and University Avenue. Dixon and members of the Planning Board have previously said these were the intended areas for development in the BPH.

Attorney representing Crosspoint Associates, David Hern, said his clients think this was a mistake. "I've heard the arguments that, 'We don't want Route 1 overrun with apartments,'" Hern said. "In the four years since this was voted, we haven't seen it overrun with apartments. People are not knocking down the doors to build apartments even though it's allowed as the bylaw currently stands. But if this very substantive change is made what you're going to do is tie your own hands against possible uses for parcels on Route 1 forever, or at least until somebody figures out how to amend the bylaw again."

Hern allowed that the whole point of the BPH was to create consistent zoning along Route 1. But he contends that most of the zones prior to BPH had multi-family as a use allowed by special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals. "The Highway Business District allowed multi-family housing by special permit from the Zoning

Board," he said.

"Since when? When did we have that?" asked newly-minted Planning Board Chair Debbie Holmwood.

"I don't know, but it's probably been for years," Hern said. "There hasn't been a lot of amending to the Zoning Bylaw in the time I've been practicing in this Town in terms of what you could do on Route 1. That was the whole problem in that it was such a hodgepodge. In the manufacturing zone, I don't think there was an allowance for housing, but General Business, Highway Business, Limited Manufacturing, there was some provisions for a special permit. No one could really do it as of right, as I recall, but I don't have that bylaw with me."

Hern also pointed out that housing was asked to be taken off the table by some Town Meeting members back in 2021. "There was an attempt during the voting on the bylaw to remove all residential uses from the BPH," he said. "That motion failed. So Town Meeting, I would submit, was not interested in banning residential from Route 1. They rejected an attempt that was made to ban residential use from Route 1 when that was proposed."

Planning Board member Ernie Paciorkowski was chair at the time the BPH passed through Town Meeting and agreed with Hern that Town Meeting didn't want to remove all residential from the district. "But what I believe they were

okay with was very limited residential, which was an important point at the major public hearings, engagements and deliberations of which we had many, on this," he said. "This was a hot topic, but it's my recollection that Town Meeting was okay with a very limited amount. We wanted to have some, but we didn't want to open it up."

Hern added that auto sales are moving more and more online, and car dealerships may not always be around to anchor the commercial district in Norwood to Route 1.

Crosswind Associates Director of Development Gerry McCormac spoke about his company's property on Nahatan Street. The property sits just north of the Pendegast Rotary on Route 1 (which is just north of Newbury Comics) at 63 Nahatan Street. The site used to be a Tycho manufacturing building for electronics, but has since shut down. And though there were rough plans for development a few years ago, those have stopped. This site was also considered for mixed-use zoning for housing when the BPH was first being discussed, but was removed.

He said he recently met with Dixon and Norwood Economic Development Director Joe Collins to figure out what would be the best use there, and mixed-use development was discussed. "We do a lot of retail use, and we'd be able to mix retail and office, multi-family

and assisted living and things like that, which would really revitalize that site," he said, adding that they're heating and lighting the building. "Right now it's just a large vacant building that's costing us a lot of money at this point in time."

Sky Restaurant (now defunct) representative Brian Almeida also said his clients, 1369 Boston Providence Realty Trust, felt excluding residential was a bad idea, and though his client is not currently pursuing multi-family residential on the site, that doesn't mean he won't want to later.

"The Zoning Board approved a mixed-use development on the site which was go-

ing to maintain Sky Restaurant on the ground-floor and have mixed-use on the higher floor of the building that was going to be added," he said. "The owner of the property sold the property to my client in 2021."

David Spiegel is listed on the Norwood property records website as the owner of the property since 2020, along with co-owners 1369 Boston Providence Highway Realty Trust. He said removing residential from the equation would make using this property "even more challenging" than it is now.

The Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend Article 10 be passed by Town Meeting.

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Morrill Memorial Library is excited to host author and scholar Jennifer Elizabeth Brunton, Ph.D. for a discussion of her “#ActuallyAutistic Guides” (co-authored with Jenna Gensic, M.A.) on Tuesday, April 29 starting at 7:00pm in the Simoni Room.

Author and scholar Jennifer Brunton, Ph.D will discuss her books “The #ActuallyAutistic Guides” (co-author: Jenna Gensic, M.A.), which take an in-depth look at the key elements of effective, respectful, inclusive advocacy, allyship, and independence for Autistic people and those who care about and work with them. Every topic was chosen, shaped, and informed by #ActuallyAutistic perspectives. The guides discuss various aspects of how autism is perceived, explore how best to speak up for individual needs and navigate different life transitions, and introduce advocacy for the wider Autistic community. Each step outlines one vital aspect of advocacy and allyship, such as emphasizing acceptance, avoiding assumptions, and assuming competence. The advice and strategies laid out in these guides center the wisdom and experiences of Autistic people and enable the reader to confidently speak up with insight and understanding.

is most suitable for tweens, teens and adults. Please let only one team member register for the whole team. You will be prompted to enter the number of participants in your team. Please do not register each member of your team separately.

take to assert their rights and comply with the law. There are a lot of state agencies and other organizations that serve the disability community. This presentation will help you navigate the government, have more successful government interactions, and learn more about MOD and how they can help you. It does not include legal information.

BE WISE: VERIFYING REPUTABLE SOURCES

Morrill Memorial Library is running a monthly program series delving into the many aspects of media literacy and online engagement, with programs held on the second Tuesday of the month and focusing on a different topic. This series invites you to explore your engagement with online information and learn how to navigate the internet safely and confidently. Each session is designed as a standalone program, so while you are welcome to attend the whole series, you can also come just for the sessions that interest you!

Please note that this program is virtual and is free and open to the public. Registration is required. Registrants will be sent the Zoom link. If you would like to submit any questions to the speaker beforehand, you will be prompted to do so during the registration process.

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. From April onwards we will be hosting two Lego Clubs. Our May Lego club meetings will be held in-person at the library on following dates and times: Thursday May 22nd from 12:30pm - 1:30pm. Wednesday, May 28th from 10:30am-11:30am. Please join us on 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 cognitive abilities.

FRIENDLY PUZZLE FACEOFF

Love doing puzzles? Want to test your speed against others? Come join us for a friendly puzzle face-off against other teams on Saturday May 10, at 2:30pm - 4pm in the Simoni Room.

How does the race work? Up to 8 teams will compete, with a maximum of 4 people per team. Feel free to name your team! Families are welcome to come as a team; children aged 10+ will count as a team member. One puzzle per team. Puzzles will be 500 pieces and identical in design. Race will kick off at 2:30pm and will end at 4pm. Please plan on arriving by 2:20 pm at the latest, so we can start on time. The team with the most completed puzzle by the end of the race will be the winner, but everyone gets the bragging rights!

This program is free and open to all, but please note that the difficulty level of the puzzle design

ROLE AND FUNCTION OF MOD

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with MA Office on Disability to bring an info session about the role and function of MA Office of Disability (MOD) to the public. The program is called Know Your Government: Massachusetts Office on Disability and it will be held on Thursday May 15 at 6:30PM. Please note that this program is virtual.

MOD is a small state agency that provides information, guidance, and training on disability-related civil rights and architectural access. They help people understand their disability rights and obligations, how regulations apply to the specifics of their situation, and practical steps they can

MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to continue our Monday Movie Matinee, a film series starting on May 12. The series will run from May-August. The films will be shown on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Showtime at 1PM. If you love movies and want to immerse yourself in unforgettable cinematic experiences, Morrill Memorial Library is the place to be! Join us on the 2nd and 4th Monday afternoons from May through August to enjoy an eclectic mix of movies. Movie dates are: 5/12, 6/9, 6/23, 7/14, 7/28, 8/11, 8/25. May movie is: Conclave (120 mins) –PG.

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

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Micheline L. Johnson Date of Death: 09/23/2024	DOCKET No. NO25P0707EA Norfolk Probate and Family Court 35 Shawmut Road Canton, MA 02021 781-830-1200
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To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Eric W. Johnson of Walpole, 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:
Eric W. Johnson of Walpole, 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 05/21/2025**. 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. Lee M. Peterson, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 16, 2025
Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

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

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE	Docket No. NO25P0767EA Norfolk Division
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Estate of: **Ethna Marie Little**
Date of Death: **January 14, 2025**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of

Petitioner: **James P. Little of Norwood, MA**

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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Norwood Sportsmen's Fishing Derby on May 3rd, 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$2 each. The Derby is open to all youngsters under 16 years old and will be held at Guild Pond behind the Norwood Sportsmen's building at 576 Nichols St. next to the K of C. Registration begins at 12:30. All registered participants will get a good prize as well as a hot dog, a bag of chips and a water. The Derby will be held rain or shine. The Norwood Sportsmen's Association has been in Norwood since 1921.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER RECITATION

On Thursday, May 2, at 1 p.m. there will be a recitation of the Patriotic Rosary at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 547 Washington St. Norwood, MA 02062. Come pray for our country. This is a beautiful opportunity to foster love of God and country and sing all of our favorite patriotic songs. Call Rita Russo at 781-762-4391 with questions.

DAR GARAGE SALE

DAR announces garage sale The Aaron Guild Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will be holding their 21st Annual Garage/Estate Sale on Saturday, April 26 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Barlow Lane in Westwood (the first house on the right on Barlow Lane, just off Route 109). For sale will be household items, jewelry, kitchen utensils, bric-a-brac, toys, books, tools, small furniture, and estate items. Come early for the best selection! For more information on the sale, call Sunny O'Malley at 781-326-7799. The proceeds will be used to support DAR's patriotic, historic, and educational endeavors, such as the Good Citizen Award given to ten deserving High School Seniors from the area who were chosen as Good Citizens by their classmates and teachers.

ROTARY CLUB ROY SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

The Norwood Rotary Club is offering \$1000 scholarships to graduating Seniors who reside in Norwood and who exemplify the club's motto, "Service Above Self".

Scholarships are meant to assist Norwood residents in obtaining post-secondary academic, professional or vocational education. Scholarships are awarded to students who

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The Directors of the Norwood Rotary Club award as many scholarships as possible. Applications are reviewed and maintained in confidence. The award is given when the student has successfully completed the first semester of a post-secondary program.

Applications must be returned by May 31, 2025. Mail completed applications and attachments to the Norwood Rotary Club, P.O. Box 763, Norwood MA, 02062. Applications can be picked up at a school counseling office, downloaded from the Norwood Rotary web site www.norwoodrotary.org or requested by emailing lstranno1221@gmail.com

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

A Solemn celebration for Divine Mercy will be held on Sunday, April 27th at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 547 Washington St. Norwood, MA. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available from 1:30-2:30 pm in the chapel and the school gym. The recitation of the Most Holy Rosary will begin at 2:15 pm followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Church. Celebration of Holy Mass in honor of the Solemnity will be celebrated at 3 pm and will include veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. Mass and homily offered by Rev. Christopher Letizia.

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The Norwood CFCE Early Childhood Fair is being held on Saturday, May 3rd, from 10:00am-12:00pm at the Balch Elementary Front Lawn, 1170 Washington St. Norwood, MA. There is no charge. The events is featuring resources, programs, and fun activities for young children—plus free food, refreshments, and a lively performance by the children's musical group Rockabye Beats!

NEW SEASON FOR OLD PARISH VOLUNTEERS

The non-profit organization, Old Parish Preservation Volunteers (OPPV) will begin

their spring work days on Saturday, April 26, at the Old Parish Cemetery, located off Washington Street near Railroad Avenue. Volunteers will clean grave markers, reset stones, and repair those that are broken. Spring, 2025 work days include: April 26; May 3, 10, 17, and 24 all from 8:30am to 10:30am. Anyone interested in helping preserve this important historic site can join the group working in the cemetery. The public is welcome to walk through the cemetery during the time volunteers are working; feel free to ask questions. For more information about OPPV, visit the website: <http://www.oldparishpreservationvolunteers.com>

PARKWAY CONCERT ORCHESTRA ON MAY 18

Parkway Concert Orchestra presents a spring concert, 'They Came to Visit' on Sunday, May 18 at 3 p.m. at Ursuline Academy, 85 Lowder Street, Dedham. Music Director Thomas Kociela conducts the 50 piece non-profit orchestra in a varied program celebrating musicians who experienced our country firsthand. The program includes Pomp and Circumstance March No. 3 by Elgar, the Largo from Dvorak's New World Symphony, music from 'The Gladiator,' and Tritsch Tratsch Polka by Johann Strauss, Jr. The concert features soprano Aurora Martin singing Handel, Mozart and Schubert, composers performed by the legendary 'Swedish Nightingale' Jenny Lind.

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.

VFW CHICKEN BAKE

The Norwood VFW will be serving a Chicken Dinner on Sunday, May 18 at 2:00 PM. This will be served in the Post Lounge Room. The meal will include a one-half Barbequed Chicken, with Corn on the Cobb and a Baked Potato. Dessert is also included to finish the meal. The cost is only \$12.00 per person. This meal is open to the Public. Everyone is welcome. Tickets are

available to purchase at the VFW. The VFW Post is located at 193 Dean Street in Norwood. The VFW Post is next to the ROJO's car wash. This has proven to be a delicious meal and is a great value for the price.

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The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court

<p>CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION</p> <p>Estate of: Robert E. Gramer Also known as: Robert Edward Gramer Date of Death: 11/21/2024</p>	<p>DOCKET No. NO25P0784EA</p> <p>Norfolk Probate and Family Court 35 Shawmut Road Canton, MA 02021 (781)830-1200</p>
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To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:
Robert E. Gramer, Jr. of West Roxbury, 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:
Robert E. Gramer, Jr. of West Roxbury, 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 05/14/2025. 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. Lee M. Peterson, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 07, 2025
Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

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2025 Ford Bronco Sport 4x4

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Public Hearing Notice
Norwood Engineering Department

Notice is hereby given that the Engineering Department (Stormwater Authority) of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on May 29th, 2025 at 6:00 PM** regarding the adoption of Stormwater Regulations under Norwood General Bylaw Article L, "Stormwater Management Bylaw". The hearing will be held at the **Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062.**

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known. The proposed regulations are on file in the office of the Engineering Department, and may be requested by emailing engineering@norwoodma.gov or by calling **781-762-1413, Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 3:30 pm.**

Norwood Record: 04/24/25, 05/01/25

Monday, April 14

0904 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St Principal from Willett Early Childhood Center on the business line requesting a welfare check on a child who has been absent from school since 02/27. No contact w/ either parent. Officers on scene spoke to neighbor and landlord who confirmed that they moved to Florida. Voicemail left for the father requesting call back.

0957 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Morrill Memorial Library - Walpole St Caller requesting a check on a male party on the front desk who keeps passing out. He is known to them. Units on scene, no issues. The male party is alert and conscious. Units clear. Spoke to the manager and they were advised of the no trespass order. The male party is moving along.

1548 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Collision Report Follows Location/Address: St Catherine of Siena School - Nahatan St Car drove onto the lawn of the school. FD requested. MA REG: 442YP8 Ambulance was request was cancelled, the pedestrian declined medical. Don and Wally's has the vehicle AC requested and assigned to 666

1659 Phone - PD-Missing Person Spoke With Location/Address: Redwood Dr + Jacobsen Dr Caller reports that he saw a 5 year old girl running around by herself. She is now in his vehicle. A gray Volvo SUV. Caller on 911 reporting her 3 year old daughter is missing. During the call she reported the juvenile was found. Officer en route to confirm. The daughter and father have been reunited. Daughter followed another neighborhood girl around the neighborhood

1731 Phone - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: TJ Maxx - Nahatan St 3rd party caller reporting 8 juvenile males and females were being disruptive and possibly stealing from the store. Caller was a customer and no longer on scene. Spoke to juveniles and staff. All checks out and juveniles have been advised.

Tuesday, April 15

0036 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Coventry Lane Employee from Negoshians is trying to tow a vehicle but is being blocked individual that is refusing to pay. Parties went to an ATM and paid the fine. Vehicle has been released and all parties have been



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sent on their way.

1956 911 - PD-Shoplifting Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: CVS Pharmacy - Nahatan St 2 male parties stealing. One male light skin with Target bag, other male black hat. Both parties left on foot and took a left out of the store. Units are out with 1 of the involved parties. 2 parties in custody. Arrest: Newhall, Kendra Lee Address: 73 Stratton St Apt. #2 Dorchester, Ma Age: 42 Charges: Shoplifting By Asportation Conspiracy Straight Warrant Straight Warrant Receive Stolen Property -\$1200 Arrest: Cheek, Marc Alan Address: 170 Morton St Jamaica Plain, Ma Age: 51 Charges: Shoplifting By Asportation, 2nd Off. Conspiracy Default Warrant Receive Stolen Property -\$1200 Arrest: Antonetti, Lawrence Address: Homeless Chelsea, Ma Age: 39 Charges: Shoplifting \$250+ By Asportation C266 §30a Conspiracy C4 Default Warrant Receive Stolen Property -\$1200

2115 Other - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: CVS Pharmacy - Nahatan St Employee reports vehicle possibly following her to and from work. Officer advised party of her options.

Wednesday, April 16

1104 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Devon Rd Coyote walking around in daylight, possibly sick ACO notified

1807 Phone - PD-Shoplifting Report Follows Location/Address: TJ Maxx - Nahatan St Customer reporting 4 female parties are attempting to steal items from TJ Maxx. 1 W/F and 3 B/F or H/F. One of the B/F parties has a blue back pack that they are filling up with items. Parties are over by the home department. Of assigned, 661 remaining on scene for a follow up. 661 clear, the last juvenile is in the parent's custody.

1924 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Gables Apartments - Washington St CP reporting a male party causing a disturbance in the hallway, slamming doors. No noise upon arrival. Spoke with the male party and he denies making any loud noise. They will keep it down for the night, cruisers clear.

Thursday, April 17

1120 Phone - PD-Threats Report Follows Location/Address: Gables Apartments - Washington St Caller called the station reporting he was not happy officers came to his house on 4/16/25, officer responded to a disturbance at this address.

1237 Phone - PD-Warrant Report Follows Location/Address: Dean St Arrest: Murray, Akeem Address: 48 Dean St Apt. #G Norwood, Ma Age: 34 Charges: Default Warrant

1406 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Spoke With Loca-

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tion/Address: West St Loud music coming from a house on West St, female party on their back deck playing loud. Calling party is looking to speak to an officer. Agreed to turn the music down.

1710 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Shaw's Supermarket - Nahatan St E911 caller reports, kids assaulting a party in the parking and black clothing and covering their face. 674 is off with the individuals OF assigned to 674 Units cleared. 674 to standby and review security footage

1748 Radio - PD-Assault Offenses Report Follows Location/Address: McDonald's - Broadway Per HQ- juvenile in lobby looking to speak to an officer in regards to her getting "slapped in the face" at the restaurant. Cleared

1825 Radio - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Atwood Ave Per HQ- party would like an Officer to speak to parties on the first floor, stated they are being loud Spoke to all parties involved. 1st floor was just making sure the door they fixed was working properly. 2nd floor stated it is an ongoing issue. Cleared

1928 Initiated - PD-Warrant Report Follows Location/Address: Surrey Rd Female party in custody Arrest: Young, Mitzi Lee Address: 23 Surrey Rd Norwood, Ma Age: 50 Charges: Straight Warrant

2059 911 - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: At Balch School - Folan Ave 911- 5 youths, 15-16yo males, kicking caller's door. One is wearing mask. There is also an orange bike. Caller said she got woken up, the house shook. Officer going off with 8 juveniles. Caller stated that a person has this activity on camera. Group of juveniles playing ding dong ditch. No damage done. Parties sent on their way, matter remains under investigation. Cleared

2114 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Austin St Female resident on the business line requesting an Officer for an ongoing neighbor. Stated they play music in the gazebo located at the end of the driveway all night long. Spoke to the resident,

has friends over due to no school tomorrow. They agreed to turn it down. Cleared

Friday, April 18

0708 Phone - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Adams St Neighbor banging on door and threatening caller While on the phone the involved party was screaming at the door with a broom. Both parties are making loud noises, everyone spoken to and advised.

2059 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Rama Shopping Center - Washington St Owner of laundromat states an individual just left with one of her carts. Courtesy transport given to a different Laundromat. Machine broke and didn't know what to do with the wet clothes. Advised. Cleared, party was advised to keep the peace. Was brought to another laundromat and cart was returned to owner

2110 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Wickham Way Male resident stating this is ongoing issue with neighbors. Children playing in an apartment, and were advised of complaint. Spoke the RP, satisfied. Cleared

Saturday, April 19

0154 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Wickham Way Male resident stating he was just woken up by loud talking, yelling. Made contact with parties, small gathering of people. They agreed to keep it down for the night. Cleared

0212 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Wickham Way Requesting PD to go back Upon arrival parties were conversing at a normal level. Advised of complaint, agreed to keep it down. Spoke to the RP. Units cleared

0538 Phone - PD-Larceny/ Forgery/Fraud Services Rendered Location/Address: NUCAR Volkswagen - Bos-Prov Hwy Alarm company stating he is watching surveillance as a silver mini van occupied by a WM taking tires. RP stated vehicle parked on site. Male party is wearing a mask & white gloves. Proceeded to go to the dumpster area, take 1 tire then went back to dumpster for another. Described a male party wearing blue joggers, with grey hoodie with a black vest. Wearing white gloves 665 is off with MA REG 691TW3 Party took a tire from the dumpster, units cleared

1431 911 - PD-Motor Vehicle Collision Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Carmax Auto Superstore - Bos-Prov Hwy Arrest: Miranda, Ricardo V Address: 41 Rand St Apt. #1 Central Falls, RI Age: 68 Charges: State Hway—Traffic Violation * 720 CMR S9.06

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OUI-Liquor Or .08%, 2nd Offense C90 S24(1)(A)(1) 1607 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Art And Craft Salon - Central St Caller on the business line reports a male party urinated on the front of their building and exposed himself in the process. Male party was spoken to then was sent on his way. Units spoke with the RP and told her of the process. Units clear.

1627 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Village Apartments - Washington St Call on the business line reporting a male party working on his silver truck. Playing loud music since 1100. RP states he has done this before. Unit spoke to that party. States he will turn the music down and that he will be leaving in a few minutes.

Sunday, April 20

0839 Phone - PD-Assist Fire Department Services Rendered Location/Address: Upland Woods Circle Call on 911 reports the smell of gas in her apartment. Thinks it may be coming from the laundry room. FD checked the apt. Nothing showing. RP refused to identify herself. Unit clear.

1028 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Bullard Street Caller reports he is having an ongoing issue with a neighbor. The neighbor is in his driveway washing his car and taunting him. Spoke to both parties. No threats made and no damage recorded. Argument over parking spots. They were advised to stay away from each other and contact the landowner about the ongoing issues. Unit clear. 677 talked to the landlord. The situation is unfounded. That party has every right to park there.

1248 Phone - PD-Harassment Services Rendered Location/Address: Shaw's Supermarket - Nahatan Street Report made though social media of juveniles harassing patrons at Shaw's. Units checked the area and spoke to employee from Shaw's and CVS and they had nothing to report. Both units clear.

2059 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: ROJO - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller on the business line reporting cars in the rear parking lot of this location cars revving their engines. MA REG 3RDF14 spoke to the parties they shut the car off and were made aware of the complaint.

2244 911 - PD-Noise Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: -Buckminster Dr 911-caller reports noise from upstairs, cannot sleep, Stomping on floor. office sent email for quiet times. Spoke to both residents on going issue between the two. Parties advised.

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MARY Teresa (Shaw) of Norwood passed away on April 15, 2025 at the age of 92. Beloved wife of the late Stanley R. Curley. Devoted mother of Mary Frances Curley of Norwood, John Curley and his wife Michelle of Norwood, Judy Wiklund and her husband Andrew of Upton, Jim Curley and his wife Lori of SC, Rita Curley of Norwood, Sister Marie Paul, FSP, of Boston, Kathleen DosSantos and her husband Julio of AZ, Eileen Rouvalis of Attleboro, Clare Cole and her husband Andrew of KY, Kevin Curley and his wife Linda of NH, Agnes Penny and her husband Daniel of OK, and the late Patrick R. Curley and his late wife Karen. Sister of the late Clara Walsh and Frances Shaw. Cherished grandmother of 39 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Daughter of the late Richard F. and Dorothy M. (Dawkins) Shaw, both of Washington, DC. Mary Teresa was born on Michigan Avenue in Washington DC. She attended Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School followed by secretarial school. She worked for the National Catholic News Service in the secretarial pool until she married the late Stan Curley with whom she shared 43 years of marriage. Mary Teresa was a dedicated Pauline Cooperator and an active member of the Legion of Mary. She enjoyed knitting with her Knit-Wit group until recent years. She cherished visits and visiting with her children and grandchildren. She attended St. Mary Parish in East Walpole for many years. Visiting hours will be held on Friday, April 25, 2025 from 4-7pm at the Kraw - Kornack Funeral Home at 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. Funeral from the funeral home Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 9am followed by a funeral Mass at 10am at St. Mary's Church, East Walpole, MA. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Daughters of St. Paul, 50 St. Paul's Avenue, Boston, MA 02130. Masses for the repose of Mary Teresa's soul are also appreciated.



MARION R. (Keleher) passed away on April 20, 2025 at the age of 83. Marion grew up in Needham, MA, and made Dover, MA, her home for over 60 years. A devoted mother of four, grandmother to eight, and great-grandmother to three, she was the heart of her family. Beloved wife of the late Phillip R. Luttazi for over 63 years. Devoted father of Romolo Paul Luttazi and his wife Beth of Dover, Steven John Luttazi and his wife Judy of Franklin, Lori A. Sigano and her late husband Don of Attleboro and Phillip D. Luttazi and his wife Susan of Medfield. Marion was the daughter of the late Cyril and Madeline (Halder) Keleher. Sister of Judy Healy and her husband Tom of Foxboro, Elise Colacicco and her husband Vincent of San Antonio, TX, Robert Keleher of Needham and the late Barbara Keith of Arizona. She was also a loving grandmother of Kelly, Christina, Erica, John, Steven, Caroline, Benjamin, and Sarah. Great-grandmother of Josie, Amelia and Nora. Marion was a long-time associate at Calvert's and Decelle's in Needham Heights and Medfield. In her younger years, Marion enjoyed playing tennis and had a passion for staying active, often enjoying long walks through her neighborhood in Dover. She also loved gardening, cooking, and baking, filling her home with the delicious aromas of banana bread, zucchini bread, and freshly baked chocolate chip cookies. Holidays—especially Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter—were cherished family gatherings where Marion's love for her family shone brightest.

Summers were spent poolside with her grandchildren, filled with laughter, games, and joy. The Fourth of July was always a highlight, starting with the Needham parade and followed by lively cookouts by the pool. Marion's famous Lemon Lush and blueberry buckle desserts became beloved traditions that everyone looked forward to year after year. Beyond her active pursuits, Marion enjoyed playing the piano and a good game of Mah-Jongg in her earlier years. Summers also meant time on Cape Cod in Falmouth, MA, where she and her siblings relaxed by the sea with

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their children. To escape the harsh New England winters, she and her husband, Phil, made annual trips to Florida to visit family and friends. Marion, a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, will be dearly missed by her children, grandchildren, and all who had the joy of knowing and loving her. Her warmth, kindness, and deep love for family were felt in every holiday gathering, every home-baked treat, and every cherished moment shared together. We love you, Mom. May you and Dad rest in peace together, forever side by side. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2025 from 4-7pm at the Kraw Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. Funeral from the funeral home Friday, April 25, 2025 at 10:30am followed by a funeral mass at 11:30am at the Most Precious Blood Church 30 Centre St. Dover, MA 02030. Burial will follow the funeral mass at Highland Cemetery, Centre St. Dover, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to the Alzheimer's Assoc. 309 Waverley Oaks Rd. Waltham, MA 02452

MARONEY



SHIRLEY A. (Barss) of Norwood passed away on April 20, 2025 at the age of 92. Beloved wife of the late John J. Maroney. Devoted mother of

John "Jack" B. Maroney and his wife Diana of Reading, James "Jim" Maroney of Norwood and Jeanne Correia of Brewster. Sister of James Barss of Norwood and FL and Judith Barker of Dallas, TX. Cherished grandmother of John and Michael Maroney. Daughter of the Late James and Elizabeth (Mitchell) Barss. Shirley was a longtime Waitress at the Café Venice in Norwood working there for many years. 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 her memory to the "Betterment of Norwood Animal Shelter" and send by mail to the Norwood Animal Shelter, Town of Norwood P.O. Box 40 Norwood, MA. 02062.

WENSTROM



NANCY Irene, a lifelong resident of Norwood, passed away on April 11, 2025 at the age of 84. Beloved daughter of the late Otis and Eva (Croteau) Wenstrom. Devoted and loving sister of Alice M. Wenstrom of

Norwood and William E. and Eleanor Wenstrom of Norwood. Cherished aunt of William Wenstrom Jr. of AL, Linda DeShiro and her husband John of N. Attleboro, James M. Wenstrom and his wife Nancy of Norwood, Kris O. Wenstrom and his wife Sarah of Norfolk and the late Kenneth P. Wenstrom and his wife Debbie of Canton. Also survived by 9 grandnieces and grandnephews and 3 great grandnieces and great grandnephews. Nancy was a 1958 graduate of Norwood High School. Nancy loved spending time with her extended family during holiday gatherings and family cookouts and dinners. Nancy and her sister Alice travelled extensively together, to all continents across the globe and enjoyed experiencing different histories and cultures. She especially enjoyed the many trips and escapades with her friends from the Wacky Women Wanderers. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2025 from 9-10:30a.m. at the Kraw Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. A funeral mass will follow the visitation at 11am at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood. Burial will be 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

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SENSORY-FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHTS!

The Morrill Memorial Library is offering an in-person sensory-friendly movie on the 2nd Thursday of the month for adults with different levels of cognitive abilities.

Join us for our Sensory-friendly Monthly Movie at the Library! This program will be held in-person in the Simoni Room on May 8, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our May movie in the Sensory-friendly Monthly Movie series is Universal's Madagascar: Europe's Most Wanted, rated PG.

Norwood Citizen of the Month March



Grade 8: Justina Desinor, Hugo Chen, Riley Dolan, Maren Norton

Grade 7: Farrah Randall, Matthew Sweeney, Stephen Addo

Grade 6: Harrison Wisheart, Delaney Staunton, Phamella Auxiliador

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

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