



The CPC and FinCom discussed the proposal for \$1 million in CPA funds to the veterans affordable housing project at 20 Vernon St.

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20 Vernon getting a committee

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Finance Commission (FinCom) and the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) met recently for their own respective regular meetings and each discussed the proposed affordable veterans housing project at 20 Vernon St.

The proposal is for 20 single-bedroom units of veterans only affordable housing at the current office building at 20 Vernon St., submitted by the non-profit Caritas Communities. Caritas is looking for \$1 million from CPC funds to purchase the property (total purchase price of \$1.3 million). The total cost of the construc-

tion is estimated at \$6 million, and Caritas has intimated that it is looking for state funding for the rest.

The proposal was presented to Town Meeting in May but was pulled from the docket before a vote was taken, presumably because Caritas didn't feel the project had the necessary votes to pass. The CPC is looking to bring the plan forward again at the fall Special Town Meeting – tentatively scheduled in October this year – members wanting to make sure that this time they have done all the required homework.

The root of the concern from TM – if not outright opposition – is that it's coming from an outside entity. Caritas'

proposal represents one of the few proposals seeking Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds from an outside entity since the Town adopted the law in 2017. Other proposed projects involving land use have been of far less concern because all have included Town government control.

It's a little more murky with the Caritas plan in that the Town doesn't have direct oversight of the project, now or later down the road. Accountability was the center of discussion for both the FinCom and CPC at their meetings. The fact that a property value assessment, or appraisal, which Caritas apparently did

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The Board heard from Health Department Director Stacey Lane about recent issues with cannabis in regular retail stores.

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Board of Health to retailers: no THC products

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Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Health (BOH) met last week and discussed a recent issue of THC-infused products making their way into non-dispensary stores in Town.

Norwood Health Department Director Stacey Lane said the department has already created a brochure to detail what products are allowed and what aren't when medicinal cannabis was made legal in the state, but some retailers apparently need a reminder.

"This is nothing new," she said. "Back in 2018, 2019, this was already out. We actually made a little pamphlet that simplified this and gave it out to all

the retailers. This kind of simplifies it, makes it more clear. We'll have someone going around and explaining this to all the retailers, and it basically says you should not be selling a can of THC-infused soda in a store. It's a lot of common sense."

The confusion may stem from the difference between THC and CBD. THC is the psychoactive component in cannabis and is heavily regulated in Massachusetts. CBD stands for cannabidiol, which is legally available as a supplement and can be derived from hemp or cannabis. But Lane said CBD cannot be used as a food additive in retail products, even if hemp, which is allowed as a

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Officer's charity awarded \$25K

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Earlier this month, the Kraft Family and the New England Patriots Foundation awarded \$25,000 to the charity of retired Norwood Police Department (NPD) officer Richard Giacoppo.

Giacoppo's organization, named Ricky Inc., in honor of his son, won the grand prize as part of a total of \$275,000 given out by the Foundation, in \$10,000 increments, to celebrate volun-

teers throughout the Commonwealth. Called the Myra Kraft Community MVP Award, Robert Kraft, owner of the New England Patriots, set it up in the memory of his late wife, who passed in 2011.

Myra Kraft was well known for her philanthropic nature, working as the director of the New England Patriots Foundation and serving on the boards of the United Way of Massachusetts Bay, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston, the Jew-

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Richard Giacoppo, middle left, founded Ricky Inc. to help those experiencing addiction five years ago and the New England Patriots recently recognized his efforts.

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not do is inconceivable by some.

"I find that hard to believe, but if that's what they did, that's what they did," said FinCom member Alan Slater. "It just doesn't give me a warm feeling."

CPC Coordinator Kristen Phelps said she had been told Caritas was going to do an assessment, just not before getting the funds. "I've never heard they chose not to do an appraisal; they had always planned on doing one after the fact," she said. "It's probably going to be (cost of appraisal) between \$3,500 to \$4,000 and they said this is an amount of money that they don't have to invest if they don't move forward. They had always planned on doing it as a contingency."

The CPC voted to spend no more than \$5,000 to perform

its own appraisal on the property from the CPC Administrative Fund. Phelps said the assessment will help determine the value of the property and, essentially, whether the Town is being taken for a ride. But she did point out that the Town had set up a term agreement with Caritas that stipulated there had to be an assessment of some kind before the Grant Agreement – the financial tool the CPC uses to disperse funds – and that if that assessment came in lower than the parameters expected, the Town's funding would be eliminated.

"If the money was awarded, it would be contingent on the appraisal coming back at the sufficient amount," Phelps said.

Phelps said the advantage of the Town doing its own appraisal is that there is no apparent conflict of interest as

there might be if the buyer, Caritas, or the current property owner provides one. Phelps said there is currently a purchase and sales agreement between Caritas and the seller that is valid until February of 2025, and is agreed at \$1.3 million.

The CPC also voted to create a subcommittee of official representatives from the Board of Selectmen, the FinCom and the Town Manager's Office. CPC member Joseph Greeley said this would be a good way to make sure something like this – a proponent pulling their CPC funding application the day of Town Meeting – doesn't happen again.

"The CPC can't let what happened happen again," he said. "We had way too many people going in way too many directions and not talking to anybody. This is only my opinion, gavel as you see fit, but we didn't have control of that exercise."

Greeley said they need to have the most relevant parties in the room so that any kinds of objections and problems can be dealt with appropriately. He said it wasn't fair to Town Meeting members in May to bring a project forth for which they didn't have all the answers.

"There were more questions than answers," he said.

Greeley said getting ahead of it with such a subcommittee would be a good way to deal with such a project and set

a framework for the future.

"There will be other projects like this, as complex and as large a dollar amount, and so we just need to get in front of some of these things we just went through," he said, "because it's going to come up again."

Member John Hall said they need to make sure that they control the conversation. And he said he's not exactly sure how the CPC could go about it.

"Seeing to it that the discussion doesn't get captured by several different bodies and not be open and then spill out on to the floor, I don't think we're in a position to be able to make that happen," he said. "We can let some key people know that we'd really rather they didn't do that. In my mind, it's kind of part and parcel of one of our perennial problems that a lot of people who have no statutory authority over this body, nevertheless believe they can dictate things, and I would add to that the larger population of Town Meeting, a significant number of people, still don't understand how money works, you know, in the CPC."

Other issues around the proposal arose in the FinCom meeting. Member Eric Fleming, for example, brought up one of the main tenants of opposition to the project: the fact that the Town is not administering the housing.

"I think it would make everyone feel more comfortable if the Town had, like, a discrete role," he said. "Like if the Town were to purchase the property and own it, then make it available through some mechanism,

some kind of lease, to this organization or some other organization to provide affordable housing, then if that fell through or didn't pan out over the years we could sell the property and make it available to somebody else. Then you'd have a real understanding of what our money is doing; we own a piece of property and we're going to do something with it, as opposed to, 'We're just going throw some money into a pot and something is going to happen to it. Maybe, if we get grants or something like that.'"

FinCom Chair Myev Bodenhofer said for her part, she would like to see more detail on the proposed plan.

"I'd like to see a memo that says, 'This is exactly what we're proposing, this is why this is why, this is the dollar amount, these are the terms of the agreement and this is what's in place to protect the Town, this is what we expect,'" she said. "And then some back up due diligence."

Fleming said he thought that if the CPC came forward first with a request for funding for an appraisal, things would have gone differently. "If they made a proposal stating, 'We'd like \$10,000 to do an appraisal for this project, it looks interesting, then it would sail right through. But starting off with, 'I want the million dollars,' then people start asking more questions and you want more details to know exactly what this is all about."

The FinCom agreed to have Sullivan placed on the subcommittee. The CPC will be meeting again and presumably will discuss this project again on July 11.



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Manager: Norwood Hospital incredibly likely to remain a hospital

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen met on June 25 with a packed agenda, but a quick question towards the end grabbed a lot of ears.

Selectman Michael Saad asked about the rumors bubbling around Town that the site of the Norwood Hospital – currently owned by Medical Properties Trust (MPT), which ostensibly is looking for a new hospital operator – may be turned into residential housing.

“We’ve got to get to Gov. Healy to answer our calls; there are rumors that there is a big corporation looking at the hospital, and not for a hospital,” Saad said.

There are a lot of rumors floating around the Norwood Hospital. Steward is currently going through the bankruptcy process in its home state of Texas and is trying to auction off its Massachusetts hospitals. That was supposed to happen this past Monday, but it has been pushed out to mid July. But Steward is no longer, apparently, involved in the Norwood Hospital, as MPT, Steward’s old landlord and the owner of the hospital property, took over the construction site in March.

Town Manager Tony

Mazzucco laid out exactly what would need to happen for the hospital to be turned into housing, and, suffice to say, it’s quite a lot.

“There is construction going on right now as MPT is trying to find a tenant for the hospital,” he said. “To try to turn that into something else, the regulatory, zoning and planning somebody would have to go through? And then this company, MPT, would have to take an enormous, enormous loss to be willing to do it. And if that was the case, the Town would just eminent domain the property and offer it to a hotel. So unless somebody is willing to put that in writing, that a business is looking to go in there, I mean it’s not zoned for it and it’s not permitted for it. That would be years and years of attempting to undo zoning, undo planning regulations, I don’t want to say it can’t happen, but candidly, I think it’s idle speculation.”

Saad pointed out that they have been writing to Gov. Healy for a while for updates on the hospital and what the administration is doing to help that process along, and said that she should at least respond.

“We need to know what’s going on with that hospital,” he said.

In other real estate news, the

Board was supposed to meet with Attorney Phil Macchi, representing Paul McGovern, to discuss the housing proposal at 923-929 Washington St., the dilapidated building next to Mr. Frank’s. This was reorganized to be a public hearing by the Selectmen which requires more notice and advertisement before taking place, so it was moved, tentatively, to the Board’s second meeting in July, which would fall on July 23. Mazzucco said that date is not yet set in stone and could be moved to the Board’s first August meeting on Aug. 6.

In other news, the Board of Selectmen voted 4-1 selecting Matt O’Neil to take the currently vacant full Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) position. O’Neil was previously an associate member, and presented his resume, which included working for the Boston Redevelopment Authority (now the Boston Planning and Development Agency) and other private ventures in real estate.

O’Neil won out against Joanne Powell, also currently an associate member of the ZBA.

Also, the Board voted unani-

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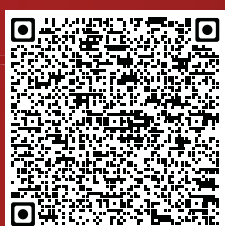
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Fourth of July needs YOU

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Fourth of July Parade and celebration is all set for this year, however organizers said they need more volunteers to make the event run as smoothly and successfully as possible.

According to Fourth of July Committee Town Liaison and Assistant Town Manager Michael Rosen, volunteers are needed throughout the day.

“The Committee said they could use as many volunteers as are available for July 4th this year,” Rosen said.

If you can volunteer, reach out to the committee at managers@norwoodma.gov. Rosen said right now one of the big holes is for the Firecracker 5K, which is set for 5 p.m. on July 4. He said they are looking for volunteers to distribute water along the route. He said they are also looking for help setting up and organizing the parade.

Speaking of the Firecracker, there is still time to sign up at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MA/Norwood/NFC5K>

Regarding the parade, former Norwood Police Chief William Brooks will be the Parade Grand Marshal this year. Brooks said this will be his first time just riding in the parade instead of marching with the department.

“They have a convertible to take me and my wife, just behind the police honor guard,” he said, noting that it will be strange not marching. “You know for the Memorial Day Parade I watched it on the Common, and it was weird watching the police department march by and I wasn’t in it. In the 12 years I was chief, I never missed a parade. I mean, during COVID sometimes they didn’t have one, but every time the Town had a parade I marched in it.”

Brooks said he was honored and looking forward to seeing everyone.

Also during the day, the Old Parish Preservation Volunteers (OPPV) will be hosting its annual reading Frederick Douglass’ “What is, to the slave, the Fourth of July?” speech. OPPV Board Director John Grove said they are also looking for volunteers to help read the speech to the public.

“We have 25 people signed up, but we’d like to get 40, just 15 more people to sign up,” he said. “It just takes an hour out of your life during July 4th. This is our fifth year doing it and we’ve had some people doing it every time.” Grove added that he will be working tirelessly the day of to make sure everyone else can be heard.

“I’m too busy making sure the sound works to read,” he said with a laugh. “I’m the technician on the job that day.”

If you’re interested, shoot John an email at norwoodoldparish@gmail.com

The rest of the celebration is as follows:

The day starts with the Children’s Bicycle, Tricycle, Doll Carriage and Historic Character Parade at 1 pm. The fee to participate is \$1.00. Every participant will get a t-shirt and participation ribbon, and those judged to have the best costumes or decorations will be invited to join the Fourth Parade later on.

Lee Leach will be putting on a Carillon Concert at 2 p.m., along with Margaret Angelini of Wellesley College. The 50-bell instrument will also be available for tours during the concert, and residents are invited to climb the tower to see the show.

No specific word on whether or not they will take requests, but it almost never hurts to ask, right?

Please note that Nahatan and Washington Streets will be closed starting at 4 p.m. for the race and parade. The 5K starts at 5 p.m. and the parade starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Coakley Middle School and will end at the Town Hall Parking Lot, moving through South Norwood to Downtown along Washington Street.

For more information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/3v87e7na>

The Norwood Fourth of July Committee is Maria Henry, Chair Mary Cantarow Martha Colamaria Lou Harris and Lee Leach. The Norwood Amateur Radio Club Staff Liaisons: Michael Rosen and Kevin Broderick.

Letters to the Editor

NORWOOD’S ALWAYS GOING IT ALONE

To the Editor:

What’s to become of Norwood Hospital? People seem to mention it in every conversation. The flood and subsequent closing was devastating, but the outlook brightened as we discovered plans to rebuild our hospital. Then we heard the news that Steward wasn’t paying its bills and filed for bankruptcy. Talk about dashed hopes!

Norwood residents really feel the loss of convenient and quick medical attention. Norwood’s emergency services are stressed due to the extended ambulance rides to farther off area hospitals. Our budget is impacted because of additional transport and personnel costs. Yet there’s little information available. Sure, we’ve heard rumors of auctions, but what assurance do we have that the developer will keep it a hospital? Could a zoning variance or other method allow a developer to turn our hospital into a factory, condos, or more low income housing?

Many surrounding towns benefited from Norwood Hospital. Their residents enjoyed the convenience and care that Norwood Hospital provided. Can our neighboring towns help to pressure the Commonwealth for answers? It seems we’re always going it alone. Where were our neighboring towns when we were asked for \$1 million for veterans housing? Where were they when we were asked to pay \$38K for a school nurse

for St Catherine’s? Where were they when we were asked for \$59K to transport 18 migrant students attending our schools to out of town residences (these neighboring towns are getting the state reimbursement, but not splitting it with Norwood). These are all requests made at the recent Town Meeting.

Shouldn’t our elected officials form a coalition with neighboring communities to tackle some of these problems together? We’re stronger together than we are apart.

Steve Konetchy
District 4 TMM

ACCOUNTING FOR CONSERVATION IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

To the Editor:

As Massachusetts’ population grows—slower than the national average but, according to the UMass Donahue Institute, faster than the rest of New England and the Northeast—it is critical that we sharpen our focus on protecting open space. We must think carefully about how we live our daily lives and manage our communities. Development is needed, yes. But conservation is needed, too.

Some see the environment as inherently important, which justifies its protection. Others point to its utility in providing natural resources and protecting human health. We should also consider quality of life: In what kind of settings do we want to live, work, and play? Nature is critical for our mental, physical, and spiritual well-being.

Climate change is reshaping the world before our eyes, and

open space can make us more resilient to its impact. Meanwhile, as communities work to create much-needed housing, we need to do so in a way that maintains open space and provides access to it for all. We cannot favor one town’s interests at the expense of another’s. Zoning and community planning, in all towns, will need to concentrate development where it is most warranted and protect open space where we can’t afford to lose it.

If we fail to maintain large tracts of open space, we will all suffer the consequences. Air quality will deteriorate. Temperatures will rise. Biodiversity will decrease. Wildlife corridors will inevitably become traffic corridors. Our collective quality of life will decline. The 1,250 acres Hale Education calls home, just over three miles from Boston’s city line, is one timely example of a conservation opportunity that hangs in the balance—and once open space is gone, it is gone forever.

History shows the degree to which humans can influence their environment, but with that power comes a unique responsibility: to balance meeting our own needs with those of the natural world. Solutions to society’s challenges cannot come at nature’s expense. We urge everyone to summon the courage and creativity to protect open space in their communities.

Eric Arnold, Executive Director, Hale Education
Thomas D. French, President, Dover Land Conservation Trust
Karen Manor Metzold, President, Westwood Land Trust

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mously to increase the water and sewer rates by 6.25 percent starting Aug. 1, 2024. After a discussion started by Selectman Bill Plasko, the Board also voted in that motion to return to the issue of water and sewer rates in January to review potential future increases. Plasko said this is because they set the rates once a year and generally have projections during that time in the summer, but they fluctuate so often that he wanted to have an update before they go

about setting future rates.

The Board also voted unanimously to approve three common victualler licenses in Town. The first being the Side Door Cafe at 7 Vernon St., the second being Taste From Brazil for You at 1001 Boston Providence Hwy. and the third was Pokemotto at 144 Nahatan St.

The Board also approved a request from the South Norwood Committee to recognize Balch Elementary School teacher Patricia Wheeler, who is retiring this year. Board Chair Robert Donnelly said she started in 1985 and was officially hired in 1987 as a full-time first grade teacher until the 2023-24 school year.

“I’ll still be around,” she said. “Come sit at my bench outside the Balch, it’s very comfy.”

“It’s a date,” Donnelly said.

The Board read and gave Wheeler a certificate of appre-

ciation for her service to the Town of Norwood and its children.

Lastly, Mazzucco said the Board might want to start thinking about submitting legislation to increase the Town’s liquor licenses. He said he’s been approached by about four potential Norwood restaurateurs who want to open in Town, but can’t get a license. Plasko said this is kind of a Catch-22 because without failed applications, the state has been historically unwilling to grant increases without solid evidence showing there is a need. Mazzucco pointed out that an applicant would be unlikely to have the cash on hand to apply, be rejected and then wait the year or so it would take to get the license increase through the legislature.

The Selectmen agreed to consider options for this in the future.



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NORWOOD SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION AWARDS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

In May, the Norwood Scholarship Foundation awarded \$85,000 at the annual awards ceremony held at the Norwood Knights of Columbus Hall. NSF is a non-profit Corporation whose express purpose is to raise funds and award financial aid to students who reside in Norwood and who intend to pursue post-secondary education. The 2024 recipients are listed below:

<u>RECIPIENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>SCHOLARSHIP</u>	<u>RECIPIENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>SCHOLARSHIP</u>
Alice Abdallah	\$1,000	Dan Norwood	Thomas Lynch	\$2,000	Joseph Katchpole, Jr.
Hannah Adeley	\$1,000	Frank & Elizabeth Simoni	Liam Mannering	\$500	Mary Drummey Nursing
Julia Alves	\$1,500	Carla's Restaurant	Liam Mannering	\$500	Thomas & Jeffrey Brown
Vinamra K. Anusha	\$1,000	W.C.C. May Nelson	Allegra Michalec	\$500	Peter Catanese
Paige Barnett	\$1,000	John & Cecilia Murphy	Allegra Michalec	\$500	Sylvia Mackie
Heather Begg	\$2,000	Woodworth	Jonah Michalec	\$1,000	Bogan & Carlson
Jenna Berg	\$1,000	John & Helen Abdallah	Mairead Moore	\$1,000	Robert Fitzpatrick
Shannon Brady	\$1,000	Murray Family	Jenna Naumann	\$1,000	Joe Curran
Olivia Beaudet	\$500	Ann B. Sansone	Emily O'Connor	\$1,000	Dr. Thomas Hawley
Olivia Beaudet	\$500	Bridges/Steele	Halissa Pierre	\$1,000	Bruce A. Nelson
Trevor Brown	\$2,000	Darlene Briggs	Katherine Pritchard	\$1,500	Eileen P. Lydon
Kayla Cahill	\$1,000	Joshua Richwine	Ashley Pungitore	\$1,000	Jordano Family
Theodore Caparrotta	\$1,000	Sastavickas Golf	Ananya Ramamoorthy	\$1,500	Katie Brannelly
Anthony Cavanaugh	\$500	Bob & Mary Hemman	Sarina Raynaud	\$500	Joseph Brancato
Anthony Cavanaugh	\$500	George Lambert	Sarina Raynaud	\$500	R & S Lockwood
Grace Chau	\$2,000	Joseph Katchpole, Jr.	Lauren Reen	\$1,000	W.C.C. Education
Meghan Chan	\$1,000	Gwendolynn Brennick	Michaela Reen	\$1,000	Joanna Zilfi
Melissa Colella	\$1,000	Alison White	Samatha Reen	\$1,000	Daniel Reen
Connor Curran	\$500	Domenic Fruci	Lindsay Rogers	\$500	Matt Brown
Connor Curran	\$500	Anthony B. Sansone	Lindsay Rogers	\$500	Frank Wall
Alexa Currivan	\$1,000	W.C.C. Education	Jessica Saber	\$500	Jos. & Iris Falcone
Kayla Delamere	\$1,000	Kimberly Kinter	Jessica Saber	\$500	Sabatino Scholar
George Demattia	\$1,000	Austin Reardon	Ryan Savilia	\$500	Matt Brown
Madison DiTullio	\$1,000	W.C.C. Arts	Ryan Savilia	\$500	John Poce
Angelina El Moucary	\$1,000	Angela & Anthony Bossio	Lucy Scafati	\$1,000	Michelle Kennedy
Gabriella El Moucary	\$2,500	Marian Scott Peterson	Konrad Schletzbaum	\$1,000	Kenneth DeCosta
Serena Elias	\$1,000	William P. Kenny	Jared Shea	\$500	C. M. Plimpton
Molly Federico	\$1,000	William P. Kenny	Jared Shea	\$500	W.C.C.
Gerald Frey	\$500	Robert Nenart	Emma Shkurti	\$500	Ed & Edith Farioli
Gerald Frey	\$500	No. Walpole Fish & Game	Emma Shkurti	\$500	Henry O. Peabody
Julia Galo	\$1,000	Julie Gross	Prima Sripho	\$1,500	P & A D'Espinosa
Lauren Galvin	\$1,000	Bruce A. Nelson	Riley Sullivan	\$1,000	Marilyn Saltzberg
Audrey Haberlin	\$500	Griffin Family	Shayla Sullivan	\$1,000	Norwood Fire
Audrey Haberlin	\$500	Francis X. Shehan	Jeremy Tendo	\$1,000	One Local Bank
Keira Haberlin	\$1,000	W.C.C. Louise Reimer	George Tolman	\$2,500	Dan McKenna
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Molly Keats	\$500	Bill St. Laurent	Diego Yanes	\$1,000	One Local Bank
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Sophie Krusz	\$1,000	John Lawrie			
Nevaeh LaRose	\$1,000	Newell & Clara Tibbetts			
Ethan Lee	\$500	William Chandler			
Ethan Lee	\$500	Spiegel Family			
Tyler Lovell	\$500	Louis P. Balboni			
Tyler Lovell	\$500	Orient Lodge AF&AM			

<u>SIMONI ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS:</u>		
Heather Begg	\$2,500	First Place
Trevor Brown	\$1,500	Second place
Cameron Munro	\$1,000	Third place

MSBC excited after school tour

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Middle School Building Committee (MSBC) met recently and toured the construction site of the new school before sitting down for its regular meeting. Members agreed they were happy with the progress the building has made so far.

"We just finished a great site visit of the progress of the construction," said Chair Alan Slater.

"It's very exciting," said

Coakley Middle School Principal Margo Fraczek.

MSBC member and Board of Selectmen Chair Robert Donnelly said they would be excited to get another look further down the road, and asked Overall Project Management team Vertex to start thinking about it now.

Slater said he'd like to have a periodic schedule set up to do it. Vertex Project Manager Bryan Jarvis said he felt once more of the finishes are ready and completed in a couple of months they could have a sort

of before and after effect with the building, since they're just getting started on that now.

In terms of construction updates, Vertex Project Manager Anissa Ellis said funding requests for the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) are coming back along expected parameters. The Town of Norwood, Norwood Public Schools (NPS) and the MSBA all worked together to bring the new Coakley project to where it is now, and hopefully, to completion by 2025. The

der budget, and recently the MSBA announced it would be increasing its share of the project through reimbursement. Ellis said the new project funding agreement was received from the MSBA earlier this month.

"That is all set," she said. "So the MSBA has paid reimbursement request #29 for \$1,665,705 on May 9. In total, the MSBA has paid just over \$16 million so far."

She said also that third party inspections of Contractor W.T. Rich's work is also ongoing.

Ellis also went through the project's furniture, fixtures and

equipment over the summer.

Slater said the School Committee had seen the changes and was "satisfied" with the changes. The MSBC voted unanimously to approve the new budget.

In other news, Vertex Project Manager Luke Apone went through construction progress. He said they have completed framing and sheathing in Area A, the westernmost structure, and will continue with brick placement on that part of the site.

"The framing and sheathing was completed there in the last week or 10 days," he said.

SECTION A – ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID TOWN OF NORWOOD, MA

The Town of Norwood, MA, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from for Pavement Markings in the Town of Norwood, MA 02062

General bids will be received up until **11:00 A.M., Thursday, July 11, 2024**, on Projectdog.com project code: **863200**

The project cost is estimated at \$98,000.

Bidders must be qualified to perform the work described in these specifications in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 149 and 164.

The complete bid package may be obtained digitally on Projectdog.com using the project code **863200**. The bid must be filled out and signed as directed herein, endorsed with the name and address of the bidder, and marked, "**Pavement Markings - NPW-24-09**". Bid submissions are to occur digitally on Projectdog.com. No physical copies will be accepted.

A certified check or bid bond, with acceptable surety in favor of the Town of Norwood and equal to at least five percent (5%) of the bid, must be submitted with the bid. The successful bidder shall, within ten (10) days of notification of award, furnish the Town a payment bond and performance bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the bid.

Bids shall be prepared, considered, and the contract awarded in accordance with all statutes governing such contracts (Chapter 30 39M as amended). Every Bid shall be on forms furnished by the Town. Bids submitted on other forms may be rejected. The award of the contract shall be made within 30 working days after the opening of General Bids, Saturdays, Sundays, and Legal Holidays excluded.

An award will not be made to a Contractor who is not properly equipped to undertake and complete the work. The right is reserved to waive any informality and to reject any or all bids in accordance with the provisions of MGL as amended.

Wages are subject to minimum wage rates under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D inclusive, as most recently amended.

The Town of Norwood notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that minority business enterprises 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, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to accept any part of a bid or the one deemed best for the Town.

BY: Tony Mazzucco, General Manager

Norwood Record: 06/27/24

SECTION A – ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID TOWN OF NORWOOD, MA

The Town of Norwood Light Department, MA, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from for the installation of electric service located at 206 Central St, Norwood, MA 02062

General bids will be received up until **11:00 A.M., Thursday, July 11, 2024**, on Projectdog.com project code: **863199**

The contractor shall furnish and install a new electric system at 206 Central Street, including generator backup and an outdoor auto-transfer switch. The project cost is estimated at \$145,000.

Bidders must be qualified to perform the work described in these specifications in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 149 and 164.

The complete bid package may be obtained digitally on Projectdog.com using the project code **863199**. The bid must be filled out and signed as directed herein, endorsed with the name and address of the bidder, and marked, "**206 Central Electric Service - NLD-24-06**". Bid submissions are to occur digitally on Projectdog.com. No physical copies will be accepted.

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BY: Tony Mazzucco, General Manager

Norwood Record: 06/27/24



Norwood Public Schools staff and the Middle School Building Committee took a tour of the Coakley Middle School construction site recently.

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MSBA originally agreed to foot about \$50 million of the bill, and Ellis said the organization is currently on the mark.

Actually, it's better than on the mark. The constant refrain from officials about this project is that it is on schedule and un-

equipment budget, which is \$2,280,789 currently. She said that is slightly over budget and they are requesting an additional \$140,789 from the contingency budget to fill the gap.

Ellis said they would start the procurement process for the

Apone said they are moving on now to the exterior AVB (moisture barrier) wrap around for that area on the western side, which encompasses most of Area A. He said the window

School Tour

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food additive, is in the product.

"We caught a product in a store, a soda or seltzer, which had THC in it," Lane said. "I mean the stores don't know, someone comes in and says, 'We have a great product that's allowed to be sold,' but it's not, not in Massachusetts at least."

During Lane's director update, she advised the Board and residents to be on the lookout for deer ticks this season, as a relatively new disease, Powassan, is being discovered in their populations.

"Wear protection, because this is the time of year they are biting," she said, adding that there are plenty of other diseases found in ticks now too. She also mentioned that mosquito control is out and about in Town.

Environmental Health Sanitarian Angelo De Luca said several new establishments are still working towards opening. He said first, Between the Bunz on Washington Street – at the former Common Cafe location – should be opening in the next few weeks.

De Angelo also gave an update on the former Shamrock Bar and Grill location, soon to be Mama's Bar and Grill.

"Mama's, no movement on

that?" said Board Chair Kathleen Bishop.

"No nothing," said De Angelo.

Jacobs asked about when they might have to reapply for any permits since it's taking so long. Administrative Assistant Jennifer Bartucca said the establishment would have to re-apply for health-related issues, not the apparent building issues the company is facing now. The Board also asked about La Casita, which has been on hold for a while as well.

"For La Casita, we hear from them when they have stuff to update, but until they are closer, they don't really have any information for us," Bartucca said. "But Mama's, we heard from them a couple of weeks ago. It's just a really long process and the Shamrock has been very much renovated. And La Casita is a new build out." De Angelo said the owner of La Casita believes they will be ready for inspection in a few weeks, hopefully.

De Angelo also said that Hometown Arcade is now seeking a retail food permit to serve pre-packaged food rather than cooked fresh. He said he is also continuing his inspections of Crushed Red Peppers

and will have a follow up report at the next meeting. BOH members appeared eager to see changes at that establishment.

"We want to stay on top of them because we've had issues with them before," said Bishop.

De Luca said he is also following up with Citgo Mart on Route 1 for having no soap in its dispenser.

"If they don't have it next week, that will be a fine," he said. "They just had a change of ownership too."

Lane gave an update from the department as well. She said first up, Norwood Public Schools has intimated the district wants to continue its summer meals program, starting July 8 to Aug. 8 at three sites serving food: Norwood High School, Cleveland Elementary and the Willett Early Education Center. She said they will be open to all children and teens 18 and younger for lunch and breakfast.

"They expect to get around 400 students per day," Lane said.

For more info on the Board of Health and the Health Department, go to <https://tinyurl.com/mjt2s9rh>

Ricky Inc. Award *continued from page 1*

ish Book Council and more.

Giacoppo said he was honored to be recognized.

“Honestly it was an honor; I had no idea I was being nominated,” he said, noting the Ricky Inc. Treasurer and his wife nominated him without telling him. “The other award recipients were just phenomenal. They told the story of every single award recipient, and the stories were just out of sight. Just to imagine I was chosen for the grand prize? It was just off the charts.”

Giacoppo’s organization was founded in 2019 by Richard and his wife Bernadette when their son Ricky died in 2019 from an opioid overdose. Now they work to provide supply-filled backpacks and other services to those fighting and/or experiencing addiction. Since that time, the Giacoppo family experienced another devastating loss when their son Nicholas also passed due to an overdose last year. Giacoppo said regardless, he and the foundation have been working to prevent such a loss for any other family as much as they can.

“Nobody takes a penny, it’s a 100-percent nonprofit,” he said. “Having lost two children, it’s really a struggle to get through the day, but to see someone getting help who needs it, it makes you feel warm inside and it just makes me feel like my kids are proud of what we’re doing.”

Giacoppo said they are now expanding services offered by Ricky Inc., including transportation for those who

need to get from the street to detox.

“We verify what is true and that’s where they’re going, and we provide transportation to the detox,” he said. “We also arrange rides for people in sober living who have to go to court. One of the other big things we do is if someone who is getting out of detox and facing financial hardship and can’t get into a sober home because they have no money, we will pay for the application and documentation and pay the first month’s rent for them. They’ll have four weeks to find a job and support themselves.”

Giacoppo said Ricky Inc. dispersed about \$30,000 in those kinds of sponsorships last year alone, and in total have now distributed 2,388 backpacks full of supplies to those in need. Giacoppo added that the foundation gets a lot of support from the Norwood Police Department.

“I’ve been retired for six years now, and to know that they’re still there, I’d like to use the word brotherhood, but there are a lot of women there too, regardless it’s great to know I have a lot of friends there still who have my back and are pulling for me,” he said.

During the event, Kraft said he was proud to help the 26 organizations, including Giacoppo’s, make a difference in the world.

“Every year, nonprofit organizations across New England put forth candidates that demonstrate what volunteerism and giving back

truly are and who represent the very best of our community,” he said. “My late wife Myra, of blessed memory, was passionate about giving back and making a difference in people’s lives. I am proud to see her legacy of volunteerism upheld through these awards, celebrating those who selflessly serve their communities as true Community MVPs.”

Ricky Inc. won out against 300 other applications for this funding, which is available to all nonprofits in the New England region every year.

For more information on Giacoppo’s organization, go to <https://rickyinc.org>


For more information on the Patriots Foundation, go to <https://www.patriots.com/community/>

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The Morrill Memorial Library is excited to announce this year's Adult Summer Reading challenge!

Between now and September 7, fill out your Adult Summer Reading Bingo Card with what you read and did. When you have filled in at least 1 horizontal, vertical, or diagonal line of 5 squares (BINGO), you can turn your card in at the Reference Desk or email it to humbreit@minlib.net. You can also turn in your card at the library's Norwood Day table on September 7. Or, log your progress online by signing up for the Adult Summer Reading Challenge through our Beanstack page. All cards must be submitted before the end of the day on September 7.

For every BINGO on your card, you'll get 1 entry into our prize drawing at the end of the summer. Complete all 24 squares and get an extra 6 entries! We'll have several prizes, so multiple participants will win. Many thanks to the Friends of the Library for generously funding our Summer Reading prizes.

One card per person, for readers high school-aged and older. Book titles may be used up to twice

per card.

Questions? Call 781-769-0200 ext. 2. Download your Bingo Card from our Adult SRP webpage, which will go live on June 17, or pick one up in-person at the Reference Desk. Good luck and have fun!

MONDAY MOVIE MATINEES ARE BACK!

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to continue our Monday Movie Matinee film series. The series will run from June - September, 2024. The films will be shown on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Showtime at 1PM.

If you love movies and want to immerse yourself in unforgettable cinematic experiences, Morrill Memorial Library is the place to be! Join us on the 2nd and 4th Monday afternoons from June through September to enjoy an eclectic mix of movies. Movie dates are: 7/8, 7/22, 8/12, 8/26, 9/9, and 9/23. June movies are: June 24: Devotion (138 mins)- PG13 - Starring Jonathan Majors, Glen Powell.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY MOVIE

The Morrill Memorial Library is offering an in-person sensory-friendly movie on the 4th Friday of the month for adults with different levels of cognitive abilities.

Join us for our Sensory-friendly Friday movie at the Library! This program will be held in-person in

the Simoni Room on Friday June 28, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our June movie in the Sensory-friendly Friday movie series is Warner Bros. Space Jam: A new legacy, rated PG.

The Morrill Memorial Library and Lifeworks Inc of Norwood are excited to bring this program series to the Norwood community.

PRIDE MONTH SPECIAL MOVIE

The Morrill Memorial Library wishes everyone a Happy Pride Month! What better way to round off our Pride Month celebration than a special screening of Red, White & Royal Blue?

Based on the bestselling book of the same name by Casey McQuiston, this movie captured the hearts of the fans from all over the world. We are excited to host a special screening of the movie on Sunday June 30th at 2PM in the Simoni Room.

Synopsis: When the feud between the son of the American President and Britain's prince threatens to drive a wedge in the U.S./British relations, the two are forced into a staged truce that sparks something deeper. (Source: IMDB) The movie is rated R with a run time of 112 minutes.

AGING PARENTS: UNDERSTANDING HOUSING OPTIONS

Morrill Memorial Library is partnering with Cornerstone at Canton to host a presentation called Aging Parents: Understanding housing options on July 16, at 6:30PM in the Simoni Room.

Social isolation can have a profound effect on seniors living at home alone. Many older adults have limited opportunities for meaningful interactions and daily exercise, especially during the cold winter months. While visiting your loved ones, it is important to keep an eye out for both physical and cognitive changes.

Please join Anne Stein, Director of Community Relations and Rebecca Scalzo, Executive Director at Cornerstone, Canton as they take the attendees through the signs to look out for and how to determine the best living option for your loved ones so that they can have the highest possible quality of life.

For the Record

DEDICATION CEREMONY AT MYLOD ST. CONSERVATION AREA

The Norwood Trails Committee and Norwood Conservation Commission are hosting a dedication ceremony at 10 am on Friday, June 28th at the Mylod Street conservation area. The Women's Community Committee has donated an ADA accessible picnic table which is now installed at this site. The table is ADA accessible and located adjacent to the parking area. It allows for unobstructed views of the Norwood food forest and the Endean meadow, and is a great spot for a family gathering, bird watching or to rest after walking the Endean trails. Parking is limited, but available at the Norwood community gardens lot.

The Women's Community Committee is an all-volunteer, non-profit, community service organization in operation since 1925. We appreciate their donation of this table for community use, and honor their goal of extending a helping hand. Questions? Email trails@norwoodma.gov.

READING FREDERICK DOUGLASS

The Old Parish Preservation Volunteers (OPPV) is sponsoring a public reading of Frederick Douglass's July 5, 1852 speech, "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" The event will take place on July 4, at 2:00 pm in the Old Parish Cemetery in Norwood at the grave site of abolitionist and Unitarian minister Rev. Edwin Thompson. This event is free and open to the public.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

We will be having our yearly recitation of The Patriotic Rosary on the Norwood Town Common on July 3rd at 1 pm. Everyone is invited to celebrate God and country with us as we pray for our military, living and dead, our police officers, our firefighters, our government officials, and each person in all of our 50 states. We will sing all of our patriotic songs and conclude with taps to remember those who have given their lives in the service of our country.

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This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Patricia A. Gorman, First Justice of this Court.

June 07, 2024

Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

Norwood Record: June 27, 2024



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Grateful thanks. —K.B.

St. Jude's Novena

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In gratitude for helping me. —I.H.

Miracle Prayer

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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 July 9, 2024, at 7:00 PM** on the request of **Victoria D'Annunzio (Case #24-15)** with respect to property located at **35 Fulton St, Norwood, MA 02062 [Map 5 Block 5E Lot 134]**, in the **Single Residence (S) 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:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/xsu-pnjz-wua>
Or dial: (US) +1 941-254-1160 PIN: 402 158 920#

This Application requests a **Special Permit** pursuant to Zoning Bylaw **Section 5.7.3** to demolish the existing house and reconstruct a larger house on a non-conforming lot.

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.

Norwood Record: 06/20/24, 06/27/24

Deaths

HECKMANN

Richard J., age 81, passed away in Westwood, Massachusetts, on Friday, June 14, 2024. He was preceded by his late wife, Susan P. Heckmann. He is survived by his four children, Gregory Heckmann and his wife, Maura; Kirsten Raymond and her husband, Robert; David Heckmann and his wife, Cynthia; Amy Ripp and her husband, Greg. He is also survived by his grandchildren Mira and Callie Heckmann, Emma, Nathaniel, and Gregory Raymond, Andrew Axelton and his wife Emily, Timothy Heckmann and his wife Marissa, Hayley Heckmann-Larson and her husband D.A. as well as Christopher Heckmann. Richard was a long-time Norwood resident. Richard loved working as a materials manager for many years, most recently at Honeywell. He was an avid hiker and runner. He climbed many of New Hampshire's beautiful mountains. Richard had a deep love for music. His children fondly remember listening and dancing to his extensive vinyl collection. This collection included many Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, Elvis, and Queen albums. He passed down his love of music to all of his family. They will always remember and cherish their memories of listening to music with him and traveling to see his favorite bands. "And all that is now. And all that is gone. And all that's to come. And everything under the sun is in tune, but the sun is eclipsed by the moon" Pink Floyd, Eclipse. A Memorial Service will be held for both Susan and Richard Heckmann in The First Congregational Church, 100 Winter Street, NORWOOD, on Monday July 15, 2024 at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Richard's memory to the Milford Humane Society, P.O. Box 171, Milford MA 01757 or see www.milfordhumane.org. This shelter is where his beloved cat Mellie was from.



O'BRIEN

Joan Marie (Bacchiochi) of Centerville, formerly of Norwood, passed away Wednesday, June 12th 2024, surrounded by her loving grandchildren at the Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis. Her death was unexpected. Joan was born in Newton on September 16, 1934 to the late Carl and Ann (Barkutis) Bacchiochi of Needham. Joan was a 1952 graduate of Needham High School. She predeceased her wonderful husband Joe and is survived by her brother Bob Bacchiochi of Florida, her sons Paul (Coleen), Bobby (Sutton) and Larry, her grandchildren Justin, Jennifer, Chrisa and Brandon, also three other children from other mother's, Jim Balnis, Luran Giambattista and Kevin Cornelius Harrington. Joan was employed at Canada Dry and then became a much-loved councilor and instructor at Gloria Stevens Fitness Salon. With three very athletic sons, Joan was a team Mom volunteer for baseball, soccer and football teams and loved doing it. She loved travel, visiting Europe, St. Maarten and crossing the United States on multiple occasions. She loved working in her garden each year for hours on end. She kept an immaculate home and the way she dressed was impeccable. All class, and always with a big, beautiful smile. She lit up a room, especially when dancing with her friends, her favorite pass time in her last years, as she was quite a dancer. Also, an avid reader always had more than just one book from the library. Very proud of her Italian and Lithuanian heritage she loved to cook. In her 30's Joan did what she absolutely adored, modeling in local fashion shows for a bridal shop. She had the beauty and grace to do this for a number of years. She had many good friends through the years who will all miss her. Jeanie, Muriel and Jackie to name a few. God Bless you Ma, we love you and await our next embrace. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to visiting hours on Tuesday, July 2nd, from 3-7pm at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington Street, Norwood. A further celebration of Joan's life will be held on Cape Cod later in the season.



Deaths

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Pictured from left to right are Steering Committee League Member - Diane O'Toole, Sarah Begg - Heather's mother, Heather Begg - Scholarship Recipient, and Steering Committee League Member - Toni Eosco.

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Norwood LWV award scholarship

The Norwood League of Women Voters Margery McKenna Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is awarded in recognition of a student who has shown interest or participation in the civic process and environmental studies. The Norwood LWV review committee selected Norwood High School graduate, Heather Begg, for this year's scholarship. With several league members present to congratulate her, Heather was presented her award and certificate at Norwood's Morrill Memorial Library in the Simoni Room on June 11, 2024. Heather, daughter of Matthew and Sarah Begg of Norwood, will be attending Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. in the fall with a major in business and global affairs.

Heather, a Norwood High graduate, earned numerous awards, including the Harvard Book Award, with her outstanding academic record and numerous extra-curricular activities. Her essay statement clearly expressed her belief in the re-

sponsible citizen when she stated, "We need strong young voices to run for government alongside those of the experienced politicians in order to make change happen. The only way that this can happen is for my generation to take an active role in the democratic process." The Norwood League of Women Voters extends our best wishes to Heather. We know she will make a positive difference in the world.

Margery McKenna was a longtime, active member of the Norwood League. She served

in numerous leadership capacities including President. She was an advocate for public education and served as a member of Norwood's School Committee for many years, and as a town meeting member for decades. Her interest in climate change and the environment was deeply rooted in her science major background in physics from Smith College.

For information about the Norwood League of Women Voters, call or text Membership Chair, Toni Eosco, at 617-974-4936 or visit www.lwvnorwoodma.org.

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

Subaru Crosstrek Sport

New Englanders love their Subarus, especially the newer models. Gone is the problem older years and there were many. My current Subaru Crosstrek Sport shows all the time spent to make it right. Two engine choices: 2.0 or 2.5 liter—of course the 2.5 has more power and the engine comes alive at 4500 RPM due to the intake runner motor opening up. It feels like in the old days when the 4 barrel carburetor opens. The much improved CVT multi-mode transmission has positive feedback when shifting manually. The driver's seat is powered and both front seats are comfortable and supportive. The interior layout is simple and clean, the center touchscreen displays a lot of information and is simple to navigate. The Crosstrek seats four with storage behind the rear seats. Redesigned for 2024, Subaru did a great job. Priced from around \$25,000 to \$33,000, the Crosstrek is an AWD to consider.

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

Monday, June 17

0906 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Transported by other means Location/Address: Norwood Central Station Building - Broadway Call from the Transit PD reporting a male party on the train coming into town is being uncooperative and disorderly. Transit will call back. White male, baseball cap, blonde hair and blue eyes. Conductor will point him out. Male party is getting into with other parties on board. Party was given a transport to the bus stop. He was advised of his options and the altercation that was reported was an argument over the fare and party was advised. Units clear.

0919 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Walpole St Caller on 911 reporting a pit bull running in and out of the road. ACO notified and she is en route from Walpole. NWD 665 checked the area. Has not seen the dog but will remain in area if he sees the dog.

1630 Phone - PD-Lost/Found Property Report Follows Location/Address: Engamore Lane Male party thinks between Wednesday and Thursday of last week someone broke into his apartment and stole his backpack with wallet. Party missing backpack and wallet. Fraud charges to his card.

1739 Initiated - PD-Traffic Enforcement Report Follows Location/Address: Chapel St + Fairview Rd Don and Wally's en route for vehicle. Confirmed one in custody. RO has a WMS. Confirmed passenger has a WMS. OFC confirmed, both parties in custody. NWD 663 and NWD 661 transporting parties back to station in custody. Don and Wally's has vehicle. Arrest: Najera Perez, Eleonidas Ermelindo Address: 90 Rock St Apt 2 Norwood, Ma Age: 29 Charges: Straight Warrant License Suspended, OP MV With Alcohol In MV, Possess Open Container Of Arrest: Perez-Vasquez, Edin Address: 90 Rock St Apt. #2 Norwood, Ma Age: 41 Charges: Default Warrant

2328 Phone - PD-Assist Public Investigated Location/Address: Respite House - Beacon Ave Resident of the house having roommate issues. Verbal as of now. Tried calling staff, no answer from staff. Argument about roommates snoring. Staff made aware.

Tuesday, June 18

1129 Phone - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: Flight Level Aviation - Access Rd 911 caller reporting a female party who has been formally trespassed from Flight Level has returned. Party has now gone outside and is sitting near the parking lot by herself. Party is described as a white female in her 40's with blonde hair wearing a white dress holding a white dog. Female party positive WMS NWD 677 one in custody NWD 665 waiting for animal control. NWD 665 clear ACO has animal. Arrest: Molloy-Emerson, Cheryl Anne Address: 7 Marble St Apt. #123w Whitman, Ma Age: 42 Charges: Straight Warrant

1214 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Village Rd E Animal control to check on the resident there about possibly using pit bulls in dog fighting. It is not the animal the ACO was looking for.

1255 Phone - PD-Mental Health Transported by other means Location/Address: Coventry Lane Female party reports a friend of hers is staying at her house for the last few days, screaming on phone. Riverside is available to take.

1736 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Report Follows Location/Address: Village Road E Reports two cars broken into last night.

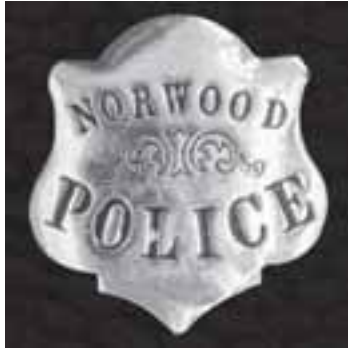
2126 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Report Follows Location/Address: Pendergast Cir MVST MA REG 239EFH. Center auto body for a tow. Requested by NWD 668. Female party in custody back to station by NWD 662. Center Auto has vehicle. OFC's clear. Arrest: Delloiacono, Jennifer Joan Address: 30 Belknap St Dedham, Ma Age: 51 Charges: Stop/Yield, Fail To OUI-Liquor Or .08%, 2nd Offense Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle

Wednesday, June 19

0303 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Investigated Location/Address: Gazebo - Town Common - Washington St DPW reports three people sleeping in the gazebo. OFC's report only one party who is going through homelessness. Not causing any problem. Going to spend the night until the busses start up at 5am.

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Police Logs



0742 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Collision Report Follows Location/Address: - Walpole St 911 calls for a MVA, airbag deployment. Vehicle hit a light pole. MA REG 4ADC61 NIL requested - Don and Wally's 1 party under arrest, following ambulance to the hospital. Officer Riggle standing by for the tow. Party backfilled Arrest: Salvador, Mark S. Address: 350 Engamore Apt. #208 Norwood, Ma Age: 37 Charges: OUI-Liquor Or .08%, 2nd Offense License Revoked As HTO, Operate MV With (Criminal) Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Marked Lanes Violation

0859 Phone - PD-Parking Violation Spoke With Location/Address: Boston Beef Outlet - Washington St Business owner has an issue with cars parking all day on street. OFC advised they are allowed since it is a holiday, 2 hr parking doesn't apply.

2033 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: - Walpole St Motor Vehicle Stop out with MA REG 3KWC44 Tow requested 1 adult male in custody and back to the station Arrest: Soares, Andrew F. Address: 4 E Shelby St Apt. #1 Worcester, Ma Age: 21 Charges: OUI-Liquor Or .08% Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Refer To Stop/Yield, Fail To Marked Lanes Violation

Thursday, June 20

1041 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St + Guild St Caller on the business line reporting a male party sleeping on the bench. Caller reports this is an ongoing issue with this party. Described as a white male

wearing a black shirt and black pants. Norwood 674 reports that party was moved along, clear.

1643 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Washington St + Concord Ave Motor Vehicle Stop out with MA REG 8LB126 1 male party in custody. AR assigned Don and Wally's en route Arrest: Najera Perez, Eleonidas Ermelindo Address: 90 Rock St Apt. #2 Norwood, Ma Age: 29 Charges: License Suspended, Op MV With Default Warrant

1834 Phone - PD-Assist Public Spoke To Location/Address: Prospect St Walk in party states he was driving home and juveniles were shooting gel like bb guns at his vehicle. 2 black teens, black t shirt and basketball shorts. Male party states he chased them for a while, area of the Savage Center. Spoke with the party no damage to the vehicle and not injured. Cruiser taking a ride through the area to see if he can locate the juveniles. 674 reports ASN for the juveniles at this time

Friday June 21

0158 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Collision Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Residence Inn By Marriott - Norwood Park S 2 car MVA. SC REG XDG890 FL REG 10AWNZ Center Auto en route Arrest: Haigh, Chelsea M Address: 19 Fairview Rd Norwood, Ma Age: 32 Charges: OUI-Liquor Or .08%, 2nd Offense Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle State Highway-Traffic Violation

1417 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Sayar Market - Bos-Prov Hwy 911 caller reports the market he is at will not return the items he bought although he has a receipt. Officers spoke with the male party who was upset he could not return the food he did not enjoy. Party has been advised and sent on his way.

Saturday, June 22

1351 Phone - PD-Disturbance Spoke To Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Caller from apt reporting she went to her neighbor upstairs at to complain about a noise complaint and the neighbor hit her in the face and arms. Caller is return-

ing to her apt. Both parties were advised to speak with the leasing office and not with each other. 1

615 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Fairview Rd Report of a female party possibly passed out in the rear of a white compact sedan.

2228 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Vicinity of: George St Caller from Howard Street, going on since about 6pm. Would like peace to be restored. George Street was spoken to by the officer. Was advised to turn the music down. Officer clear.

2248 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: George St Caller from Howard Street, 2nd call for service. States music was turned down and then the music went right back up after the officer left. Wants peace restored. Homeowner has been spoken to they will be wrapping things up for the evening.

Sunday, June 23

1251 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Gone on arrival Location/Address: Stop & Shop - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller on the business line, States a woman is in front of Stop and Shop pan handling with a 1 year old in the carriage. Caller is worried about the child in the carriage and being exposed to the heat for too long. GOA, units clear.

1252 911 - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Boston Tavern - Bos-Prov Hwy 911- dispute over a parking space. Other person yelling and swearing at the caller. Driver is in a gray VW Atlas Other vehicle is a Silver Toyota Camry Reg:475ZT5 Female-WF, Dark brown hair, graphic blue t-shirt Male(driver) WM Verbal argument only, spoke to all parties, clear

1425 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports a female pan handling near the business. She has a young child that the caller is concerned about. Party called her father. He is going to pick them up. They will be waiting in the A/C in Stop and Shop. Baby is not in distress.

2335 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: - Washington St 911 Caller reports there is a WM and BM, wearing only shorts, who are not residents, asleep on the grass behind her building. PD requesting FD for 2 unresponsive male parties but breathing at this time. Both parties transported to BI Needham, 1 PC and 1 voluntary.

School Tour

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installation is ongoing, as well as continuing installation of insulation, in Area C. He said wall tile is also being installed through the interior of Area C.

Apone said they are looking to continue work on the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire protection systems for Areas B and A. He said the wall framing and sheathing in Area A is ongoing, as well as interior wall framing in the third and fourth walls of the same area.

Right now, Apone said they are also working on the masonry installation of brick at the north elevations of Area B and Area A. The south elevation of Area B will start to see curtain wall installation. He added they are looking to install slab on grade for the 5th and 6th grade kitchen in Area A shortly.

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 July 9, 2024, at 7:00 PM** on the request of **Ismayil Nasirov (Case #24-14)** with respect to property located at **66 & 72 Broadway St, Norwood, MA 02062 [Map 1 Block 3 Lot 11]**, in the **Central Business (CB) Zoning and Mixed Use Overlay (MUOD) 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:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/xsu-pnjz-wua>
Or dial: (US) +1 941-254-1160 PIN: 402 158 920#

This Application requests a **Special Permit** pursuant to Zoning Bylaw **Section 3.1.5**, Table of Use Regulations, to operate an auto repair facility in the Central Business District.

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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PIERCE



William N. "Billy", of Berkley, and formerly of Brockton, passed away on Wednesday June 12, 2024. Born in West Bridgewater, he was the son of Priscilla (Bradford) and the late Norman Alton Pierce. William attended local schools, and worked for many years in the restaurant industry. William is survived by his mother, Priscilla Harrington and step-father Lawrence Harrington of Norwood. He was the brother of Debi Avila of Cypress TX, Susan Pierce of Brockton, Christine Ferrara of FLA, and the uncle of Trina Mubiru of Norwood. Arrangements were made with Gillooly

Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. All services are private.

REARDON



John E. "Jack" of Norwood, devoted son of Doris and Lester Reardon, husband of Lucy M. Reardon, brother of Paul and the late Stephen, and father of John E. Jr, David A. and the late Robert J., passed away on Monday June 17, 2024. In addition, he leaves behind seven grandchildren, Meaghan, Joe, Samantha, Delaney, Calleigh, Lizzy and Patrick, and his three great-grandchildren, Lana Kay, Lila and Roman. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Timothy's Church, Norwood on

Friday June 21 Interment was at Highland Cemetery. Arrangements were made with Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Jack's memory to The Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, <https://dana-farber.org/> or the School of Engineering, Northeastern University, <https://coe.northeastern.edu/>.

SCACCIA



William F. "Billy" Jr., 83, of Dedham, passed away surrounded by his family at his home on Thursday morning, June 20, 2024. Born and raised in Hyde Park, he was the son of the late Margaret J.

(DiPastina) and William F. Scaccia, Sr. William attended local schools, and was a graduate of Hyde Park High School. After high school, William enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served as a jet engine mechanic. Following active duty, William remained in the Naval Reserve. In later years, he joined the National Guard, where he served for many more years. William worked for over 40 years for the MBTA as a Trolley Mechanic and Foreman at Riverside. In addition, he worked in construction as a second occupation for many years. Billy enjoyed hunting, fishing, and his full dress Harley-Davidson. He enjoyed riding cross-country and to Sturgis however, nothing came close to the love and dedication that he had for his family. William was the beloved husband of the late Carol A. (Thomas) Scaccia. He was the devoted father of

Sherri Scaccia and Krissy Scaccia of Dedham, and the late Anthony Scaccia and William F. Scaccia, and step-father of Lori Donovan of Roslindale, Jason Donovan of Norton, and the late Kelly Donovan. William was the brother of Cathy and her husband Bob Pike of Braintree, Marilyn and her husband James Gasbarro, and Doreen and her husband Joseph Avila, all of Dedham. He is survived by thirteen grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and many nieces and nephews. Visiting Hours were held in the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood on Tuesday June 25, 2024. Private Funeral Services will be held with Interment at Brookdale Cemetery, Dedham at a later date. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Billy's memory to American Legion Post 18, 155 Eastern Avenue, Dedham MA 02026.

Obituary Policy

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- July 7 **Cumpaq Big Band**
- July 14 **Westwood Swing Band**
- July 21 **Sharon Concert Band**
- July 28 **Roy Scott Big Band**
- August 4 **Portrait in Jazz**
- August 11 **NHS Abimul Jazz Band**
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- August 25 **Dan Gabel and the Abbotones**

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