

FinCom reviews ongoing and completed projects with Facilities



Upcoming projects include renovations to the Town Hall and repairs to the facade of the Civic Center.

COURTESY PHOTO

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Finance Commission (FinCom) met last week with Facilities Director Paul Riccardi and Facilities Business Director Mary O'Brien to review the financial aspects of the department, its accomplishments and what it's looking to do in the future.

The short answer is it has saved the Town quite a bit of money during its three-year existence, at least according to Riccardi and Town Manager Tony Mazzucco, who pointed to several projects that have been completed by Facilities that the Town would have had to, in the past, put out to bid; for example the first floor men's bathroom at the Town Hall.

"I know it sounds strange to say, 'just go look at the men's room,' but if you look at the men's room on the first floor, it's an example of a project that if we put it out to bid, it probably would have been \$50,000 or \$60,000, if not more, for a contractor to complete," Mazzucco said. "The bathroom needed some work. It was, effectively, entirely done by Facilities within the operating budget, because it was mostly just labor and a couple of material items we needed. That would have been reflected on the capital plan at a significant amount."

Riccardi laid out the work orders of the past three years.

"We averaged about 5,000 work orders over the three years," he said. "And those were accomplished basically by seven guys. They're our trades guys, and they are constantly moving...

We also have, which we did not include in that number, our Capital Outlay projects."

Capital Outlay projects are capital improvement or construction projects for one-time purchases or building proposals. Riccardi said the department has at least oversight over most of the projects the Town approves during Town Meeting, and will also either help out or build outright depending on the circumstance.

Riccardi praised his seven trades people during the meeting for their dedication, both in the Townwide Facilities Department now and the School Facilities Department that preceded it.

"They do a phenomenal

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Norwood officials and NepRWA employees detailed the issues around stormwater in Town.

PHOTO BY KATIE KROM

Norwood presentation details stormwater problems

Katie Krom
Staff Reporter

As Earth continues to warm it is creating more humid conditions in the Northeast, and this in turn is increasing more rain events. According to a new Dartmouth study, these extreme precipitation events are expected to increase 52 percent in the Northeast by the end of the century.

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, Norwood residents discussed stormwater and flooding in their own neighborhoods at the Morrill Memorial Library.

Like many other local municipalities, Norwood has had a lot of flooding, some ex-

amples being the floods of 1998, June 2020, August 2023 and, very recently, in January 2024. These floods have submerged cars and caused basements to flood and the closure of Norwood Hospital among other problems. The need to call Norwood's utilities like the fire department and DPW for help has also increased.

The presentation on Wednesday was conducted by the Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA), which has been around since 1967 working to protect and restore the Neponset River. They have also been tasked, in part at least, to deal with

Stormwater

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Dominos donates \$25K to keep snow off the streets

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

With more snow predicted, Norwood's plowing crews may see a bit of help in the coming weeks with a donation of \$25,000 from Domino's Pizza as part of the company's Plowing for Pizza Program.

The program is giving away \$500,000 over this year and next to help plow the streets and make it easier for delivery drivers to transport in the colder

climes. Norwood Domino's owner Andy Polvay at his 1023 Washington St. in South Norwood location said it's all because of the community that Norwood got this money. Domino's corporate office emailed Norwood's Town Employees to let them know the contest was happening and get them involved in nominating the Town for the promotion.

"In addition to that, we had a tablet that we left in the store that customers would use to do

the same," he said. "We also put it on the Norwood Now Facebook page and talked to the high school. Every little bit helps."

Polvay said while he didn't have the exact numbers, Norwood was pretty high up on the nomination list compared to the other entrants.

"I believe the turnout was pretty high here," he said. "I think we were in the top three

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Norwood Dominos owner Andy Polvay, left, and his crew at the South Norwood shop.

COURTESY PHOTO

Board of Selectmen review latest MBTA Communities 3A proposal

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen met on Jan. 23 with the Norwood Planning Board to go over the final proposed rezoning map and regulations for the MBTA Communities Act 3A rezoning initiative.

The proposal attempts to finalize years of work between the Planning Board and the 3A MBTA Communities Task Force to position the Town to be in compliance with this state law, originally proposed by former Gov. Charlie Baker.

The legislation requires municipalities with public transportation – a subway, commuter rail or bus hub – and those next to such communities to rezone about 50 acres to multi-family as-of-right. The hope behind the plan is to increase the housing stock in areas that could provide alternatives to car travel and, hopefully, reduce Massachusetts' ever-increasing housing costs. The model is based on the concept of supply and demand in that by increasing the housing supply across the state demand for housing will go down and rents and home prices will level off or decrease.

The proposal put forth at Tuesday night's meeting is planned to go before Town Meeting in March for a vote.

Town Planner Sarah Dixon said the proposal is in response to the current housing crisis in the state. She said the legislation doesn't really target a town like Norwood.

"A lot of communities, unlike Norwood, have not historically had diverse patterns of housing development where you have more affordable options, rentals, multi-family housing complexes and different entry points on the market," she said. "As a result of this decades of under-producing housing, many people can't afford to live in the eastern part of the state. It's started to threaten our economy, as young workers are leaving and pursuing lower cost of living areas, and the older folks who are looking to downsize have limited affordable housing options."

Dixon said though Norwood has not been lacking in multi-fam-

ily housing, that doesn't mean it's not affected. She said during the community outreach process, many Norwood residents said affordable housing is difficult to attain in the Town, and many younger residents have been finding it difficult or impossible to come back to the Town that everyone returns to, to paraphrase the Town's official slogan.

"There was a lot of sadness, I think shared, that younger people can't afford to return as adults to Norwood; that was a theme we heard," she said.

Dixon said that residents were also concerned about the changing character of Norwood.

"There is a lot of concern about any development right?" she said. "People were worrying about that change. Change 'to the Norwood I've always known and love right now,' which is a wonderful thing."

For that reason, she said the three proposed districts, one at Windsor Gardens, one hugging the Norwood Central MBTA Commuter Rail Station Corridor, and one at Norwood Depot and the Norwood Downtown, were in areas that were already heavily developed and not likely to see new development any time soon. Planning Board member Ernie Paciorkowski summed up this approach.

"I understand people are going to say, 'no more apartments,' or whatever, and the thing you've got to remember on this is, yes, there will be some action on this," he said. "Developers will find some spots and develop, but this is not a mandate to build, this is a mandate to rezone."

"We have multi-family housing," Dixon said. "And we've strategically placed these districts in areas that have multi-family housing, and so the market incentive to tear down Avalon and rebuild isn't there."

Selectman Michael Saad said, in so many words, that he was very much against this state mandate for more housing in Town.

"Buckle up," he said. "We have 55 percent apartments in Norwood. We have three MBTA stops, and we're being severely punished. So my question is, is there any other Town fighting this or not doing the mandate?"

Dixon pointed out that this is a state law and would open any

non-complying municipality to legal action if they do not rezone. Saad brought up the examples of Milton and Holden trying to fight the law, but Town Manager Tony Mazzucco and Dixon said the Massachusetts State Attorney General Andrea Campbell has been very clear that this is extremely unlikely to work.

"The Attorney General has stated in no unclear terms that they must comply," Mazzucco said. "There's no grey areas where they can't comply."

Saad said the Town has a lot of apartments already and so why doesn't that make the Town complaint without the rezoning. Dixon pointed out it's not about existing housing stock, it's about the zoning, and added that if

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An electronic copy of the Bid Forms, Contract Documents & specification will be posted at: www.norwoodha.org under news & announcements on January 25, 2024 at 11:00 A.M.

BIDS REQUIRED BY: Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "NHA 2024- 2025 BID –" To 40 William Shyne circle, Norwood, MA. 02062.

Site Visit: Sample Units may be seen if desired on Tuesday, February 6th 2024 at 10:00 A.M. starting at 40 William Shyne Circle, Norwood, MA 02062.

Any questions should be addressed to **Todd Rego** at (781) 762-8115, or trego@norwoodha.org.

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TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on February 6, 2024 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Bruno Colantuoni (Case #24-01) with respect to property located at **Shaw Street (Map 6 Block 4C Lot 44), Norwood, MA 02062, in the General Residence (G) Zoning District.** The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

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Pursuant to Bylaw Section 4.1.1 [Table of Dimensional Requirements], this Application requests retroactive relief in the form of a **Variance** with respect to the height of the dwelling under construction on the subject premises, which has been constructed at 33.58 ft. where 30 ft. is the required maximum building height.

Additionally, the Application requests an **Appeal** pursuant to Bylaw Section 10.2.3 [Board of Appeals Powers – Other Appeals] relative to the decision of the Building Commissioner that the subject dwelling violates the front setback requirement, constructed at 18.04 ft. from the front lot line where 20 ft. are required by the Bylaw Section 4.1.1 [Table of Dimensional Requirements].

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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OPINION

Norwood's 3A approach is sound

It's true, though the state of MA is sticking it to communities in general with this draconian approach to dealing with a lack of affordable housing, Norwood is handling it the right way by mitigating the impacts as much as possible to residential neighborhoods. And it was apparently clear to anyone watching last Tuesday evening's Selectmen's meeting that Town Planner Sarah Dixon has her act together and, together with the Planning Board, has and will continue providing as many opportunities as possible for residents to hear and voice opinions as the final required vote at Town Meeting draws near.

That being written, there is little doubt in this writer's mind that the law is seriously flawed. What started out "as a tool" for communities to use as a "guideline" has now morphed into a bludgeoning instrument the state will use to wreak havoc financially to those communities that don't acquiesce, the Town of Milton being a good example. So, for those at this point wanting to stand tall and bear arms, it is a no-win battle. Better to fall back, strategize, and live to fight another day, which is exactly what Dixon et al are suggesting the Town do.

Is there a housing shortage in Norwood? No. Look around, read the classifieds, apartments here are plentiful and not all occupied. Selectman Mike Saad correctly pointed out that Norwood is already hovering around 55 percent of rentals to home ownership. When is enough enough? Norwood's mistakes regarding apartments are legendary; the latest being the incredulous vote cast by TM to rezone around Morse Street allowing yet another 150 apartment units to be built at the Space Center. And now, in the ultimate display of chutzpah, said developer is looking for permission to build fewer "affordable" units because "the market has changed." Talk about rubbing it the face of this Town. And you know what? He will probably receive approval. These are the kinds of mistakes that have exacerbated the Town's density.

Asking if there are affordable places for people to live in Norwood, particularly for younger and older folks, well that is a topic worthy of debate. However, Selectman Amanda Grow's assertion that "...this used to be the place where they love to come, but all these high tech workers can't afford to live here with six-figure salaries, which is bonkers to me. So we've got to do something, we can't do nothing" is ridiculous. According to Money.com, Boston falls at number 7 nationally at 32.8% of rent to income ratio of gross income. That means even in the City of Boston someone making a \$100k should expect to pay around \$2,734 per month in rent, which means a rent of \$2,200 in Norwood is exactly what someone should expect to pay, so stop throwing out incorrect stats.

The new world order of \$2,200 rent for a single-bedroom apartment is never going to go down regardless of how many new units are built. And should these developers have problems renting these new units, no problem. The state will step in and subsidize the rents so others who normally couldn't afford Norwood will be moving in, as is already happening. This newspaper has always espoused that folks who aspire to live in areas not all can afford are not morally corrupt. On the contrary, it is what built this great nation, the attitude that if you want something bad enough you work hard and make it happen. Norwood is within reach for those wanting it bad enough. For everyone else, there are plenty of other nice places to live.

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job," he said. "It just amazes me because it never ends. It never ends because of the amount of people in the buildings and the age of the buildings. I can honestly tell you, in the 12 years I've been doing this, I've never gotten a complaint from anybody about the attitude, the cleanliness about people respecting their space. You know sometimes we don't finish when we should, but the interpersonal part of it is just amazing and it's a testament to those guys and how they're dedicated to doing their jobs.

"I mean they even put up with him," Riccardi added, pointing to Mazzucco.

"And that's saying something," Mazzucco replied with a grin.

For current and ongoing projects, Riccardi discussed the Townwide Roof Study, which started in 2023 and is now in its second phase.

"We're taking a look at the condition of our roofs and projecting out when they would need to be replaced and we're doing any needed repairs and cleaning," he said. "We're in the second phase of the cleaning, and right now, obviously the weather has stopped them in their tracks. But I can say during the last two rainstorms, we had very little leakage happening, which is tremendous when you think about the storms. Most of it was probably coming through the brick (the side of the building) from the wind."

Riccardi said the women's locker room at the Norwood Civic Center is nearing completion and should be done by the end of the month, and it's on budget.

"All of these jobs are either at budget or under budget," he said, adding that's generally true of all of Facilities' projects. "We haven't gone over."

Riccardi said they have also

started the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) renovation at the Norwood Public Safety Building last week, which has been an issue for a very long time.

"Hopefully we're going to be done by this summer with that system and, hopefully, the expectation is that puts it to bed, once and for all," he said. "That's our plan."

For future projects, he said they're hoping to start work on the Civic Center's facade, but that they are currently trying to source the limestone they need.

"It's a major issue," he said.

He said they are also bringing in a structural engineer to look at the cracks in the floor of the Fire Department garage, which is being funded by Capital Outlay funds. Riccardi said the thinking right now is that they are stress fractures from all the heavy equipment on the floor. The building's radiant heating system that runs under the floor has not been affected. They have to wait for the engineer to assess the site and figure out if anything needs to be done.

Regarding future concerns, Riccardi said the major one is the Town Hall, which Mazzucco has intimated in the past is in need of a major renovation. Riccardi said he's most concerned with the heating system.

"We are constantly fixing leaks in the pipes," he said. "It's just a big concern. Also, the Savage Center concerns me. That building is older than the building we're going to knock down in a year in South Norwood (the Coakley Middle School), and it's a very active building. There's a school in that building, for all intents and purposes."

Riccardi also said the roof study is a concern, as roof re-

placement costs are "astronomical."

"At some point in the next five years, we're going to have to come up with a plan to start replacing roofs," he said. "All the school roofs were basically done 20-something years ago and they're reaching that point."

He said the elementary schools will also need a lot of work in the plumbing, heating and lighting areas as well. He said that is going to be a big hit, which he said was not done after a study recommended it because of the work needed for the Coakley rebuild.

"And rightly so," he said.

Riccardi added he's hoping that nothing major happens at the old Coakley building right now that would require repairs.

"We're holding our breath on the Coakley," he said, "just another year-and-a-half."

"You'd hate to have to dump half a million dollars into a building just to use it for eight months or something," said Mazzucco.

Riccardi also went through some of the department's notable completed projects.

"Just for a quick look, at the Balch Elementary School boiler conversion from oil to gas, they're actually now dual fuel, the front stairs were done, the lintels were done, the gym floor was done this past summer. At the high school we did the gym floor and we converted all the lights to LEDs at the library. We had the parking lots at the Willett and the Oldham Schools – the never-ending parking lot jobs – they're done," he said, adding this was all work done this year.

For more information on the Facilities Department, go to <http://tinyurl.com/4ca6ecec>

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Norwood was razed to the ground tomorrow – hypothetically – you could not rebuild most of what's here now as-of-right under the current zoning.

Selectman Bill Plasko said he had a lot of reservations about this legislation, as he has pointed out in the past. He said the current regulations, which he said are on their third iteration, is better than the first, but feels it's still very flawed and he doesn't believe it will bring about the desired result of more affordable housing throughout the state.

"This is going to do nothing to make Norwood affordable," he said. "If anything it's going to make Norwood less affordable."

Plasko added he felt the expansion of the districts, most notable Norwood Depot and

Norwood Central, further than what's required by the state wasn't necessary, and that the inclusion of a couple of parcels on East Hoyle, right by the Norwood Central commuter rail, would be built out almost immediately and it would be better to have a special permit process or a zoning variance process rather than as-of-right housing there.

Selectman Amanda Grow said the issue has affected her coworkers and employees in her tech jobs, which she said is extremely concerning.

"The state is losing population, and when you talk about the cost of one-unit apartments, you try to get a unit here, it's \$2,200 for a unit now," she said. "I can't get my data scientists, I can't my coders for my job in our Town, and this used to be the place where they love to come, but all these high tech

workers can't afford to live here with six-figure salaries, which is bonkers to me. So we've got to do something, we can't do nothing."

Dixon said public comment is welcomed and changes to the proposal could be made, even at Town Meeting on March 21, but she said it would be better for residents to get such suggestions to the Planning Department before then. There will be an open house on 3A on Jan. 29 and Feb. 6 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Town Hall and on March 11 at 7 p.m. online. There will be a hybrid Planning Board public hearing – which she said is probably the best place for public comment – on Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center. She said residents can also mail their comments directly to the Planning Board.

To see the proposed zoning and for more information, go to <http://tinyurl.com/3atuy47>



The NAC also discussed preparations that took place in November for the Army Navy game at Patriot Place in Foxboro.

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Airport trail still pending with FAA

Transient landing fees to be increased

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

Last Wednesday, Jan. 17, the Norwood Airport Commission (NAC) met for the first time since November. Yet, despite the holiday break, the agenda was very light (no new business, one item of old business, no correspondence), the meeting was very brief (about 10 minutes, no executive session), and the gallery was empty of attendees.

When the NAC last met, the main appointment of the day had featured Trails Advisory Committee Chairman Joe Greeley advocating for a path that would connect a trailhead

at Meadow Street to another one near the Skating Club of Boston on University Avenue.

This proposed trail would cross Airport land outside its perimeter fence, and would require the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) to be in favor of it in order for the NAC to approve it.

At the conclusion of Greeley's Nov. 8 appointment, the Commission voted unanimously to support the trail, contingent upon the approval of both the FAA and MassDOT.

Last Wednesday, NAC Chairman Mark Ryan provided

an update, stating that Airport Manager Mark Raymond had reached out to the FAA regarding the matter, but that its regional office had a new compliance officer, "so we have to work with them to make sure they're comfortable with what we're proposing. Mark's still working on that."

In other business, the Commission unanimously voted to recommend a 20 percent increase in landing fees for transient aircraft. Raymond had compared Norwood's charges to other airports in the area, and also explained that he had recently done a Consumer

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or four."

Norwood joins the ranks of snow-covered northern cities in places like North Dakota and Minnesota. He said 17 communities have been selected for this year and 20 will be selected for next year.

Norwood Department of Public Works Director Mark Ryan said some of the funds will be used to purchase a new plow for the department's sidewalk machine that helps keep the sidewalks clear in South Norwood as well as going into the general Snow and Ice Budget.

"We are so grateful to Domino's for this program, as well as to Andy Polvay and the crew at the Domino's at 1023 Washington St. here in Norwood," said Ryan.

Polvay said he's proud to help out the Town like this, especially with this year's snow.

"It's an awesome thing to be able to contribute to the Town of Norwood and give some-

thing back," he said. "We know the budget's tight, and that any money is significant."

He said when they applied they weren't really expecting to win, especially because last year there was so little snow.

"You know we didn't know what to expect in early December when we were getting absolutely nothing (snow), but you just never know how the winter is going to go," he said. "And just a couple of storms can eat up that budget pretty quickly."

Polvay started with Domino's in the 1980s as a delivery driver and worked his way up. He said the company really helped him to establish himself and he's very thankful for that opportunity.

"It really gives people the opportunity within the brand to grow and make a business," he said.

For more information on the promotion, go to [**TOWN OF NORWOOD**
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PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for All Alcoholic Beverages for Arena NL DBA Launch Entertainment Park, located at 570 Boston Providence Highway, Norwood, Massachusetts, Ryan Debin, Manager of Record, under Section 12, Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of All Alcoholic Beverages to be drunk on the premises of 570 Boston Providence Highway, Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of premises is as follows: A 26,613 square foot warehouse building with one floor and one lofted area. There is an entrance, check-in and arcades at the front of the establishment. Past the arcades there is a counter service restaurant, seating and bathrooms. The seating area is divided from the other attractions with a half wall. Food and drink are not self service and must be purchased from a cashier at the counter-service restaurant.

Public hearing on this application will be held on **Tuesday, February 13th, 2024 at 7:00 PM.** in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

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Can Someone Work While Collecting Social Security Disability?

Dear Rusty: If a person is collecting Social Security disability benefits, can they, at any point, work at all? If they can, what is the maximum they can earn and still keep the disability benefit? I am asking because my husband is still young, but his injuries will not allow him to go back to the job he had prior to his injuries and surgeries. He does not just want to sit at home doing nothing!

Signed: Concerned Wife



Russell Gloor
 AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Concerned: Actually, the Social Security Administration (SSA) encourages those collecting SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance) benefits to attempt to go back to work and they provide considerable leeway for them to do so. The monthly earnings limit for those collecting SSDI benefits in 2024 is \$1,550 and as long as your husband earns less than the limit while working, his SSDI benefits will not be in jeopardy. Your husband should contact Social Security's Ticket to Work program directly to protect his disability status and discuss returning to work while collecting SSDI benefits.

The Ticket to Work program assists those now receiving SSDI benefits who wish to test their ability to return to work without putting their SSDI benefits at risk. The program provides considerable assistance, including new career training opportunities and connection to potential employers, and it is voluntary and costs nothing. Here is a link to Social Security's information on the Ticket to Work program: <https://choosework.ssa.gov/>

It's not mandatory for your husband to enroll in the Ticket to Work program but, in addition to other available assistance, he can request a Trial Work Period (TWP) which would allow for 9 months, over a rolling five year period, during which he can earn any amount (even over the normal monthly limit mentioned above) without risking his SSDI benefits. Within the Trial Work Period, only those

months he earns over the normal monthly SSDI limit would count as a Trial Work Month. So, for example, your husband could work part time regularly earning under the normal monthly limit and if, in some months (up to nine), he earned more it wouldn't affect his SSDI benefits.

So, your younger disabled husband can, indeed, work while on Social Security disability, for as long as he wishes while earning under the monthly SSDI limit (the SSDI earnings limit changes yearly). He may also wish to enroll in Social Security's Ticket to Work program for assistance with developing a new career. Plus, he can take advantage of using trial work months in the event his work earnings will, at times, exceed the monthly SSDI limit. If your husband earns over the SSDI limit for more than the 9 trial work months and his benefits are consequently stopped, he can - within the 5-year Trial Work Period - have his benefits reinstated (without again going through the full application process) if his disability, once more, renders him unable to work full time.

For starters, I suggest your husband contact Social Security's Ticket to Work program directly at 1.833-889-0108 to discuss returning to work part time. Social Security will guide him through the entire process.

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Morrill Library hosting AI and hyper local weather issues

Jeff Sullivan
 Staff Reporter

The Norwood Morrill Memorial Library is hosting two events next week on Monday and Tuesday respectively.

The Tuesday, Jan. 30, event will feature National Weather Service's (NWS) Science and Operations Officer, and Norwood resident, Joseph Delli Carpini. Morrill Executive Director Clayton Cheever said the library heard about his talks and wanted to bring him home.

"So we actually heard about Joe from a neighboring library who had him present before, and he lives here, so there's another connection," Cheever said. "So we started talking to Joe and felt we should just do it here."

Cheever said it's an interesting topic as the weather is something that holds a unique dichotomy in most day-to-day interaction, in that it can be mundane one minute and extremely dangerous the next.

"Some people find the weather to be a topic of small talk and the easy thing to talk about, but it also affects all our lives," he said. "We're really excited to have Joe come."

Carpini will be discussing his duties at the service, which includes climate data, research and outreach, and he will also talk about how you can report weather to the NWS to help increase their accuracy in reporting. Carpini will also provide an update of the official National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) winter outlook for the

Norwood area.

This will review what a "normal" winter will look like for Norwood, and discuss snowfall and temperature trends over the past few years as well as what are likely causing those trends, like weather systems such as El Niño. He will also give "his best guess" as to what the snowfall totals will look like this year.

Cheever asked that interested residents register for this event, since there is limited space. You can do so at <http://tinyurl.com/3phtp3dj>

The other event, scheduled for Monday, Jan. 29, is centered on explaining artificial intelligence and what we can expect from it in the future

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Price Index (CPI) calculation for the past five years for one of the Airport's leaseholds, which he had calculated at just above 18 percent. "So, based on that, I would recommend that we increase the fees by 20 percent," he concluded. He also recommended that the actual approval of the fees be tabled until the next meeting to allow for public comment.

The increase, when approved, will be based on the maximum take-off weight of fixed-wing aircraft. The five fee categories will range from 5,001-8,000 lbs and top out in the +30,001 lbs zone, with the fee in the former increasing from \$15 to \$18, and that of the latter increasing from \$80 to \$96. Helicopter landing fees will increase from \$20 to \$24.

The only appointment of the day brought Mark Goodrich, of engineering consulting firm DuBois & King, before the Commission to present his monthly update on three FAA-financed Airport Improvement Plan (AIP)

projects.

The Taxiway C relocation project - which included the excavation of the main parking lot for the installation of an underground filtration system - is complete, with its paperwork being completed. It came in under budget by approximately \$70,000.

The contract for the reconstruction of Runway 10/28 has been awarded. "We're anticipating starting sometime this spring, as soon as the weather and the water allow," Goodrich said of the project's timetable, alluding to the wetlands that surround the site.

The two 300-foot-long paved safety areas for north and south ends of Runway 17/35 - officially considered a runway extension by the FAA - are currently under design, with conceptual preliminary plans scheduled to go out to the FAA sometime this month.

Finally, the three November and December visits of the U.S. Army's 10th Combat Aviation Brigade (Fort Drum,

NY) and the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Fort Campbell, KY) were touched on. The visits were to conduct area recruiting events as well as to participate in flyovers at football games held at Gillette Stadium.

Vice Chairman Michael Sheehan cited a Dec. 7 letter to The Record by the commander of the 10th CAB praising Raymond, as well as Christopher Donovan Sr. and Jr. (Boston Executive Helicopters) for their efforts during the outfit's stay. "I want to recognize Mark. He always does a great job," Sheehan went on. "It's nice to be recognized for all the good that goes on here. I appreciate that, Mark. And too, the Donovan boys."

The Norwood Airport Commission typically meets at 4 p.m. on the middle Wednesday of the month in the NAC meeting room of the Welch Administration Building (111 Access Rd.). For more information, visit its webpage on the Town website.



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—R.B.

NPD names Rooney as new SRO

The Norwood Police Department (NPD) announced that NPD Officer John Rooney, shown here at Trunk or Treat, has been appointed as the full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) for Norwood High School. Officer Rooney is an eight-year veteran of NPD where he has served many roles, including a Field Training Officer, a MerτροLEC mountain bike officer, Juvenile Court Officer and a member of the honor guard. Officer Rooney has been a certified SRO since 2019 and has served as SRO to NHS on an interim basis for the past two years. The NPD is asking residents to join the department in congratulating Officer Rooney.



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

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and how you can use it to perhaps simplify your life right now.

The current AI trend is called a Large Language Model, and Cheever said the idea behind it is to use statistical data to predict what the user is asking the computer to do.

Now that is admittedly a gross oversimplification, but it works as an introduction. Cheever said he wants to show people how they can use such models to make their lives a bit easier.

“I’ll share some examples of how I’ve used ChatGPT, for example, for my scripts at Norwood Community Media, and I’ve actually used it a little bit to help me brainstorm titles and ways to describe what I’m doing in the first place,” he said. “So I’ll talk about some of the ways people have used it and some of the concerns around the technology.”

He’ll explain how it was built and the uncertainty about how the software actually operates and why that is a concern, and what the future in the

industry may hold.

“There has been a lot of coverage in the press; it seems you can’t turn around without seeing another story about AI,” he said. “A lot of people are like, ‘What does any of this even mean?’ And so I’ll try to help people comb through what people are talking about concerning AI and answer questions to help try to dispel some of the mystery behind it.”

Cheever said this event also has limited space, so if you are interested, register at <http://tinyurl.com/pc77kt3e>

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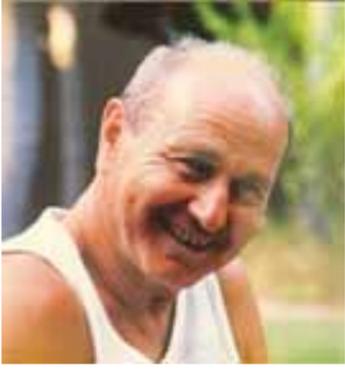
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COMPAGNONE



Pasquale O., of Walpole, passed away on January 15, 2024 at the age of 90. Beloved husband of the late Elia M. (Tavano) Compagnone. Devoted father of Sarah Bulman and her husband Joe of Walpole, Rina Cametti and her fiancé Steve Angelo of Walpole and Ron Compagnone and his wife Stacie of Florida. Loving brother of Domenico Compagnone and his wife Anna of Walpole. Cherished grandfather of Michael Bulman, Maria Tower, Samantha McKenna, Ben Angelo, Meghan Angelo, Makenzie Moore, Madison Moore, Milana Compagnone, Amarah Compagnone and 5 great grandchildren. Pasquale was the son of the late Pasquale and Serafina (Papasodero) Compagnone. At the request of the family all funeral services and burial will be private. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home Norwood. Donations may be made in his name to The Michael J. Fox Foundation Grand Central Station PO Box 4777 New York, NY 10163
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CONROY



Thomas Everett, 66 years of age, of Norwood, Massachusetts, passed away on January 11, 2024. Born in Norwood, March 28, 1957, the son of the late John R. Conroy and Emily Arlene (Lanphear) Flanagan. Tommy was known for his kind heart and wonderfully warm character. His personality and loving spirit invited people in. Everyone who met and knew Tommy loved him. Tommy enjoyed listening to and playing music, video and board games, good conversation and cannabis. He loved reading, along with his joy for discussing his-

tory and politics. He was also a passionate fan of the Boston Red Sox as well as professional boxing and wrestling. Tommy was a founding member of the band "The Whooshkabaabs" with his dear friend Mike Grover of Cambridge, Massachusetts and worked as a cashier and trainer at Roche Bros in Westwood, Massachusetts. Tommy is predeceased by his sisters, Martha E. Brown and Margery E. Finneran; his nephew, Stephen O. Brown Jr; his niece, Kara L. Farrell, and is survived by his brother Stephen O. Brown and sister-in-law Karen M. Brown of Palm Bay, Florida; nephews, Joseph D. Farrell Jr. of Sturbridge, Massachusetts and Edward L. Pflueger IV. of Nassau, New York; nieces, Raymie J. Farrell of Wareham, Massachusetts, Eva M. Pflueger of Ballston Spa, New York, and Catherine M. Brennan of Cohoes, New York, as well as many cousins, great nieces, and great nephews. A celebration of Tommy's life will take place in spring of 2024.

COSTELLO



Barbara (McGuire) of Norwood, MA, beloved mother, grandmother, and sister, passed away on January 20, 2024. She was 96. Barbara was born in Providence, RI, on April 19, 1927, to Frank and Grace (Landy) McGuire. Barbara graduated from Hope High School and later, met James Costello at a Providence College dance, where she quickly fell for his beautiful blue eyes. Much to her surprise, Jim found her brown eyes just as beguiling. They married on April 26, 1952, and enjoyed over forty years of marriage, making their home in Norwood, MA. Together, Barbara and Jim had six children, 14 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by her children: Anne and Con Healey of Sharon, Michael Costello of Walpole, James Costello of West Roxbury, Stephen and Debra Costello of Duxbury, Sheila and Peter Finn of Newburyport, and Maura and James Quinn of Fairfax, VA. Barbara also leaves her grandchildren, who loved her

fiercely: Michael (Ashley), Beth, Barry (Kara), Matthew, Meghan, Ned, Patrick, Sean, Sarah (Kevin), Kate, Jake, Will (Emma), Jack, and Ryan, as well as great-grandchildren: Colin, Jase, Brenna, and Keira. Barbara is also survived by her sister, Elaine McGuire of Norwood; and brother, Francis (Diane) McGuire of West Boylston; along with many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, James, in 1994. In addition to her family, Barbara placed great value on friendship, finding joy and comfort in her friends. Barbara adored her adopted hometown of Norwood, where she proudly lived for seventy years, never missing a parade or town event. May hope of heart and peace of mind beside her ever stay. Funeral from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (Rt. 1A), NORWOOD. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy can be sent in Barbara's memory to the Circle of Hope Foundation, PO Box 421, Norwood, MA 02062. Gillooly Funeral Home Norwood (781) 762-0174
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CURLEY



Patrick R. Curley of Walpole, formerly of Norwood. Passed away on January 12, 2024. He was 64 years old. Patrick grew up in Norwood and was a 1977 graduate of Norwood Senior High School. He met the love of his life, Karen Foster, at age 16, and they went on to marry and raise a family of their own. Patrick was an avid Bruins fan. He also loved John Wayne and westerns; books about westerns and western movies. Patrick was happiest surrounded by his family, especially his children and his dog, Sugar. Patrick was the dear and devoted husband of the late Karen (Foster). Loving father of Michael P. Curley and his wife Alex of Northboro, and Kristen E. Ritzenthaler and her husband Cameron of Manchester, NH. Beloved son of Mary Teresa (Shaw) Curley and the late Stanley Curley. Dear brother of Mary, James, John, Kevin, Eileen, Rita, Kathleen, Judy, Claire, Agnes

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IMPACT NORWOOD CREATING MAGAZINE

Calling all Norwood residents! How has physical and mental wellness impacted your life? Impact Norwood is a substance use prevention and mental health awareness coalition seeking to improve health in Norwood youth. We are creating a wellness magazine, Mindful Mustangs, focusing on stories of resilience, mental health, physical activity, community, and prioritizing overall wellbeing, but we need submissions! We are looking for articles and artwork from Norwood residents of all ages sharing any story about their own wellness journey or using one of our prompts. You can find the application and submit your response online at <http://tinyurl.com/Mindful-Mustangs24> or at one of our physical locations: the Civic Center, Morrill Memorial Library, Senior Center, and Town Hall. To find out more, please visit impactnorwood.org/mindful-mustangs or email mindfulmustangs@gmail.com with any questions.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SERIES

Superintendent David Thomson is pleased to announce that Norwood Public Schools has partnered with McLean Hospital for a series of online events focusing on youth mental health.

Implemented during the 2022-2023 school year, NHS Leaders in Youth Mental Health Parent Series is an ongoing series in partnership with McLean Hospital meant to provide caregivers with information and strategies to navigate raising children and providing mental health support for them.

The series will feature a guest appearance by various McLean practitioners. Events include:

Understanding Transgender and Non-Binary Youth: March 8, from 9-10 a.m. Understanding Pediatric Anxiety Disorders and OCD: March 22, from 12-1 p.m. Partnering with Schools for Services and Supports: April 5, from 9-10 a.m.

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

NORWOOD TOASTMASTERS CAN IMPROVE COMMUNICATION SKILLS

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

VFW MEAT RAFFLE

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

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Morrill Library Event Calendar

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

SENSORY-FRIENDLY MOVIE FRIDAY

The Morrill Memorial Library is offering an in-person sensory-friendly movie on the 4th Friday of the month for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Join us for our Sensory-friendly Friday movie at the Library! This program will be held in-person in the Simoni Room on Friday January 26, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our January movie in the Sensory-friendly Friday movie series is Disney's Elemental, rated PG.

THE WONDERS & WOES OF AI

Morrill Memorial Library is thrilled to announce that our very own Library Director, Clayton Cheever, will give a presentation, "The Byte Side of Life: The Wonders & Woes of AI," on Monday, January 29 at 7 pm in the Simoni Room.

Ready for a tech-tastic experience? Embark on an exhilarating journey into the world of Artificial Intelligence (AI)! Join Library Director Clayton Cheever for a captivating exploration of the "byte side of life"—where we demystify the complexities, celebrate the wonders, and talk frankly about the risks of AI. This program promises insights, wonders, and a glimpse into the future.

NORWOOD'S WINTER OUTLOOK

The Morrill Memorial Library welcomes Joe Delli Carpini, the Science and Operations Officer at the National Weather Service's Boston office in Norton, for a presentation "About the National Weather Service & Norwood's Winter Outlook," on Tuesday, January 30 at 7 pm in the Simoni Room of the Library.

This presentation will begin with a brief overview of the National Weather Service, which is a federal agency located within the Department of Commerce and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. In addition to issuing warnings and forecasts, Joe will also discuss some of the other duties that the staff at the Boston/Norton office is involved in, including climate data, research, and outreach. Joe will mention a few ways people can become involved in reporting weather to the NWS, and provide an update of the official NOAA Winter Outlook for the Norwood area. The presentation will review what a "normal" winter looks like for Norwood, see how snowfall and temperatures have trended so far, and discuss some of the

global influences such as El Niño, which is expected to dominate through the winter. Finally, Joe will give a best "guess" as to how much snow can be expected for Norwood.

About the presenter: Joe Delli Carpini is a meteorologist, and is the Science and Operations Officer at the National Weather Service's Boston office in Norton, Massachusetts. He has over 30 years of forecasting experience. He has been a Norwood resident with his wife Kelly and two children since 1996.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR TAXES

In partnership with CFA Society Boston, the Morrill Memorial Library is pleased to offer "Understanding Your Taxes" on Thursday, February 15 at 7 pm in the Simoni Room.

Do you understand the basics of tax forms? How is your tax bill calculated? Kevin Callahan, CFA, and Yuri Dagan, CFA, will share information on tax filing—both preparation and forms. Learn the answers to some common questions about investing and become a more informed consumer of financial services.?

SENSORY FRIENDLY ART CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Classes are held from 10 am to 11:45 am at the Morrill Memorial Library, Simoni Room on the following dates: 2/2, 2/16, 2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31, 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with Norwood-based Lifeworks Inc to bring a series of art classes called Sensory-friendly Art Classes for Adults to the library. The classes will be held weekly on Fridays from 10:30 am to 11:45 am in the Simoni Room.

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

ART THERAPY WITH ELISANDRA LOPES

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to host a 4-part series called Art Therapy with

Elisandra Lopes starting in February. The event is in-person on 1st and 3rd Saturday in February and March. The program dates are February 3rd and 1th and March 2nd and 16th. All times between 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Please join Elisandra Lopes, a mental health clinician, as she guides the attendees through understanding how art is used in dealing with challenges like low self-esteem, anxiety, and self-care. There are four workshops. Each deals with different aspects of self-care. The schedule for each workshop is Feb 3rd: Self-care/Well-Being through art therapy (exploring the 8 senses of wellbeing) Part 1. Feb 17th: Self-care/Well-Being through art therapy (exploring the 8 senses of wellbeing) Part 2: March 2nd: Self-esteem vs Self-Confidence and March 16th: Managing anxiety in a healthy way through art therapy.

About the presenter: Elisandra is a Cape Verdean art therapist/mental health clinician by day and illustrator/designer by night. She has a BFA in Illustrator and a Masters in Mental Health & Art Therapy from Lesley University. We thank the Friends of the Morrill Memorial Library for generously funding this program.

MONDAY MATINEE SERIES

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to launch Monday Movie Matinee, a film series starting in January. The series will run from January - May. The films will be shown on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. All showtimes at 1PM. Movie dates are: 2/12, 2/26, 3/11, 3/25, 4/22, 5/13. February movies are: Judas and the Black Messiah (126 mins) and A Haunting in Venice (104 mins).

We thank the Norwood Senior Center for being our partner in promoting the film series.

DISCOVER NEW ENGLAND UFOs

Come to the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, February 8 at 6:30 pm for a close encounter of the curious kind. Join Ronny LeBlanc, television star and author of "Monsterland: Encounters with UFOs, Bigfoot and Orange Orbs," as he outlines some amazing UFO sightings that have occurred in

the New England area, latest revelations from the US Government as well as what these craft just might be. 2024 is stacking up to be a year to remember for UFOs, and theories abound: Are they interdimensional? Are they our craft from the future?

Ronny LeBlanc stars in two shows for Discovery+ & the Travel Channel, EXPEDITION BIGFOOT and PARANORMAL CAUGHT ON CAMERA, and is a globally recog-

nized figure in the world of paranormal, Bigfoot and UFOs.

ONE VOTE FEATURED

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

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In accordance with the requirements of Mass. General Law Chapter 40A Section 5, notice is hereby given that the Town of Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on February 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street or via remote participation on Google Meet. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to accept public comments on the draft amendments to the official Norwood Zoning Map. The proposed amendments will create a new MBTA Communities Multi-family Overlay District (MCMOD), designed to comply with the requirements of M.G.L. Ch. 40A Section 3A, known as the MBTA Communities Act. The new overlay district is proposed to include three subdistricts around the commuter rail stations: Windsor Gardens, Norwood Depot, and Norwood Central. The draft Zoning Map is on file in the Planning Department at Town Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours, by emailing comdev@norwoodma.gov, or viewed on the Planning Board's webpage located at: <http://www.norwoodma.gov/>

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7:00 P.M.

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TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on February 6, 2024 at 7:00 PM** on the request of MPG Realty Capital LLC with respect to property located at **1223 Washington St (Map 7 Block 1 Lot 26), Norwood, MA 02062, in the General Business (GB) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

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This Application requests a **Comprehensive Permit**, under M.G.L. c. 40B §§ 20-23 to allow the construction of an eight-unit multi-family residential building on the subject property at 1223 Washington Street.

Any zoning relief that may be required in adherence to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw and Massachusetts General Law 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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Monday, January 15

0854 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Investigated Location/Address: Center Auto Body - Carnegie Row Tractor trailer with a blue cab is parked in front of a fire hydrant for multiple hours. Tractor trailer has been advised and is moving. He was advised he cannot park in the neighborhood as well. Another tractor trailer was moved off of Morgan DR.

1118 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Report Follows Location/Address: Hill Street MVST MA REG 3CSJ93. NWD 676 has one in custody for OUI drugs Don and Wally's has the vehicle. Arrest: Squires John Francis III Address: 18A Hennyway Apt. #A Medfield, MA Age: 54 Charges: OUI-Drugs 4th or Greater Offense C90 S24(1)(A)(1) Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle C90 S24(2)(A) Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit* C90 S17 Marked Lanes Violation * C89 S4A

1239 Phone - PD-Missing Person Report Follows Location/Address: Jefferson Drive Mother called on the business line. States her son is missing. She is tracking his location via his cell phone. While tracking it. It looks like he is on a train track. She called Amtrak police. They did not want to give any information until she reports it to Norwood Police. Female party stated she would be by her phone for an OFC call. OFC tried multiple times and she did not answer phone.

1603 Phone - PD-Stolen Motor Vehicle Report Follows

Location/Address: Don & Wally's Service Center - Bos-Prov Hwy Possible stolen vehicle, disappeared from the parking lot around 0910 hrs today, employee left his keys inside, described 2010 as a Honda Odyssey MA REG 4BTJ26. Requesting an officer for a report.

1715 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Santander Bank - Nahatan Street Caller into headquarters stating they think there is a card reader attached to the entrance of the ATM room. 669 reports he inspected the card reader and spoke to a patron who uses the machine all the time and they stated it appears to be the same style as it usually is.

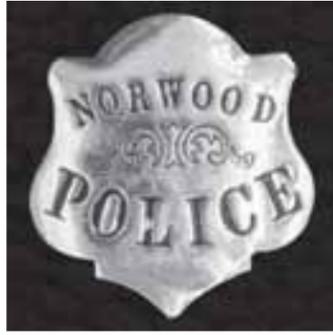
1755 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: Dean St. Caller who wished to be anonymous stated there is loud banging and screaming coming from the apt above. She also believes the parents are not home. Officers stated they spoke with the parties and they checked out.

1757 Phone - PD-MVA Property Damage Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Norwood Plaza-Nahatan St. Norwood Plaza by Lenox St. 2 car MVA no reported injuries, Caller is in Honda Accord. Parties are at the Avalon Apts. Don and Wally's en route for 1 Arrest: Trakas, John N. Address: 7 Upland Rd Apt. #109 Norwood, MA Age: 32 Charges: OUI-Liquor OR .08% Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle

1828 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Spoke With Location/Address - Yarmouth Rd. Barking

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Police Logs



dog complaint. Homeowner advised.

Tuesday, January 16

0328 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Gone on arrival Location/Address: Windsor Shell - Walpole St. Headquarters stating a male party banging in windows. GOA

0347 Initiated - PD-Parking Violation Citation/Warning Issued Location/Address: Washington St. 45 all night parking violations issued in South Norwood.

0402 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Gone on arrival Location/Address: Windsor Shell - Walpole St Caller reporting a male party screaming. GOA

0758 Phone - PD-Assist Public Investigated Location/Address: Walpole St. Female party on 911 line states tow company on Walpole St that she is walking to illegally towed her car. Explained to her by tow company that they reported they could not see her sticker. Advised female not to engage with employees until an Officer arrives. OFC's on scene report she had a valid parking pass and it just slid beneath the dash. Negoshians towing waived the fee. All parties satisfied. All units clear.

0816 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Investigated Location/Address: Chapel St Call from H.Q. Caller describes a suspicious motor vehicle. It was either a Blue or Grey Nissan Murano. She states she does not recognize it as living in the neighborhood. RO of the vehicle is a licensed private investigator. He was advised to contact the station next time and check in. Calling party satisfied. OFC forwarding investigator's information to H.Q.

1308 Phone - PD-Larceny/ Forgery/Fraud Report Follows Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Female party wants to report her packages were stolen.

1831 Phone - PD-Suspicious



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Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Plymouth Dr. Resident states a gray Toyota without plates or placard is violating handicap access. Vehicle removed.

2015 Phone - PD-Larceny/ Forgery/Fraud Report Follows Location/Address: Quick Stop-Washington St. 911 caller reported that a customer tried using a fake \$20 bill and would like to make a police report. He was initially unable to give a description but he has surveillance footage. We called back and he was able to tell us that it was a Hispanic male, about 5'10, in his twenties, wearing green pants and a black hoodie. Party took a left out of the store towards Railroad Ave. Suspect had attempted to pass the bill at three locations, 2 of the stores declined and one accepted the bill and gave change.

Wednesday, January 17

0144 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Advanced Collision Specialists - Walpole St Negoshian's tow truck driver being blocked in by a black Bentley. Negoshian's released the vehicle the other involved party was looking for and has been verbally trespassed.

1645 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Citizens Bank - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller on 911 states she is a bank teller and there is a man trying to cash a fraudulent check. NWD 663 reports one in custody. Arrest: Antoine, Giovanni Ben Address: 20 Caton St. Apt. #2 Hyde Park, MA Age: 22 Charges: Utter False Check Attempt to Commit Crime

Thursday, January 18

1903 Phone - PD-Disturbance Investigated Location/Address: Heaton Avenue Caller on business line reports she got in a verbal argument with her upstairs neighbor over their dog going to the bathroom in the yard. States she believes the male party is trying to throw weights on the floor and break the ceiling. Male party will stop dropping weights on the floor. Units clear.

Friday, January 19

1102 Phone - PD-Stolen Motor Vehicle Services Rendered Location/Address: Jaguar and Land Rover - Neponset St. Motor vehicle stolen. Wholesaler took the car in November and now refusing to give it back and have not paid and will not take phone calls. They will be looking for Mitch one of the managers. Norwood 666 reports a civil matter between 2 dealerships, they will be reaching out to each other. All units clear

1113 Initiated - PD-Warrant Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Washington St. Arrest: Sanchez, Roberto R. Address: 853 Washington St Apt. #1 Norwood, MA Age: 49 Charges: Straight Warrant Straight Warrant Straight Warrant

1829 Phone - PD-Larceny/ Forgery/Fraud Report Follows Location/Address: Fulton St. Party in lobby would like to report a stolen package.

1852 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Animal Control Notified Location/Address: Wickham Way Caller requests NACO for a lost cat, with no collar, on her patio due to cold

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weather. NACO spoke with caller but cannot take outdoor cats. NACO responding to scan cat for possible ownership micro chip.

1933 Initiated - PD-Parking Violation Services St. Location/Address: Norwood Theater-Central St. Parking complaint for someone parking in handicap spot. Unable to contact owner of vehicle. Parking ticket issued.

2321 Phone - PD-Neighbor Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Edgell Road Party on phone is claiming that his neighbor has started a fire in his backyard. The smoke from the fire is going into his window and resulting in problems for his health. Fire to be put out.

Saturday, January 20

0122 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Nahatan St. Party states his neighbor is playing instruments, making it hard for him to sleep. He would like an officer to ask him to stop. No answer at the door and no noises heard.

0548 Phone - PD Larceny/ Forgery/Fraud Location/Address: CVS Pharmacy - Nahatan Street Arrest: Toro-Agudelo, David E. Address: Homeless Age: 28 Charges: Straight Warrant Shoplifting by Asportation

0653 Phone - PD-Breaking & Entering Report Follows Location/Address: Norwood Vape and Smoke - Washington St. Commercial burglar alarm. Zone is front motion. DPW employee states front window is smashed. All units clear at this time, report to follow.

0827 Phone - PD-Assist Fire Department Services Rendered Location/Address: Cottage and Maple St. Fire off with a party that suffered a leg injury.

1946 Radio - PD-Noise Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: RM Car Care - E Cross Noise complaint regarding auto body shop. Party has been made aware of the complaint.

2031 911 - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Norwest Drive 911 caller reports parties are playing music very loud. Caller states this is an ongoing dispute between neighbors. Music was turned off prior to their arrival. All parties have been spoken too.

2328 911 - PD-Noise Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: Washington St. Outside in the parking lot, male party in the parking lot being loud. Male party is possibly wearing a green vest. Male party was putting salt outside for the complex.

Sunday January 21

0923 Phone - PD-Larceny/ Forgery/Fraud Report Follows Location/Address: Dunkin Donuts - Nahatan St. Walk in party at the station wants to report counterfeit money they received yesterday. 666 reports he is going to Prospect St to attempt to speak with the suspect.

2323 911 - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: West Border Road 911 caller states MC drove by and heard several gunshots. MC was on RTE 1. All appears in order

2324 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Gone on arrival Location/Address: Coach Ln Caller reporting that he heard 3 gun shots in his neighborhood.

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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.

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film will be followed by a discussion.

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and Sister Marie Paul. Son-in-law of Richard Foster and brother-in-law of David Foster. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. NORWOOD. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Patrick's memory may be made to the MSPCA 350 South Huntington Ave. Boston, MA 01230. Patrick will be laid to rest at Highland Cemetery with his beloved Karen.

GARRON



Joseph C., of Hallowell ME and formerly of Norwood, passed away at home on Tuesday January 16, 2024 at age 97. Born in Proctor, VT, he was the son of the late Clarence and Emily (Novy) Garron. Joseph was a United States Navy, WWII Veteran. After his naval service, Joseph earned his Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from Northeastern University. He worked for over forty years for the Boston Edison Company. Joseph was the beloved husband of the late Maria (Bevilacqua) Garron, and the devoted father of Paul J. Garron and his wife Lynette of CA, Mary E. Garron and her husband Robert Goodale of Dedham, Barbara and her husband Kenny Nado of Attleboro, and Laura Garron and her husband William Bourne of Hallowell, ME. He was the brother of the late Marie Egan and Robert Garron. Joseph was the proud grandfather of eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Norwood on

Thursday, January 25. Interment was at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Funeral Arrangements were made with Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood.

GOGGIN



JOHN "Jack" of Walpole, formerly of Norwood and Charlestown, passed away on January 18, 2024 at the age of 89. Beloved husband of Geraldine (Hughes) Goggin. Adored father of John Goggin and his wife Karen of Naples, FL; Jeanne Walsh and her husband Michael of Norwood; William Goggin and his wife Florence of Walpole; and Jill Buckman and her husband Scott of Norwood. Proud Grandfather of Amanda and Max Goggin; Shannon and Brendan Walsh; Lauren and Daniel Goggin; and Grace and Ava Buckman; and Great Grandfather to Saylor Stuart. Predeceased by his siblings Maurice (Ann) Goggin, Helen (James) Willard, Theresa (John) Burke, William (Celeste) Goggin, Catherine (Walter) Sullivan and Thomas Goggin. Son of the late John and Harriet (Tennihan) Goggin. Also, survived by many nieces, nephews, family, friends, and colleagues. Jack proudly embraced his "Townie" roots and was a member of the Charlestown School Boys Association. He graduated from Cathedral High School in 1952. Attended Northeastern University on a football scholarship; and graduated from

Framingham State College. He was a US Army Korean War Veteran serving from 1954-1956. After serving his country honorably, he worked 35 years at Boston Edison and retired as a district manager in public relations in 1995. Beyond his professional pursuits, he was an avid golfer, enjoying the camaraderie of the sport as a member of the Royal Crest 100 Club. Additionally, he shared his professional knowledge as an instructor at Newbury & Framingham colleges. Additionally, he coached youth hockey for the Norwood Nuggets. Jack, a communicant at St. Mary's Church, found solace and community in his faith. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. Burial will be private at the MA National Cemetery in Bourne.

MARTIN



MICHAEL J. of Wrentham, formerly of Norwood, passed away on January 11, 2024 at the age of 69. Son of the late Edward C. and Isabelle F. (Dray) Martin. Devoted father of James Martin and his wife Kelley of NY and Joseph Martin of Norwood. Loving brother of Edward Martin and his wife Loretta of Mansfield, Janet A. Folan of N. Attleboro and Elaine Margarita of Cape Cod. Cherished grandfather of Rylee, Cameron, Madelyn, Nolan, Sean and Brayden.

Also survived by his former wife Judi-Ann Martin of Norwood. Michael was a 1972 graduate of Norwood High School and was a proud member of the 1972 Norwood High School Hockey Bay State league champs. Michael was an original co founder of the Norwood Friends of Hockey program. He attended Boston College and played hockey there. He was a coach for the Norwood High School Hockey Team and was very involved in coaching Norwood Little League baseball. Michael was a friend of Bill W. A funeral mass will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 10am at St. Catherine of Siena Church 547 Washington St. Norwood, MA. Burial will follow the funeral mass at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the Friends of Norwood Hockey C/O Norwood Scholarship Foundation PO Box 112 Norwood, MA 02062.

OSTROM

Eric R. of Macomb, MI, formerly of Norwood, passed away suddenly on January 5, 2024. Beloved son of Ida M. (Dintino) Ostrom of Norwood and the late Emil A. Ostrom, Jr. Devoted brother of Kenneth A. Ostrom and his wife Catherine, and uncle of Matthew and Sean Ostrom, all of California. Eric earned his Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Boston University College of Engineering. He was a senior project engineer for General Motors Corporation. Funeral arrangements were made with Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood on Thursday January 25, 2024. Interment was at Highland Cemetery, Norwood.

SMITH



Robert Joseph "Bob" of Norwood passed away on Monday, January 15, 2024 at age 63. Born in Norwood, he was the son of F. Gordon Smith of Norwood and the late Angela Rose (Maiuri) Smith. Bob was the beloved husband of 41 years of Janet O. (DaCosta) Smith of Norwood, and the devoted father of Alyssa and her husband Joshua Shaw of Norton, Lindsey and her husband Joseph Savarino of Chelmsford, Robert Scarelli-Smith and his husband Alex of Franklin, and Rachel Smith of Norwood. He was the proud and loving grandfather of Lucas, Olivia, and Stella. He was the brother of the late Edward Smith and his surviving wife Susan Lyons Smith of Norwood, Michael Smith and his wife Diane of Norwood, and Daniel Smith and his wife Susan of Foxboro. He is survived by many nieces and nephews, all of whom he loved dearly. Bob was a member of the graduating class of 1978 of Xaverian Brothers High School, Westwood. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Norwood on Friday, January 19. Interment was at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Funeral Arrangements were made with Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Bob's memory to the American Heart Association, see www.heart.org.

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