



About 200 residents came out to pitch in at this year's Earth Day celebration and cleanup.

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The pool at Father Mac's will hopefully see some updates this summer to make sure everyone can use it.

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Commission on Disability sees improvements at Father Mac's

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Commission on Disability (COD) met recently with Norwood Recreation Department Superintendent John Kinney to discuss the issue of accessibility around the Town's pools this summer.

The issue is, as COD Chair Sarah Quinn pointed out, the fact that the Hawes Pool is likely to be closed this summer while it is renovated, and while the Town is providing rides to the Father Mac pool on the west side of Town, the pool itself is not very accessible-friendly.

"Father Mac's is not known to be accessible," she said.

Kinney said it is definitely a factor in the department's thinking and they are looking for at least a temporary solution this summer.

"For those of you who know that pool, it's very old, and it's not set up ideally at all," he said. "I'm working on trying to get a portable electrical lift. I have a line

on one right now. I don't think they need it anymore. Their pool is shut down right now and I don't see it reopening. It's actually at the center I used to work at. As everybody is in a budget crisis right now, they are saddled with a \$6-million-to-\$7-million project to reopen their indoor pool and they have a perfectly great portable lift just collecting dust."

Kinney said he's meeting with his former colleagues in Framingham to try to work out getting that lift into Norwood.

"It's great, and I've used it before over at that facility and it runs well," he said. "I think having that tool will be a plus. But we're looking at a few ways to handle the issues."

Kinney also said they are looking at opening the gate to the pool so users do not have to deal with a curb leading into the public area.

"The idea is maybe if we can cut that back a little bit so as to

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Coakley Middle School rebuild to cost less

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Vertex Senior Project Manager Chase Terrio gave his monthly update recently to the Norwood Middle School Building Committee and provided some extra good news.

Terrio said the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), which runs a capital project reimbursement program that the Coakley rebuild

was approved for, will be increasing its reimbursement rates this year and as a result the Town will see a potentially substantial decrease in its end of the building's cost obligation.

"The reimbursement rate was increased by about \$31 per square foot," Terrio said. "So that increased the total Facili-

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Norwood picks up for Earth Day

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

About 200 residents, organizers, musicians, and Town committee representatives came out for this year's Earth Day Celebration on the Norwood Common on Sunday.

Organizer and Progress Norwood representative Katie Neal-Rizzo said she was happy with the event and that they were able to pick up a boatload of trash during the cleanup in the morning before the fest.

"We had a good turnout and the weather cooperated this year, despite it being a little chilly by the time we got back to the Common after the cleanups," she said. "We were able to recycle and re-give a bunch of bikes that were donated too, and the remainders were brought to Debbie Holmwood's Swap Shop."

The Swap Shop opens every Saturday this summer from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Neal-Rizzo said they had about 15 community organizations and Boards come out to share information on various programs, like the Conservation Commission, the Norwood Trails Committee, MassSave and the curbside compost pick up program spearheaded by Selectman Bob Donnelly. The day was soundtracked by Joe Hart and his students from the local BandGig studio.

The last few years, the



Residents played around, donated or picked up bikes and learned about what the Town has to offer for green initiatives.

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idiom "April showers bring May flowers," seemed to hold true, keeping the celebrations inside at the Norwood High School. But Neal-Rizzo said it was a relief this year to have some nice weather.

"But it's definitely just a little chilly," she said.

The day on the Common featured a lot of information from the various vendors about what residents can do to be a bit more green. The event started bright and early when about 100 residents put on their gloves, picked up their bags and headed out to make Norwood just a bit nicer by picking up litter all around Town. Neal-Rizzo said they picked up a good deal of trash and that Impact Norwood was able to highlight and inventory any litter related to substance abuse. Both Neal-Rizzo and volunteers said the most prevalent trash this year is vape pens,

containers, cartridges and other related paraphernalia.

"There were beer bottles, beer cans, nips and trash from vaping and they had all that on display to show the effect of substance abuse on the environment," she said. "I think the kids picking up at the schools get a kick out of it because they're able to see they can have an impact and clean up their own school."

Other common trash items found this year included empty drink bottles and bags of dog poop.

Residents Michelle O'Leary and her daughter Sadie said they found a good deal of vape pens around their clean up area, which included the Downtown.

"I want to help the earth," said Sadie. "The weirdest things we picked up were

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ties grant reimbursement by about \$6 million. That will reduce the potential burden for the Town of Norwood, but again, part of that is you have to complete the reimbursement process and they have to validate and confirm all the expenses against that maximum eligible amount.”

MSBC Chair Alan Slater stuck on this point of the “maximum eligible amount,” pointing out that that reimbursement rate is contingent on the project using all of its available budget.

“If we go right into the edge of the budget and we’re a little bit below that now, it’d be a little bit less,” he said.

Terrio said reimbursement requests to the MSBA so far – the Town is reimbursed as it spends the money throughout the construction process – have been smooth with little to no delays from the state site.

Also discussed at the meeting were a few minor changes to the concession stand at the field for the new school. Terrio said they decided to change the

orientation of the stand due to safety concerns in relation to the parking lot.

Terrio gave an update on future events of the current rebuild project. He said the main thing Contractor W.T. Rich will be working on over the summer is the repaving of the school’s two parking lots on the north and south sides of the building. He said that will be a major disruption, both for residents and the construction team, but he said they should be finished before the start of the next school year.

“As soon as school gets out this school year, we’re going to implement this logistics plan with W.T. Rich,” he said. “It’s probably going to remain in effect right up until and through Labor Day. Right until the last shot is fired. But we’ll be able to restore driveway access and the parking lots by the start of school year in September.”

Terrio said they will have summer parking on the temporary parking space already constructed on site for residents to use the ball fields and trails by



The Middle School Building Committee got an update on the construction, as well as some welcome news about funding.

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the school.

“It will be shared during working hours, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. with workers, but it will certainly be available weekends and off hours for practices etc.,” he said. “We will have paths of

access to both the little league and football and soccer fields around the site perimeter. We’re maintaining those and making sure those remain available at all times as well... And when school starts in September the same amount of parking spaces will return as was taken away.”

Coakley Principal Margo Fraczek pointed out that school starts before Labor Day for the teachers and they will need access to the building. Terrio said they will have other temporary lots set up as needed and will coordinate with the school.

“Just for that last week of August for orientation and move-in,” she said.

“We will coordinate further with the W.T. Rich Team

and make sure that we don’t impact that,” Terrio said.

“Once those dates are finalized I can let you know,” Fraczek said.

Terrio also said they will be coordinating with the Hawes Pool renovation project, since the parking there for the playground and trails there will be used by the construction vehicles performing the renovation, and they will be looking to replace those spaces when they have confirmation of the start dates from the Hawes Project. Terrio also said they are about 28 percent through the project, which is slated to open in the fall of 2025.

“Summer will be very busy,” he said.

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Selectmen debate stormwater warrant article

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday and voted both to approve and support most of the Warrant Articles on the Special and Annual Town Meetings, including the Stormwater Enterprise Fund.

Other than the stormwater fund, the other warrant receiving most of the Selectmen's attention was the 20 Vernon St. Community Preservation Act (CPA) providing for affordable housing for veterans. Selectmen Michael Saad, Bill Plasko and Amanda Grow voted to oppose the project because there were not enough protections for the Town's \$1 million contribution. No Selectman had any problems with the merits of the plan. However, the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) met on Wednesday, after The Record's deadline, and discussed the draft agreement which was expected to present such protections, and the Board agreed they may change their minds at Town Meeting.

The Stormwater Enterprise Fund – a measure that Town Manager Tony Mazucco called a “perfunctory” item, said the fund should be created before the start of the next fiscal year to facilitate a stormwater fee if the Board decides to implement one later in the year. He said creating such a fund during the fiscal year it was intended to be used would be difficult at best and impossible at worst. He said that should Town Meeting want to implement a fee, then the Town needed the financial infrastructure set up beforehand to do so.

Saad was opposed to the measure and the implementation of a Stormwater Fee in its entirety.

“I don't even know why we're doing this, but that's another story,” he said. “The stormwater was a 100-year-storm, the design of the Norwood Hospital was horrible; they created their own problems. This is a huge tax. We've got all the roads tarred. If we cleaned the catch basins and added some more piping to it, it's going to save us a lot of money in taxes on our people. The people are taxed out right now. I'm telling you, if you bring this to a Town vote, they are not going to approve it. I don't care what Town Meeting does, they're going to fight it. People are mad as hell.”

It should be noted that there is a difference between a fee and a tax. Taxes can be saved and used as the Town sees fit in its legal structure. A fee has to have a specific purpose and must only be spent for that purpose, as well as be adjusted for

the costs of that purpose, whether they increase or decrease.

The fee would pay for an expected \$41 million worth of drainage-based projects in the Meadowbrook Basin, and Ad Hoc Stormwater Committee member Gerry Hopcroft said at the meeting that it would likely be shifted to one of the other four basins in Town after that.

The Stormwater Committee recommended a fee based on equivalent residential units (ERU), which amounts to a fee based on 3,400 square feet of impervious surface, or the average homeowner's surface in Town. That fee would be scaling up over the years and would be about \$54 per unit in 2025 and \$147 in 2029, if the Town implements the fee as recommended.

Department of Public Works Director Mark Ryan disagreed with Saad. He brought up the fact that the Town had been considering drainage improvements all the way back to 2004 – actually most of the projects listed for the Meadowbrook came out of a study at that time – and the Town decided it couldn't pay for those improvements which totaled about \$18 million.

Ironically, one of the reasons the Town was strapped for cash, Ryan said, was that it had to pay for a new public safety building that had been destroyed by flooding in 1998 and, according to Norwood Police Chief William Brooks, had been flooding at least a dozen times before that.

Ryan also responded to the June 2020 flood which destroyed the hospital. “It's not just the hospital,” he said. “The hospital was lost because of their poor infrastructure, but the whole Town was flooded,” he said. “It's something we need to address.”

Ryan said the estimate is now around \$41 million. The upcoming Hennessey Field Basin project – scheduled for a public meeting on Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center – would have its design funded by the American Rescue Plan Act and grant funding.

Saad had some issues with that funding estimate, and said that costs have gone up since the original 2022 estimates and felt, based on his experience as a contractor, that it would be more likely around \$60 million. “That number is \$62 million now,” he said. “Those aren't real numbers.”

Hopcroft allowed that the true cost could change, but said that's the case with any project. “You're right, those are not real numbers in any sense, first of all because you don't get real numbers until you go

out to bid,” he said.

Saad pointed out inflation could go up. “That estimate was \$41 million, these are engineers,” he said.

“So am I,” Hopcroft responded.

“Now, I do a lot of contracting and since two years ago, everything has doubled,” Saad said. “Doubled.”

“I've done a lot of estimating myself; it's (material costs) coming down again, it's going to change,” said Hopcroft.

“You think construction costs and materials are going to come down?” Saad said.

“Construction costs have already come down,” Hopcroft said. “I've been watching it.”

“So you think \$41 million is a solid number?” Saad said.

“I did not say that,” Hopcroft said.

Saad then pointed out that the proposed improvements, as stated in the report, may not stop flooding in the area. “That's a huge bargain to take out \$40 million, \$50 million, or \$60 million,” he said.

Selectmen Chair Donnelly pointed out the report does say it would mitigate the worst of the flooding and move water more quickly out of the Town to better manage stormwater. Ryan agreed.

Saad then pitched a more reactive approach in setting aside some money to deal with flood damage. Mazucco said it would likely have to be about \$2 million a year to deal with the damage, and pointed to the 2020 flood. He said the Town put aside about \$400,000 for

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H.B. 1094: survivors beg for its passage

As the saying goes, I've got "a horse in this race" or, more precisely, "skin in this game." But the "skin" is in a different state—a beloved, saintly Ohio sister-in-law—not eligible to be assisted by a pending bill before the Massachusetts legislature: House Bill 1094, which is currently "in" the legislature's Joint Committee on Healthcare Financing.

This bill seeks to secure equitable insurance coverage for people in Massachusetts who need medically related dental care. Are we talking merely about somebody with a missing molar or a crooked bicuspid? Hardly. The bill targets the survivors of head and neck cancer who through radiation or chemo have lost all their teeth, with ramifications to their lips and tongue and obviously serious ramifications to their speech and ability to chew.

I used to think that a broken jaw, suffered in a fight or a hockey game, was the worst—having speech impaired, your jaw wired, and able to get most food through a straw. But bad as a broken jaw is, it pales beside head and neck cancer with the terrible results for teeth, lips, and tongue.

Medical coverage may cover attempts to restore the abilities of the tongue and lips but teeth are a different item altogether: any attempt at restoration falls onto dental coverage, which is non-existent for many survivors. Needless to say, dentition improvement is very, very expensive.

My sister-in-law has had to endure two lengthy jaw operations after the extraction of ALL her teeth. Processing food without a feeding tube is difficult, to say nothing of speaking and other quality of life issues.

Having once had to wait for months for a total front tooth replacement, I personally know the awkwardness of interfacing socially. It's hard to imag-



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ine what the survivors of head and neck cancer now have to endure.

But there is hope, spearheaded by Dedham's Tommy Healy. A group called the Massachusetts Oncology Patients, Survivors, and Supporters (MOPSS) is supporting the aforementioned bill as it envisions a time when insurance companies doing business in Massachusetts will recognize and cover all necessary procedures and prosthetics required by head and neck cancer survivors. It is working towards a time when patients' only concern is to fight cancer, not worry about paying for costly, ongoing dental treatments necessary for oral function and significant quality of life issues. It believes that passing this bill will be a pivotal step towards rectifying the outdated notion that dental health is separate from one's overall well-being.

Most major Boston hospitals endorse the passage of this bill. Yeah, premiums would increase but it's the least we can do, as a compassionate society, for the survivors of these terrible forms of cancer.

[You can contact MOPSS at mopssma@gmail.com, or at 617-444-9045.]

PROVIDING HOUSING FOR WORKERS IS NOTHING NEW HERE

To the Editor:

The MBTA Multi-Family Housing Law is not a new concept to Norwood. The purpose of the law is to establish housing on our public transit so that we can keep the talent that comes to our state for education and would like to stay and work in our many growing industries, tech, and medical opportunities. This is statewide and not just Norwood. However, this is exactly how Norwood was settled and has grown into the place we all like to call home.

In the 1800s, the growth of Norwood's leather tanneries, ink and paper mills, publishing institutions, paper and material mills, and the railroad brought an influx of immigrants to the town to work and prosper. Entire neighborhoods were erected, and one entire section of town, to give housing to these workers who made Norwood such a desired community, and most of them were multi-family neighborhoods. The Irish settled in the Dublin and Cork City sections around Nahatan Street and Railroad Ave, as they worked on the railroad and the Plimpton Press. The section off Walpole Street known as Germantown, and the section on Chapel Street were settled and built for the German, Swedish, and Finnish workers who came for the tanneries and leather works. The entire section known as South Norwood was built to house, in almost all multi-family dwellings, the Lithuanian, Polish, Syrian, and Italian workers that came for the ink mills, Bird & Sons, and the many presses that were the foundation of Norwood's industries and pros-

perity.

After WWII, when new industries such as Raytheon, Polaroid, Factory Mutual, Masonielan, the expanded Plimpton Press, the Hospital, and the ever-growing Bird & Sons, needed workers and returning veterans needed jobs, the remaining farms on the other side of Route 1 were bought and entire neighborhoods were built to provide housing for these ever-growing families.

Now, when we need young and talented workers to continue the legacy that built Norwood the committee here in Norwood that addressed the new MBTA Multi-Family Law has come up with a well thought out and workable solution to our Town's adherence to this law. The impact on the Town was well researched and considered and they should be applauded for their efforts.

This is what Norwood is, a diverse and welcoming community that is already a multi-family dwelling Town, and as before, this path has only seen the Town prosper, and with this plan in place it will continue to prosper.

Linda Rau
District 3

LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE WELCOMED RESIDENTS

To the Editor:

The Sixth Norwood 101 New Resident Open House was held on Monday, April 8, 2024. Representatives from Norwood's Town Departments and many local community organizations participated in the event. Local businesses provided promotional materials for the welcome bags generously donated by sponsor, One Local Bank.

Other local businesses that

donated gift certificates for raffles included D&G Deli, Goldfish Swim School, Norwood Historical Society, and the Norwood Theatre.

The Morrill Memorial Library's Board of Trustees and very supportive Friends of the Library provided support during the evening. Special thanks to Library Trustees Marguerite Cummings and Donna Montgomery for welcoming attendees and to Friends' chair Catherine Swanson and long-standing Friends volunteer Helen Wyche for staffing the Friends' table.

The Library received enthusiastic support from the Norwood Council on Aging, the Norwood Fire and Police Departments, the Health Department, Impact Norwood, the Norwood Department of Public Works, Norwood Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE), the Norwood Recreation Department, Norwood Light/Broadband, Norwood's Disability Commission, Selectmen Amanda Grow, Bob Donnelly, & Bill Plasko, Town Manager Tony Mazzucco, and Assistant Town Manager Michael Rosen.

Representatives from several local community organizations staffed tables as well including the Friends of Norwood Center, the League of Women Voters, the Norwood Food Pantry, the Norwood Historical Society, the Norwood Trails Committee, Old Parish Preservation Volunteers, Norwood Rotary, Progress Norwood, the Women's Community Committee, and the Norwood Farmers Market. Everyone was enthusiastic and engaged in welcoming conversations.

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Christmas ornaments. They were like on a stick you put in a wreath."

Conservation Commission (ConCom) Chair Steve Washburn said he was excited to help spread the word about the need to take care of the few natural places Norwood has left.

"Any organization that takes the time to put together an event like this is amazing," he said. "I've had wonderful conversations with people today about the proposed basin at Hennessy Field and I've had conversations about what stormwater is. We've had people interested with engaging the ConCom in a more meaningful way. So if I and (ConCom Vice Chair) Katherine Walsh weren't here

today it would have been a missed opportunity. I mean it's a nice Sunday, a little chilly, but it's just such a wonderful opportunity and I feel indebted to the community for it."

Resident Johnny Rybicki said the event really helps bring him, his family and the community closer together. "It's a beautiful day," he said. "We wanted to see the festivities and support our local community. We volunteered at our church the past three Earth Days. It makes us feel special and that we're a part of the community."

Charles River Running owner Charlotte Firth was collecting used running shoes for recycling during the festival and she headed up a "Plogging Session," where patrons go out

to run and pick up litter as they go.

Resident Cheryl Adams said she comes out for the atmosphere and the Swap Shop. "It's great to have this every year and, every once in a while, I get a good book here," she said. "Though really I like to unload stuff and clean out the house more than put more books in it!"

Resident Jeremy Wood said his daughter was performing for the day as a musician. "She's been learning for a few years now," he said. "Last year it rained and it was at the NHS gym, but this is nice and I'm excited to see her play."

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GOLDEN LANE BRINGS IRISH MUSIC

Irish traditional music will join the Musical Sundays Concert Series line up at the Morrill Memorial Library on Sunday, April 28 at 3:00 pm. As always, admission will be free for this family-friendly show!

The group consists of members of “Golden Lane”, an Irish traditional group that has been performing in the Cape Cod/SE Mass. area for the past three years.

In addition to traditional ballads (in English and Gaelic), the trio will perform some of the lively dance tunes (reels, jigs, polkas) that have made Irish traditional music so popular over the years with audiences of all ethnic backgrounds. Appearing with the group will be step-dancers from the Maureen Haley School of Dance.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY FRIDAY MOVIE

Join us for our Sensory-friendly Friday movie at the Library! This program will be held in-person in the Simoni Room on Friday April 26, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our April movie in the Sensory-friendly Friday movie series is Timothee Chalamet starring in Warner Brother’s Wonka, rated PG.

A CONVERSATION ABOUT OUR DEMOCRACY

The Morrill Memorial Library is honored to host author and researcher Ryan Bernsten for an in-person presentation called “50 States of Mind: A Community Conversation about Our Democracy” on Thursday, May 9 at 7:00pm in the Simoni Room.

Is America as divided as it seems? As a graduate student at Oxford, Ryan Bernsten undertook a 23,000-mile journey through all 50 states to look beyond the news cycles and see his home country from the ground. Following in the footsteps of Alexis de Tocqueville, Bernsten leads with the desire to listen and find common humanity in Americans he meets across the country. In his book 50 States of Mind: A Journey to Rediscover American Democracy, Bernsten ultimately offers a hopeful vision for the future of America, as he embarks on a search for meaning and reflects on what it means to be American. His book is a companion to the podcast 50 States of Mind, which showcases interviews from the journey and is available on all platforms.

About the presenter: Ryan Bernsten is a graduate of Northwestern University and Oxford’s Creative Writing Master’s program. He has written for The Oxford Political Review, USA Today, The Infatuation, and the Trevor Project, where he is the Senior Managing Editor. Ryan is an award-winning playwright whose plays have been performed across the US and UK.

INTRODUCTION TO ANTIQUE HAND FANS

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to bring a unique program to the library called Introduction to Antique Hand Fans. It will be held in-person on Saturday May 11, at 10:30 am in the Simoni Room.

Please join our presenter Shelly Goncalves and learn all about the history of antique fans. See 100 antique hand fans from the 18th & 19th century. Explore different materials used for this art including mother of pearl, bone, ivory, & celluloid. Have an antique hand fan at home? Bring it for identification.

About the presenter: Shelly J. Goncalves has been collecting antique hand fans for over 50 years. Goncalves is a member of the Fan Association of North America (FANA) and the Fan Circle International (FCI), where she serves on the board.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY LEGO CLUB FOR ADULTS

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with the L.E.A.D. program affiliated with Norwood High School to host a Sensory-friendly Lego Club for Adults. Our May Lego club meeting will be held in-person at the library on Thursday May 23, from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

Please join the L.E.A.D. students in this creative adventure. Just bring your imagination - we will provide the Legos. The Club is free, inclusive, and open to anyone ages 18+. It is specially designed for adults with different levels of abilities.

Laying tread for Project Bread

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter



Jeff Kullgren

Norwood resident Jeff Kullgren will be once again walking in this year’s Project Break Annual Walk for Hunger.

Kullgren said while he’s relatively new to Norwood – he and his wife moved here from Newton about five years ago – he’s by no means new to the Project Bread Walk for Hunger.

“It was kind of half-and-half (the motivation) the physical challenge for sure, and that I always wanted to do something for a good cause, and it seemed like I could do both with the Walk,” he said. “Hunger is a kind of universal thing, and it was supported by Raytheon – my former employer and a huge sponsor, at least back then.”

According to Project Bread, Kullgren has raised more than \$13,000 since he started fundraising in 1995. He said he hasn’t really thought about it that way, but he’s proud to have raised so much for the cause.

“I never thought of it cumulatively, actually the first time I thought about it was when the press people asked me this year,” he said.

Kullgren said once he met his wife he was able to increase his fundraising to almost \$1,000 a year. “That pretty much doubled my yearly collection for donations,” he said. “Then it really started feeling that much better that I was able to do that.”

Kullgren said there have been

some changes to the walk since he started, and there are good points and bad points to those changes but he said it’s pretty much a wash.

“The course prior to 2019 would go all the way out to Newton Center from the Boston Common and then head back to Boston on the north side of the Mass Pike,” he said. “That was 20 miles, and there were some variations, but now it consists of one-mile laps around the Boston Common.”

He said one negative thing about the new format is that the landscape doesn’t change, but added that doesn’t mean the scenery isn’t encouraging. “It’s not as visually stimulating, you know, because you’re doing laps, but on the other hand, you can do as many or as few laps as you want,” he said. “There are 5-, 10-, and 15-mile points around the Common. And there are a lot of people there the whole time, as opposed to the past where com-

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make it a little more accessible, and if not make a sort of pathway to get to the bigger gate,” he said.

Kinney said the new Hawes Pool design incorporates a ramp to allow for access for those with disabilities.

“So that’s fantastic because I know even now Hawes just had kind of a makeshift chair lift there,” he said. “Once that’s built, I think we’re going to have a great pool facility for everyone to use with plenty of accessibility. I think this is just going to be the tough summer to make as many accommodations and figure things out as we go. But the good thing is we only have one pool to get open this year, so we can really focus our energy and ideas into making the one pool as accessible for everyone as we can.”

On that note, COD members asked Kinney if there will be any disruption to summer camp programming because of the Hawes renovation.

“There are a lot of moving pieces for us this summer, and with the Coakley also being unavailable for programming this summer, we’ve had to really dance around the Town and be creative with the way we’re doing it and also help out as many families as we can,” he said. “That being said, we’re going to have our junior campers at the

Cleveland School and our Summer Matters program will also be housed there for four weeks in July. We’re also looking to help families who need extended hours to take a bus over to the Balch School, which we usually use for Senior Camp, but we’ve moved that over to Father Mac’s, which will be a very busy place this year.”

Kinney said they will have two camp programs running at the same time at Father Mac’s.

“So we’re looking to have anywhere between 150 and 175 kids there on a day-to-day basis,” he said. “It’s going to be very busy, but we think we can handle it and we’re going to have some space at the Savage Center set aside in case it’s raining or if it’s a super hot day and we need to get the kids indoors for some time, we can use that area.”

Kinney also discussed the Recreation Department initiative to build and maintain an inclusive playground. He said while they are still pushing for it, the effort has stalled a bit.

“Just because of funding, but we’re trying to bring it back to life right now and I’m working with a company out of Foxborough that does a lot of grants as well, almost like a matching program,” he said. “It’s almost like every quarter they have a special deal.”

He continued, “And to have pathways to the playground, so that whether they have a walker or a wheelchair they can access the playground very easily,” he said. “Just to switch gears a little bit, we do have a playground going in at the airport that will also be inclusive. It will be a much smaller scale than the one I’m trying to think of, but I’ve been going from park to park to see what’s really inclusive and what isn’t. We have certain pieces that are a little bit inclusive but I think we’ve kind of missed the ball here a little bit.”

Kinney said as part of this effort, he’s been speaking with the local Special Olympic organization to get representatives into the Norwood Civic Center to assess the Norwood Recreation Department’s current offerings and programs and see what could be added or improved.

Kinney also said he’s working with a consultant to obtain a Municipal Americans with Disabilities Act Grant this upcoming cycle. He said he wants to focus the grant, if the Town gets funding, on the playground project and for accessible ramps on Washington Street.

“So we can take care of not just the kids but also the older children and adults who need accessibility in those areas,” he said.

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residents who met certain requirements to repair the damage, but said that didn’t help everyone damaged by the flood. He said hundreds of homes did not qualify at that time, and many businesses were damaged as well that the Town couldn’t help. He said the Town

– as a whole and not talking about the municipal side of things – likely saw anywhere from \$10 million to \$15 million worth of damage. And that doesn’t even take into account the economic losses incurred by the eventual shuttering of the Norwood Hospital.

Mazzucco also said that the

Town would open itself up to a lot of liability, as the roads being cut off by flooding could mean that fire trucks, ambulances and police can’t get around Town during such a storm, and potentially people could die from lack of such services.

Make Way for Ducklings

Norwood Police Officer Shaun Callahan, known as the Dog Whisperer, expanded his title this week to include the Duck Whisperer. The Norwood Police Department reported working with Norwood Animal Control and the Department of Public Works to extricate nine ducklings from a storm drain and were "released from custody" to a nearby pond to be reunited with their mother.

PHOTO BY NPD



Hawes stocked



The 35th annual Norwood Fishing Derby and Duck Race is just about ready for residents. The event is set for April 27, and the pond is "bursting" with trout according to organizer Michael Saad.

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FRANGIOSO



Dominic F., Jr. "Sonny" Frangioso of Norwood and formerly of Mattapan, passed away on Thursday April 18, 2024 at age 89. Son of the late Dominic F. Frangioso and Josephine (DiStefano). Beloved Husband of Joan (Loycano) Frangioso of Norwood, and devoted father of Nancy and her husband Ken Dieselman of Reading, and Janice and her husband Brian Norton of Mansfield. Brother of Dolores Delaney of Holyoke, and Richard Frangioso of Walpole. Proud grandfather of Cameron and Ryan Dieselman, and Molly and Thomas Norton. Dominic attended Boston Latin and graduated as a civil engineer from Northeastern University in 1957. He joined the family business and was President of D.F. Frangioso & Co, Inc. in Hyde Park for many decades. Their ground utility company completed notable projects throughout Boston including rebuilding the Freedom Trail, revitalizing portions of the wa-

terfront and numerous hospitals and university jobs. He was an active member of UCANE, receiving the "We Dig New England" Contractor of the Year award in 1985 and then served as President in 1988. Dominic was a devout parishioner of both St. Angela's and St. Timothy's Church. Ever the dedicated Red Sox fan, he never missed watching a game. Dominic loved photography, tennis and skiing. He will be greatly missed by his family. Services from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rt. 1A) NORWOOD on Wednesday May 1, 2024 at 10 AM. Funeral Mass in St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 547 Washington Street, Norwood at 11 AM. Visiting Hours in the Funeral Home on Tuesday April 30 from 4-8 PM. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Dominic's memory to the American Cancer Society. See www.cancer.org.

GAKEN

Elaine (Broderick) of Norwood, April 15, 2024, at 76. Beloved wife of James P. Gaken. Loving mother of James W. Gaken of Walpole, Jule E. Wotring and her husband, Marc of Montana and Kristen Gaken of Norwood. Dear sister of Martin Broderick of AZ and the late William Broderick. Cherished grandmother of Broderick and Jordan Gaken and Bridger and Cullen Wotring. Funeral from the

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Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., NORWOOD. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Catherine of Siena Church, 547 Washington St., Norwood. For additional information, please visit www.kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood 781-762-0482.

IVATTS



HELEN P. (Alty) of Norwood passed away on April 15, 2024 at the age of 91. Beloved wife of the late Robert H. Ivatts. Devoted mother of Linda A. Smart and her husband Harold of RI, Robert H. Ivatts Jr. and his wife Patti of Walpole, Timothy W. Ivatts and his wife Cheryl of Walpole, Scott F. Ivatts of Norwood, and Paul T. Ivatts and his wife Erin of Plainville. Sister of the late Kay Barry, Thomas Alty and David Alty. Cherished grand-

mother of 13 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Daughter of the late Thomas and Annie (Wall) Alty. Helen was a graduate of Norwood High School. Helen dedicated her life and love to her family. In the summer months, you would find Helen and her husband Bob with family and friends on Hog Island. Her heart will always be with her family in their cottage by the sea! Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood, MA 02062. Burial at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the Good Shepherd Community Care, 160 Wells Avenue, Newton, MA 02459.

SAYERS



Jean M. (Noel) of Norwood passed away on Saturday April 13, 2024 at age 58. Born in Everett, she was the daughter

of Barbara (Hilton) Noel of Manchester NH and the late John Noel. Jean was the beloved wife of Michael Sayers of Norwood. She was the sister of Lisa and her husband Mark Wilson and Lynn and her husband John Kalil. Jean was the daughter-in-law of Cecilia Sayers of Roslindale, and sister-in-law of Matthew and his wife Lori, Stephen, and Laura Sayers. She is survived by many nieces and nephews, and a great-nephew Hunter Wilson. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Norwood on Monday April 22. Funeral arrangements were made with Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. Interment was at St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury.

SMITH



Kristin Rose, age 47, of Norwood, passed away suddenly on Thursday, April 4, 2024, after a brief illness. Kristin was known for her intelligence, her empathy and compassion for others. She enjoyed making people feel appreciated and special. She loved a good laugh, relished good music, her favorite TV programs, movies and treasured her time at the ocean. When you were sad - she knew how to make you smile. She was loved by all who knew her. She enjoyed time spent with her partner, Kevin Carr, her large family, and her wide circle of friends. She also loved caring for her cat. She was proudest of her daughter Gianna, who was the light of her life. She spent the last ten plus years of her life in the Norwood area. Kristin grew up in Melrose, the daughter of Eve (Smith) Moynihan and the late Robert B. Smith. She was the youngest of six children, and is sur-

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Obituary Policy

The The Norwood Record publishes obituaries from information supplied by funeral homes. Relatives and friends also may supplement information by e-mailing to news@norwoodrecord.com by Monday at 1 p.m. Photos also will be accepted.

REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR CONTAINERIZED TRASH REMOVAL

The Norwood Housing Authority request containerized trash collection from qualified contractors for a three-year period starting June 1, 2024 and ending at midnight June 1, 2027. The Contractor will provide all dumpsters, trucks, other equipment, and manpower necessary to provide the Owners requested Containerized Trash Removal at its two state and two federal public housing developments. Dumpsters provided by the contractor for this purpose. Said dumpsters shall be cleaned inside and out, repainted, and or "switched-out" within a reasonable time, at any time during the contract period as required by the Authority. The type of dumpsters supplied must be approved by the Authority. Generally, the Authority seeks dumpsters 8 yards or larger to have side plastic sliding doors and plastic covers. This contract is estimated at \$30,000.00 a year.

Bid documents: will be available at www.norwoodha.org April 25, 2024 at 11:00 am.

BIDS: Shall be submitted on forms supplied by the Norwood Housing Authority. No later than Friday, May 24, 2024 at 11:00 am. to the Administrative Office of the Norwood Housing Authority located at 40 William Shyne Circle, Norwood, Massachusetts, 02062. Attention: Todd Rego Operations Manager.

Site Visit. A site visit will be offered on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 1:00 pm. The site visit will begin from the NHA's main office at 40 William Shyne Circle, Norwood, MA 02062.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division Docket No. NO24D0271DR

Summons by Publication Mailing and Text
Clarisse Roy vs. Wilguens Roy

Norfolk Probate and Family Court, 35 Shawmut Road, Canton, MA 02021
(781) 830-1200

To the above named Defendant:
The plaintiff has filed a complaint for Divorce requesting that the court grant a divorce for irretrievable breakdown. The complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. See Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:
Clarisse Roy, 18 Gainsville Road, Dedham, MA 02026
your answer, if any, on or before **May 23, 2024**. If you fail to do so, the Court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court
Witness, Patricia A. Gorman, First Judge of this Court.
Date: April 17, 2024
Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

Norwood Record: 04/25/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court

INFORMAL PROBATE DOCKET No. NO21P2055EA
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Estate of: Sterling F. Schiano Norfolk Division
Date of Death: August 28, 2020

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate and, by Petition of **Petitioner Lynn S. Rowan of Walpole, MA**
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division Docket No. NO23D0676DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING AND TEXT
Jessie Lebon-McCollins, Plaintiff vs. Timothy J. McCollins, Defendant

Norfolk Probate and Family Court, 35 Shawmut Street, Canton, MA 02021
(781) 830-1200

To the above named defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:
Vanessa St. Leger, Esquire, P.O. Box 240888, Boston, MA 02124
your answer, if any, on or before **May 23, 2024**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.
April 12, 2024
Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

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Project Bread

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pany was mostly just the walkers.”

Kullgren said he used to do the full 20 miles no problem, and sometimes he would complete the course in less than four hours. But now that he’s retired, he said he’s been taking it a bit easier.

“Last year I did pretty well with 8 laps,” he said. “But I’m 65 now, and so I’m saving some wear and tear for other things, like what I’m doing now, which is insulating the attic. Sidenote: never insulate your own attic.”

As of the date of publication Kullgren has raised around \$810. To donate, you can keep an eye out for him at the Stop & Shop on Route 1 or you can donate online at <https://give.projectbread.org/fundraiser/5356627>

Project Bread started this fundraiser back in 1969 to ensure people of all ages have access to healthy food. The organization states that in 2022 it helped to fund lunches during summer break for more than 80,000 children in need, and funded school breakfasts for 239,106 children as well.

“Funds raised through the Walk for Hunger directly contributed to Project Bread’s work to successfully lead the Feed Kids Coalition in advocating for the passage of permanent Universal School Meals in Massachusetts last year,” Erin McAleer, Project Bread’s CEO, said in a press release. “Our Walkers make a tangible difference in the lives of thousands of Massachusetts residents, but hunger is still a pervasive problem in our state with 1 in 6 households and 1 in 5 households with children currently facing food insecurity. Participating in Project Bread’s Walk for Hunger is one way we can all do something real to make sure our neighbors can access and afford the food they need.”

And the Walk for Hunger is the organization’s primary means of fundraising. McAleer said the three-mile route around the Boston Common makes the walk more accessible for those with mobility issues.

“This year’s event will again be an accessible 3-mile route, inviting people with mobility devices, strollers, young children and other needs to all participate in ending hunger in Massachusetts,” said McAleer. “We cannot wait to welcome the Massachusetts community – both new and returning – together on the Common while continuing to engage those across the country making strides in the fight against hunger locally.”

The organization also works to improve school nutrition through professional development and classes. For more information, go to ProjectBread.org

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OPPV WORK DAYS COMING UP

The non-profit organization, Old Parish Preservation Volunteers (OPPV) will begin their spring work days on Saturday, April 27, from 8:30 to 10:30am 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, 2024 work days include: April 27; May 4, 11, 18, and 25. Anyone interested in helping preserve this important historic site can join the group working in the cemetery. The cemetery is open to the public during the time volunteers are working. For more information about OPPV, visit the web site: <https://www.oldparishpreservationvolunteers.com>

MAY MONTHLY BALLROOM DANCE

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging will be sponsoring their monthly Ballroom Dance, on Friday, May 17th from 7-10 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood. Music will be provided by Dan Mackowiak & Friends and the cost is \$12.00 per person for your Ballroom Dancing pleasure. Coffee, tea, desserts & water are served and there are also door prizes. We look forward to welcoming newcomers of all ages.

There is a Facebook page so you can check the status of events offered by the Friends: Friends Of The Norwood Council On Aging | Facebook

WOMAN’S CLUB LUNCHEON COMING UP

The Norwood Woman’s Club luncheon will be at Conrad’s in Walpole on May 14, at 12:00. Lunch choices are steak tips, baked haddock, stuffed chicken breasts. Checks should be made out to Norwood Woman’s Club for \$30. Please put lunch choice on check and mail to Pat Cavanaugh, at 42 Windsor Road, by May 6. Hope to see you there.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME SEEKING NOMINATIONS

The Norwood High School Athletic Hall of Fame is looking for nominations for the 2024 Class.

Student-athletes, teams, coaches and special contributors are eligible. Candidates must meet the following criteria: Student-athletes must have graduated from Norwood High School, attended

NHS for more than two years, been 10 years since their class graduated and are a respected member of the community. Coaches must have worked at Norwood High for at least seven years and have completed their coaching career. Teams must have achieved a significant accomplishment. Special contributors are individuals who have made a considerable contribution of time and energy to Norwood High School Athletics.

For more information and nomination forms, see the Norwood High School Athletic Department web page, www.norwoodmustangs.com or call Athletic Director, Jonathan Longley at 781-352-3529. The enshrinement ceremony will be held November 30.

Nominations must be submitted in writing to the Norwood Hall of Fame Committee 245 Nichols Street, Norwood MA 02062. The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2024.

Also, the NHS Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is looking for new committee members to continue to tell the story of Norwood High School Athletics and recognize its special students-athletes, coaches and teams. If interested, email Brian McDonough at bgmcdonough@gmail.com.

ROTARY INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP

The Norwood Rotary Club is pleased to announce the opening of applications for the prestigious Roy Smith \$1000 Memorial Scholarship. This annual scholarship, honoring the memory of Roy Smith, a dedicated community member and Rotarian, aims to support deserving students in pursuing their higher education goals.

Applications for the scholarship are now available and can be obtained from the guidance offices of Norwood High School, Blue Hills Regional Technical School, and Norfolk County Agricultural High School. Eligible candidates from these institutions are encouraged to apply and seize the opportunity to receive financial assistance towards their academic endeavors.

Applicants for the scholarship will be evaluated based on various criteria, including academic performance, extracurricular activities, leadership experience, and community service involvement. The selection process will be thorough and impartial, with the aim of identify-

ing students who embody the values of Rotary and demonstrate a strong potential for future success.

The deadline for submitting applications is April 30th, and interested students are encouraged to act promptly to ensure their eligibility for this valuable scholarship opportunity. Completed applications should be submitted to the Norwood Rotary Club PO Box 763, Norwood, MA 02062.

For more information about the Roy Smith \$1000 Memorial Scholarship and the application process, interested candidates can contact the Norwood Rotary Club or visit the official website Norwoodrotary.org. Don’t miss this chance to pursue your educational dreams with the support of the Norwood Rotary Club!

A SPRING CONCERT IN NORWOOD

Parkway Concert Orchestra presents a spring concert on Sunday, May 5 at 3 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 100 Winter Street, Norwood. Music Director Thomas Kociela conducts the 50 piece non-profit orchestra in an exciting program including Outdoor Overture by Copland, music from Rosamunde by Schubert, and Grieg’s Symphonic Dances. The program also features Scott Woolweaver, viola, in Andante and Hungarian Rondo by Carl Maria von Weber. Mr. Woolweaver’s performance is supported by the Bill and Muriel Porter Memorial Fund.

The program is sponsored by Dedham Savings and is supported in part by an operating support grant through the Cultural Sector Recovery Grants for Organizations program from the Mass Cultural Council. 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 MEAT RAFFLE

The Norwood V.F.W. Post 2452 hosts a Meat Raffle every Saturday from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The Meat Raffle is open to the Public and everyone is welcome. The price for each Drawing is only \$2.00. Ten Drawings are conducted each Saturday. A Pre-Buy for \$20.00 is available during the week at the Post. This Pre-Buy allows for entrance in all Ten Drawings conducted on Saturday. The winners of the Pre-Buys need not be present to win.

The Drawings also include a 50/50 Money Raffle. A separate Winner Takes All Raffle is conducted at the end for an additional \$5.00. The Norwood VFW is located at 193 Dean Street in Norwood. The Meat Raffle will continue every Saturday thru May.

The Norwood VFW is looking for new members. Veterans of the Gulf War, and personnel who have served overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan are welcome to visit the post at any time or come to one of the Monthly Meetings which are held on the Fourth Wednesday of each Month from September thru May (Except December).

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Monday, April 15

1324 Phone - PD-Illegal Dumping Services Rendered Location/Address: Florence Ave Party in the lobby looking to report illegal dumping. Party was spoken to and advised that an internal post has been made.

1417 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Sent On Way Location/Address: Washington St + Heaton Ave Caller reports that a male party is panhandling outside the barbershop. Would like the person moved along. Units going to be clear, party was advised.

1516 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Hawes Pool - Washington St Calling party states parallel from the main path, next to the stream she spotted a thicket clearing knife that appears to be sheaved. Calling party will stand by to point out the object to an officer. AWD 661 taking the knife into his possession and will be returning it back to the station for it to be placed into property.

1556 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Vernon St + Washington St Female walked away from group home, wearing sweatpants and hello kitty boots. Voluntary transport to hospital.

1633 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: The Juice Bar - Broadway Call for juveniles on bikes riding in and out of the roadway. Juveniles have been advised to stay out of the roadway.

1739 Initiated - PD-Suspicious Activity Investigated Location/Address: Cedar St OFC checking on some juveniles in the area of the Cedar St. bridge. Juveniles spoken with and advised to move on. All checks out. OFC clear.

1911 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Location/Address: Plantation Circle Caller stated a dog was dropped off at this address. Little white Yorkshire. Dog has a collar and tags on it. ACO notified and en route to grab dog. Owner reunited with dog per ACO.

2130 Phone - PD-Breaking & Entering Report Follows Location/Address: Wood Dr RP reports around 8:30pm on their cameras they caught a male in a black hoodie and black sweatpants breaking into their car and looking through their car. NWD 668 reports a stun gun dropped in the front yard and Chapel St. Male party possibly armed. Cars made aware of it.

Tuesday, April 16

0747 Phone - PD-Warrant Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Portable 495 and 493 off of a warrant service with US Air Marshals, 1 in custody at this time, they will be transporting. All units clear.

1953 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Provided Assistance Location/Address: Florence Ave Raccoon terrorizing house. ACO has been notified. ACO will be responding. Just spoke to the ACO she reports the raccoon is not in her home but is in the area of her yard and driveway. Calling party was advised and provided phone number to local pest control/ wildlife animal control to capture and relocate the animal.

2025 Phone - PD-Assist Public Provided Assistance Location/Address: Pleasant St Caller on e911 reporting he was kicked out of his home and looking for a possible ride to the town of Walpole. Party is wearing a black hat green pants and purple shirt. Courtesy ride to Norwood Central. Party called back after being dropped off at the train station requesting further assistance. Party is at the bus station, just looking for a ride. Units clear.

Wednesday, April 17

0744 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Applied Plastic Co Inc - Endicott St Caller on the business line looking to speak to an officer regarding a large dump truck causing a lot of noise every morning around 5am. Norwood 665 reports no answer, all units clear. Norwood 665 reports speaking with the calling party she was advised of next steps.

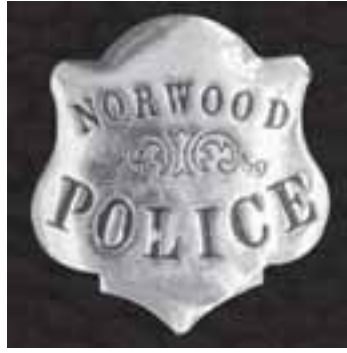
0751 Phone - PD-Breaking & Entering Services Rendered Location/Address: Winslow Ave Caller looking to speak to an officer regarding his vehicle that appears to have been broken into yesterday. Norwood 665 en route to see if anyone has cameras of the possible break ins. He will add onto an ongoing report. All units clear.

0916 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Charlwell Nursing Home - Walpole St Employee called on the business line requesting a party to be removed. Female party harassing residents and staff. Norwood 665 reports that party left without incident, Norwood 661 remaining on scene to inform staff on a letter of disinvite. Norwood 661 reports advising staff on the next steps. They will be faxing over a copy with intent of being served. That involved party was advised not to return. All units clear.

0951 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Perks Coffee House - Washington St From HQ for a large dog off leash. Norwood 674 reports speaking with the owner of the dog. He is aware of the laws. Norwood 674 also spoke with the ACO.

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1232 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Winter St At home nurse reporting she has been trying to raise the homeowner for about 30 minutes. That party is not answering the door or phone calls. Norwood 661 reports speaking with that party. She was sleeping. All units clear.

1459 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: TJ MAXX - Nahatan St From HQ for a group of teenagers disturbing the peace. Norwood 663 reports speaking with those juveniles. They will be moving along. All units clear.

1506 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Dean St Caller on 911 would like to report her son's scooter stolen from the Balch School. Norwood 674 reports that scooter was taken from the school between the time of 1:15 and 3:00. Units checking South Norwood for that scooter.

1908 Phone - PD-Vandalism Report Follows Location/Address: McDonalds - Broadway e911 call from this location requesting PD services via interpreter services. Caller is a staff member stating kids in the lobby causing issues and attempting to start fires in the lobby. PD and FD dispatched. Group of juveniles - one wearing ski mask, dark sweatshirt with a spider, and white beanie. Another juvenile wearing a gray sweatshirt and green sweatpants and a do-rag. 3rd juvenile wearing black t shirt and gray sweatpants.

2248 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Citation/Warning Issued Location/Address: Broadway ANWD 669 out with a dirt bike driver not wearing a helmet. Written warning issued party will be walking that bike home.

Thursday, April 18

0627 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Mountain Ave Female party walked up to the reporting parties call. Female seemed confused and possibly intoxicated. Wearing black and red hoodie. Hair in bun. White female. NWD 663 spoke to female party she checks out okay.

0945 Phone - PD-Elder Abuse Unfounded Location/Address: Ellis Nursing - Ellis Ave Caller requesting to file a report for allegations against a staff member abusing a patient. The patient has been evaluated and

everything checks ok. Incident unfounded. Both parties spoken to. Staff will follow-up w/ SGT Fundora.

1130 Walk-In - PD-Assist Public Report Follows Location/Address: Devon Rd Walk-in party was cleaning out his parents' home and found two firearms he would like to release over to the Police

1519 Phone - PD-Larceny/ Forgery/Fraud Report Follows Location/Address: TT Nails And Spa - Lenox St Caller reports receiving counterfeit money. 667 spoke with the reporting party. They believe the bill was given to them sometime around noon. They do not know by whom. They will be reviewing their cameras. 667 has retrieved the bill and will be back once they have the footage.

1711 Phone - PD-Larceny/ Forgery/Fraud Report Follows Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller on the business line reporting her daughter's bicycle was stolen off the back porch 15 minutes ago. Black with red tires. Clear with report to follow.

Friday April 19

0919 Phone - Hypodermic Syringe (Recovered) Services Rendered Location/Address: - Norwest Dr Needle pick up

1254 Phone - PD-Vandalism Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Depot - Railroad Ave Caller reports a white van went through the gate at the above location. Officer reports there is a team on scene assessing the damage.

1515 Phone - Hypodermic Syringe (Recovered) Services Rendered Vicinity of: Chapel St + Bruce Rd

1527 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Appears Secure Location/Address: Edgehill Rd Caller stating her side door is open and would like an officer to check inside her house.

1631 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Morse St + Washington St Caller reporting a female party rolling on the grass. He stated that she seemed "off" and he did not want her to roll from the grass into the street. Officers on scene requesting NFD for PC to arrest drugs/to the hospital.

1632 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Home Depot Warehouse - University Ave Caller on business line reports a Sandwich Stand in the parking lot being wide open and he knows it to be closed. Said he saw kids on dirt bikes very close by that may or may not be related to the incident. Cruisers made contact with owner of hot dog stand and spoke with her. Stand has been re-secured at this time, sent on way. Juvenile Arrest Age: 14 Charges: B&E Vehicle/Boat Daytime For Felony Larceny Under \$1200 Juvenile Arrest Age: 15 Charges: B&E Vehicle/Boat Daytime For Felony Larceny Under \$1200

1649 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered

April 25, 2024

Location/Address: Friendly Restaurant Rte1 - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports a white minivan in the parking lot that has several people who appear to be mentally challenged and have been left unattended. The call states some of them are banging their heads up against the windows. NWD 674 reports parties check okay and are inside grabbing food at this location. Clear and returning at this time.

2009 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Investigated Location/Address: E Vernon St Caller reports a party at above is causing a verbal disturbance yelling and screaming. Caller requesting a well-being check. Officers on scene unable to make contact at this time. Called calling party back who states he is attempting to get in touch with a supervisor and will call back shortly. Officers spoke to the woman inside and she stated that she was fine and will be getting into contact with the calling party.

Saturday, April 20

1554 Other - PD-Repossessed Motor Vehicle Towed Location/Address: Buckminster Dr MA PC 4MMR58 repossessed by Mel's Recovery.

2114 Phone - PD-Trespassing Vehicle Towed Location/Address: Avalon Apartments - Lenox St MA PC CS9215.

Sunday, April 21

1346 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Engamore Lane Ongoing noise complaint. Spoke with resident. She was advised and satisfied. Will speak with her advocate tomorrow.

1815 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Services Rendered Vicinity of: Summit Ave + Nahatan St Walk-in to the station reporting there is a camper in the area of the above location. The camper does not have any plates on it. Officer made contact with the owner of the camper. Owner has an appointment to get the vehicle registered on the 27th of this month. Owner has moved the vehicle off the road.

1949 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Roosevelt Ave Spoke to the residents. Sound was audible from the street. Party advised and will be wrapping up. Ongoing issue between neighbors.

2335 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Howard St Caller on the business line reporting she has been dealing with an on-going issue of vehicles parking in a "no parking" zone. It is creating a dangerous blind spot for her driveway. There is currently numerous construction vehicles parked in this zone. Officers spoke with the calling party and she will follow up with DPW for signage.

2355 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Sunnyside Rd Calling party stating she hears someone outside her house.



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Library staff from all departments were present to provide information about library programming, library cards, passports, and notary appointments. The Climate Ribbon project and the new Seed Library were premiered Monday evening as well.

Assistant Director Lydia Sampson exhibited a variety of items in our Library of Things Collection and enjoyed greeting everyone, sharing "This is a great annual event, and we are so grateful for everyone who helps make it happen, especially Patty Bailey. Just as Norwood Day highlights what a wonderful community this is every fall, we can count on the community to always shine for Norwood 101!"

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This Application requests a **Special Permit** pursuant to Zoning Bylaw **Section 5.4** for a proposed expansion of greater than 25% of the existing habitable floor area to add a second floor. The structure is pre-existing non-conforming in side setbacks.

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

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

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NEPONSET RIVER LAND HOLDING ASSOCIATION INVITATION TO BID WILLETT POND DAM LOW LEVEL OUTLET REPAIRS

Sealed Bids for the Willett Pond Dam Project will be received electronically or at the Neponset River Land Holding Association, East Walpole, MA, 02032, P.O. Box 49 until Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 10:00 A.M., at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read virtually through a Microsoft Team Meeting; a meeting link will be sent to all Bidders through the email listed on the Plan Holders List. The outside of the sealed envelope or email subject line if submitting electronically shall note the Bidder's name and be clearly marked "**Willett Pond Dam Low Level Outlet Repairs Project, Bid Enclosed**". Bids received after the time set for the opening may be rejected and remain unopened.

The work generally includes but is not limited to mobilizing to the site and establishing temporary erosion and sedimentation control, removal and disposal of vegetation, replacing of the existing trash rack, replacing the gatehouse valves, and slipline repair of the low-level outlet pipes in accordance with Contract Documents prepared by Fuss & O'Neill, 317 Iron Horse Way, Suite 204, Providence, RI 02908.

A mandatory pre-bid conference and walk-thru will be held at 10:00 A.M., May 10, 2024 at the Willett Pond Dam Site. The entrance to access the site is on Brook Street in Norwood, MA.

The Contract Documents for bidders may be obtained through email request to [Rebecca Meyers rmeyers@fando.com](mailto:Rebecca.Meyers@fando.com) at no earlier than Monday, April 29, 2024. All questions must be submitted no later than 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

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vived by Stephanie, Lisa, Robert, Charlene and Daniel and spouses, in addition to Kristin's many beloved nieces, nephews, and great-niece in the Massachusetts and New Hampshire area. Kristin also leaves behind her very special aunts, uncles, cousins, many dear friends, colleagues, and others who were an integral part of her life. Kristin worked as a Medical Secretary for both family and specialty practices for many years. Most recently, she supervised a call center for multiple locations in a specialty medical practice. Kristin always served the patients in the practices where she worked with the utmost care, respect and professionalism. She took her work seriously and with a sense of pride in making sure she delivered the best support possible. She loved her co-workers and thought of them as extended family. She always spoke very highly of the providers she supported with reverence and respect. Kristin earned professional certification from Northern Essex Community College, graduating with high honors. Kristin will be missed by everyone who loved her. She was an amazing mom, daughter, sister, sister-in-law, partner, aunt, great-aunt, niece, cousin, and friend. Kristin was the first to let you know that she was in your corner! She will be in our hearts always and forever. Private services were held to honor and celebrate Kristin's life. Funeral arrangements were made with Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. Expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of prayers and / or contribution for the benefit of Kristin's daughter, Gianna Viele. Donations may be made to: Gianna Viele, 1 Central

Street, P.O. Box 493, Norwood, MA 02062.

WILLIAMSON



Arlene Alice Williamson's vibrant spirit passed on Tuesday, March 19th, 2024, at the age of 88. Known for her youthful, positive energy and her contagious smile and laugh, she will be greatly missed by the many loved ones she leaves behind, including her family members and the infinite amount of hearts she touched along the way. Born in Norwood, Massachusetts on August 20, 1935, to Byron Ambrose Theall and Helen Paulina (Urbanowich) Theall, she was an avid lover of fashion, the arts, exploration, and education. She attended the Norwood Peabody School followed by the School of Fashion Design and then Northeastern University where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in science at the age of 71. Arlene was married at the age of 21 to Robert W. Williamson, also of Norwood (divorced 1994/deceased 2005). She was a master seamstress and patternmaker, a lover of design, and her favorite place was Cape Cod, where she designed and built a home on Monomoscoy Island in Mashpee with Robert, then

moved to New Seabury while running her own women's clothing boutique, Ab Roberts in Mashpee Commons. She also loved to write and had a fashion column titled, 'Great Looks' that ran in the Caper Newspaper. She spent several years of her professional career as an Executive Secretary at Analog Devices. Her final years were spent at The Goddard House in Brookline where she flourished and lived her best life. Painting regularly, making jewelry, hosting art shows, attending lectures, writing stories, and entertaining new friends. She loved music, movies, musicals, books, road trips, and was a social butterfly always up for something fun. She laughed often. Arlene (Arlé to some) will be greatly missed by her two children and their families, Paul Wyon, his wife Hillary of Belmont and their two children Zephyr (9) and Leto (6) who referred to her fondly as Gigi and were the light of her life - and Abby and her husband, Jason Shepard of Upton. Arlene lived a full life, surrounded by laughter, love and friendship. Her life will be celebrated through the joyful memories of all who knew her incredibly unique and spirited soul. We will love and miss you always and think of you often as you exist forever in our hearts Mom. A Gathering to celebrate Arlene's wonderful life was held in the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood on Thursday, April 18th. Interment was private at Highland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of a contribution: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/in-loving-memory-of-arlene-a-williamson>



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

—D.J.

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