

The first of three community meetings relative to the “Saints Lot” focused on entry points, scenic walkways/trails, and parking.

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Saints Park meeting draws interest

Parking a concern

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

Thursday evening, May 20, the first of three scheduled community planning meetings was held regarding the park planned for 84 Morse St. The undeveloped, overgrown seven acre “Saints Lot” is bordered by Eliot Park (behind the Balch Elementary School), the Neponset River, Hawes Brook (behind the school bus lot and across the street from the Space Center), and the dead ends of Saint Paul, Saint Joseph, and Saint

John avenues, from whence it gets its moniker. In 2018, the land had been at the center of a sustained conflict between the South Norwood community and Boch Enterprises over the latter’s intention to convert it to open lot auto storage until, surprisingly, Boch gave the Town the chance to buy it, which it did. In October of 2019, Town Meeting approved the \$338,000 purchase, using Community Preservation funds allocated for conservation and open space.

Subsequent to this purchase, the Town retained the Horsley Witten Group – an engineering and environmental consulting firm specializing in sustainable water resource protection – to analyze the site; prepare conceptual designs for a park, river walk, and other amenities to be located there; and provide a detailed cost estimate for the project.

The HWG team met with **Saints Forum**
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Planning Board modifies STM article language

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

The Planning Board amended the language to the three mixed use overlay district (MUOD) bylaws proposed in the Route 1 proposed Boston Providence Highway District (BPHD) after it was recommended that a percentage be required for the amount of commercial space per development.

This issue had been discussed at the previous meeting on Monday, May 17, but no recommendation was made on an amount. Town Planner Paul Halkiotis said that a question had been raised to him asking about a specific ratio for commercial development. An example given was if having a small Dunkin Donuts at the corner of a 150-unit apartment complex qualified a building as a mixed use development.

“Since our bylaw requires commercial on the first floor with residential above as one option of mixed use, it was recommended that we require a minimum of 25 percent of a mixed use development be for a commercial use,” he said.

Selectman David Hajjar recommended 20 percent for commercial use.

“You always have the ability to change it,” he explained. “I just think you have more leverage if you tell the developers when they come in they

have to meet a certain threshold and let them argue to you why it should be lower, rather than vice versa.

“I think it’s an outward expression that the whole intent of this whole Route 1 scenario of zoning was to increase commercial development,” Hajjar continued, noting the philosophy was to spur economic growth.

Ernie Paciorkowski agreed to 20 percent, saying that all commercial entities should be fronting Route 1.

The committee voted 5-0 to approve adding the language “not less than 20 percentage of the total square footage” be devoted to commercial development.

Three of the five hearings were continued after board discussion. The most widely discussed was a proposal for an eight-unit one-bedroom housing complex at 7-9 Cottage St. in a MUOD. It would be located behind the Common Café, which would allow it to qualify as a mixed use development. It was proposed by owner Luigi Sellitto.

Problems arose when Halkiotis explained that the plans were incomplete. The plans that had been submitted were eight years old and were drawn up by the previous planner on the project. There were

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FNC looks forward to sweet summer

Restaurant Week coming

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Now that the light at the end of the tunnel is in sight for the United States this summer, the Friends of Norwood Center (FNC) has said the Town’s businesses are chomping at the bit to get back into the regular swing of things.

While Norwood’s business community has been able to ride out the pandemic

fairly well, that’s not to say the Town escaped unscathed. Many businesses have felt the crunch from pandemic-related losses and many have had to shut down for good. But FNC Chair Charlotte Walsh said that the business owners she’s talked to are optimistic about the future, if a little wary of counting their chickens just yet.

“I’m feeling that way and

A Sweet Summer
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The Friends of Norwood Center are gearing up to help local businesses make up for the losses of last summer during the pandemic.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

Town and Country

HI GUYS, DOING THINGS RIGHT

So many people could not get to a vaccination site due to transportation, etc. when the system was first set up. Of course, having to set up an appointment on a computer is not what some of we 'elders' want, need, or even have. Compliments to Our Town's Senior Center Director, Kerri McCarthy, and her team, and to our Board of Health. They got right to it and accomplished a herculean task, making it seem simple to the public, yet knowing

full well they worked incredibly hard with the public's very appreciative success. Now, seemingly an afterthought, the state has given our independent pharmacies the okay to administer the vaccine. They administer many other vaccines continually and are well aware of the protocols of such a program. Too bad the state hadn't thought about making it a bit easier for individuals at the outset. If you are still in need of a vaccination, don't forget Our Town's independent,

Norwood Pharmacy, which makes the whole process extremely easy for the individual.

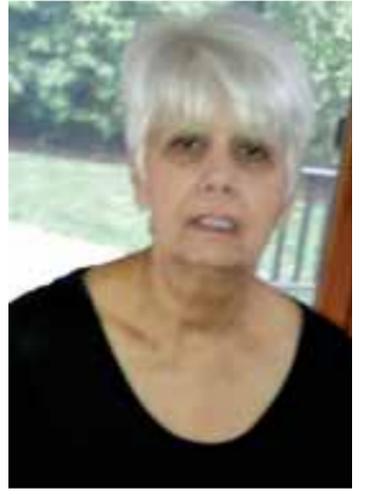
A GRATEFUL VETERAN

I have tremendous respect for the 'Greatest Generation.' In general they worked extremely hard, asked for little, gave much of themselves, respected those who were different and raised good kids. One among them was Our Town's Tony Grasso, a veteran of WWII with two Purple Hearts. Now at 96, Tony would like to say thank you in a more personal

way to the young man who he states saved his life in the fall of 1944 during WWII. This month Tony will fly to South Carolina to visit the grave of Lt. Frank DuBose to say thank you; one last salute from one hero to another. You're the best, Tony!

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The NSC, through Town Meeting, has purchased a brand new Chrysler Pacifica hybrid minivan. The van will be used to transport seniors to medical appointments in Norwood and surrounding ar-



Jackie Saber

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Town officials in March and collected information on the property. It then toured the site and prepared its initial analysis, the results of which it shared, via Zoom, in an interactive meeting that ran about an hour and a quarter.

Conservation Agent & Town Environmental Planner Holly Jones moderated the meeting, with Town Planner Paul Halkiotis assisting. It was attended by 25 community members, many of whom were from the neighborhood and a number of whom were Town officials, including Selectmen, Conservation Commissioners, and members of both the Trails Advisory Committee and the Community Preservation Committee. Additionally, members of the Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA) were also in attendance.

Project Manager Brian Kuchar and Project Landscape Architect Hannah Carlson traded off on portions of the HWG presentation, during

which the lot was shown in different diagrams that highlighted its environmental constraints; drainage and utilities; vegetation; soils; and access, circulation, and river views.

The last one – a basic sketch plan – proved to be of great interest, with its focus on essential matters: entry points, scenic walkways/trails, and parking areas.

On it, potential access points were shown at the end of the three Saint avenues, at the end of Folan Avenue, and at connecting points of entry along the perimeter of Eliot Park.

Potential informal parking areas were also marked, with one each at the dead ends of Saint Joseph and Saint John, another at the elbow of Saint George and Pond avenues, and another at the Balch School parking lot.

Parking was, in fact, the major topic of the comments portion of the meeting, with a number of attendees expressing

concern regarding the dead end lots and congestion.

Selectman David Hajjar articulated the balancing act that it entails:

"We do have to worry about neighborhood parking, but we do also have to provide it if we're going to have as much activity as we would like to have down there."

Suggestions were made, including one by Trails Chairman Joe Greeley to include the Hawes Pool parking lot (1305 Washington St.) as an option, and another by NepRWA Treasurer Francis Hopcroft to ask the Space Center (83 Morse St.) for some parking spots.

Helen Donohue also reiterated a suggestion that she had made at a recent meeting of the Board of Selectmen: to have Norwood Light vacate its lot on Short Street.

"We have so many other places where they can put their poles. We have that big place down on Access Road now. That [the Short Street lot] could

be closed out, and we could use that for parking."

The Neponset was also mentioned, with views of it, access to it, and its conservation all points of discussion.

With the river walk potentially tracing around Eliot Park from the parking area at Saint George and Pond, Greeley suggested that it might be lengthened to the north, and widened, which Hopcroft responded to from a conservationist perspective:

"We have a lot of vegetation along the river now, which is a really good thing, primarily because it shades the river and keeps the water cool, which is very good for the fisheries."

Dozens of other comments and suggestions were made: so many of them, in fact, that the planned presentation was sped up and cut short to allow for them, and the meeting – originally scheduled for an hour – was extended by 15 minutes.

Most of these comments were delivered without a word; Jones had set up a virtual whiteboard (Google Jamboard) and, as attendees would text

their remarks, HWG's Jonas Procton would move them to virtual sticky notes and then post them on the board.

Several boards quickly filled with notes: canoe launch, signage, bike rack, benches, river overlook, learning opportunities, public art, dog park/no dog park/dog friendly but no dog park, Hawes Brook footbridge were some of the most repeatedly jotted down.

Although the meeting marked the conclusion of the information gathering phase, comments and suggestions can still be made by filling out an online form that can be accessed using this link: <https://forms.gle/FSN4e6x3hJfihvah9>

The second community planning meeting – during which conceptual designs for the riverfront park will be presented – is currently scheduled on Zoom for 7 p.m. on June 29. It can be accessed using this link: <https://zoom.us/j/93978990596>

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Norwood select board split on mixed use districts

Justin Roshak
Staff Reporter

The Norwood select board will oppose one of three articles that would create special districts intended to promote mixed use development. No article received unanimous support, and all three will go to ballot at the Special Town Meeting in June.

Article 1 would create the “Boston Providence Highway” special zoning district along Route 1. The proposal would make Route 1 more like Route 9, according to multiple officials at Tuesday’s meeting, though they disagreed on whether that was desirable.

Articles 2, 3, and 4 would create individual mixed use overlay districts within the broader Boston Providence Highway zone. These articles are independent of each other, though each requires the first to pass to take effect.

“This will give town meeting members control and more options over which, if any, of the mixed use overlay districts they choose to support,” said Paul Halkiotis, director of community planning and economic development, who presented the planning board’s final recommendations.

Article 2, would create a “Northern Gateway” district at the intersection of Everett-University Avenue and Route 1, and would extend northeast to the Westwood town line.

Article 3 would create a district in the space between Nahatan Street, Coolidge Street, and Route 1, about one mile southeast of downtown Norwood. The area is currently home to one manufacturing firm and several undeveloped parcels.

Article 4 would create a district between Morse Street and River Ridge Drive, along Route 1. It would cover part of the Vanderbilt business park.

These three zones were the survivors of an initial list whittled down by the planning board.

“The board really looked, and the three areas, articles 2, 3, and 4, we all agree that these three areas are made for this kind of mixed use,” said planning board member Ernie

Paciorkowski.

But not all of the select board agreed.

Helen Donahue opposed all three articles outright: “I like the Town of Norwood the way it is,” she said. Nonetheless, article 2 was recommended four to one.

Article 3 sparked broader opposition. David Hajjar worried the district was too close to the center of Town. Chairman Thomas Maloney expressed regret it was not possible to include single family homes in the district, something he said Norwood “desperately needs.” Matthew Lane said he might support the district to keep things uniform. But all five members voted to oppose it.

Article 4 was recommended four to one, with only Donahue opposed.

The overlay districts will be able to include affordable housing requirements, which Halkiotis estimated to be about 15 to 20 percent of units.

However, an amendment, supported by the planning board, would require that a mixed use building be substantially dedicated to commercial use. This would prevent developers justifying a large residential structure with only a small coffee shop, for instance.

Town planners also assessed traffic: at the request of the Planning Board, Halkiotis retained the services of a traffic engineer to study the impact on traffic if the zones were built up to the maximum level. The study accounted for a state expansion of the roadway in 2025, which will add lanes.

Traffic conditions were graded based on the ease of transit, from A (almost no other cars) to F (gridlock). Halkiotis described the results as “a mix” that would depend on the exact mix of development. Traffic could either increase or reduce slightly, but would likely never be easy.

“This is a tough intersection,” Halkiotis admitted. And he suggested that the study was a worst case scenario.

“In most cases the maximum extent of development doesn’t happen,” he said. “When we’re talking about buildout, the question is ‘when.’” The precise

impact would depend on the mix of residential and commercial units.

The Boston Providence Highway district would require, among other things, that new street side properties include six inch raised granite curbing.

The planning board also wrote in an 80 ft setback from any residential zoning districts. Commercial spaces will be allowed to use the first 50 ft as parking or loading space. The last 30 ft immediately abutting the residential zone will be required to contain evergreen landscaping and a six foot solid wall.

The setback, plus the setbacks usually included in residential areas, would mean a separation of at least 100 ft between commercial buildings and homes, Halkiotis said. It creates, in effect, a rear yard requirement.

“We believe this setback, over time, as businesses change over and redevelop and the setback is implemented, will help to reduce some of the conflicts that have occurred over the years,” he said.

Recent changes to state zoning law will allow articles 2, 3, and 4 to be approved by a simple majority vote, but article 1 will require the traditional two thirds.

There will be three more information sessions: virtual ones on June 3rd at 5:30 pm and June 9th at 7 pm, and an in person meeting on June 13 at 9 am at the senior center.

The special town meeting will be held June 14 at 6:30 pm at Norwood High School.

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NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD

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Joseph F. Sheehan, Chairman

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Letters to the Editor

LIBRARY CONTENT IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR MINORS

To the Editor:

I have to say, the Morrill Memorial Library was not on my radar as institutions I felt I had to keep tabs on when it comes to Norwood public services. Apparently I was mistaken. It seems the Morrill Memorial Library feels it has a duty to showcase unique individuals during its Pride Month offerings. Namely drag queens and others who wish to present story time and features about sexuality geared towards our younger generation.

Here are their offerings:

June 10th, "The Pineapple Project", "a play about gender creativity". Ages 3-8.

June 16th, "Story Hour with Drag Kings, Queens & Friends", "a lively pop-up session with drag performers and sparkly friends"! All ages welcome.

There's more that don't mention ages but you can see where this is going.

There are also other questionable invitees that make me question whether or not my/our tax dollars are being spent the way they should be.

There has to be a line drawn somewhere. Somewhere between what should be taught and explained within the four walls of the home or at the dinner table and what should be taught in the public space or at school. The offerings at the taxpayer funded library fall into the category of what should be explained at home. There is no call for the public library to be spending resources on such content. Content geared towards a younger generation with challenges our generation never had to endure.

I can see it now, a child, maybe 8 or 10, watches a drag show from the Morrill Library, then proceeds to Google "drag queen". What comes up then? A whole host of inappropriate things through the internet that no 8 or 10 year old should ever have to see. And that's not bad parenting, kids find a way!

Do you know what programs other towns are offering through their library? Let me bring you up to speed on some of the not so "woke" towns around us. Westwood offers story time and instructions on knitting. Walpole offers Pajama Jam and a blood drive. Canton offers a Garden Club plant sale and a pop art class to teach you how to make a hedgehog. All of which are in addition to their many story hours and book clubs. None of which will be showcasing drag queens normalizing themselves to our most impressionable age groups.

I have been to cabarets and seen my fair share of drag shows. Most of which are presented by individuals using the foulest of language where even I blush at times. These are not the people I want pretending to care about how my children are feeling through their adolescent years. This seems more like an attempt at grooming those with minds set to mold than anything else. And frankly, I find it ridiculous that a new library director would have the nerve to present such an offering no more than a few months into his position. A position in which he admits on NCM he knows little about the community where he is employed. Maybe this flew in his previous employment but I'll be damned if it flies here. This should be a teachable moment to the director and the Board of Trustees that this type of content will not stand for the townspeople of Norwood. And before anyone gets on their own soapbox and starts labeling me a bigot or anti-LGBTQ, this has nothing to do with that discussion and everything to do with making sure the public library and other entities do what they're supposed to do. The library should be a source of information for those wanting to find it. It should not be an advertising arm of an agenda.

This type of programming from the library and nonsense I hear from the schools lately is not why my family moved to Norwood over a decade ago, but I assure you that it will be the driving factor in why we leave. I ask that parents in Norwood stand behind my family. I ask that you call our Library Director, call our Town Manager and call our Selectmen. Let them know that this content should not be addressed in this type of forum. This is not appropriate.

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The Board of Health also discussed this year's most recent Hazardous Waste Day, which members said went off with few hitches or problems.

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BOH awarded excellence grant for multi-town position

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Norwood Health Department Director Sigalle Reiss informed the Norwood Board of Health (BOH) at its regular

meeting on May 17 that the BOH had been awarded the Town the Public Health Excellence Grant.

This means there will be about \$300,000 awarded to the Town every year for three years

for three positions within the Norfolk County Coalition (NCC). The NCC works with eight communities contributing funds for regional positions that

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no renderings presented by the current engineer, Chris Kirby.

Parking would be located on the ground level, Kirby explained. Two floors with four units each would be above.

Paciorkowski said the plans were incomplete because there was no building height and no rendering included.

"There could have been a little bit more detail to the plan," he said.

Sellitto said there was a 52-page plan presented to Halkiotis with copies for the board members.

"We did receive a set of architectural floor plans," Halkiotis said. "Those floor plans are not required and they are not relevant to the type of review that the Planning Board is conducting regarding the site plan."

He said he needed complete site plans, a color rendering with building heights on all sides, a landscape plan, a locus plan, accessibility requirements and a drainage plan. The parking also was not adequate and the number of units was too large for the site, with six being more appropriate.

Halkiotis explained that he "encountered a situation that he has never seen before." The plans were submitted by an engineer who had no role in designing them and did not get permission from the previous engineer, who created them eight years previously. He said he needed to ask Town Counsel about the matter.

"The measurements are the measurements on the drawing," Sellitto said.

Chair Joseph Sheehan recommended that the hearing be continued without prejudice until June 28 at 7:05 p.m., which the

board approved 5-0.

The Planning Board also continued a hearing for a site plan review for Clay Subaru, located at 842 Boston Providence Hwy. Halkiotis said he received a revised site plan that afternoon but received a request to continue the hearing.

"What we need to solve is the amount of landscaping," said attorney Matt Smith, representing the applicant. "My hope was that we could have a discussion between the owners and the board members."

The hearing was continued until June 28 7:30 p.m. by a 5-0 vote.

Smith also represented the next applicant, 570-596 Boston Providence Hwy. for a revised site plan review. The building was moved outside of the 50-foot buffer. A Notice of Intent will now be filed with the Conservation Commission, he said.

The building proposed is now 2,400 square feet, up from 1,800 square feet. An architectural plan waiver was requested because the building façade would have to be proposed by the future tenant.

Halkiotis said the revised site plan was submitted that afternoon. A few things were added that had been suggested by Town Engineer Mark Ryan.

The hearing was continued until June 28 at 7:45 by a 5-0 vote.

The slope stabilization plan for Sunset Avenue was approved by a 4-1 vote, with member Debbie Holmwood voting against. A previous attempt to stabilize the slope with wood chips by the developer had been unsuccessful. This plan would use a steel web with soil, which

Halkiotis said had been approved by Ryan.

The issue that arose was the funding. There was a performance bond initially issued for the project for \$62,000. The state withdrew some funds from that, presumably for taxes. The current estimate for the slope stabilization project is \$59,435.

Holmwood made a motion that the funding not exceed the estimate. The other board members and Halkiotis disagreed, noting that wording should be added that it could go up to the amount of the performance bond to allow for contingencies. The remainder could be used for needed environmental work on the hill, such as removal of tree stumps.

Another project that was approved by a 5-0 vote was for a new freestanding sign for Dedham Savings Bank, located at 185 Central St. The proposed sign will be smaller than the current sign. It will be white with the bank's new logo. It will be 10 feet high, 31 square feet and internally illuminated, but only the logo and lettering will be lit. Dennis Lottero, an abutter and member of the Norwood Crossing Association, said he was concerned about the number of lumens generated. The parking lights are shining into neighboring properties, making it difficult to sleep, he explained.

The board discussed limiting the times of operation to limit disturbance to neighbors. They voted 5-0 to not operate the sign between 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

A spokesperson for Dedham Savings Bank said she would bring back the concerns about the parking lights to the bank to work toward an agreeable solution.

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would not otherwise make budgetary sense for any singular municipality to provide.

“One is a sort of coalition coordinator, one is a community resource coordinator and the other is an epidemiologist,” she said. “One is obviously the coordinator of the program and then the other two are new positions to the region, one focusing on services and the other working on epidemiology and data and health assessment, both for individual communities and the region.”

Reiss added that there are three, three-year extensions for the grant program on the table as well, which means a total possible funding of \$3.6 million over 12 years to improve local public health for the region.

Reiss said the current thinking is that all three positions will be located somewhere in Town Hall. The positions will serve Dedham, Canton, Milton, Westwood, Wellesley, Norwood, Walpole and Needham.

In other news, the Board discussed the May 7 Household Hazardous Waste Day, which Reiss said went off without a hitch.

“I think we had a great day,” she said. “I think the volume of fees was a little bit down, but I don’t think that’s anything significant. We haven’t seen the

bills yet from our vendors, but I expect if our fees are down, what we collected is down and so the cost should be a little down too. We’ll see what hazardous waste brings in. That’s the big one that’s harder to guess. We’ll see what that invoice comes in at.”

Member Kathleen Bishop said she and member Joan Jacobs observed fewer large items like computers or TVs.

“There was more paint and chemicals and stuff like that, and so the hazardous waste might be up,” Bishop said.

“Whereas the TVs, refrigerators and water heaters are down,” Jacobs said. “We had one water heater and a couple of college-size refrigerators but no full-size. It was non-stop though, we didn’t have any breaks at all.”

Reiss said the BOH is looking at improving the wayfinding signage to allow for residents to more easily access the site.

“I think we’re going to go

ahead and purchase some really large and bright signs to direct people to places better,” she said.

Jacobs said it might also be helpful to be much more direct in the kind of paint the Town accepts. She said they only accept oil-based paint, and that has led to some confusion.

“People don’t understand that and so that should be something we might let people know in like a ‘did you know’ page that you can just put latex paint in your trash,” Jacobs said. “Other than that I think it went pretty well. We had a couple of cranks, but other than that we were fine.”

Bishop said these “fresh people” were somewhat perturbed at the rules but she said that residents need to read the rules before they take materials over to the Department of Public Works site.

“They just don’t read or hear or understand the signs,” she said. “I don’t get it.”

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at the same time I know many business owners who do not want to take their foot off the gas just yet," she said. "I think everyone feels like they still need to jump up and down to get their attention and to get them engaged and shopping local. But it depends on who you ask. I think there are definitely some feelings of optimism. A lot of it is, I think, at least personal feelings of optimism. I think everyone individually can appreciate the lifting of some of the restrictions and that combined with the lifting of some of the business restrictions certainly gives business owners hope."

Walsh said to help this along, Norwood, Canton and Dedham are holding a tri-town restaurant week starting on June 7 and ending on June 11. She said this is funded by a grant that the Neponset River Regional Chamber of Commerce was awarded.

"With the money Tom O'Rourke, president of the chamber and a Norwood resident, had the idea of a restaurant week with the three towns

together," she said. "That is currently in the works and soon we'll have a marketing campaign with graphics and things like that. One of the Board members is Maria Lofredo of Vico Restaurant. She's going to be heading up the Norwood contingency."

Walsh said a restaurant week is meant to bring people to restaurants who don't usually go out to restaurants, either because they think it's going to be too crowded or too expensive.

"A restaurant week doesn't happen on the weekend, it happens on that mid-week stretch from Monday to Friday," she said. "And it's a fixed-price menu concept. So each restaurant comes up with what their menu is going to be that week, and it's usually an appetizer, a main course and a desert and it's one price that covers everything. So it takes a lot of the guesswork out of it, but it also makes it something the restaurant can plan for and gets people into the restaurant on their non-busy nights."

Just a few weeks ago, the

Norwood Board of Selectmen voted to allow several banners to remind residents to shop local. Walsh said they are also looking at other programs to help boost the local economy in the long-term.

"We're looking to take a more literal approach to the street pole banners," she said. "In the past it's been beautiful flowers or fall leaves but really we kind of tagged on to a marketing campaign put together by the State of Massachusetts called Visit MA, which is a very direct marketing campaign to try to get people to shop local and think local. It was an effort to shore up our local economy."

Walsh said they could adopt those messages to get residents back outside for the spring season, using colors that are appropriate for the Town.

"Blue and yellow," she said. "Go Mustangs! And we just want to kind of slap people in the face with this campaign with messages like 'put your money where your heart is,' and things like that. A, it makes them feel good they're out in

the Downtown walking around and B, it just reinforces the message."

Walsh said now some businesses are seeing increases in foot traffic from residents just happy to be out of the house. And to capitalize on that, Walsh said she hopes the Town will consider a more permanent kind of outdoor dining for some businesses.

Of course, parking in the Downtown is always an issue, but Walsh said the past year-long effort of allocating some spaces for restaurants and few problems at the municipal parking lots shows the Town can, at least in the Downtown, reasonably accommodate everyone.

"I hope it becomes a more permanent thing," she said. "I

think that when you would say to someone perhaps in the past that we're going to take away X number of parking spaces for outdoor dining, their reaction was negative. But once people came Downtown or just drove through the center of Downtown and saw so many people out and about just enjoying the restaurants and our public spaces, I think it's just very powerful and I don't think people even realized some parking spaces were taken up. But don't get me wrong, the parking issue is a hot button here in Norwood."

Walsh said she felt that the benefits definitely outweighed the negative of having some parking spaces removed during the weather where those outdoor dining spaces are feasible.

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—M.B.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD

In accordance with the requirements of Mass. General Law Chapter 40A Section 5, the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:05 P.M.** via the GoToMeeting remote meeting platform. The meeting can be accessed from the following link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/718185669> or it can be accessed by calling in at 1 (872) 240-3212, access code: 718-185-669. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to accept public comments on the proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw in the following sections: 2.0 Districts, 3.0 Use Regulations, 4.0 Dimensional Requirements, 6.0 General Regulations, 7.0 Special Regulations, and 9.0 Special District Regulations. The proposed amendments will establish the Boston-Providence Highway District which is intended to both expand uses and create consistency along the Route 1 corridor. The draft Zoning Bylaw amendment is on file in the Planning Department at Town Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours. The draft Zoning Bylaw amendments can also be found on the Planning Board's webpage located on <http://www.norwoodma.gov/>

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OUTDOORS UPTOWN

It's back, the outdoor dining experience is open again in Our Town's Center. It changes the parking situation a bit, but we all want the businesses to be successful.

THE NH

So Steward, what's the good word? The horizon has come and just about gone for at least some public info as to the status of our hospital. Next month is one year since the catastrophe. Keeping your supporters and your faithful staff in the dark is no way to do business! We have supported you and now you choose not to support us by not publicly giving us a few words stating the facts? Our NFD first responders are doing an incredible job but they too deserve to know if and when service will return as it was. The Norwood Community Coalition invites you to meet with them in front of the NH one year to the date (June 27) of the flood at 5:30 and hopefully pressure Steward for information that should have been given a long time ago as a caring, responsible and functioning business that responds to those that keep them in business! Where is your professionalism?

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IN MEMORIAM

Born and raised in Our Town, David Bitar, NHS Class of '58, has recently passed away. Dave was one of my super cousins and a terrific person! Memory Eternal.

A FEW QUOTES

"Politics is perhaps the only profession for which no preparation is thought necessary."

- Robert Lewis Stevenson

"No amendment to the constitution is absolute"

- Pres. Biden.

BYE GUYS,
Enjoy the beauty of spring

BINGHAM

ELEANOR C. (Sebade) of Norwood passed away May 20, 2021 at the age of 72. Beloved wife of Louis F. Bingham. Devoted mother of Christopher L. Bingham and his wife Danielle C. of Franklin and Amanda C. Bingham of Norwood. Sister of the late Christine Pickering and Frederick Sebade. Cherished grandmother of Christopher and Zoe Bingham. Daughter of the late Christopher and Juliana (Kracke) Sebade. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. All other services and burial private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston MA 02284-9168 www.danafarber.org Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home www.KRAW-KORNACKFUNERALHOMECOM FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED 781-762-0482.

COSTELLO



JOHN "Jack" of Norwood passed away on May 16, 2021 at the age of 85. Beloved husband of Rose Marie (Kelly) Costello. Devoted father of Diane Costello-Fruci and her husband Anthony, Patricia DiSalvo and her husband Matthew, John Costello, Catherine Costello and Ann Marie Crehan and her husband Robert. Brother of James Costello of St. Louis and Thomas Costello of Wollaston. Cherished grandfather of 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. John was a Long time employee for Boston Edison and retired as a Safety

Deaths

Officer. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood, MA. A funeral mass was held on Friday May 21, 2021 11am at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood. Burial at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to Natick Walpole VNA P.O. Box 252, Walpole, MA 02081 www.nwvna.org. Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home www.KRAW-KORNACKFUNERALHOMECOM FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED 781-762-0482.

DONOVAN



Mary Ellen Donovan, 65, of Norwood, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on May 15, 2021. Born May 14, 1956 to the late Paul and Eileen (Cantwell) Donovan. Mary Ellen graduated from Norwood High School with the class of 1974, she earned an Associate's degree from Garland Junior College, a Bachelor's degree from Pace University, and a Master's degree in Human Resources Management from Marymount University. She lived and worked for many years in New York City and Washington, D.C., before returning to her hometown of Norwood. Mary Ellen was a talented seamstress. She enjoyed travelling and loved to shop or just browse through stores. She especially enjoyed visits to Ireland and New York City. Most of all, she loved to spend time with her family and had a special bond with her niece and god-child, Molly Donovan. Mary Ellen is survived by her adored

siblings, Stephen Donovan and Brian Donovan and his wife Barbara and their daughter Molly Donovan; her sister-in-law, Kathleen Donovan; nephews Kirk Donovan and his partner Thomas Mann; Christopher Donovan and his wife Kimberly and their son Trevor. Mary Ellen is predeceased by her beloved brother, Kevin Donovan, who passed away in 2020. Funeral from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. Funeral Services will be held privately at St. Timothy Church, Norwood with interment to follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Mary Ellen's memory to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, <https://www.komen.org/how-to-help/donate/> The family would like to thank AccentCare Hospice for their compassionate care and support. GilloolyFuneralHome.com

DOUKAS

Clara M. of Norwood, formerly of West Roxbury, May 17. Beloved wife of the late Theodore Doukas and dear mother of George C. Doukas and his wife Leigh of Needham and John T. Doukas and his wife Nora of CA. Loving grandmother of Matthew Doukas and his wife Caitlin, and Melanie Farber and her husband Sam. Proud great-grandmother of Elizabeth Grace Doukas. Also survived by her sisters, Anita Schuster of Holbrook and Theresa Barra of Arlington, as well as many loving nieces and nephews. Interment in Mount Hope Cemetery, Boston. Donations to the American Parkinson's Disease Assoc., 72 E. Concord St., C3, Boston, MA 02118 would be appreciated. For obituary and guestbook, please visit funeral home website. Folsom Funeral Home www.folsomfuneral.com

HOGAN

Robert "Bob" Michael Age 68, passed away at home surrounded by family, having succumbed to complications of

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Alzheimer's, on May 16, 2021. Robert grew up in Roxbury, the youngest of 6 children of the late Thomas and Winifred (Cutcliffe) Hogan. He was a graduate of Cathedral High School, class of 1970. In 1973, he married the love of his life and best friend, Mary Cormier. Their love and devotion continued throughout their 48 years married. Robert's life was celebrated on Thursday, May 20, 2021. A charitable donation in Robert's memory can be sent to: Memory Disorders Fund - Massachusetts General Hospital, Development Office, 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston, MA, 02114. Gillooly Funeral Home Norwood GilloolyFuneralHome.com

PICKETT



Marian Pickett of Norwood, MA passed away peacefully on May 18, 2021 surrounded by her family Marian was born on April 9, 1928 in Boston, MA to parents Patrick and Helen O'Shea. She was a graduate of Mission Hill High School. Marian has been married to the love of her life, Thomas Pickett for over 65 years and raised four children in Norwood, MA. Her family and friends will always remember her as a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a devoted homemaker to her husband, children and grandchildren and was always helping others first. She loved her family and they loved and cherished her. She was also a talented Irish step dancer. Marian is survived by her husband Tom of Norwood, daughter Karen (James) McMaster of Wrentham, Donna (Joe) Waggett of West Chester, PA, Gail (John) Daniels of Norwood, and her loving son Tom Jr of Warren, MI. Cherished grandmother of Corrine, Mikayla, Chrissy, Johnny and Ciara. Great grandmother of Siobhan and Joseph. Aunt to many loving nieces and nephews. Marian is preceded in death by her loving mother and father, her brothers Charles and James O'Shea and sister, Joan McManus. Gillooly Funeral Home Norwood GilloolyFuneralHome.com

SOUZA



Thomas "Tom", 67, of Norwood passed away surrounded by family on May 18, 2021. He was the beloved husband of 34 years to Sylvie Giard Souza. Born in Attleboro on February 22, 1954, he was a loving son of the late Orlando "John" and Marie (McCarthy) Souza. Tom grew up in Mansfield, MA, and was a proud graduate of Mansfield High School ('72), Dartmouth College ('76 BA), and Brown University ('77 MA). Tom was a modern day Renaissance man with many passions, the greatest of which was travel. Tom was fortunate to have traveled the world through his many years of work as a travel executive. His travels enriched his many other interests including music, literature, sports, art, film, food and more. In spite of all of his travels, Tom's favorite place was on the deck of his house on Cape Cod, surrounded by family and friends. Tom is survived by his adored children, Kyle and Alexandra-Marie Souza. He was the loving brother of Jack Souza and his wife Carole of Mansfield, Bob Souza and his wife Patricia of Mansfield, Paul Souza and his wife Jill of Indianapolis, and Janet Moreshead and her husband Dan of Mansfield. Funeral from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Tom's memory to the American Cancer Society. GilloolyFuneralHome.com

TARUTIS

Lillian B. of Norwood passed away peacefully May 18, 2021 at the age of 94. She was predeceased by her late husband Edward J. Tarutis. The couple resided on Bornwood Drive for over 50 years. Lillian lived comfortably at the Ellis Nursing Home for the last four years. Born and raised in Worcester, Lillian graduated from high school there and also attended Salter Secretarial School, moving to Norwood when she married. Lillian worked as a secretary, bookkeeper, office manager, accounting supervisor, and executive secretary in a variety of

industries. Art was important to Lillian. Originally working in ceramics, Lillian seriously took up painting in her 40s. She eventually became an accomplished amateur artist, working in watercolor, oil, charcoal, acrylic and pastel. She attended art classes on Cape Cod and in Maine and studied with several noted local artists, even hosting a weekly studio art class in her basement. Her work won numerous awards in local juried art shows and she often sold her paintings. Lillian was thrilled to have taught her two grandsons the basics of painting and drawing. A member of the Norwood Art Association for many years, Lillian served several terms as an officer. Years ago, she was active in the women's club of the former St. George's RC Church in South Norwood. After retiring, Lillian volunteered at the Norwood Hospital and for many WGBH television fundraisers. Lillian and Edward owned several generations of golden retrievers and could often be seen driving around town with Boris and Max leaning out the windows. They enjoyed entertaining family and friends at their summer cottages on Cape Cod or Lake Winnepesaukee. Diagnosed with diabetes 35 years ago, Lillian successfully managed her condition for the rest of her life. She even survived a case of Covid-19 in 2020. Lillian is survived by her son, Robert, and his wife, Elaine; her grandsons, Jonathan and Ethan; and a niece, Joan Amelotte. All services will be private. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home www.kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED 781-762-0482.

For the Record

WOMAN'S CLUB LUNCHEON

The Norwood Woman's Club will hold a luncheon at 12:00 on June 22, 2021 at 4 Points Sheridan. The choices are chicken or fish at a cost of 30.00. Checks to be made out to Norwood Woman's Club with chicken or fish in the memo box and mailed to Mary Henneberry, 6 Washington Green. East Walpole Ma. 02032, by May 18, 2021. Hope to see you there.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING CALLED

A Special Town Meeting has been called for June 14, 2021. The warrant for this Special Town Meeting will include articles of recommendation to consider a series of important amendments to Norwood's Zoning Bylaw. The proposed amendments establish a new Boston-Providence Highway District which is intended to both expand uses and create consistent zoning regulations along the Route 1 corridor.

The Planning Board encourages interested residents and Town Meeting Members to learn more about these proposed amendments at a series of information sessions scheduled prior to Town Meeting. Sessions will be offered both virtually and in person to give residents an array of opportunities to participate. Please consider attending one of the following sessions to learn more: June 3 at 5:30 pm: GoToMeeting (information below), June 9 at 7 pm: GoToMeeting (information below), June 13 at 9 am: Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street

Copies of the Zoning Bylaw amendments are available in the Office of the Town Clerk, the Planning & Community Development office, and on the Planning Department web page located at <http://www.norwoodma.gov/>. If you have questions, comments, or need to request a reasonable accommodation or language assistance to participate, please contact the Planning Department at cped@norwoodma.gov or 781-762-1240.

GoToMeeting link for both June 3 and June 9 sessions: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/756457917>. You can also dial in using your phone: +1 (669) 224-3412 Access Code: 756-457-917.

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OLD PARISH CEMETERY OPEN ON MEMORIAL DAY

Norwood's Old Parish Cemetery, located at the rear of 480 Washington Street, will be open to the public on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, from 12:00 - 3:00. Veterans of the Colonial Wars, the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Civil War are interred in the cemetery. Volunteers from the Old Parish Preservation Volunteers will be available to answer questions. Come and see Norwood's outdoor museum and view the progress that has been made on the cemetery's restoration.

WALPOLE FOOTLIGHTERS REOPEN WITH STAGED READING OF SHARON COUPLES' PLAY

Open House is about a lonely widow who puts an "Open House" sign on her lawn, even though she has no intention of selling. Her plan works, and she makes a lot of new friends. Then a real estate agent brings her clients and starts asking difficult questions. Her daughter thinks she needs professional help and persuades a psy-

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Ask The Doctor

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

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Monday, May 17

1148 911 - Assist Citizen Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: David Ter Female reports she left her oven on and she is not home. NFD responded.

1507 Phone - Animal Complaint Naco/Waco Notified Location/Address: Central St USPS reports a past dog bite. NACO notified.

1532 Phone - Citizens Complaint Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports a male in a white convertible attempting to speak to women that leave the stores.

Tuesday, May 18

1033 Initiated - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Moderna Tx. Inc. - Moderna Way Suspicious items found near woodline. FD rendered safe, management made aware and believes it is leftover construction equipment.

1430 Other - Assist Other Agency Services Rendered Location/Address: Lewis Ave N664 checking on student. As officer arrived the school got parent on phone and resolved issue, officer did not enter premises.

2206 911 - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Prospect Ave Caller states her son left the house earlier against her wishes and returned, took his backpack and left the house again. Mother got into her car and tried to catch up with him. N669, N667 responded and located Mom. N669 reports he is back home and responded to speak all. It appears to have been a verbal argument between son and Mom.

Wednesday, May 19

0252 911 - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Roosevelt Ave Caller states there is a vehicle outside her home that has woken up her household. She states there are several kids parked in a gold colored sedan and being very loud. N669, N661 responded. Spoken to and advised.

0831 Phone - Noise Complaint Area Search Negative Location/Address: Plymouth Dr Report loud muffler. N674 sent. N468, on private detail in area, reports no car with loud muffler passed by the detail.

1308 Cellular - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Washington St Report dog left in MA PC 16MP76 for an hour, car left. N669 checked for car. N.A.C.O. called witness.

1429 Cellular - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St + Austin St Report 8 middle school aged kids gathered, 2 had hands on each other as if they were going to fight, 2 adult females then stepped into situation. N667

reports 2 kids in a verbal argument, nothing physical, on their way.

1637 Phone - Soliciting Spoken To Location/Address: Bird Rd Unregistered solicitors from Trinity. Parties advised to cease until registered.

2303 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Pleasant St Landlord reports yelling from downstairs apartment. Second call, reports her ex-boyfriend is in her apartment and does not want him there. Officers spoke with all parties and they were advised and he left.

2332 Phone - Animal Complaint Could Not Locate Location/Address: Whitewood Cir Caller reports loud animal sounds going on for forty minutes, possibly wounded.

Thursday, May 20

0136 Phone - Noise Complaint Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Washington St + Dean St Caller reports vehicle in area of Washington St. and Dean St. blaring music. N666 responded and reports vehicle is gone and everything quiet.

0207 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Wilson St Caller reports her upstairs tenants are banging on the floor, keeping her up. N663, N661 responded and spoke with tenants and then the caller, who is satisfied at this time.

0936 Phone - Malicious Damage Services Rendered Location/Address: Riverside Ct House egged. House had eggs thrown at the back of house, does not appear to be permanent damage. Occurred at sundown, where suspects came from the train tracks. Checked with neighbors, no one heard or saw anything. A DHQ log entry will be entered.

1326 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Report baby birds fell off roof near entrance door so now mother is aggressive towards people going in/out.

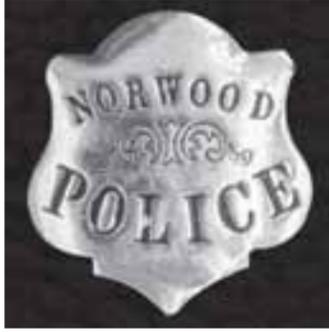
1338 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Neponset St Report abandoned baby bunny rabbits in yard.

1349 Phone - Assist Fire Dept Police & Fire Notified/Respond Location/Address: Endicott St NFD and N668 respond for a truck blocking FD access if something should happen. N668 reports company moving out, should be done soon and out of the way.

1535 Cellular - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: [Wap] Main St Caller reports ex-boyfriend is following her since she left North Attleboro, she does not want to talk to him, she is in Walpole but does not want to stop. Walpole PD notified. Norwood units stop both of them in 274 block Walpole St. in Norwood. N667 spoke to caller, she declined 209A Order, spoke to other party, all advised.

1815 Walk-In - Warrant Service

Police Logs



*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St Party in the lobby to inquire about call 21-10190. That party was found to have an active warrant and was placed under arrest by N669, escorted to booking. Refer To Arrest: 21-122-AR Arrest: Grudinskas, Matthew J Address: 3 Rolling Acres Walpole, Ma Age: 37 Charges: Warrant Arrest

1828 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Wilson St Caller reports the upstairs tenants are being loud. N665 spoke to both parties they were advised.

1941 Phone - Soliciting Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Baker St Male party going door to door selling books. N663 searched the area and reports that party is no longer there.

1955 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Assisted Party Location/Address: Jen Catania Designs - Saunders Rd Walk in seeking advice on an HPO.

2110 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Area Search Negative Location/Address: Johnson Pl Caller reports his house was egged from the rear. Officer searched the area including railroad tracks and reports no one present. No damage caused by eggs.

2113 911 - Susp Person Services Rendered Location/Address: Cedar St Caller reports an unknown party knocking at the door. Officers spoke to that juvenile, he knows the resident and was looking to use the phone. All parties advised and juvenile was sent on his way.

2221 911 - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Lenox St Caller reports operator of a silver SUV shined a flashlight in her car and was filming her as well. Caller was directed to a nearby officer. MA PC 65W690 was located parked in front of Anytime Fitness. Operator was identified as a security guard for that plaza, all parties advised.

Friday, May 21

0530 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Lenox St Caller reports he left his car unlocked and it was rifled through. Credit card is gone. N661 responded.

1121 Cellular - Animal Com-

plaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Municipal Lot - Nahatan St + Broadway Report woman exited her white car and left dog in same and went into salon at 20 Broadway.

1151 Cellular - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Brookfield Rd Report neighbors dog ran towards caller today, no contact.

1226 Phone - Disturbance Gone On Arrival Location/Address: 800 Block - Washington St Report silver SUV stopped in front of hospital, 1 male outside car yelling profanities and alleging drug use to person in car, also stating "get out of the car". 2nd call reports 1 male got back in car and left as officers were arriving, other male ran to left of Guild Medical building. N665 reports all parties are GOA.

1638 Phone - Assist Citizen Assisted Party Location/Address: Adams St Female calling for help. Officer confirms she was helped back to her unit after going out without her walker.

Saturday, May 22

911 Motor Vehicle Accident Arrest Made Location/Address: Pole# 81 - Walpole St Caller reported car into a pole. N678, N661, NFD responded. As a result, N661 returned with female under arrest - st.mil:6835 @ 1:30/ end.mil:6842 @ 1:35. Center Autobody towed vehicle - (Ma.Reg#1XAD74). ELD was notified of pole #81. Arrest: Repucci, Lisa D Address: 27 Cross St Norwood, Ma Age: 50 Charges: OUI-Liquor Or .08% Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Marked Lanes Violation

0111 911 - Noise Complaint Area Search Negative Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller in complex reports hearing someone screaming but does not know where it is coming from. N666, N678 responded and checked the complex several times. No one approached officers and all was quiet.

1358 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Downing St Dispute between neighbors, the other is Buckingham. Officer advised both.

1608 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Morse St Windows up and a dog inside. NACO responded. Owner came out and the dog is well.

1701 911 - Well Being Chk Area Search Negative Location/Address: Ash Rd Caller reports she can hear dogs barking and kids screaming. N667 searched the area nothing found, all is quite.

2205 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Austin St Caller reports loud music. N666 spoke to that resident and they agreed to turn down the music.

2316 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Austin St People being loud. N663 spoke to those parties they agreed to bring it inside for the night.

2349 Initiated - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy N666 reports he was flagged down by someone reporting a party is hitting golf balls into the road. N666, N669 searched the area.

Sunday, May 23

0117 Phone - Noise Complaint Area Search Negative Location/Address: Mayflower Rd Loud music in the area. All quiet upon arrival.

0146 911 - Assist Citizen Area Search Negative Location/Address: Fales Ave Caller believes someone is ringing her doorbell. N677 checked the area with negative results and spoke with caller.

0912 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Hillshire Ln Caller reports a bicycle in her bushes. N669 retrieved bike and it was brought back to the station.

1109 Phone - Parking Violation No Violation Location/Address: Wilson St Caller reports vehicles parked on the side of the road making it difficult for residents to pull in and out of their driveways. I did not observe any vehicle to obstruct/block any driveway. There are several vehicles parked, however, there is no other parking available to park and watch the sports games. Spoke to 668 who stated he will address with appropriate depts to rectify the issue.

1316 Phone - Susp Activity *Report Filed Location/Address: Lansdowne Way Resident was outside on his deck with his pants down while he urinated. Caller reports seeing him involved in other offensive behavior.

1332 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Stop & Shop - Bos-Prov Hwy Physician concerned about the regular family pan handling at Stop & Shop. Her concern was the high humidity and the children. Officer reports they are well and in good spirits. After the caller drove past the family she did call DCF to advise.

1525 Phone - Mischief (Kids) State DPW/Norwood DPW Notified Location/Address: Balch School Acct# 1379d - Washington St Three teens left a mess near the basketball court. One in blue dumped out the trash from the barrel. Officer located them and all trash was picked up. DPW advised and they will remove the trash tonight.

1555 Phone - Assist Other Agency Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: Cameron Rd Car has the engine on, door locked and his dog inside.

1700 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Spoken To Location/Address: Lenox St Caller reports kids that do not live in the complex are in the pool. N666 spoke to those kids and they were advised.

1926 Phone - Assist Fire Dept Police & Fire Notified/Respond Location/Address: Pilgrim Dr Fire gained access without damage. Family an hour away and aware. Water pipe leak inside caused the alarm.

2223 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Bertuccis Pizza - Bos-Prov Hwy Employee requesting an officer to stand by as she walks to her car since she had an issue with an employee earlier today. N666 stood by all in order that party is on her way.

2302 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Atwood Ave Caller trying to get in touch with her ex husband due to a family emergency but he is not answering the phone, she is asking for our assistance in trying to raise someone at the residence. N674 spoke to the resident and message was delivered.

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The deadline for all press releases for The Bulletin is Friday.

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A Special Town Meeting has been called for June 14, 2021. The warrant for this Special Town Meeting will include articles of recommendation to consider a series of important amendments to Norwood's Zoning Bylaw. The proposed amendments establish a new Boston-Providence Highway District which is intended to both expand uses and create consistent zoning regulations along the Route 1 corridor.

The Planning Board encour-

ages interested residents and Town Meeting Members to learn more about these proposed amendments at a series of information sessions scheduled prior to Town Meeting. Sessions will be offered both virtually and in person to give residents an array of opportunities to participate. Please consider attending one of the following sessions to learn

more:

June 3 at 5:30 pm: GoToMeeting (information below)

June 9 at 7 pm: GoToMeeting (information below)

June 13 at 9 am: Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street

Copies of the Zoning Bylaw amendments are available in the

Office of the Town Clerk, the Planning & Community Development office, and on the Planning Department web page located at <http://www.norwoodma.gov/>.

If you have questions, comments, or need to request a reasonable accommodation or language assistance to participate, please contact the Planning Department at

cped@norwoodma.gov or 781-762-1240.

GoToMeeting link for both June 3 and June 9 sessions: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/756457917>

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live event. Tickets are \$5 and must be purchased online at <https://www.footlighters.com/> or by telephone (508-668-8446) in advance. There are no service fees. Print your tickets out or bring them on your phone. Sales will be stopped at 6:00 PM on the night of the performance. Seating will be configured to allow for social distancing between parties of 1 to 6 patrons. Patrons will not be allowed to enter the building until their entire party is present. Each audience member must wear a mask while in the theater regardless of vaccination status. Actors will not be masked, but will be wearing microphones so as not to push their voices in order to be

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heard. No food or drink may be brought into the Playhouse, and there will not be concessions on sale. The performance will not have an intermission. The performance runs just over an hour, followed by the feedback session. Other pandemic restrictions will be in place following the current Massachusetts and Walpole guidelines. Despite these restrictions, the Walpole Footlighters and the Rosenspans hope you will join them for an opportunity to attend live theater again.

TRAIL JOURNAL: SPRING UPDATE ON NORWOOD'S TRAILS

The Norwood Trails Advisory Committee is pleased to present a progress update as part of the Sustainability Series on Wednesday, June 2 at 7:00 pm, hosted by the Morrill Memorial Library, Progress Norwood, TogetherYes, and NCM. Vic Babel, Lee Leach, and Joe Greeley will lead the presentation.

The Committee appreciates the opportunity to present this update on progress-to-date and their vision for the future of Norwood's trails. More importantly, the NTC welcomes the opportunity for feedback from the community to create a shared vision of Norwood's version of the great outdoors. Updates will include: trail mapping, the many community projects underway,

and the potential future of Norwood's trails and open space. The presentation will also feature a frequently asked questions portion, as well as adequate time for community input. Grab your walking stick, lace up your hiking boots and join us as we hit the trail... in Norwood!

Registration is required to attend this Zoom program. Please sign up on the library's online events calendar at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar or by calling the Reference desk at 781-769-0200 x2. NCM will simultaneously broadcast the program on the night of the event.

BLESSINGS BOUTIQUE THRIFT SHOP

At First Baptist Church, 71 Bond St., Norwood. Saturday June 12 and June 26. 10:00 AM - noon. Please use the Walpole St. entrance. We have so many things for you to look at - great clothes and purses, household items, tableware, books, and lots more. Come have a look!

Friends of Adams Farm nature walk

Ready to get out of the house and learn about nature? The Friends of Adams Farm are sponsoring a free Nature Walk-and-Talk series at the Farm, 999 North Street in Walpole. The monthly programs will take place on Saturdays and be led by Brian Cassie, a well-known local naturalist.

The Nature Walk-and-Talks will be held on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m., except for the July program on owls which will be held on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. to give us a better chance of actually spotting owls.

The first Nature Walk-and-Talk will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 22, and will focus on Bird Song. We'll meet Mr. Cassie in the pavilion next to the barn at Adams Farm for a brief introduction of the topic, followed by a discovery walk to one or more corners of the Farm.

Each Nature Walk-and-Talk will last for an hour. The programs are free of charge and will be offered monthly from May through September. Other topics will include butterflies on June 19, owls on July 17, wildflowers on August 14, and insects on September 11. For more information on events at Adams Farm, please contact yvette@adams-farm.com.

RE-OPENING HOURS FOR THE THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop will be OPEN for RETAIL hours Saturday May 29th. The Thrift Shop, operated by the Women's Community Committee (WCC), is a non-profit, all volunteer organization. Donations of clean, saleable clothing and small household goods are accepted during retail hours and beginning in May, on Monday and Wednesday 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. The stated goal of the WCC is to extend a helping hand. All proceeds from the Thrift Shop are used to support local charities and civic groups.

NORWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Norwood Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, The Wetlands Protection Act and Norwood Bylaw XXV, including any amendments thereto on Wednesday, June 2nd, 2021 at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be conducted digitally using GoToMeeting. Public Participation may be accessed through your computer, tablet or smartphone <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/243297997>. You can also dial in using your phone, United States: +1 (669) 224-3412, Access Code:243-297-997

The Commission will hear a Request for Determination of Applicability from Bowdoin Construction Corp. represented by David Johnson of Norwood Engineering Co, Inc. The proposed project is the installation of a 50' waterline for fire protection and repair of an existing sidewalk within an existing paved parking lot in the buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland.

Project Location: 31 Commerce Way

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