



The ConCom membership was wary to help with the grant without providing public access rights to all Norwood residents.

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## ConCom considers helping landowners apply for Willett Pond grant

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

Conservation Agent and Environmental Planner Holly Jones discussed with the Norwood Conservation Commission (ConCom) a plan to work with landowners at the Willett Pond apply for a grant to help maintain and renovate the dam on the north side of the Norwood landmark.

Jones said the grant, if received, would allow for construction on the dam to start this upcoming spring. She said she and Town Planner Paul Halkiotis are in discussions with the Neponset River Landholding Association (NRLA), which owns the land around Willett and the

dam, about helping the organization to apply and receive the renovation grants.

“There were some concerns from members of the commission and staff that if Town resources are being put towards the dam – which we absolutely need to continue to aid and upkeep in order to preserve the safety of everyone working and living downstream – that as public resources are put towards that, we make public access available for residents of Norwood,” Jones said.

Jones said she spoke with representatives of the NRLA – one of whom was supposed to come to the meeting but apparently couldn’t make it – and that representative said

they would be amenable to discussing water access for residents of the Town.

“The only significant land on Willett Pond that the organization holds is the dam itself,” Jones said. “So they can’t necessarily provide land access, and part of the conversation has been around getting land access by some other means. Then we would get the NRLA to work with the Town to make sure from that land, residents could have water access.”

Jones said currently the NRLA and the Friends of the Willett Pond – comprised of most of the abutters around the pond – have a lease for

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### Proposed Job Creation Plan

- Currently 1,000 full-time jobs are located in Norwood
- Create 300 new, permanent full-time jobs
- Types of jobs include:
  - Engineering
  - Scientists
  - Manufacturing
  - Process Development
  - Information Technology
  - Office & Administration
- Temporary construction jobs
- Sub-contractor jobs



moderna

Moderna is looking to expand and wants to figure out its tax financing with Norwood to do it.

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## Economic Development Committee meets with Moderna over expansion

**Rich Trombetta**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Economic Development Committee met on Thursday, Aug. 19 and voted unanimously to create a three-person subcommittee to explore a possible tax increment financing (TIF) agreement with Moderna, Inc. to assist with the company’s proposed expansion plans.

The subcommittee will consist of Economic Development Committee members Alan Slater and William Plasko as well as Tony Mazzucco, the Town’s general manager. In addition, the group will collaborate with individuals from The Town of Norwood’s assessors office and key Moderna employees and representatives for the company.

“I do want to really thank

Tony Mazzucco and this team for their enthusiasm,” said Lynn Tokarczyk, the president of Business Development Strategies, Inc., a firm advising Moderna on the tax increment financing process. “We have been so pleased by all of the positive comments.”

Scott Nickerson, senior vice president for U.S. manufacturing at Moderna, led the members of the committee through a brief presentation that highlighted some areas of the company’s background, their efforts in Norwood to date and the possible positive benefits expansion could bring to Norwood and its residents.

The project consists of two main areas, the first being the renovation of almost 250,000

**Moderna**  
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## NepRWA coming to clean up Saints Lot

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

While song says the saints come marching in, in this case, well, you are invited to march to the saints.

The Neponset River Watershed Association (NepWRA) is hosting its annual river cleanup this year on Sept. 25 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in locations all around the waterway. From Lower Mills in Dorchester to the white water of Canton, volunteers from all over will be coming down to pick up trash and other debris that has accumu-

lated in the river.

This will be the first year NepRWA comes to do a cleanup in Norwood, starting with the Saints Street Lot (or soon-to-be-Park) in South Norwood. Though the group has been working with the Town on several projects over the years – dam remediation, water quality checks, and many others – NepWRA Environmental Science Fellow Meghan Slocombe said the group is happy to get into the reeds in Norwood.

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Norwood's no stranger to cleanups. Here are Norwood residents from the spring cleanup put on by Progress Norwood.

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SECTION A – INVITATION FOR BIDS  
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Sealed Bids will be received not later than 11:00 A.M., on September 24, 2021, in the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 for the following:

**Sale of Town-owned property consisting of 26.87+/- acres of land with the 23,475+/- sf Forbes Hill Mansion. The property is listed on the Town Assessor's maps as Map 14, Block 9, Lot 1A.**

Bids must still be delivered prior to 11:00 A.M. Call 781-762-1240, x6036 or x6037 to confirm delivery.

Assessed Value – Assessed value is \$10,985,300 based upon the assessment of the Town of Norwood Board of Assessors.

Minimum Acceptable Price - \$16,000,000.

Any housing development for this site, whether as a whole or segregated into parcels, will only include housing dwelling units no greater than 2-bedroom units.

The complete Bid package may be obtained by contacting the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 by calling (781) 762-1240, x6036 or x6037 between the hours of 8:15 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday or electronically by registering and downloading online at: <https://bids.norwoodma.gov>.

A pre-bid conference will be held on September 14, 2021, at 11:00 A.M., at the Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062 in Memorial Hall.

A site inspection/tour of the land and the mansion is not scheduled at this time. Bidders interested in a site visit must contact Catherine Carney at: [CCarney@norwoodma.gov](mailto:CCarney@norwoodma.gov) or 781-762-1240, x6036.

The Bid must be filled out and signed as directed therein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed to the Purchasing Department, endorsed with the name and address of the Bidder, and marked, "Sale of Forbes Hill Property -Contract #NGM-22-03". An original and three (3) copies of the Bid are to be submitted.

A certified check or bank check, made payable to the Town of Norwood in the amount of \$25,000.00, must be submitted with the Bid to purchase the land.

The Bid shall be prepared, considered, and be and submitted on forms furnished by the Town. The sale made in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.) Chapter 30B. The successful Bidder will be required to enter into a Purchase & Sale Agreement with the Town. The Purchase & Sale Agreement which is listed in the bid documents as Exhibit F will include terms for payment of a minimum deposit amount of 5% of the purchase price or \$800,000.00 (whichever is higher) and timely date for closing and transfer of title to the property, along with other standard terms and conditions of sale as determined by the Town. This purchase & sales deposit shall be non-refundable. The timely closing and transfer of title shall be within 60 calendar days of the award of the bid, unless an extension of up to 60 additional calendar days is given by the Town at the Town's sole discretion. Any extensions provided to the Purchaser shall be at a cost of \$2,750 per calendar day and is not credited towards the purchase price. The Purchaser shall pay for any extension within 3 business days of an approved extension.

The Town shall have the right to reject any and all offers or parts thereof and to waive any defect or irregularities as to form that are ministerial or de minimis as to form or cancel the bid, therein in accordance with M.G.L.

The Town of Norwood notifies that all Bidders will be afforded full opportunity to submit Bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex or national origin or handicapped status in consideration of a sale.

BY: Tony Mazzucco  
General Manager

Norwood Record: 8/26/21, 09/02/21

# Town and Country

## HI GUYS, WUHAN VIROLOGY LAB

The latest reports on the TV news, not only Fox, have stated that the Corona virus was created in the Wuhan Virology Lab and let loose. They create many killer viruses in that lab. It was also stated that Dr. Fauci, through United States monies, provided some funding for the Wuhan Lab. Imagine taking our tax money and just handing it over to the communists for evil. Is anything being done to hold the communist party of China responsible for the horrific deaths and disruption that has negatively affected the entire world?

## WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Under the Freedom of Information Act it has been reported that NIAID head, Dr. Fauci, appropriated our money (approx. \$500K) for experimentation by infecting innocent beagle pups with deadly parasites that created intense pain, etc. They were then killed for blood collection after the experiment. The horror took place at the University of Georgia. ENOUGH SAID!!

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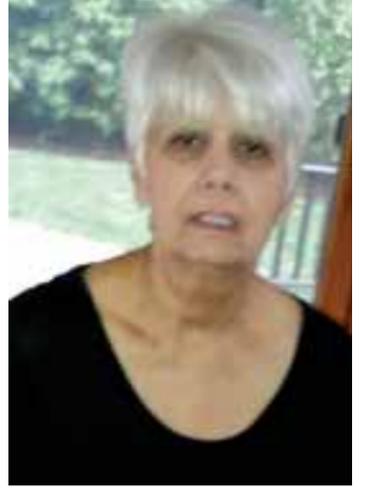
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## REGIONAL DISPATCH

When the state offers a town money to do something, it is tempting, but not always the right thing to do and most likely the Town ends up spending more. I have had my scanner since I was a kid. Our dispatchers in both PD and FD know situations relating to a call because they know the Town well and issues that have arisen with the callers. Our Town has a great reputation as to arriving within two-to-four minutes of an emergency. When you are waiting for apparatus to arrive it seems like an eternity, but it is not. Our dispatchers know so much more than a stranger will know while they take time to look at a computer screen on a wall. Will our Norwood dispatchers be working their full-time shift as usual? Most likely not...There goes their retirement. Why would we allow someone to take away what is part of our great Town? We the people of Norwood have been handling Our Town since we became a Town. We know what she needs and we know how to take care of her! The lack of dispatchers in Our Town to handle our emergencies will result in problems and possibly



Jackie Saber

unnecessary deaths. Many individuals have asked me questions to which I have no answers....Some are...Is it true that Our Town will never have 911 again if we abandon Our Town's PD and FD Dispatch? It has been said that Westwood and Walpole will NOT join a regional dispatch. Smart move! We will not be able to call our station directly for an emergency ever again. When the horrific flood ruined the Norwood Hospital our off-duty dispatchers came immediately to the station and together created an incredibly smooth operation to get patients to various hospitals, making sure the routes were open to the emergency vehicles. The catastrophic situation was handled so professionally, one would think our dispatchers had had previous experience in such a horrific situation. We cannot allow a few individuals to make such a decision that affects the very lives of every person in this Town and those who work or visit here. All the information should be publicly exposed so that all residents know the dangers. Maybe the issue should be put on a town-wide ballot because it affects each and every one of us, and shouldn't be left to a handful of people to decide. I am the proud daughter of a former Norwood Firefighter. I saw their brave, incredible, professional lives from the inside. It all starts with our dispatchers. Let us not break up the team, be-

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# Fincom seeking AAA credit rating

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter



Hilltop Advisors Financial Advisor Lisa Driscoll came by the Norwood Finance Commission (FinCom) recently to discuss with commission members and Town officials how Norwood can get to a AAA Credit Rating from the S&P Municipal Bond Index.

First, Driscoll said the outlook right now is good. She said, for instance, that Norwood's Budgetary Performance Score went from an "adequate" rating to a "strong" rating.

"So your reserve position is definitely increasing and I think that's something S&P would want to see to have the Town eventually move into the AAA category," she said.

Driscoll said while the S&P seems to get "hung up" on comparing municipalities going for a AAA rating to those that already have it (with rich property towns like Wellesley or Brookline), she said Norwood's economy on its own is also very strong.

"S&P is also looking at the debt and contingent liabilities, and your debt score is a very strong score, but factoring in your pension liabilities and your (other

post-employment benefits) OPEB, that's where they sort of see a little bit more weakness," she said. "Your pension plan is on track to be fully funded in the future, but their concern is that some of those liabilities might put some pressure on the budget."

Driscoll said that's an area for the Town to strengthen.

"But the results from 2019 to 2020 definitely show a strong performance and I think the S&P would want to see that performance continue before they make any moves on the ratings," she said. "And I think, especially in this COVID environment, they are reluctant across the board to make any upward moves for anyone, really. We have not seen any upgrades. There have been a handful of downgrades, but I think they're wanting to see how ev-

erything plays out before they give any upward movement in ratings of anyone really."

Norwood Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said in terms of OPEB and pensions, many towns in his experience just refuse to offer those services in favor of the credit rating.

"One of the first conversations I had with Mike Rosen, who will be joining us in just a few weeks as our Assistant Town Manager, was about how 'Tolland (Connecticut) is a AAA-rated community.' And I sort of hit my hand on my table and said, 'It's a rural community! How is Tolland AAA-rated Mike?'"

Mazzucco said Tolland avoids pension liability completely by not having a public pension system, and that skews the results from S&P.

"We're doing great when it comes to our pension liability, but they're also comparing us to towns that have zero pension liability," Mazzucco said. "So it's frustrating that we're doing so well and we want to continue to do well, but in the back of my mind I'm thinking there are communities out there with no pen-

**Fincom**

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## Resident Service Coordinator – ROSS Grant 28–35 Hours per Week

The Norwood Housing Authority, recipient of a 2021 ROSS Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, is seeking an individual to assume a role in our Resident Services Department. This position is subject to continued funding of the above named grant. Candidates must have the ability to assist in the provision of service coordination to residents of our Federal Public Housing program and be able to work with a diverse population.

### Responsibilities:

The candidate must be proficient in office skills, MS Word and Excel or similar programs, including the production of newsletters, and strong communication and organizational abilities.

The person in this position will provide support to the Senior Resident Coordinator in accessing and coordinating services. The position also requires facilitating a variety of educational programs and social events for our residents.

### Requirements:

Preferred Bachelors degree or higher in Social Work, Psychology, Gerontology, Counseling or related specialty, or significant relevant work experience. This is a 28 - 35 hour per week position, (negotiable) at an hourly rate based on qualifications. Flexible scheduling and transportation necessary.

Resume and cover letter should be submitted via email before 4:00pm on Tuesday September 7, 2021 to: [smerritt@norwoodha.org](mailto:smerritt@norwoodha.org)

Or by hand or mail to: Norwood Housing Authority  
Attn: Stephen Merritt – Exec. Director  
40 William Shyne Circle  
Norwood, MA 02062

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cause together they save lives!

### A GREAT HAPPY BIRTHDAY

...to our Town's Chip Nickerson. Thanks for all you do Chip. Many more happy, healthy years!

### NICE GOING

Congratulations to Our Town's Dylan Barron. Dylan won the state's \$300K college scholarship money. The drawing is open to all who have received the inoculation of the Covid vaccine. That's incredible, what a worry off of one's mind!! Go Dylan and great luck in your future!

### IN MEMORY

It was with great sadness that I learned of the passing of Our Town's Mary Petrovek. Mary was special! She will not be forgotten. Memory Eternal, Mary!

### WHATEVER

If masks are reinstated in the markets, I hope the silliness of one-way aisles are not. What is the difference if you are passing someone in either direction, or you stop beside someone going in the same direction? No difference...it's the same air!

### JUST A NOTE

I was 5 years old when I first studied piano with Norwood's very talented pianist Ernie Gotham, in the original Guild Bldg, Guild Square. He started me with the John Thompson series, which today has not changed a bit. It is from that system that easily allows you to play any kind of music including classical and the so-called music of today. Just a note... that is the series I used in order to teach my students... John Thompson is still the best if you choose to start your child with

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### BYE GUYS

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# OPINION

## Plenty to feel great about...and yet

Despite the heat and humidity of this summer, Norwood is actually a pretty cool place to be. There just seems to be a lot going on lately. Perhaps it only seems this way because last summer was such a COVID bummer, but even beyond that there is a lot of activity in and around Norwood this season to make residents feel pretty good about the Town they live in.

Downtown (or is it uptown, we can never get that straight) appears to be more than usually active, with concerts and outdoor dining the highlights, particularly the area between Nahatan and Cottage closed off for people to congregate and mingle. Children have a safe place to run and play while their parents catch their breaths from life's daily challenges, and at the same time seniors are also sitting and catching whatever breezes there are to catch which all together gives the area a festive feel. None of this happened by accident, and recognition should go to the Town Manager and the staff at the DPW who daily setup and then break down barriers to create this warm and inviting venue.

And what about the parade? Against pretty formidable odds the parade committee put in much work and great creativity to create an event that otherwise could have just as easily been written off as another victim of COVID. These volunteers, along with others you read about weekly in this newspaper including those planning for Norwood Day, the 150th Norwood anniversary celebration, the Trails Committee and the Saints Park collective just to name a few, toil in the background seeking no recognition or reward. They do it because they love this Town and feel a duty to contribute to its wellbeing. Property values aren't soaring in Norwood just because of its great location, values are sky high because others want what residents here already have... to live not just in a neighborhood, but in a community, and it is thanks in large part to your neighbors going the extra mile to make this place special.

So with all of that being recognized, why are many of us still feeling uneasy? The guess at this address is that the seeming euphoria after COVID vaccines were announced and then administered is giving way to the reality that the horror of this pandemic is far from being in the rear view mirror. It's like that great line in the Godfather movie when Al Pacino laments that "every time I think I'm out, they pull me back in!" There just doesn't appear to be a way out of this.

There have been recent Letters to the Editor in this newspaper that either agree or disagree with decisions regarding mask wearing, particularly in the schools, that have been less than constructive at times. Everyone has a right to his/her opinion, and it is natural for feathers to be ruffled when something as personal as forcing a child to wear a mask in school happens, but it is important to remember that those making these decisions have stepped up to the plate and offered to help. They are your neighbors and business partners in the Town of Norwood Corporation and are deserved of respect.

The mandate by the state of Massachusetts that all children in public schools will wear masks at least until October, whether you agree or disagree, was actually of great service to its residents. Neighbors should no longer be battling each other relative to the merits of children wearing masks because it is no longer the decision of municipalities. Those thinking the state overstepped their bounds can now direct their efforts at Beacon Hill and away from the folks living across the street. That's actually a pretty big deal.

# Letters to the Editor

## IT IS AS SIMPLE AS THIS...

To the Editor:

In response to the most recent letter to the editor entitled: "WAR OF THE WORDS: THAT WORD IS 'CASES.'" The entire situation boils down to this: I would not go to a medical doctor to design a new piece of software; I would go to a Computer Engineer. Nor would I go to a Computer Engineer to diagnose and treat medical issues, I would go to a Medical Doctor. Nor would I go to a Medical Doctor or a Computer Engineer to put an addition on my home, I would go to a Contractor. There is a reason people are classified as experts; it is because they have spent countless hours learning their respective fields and have the education and experience needed to make recommendations and decisions. The computer engineer, medical doctor and contractor are all equally intelligent people, but none have the ability to do the other's job, because they lack the knowledge and experience to do so.

Similarly, during a worldwide pandemic, I am not going to go to a layperson, without the necessary scientific or public health knowledge, to decide what should happen for our community with regards to the current COVID crisis. I am going to rely on our public health officials, who have significant experience in public health and work with scientists that have advanced degrees and experience in epidemiology, to determine what is best for our community. And when I say "community," I mean the collective best interest of ALL members of our community as a unit, not the minor inconveniences to some individuals or groups. At the end of the day, it is simple... if our Public Health officials say we should wear a mask, we should just wear a mask.

Sincerely,  
Kellie Noumi

## IMPORTANT TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN FACT AND FICTION

To the Editor:

Proud wearer of - what did the gentleman from last week's

section call it? A face diaper? Though gentlemen don't usually throw around such childish insults like equating someone's weight or appearance with their character. I'm no cheerleader of the Norwood School Committee but calling its members overweight in an attempt to vilify their defense of public health recommendations seems unnecessary. I'm saddened to see him stoop to the maturity level of the children he is attempting to "defend." Today, I would like to address that gentleman.

I am exhausted. I think most people are. These past 1.5 years have been incredibly difficult for all of us. I spent last summer contact tracing for the state of Massachusetts, informing people of exposure to COVID-19, attempting to get them resources necessary for recovery, and oftentimes, providing an empathetic ear to their stories of family members and friends who had passed from this terrible virus. At the same time, I was working at a coffee shop, where I would often be heckled, insulted, and even spat at for asking people to wear a mask while they ordered their coffee. I am so very tired of having the same conversation repeatedly with human lives on the line. But I will do it once again because those lives matter.

There is a lot of information being put out into the world, and I recognize that it is not always a simple process to distinguish fact from fiction. But the reality is that COVID-19 cases are rising. Children under 12 cannot currently be vaccinated in Massachusetts, making elementary school students a high-risk group for contracting and transmitting the virus. Masks do not restrict breathing, nor do health professionals (from psychiatrists to pulmonologists) believe there are any serious health risks equated with children wearing masks. If you don't place a lot of trust in the CDC or the Cleveland Clinic, there are many YouTube videos of our frontline healthcare workers putting on upwards of ten masks at a time and monitoring their oxygen levels to show they can breathe with ease. Though being vaccinated lowers your risk of contracting, transmitting, experiencing severe symptoms, and being hospitalized from COVID-19, breakthrough cases do occur. Masks are a simple and effective way to stop the spread. No one claims mandating masks in school will solve everything. This is about keeping children safe, healthy, and in classrooms for as much

of the school year as possible. This is about minimizing the impact of a disease which has already claimed so many lives. You say we need to hold public officials accountable for their information. You say the statistics surrounding cases and outcomes is "panic porn." But the call is coming from inside the house. Why are you so intent on making people fear having to wear a piece of cloth? Kid's wear pants and shoes and shirts to school (all of which impact their breathing ability as much as a mask does). Using information out of context to construct a flimsy argument against the inconvenience of mask-wearing seems to be the only true "panic porn" being incited.

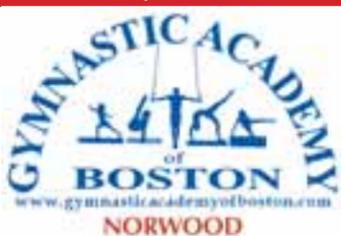
Even ignoring the indisputable facts about COVID-19, masks, and vaccinations, I would like to pose the question of why we are being made to measure the value of people's lives based on their current health. Your argument against wearing masks relies heavily on the idea that since it's mostly older people or people with pre-existing conditions who suffer from COVID, the rest of us need not bother with avoiding a COVID-19 diagnosis. Why do we believe people who are more vulnerable are less deserving of life than ourselves? Do children with asthma and diabetes not deserve to go to school with their classmates and feel protected? And it's not just the children at these schools. It's teachers, cafeteria workers, custodians, bus drivers - adults who all may have their own health issues. As mentioned, breakthrough cases do occur - fully vaccinated individuals can still catch the delta variant and spread it to others, even if they are asymptomatic (though the vaccine significantly reduces the chance of experiencing severe symptoms and needing hospitalization). Since not everyone in our school district has been vaccinated - whether because they are too young to take the vaccine or have chosen not to take the vaccine - it is imperative we continue masking in indoor spaces to prevent severe illness and death.

I know that wearing a mask is inconvenient. It can make you feel sweaty, it's hard to not fog up your glasses, and sometimes it gives you chin pimples. I know that we are all tired of living with this pandemic and want life to return to normal as quickly as possible. But we have lost so many human lives. It is not "panic porn" to acknowledge the devastation

Letters

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The Norwood Trails Committee is getting ready for Norwood's upcoming festivities, and might be planning a scavenger hunt or two in Norwood's more wooded areas.

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## Trails Committee getting ready for 150th, Norwood Day

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Trails Advisory Committee (NTAC) met on Aug. 10 and discussed its upcoming participation in the Norwood 150th Anniversary and the return of Norwood Day this year.

Chair Joseph Greeley said he had been thinking about a First Day Hike, which would take place on Jan. 1, 2022. The

idea would be to start at one of the trails and end at the center of Town.

"We could also go through the different neighborhoods and highlight the little pocket parks that have popped up over the years," member Lee Leach said, but added that he felt the First Day Hike should be short, as they cannot control the weather. "If it's going to be cold, you're not going to want to spend an hour outside."

The committee started brainstorming ideas on how open space and trails could be celebrated for the 150th.

Member Vic Babel suggested that they do a walk every month on the first Sunday in honor of the anniversary, and Greeley said that would be a good way to keep celebrating the Town.

It was also suggested that  
**Trails Committee**  
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sion liability.”

Commissioner Judith Langone pointed out that in the Massachusetts rating system (S&P is a national system, and so Norwood is also being compared to municipalities all over the country). Norwood is in a very good ranking, at least as far as its pension system. She and Chair Robert Donnelly pointed out the pension fund’s projection is valued at around 78.6 percent (which is an actuarial projection) and is due a big boost in the coming years, along with the state’s Pension Reserves Investment Trust (PRIM).

“Our (Massachusetts’) pension has gone up billions of dollars because of the market, and I will tell you that our pension fund in the state has a number of Moderna stocks that have helped boost that whole thing,” she said. “So Norwood’s pension liability on the numbers that have just been produced... should be included when we have another S&P evaluation.”

Donnelly said two years ago he went to a conference in which Danvers presented how they got their AAA rating, and he said they provided a somewhat different approach that Norwood could take in the future.

“Part of it was a whole day of not only meeting with S&P and presenting a formal presentation, but they (Danvers) took them out to see the highlights of buildings and projects in Danvers,” he said. “And I’m thinking, it’s one thing to say we have Moderna located in Norwood, but it’s another to bring them out to the Moderna campus or take them to the Boston Skating Club, just to show them physically what’s going on in the Town or even the infrastructure construction plan too, just things to help sell us.”

Langone later also pointed out that there are many, many factors that rating organizations like S&P and Moody’s take into consideration when they do their rating system. She said the main point of attempting to get Norwood to a AAA-rating is because of the looming large capital purchase of constructing a new school to replace the aging Coakley Middle School. Langone said that while a AAA rating will help reduce Norwood’s interest and payments on the school, it’s not a huge slice either way.

And as she and Donnelly are or have been members of the Massachusetts State Retirement Board, she said she is confident the Town will once again reach 100 percent funding for its pension fund liability. She said Norwood is right on track with the state and both are projected to reach full funding by 2036 or sooner.

“There’s very few with fully-funded pension funds in the state,” she said. “At one point Norwood was 102 or 103 percent. We always paid extra into the pension; we’ve always had our eye on that pension fund and watching it. But as the market goes, so goes the projections. That’s the big, big part of it.”

## Willett Pond Grant *continued from page 1*

99 years to provide access to the water for the Friends group abutters. Jones pointed out that there are abutters not on that lease who currently do not have access to the water. She said, however, the NRLA is open to renegotiating the lease.

“So that should the Town find a way for us to get to the water then we would be allowed in/on the water,” she said.

Town Manager Tony Mazzucco summed it up as basically helping the NRLA to get the grant while gaining public use rights for the Town.

Jones said she felt that two members of the ConCom should be selected to work on acquiring a piece of land for the Town so that all residents of Norwood would have access to the Willett Pond.

“Or at least access through land,” she said.

Chair Stephen Washburn and member Peter Bamber

volunteered.

“I’m certainly in support of that and I know that there has been discussion around certain entities we could negotiate with and I think Mr. Bamber and I are both great selections,” Washburn. “It sounds like we have a wonderful opportunity here as we remediate the dam and provide unrestricted water access and water use rights.”

Member John Gear pointed out that he was not impressed with considerations for Norwood the last time work was done on the dam.

“There was basically no consideration to Norwood as far as the duration of the project, the impact on Norwood as far as traffic, and other things like that,” he said. “As far as I was concerned, there was a huge tap on Norwood resources, a huge inconvenience and we got nothing from it. Just want us to be mindful of that.”

Washburn said he felt that sentiment was shared by much of the community.

ConCom member Carly Rocklen asked about what kind of access would be allowed and who would dictate those rules. Currently, the Friends group dictates no motor boat usage and methods for cleaning boats to keep invasive species out of the pond. Mazzucco said any agreement that would provide public access would also have to include rules from that Friends group, and he added that those rules would have to be fair.

“We certainly want to be good and fair users as everyone else is, but we wouldn’t want the rules to be so restrictive that they say, ‘Sure, you can have access, but people can only swim in the pond for 30 minutes a day on the fourth Monday of every winter,’” Mazzucco said.

“Or only on a Leap Year,” Washburn added with a laugh.

## Letters *continued from page 4*

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I hope you consider this perspective and rethink your stance on mask wearing in schools. I end this letter to the editor with a plea for those who are hesitant about getting the vaccine to reach out to any vaxxed family, friends, or other community members who you trust to

see why they chose to be vaccinated and listen to their experience. I understand your fear and frustration, and I know you may not agree with anything I just wrote. I still want you to be healthy enough to stick around and discuss it with me.

*Shannon Rose Geary  
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on September 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Juliana Shkurti, (Case #21-20) with respect to property located at **54 East Cross Street, Norwood, MA 02062, in the General Residence (G) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held virtually via GoToMeeting, with access information provided below:

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This Application requests a Special Permit under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 5.4to allow the construction of an addition to the existing nonconforming single family residence. The existing structure is nonconforming on lot area, frontage and side yard setbacks. The proposed addition would result in an increase of habitable floor space over 25%.

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 sbouchard@norwoodma.gov or by calling 781-762-1240 ext. 6055, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

*Norwood Record: 08/19/21, 08/26/21*

# Norwood Arts announces Mariam El Awad 2021 scholarship winner

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Art Association (NAA) announced recently that Norwood High School (NHS) student Mariam El Awad won the group's annual \$1,000 scholarship for prospective Norwood art students.

The scholarship, named the Inez Reardon Memorial Scholarship in honor the group's founder, is aimed at giving art students a leg up as they move from the Norwood High School into the journey of obtaining a degree in the visual arts. NAA President Frances Downey said El Awad impressed both she and the other board members with her work, both inside and outside the classroom.

"We were impressed not only with her art, which we thought was creative and outstanding, but by her responses to the questions she was given," Downey said. "Her writing was mature and heartfelt. She also impressed us with her dedication and her support of the arts and NHS, as well as the LGBT+ community. She has been involved with so many things and has such dedication to not only diversity but the growth of her peers and herself and that is tough to find these days. She is caring and support-



El Awad, left, and Norwood Arts Association President Frances Downey, right.

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ive, in addition to being a gifted artist."

El Awad said she's been drawing for as long as she can remember, but she said the path from making art to making art a career has not always been straightforward.

"I started pursuing art as a career when I was a little kid, but I put it away for a few years," she said. "But later my art teachers (at NHS) really inspired me. They showed me how many opportunities there were for an art career and just how many art careers there were out there and they really encouraged me."

El Awad said she's loved her life in Norwood, and said the Town really provides a lot of

opportunities for young artists to show what they have and hone their skills.

"I found that Norwood has been very supportive of the arts," she said. "They might not always have the funding, but the Town definitely has the spirit. The school here is amazing with very good teachers and a huge community that constantly celebrates art."

NAA submitted several pieces to the Record as examples of El Awad's work and they showcase a diverse range of styles and subjects. One piece appears to draw inspiration from Andrew Wyeth's 1948 painting Christina's

## Scholarship

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

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This Application requests a 90 day extension to Condition 7 of a Special Permit issued by the Board on February 1, 2021 (Case # 20-08). The existing Special Permit was issued pursuant to the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 7.2 to allow for earth removal in excess of ten (10) cubic yards. Condition 7 required restoration of a collapsed area at 975 University Avenue adjacent to the subject parcel.

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 sbouchard@norwoodma.gov or by calling 781-762-1240 ext. 6055, Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

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Auction Dates: Monday Sept. 13th - Sunday Sept. 19th. Registration is free and begins Monday, Sept. 6th. To access the virtual auction page and register to bid on the auction items "on or after Monday Sept. 6th" go to - <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/rickyauktion>

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PanNebean Steel Band on Wednesday, September 1.

**CONCERTS ON THE COMMON**

Concerts are held on Sunday evenings 6:00-8:00.

August 29th - Dan Gabel and the Abletones.

All concerts are sponsored by community organizations, businesses and the town of Norwood. For up-to-date information please visit the town's concert page at: [http://www.norwoodma.gov/residents/holidays\\_and\\_community\\_events/concerts.php](http://www.norwoodma.gov/residents/holidays_and_community_events/concerts.php)

The final FREE Music in the Barn concert of this season comes to Adams Farm, 999 North Street in Walpole, on Saturday, September 4. Sponsored by the Friends of Adams Farm, the concert will run from noon to 3 p.m. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair, a snack or picnic lunch and stop by for an afternoon of great music on the green surrounding the pavilion. The concert will feature Dave Perry, an acoustic solo artist from Millis, performing familiar favorites and hidden gems that span a century, from the early 1900s to the present day. Next will be Matt Dillon of Norfolk, who will delight the audience with acoustic guitar music rooted in folk, country, blues and rock. Rounding out the bill, Dave Penza from Wrentham will play

his own renditions of music by your favorite singer-songwriters. For more information on events at Adams Farm, please contact [yvette@adams-farm.com](mailto:yvette@adams-farm.com).

**MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP TO MEET**

The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group will hold its monthly meeting at The Grange, 28 Rockwood Road (Route 115) in Norfolk, MA from 7-9 pm on Thursday, September 2.

We would appreciate the cooperation of all in observing the Covid-19 precaution of wearing a mask while indoors during our meeting.

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

We welcome all families in the South Norfolk Area who are dealing with mental illness and their loved ones.

For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

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**CLASS OF 1972 REUNION**

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Adult Services Pop-up Library, Tuesday, August 31 at 5:30pm at Castle Island Brewery

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We'll be at Castle Island between 5:30 and 7:30pm. For more details, please see the Library calendar at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. We hope to see you there.

**"A LONG WALK DOWN A WINDING ROAD"**

Author talk by Sam Farmer on Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00pm on Zoom.

The Morrill Memorial Library is offering a Zoom presentation on Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00pm featuring local author Sam Farmer. Mr Farmer will talk about his book, "A Long Walk Down a Winding Road." Written from the unique perspective of someone living on the autism spectrum, the book is intended for those who want to carve out better lives for themselves. Interwoven with real stories of personal triumphs, it offers clear advice and simple steps for overcoming adversity and improving quality of life. The stories and wisdom shared will inspire and empower everyone to pursue greater happiness and success.

Sam Farmer wears many hats: author, father, husband, musician, computer consultant, and autism spectrum community contributor. Diagnosed late with Asperger's Syndrome, he writes blogs and articles for various media outlets and presents at conferences and support groups, sharing stories, ideas and insights as to how one can achieve greater happiness and success in the face of challenges and adversity. "A Long Walk Down a Winding Road: Small Steps, Challenges, & Triumphs Through an Autistic Lens" is his first book.

Registration for this program is required. Attendees can sign up via the Library calendar at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or by calling the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. Zoom access details will be sent upon registration and again two days prior to the program.

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*Grateful thanks. —K.B.*

**St. Jude's Novena**

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

**Miracle Prayer**

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

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# Saints Cleanup *continued from page 1*

Slocombe said members of NepWRA are also helping with the process to turn the Saints Lot into a park.

“My coworkers (Greenway and Natural Resource Specialist) Andres Ripley and (Advocacy Director) Kerry Snyder are both very involved in that process trying to get that turned into a greenspace and a park,” she said. “And really, that’s a very big part of what NepWRA does. Not only are we trying to clean up the river and increase water quality, but we want those around the river to enjoy what we’re doing. So increasing access to the river is a huge part of our mission.”

Slocombe said they are still organizing for the event, and will hopefully soon have a Site Captain ready to help direct volunteers for the day. She said that person is usually from the local community and basically directs volunteers about what exactly they’re doing on each site.

“Because we have so many sites, Site Captains take on a huge role at each of our individual sites,” she said. “They help us direct volunteers the day of the cleanup and kind of

decide how we’re going to approach the site.”

Each site is different. In Hyde Park the cleanup is like a huge block party. Hundreds come out in waders and sometimes bring their canoes. Slocombe said in some instances, canoe captains can get so excited about the cleanup they fill their canoes with so many tires and other debris they have to get out and pull them back to shore.

“There’s talk of that maybe happening at the Saints Lot, but honestly I think we’re going to focus more on the greenway surrounding the river,” she said. “So that means volunteers will go to the area, talk to the site captains, go out to areas where there’s lots of trash or debris and go out and collect it. And we help provide supplies for that, including work gloves and trash grabbers and we also help dispose of all that trash.”

Slocombe said she recommends that volunteers bring their own work gloves, and added that if residents have empty dry cat or dog food bags (the large reinforced paper bags) to bring those as well.

“They’re just more du-

able,” she said. “We also ask that volunteers bring masks with them, as we are following (Department of Conservation and Recreation) DCR regulations as some of our sites are on DCR land, and they require that if you’re not able to maintain six feet of distance that you need to wear a mask.”

Slocombe said the whole organization is looking forward to bringing the tradition to Norwood, and adding though it’s not yet been confirmed, more locations may be on their way for additional areas to clean up.

“We are so looking forward to it,” she said. “We’ve done cleanups in Hyde Park for a while now, and the Saints Lot is our first in Norwood. We’re really excited to start it here.”

Slocombe said NepWRA is a member-driven organization and runs mostly on donations. If you want to donate, you can go to the group’s website at Neponset.org.

Pre-registration is required at Neponset.org/cleanup2021. If you have any questions, please contact Slocombe at slocombe@neponset.org or 781-575-0354 x308.

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# Deaths

## HORTON

Richard Sidney “Dick” of Medfield, MA, died on August 14, 2021 surrounded by his loving family. Born in Norwood on August 12, 1932, to Lillian (Munn) Horton and Howard D. Horton. Dick survived polio, graduated from Norwood High School and served in the Army from 1953-1954 during the Korean War. He married the first love of his life Margaret “Peggy” Lydon in 1957. As a friend of Bill W beginning in 1969, he enjoyed and celebrated a life of 52 years of sobriety. Upon Peggy’s death in 1989, he was lucky enough to find the second love of his life, Susan Dahl. Together, he and Susan shared their love of the outdoors and animals. They spent endless hours hunting and training their many prize winning Vizlas. Dick is survived by his son, Rick and his wife Ellen (O’Brien) of Millis and his daughter Gayle and her husband Bob Allen of Portland, Maine. He leaves behind his grandchildren: Sean and Elizabeth (Murray), Doug and Kelly (Casey) and Danielle and Mike Ferraro as well as 7 great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and great-grandnieces and nephews. Nothing gave him more pleasure in recent years than sitting and watching his great-grandkids run around playing. A celebration of his life took place on August 27 at Highland Cemetery, located at 320 Winter Street in Norwood, MA. Please donate to the charity of your choice in Dick’s memory. Please visit [www.casperfuneralservices.com](http://www.casperfuneralservices.com) for online condolences.

## MILLS

SHIRLEY, Mae (Barnhart) of Norton formerly of Duxbury passed away on August 23, 2021 at the age of 87. Devoted mother of Doris A. Mills of NC, Sandra S. Smith and her husband Ray of FL, Stephen E. Mills and his wife Michelle of Franklin and Sarah R. Mills and her husband Randy Saut of FL. Sister of the late James, Russell and Dale Barnhart. Cherished grandmother of Gordon, Peter, Daniel, Jackson, Laura and Katherine. Great grandmother of Brody. Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 9am-10am at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA 02062. A funeral home service will be held at 10:00am on Saturday, August 28, 2021. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, W. Roxbury, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to Cupboard of Kindness Food Pantry P.O. Box 874. Norton, MA 02766. [www.cupboardofkindness.org](http://www.cupboardofkindness.org)



## ST. CYR

Katherine “Kathy” M. (Kane) 63, of Norwood, passed away August 16, 2021, surrounded by her loving family. Born December 1, 1957, in Boston, she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Rita “Pat” (Grogan) Kane. Kathy’s life will be cherished forever in the lives of her loving



## Deaths

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square feet of an existing building at 1 Investors Way and the second being the construction of an estimated 200,000 square-foot facility to assist with clinical manufacturing. Combined, the two initiatives are projected to cost \$400 million.

“This is the biggest capital investment that Moderna has considered,” Nickerson told the committee.

Moderna, Inc., a manufacturer of one of the three mRNA COVID-19 vaccines currently approved for emergency use in the United States by the Federal Drug Administration, opened its manufacturing facility in Norwood in 2018. Since then the company has seen tremendous growth with almost 1,000 full-time staff employed in Norwood and another 300 new, permanent full-time employees expected if the current proposal is approved; there will also be opportunities for temporary construction and sub-contractor jobs as well.

According to a press release from Moderna on the expansion, the increased space is expected to support a 50 percent increase in production of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. Nickerson also said at a recent Board of Selectmen meeting that the increase in capacity will help them to work on other vaccines and medicines.

With respect to the TIF, Tokarczyk reminded the committee that tax increment financing is “simply a tool” that provides “a discount on future taxes.” She also stressed that “there is no loss of tax revenue to the town.”

In terms of why Moderna would want to explore this arrangement, Nickerson pointed to the higher costs with life science projects and the need to communicate to the company’s board of directors that Moderna’s funds are being spent as prudently as possible.

“We want to put every dollar we can toward medicines that ultimately produce cures for patients,” Nickerson told the committee.

The committee tentatively scheduled the next meeting to discuss the possible TIF agreement for Sept. 8.

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## 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD Premier

I remember years ago owning a Tahoe. It was more of a truck than an SUV. Move into the new 2021 Tahoe and every thing has changed. The Tahoe is available in either rear drive or all wheel drive, one engine and a 10 speed automatic transmission. Independent rear suspension makes for a big improvement of both ride and handling. This is a 3 row SUV and it is easy to fit between the second row captains seat to the 3rd row.

The new style and design is very modern and sleek. No bulges angles or sharp edges.

Entry level is lower than years gone by, side steps are always a big help. Once inside the dash lay out id very user friendly all controls are in reach radio controls are at your finger tips on the back side of the steering wheel, steering hub controls are on the front side of the steering wheel. The Tahoe is a full size vehicle yet it is easy to drive and vision is clear from all angles. Power from the 5.3 liter V/8 via a 10 speed automatic puts the power at any speed or condition. The transmission shifts seamless under all conditions. The leather seats are very supportive and comfortable with multiple power adjustments along with being heated and cooled front and heated second row. The leather wrapped steering wheel is also heated. I had the Tahoe on cold mornings and the remote start never failed to work. Our Premier is a higher end model with lots of standard features. 20 inch polished wheels 2 speed transfer case, limited slip differential, trailering equipment, 10 speaker Bose audio with infoment 3 system with Navigation, 10 inch touch screen, wireless charging and much more. LED head and tail lights, hands free power lift gate, dual exhaust. As for safety the Tahoe Premier has it all.

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

**Monday, August 16**

0829 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Hoyle St Party in lobby seeking advice on issue with neighbor. N676 assisted.

1101 Initiated - Warrant Of Apprehension \*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Lansdowne Way Male party placed into custody and transported to court.

1202 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: St Paul Ave BI requests wellness check of female who missed appointment. N663 reports that she is fine.

1309 Radio - Drug Law Violation \*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Windsor Shell - Walpole St N490 requests marked units to his location. N490 places 2 subjects under arrest and N665 transports 1 and N663 transports 1 to station.

1758 Phone - Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Walnut Ave Cat with neck wound. NACO notified and responded.

1817 Phone - Unwanted Party Transported To Hospital Location/Address: Bird Rd Caller reports her ex-boyfriend is intoxicated and she would like him removed from the residence. NFD responded and evaluated that male for head wound received from a fall. Male was transported by NFD. Caller advised of her 209a rights.

2040 Phone - Neighbor Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Tremont St Disturbance between neighbors and ongoing noise issue. Advised.

**Tuesday, August 17**

0026 911 - Harassment Spoken To Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd Caller states she is being harassed by neighbor's boyfriend. N679, N674 responded and spoke to caller who was seeking advice on situation. Officers spoke with upstairs parties also and advised.

0238 Phone - Disturbance \*Report Filed Location/Address: Washington St Disturbance between resident and neighbor's friend. Officers spoke with all parties who agreed to go back to their own

apartments and not bother each other.

0635 Phone - Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: TJ Maxx ( Rear) - Nahatan St Caller reports truck driver trying to pull into a spot rear of building and the back-up noise wakes everyone up. N676 responded and advised driver ( M&M Transportation ) of town by-law. He pulled into front lot and will stay there until 7:00am in the future. N676 asked him to inform his boss of the bylaw for other drivers.

1313 Walk-In - Malicious Damage \*Report Filed Location/Address: Highland St Report damage to truck.

1342 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Atwood Ave Report neighbor knocked on his door last night, opened door and left a note. N663 reports caller will speak to his roommate first to see if they would like any further action by the police.

1458 Cellular - Civil Dispute Spoken To Location/Address: Gazebo - Town Common - Washington St Male reports he asked a female to pick up her trash, a 2nd female, unrelated to both initial parties, then started yelling and threatening the male. N663 reports argument over littering is resolved.

1533 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Route 1 Auto Service - Bos-Prov Hwy Report female in MA PC 8SF136 came into the business. She is not conducting any business there and does not know anyone there, and was yelling at owner about her life. BOLO to cars, South District, and Dedham PD.

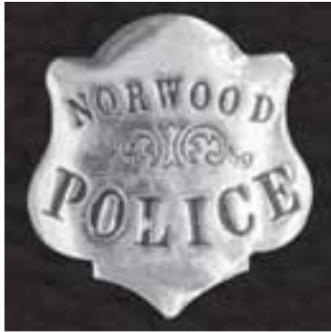
**Wednesday, August 18**

1007 Cellular - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Chapel St Report landlord/tenant dispute. N677 reports it was an argument over placement of a sign on the property.

1053 Other - Be On The Look-out Services Rendered BOLO for MA PC 1CKJ58, owner/operator can be placed under arrest for a domestic assault.

1059 Cellular - Dog Bite NACO/

*Police Logs*



WACO notified Location/Address: Rock St + Cambridge Rd Report neighbor's dog bit caller's dog. N.A.C.O. Part-time Officer notified. A.C.O. handled same.

2021 Phone - Susp Person Spoken To Location/Address: Walpole St Party aggressively panhandling in parking lot. Spoken to and sent on his way.

2115 911 - Report Of Fire Police & Fire Notified/Respond Location/Address: Park St Porch fire.

2224 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Mill Pond Ln Caller reports she possibly heard a gunshot that came from a neighbor. This is a ongoing issue between neighbors the fire department was at the residence twice tonight for a outside fire pit. N678 spoke to both parties they were both advised on their next course of action, also there were no gun shots it may have been the wood from the fire popping. RS99: Report of gunshot unfounded. Calling party provided video that showed neighbors at 61 Mill Pond Ln adding wood gathered around the yard to their fire pit. Loud bang in video had no decaying echo and no other calls of gun shots were reported by other neighbors. Resident at 61 Mill Pond Ln denied firing a weapon in the yard. Calling party was advised on her pursuit of an HPO.

**Thursday, August 19**

0103 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Neighbors upstairs in #102 have been moving furniture for the last 3 nights after midnight. Caller and family unable to sleep. N677, N663 responded and spoke to residents up-

stairs, who stated they are moving. Officers advised. Caller was notified.

1010 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Ellis Pond Dam - Walpole St Worker request check of a male lying on the walkway around the dam. N665 reports subject known to PD, this is his base line behavior, he declined any assistance.

1140 Cellular - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: WALPOLE ST + BROOKFIELD RD Report dog running loose, no collar.

1849 Phone - Death \*Report Filed Location/Address: Olde Derby Village - Olde Derby Rd Caller reports she is a caregiver for a resident at the complex, after being away for a few days she came to check in on him and believes he passed away. FD notified. CPAC, SP, and BCI all declined. Gillooly funeral was notified and responded.

**Friday, August 20**

0825 Phone - Pedestrian Accident \*Report Filed Location/Address: Woodbine Rd Caller reports that he was struck by a MV earlier while out for a walk. No PI.

1110 Phone - B & E Of Motor Vehicle \*Report Filed Location/Address: Cameron Rd

1119 Phone - Well Being Chk \*Report Filed Location/Address: Highview St Riverside patient transported to hospital on Section 12.

1748 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Edgehill Rd Callers reports a lost dog in the area. NACO notified.

**Saturday, August 21**

0012 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Engamore Ln Caller reports loud music coming from the apartment. Officers spoke with the resident, matter resolved.

0136 Phone - Complaint Of Mv \*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Burger King Restaurant - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller requests a check on the operator of MA Reg. 3LMY89. Arrest: Michienzi, Gianfranco Address: 7 Quincy Ave Norwood, Ma Age: 30 Charges: Oui-Liquor Or .08%

1509 Phone - Death \*Report Filed Location/Address: Nahatan St Caller requests wellness check on her friend.

BCI notified and declined to respond. NFD on scene.

1633 Phone - Well Being Chk Area Search Negative Location/Address: Nahatan St + Monroe St Concern for a subject sitting on her walker/chair and appears to be sleeping. Area searched negative by NFD and Officers.

1749 Phone - Susp Activity \*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Cross St Teen reports they are being bothered by a male on foot at Hennessey Field and now on Cross Street. Officers locate all on Monroe and the subject refused to ID himself and is fighting with the police. NFD responded with NFD. One under arrest and transported to the BI Needham with N665. N667 later picks up the prisoner and returns. Refer To Arrest: 21-219-AR Arrest: Bethoney, Andrew Stephen Address: 12 Howard St Norwood, Ma Age: 29 Charges: Accost/Annoy Another Person Entice Child Under 16 Assault Resist Arrest A&B On Police Officer

1913 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Hartford St Caller complains of loud music playing at a neighboring party. N-674 spoken to party to keep volume at a reasonable level and they agreed.

1942 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Windsor Gardens - Walpole St Caller reports of three suspicious males who may have been drinking in the parking lot, one of the males urinated on one of the buildings. N678 and N674 reports the party left into their apartments.

**Sunday, August 22**

0513 Initiated - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Pond Ave + St George Ave Male party sleeping in his MV.

0847 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Dollar Tree - Walpole St Report homeless male hanging around and they do not want him in the store as yesterday he stayed in bathroom for hours. N667 spoke to him and sent him on his way.

0855 Phone - Violation Of Town Bylaw Spoken To Location/Address: Nichols St Report heavy equipment operating on the property of a new home. N667 reports contractor will be done in 1/2 hour, securing items prior to hurricane.

0950 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Norwest Dr Party in lobby reports the well being check on her and a child earlier today is harassment. N664 reports ongoing family issue, advised of her options.

1455 911 - Well Being Chk Transported To Hospital Location/Address: Wilson St Report client of group home having mental health episode. NFD sent and transported to hospital.

1746 Phone - Harassment Assisted Party Location/Address: Cambridge Rd Party advised regarding ongoing neighbor issues.

1845 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: NFS Enterprise (Dba) - Washington St Caller reports his friend has been bothering him and believes he may be outside his residence right now. All parties advised and are both in their residences.

2119 911 - Runaway Child Services Rendered Location/Address: Tremont St Caller reports her 13 year old son ran away to a friend's house after an argument. Officer's located that juvenile at Saint John Avenue.

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husband of 43 years, Geoffrey St. Cyr; her loving children, Jamie Mitchell and husband Michael of Walpole, Scott St. Cyr and wife Caitlin of Millis, Jill McGovern and husband Kevin of Foxboro, Katie St. Cyr of Walpole. She was Nana to her adored grandchildren Kyle, Corinne, and Kole; devoted sister of Linda Masterson and late husband Joseph of Sharon, the late Thomas Kane of Norwood, Patricia Hoey of Wareham and Francis Hoey of Jamaica Plain, Mark Kane and wife Debra of Walpole and James Kane and wife Susan of Norwood. Kathy is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Kathy's passion in life was spending time with her family. Nothing meant more to her than spoiling her grandchildren. She forever instilled hard work and love for one another, and these values did not stop with family. Kathy was an active force in bettering her beloved community of Norwood, most notable was her devotion to the Norwood Circle of Hope. While never taking the credit for anything she accomplished, Kathy instead gave acknowledgement to everyone who helped make everything successful. She will always be missed and leaves a legacy of love. She will be remembered for her creativity, strong work ethic, and her extreme hunts for a good bargain. Visitation Funeral from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. A Mass of Cristian Burial was held Wednesday, August 25 at St. Timothy Church, Norwood and interment followed at New Westwood Cemetery in Westwood. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Kathy's memory to the Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation, PO Box 421, Norwood MA, 02062. GilloolyFuneralHome.com

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the Trails Committee find a way to encourage wildlife tracking and inventory the flora and fauna around the Town, but no definitive method was chosen at this time.

Babel said a bingo card might be a thing to try.

“When I was in Alaska, they gave us a bingo card with like a moose on one square, an elk on another, and it took a while but the bingos started coming in,” he said. “It definitely made us more observant.”

Greeley also suggested a scavenger hunt as well. The idea of having 150 observations from each trail was pitched as well.

Greeley said in the past, the committee had put together a walking trail of historical points of interest around the Town, with each point marked by a sign with a bit of information. He said this time around for the 150th, they could do the same thing, but with QR codes so there would not be a limit on presented information. A QR code is basically an image that if you point a smartphone camera at, it will take you to a specific website URL. This way, there will not be a limit on length for each point of interest.

“So maybe that’s something we could put in a grant application so we could put in,” he said.



The Trails Committee is also looking to do a First Day hike to celebrate Norwood's 150th, like the one shown here. Though members are hopeful social distancing won't be required this time around.

COURTESY PHOTO

The NTAC also discussed the upcoming Norwood Day, set for Sept. 18. The committee has secured one booth for this year’s festivities and will be displaying a large map of the available trails in the Town, as well as handing out smaller versions for residents to take home. Member Margurite Krupp said this year, they’re also offering maps through QR codes so residents can look up and save the maps on their phones or digital devices.

“The things we do have are ready,” Greeley said. “We have a tent, we have the desire, we have the time if we

want to print out some of these maps we can, we have the QR codes and we do have a couple of tables. So far, there are no restrictions on handouts.”

Greeley said if they want to give out food, they have to get permission from the Norwood Board of Health. He said they’re still considering what pamphlets and handouts regarding general open space and outdoor recreation information they want to hand out. But they will have t-shirts, stickers and water bottles.

“The kids really like the stickers,” said member Lee Leach. “I think we still have some of those left.”

# Scholarship

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World, with bright color and detailed texture, while another shows a Dickensian city in black and white showing a well-practiced understanding of light and shadow. Her self portrait also shows an understanding of the asymmetrical nature of the human face and body, which is something many artists say is one of the trickiest parts of realistically portraying a human being.

“It’s really important to just draw what you see and not what you think you know,” she said. “But it’s really hard. Everybody thinks they know what a face looks like and they know what their hands look like, but the reality is they’re different than we think.”

El Awad joined the Art Honor Society at NHS, participated in the Memory Project twice, sold art for Norwood Food Pantry fundraisers, contributed to and managed the creation of a Pride and Diversity mural project for the school and worked with the non-profit startup in Atlanta known as Art for Heart.

Art for Heart is the focus of her artistic endeavors now, at least until she goes to MassArt College of Art and Design in September.

“I was put in contact with them through a friend of a friend, and I’ve been with them for about a year,” she said. “We’ve really grown over the last year and we’ve been able to coordinate a lot of programs. We did this summer art academy where we provided 85 underprivileged high and middle school students with art kits and an education program for the summer. They had watercolor pads, paints, brushes and sketchbooks in them.”

El Awad said with help from Art for Heart teachers in Georgia and some from Emory University, they were able to provide four weeks of art instruction to the young students.

“We painted along with them too,” she said. “We also put together Pride Art magazine, Artivist, for which we are hoping to put together a second edition of by November. This magazine highlights the work of upcoming artists, not just in Georgia but around the country and, to an extent, internationally. Anyone can submit their work.”

If you want to submit your pieces for the November issue of Artivist, head on over to <https://www.artforheartofficial.org/>. June’s issue is simply a collection from artists of a myriad of styles and mediums, using each to deliver a unique but apparently heartfelt message.

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