



The gravel plant at 973 University Ave. is the subject of some controversy due to permits that were allowed to expire.

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Planning Board reviews gravel pit water runoff and bylaws

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Planning Board met on Monday, Sept. 14, and discussed two stormwater issues in Town; the first being the stormwater runoff at the 973 University Ave. gravel pit and updates to the Zoning Bylaw the Town needs to implement to conform with state regulations.

Town Planner Paul Halkiotis said he was recently made aware of the stormwater violations at the gravel pit, currently operated by UAVE LLC. He said the root of the violations are extremely concerning to him.

Halkiotis said they were

originally notified of an issue at the site when one of UAVE's neighbors contacted the Town about work being done on the border of the two companies' property line, where it looked like UAVE was removing trees and digging out property the company did not own. Halkiotis said Norwood Building Inspector Matt Walsh actually issued a stop work order at UAVE.

"What Matt found, and some of this is a little embarrassing for me, is that the Planning Board Site Plan Approval was for two years and that was issued in 2013," he said. "The Zoning Board special permit had also expired years ago as well. The more

troubling thing we discovered is that a \$50,000 fine was levied by the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office against (UAVE Owner Joseph Federico Jr.) and UAVE for letting all the stormwater from the gravel pit just wash into the Town's catch basins located at the driveway of the facility, and dumped directly in Purgatory Brook."

Halkiotis said the site had no pretreatment and had what the Attorney General's Office described as industrial waste. The Norwood Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) granted a continuance to UAVE's request for

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Norwood Public Schools Superintendent David Thomson toured the schools last week and this week to see that opening day went smoothly.

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Norwood Schools reopen, partially

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Public Schools started classes officially last week in a phased hybrid reopening plan.

NPS Superintendent David Thomson said he spent Monday touring the schools, and from what he's seen so far, it's going very well.

"I'll be honest with you, it was really great because it was classrooms full of happy children, happy to be in their classrooms with their teachers," he said. "Teachers happy to see their kids and a

superintendent happy to see teachers and kids working together."

Thomson they wanted to get the most in-need students in first and then start phasing in classroom learning from there.

"Everyone started school last Thursday, but on Thursday and Friday in class were our high-needs special education population; the kids who are in substantially separate programs. To get them in and started was important because they are our most vul-

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Big Y one step closer to final Con Com approval

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

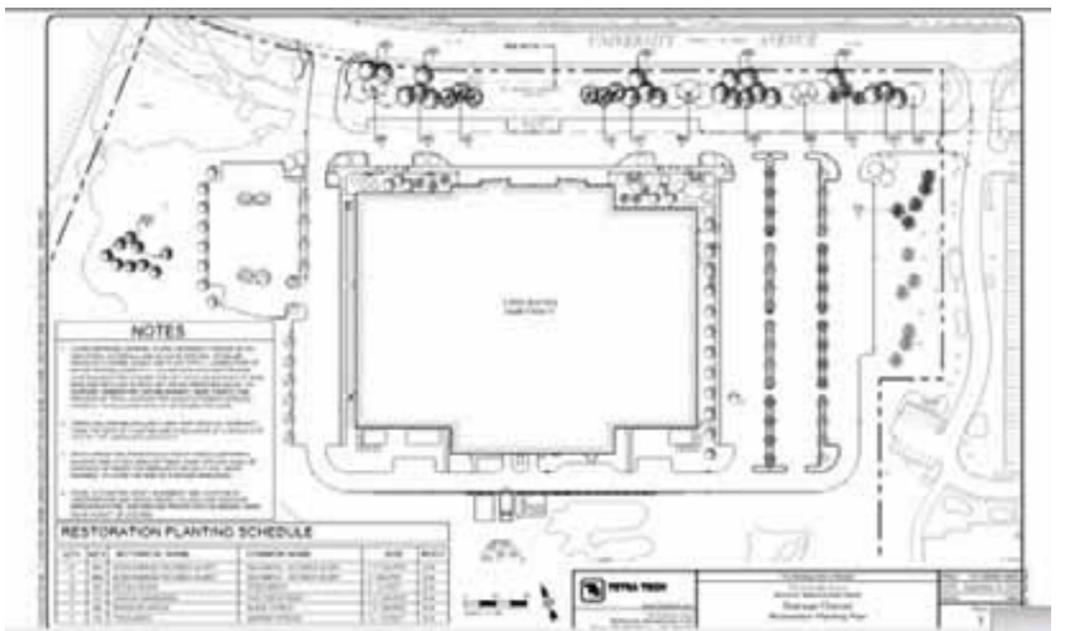
Representatives for the Big Y shopping center appeared before the Conservation Commission (Con Com) at its virtual meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 16, to discuss its notice of intent. After drainage issues into Howes Brook were discussed, the project was deemed one step closer to final approval, after a revised order of conditions is received.

This was one of several

projects considered during Con Com's two and-a-half-hour meeting. These included the Jain Center's remediation effort that was previously deferred as well as the Boston Skating Club, also previously deferred.

Phil Macchi represented the applicant, and Bohler Engineering is slated to work on the Big Y Plaza project. Macchi explained that the last significant upgrade to the plaza, located at 420-442 Walpole St., was in

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The Conservation Commission also discussed a few issues with the landscaping at the Skating Club of Boston.

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nerable population.”

Thomson said this week, starting on Monday and Tuesday, they started bringing in those students who were coming to new school buildings for the first time.

“The idea of that was to start with small numbers and kids who perhaps need a little more guidance,” he said. “We bring them in this first week and it gives us a chance to get them trained on their routines and how everything works in a new building.”

Thomson said it’s the first graders, the sixth graders and the ninth graders coming into new school buildings. He said these small-scale reopenings give the teachers, faculty and staff a chance to work with new schedules and norms in the age of COVID-19.

“It gives us a chance to try out our brand new traffic patterns because we’re using more doors. When we have the regular half cohorts coming in on Monday the 28th, we will be ready because of our testings of these new procedures and protocols,” he said. “It’s a pretty quick and aggressive ramping up, but our emphasis was to get our students in person as soon as possible.”

Thomson said they are monitoring students’ physical health as well as social-emotional and mental health, and getting them acquainted with some of their new online tools as well.

“We’re making sure kids

are feeling safe and are showing them how to access all their online tools we’ve invested in over the summer and that’s been our focus,” he said.

Those online tools may become even more necessary, because if there is a significant outbreak of COVID-19 at the schools, the district will go back to completely remote learning instead of the current hybrid system (Monday and Tuesday one half of the student body in class, Wednesday cleaning, Thursday and Friday the other half in class).

“I think there’s a growing confidence with this, but I tell people that this is going to be a bit of trial and error” he said. “We’re on a road that we’ve never been on before. We don’t know where the turns are in the road, we don’t know whether there’s a pothole around that turn, and so we’re going to have to be constantly adjusting, growing and improving, but we’re off to a good start.”

Thomson said the main challenges now are reminding kids to keep socially distant, get into the routines of mask breaks, hand washing, and getting students used to the entry and exit patterns of the schools.

“I have not encountered any major potholes yet, more like ‘oh I didn’t think of that’ sort of things, but easily fixable,” he said. “there are challenges and we might need to make some adjustments to where some kids are or what cohort they’re in so we can make sure we are fully able to provide services.”

Thomson said he, the staff, faculty, Norwood School Committee and parents have been working throughout the summer on this plan and he feels proud to have been a part of that work.

“I have a lot of people to thank, but you know, especially the teachers cooperating to make this possible, the administrative team working all summer getting these pieces to fit together. It’s been a lot of hard work and a lot of hours,” he said. “But the payoff today was getting to see those kids, seeing those shiny, happy faces in our classrooms. That was really the payoff. I tell people we’re going to learn a lot about education and how to improve what we do in this process.”

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Neponset Valley Sunrise Rotary annual Duck Race is back on

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Neponset Valley Sunrise Rotary (NVSr) will be hosting its annual Duck Race this year, albeit a little late.

The event, which usually takes place in June, was postponed because of the pandemic.

"We're doing it at Riverdale in Dedham, our usual spot," said NVSR President and Norwood Selectman Thomas Maloney.

Maloney said they will be selling ducks online at www.nvsrotaryevents.org starting Oct. 1. The event will be held on Oct. 24 at 2 p.m.

"We won't be doing our usual marketing in front of Roche Bros. and the other in-person locations, for obvious reasons," he said. "You can go online or at our Facebook page ([Facebook.com/NeponsetValleySunriseRotary](https://www.facebook.com/NeponsetValleySunriseRotary)) and buy your quack pack. Buy as many ducks as you can. We're working on sponsorships now and letting our sponsors know we're still doing the duck race."

Maloney said the club's big service project to help provide water in African countries has just ended, and this year's duck race will go to help out a little more locally at the Norwood, Westwood and Dedham food pantries, as well as toward Blue Hills Regional Technical School scholarships and other local nonprofits. He said the event will be less than the usual big party at Riverside.

"It will be scaled down for sure, but we're still trying to have a good time," he said. "We of course appreciate the support. We'll be raising funds and using those funds to do good work in the community and around the world."

Maloney said the club is currently facing the fundraising challenges that nearly every non-profit and charity face right now, in that in-person fundraising is either very difficult or not possible due to social distancing. But he said they are looking to live stream the Duck Race this year to the Norwood and Dedham local cable companies.

"We're concentrating on the Duck Race, we'll get that done, distribute those funds to the food pantries thereafter and then we'll be coming forward with some service projects too that we want to talk about," he said.

Maloney said Rotary has always been about helping children facing difficult times, and was originally created to eradicate polio, and still fights for this cause.

"I don't know if you're aware of this, but polio still exists in some places; only two countries in the world, both in Africa," he said.

Maloney said the new date for the race will present some problems of its own for patrons and organizers alike, as someone does have to go into the water and collect the ducks at the end.

"So we do have other concerns, like for instance water temperature and air temperature," he said with a laugh.

The club works with dozens of local charities throughout the year, including the Dedham, Norwood, and Westwood Food Pantries, Comfort Zone Camp Massachusetts, Mark Bavis Leadership Foundation, School on Wheels of Massachusetts and more. Guests, speakers and potential members are always welcome at The Neponset Valley Sunrise Rotary Club's

Wednesday morning meetings. More information about the club can be found at <http://www.nvsrotary.org>.

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an approval to reinstate the group's special permit, as the legal matters between the state and UAVE have to be completely resolved before the permit can be issued. Halkiotis said the Planning Board will have to then issue a site plan approval after the ZBA's permit is completed before work can start up again.

"I'm concerned and troubled by the turn of events that took place here," he said. "Not only did the owner of the gravel pit operate for years after both their special permit and site plan approval expired, but in that same time frame they applied for construction of an asphalt plant and were denied that building permit by the Building Commissioner. They appealed that denial to the ZBA, the ZBA upheld the Building Commissioner's decision to deny it, and they then appealed that to Land Court. He lost the case in Land Court and a year later he reapplied for the same thing. This is somebody who operates a business in Norwood who has apparently little regard for conditions of approval for Planning Board or ZBA permits, doesn't follow the approved plan from the Conservation Commission and has violated federal environmental laws."

The Board also met with Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA) Advocacy Director Kerry Snyder regarding stormwater pollution and how it can get into Norwood's stormwater system. Halkiotis said he hopes the ZBA takes this into account when UAVE comes before them to reinstate its special permit.

Snyder came to specifically discuss the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit program administered by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MADEP) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). It's designed to help reduce and remediate stormwater pollution.

"It's designed to reduce stormwater pollution, which includes local regulation of unauthorized connections with or accidental leakage of

pollutants into the stormwater system," she said. "It also includes regulation for construction and post-construction activities to ensure runoff is minimized and clean, and it requires MS4 permittees like Norwood to engage the public in education outreach activities."

Snyder said for NepRWA's part, they work to reduce pollution specifically into the Neponset and its tributaries with the help of the Municipal Area Planning Council (MAPC) through the Neponset Stormwater Partnership (MSP). She said all 11 municipalities along the Neponset, including Norwood, are working in the partnership to reduce excess pollution into the Neponset, which has historically seen a lot of industrial and chemical pollution over the years.

Snyder said under the MS4 permit, any town or municipality that has pollution go into a stormwater system is responsible financially for cleaning it up. She said towns can adopt their own Stormwater Bylaws to increase its authority to collect fines from offending organizations – construction projects, polluting business enterprises, residential pollution, etc. – to help ease the economic burden this imposes.

"We want to make sure the Town can share that economic burden with those taking advantage of land use in Town," she said. "The updated MS4 regulations were originally due to be implemented on June 30 of 2020, however the EPA is likely to extend that deadline to June 20 of 2021."

Snyder said the Town should be able to adopt a stormwater bylaw for all land-disturbing activities, which she said she hopes the Town will have ready to adopt at a Town Meeting. However, she said since Norwood does not currently have one, she has gone through the Zoning Bylaw and highlighted areas where stormwater could be managed through existing authority set in said bylaw so as to be in compliance with the MS4 permit.

Halkiotis said they would have to host a public hearing

on these changes before Norwood's Fall Special Town meeting and go over the changes with Snyder there. She said she would be happy to, as well as head to the Town Meeting to continue to explain those changes.

Halkiotis said he feels this would at least be helpful, as redevelopment is the main way the Town can bring sites into stormwater regulation compliance, as most of the Town is already built out. He said existing properties built before the EPA came into existence, like the plaza built in 1962 in which Big Y now sits that currently sheets untreated stormwater into the nearby streams, can be brought into compliance when they are redeveloped.

"And that's exactly what we're doing with the Big Y site," he said. "Former Conservation Agent Al Goetz and I have had many conversations about this, and we agreed that what's out there is built and, in effect, grandfathered until they want to make some kind of change and want to come back to one of our boards, and that's our best opportunity to try talk them into complying with zoning. Redevelopments don't have to follow as strict stormwater management regulations as new development, but Al often twisted their arms and told them this is the right thing to do and he was able to get more out of them. We did something similar over at the Shaw's plaza. Working with (Department of Public Works Director) Mark Ryan and Al, we got stormwater improved and I think we improved the capacity to reduce some flooding and this when we get our opportunity to bring things up to date."

Halkiotis also introduced the Town's new Environmental Planner, Holly Jones, taking over the expanded role from former Conservation Agent Al Goetz.

"I'm excited now about stormwater, so yay, but it's nice to see you all," she said.

"There's not many people who get excited about stormwater," Halkiotis said.

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The NCC met last week to gear up for its upcoming grant season, the funding of which may be diminished since the state funds the grant programs.

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Cultural Council grant cycle pushed back due to COVID-19

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Cultural Council (NCC) met last week on Sept. 14 to discuss the group's current schedule for its grant cycle.

Like everything in the pandemic world, the schedule was pushed back because of the COVID-19 outbreak. Applications will be open for grant funding on Thursday, Oct. 1 and close on Nov. 16, with awardees announced on Feb. 16, 2021. The grant funds are allocated every year for individuals and

organizations that, according to the NCC information page, "are dedicated to keeping our town a culturally rich and economically vital place to live and work."

The grants basically fund educational and enrichment endeavors for students, seniors and the whole community. For more details on the NCC's function, go to <https://bit.ly/3hTC7WR>.

NCC Chair Kate Sibbing-Dunn said they are looking to provide as much outreach as possible to these kinds of organizations in the coming weeks.

"We want to spread the word as widely as possible, and we're

trying to get our net cast more broadly than just schools," she said, as most of the grantees awarded last year were Norwood Public Schools, with the notable exceptions of the Norwood Historical Society, the Old Parish Preservation Volunteers and the Mass Audubon Museum of American Bird Art.

The NCC also discussed the possibility of participating in the 150th Celebration of the Incorporation of the Town of Norwood, coming up in 2022. Co-Chair Denise Kiley and

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1991. He said about half of the plaza will be rebuilt, and the parking lot is being reconfigured to allow for better traffic flow. He has met with the Planning Board four times already, which has been an extensive process, as well as Mark Ryan, the head of the Department of Public Works, to discuss engineering and drainage.

“Throughout this entire process we are very cognizant that Hawes Brook runs right behind the project,” Macchi told the commissioners.

Bohler Engineering Assistant Project Manager Nate Mahonen said that there are a number of buffer zones and resource areas in front of Hawes Brook, including the local and state buffer zones. In addition, there is the 50-foot no-build buffer zone by local by-law; the 75-foot tree filter zone by local by-law; and the 100-foot no-build zone, which for the most part is coincidental with the riverfront area. There is also a 200-foot riverfront offset. There is a flood zone in the middle of these zones as it heads to the south of the site.

The main concern for Con Com was stormwater management, which will be improved with the new design. As proposed, there will be improved stormwater inlets at the back of the site. Catchwater basins will collect the stormwater and send it to Hawes Brook via a water treatment system to the current 18-inch pipe.

There will be two new catch basins lower than the breaks to discharge the water into the brook. There will be riprap aprons as well to control any overflow as well as a riprap scour pad. Silt sacks also will be placed to help with mitigation. Five trees

will be added to the 75-foot buffer zone.

In addition, a six-foot fence will be installed behind the guard rail to capture trash, which was another huge concern, as it has been known to travel by wind into the brook. Some additional landscaping will be added.

Commissioner Peter Bamber, who has a history with the site since the 1970s, said he was concerned with sand being dumped into the brook in the winter. He said he was also wondering if there was any thought to making a walking path for pedestrians from Walpole Street.

Mahonen said that the guard rail could not be moved in because that would put the project under the zoning requirements, especially with the improvements they are making. Also, the applicant is keeping the snow on site, and the current owner is using salt on it, not sand.

Also, the applicant is going to work with the abutters to see if there can be a pedestrian connection to Walpole Street, he added.

Neponset River Watershed Association member Carly Rocklen asked if the two landscaped islands were at ground level to absorb groundwater. Mahonen said they are not. Con Com members asked if there could be curb breaks made to allow absorption and if plants could be put in that can tolerate salt. Mahonen was amenable to that, as well as to signage on groundwater education.

This was allowed as a condition of approval, as well as trash cleanup and a no-sand clause. The matter was put under advisement until the revised order of conditions is received, the last step before approval.

Next, Dharmendra K. Sethi represented the Jain Center of Greater Boston to discuss a remediation project. There had been a misunderstanding a few months back, and a landscaper created a pathway of logs and woodchips about three feet high, 15 feet wide and 110 feet long from the spiritual center to the water line of Ellis Pond. The woodchips have been cleared.

Since the meeting last month, Sethi consulted with five or six companies and chose Sean Comer, a certified arborist from J. M. King Arboriculture and Landscaping. He recommended replacing the removed trees with redwood and black tupelo trees and the underbrush with some mixed plantings.

The commissioners balked at this suggestion, noting that the trees should be native species. The area should also be blocked off after the work is done to prevent encroachment.

Con Com member John Gear added that there should be

remediation of any invasive species while work is being done. Heather Miller said signage should be added designating it as a restoration area.

Vice Chair Kristin Capezio asked about a timeline. Sethi replied that he wanted the work to be done as soon as possible.

The hearing was continued until the plan could be updated with conservation agent Holly Jones for the next meeting on Wed. Oct. 7.

The Boston Skating Club again appeared before Con Com. Daniel Govoni, the project manager from Northstar Project & Real Estate Services, spoke before the board about the remediation efforts proposed because the landscaper had cut down several trees in front of the facility without the developer’s knowledge.

After having walked the site with the commissioners and taking their suggestions, he said a new plan was developed, which includes the planting of 30 shrubs to be placed within the drainage channel. There will be a year of monitoring by the landscape architect.

Jones said she received an email from Mark Manganello from LEC, the landscape architect, expressing concerns with the plan. First, it did not show where the shrubs would be planted. He said there should be an additional planting of saplings on the northern embankment, which has the most space. There will be a one-year warrantee.

She added that the previous shrubs that had been cleared will likely grow back, so there will likely be more than 30 overall.

Miller asked for a three-year compromise for a monitoring plan.

“The Skating Club of Boston is going to be around forever,” Govoni said. “It’s hard for us to agree to a monitoring plan where we’re hiring a third party coming in. We’re confident in our landscape architect and our team. We have a willingness to work with the Town, and I think we’ve shown that over the course of the project, and even over the course of this issue.

“But I think just adding another layer to this is a little more than we want to do,” he added. “But we also just want to get this behind us.”

Bamber agreed, saying that they wouldn’t invest all this money into the project and “let plants die and not take care of them.”

He made a motion to accept the plan, with Jones reviewing the plantings. Commissioner Catherine Walsh seconded.

The motion was approved, with Capezio and Miller voting against it. The next Con Com meeting will be held on Wed. Oct. 7.



Ask The Doctor

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

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

Resident finds money in the road

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Imagine you're driving along Union Street and come to the intersection of Route 1 between the Dunkin' and Pier 1 Imports and you see something strange in the middle of the road: a prescription pill bottle.

"And I could see pills in it, white pills and I thought, 'oh that's odd, it must have rolled out of someone's car at the Dunkin' Donuts, I'm just going to stop and grab it,'" said Norwood resident Mary Ellen Lynch. "I'm thinking it's some older guy with his meds, but then I see an open checkbook and another pill bottle."

Lynch said it was almost like the plot in Hanzel and Gretel, but it wasn't bread crumbs she was picking up, it was the pieces of someone's entire life.

"I see another bottle of pills – it was prescription, the white bottle of pills you see at the pharmacy – and as I progressed through the intersection people were honking. A guy pulls up to me and asked, 'you need some help?'" she said. "He was in a pickup truck and he basically stopped traffic for me. He helped me pick up the stuff strewn about and then other



What would you do?

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people started stopping and asking if they could help. One guys asked me if I need a ride home, and if there is something wrong. People were just great."

Lynch said she did find a smashed lock box on the road and grabbed it.

"At first glance I didn't see any money, but there was a birth certificate, a deed, titles to cars, a passport and, I believe, a ring. I grabbed it and threw it in my car and turned my car into the first big parking lot, over at Monster Mini Golf," she said. "I looked in the safe and saw fresh, crisp one hundred dollar bills. I thought 'this poor person, they were probably on their way to buy a car or something.'"

I counted the first couple of thousand," she said. "I was like, 'oh my God,' and I just stopped."

Lynch said she then called 911. Officers arrived at the scene and took possession of the property. The next day Norwood Police Department Detective Peter Kelly called and told her that the owner of the property was notified and came right away.

Lynch had nothing but good things to say about the police department's response. "They were so good to me. They were there in a minute and kept asking me if I needed anything because I was pretty nervous. After that when people heard about what had happened, they kept saying 'you did a great thing.' Not one person said 'you should've kept it,' or 'I would have gone to Cancun.' Everyone was just so positive and to me that's what makes living in this Town so special."

Cultural Council

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Sibbing-Dunn represent the council within the 150th Committee and the various subcommittees.

"It was very generally stated that our role will be to umbrella all the cultural organizations," Sibbing-Dunn said, adding that it is the NCC's goal now to notify as many cultural organizations as possible, so they can start planning their own events. "If you want to do something with your organization, get it on the calendar now, because people are going to start filling it up with events."

Sibbing-Dunn said there will be some projects that the NCC will be involved in, and that they might collaborate with other Cultural Councils and organizations to create their own events. Kiley said they are looking to do something theatrical.

"So as part of Backstage Boosters, along with Dean Calusdian, who does Fantasy Footsteps for us and also helps us with the Character Breakfast, have kids from Norwood do a timeline sort of play at some point during the 150th," Kiley said. "It is going to use historical information and – we're not 100 percent sure yet – and we'll have either a high school student do it or have a contest with an English teacher, but using historical dates in Norwood."

Sibbing-Dunn said there's interest in an international festival, public art, programming for younger kids or programming for seniors.

Sibbing-Dunn said they are also making progress on being able to accept donations from residents, as the state budget – which funds the Massachusetts Cultural Council grant program – is currently in uncertain territory.

"What we need to do is follow up with Mark Good at the Town Accountant's office and show him how it kind of works. This will allow people to have an easier way to donate to us in lieu of like a tip jar when we might see each other face-to-face," she said. "With Covid and the state budget, we may need to be thinking more and more seriously about fundraising depending on what we want to try to do." Resident follows breadcrumbs, then returns pot of goldperson, they were probably on their way to buy a car or something."

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Boston tour guide Jay Bazzinotti is back with another illustrated presentation about fun things to see and do that are either free or nearly free in a city not generally known for bargains. Join Jay via Zoom for "Free and Cheap In and Around Boston" on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. He'll tell us about more than 25 inexpensive activities and places that can be enjoyed practically in our own backyard. To sign up and also receive an email reminder, please visit our events page at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar. An email with the Zoom link will be sent to you the day before the program and again shortly before it begins.

BARRETT

Daniel Joseph Jr. of Chelmsford, MA and Hilton Head passed away at home on September 17th, 2020. Dan is survived by his cherished wife Susan, children Daniel, Michael and Dorrie, his mother Marie and predeceased by his father Daniel. Dan is also survived by sisters Diane Millin and husband Bob, Nancy Trask and husband John, Suzanne Galvin and husband Kenny, Joanne Kelly and husband Peter, brother Joseph Barrett and wife Karen, sister-in-law Lynne Varley, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his in-laws Jane and Herb. Dan was born in Norwood, MA on May 2, 1961, graduated from Norwood High School in 1979 and University of Lowell, Massachusetts in 1985. Dan married Susan on December 6, 1986. They spent 33 wonderful years together raising their children, enjoying family and friends, and relishing every moment of the experiences they shared. Dan was devoted to his children, volunteering for school field trips and classroom activities. Dan did not miss an opportunity to manage or coach one of their soccer, hockey or baseball teams. Dan nary missed a game, travelling anywhere, anytime with unabashed joy and pride of being able to watch Daniel, Michael and Dorrie. Dan will forever be remembered for his kind heart,

HOME SWEET SCHOOL, HOME SWEET OFFICE

Working and schooling from home are challenging us to reinvent our rooms, redefine out spaces and boundaries, and apply unique strategies to promote an optimal working and learning environment. Join professional organizer and speaker Marilyn Cruickshank over Zoom on Monday, October 5 at 7:00 pm for her timely presentation, "Home Sweet School, Home Sweet Office." Marilyn will share practical tips for organizing our personal spaces and possessions. She will cover the basics of effective organization and how applying these techniques can lead to a calmer, more efficient home where everyone can live, work, and learn simultaneously. Marilyn Cruickshank is the owner

generous soul and his never-ending smile. Services at this time will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to "Boston University" with "Friends of Women's Soccer - in memory of Dan Barrett" in the memo line and send to: 595 Commonwealth Ave. Suite 700 Boston, MA 02215 Attn: Judie Norris. www.keithfuneral.com

BATCHELDER

Margaret Jane, Age 98, of Manchester, NH died on Sept. 19. Former resident of Norwood and South Yarmouth. Served in US Army during WWII. Predeceased by husband, Hollis G. Batchelder, Jr. Had worked at Seiler Food Services. Survived by nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews. There are no services. Private burial will be at Pine Grove Cemetery in South Yarmouth, MA at the convenience of the family. To see the full obituary and to leave a message of condolence, go to www.lambertfuneralhome.com

DONALDSON

Rita Marie of Walpole, MA, passed away on Saturday, September 12, 2020. Born in Boston and a longtime resident of Walpole, Rita was predeceased in 2017 by her beloved husband and best friend of 70 years, Eugene; and is survived by her son, Peter Donaldson and his wife,

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of Creative Simplicity Organizing and Productivity, LLC (csimplicity.com). Since 2009 she has been helping individuals and families to declutter, downsize, simplify, and get organized. Registration is required. To sign up and also receive an email reminder, please visit our online events page at A Zoom link will be sent to you the day before the program and again shortly before it begins.

THE JASON FAIRBANKS SCANDAL: A MASSACHUSETTS MURDER MYSTERY

Join Allison Neff, former program director of the Fairbanks

House in Dedham, Mass. on Thurs. October 8 at 6:30 pm as she tells the intriguing story over Zoom of a murder that rocked the nation in 1801. When beautiful young Elizabeth Fales met with a violent death in Dedham, her boyfriend, Jason Fairbanks, was tried, convicted, and hanged for her murder. But was he, in fact, guilty? Was this a case of star-crossed lovers or a brutal murder by a scorned suitor? And was Jason even physically capable of committing the crime? A dramatic court case led to a prison break and a nationwide bounty hunt, ending with one of the most widely attended executions in the country. The question of what actually happened echoes to this day.

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CLIMATE CHANGE—IT'S HAPPENING

The Fall 2020 Sustainability Series, sponsored by Together Yes and Progress Norwood, will resume via Zoom. Join us for the first event on Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 pm for a presentation on climate change with Ian Cooke, Executive Director of the Neponset River Watershed Association. Floods and droughts caused by climate change are destroying the Earth's ecosystems as

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Deaths

Nga, of Pearl City, Hawaii; daughter, Linda Sullivan, of Marblehead, Massachusetts. She was the beloved "Nana" of granddaughter, Laura McCarthy and her husband, PJ, of Springfield, Virginia; and their children, Patrick and Lia; grandson, Michael Donaldson of Santa Fe, New Mexico. Rita also leaves her brother, Albert MacDonald; and sister, Doreen Gray, both of southern Maine. She was daughter of the late Helen and Angus MacDonald of Sebago, Maine. An award-winning artist, Rita brought her love of nature and all things beautiful to paper and canvas through her paintings. Rita was an avid birdwatcher and was immersed in the world of birds in her backyard; skilled at identifying every species of the winged variety. In years past, Gene and Rita visited over forty states as well as Central America, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago, and Canada in search of the elusive birds not yet checked off on their Birding Life Lists. Special thanks to her compassionate caregivers, Cheryl Misuraca, Paul Misuraca, Joyce Ronci, Kim Clerici, Angelina Misuraca, Katelyn McDavitt, Ha Durno, Carol Scott, Nancy Peppard, Paul Misuraca, Jr., Suzana Vajentic, and Nurse Advocates, Diana Buono and Karen Balerna, who safely guided her through her recent vision loss and brought joy to her days. In lieu of flowers, and in the beautiful spirit of Rita's kindness and generosity, please plant a tree, perform a random act of kindness or pay it forward in her memory. A celebration of her life will be held at a date yet to be determined. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, NORWOOD, MA. Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home Norwood, MA 781-762-0482 kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com

GEARTY

Arthur W. A kind and humble man of Norwood, formerly of Westwood, passed away peacefully at home on September 14, 2020, surrounded by his loving family. He was the son of George and Annette (Surrette) Gearty, who, along with eight of his siblings, predeceased him. Arthur

was the beloved husband of 60 years of Marcia J. (Feeney); the loving and cherished father of Timothy (Lucy) of Norwood; Julie O'Neill (David Vail) of Milton; Thomas (Leah Forrest) of Medford; and Susan Vail (Richard) of Norwood; and the adored grandfather of William Gearty; Claire and Mary O'Neill; Charlotte Gearty; and Jake and Sarah Vail. Arthur was the dear brother of Joanne Gillis of Norwood and the much loved uncle of many nieces and nephews. Arthur served in the Coast Guard during the Korean Conflict and was a graduate of Boston College and Bridgewater State College. He was a dedicated educator in the Westwood public schools for many years, a life member of the Knights of Columbus, and an avid golfer and bowler. Due to the pandemic, services will be private. The family will honor Arthur with the celebration that his life deserves when it is safe to do so. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Arthur's name to the Circle of Hope Foundation, P.O. Box 421, Norwood, MA 02062. Holden-Dunn-Lawler@hdfuneralhome.net

LAWRIE

ROBERT J. Jr. of Norwood passed away on September 19, 2020 at the age of 65. Beloved son of Ruth A. (Coughlin) Lawrie of Norwood and the late Robert J. "Buddy" Lawrie. Loving brother of Mary Lawrie Shea and her husband Mark of Mansfield, Michael L. Lawrie and his wife Barbara of Sandwich, Carol R. Ballou and her husband Matt of Sandwich, Ted D. Lawrie and his wife Susan of

Walpole and the late John R. Lawrie and his wife Marie Lawrie of Walpole. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and the late Darryl Lawrie and many good friends. Bob was a 1973 graduate of Norwood High School and then went on to graduate from Boston State College. He played hockey for Norwood High School and Boston State College and was a defenseman for the 1972 State Championship team. Bob spent many years down the Cape with his family and was legendary for his all season swims. He enjoyed his time with Buddy and was a devoted son to his mother, Ruth. Bob also enjoyed spending time with his nieces and nephews attending numerous sporting events. He retired from the Norwood Post Office after almost 30 years. All services and burial will be private. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the Alzheimer's Assoc. 309 Waverley Oaks Road Waltham, MA 02452 <https://www.alz.org/manh>

ST. CYR

Barbara A. (Hawkes) Age 88, of Norwood, passed away September 12th. Barbara is survived by her husband and soulmate of 69 years, Albert C. St. Cyr of Norwood, her son Philip St. Cyr and his wife Beth of Sanford, ME, her daughter Deborah Caggiano and her husband Stephen of Canton, 4 grandchildren, Jeremy St. Cyr of Somerville, Ben St. Cyr and his husband Jason of Hollis, ME, Lauren O'Malley and her husband Michael of Walpole, and Michael Caggiano and his fiancée Carrie Krieger of Brooklyn, NY and six great-grandchildren. Due to the restrictions of Covid-19, a private Burial Service will be held at Knollwood Memorial Park. Donations may be made in Barbara's memory to Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children, 3 Randolph St., Canton, MA 02021, Attn: Sue Hepler. For complete obituary and guestbook, see dockrayandthomasfuneralhome.com Dockray & Thomas Funeral Home (781) 828-0811.

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Monday, September 14

1051 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Central St Female subject yelling in the park. Officers assisted trying to find her license.

1055 Phone - Susp Activity *Report Filed Location/Address: Deerfield Rd BCI will file a report.

1210 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Cadillac Of Norwood - Bos-Prov Hwy Youth on the lawn in pajamas. Officer locates a local youth who is known to her. He was out watching traffic and taking photos of emergency vehicles.

1433 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Civil Matter Location/Address: Emf Collision Center / Auto Detail Corp - Davis Ave Party advised on a civil matter.

1707 Phone - Mischief (Kids) *Complaint/Summons Location/Address: Cleveland School (Acct# 1381d) - George Willet Pkwy Caller reports a group of juveniles were riding their bicycles too close to her.

1827 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Area Search Negative Location/Address: Vernon St + Washington St Caller reports teenagers on the roof of a building. N670 checked the area with negative results.

2200 Phone - Report Of Fight *Report Filed Location/Address: David Terrace Apts. - David Ter Two parties having a physical altercation. NFD notified and responded.

2211 Phone - Drunk Person *Protective Custody Location/Address: Walnut Ave + Press Ave Party in the area knocking over all the trash cans in the neighborhood. That party was placed into protective custody. N670 transported him to 1275 Washington Street, Walpole.

2217 Phone - Kids Gathering Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood High School - Nichols St Caller reports group of teenagers in parking lot being loud. Parties check out and were advised.

Tuesday, September 15

0138 Phone - Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Lenox St Neighbor reports loud banging from the apartment above her. Officers report all quiet upon arrival.

0700 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Berwick St N419 on detail reports equipment taken overnight.

0924 Phone - Citizens Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Nassau Gardens - Bahama Dr Caller reports a female dumping trash in the dumpster. N677 spoke to all parties, matter was resolved.

1055 Initiated - Warrant Of Apprehension *Arrest(S) Made Location/Address: Orleans Rd Male party transported to court.

1207 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Rock St Verbal argument between husband and wife. Parties spoken to and matter was resolved.

1537 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Seven Hens - Washington St Caller reports a customer knocked over a lottery screen. Officer spoke to all parties involved, customer accidentally hit lottery screen

with his backpack.

1623 911 - Civil Dispute Spoken To Location/Address: Vw Gallery - Bos-Prov Hwy Dispute between a customer and an employee over a vehicle. Customer was gone upon officer's arrival.

1749 Phone - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Bay State Wine And Liquor - Walpole St Employee questioning legitimacy of ID. Party checks out.

1923 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Quick Stop - Washington St Employee reports car hit his trash barrel and drove off. N667 spoke with him, no further information on the car and no damage done. If employee gets more information off cameras he will call back.

1929 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: St James Ave + Washington St Caller reports a loud group of motorcycles. Officer spoke to them, they have a truck on the way for a disabled motorcycle.

Wednesday, September 16

0624 Phone - Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Victoria Haven Nursing Home - Nichols St Resident from Nichols St reports delivery trucks idling Truck was off upon arrival. Delivery driver is aware of the complaints and had truck off. He unloaded the truck in my presence and it was no louder than regular traffic passing by. Driver was respectful and cooperative. He arrived later to accommodate constant complaint.

0630 Phone - Report Of Fire Police & Fire Notified/Respond Location/Address: Washington St + Howard St caller reports mulch fire. NFD responded with N677

1021 Phone - Road Hazard Services Rendered Location/Address: Dean St + Neponset St DPW reports detour signs being moved. Officer moved them back and DPW advised. Signs were moved by the neighbors.

1206 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Adams St Stolen car part.

1321 Phone - Well Being Chk Area Search Negative Location/Address: Pleasant St + Morse St Motorist reports seeing a person possibly passed out at a red light in a blue Toyota Corolla. Officers searched the area, nothing showing. BOLO to surrounding cities and towns.

1352 Phone - Animal Complaint Area Search Negative Location/Address: Clapboardtree St + Upland Rd Raccoon hit and limped across the street. Westwood PD & ACO on scene.

1538 Phone - Neighbor Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Rizzi, William - Avon Rd Adult neighbor harassing the family. All parties advised.

1545 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Norwest Dr Party reports upstairs tenant is yelling and causing the unit to shake. Officers spoke to all parties, everything in order.

1556 Phone - Disturbance Area Search Negative Location/Address: Washington St + Vernon St Report of a party yelling at people passing by.

1750 Phone - Noise Complaint

Police Logs

Spoken To Location/Address: Prospect St Caller reports loud car repair tools. N677 spoke to that party and they have agreed to shut it down for the night.

1851 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: E Hoyle St Caller reports he is having a problem with his neighbor. N677 spoke to him and he was advised on a HPO.

2250 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: West St Caller reports his upstairs neighbors are banging on the floor. N666 reports all quite upon arrival calling party was spoken to and satisfied.

Thursday, September 17

0400 Other - Malicious Damage *Report Filed Location/Address: Nahatan St + West Border Rd

1114 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Vw Gallery - Bos-Prov Hwy Party reports a civil issue with a car dealership. Officer provided a number of options to potentially resolve the civil dispute. Party was unhappy with these options.

1201 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Town Hall - Washington St Customer at the window upset about his bill. Officer reports matter resolved.

1207 Phone - Susp Activity *Report Filed Location/Address: Cvs Pharmacy - Nahatan St Employee found a white substance in a bag in the store.

1208 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Springvale Rd Advice given after the resident would not answer the door for her friend. NFD makes access and no damage. Friend will stay with the resident.

1305 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Hickory Rd

1340 Phone - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: William Shyne Cir Mother daughter issue resolved prior to arrival. Officers confirmed.

1546 Phone - Auto Theft *Complaint/Summons Location/Address: Mill Pond Ln Party using family member's vehicle without authority. Vehicle last in South Boston in the early AM after driving in the wrong direction per MSP South Boston. Vehicle entered into NCIC. BOLO to the cars and surrounding cities and towns.

1703 Phone - WELL BEING CHK SPOKEN TO Location/Address: Cadillac Of Norwood - Bos-Prov Hwy Party checked out OK, going for a walk.

1828 Initiated - Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Nahatan St + Monroe St N668 reports two dogs acting aggressively. Owners on scene, no injuries.

Friday, September 18

0420 Phone - Noise Complaint Area Search Negative Location/Address: Washington St Female reports a banging noise outside her home.

0834 Phone - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Washington St Possible larceny from auto shop.

1003 Phone - Bad Check (S) *Report Filed Location/Address: Dan O'brien Kia - Bos-Prov Hwy Employee reports receiv-

ing a bad check.

1745 Phone - Stolen Bicycle *Report Filed Location/Address: Balch School Acct# 1379d - Washington St Caller reports his son's bike was stolen.

2102 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Bornwood Dr Walk in seeking advice about her daughter that is in New York. N677 referred them to call NYPD.

2123 911 - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Cherbel Realty - Neponset St Caller reports a female party knocking on her door asking for a ride. Riverside services calls reporting that individual was supposed to be back at the facility by 2100 hrs and did not come back. N678 gives that female a courtesy transport back to Beacon Ave S/M 32218.2, 2144 Hrs, E/M 32219.8, 2144 Hrs.

Saturday, September 19

1128 Phone - Malicious Damage *Report Filed Location/Address: First Congregational Chur - Winter St Staff reports notes stapled to the building.

1308 Phone - Citizens Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Cottage St + Washington St Heated verbal dispute could be heard on the call about parking. One involved left in MA 2LHF55. All adults advised. .

1549 Phone - Assist Citizen Taken/Referred To Other Agency Location/Address: Endicott St Caller reports that the outside mailbox at this address was left open. USPS notified and will handle.

1553 Phone - Assist Citizen State Dpw/Norwood Dpw Notified Location/Address: Hawes Pool - Washington St Family who received a permit from Norwood Recreation reports the gate is locked to the area. DPW notified & responded with a master key.

1923 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Shaws Supermarket - Nahatan St Pink bag seems suspicious to the caller. Outside at the outdoor pumpkin location.

1933 Phone - Hit And Run *Report Filed Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy Vehicle struck between Chateau and Uhaul. Fleeing vehicle may have left a large piece of the vehicle in the highway, N667 returns with it.

1957 Phone - Kids Gathering Spoken To Location/Address: Shaws Supermarket - Nahatan St Caller reports kids being loud. N677 spoke to those individuals and they have been moved along.

2035 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Sumner St Loud party. N664 reports that party was spoken to, upon arrival the noise was not overly loud and it was a few friends having a fire out back.

2150 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Tremont St + Concord Ave Caller reports she hears loud drums and music in the area. N677 reports that party is wrap-

ping it up shortly and will be going inside for the night.

2212 Initiated - Susp Vehicle Spoken To Location/Address: Oldham School (Acct# 1382d) - Prospect St MA PC 339E50. N678 reports that vehicle checks out.

Sunday, September 20

0016 Phone - Susp Person Area Search Negative Location/Address: Franklin St + Willow St Caller reports male party walking and possibly talking to himself. Officers checked the area with negative results.

0226 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Jefferson Dr Caller requesting check on 15 year old son who will not come home from this address. Mother met officers, son checks out fine and went home with his mother.

0447 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Lenox St Caller reports someone possibly going through cars in the neighborhood. Unable to wake owner of car, N679 spoke with caller and left his information for tenant. Caller did not see anyone, only heard a car door and saw a light on. Nothing appears missing from the vehicle. Officers checked the area and all appears in order, no one in the area.

0737 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Dedham Savings Bank - Central St Walk in reports female sleeping in front lobby. Party checks out and was moved along.

1407 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Elkway St Report kids playing in woods but sometimes they walk/play on resident's stone wall. N670 reports kids are gone, spoke to caller. Caller will speak to kids' parents and recall police if necessary.

1409 Phone - Well Being Chk *Protective Custody Location/Address: Walnut Ave Report female passenger in MA PC 1MB757 fell out of parked car, urinated on sidewalk. NFD sent. N669 places subject under Protective Custody and released her to resident of the home she was parked in front of.

1639 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Elliot St Female caller reports a Census worker going door to door. N664 spoke to that party, she checks out.

2003 911 - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller requesting an officer's presence at her residence due to the fact of earlier arguing with husband. N679 and N666 responding.

2200 Phone - Assist Citizen Other Location/Address: Rosemary St Caller requesting we call rooming house to check on her friend that is not answering her calls. She does not want officers to go there to check on him. No working number. Party advised and satisfied.

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More than 200 photographs capturing scenes from throughout Norwood were submitted over the last weeks by twenty-five local photographers. Beginning September 17, all 13 photos will be posted on the FNC Facebook page (www.facebook.com/NorwoodCenter) for selection of Fan Favorite. The photo with the most votes in the calendar album will be featured as the cover! Voting will be open through September 22nd at 8 p.m.

Calendar sales begin in mid-October and all orders will be online and shipped to requested address. Calendars are \$25 and support the work of Friends of Norwood Center.

Be sure to follow Friends of Norwood Center at our website www.NorwoodCenter.org for updates, as well as Facebook, Twitter (@NorwoodCenter), and Instagram (@FriendsofNorwoodCenter.) Questions: please email FNC at norwoodcenter@gmail.com

BLESSINGS BOUTIQUE

Saturday, September 26. Blessings Boutique. Thrift shop at Walpole St. entrance of First Baptist Church, 71 Bond St. Norwood, 10:00 AM - noon. We have so many wonderful things, a great place to spend some time! Clothes and shoes for men, women and children, purses, kitchen necessities, books, you name it! Come in and take a look.

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group will hold its monthly meeting at The Grange, 28 Rockwood Road (Route 115) in Norfolk, MA from 7-9 pm on Thursday, October 1.

Mental illness is a label for a variety of diseases of the brain. Often it strikes in late adolescence, devastating the afflicted person and the family. The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group is composed of such families who find mutual support and join together to advocate for their loved ones.

We welcome all families in the South Norfolk Area who are dealing with mental illness and their loved ones. In case of inclement weather, we will align with the Norfolk schools. If they close, the meeting will be cancelled. For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

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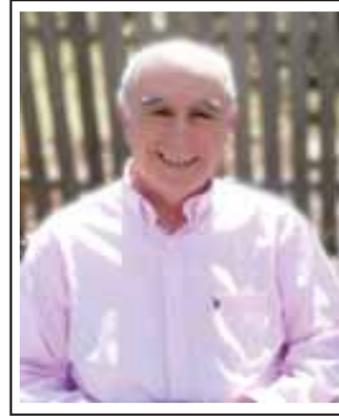
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Visit www.thetrustees.org/events and enter "Francis William Bird Park" or "02032". For updates and announcements, please follow Bird Park programs on Facebook @friendsofbirdpark. Questions? Membership? Contact Maura (508-668-6136;?mogara@thetrustees.org).

Banned in Boston: fire pits

Some industries may have taken off during the past few months. Manufacturers of plexiglass barriers and of personal protective equipment for hospitals/schools/stores have seen their businesses take off. Subscriptions to cable TV may have increased for those not impacted by job loss and hospital bills. Paint and puzzle sales are up because of the amount of free time a number of Americans have. Swimming pool installation in the suburbs rose during the summer because of the number of beaches with new, restrictive parking measures.

Because Americans have enjoyed socializing outdoor during the summer, they



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probably want to continue as much of this as they can into the autumn, including those brisk autumn evenings.

What better way to warm ungloved hands and to cook occasional treats than to do this with a fire pit?

Fire at night, when controlled, seems to engender affability and bonding. There is a sense of awe about it as the flames dance under the stars. Remember the classic opening scene with the mellow group gathered around the log-fed beach fire in the movie "Jaws"?

I'm betting that the sale of fire pits takes off this fall, as September morphs into October. Banned by fire codes in Boston, they can be placed at safe distances in suburban yards. Boston has the state's

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well as its inhabitants. Mr. Cooke will talk about what is accelerating climate change, what we can do to slow it down, and how we might prepare for (and cope with) unpredictable and extreme weather events. Registration is required. To sign up, please visit our events page at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar. You will receive an email with the Zoom link the day before the program and again shortly before it begins.

SEWSTAINABILITY 2020: MAKING MASKS FOR THE HOMELESS ... FROM HOME

For this year's charitable work project, Together Yes has decided once again to make warm fleece scarves for the homeless in collaboration with Making Masks in Norwood. Between September and November, anyone interested can sew scarves from home to be delivered in December to nearby shelters. Some fleece is available, but donations of additional fleece are needed. Pickup and delivery of materials as well as the finished scarves will be arranged.

You can participate by sewing scarves, donating fleece, or giving advice and encouragement on the Facebook page below. For more information, in-

structions, or questions, please email sustain@tgryes.org or go to Making Masks in Norwood on Facebook. For instructions on making scarves, click on Patterns and Instructions on the right of the Facebook page. Any help you can offer to our neighbors in need is most welcome.

LIBRARY AWARDED FEDERAL GRANT

The Morrill Memorial Library was recently awarded a federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant for \$7500 from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). "We are proud to deliver grant funding to libraries for projects that fill unique needs of libraries across Massachusetts," said Rob Favini, Head of Library Advisory and Development at the MBLC. "Libraries continue to be a vital resource to the communities they serve. Programs funded through LSTA grants illustrate the diverse range of topics and audiences served by Massachusetts libraries."

The Morrill Memorial Library plans to work with local organizations and the Town of Norwood on a year-long project, Norwood's Civic Hub. This project will create spaces both virtual and in-person, as health and safety guidelines allow, for our residents to

engage with topics facing our community on local to global levels. Thanks to our community partners TogetherYes, Progress Norwood, and Norwood Conversations for helping us secure this vital grant funding, as well as to other partner organizations already hosting timely discussion events. We have plans in the works for the coming year but we're always looking for suggestions: if you have any comments or questions about the project or suggestions for topics we might cover, please contact Adult Services Librarian Liz Reed at lreed@minlib.net.

LIBRARY OFFERING PHONE CALL HELP

Librarians at the Morrill Memorial Library are now offering phone call help to our patrons. While the chat feature on our website, norwoodlibrary.org, provides a good way to ask us questions 24/7, in some cases you may rather talk on the phone for help. To reach us by phone, please call our Reference line and leave a message: 781-769-0200 x110. Please leave your name, phone number, preferred call back time, and a brief message about what you'd like help with and a librarian will return your call. We are checking this voicemail several times daily, so please reach out with any questions.

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most stringent policy regarding charcoal and wood dependent grills, chiminea, and fire pits: no matter how spacious your back/front/side yard is, they are still prohibited.

A word to the (un)wise who festively gather around fire pits: some years ago in suburban Cleveland, a fire lieutenant for that city invited us on a chilly summer night to gather 'round his safely positioned fire pit. Conversations and friendliness both blossomed as we talked well into the night. When a rogue spark descended on my new, light chino pants during the pleasant night, it was brushed away nanoseconds after its landing. It was only in the next morning that I noticed that burn mark, not more than a third of an inch. Sad to relate, the pants had to be reclassified as a pair of work pants because of the high profile of the burn mark.

Another argument against fire pit usage is that of carbon foot-printing by environmentalists. Compared to all the heat generated by the recent spate of West Coast forest fires, the heat generated by a fire pit is indeed small, but multiply this by the millions that are now being used in America — and I'm not referring to wood stoves for heating houses — and the carbon footprint becomes more sizable.

Medical people might warn about rogue embers from fire pits injuring the eyes or creating particulates that exacerbate lung issues. And, as a final statement about fire pits, just my luck — if I did have one — a rogue ember would land on some dry leaves on the roof and the rest is history. May those who own enjoy fire pits enjoy them and find a place in spacious, uncluttered garages to store them during the winter.

The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) recently confirmed a sighting of the invasive insect known as Spotted Lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*, "SLF") in Norwood, after a concerned citizen contacted the agency at the end of August about a dead insect found on their property. Spotted lanternfly can easily hitchhike on vehicles or shipments of materials, either as an adult or in egg masses, and MDAR was able to trace the insect back to a state where SLF has already been found.

Spotted lanternfly is an invasive sap-feeding insect from Asia that was first found in the United States in 2014, in the state of Pennsylvania. While the main host plant of this pest is tree-of-heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), spotted lanternfly attacks a variety of

STOP THE SPREAD OF SPOTTED LANTERNFLY



Spotted lanternfly attacks over 70 different plants, including economically important crops (grapes, apples, hops), forest and shade trees (maple, willow, birch), and the invasive tree of heaven.

This pest has now been spotted in several parts of Massachusetts.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO STOP IT BEFORE IT BECOMES ESTABLISHED



Egg masses (Sept.-June) Early nymphs (April-July) Late nymphs (July-Sept.) Adults (July-Dec.)

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS INSECT? GET A PHOTO AND REPORT IT! [MASSNRC.ORG/PESTS/SLF](https://massnrc.org/pests/slf)

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trees, shrubs, and vines, and has the potential to impact a broad range of agricultural commodities, including apples, peaches, grapes/wine, and maple syrup.

MDAR initial investigations did not find any evidence that SLF has become established in Norwood. However, as a precaution,

surveys are planned in the area where the insect was found. Please report any possible sightings of this pest to MDAR here and conservation @norwoodma.gov. Find out more about Spotted Lanternfly at (<https://massnrc.org/pests/pestFAQsheets/spottedlanternfly.html>)

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