



The Norwood Police Department reported last week an officer-involved shooting that took place around Morse Street in Norwood after an approximate 40-minute confrontation.

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Woman shot by NPD is recovering, identity yet to be released

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Police Department (NPD) reported shooting a woman who was brandishing a gun at herself and officers last week in South Norwood.

According to the police report the incident started at the Planet Self-Storage facility in the Space Center at 83 Morse St. on Dec. 22 at around 1 p.m. NPD Chief William Brooks gave a statement after the shooting. He said the woman, who is currently recovering from the injury in Boston, got into an argument with someone at the facility.

"She was holding a handgun, which she pointed at the

man she was having the dispute with," Brooks said. "He was the one who generated the 911 call. We also learned at that time she was holding a gun to her head and had gone out into the parking lot of the business."

Brooks said marked and unmarked vehicles from the NPD arrived and reported confirmation of seeing the woman holding the firearm, initially holding it to her head.

"Officers attempted to talk with her and negotiate with her to find out what she needed," Brooks said. "The officer doing the negotiating went back and forth with her over the course of close to 45 minutes. Initially, she was hold-

ing the weapon to her head, and then she began to walk around the parking lot and, on several occasions, walked towards the officers. We gave verbal commands for her to go back."

Brooks said the woman, who at the time of publication has not been identified, went back and forth with officers.

"And then she would walk towards the street again, holding the firearm alternately between holding it to her head and then pointing it at the officers," he said. "The officers held their fire. My hat is really off to them for that, because she was clearly point-

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The new Coakley Middle School Project recently had its topping off ceremony.

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New Middle School under budget Project is ahead of schedule

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Some milestones were reached by the Coakley Middle School (CMS) rebuild project currently underway at the site on Washington Street in South Norwood.

Just last week, the school celebrated its topping off ceremony, where the last steel girder was signed by anyone who came to the ceremony and placed on top of the structure, along with an evergreen tree, as tradition dictates this will bring good luck. At the most recent School Committee meeting, Schools Superintendent David Thomson said they are already starting on other parts of the buildings'

construction.

"It represents the ceremonial finishing of the steel superstructure of the building and, as we have mentioned before, this building is ahead of schedule," Thomson said. "I don't think that this ceremony was even estimated to be held until the end of January, just to give you an idea. And we are under budget. Things are going very well. I want to thank Vertex and W.T. Rich on the construction aspect of the project, and it was good to see our architect, (Ai3 Architect) Justin Thibeault to celebrate this construction milestone."

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Library touts language program

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Library Board of Trustees met recently and discussed its adult English language learner (ELL) program's achievements and, hopefully, expansion.

Library Outreach Coordinator Kirstie David, along with Library Director Clayton Cheever, discussed the program's current popularity with local businesses.

"We had the general manager of Four Points Sheraton reach out to us months ago and ask us if we would consider having one of our tutors

do onsite tutoring there," David said. "They have many ELL employees, and she (General Manager Shoumala Ghosh) helps them out to give them a leg up."

David said the group started in November and has nine students, and as a pilot at least, will run for three months. She said the employers are paying for the employees to take the classes.

"They are really supporting this, they want it to be a success, and so far it's been received really well," she said. "It's going strong and we're going to have a second group start in January at a different level."

David said the current tutor wants to expand the program and keep the students coming for the offsite instruction. She added that another local business is looking to enroll employees as well.

"I think there's an opportunity to do that more with local businesses under the right circumstances," she said.

Member John Hall asked if there was any way they could highlight these programs, their successes and the benefit they provide to the Norwood community and

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The Library Board is lauding the accomplishments of the Morrill Memorial Library's language program.

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the region as well. Cheever said they are already on it, and are currently surveying the program's active students to understand what goals they have set for themselves – basically what progress in language proficiency they are looking to achieve – and how they've been progressing.

"I'm sure we'll be harvesting individual examples for future inspiration and to demonstrate the effectiveness of what we're doing, and we're definitely all aligned in thinking there are some great stories here," he said. "What we need to do is to figure out, while protecting people's privacy, how to celebrate these accomplishments."

David said the library's regular language program is

also going strong, with 67 active tutors currently helping to teach English learners and adult literacy programs combined. She added that several tutors currently have more than one student.

In other news, there have been some updates to library maintenance and repair issues. Cheever said the library is still waiting on some parts for a heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC) repair going on.

"But the building is maintaining temperature, which is a big concern as it gets colder," he said. "The bigger challenge now is we have to turn up the temperature manually in a couple of different zones but then have to make sure folks remember to turn temps down. They consistently remember to turn them up, but sometimes it can get quite warm, as we experienced a couple of weeks ago, because things got busy and all of a sudden, we were all sweating. It will be nice when we can get that fixed."

Cheever added that they are also waiting on parts for an elevator repair that could take the service out for a couple of days when the work begins.

In other news, Library Administrative Assistant Casey Argyrou said the State Department audited the library's passport program recently. She said the library's program passed with flying colors and received a citation because of how well it ran and performed security operations.

"This is something that

happens regularly bi-annually. Because of COVID-19 we hadn't had one in four years so we were due for one."

She said a member of the State Department Fraud Task Force comes to the department and reviews how they operate.

"And sits down and does a test with several of our agents," she said. "It was myself, Patti Bailey and one of our new agents, Nicole Dana who sat down with the agent for about three hours. It's quite a lengthy process, but we all passed with flying colors, so that was really good news."

Cheever also said that many patrons are asking about the large language models – known colloquially as artificial intelligence (however they are essentially chatbots, as per Wikipedia) – like ChatGPT. He said he will start looking into it and will hopefully be presenting to the library – and Town officials as he said Town Manager Tony Mazzucco asked him to present later in January next year – to help educate residents on what these programs are, what their limitations are and what they could be useful for. He invited anyone interested to keep an eye out for the presentation on the calendar.

"Or if you have specific expertise and would like to share those with me so I can share with everyone else," he said. "I'm still learning a lot myself, but I think I know enough to share and help raise everyone up a bit."



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Norwood Art Hop expands

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Three local businesses in Norwood recently hosted the newest iteration of the Norwood Art Hop throughout the Downtown.

Custom Art Framing, Modern Eyes and Tax Solutions all hosted local artists' work at their business locations. Local artist and organizer marypaz said the idea was to showcase local talent in a way that helps drive foot traffic to local businesses, get the word out about

Norwood's talent and, hopefully, sell a few pieces while they're at it.

"I think people will be really happy to see all this; I mean this is way more art than we had at the last one," she said, pointing to local artists Sam Price, Priscilla Thomas, Ina Nenortas., Jonathan Cardoni and more at the Tax Solutions location. "I'm really happy about this; I think it's just great."

marypaz said she is looking establish a full-time gallery, but she first has to get a non-profit designation.

"This is wonderful, but this is really hard on Tax Solutions, as they're trying to work right now!" she said. "I'm not the quietest person when hanging things either."

Modern Eyes' Christina Stetson said she has several pieces from local artist Dick Foster and several photographs she took herself on display. She said hosting visual art in her business made a great deal of sense, and she said she was

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Tax Solutions, Modern Eyes and Custom Art Framing all hosted dozens of pieces for this month's Art Hop. Custom Art Framing employees and visitors shown above.

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Thomson said progress is continuing.

"Also if you get a chance to look, you can see they're building from the eastern southern end to the northwest end, and as you go, if you look at the building from behind the existing Coakley Middle School, you can see they've already put the wood and other things on top of the steel," he said. "So they just kind of keep moving right to left as they go. It was actually pretty amazing to watch them put the steel up."

At the most recent Middle School Building Committee (MSBC) meeting, Vertex Project Manager Chase Terrio reviewed the project's third change order involving two major items.

The first was a proposal for an alternative method of millwork that nets the project budget \$57,665 in the credit column. Terrio said this alternative was presented by a local fabricator and everything looked good.

"They have in-house details that allow for streamlining and assembly, and equal alternate hardware that they recommended for cost savings," he said. "We reviewed that in our weekly meeting and felt it makes no difference in quality to the end re-

sult, and so we are recommending that."

The second item was for \$81,276.30, as unsuitable soils were found on the building site. Terrio said they have found unsuitable soil as well on other areas of the site, including a roadway.

"This cost is associated with unsuitable soil within the footprint of the building itself," Terrio said. "We do have some unsuitable soils under the roadway that haven't yet been addressed and we're coordinating that probably in the weeks ahead here. But in this case we do have some additional unsuitable soils that will have to be removed and replaced for the access road around the building."

MSBC Chair Alan Slater asked if they found any other unsuitable soils on the site aside from the two areas discussed, and Terrio said not at this time.

"To date, that's all we know of," he said. "We're not aware of anything else."

Lastly, Terrio said there was an unexpected overage of \$2,378.50 in Norwood Fire Department details that would also be covered by the contingency.

The total hit to the contingency budget is

\$83,654.80. The \$57,665 will be put back into the general project budget.

"If for some reason that contingency fund is exhausted, we would revisit this," Terrio said.

In terms of a general update, Terrio said they have completed work on Structural Zone C, which is the last of the three buildings. He said they will start underground work on Zones A and C as well as starting the building wrap in order to retain heat. He said upcoming work included structural steel in Zones B and A, as well as utility work and slab placement on floors 2-through-4 in Zone 3. For more information on the project and to see the regular posted updates, go to NewCMSproject.org

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Good Deeds: Holiday Movie Quiz

It's that time of season. So, let's admit, we all love a good Christmas movie, and there are plenty of good ones.

Now I'll let you in on a little secret, some of my favorite Christmas films deal with the home and the holidays. Maybe that is because here at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds my fine staff and I are handling land record documents for the biggest asset most of us have - Our home. Or maybe it's just a coincidence!

Anyway, "Home is where the heart is." A memorable holiday movie can make you laugh and pull on your heartstrings. Here are two of my favorite classic Christmas movies. Although I must say the Christmas movie "Elf" is one of my favorite Christmas films. It is uplifting and funny.

So, pour yourself an eggnog, munch on a holiday cookie, sit by a roaring fire, and take this year's holiday movie quiz.

It's a Wonderful Life (1946)

1.) George was going to be an adventurous bachelor and travel the world, but instead, he wound up with a wonderful family and lived life in the old....
A.) Bedford House B.) Granville House
C.) Hatch House

2.) What was the name of the fictional town in It's a Wonderful Life called?... A.) Breeding Hills B.) Seneca Falls C.) Bedford Falls

3.) What's the bank's name that was a thorn in the side of the villain Potter?...
A.) Bailey Bank B.) Bailey Brothers Building & Loan C.) Bank of Bedford Falls

4.) What was George Bailey's wife's name?...A.) Mary B.) Charlotte C.) Martha

5.) What was the fixture in George Bailey's house that always came unglued?... A.) A picture falling off the wall
B.) A knob of a banister C.) Kitchen tile

6.) What was the first name of the angel sent to help George?... A.) Peter B.) Gabriel C.) Clarence

7.) At the movie's end, the townspeople sing what song in George's parlor?...
A.) Joy to the World B.) Auld Lang Syne
C.) Jingle Bells

8.) For helping George through his crisis what did the angel earn?... A.) Wings
B.) Halo C.) His own cloud: Miracle on 34th Street (1947)

9.) What's the one present the little girl in the movie wished for that would make



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William
O'Donnell

her believe Kris Kringle was the real Santa Claus?... A.) Doll B.) Pony C.) House

10.) Who played the little girl Susan in the movie?... A.) Shirley Temple B.) Natalie Wood C.) Doris Day

11.) What was the department store's name where Kris Kringle worked?... A.) Macy's B.) Gimbels C.) Bloomingdales

12.) When a sad little girl sat on Kris Kringle's lap who couldn't speak English, he made her happy when he was able to converse with her. What was the language?... A.) French B.) Polish C.) Dutch

13.) When Santa (Kris) got into a confrontation with Macy's psychologist where did they send him?... A.) Bellevue Hospital B.) Jail C.) North Pole

14.) What government agency declared Kris Kringle, Santa?... A.) FBI B.) U.S. Treasury C.) Post Office

15.) When little Susie ran into a house for sale on Christmas Day believing it was her new home, what made the viewer think Santa was there?... A.) A cane left
B.) A half-filled glass of milk C.) Santa's stocking

As Buddy the Elf says "The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear." From all of us here at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds a happy holiday season and a healthy new year to all.

Answers 1.)B 2.)C 3.)B 4.)A 5.)B
6.)C 7.)B 8.)A 9.) C 10.)B 11.)A 12.)C
13.)A 14.)C 15.)A

Note: if you got at least 12 correct answers you've earned your wings, 6 to 11 correct answers there's a gift under the tree for you, 3 to 5 correct answers a Christmas cookie is on your plate.

Letters to the Editor

HAPPY HOLIDAYS VERSUS MERRY CHRISTMAS

To the Editor:

Before Thanksgiving people say: Happy Thanksgiving. After Christmas people say: Happy New Year. But after Thanksgiving and before Christmas people say: Happy Holidays. What holiday "S" are we talking about?

The only holiday that's left is Christmas. Why can't we say it? Why do so many people in official positions, in business, in retail, and in the media insist on saying Happy Holidays instead of Merry Christmas, or Holiday Season instead of Christmas Season, or even Holiday Tree instead of Christmas Tree? We say Winter Vacation instead of Christmas Vacation even though Christmas is why the vacation even exists.

We can say Happy Hanukkah, which is not an official holiday. I had someone in an official position tell me that they would get into "trouble" if they asked people to say Merry Christmas instead of Happy Holidays. Is the word Christmas a four letter word or saying it against the law? Are we insulting people who don't believe in Christmas or GOD? What about the millions of Christians who do believe? Is it okay to insult them by denying Christmas as the holiday, because that's what you're doing.

In a sense Thanksgiving is more directly about GOD than is Christmas and it's okay to say Happy Thanksgiving. On Thanksgiving we thank GOD for all that we have. But, on Christmas we celebrate the birth of a MAN who has influenced western civilization and much of the rest of the world's civilization more than any other. The nativity Crèche, which many towns won't display anymore, is the story of that man's birth. Christmas and the Crèche are only religious to Christians. But it's ok to display pagan symbols during Halloween. Christians, who believe in Christ's divinity and love Christmas, do not force anyone else to believe in his divinity.

If people don't want to acknowledge Christmas as the holiday, then perhaps the federal and states' governments should discontinue it as a holiday and Christians will celebrate Christmas in their own way. Retailers claim they make 30% or more of their yearly income during Christmas. It's ok to profit from Christmas, but don't say the word Christmas. They shouldn't mind losing their Christmas business.

Until the Christmas holiday is stopped, and even if it is, we should all say "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

K. Washburn
Norwood

THE RIDE NEEDS TO IMPROVE ITS SERVICES

To the Editor:

I speak for SENIORS (at least some of them) who use the RIDE for transportation.

Being a senior depending on the RIDE, these are some of the things that have happened to me. I have had to rebook medical appointments because no one calls to say your ride will be late. Then, you have to call to ask what happened. I have been picked up in Hyde Park for my appointment and then taken to Quincy for another pickup before being brought to the location I need to be at. I have been on the RIDE for more than an hour. Finally, there is no one to complain to.

Don't get me wrong. I am thankful for the service, but a little respect for the passengers would be greatly appreciated. I want to add that the drivers are great (at least some of them). Maybe it's a scheduling problem. I am asking that someone within the Ride system to please help. I am also asking other seniors that if you have problems of your own, please complain!

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Electric trains: formerly a toy for this season

I suspect that young boys today, exposed to all sorts of gaming devices, are not "into" electric trains. Even if they are, I doubt that many of them would match my own zeal for them in the mid 1950s.

The highlight of pre-Christmas experiences was my parents' taking me to the Fifth Floor Annex of Jordan Marsh downtown where Winter meets Summer (streets, that is).

There I would gawk for as long as they would let me at the huge layout of Lionel trains criss-crossing each other through a vast array of tunnels and bridges all within a delightfully appointed village.

Every Christmas my set grew by one or two additions—perhaps a box car, grade crossing, or a switch track.

Galeota

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Norwood nets road funds

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The state announced recently that it is giving all municipalities in the Commonwealth a boost to their road budgets this year from the Fair

Share Act funding, and Norwood is netting \$376,080 to add to its coffers.

The Fair Share Amendment, known colloquially as the Millionaire's Tax, added a 4 percent surtax on income above \$1 million every year. The leg-

islation was controversial, but was ultimately passed by voters in the state in 2022. According to FairShareMA.com, more than \$150 million is going to schools, \$69 million is going to

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happy to help out.

"We've been trying to get a hold of an artist because we have tons of wall space that was just crying out for an artist's work," she said. "And as a vision provider, we wanted to help people appreciate some of the wonderful things about having great vision."

Stetson said Foster provided a large number of pieces and asked that any sales go to charity.

"He's an amazing artist and all of his work is accessible and affordable," she said. "We started with this gallery hop just as a way to get people to enjoy the Downtown, because Norwood Center is one of the cutest little downtowns you can find anywhere. It's very Star's Hollow, in a way, you know, from Gilmore Girls."

Custom Art Framing owner Julie Vecchio said she was very enthused about getting involved.

"It was exciting to bring this all together with all the different businesses," she said. "I love the artists, and I have a good connection with them."

Vecchio said she builds a connection with each artist through their work. There are several pieces of wall art, and murals on her building as well, one of which is an interpretation of Vincent Van Gogh's 'Starry Night,' from

her employee Tara Bilotta. Bilotta painted the piece with vibrant color on the left side and black and white lines on the right, giving an impression of a work in progress. She said that was the intention.

"We do classes here, and we figured artists like to collaborate and we're all kind of works in progress too," she said. "Maybe it just conjures up some creativity and they think about how to finish it. It was really fun, and I really liked making the marks because in impressionism, there is no pressure on being realistic."

Local artist Inga Dankers gave a demonstration of weaving and was selling her pieces at Tax Solutions. She said she originally got into it because her husband gave her a small rigid weddle loom as a gift.

"This is rigid weddle weaving," she said. "I started weaving when my husband gave me a small weddle loom for our first Christmas when I was 23 years old. I opened up the box and said, 'Thank you, what is it?'"

Dankers said she's been weaving ever since.

"It's sort of my relaxing time," she said. "I was a research scientist and art was my hobby. I also like to paint. I remember when I was a teenager I asked my mother what I should do. I said, 'I like art, maybe I'll be an artist.' And she said, 'Well, that can be your hobby.' Then I said that I liked to travel a lot, maybe I could be a stewardess. She said, 'What are you nuts?' And so I went into

research science."

Photographer Priscilla Thomas uses her pieces to make postcards and other items that showcase her love of the natural world.

"I'm a member of the Norwood Artist Association. My dad was also a member and taught me photography since I was very young," she said. "I really enjoy it and wanted to make it more than just cards that I constantly give away to my family."

Thomas said people have responded well to her pieces.

"It's nice to have positive feedback!" she said.

Local artist Sam Price showcased his paint on black pieces, which start off with a black surface rather than a white or off-white canvas. His pieces use wild imagery to hopefully stir the viewers' imaginations into what they represent rather than trying to show a specific thing.

"I've always been interested in the idea of seeing something completely backwards," he said. "With my work, just finding imagery and ambiguity and pattern recognition, that's always been something I find very interesting. I start with a black background, add color and then I look for patterns and different objects I can draw and clarify."

For more information, email art1communicates@gmail.com

Are Spousal Benefits Always a Factor?

Dear Rusty: Both my wife and I have worked our entire lives. When we retire, will we both be entitled to full benefit amount each, or will there always be a spousal factor in there? Also, how are those benefits calculated - based on your highest salaries throughout your career, or your ending salaries when you retire?

Signed: Looking Ahead



Russell Gloor
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Looking: Prior to retiring from work is a smart time to investigate how Social Security will fit into your golden years. To answer your second question first, each person's personal SS retirement benefit is based on the highest earning 35 years over their entire lifetime, with earlier years adjusted for inflation. The person's Average Indexed Monthly Earnings (AIME) - essentially the person's lifetime average inflation-adjusted monthly earnings amount - is first determined. Using AIME, the person's Primary Insurance Amount (PIA) is calculated using a special benefit formula which will yield a PIA of about 40% or less of the person's AIME. The PIA is the amount received if benefits start in the month full retirement age or "FRA" is attained (as you can see, Social Security likes acronyms).

Since you and your wife were both born after 1959, FRA for both of you is 67. The age when you claim benefits, relative to your FRA, determines how much you'll get. Claim before FRA and your benefit is reduced; claim after your FRA and your SS retirement benefit will be more (up to age 70 when maximum is reached); claim at your FRA and your benefit will equal your PIA - the full (100%) amount you've earned from a lifetime of working.

Spouse benefits only come into play if the PIA for one of you is less than 50% of the other's PIA. In that case, the spouse with the lower PIA gets a "spousal boost" to their own SS retirement benefit when claimed. The amount of the "spousal boost" will be the difference between the lower PIA and half of the higher PIA, but the amount of the "spousal boost" (as well as the person's own SS retirement amount) will be reduced if benefits are claimed before

full retirement age. Any time SS benefits are claimed before full retirement age, those benefits are permanently reduced.

If one spouse is entitled to a "spousal boost" from the other, the spousal amount will reach maximum at the recipient's full retirement age. Thus, if the lower earning partner's highest benefit will be as a spouse, then that spouse should not wait beyond their FRA to claim. If, instead, the lower earning partner's own SS benefit at age 70 is more than their spousal amount, waiting longer than FRA to claim could be prudent, depending on life expectancy.

So, as you can see, deciding when to claim Social Security benefits should consider many things, including financial need, work status if claiming before FRA, marital status, and life expectancy. But it is your lifetime earnings which determines your SS retirement benefit amount, and it is how your FRA entitlements compare to each other that determines whether spousal benefits will be paid.

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In those days there were two great types of electric trains: American Flyer with its smaller gauge, and Lionel with its unrealistic third track. Lionel had the most appeal to me. Two weeks before Christmas my father would drag up my Lionel train set from the dusty bin in our Jamaica Plain triple decker's cellar, a bin that had until very recently harbored dusty coal to heat our flat until much cleaner oil had come onto the scene. He had also provided me with a 4-by 8-foot piece of plywood on which to position the tracks. These I set up in my bedroom and was content to let the smoke-producing locomotive go around in endless ovals; with its

headlight on in a darkened setting, the train had even more appeal after sunset. Because of space limitations the set had to be disassembled after a week or two of enthusiastic play.

On Christmas morning my father and I would traipse over to my godfather's house on Lilac Terrace (formerly Struzzieri Terrace) in Roslindale; there my older cousins had a much larger set of Lionel trains. There I reveled in the clickety-clack of the diesel locomotives as they made their way around the huge basement.

And just as the onset of January 1 meant the taking down of the Christmas tree—tinsel had to be laboriously re-

moved to be saved for next year—New Year's also indicated that it was time to deconstruct the tracks and put all Lionel gear into the dusty, former coal bin for another year. Electric trains were a Christmas tradition for me, but just as Jackie Paper outgrew his beloved dragon Puff in the nostalgic Peter, Paul, and Mary hymn to childhood, my interest in my Lionel set waned as I entered my early teenage years, and my set was given to younger set of cousins. And Christmas, from a secular perspective, took on new wonders—but none to evoke the awe that my train set did on those cold, dark mid-December nights leading up to Christmas.

Steward facing two lawsuits

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The owner of Norwood Hospital, Dallas-based Steward Health Care, is facing two lawsuits alleging false claims on Medicare and failure to pay a staffing company respectively.

The first lawsuit, brought to bear by the U.S. Department of Justice, alleged that Steward broke the law by entering into compensation agreements with Dr. Arvind Agnihotri that would increase the number of cardiovascular surgeries at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Boston – a hospital that many former Norwood patients have had to relocate to – and compensate Agnihotri for those referrals.

Acting U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts Joshua Levy stated recently that these referrals – which he said netted Agnihotri \$4.86 million from 2013 to 2022 – resulted in more than 1,000 claims to Medicare from the hospital, worth tens of millions of dollars.

Levy's office contended that this action violated the Physician Self-Referral Law, commonly known as the "Stark

Law." The law contends that it is illegal for a hospital to bill Medicare for services referred by a physician with whom the hospital has a compensation relationship that "does not meet any statutory or regulatory exception." Levy's office stated the Stark Law was put in place to prevent physicians' financial arrangements from impacting their medical decision-making.

The lawsuit contended that Agnihotri's \$4.8 million from these referrals was both higher than fair market value and took into account the volume and value of those referrals.

Steward stated that it will file a motion to dismiss, stating the "lawsuit is without merit and a waste of taxpayer money, and suffers from clear and obvious legal defects."

Levy said in a statement that the lawsuit will prove Steward knowingly submitted false claims to Medicare.

"The government's complaint today alleges that in its drive to increase cardiac surgeries at SEMC, the defendants entered into improper compensation arrangements with a cardiac surgeon, and knowingly submitted false claims to

Medicare," he said in a statement.

In another lawsuit, Ohio-based staffing agency ProLink is contending that Steward owes it \$45.7 million in unpaid and contractually-obligated payments for temporary employees. The lawsuit, filed in Massachusetts, contends that Steward engaged ProLink at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic for healthcare workers and provided more than 1,600 workers in facilities in Massachusetts, Ohio, Florida, Texas, Arizona, Louisiana, Utah and Pennsylvania. The lawsuit specifically stated that ProLink was used at Norwood Hospital, presumably before the flood in June of 2020.

ProLink stated that Steward's failure to pay on time "damaged ProLink in the amount of at least \$45.7 million." Despite Steward's alleged failure to pay, ProLink contended that it still fulfilled its contractual obligations and provided services.

Steward did not respond to a request for comment by the time of publication. For the full complaint, go to <http://tinyurl.com/5h2c2e9p>

Road Funding

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free school meals, \$205.8 million is going to MBTA infrastructure, \$90 million for regional rail infrastructure, \$109 million for financial aid to students for public colleges, \$50 million for tuition-free community college, \$70.5 million for childcare and \$150 million for transportation infrastructure (\$100 million of which is going directly to local municipal governments).

Norwood's share is based on two formulas. The first \$50 million, according to the state, is being distributed using the Chapter 90 formula that usually distributes state funds for transportation, and that's based on road mileage, population and employment. The second \$50 million is based on each municipality's share on road mileage. No word on whether the Automile got any extra funding.

"Our administration said from day one that we were going to make sure that Fair Share revenue was used to improve transportation and education for our communities, as the voters intended," said Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey. "This funding is particularly impactful because we are empowering cities and towns to decide how to use it to address their unique needs. We are grateful to the Legislature for making this funding available and look forward to seeing how the municipalities will use it to strengthen their communities."

The funds will be available for the 2024 fiscal year and will be available for use once apportioned. The state stipulated that these funds can be put to use for construction, preservation and improvement projects that create or extend the life of capital facilities. This can include things like highway projects, pedestrian facilities and bicycle facilities.

The state gave examples for such projects, which included installing sidewalks, bicycle lanes, new pavement, sidewalks, retaining walls, crossing signals, and other transportation infrastructure features. Norwood may use this funding to help put in more sidewalks on Route 1 for example, or it could use it to supplement its repaving program currently underway. There is no lack of avenues for the Town to use this funding on.

"As a former Mayor, I know how much our cities and towns rely on state funding to support their infrastructure needs of their communities," said Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Driscoll. "This funding will be a critical boost for them to move forward on projects like bridge preservation projects, improving Regional Transit Authority service, and expanding multi-modal pathways."

For more information and to see a full list of funding apportionments for all 351 local municipalities in the state, go to <http://tinyurl.com/vpxv9fyb>



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Miracle Prayer

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

—M.A.

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Prayer to the Blessed Virgin
(Never known to fail!)

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NORWOOD COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

In accordance with the requirements of Norwood Local Bylaw Article 47 Section 2.1, the Community Preservation Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 5:30 PM at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062. This meeting will be held in a hybrid format where Committee members and the public may choose to attend in-person or remotely using Google Meet at: <https://meet.google.com/hda-kniw-eya> or by dialing in at: 402-946-0125 Access Code: 547 694 165#.

This public hearing is the second of three hearings being scheduled to accept questions and comments on applications for CPA funding. The proposed projects under consideration at this hearing include: (1) funding to support the creation of affordable Veterans Housing at 20 Vernon Street; (2) funding to support continued participation in the Shared Housing Services Organization; (3) a transfer to the Land Conservation Fund; and (4) funding to permit and construct water crossings along the proposed Norwood Tiot Trail. Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Community Development Department at Town Hall during normal business hours.

Joseph Sheehan
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For the Record

WOMAN'S CLUB FOOD DRIVE

On January 16th, between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m., the Norwood Woman's Club will be collecting the following items in the Knights of Columbus parking lot, 572 Nichols St. or will accept checks made out to the Norwood Food Pantry. Everyone is invited to stop by with a donation.

Items particularly in need of include instant mashed potatoes (13oz), instant rice, tea (black, green or herbal), coffee (instant, regular or decaf), jams/jellies, crackers (graham, Ritz, Townhouse, Triscuits, Saltines) white albacore tuna or small canned chicken, pasta (ziti, penne, elbows, spaghetti etc) pasta sauce (tomato, marinara, tomato basil etc.), oatmeal (small canisters- instant and old fashioned).

PARKWAY CONCERT ORCHESTRA - OPENINGS FOR ALL POSITIONS

Parkway Concert Orchestra is a 50 piece community orchestra under the musical direction of Thomas Kociela which performs classical and pops selections four to six times per year in multiple locations around the southwest suburbs of Boston. The orchestra rehearses on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 at First Congregational Church, 100 Winter Street, Norwood. The spring season begins on January 8, preparing for concerts on March 3 and May 5. There are openings for all positions with emphasis on violins, violas, bassoon, bass trombone,

trumpet and percussion. Experienced volunteer musicians are invited to contact us to attend open rehearsal on January 8 to see if we are a good fit. Please call 781-444-5041 or you can email parkwayconcertorchestra@gmail.com. For more information about the orchestra, visit the orchestra's web site anytime at www.parkwayconcertorchestra.org.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SERIES

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

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

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

Events include:
Parenting in the Context of Anxiety: What Parents Need to Know to Support Their Children and Themselves: Jan.17, from 9-10 a.m. Understanding Transgender and Non-Binary Youth: March 8, from 9-10 a.m. Understanding Pediatric Anxiety Disorders and OCD: March 22, from 12-1 p.m. Partnering with Schools for Services and Sup-

ports: April 5, from 9-10 a.m.

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

VFW MEAT RAFFLE

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

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

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

Morrill Library Events

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

TRIVIA NIGHT!

The Morrill Memorial Library is excited to challenge you to a fun night of trivia on Tuesday, January 16 starting at 7pm in the Simoni Room of the Library!

Register as a team of up to 4 people, or really test your mettle and play solo. Questions will range widely in subject and increase in difficulty with each new round. Trivia questions are geared toward adults in content and challenge rating; this event is recommended for players 16 and older. We'll keep score over the course of the evening, but please note that we'll be playing for bragging rights only.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY MOVIE FRIDAY

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

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

SENSORY-FRIENDLY LEGO NIGHT FOR ADULTS

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with the L.E.A.D. program affiliated with Norwood High School to host a Sensory-friendly Lego Club for Adults. Our January Lego club meeting will be held in-person at the library on Thursday January 25, from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

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

QIGONG CLASSES

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to announce a series of Qigong classes on four Thursday evenings in January with David Sholemson of 3 Body Healing Arts. The program is called 3 Body Qigong for Health and Healing and will take place from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm on January 4, 11, 18, and 25.

David will be teaching the attendees the practice of 3 Body Qigong. This form of Qigong helps to energize your body, mind and spirit. It has been known to reduce stress, depression, and negative emotions by improving the flow of energy in your body and quieting your mind. This 4-week series will include body tapping, meridian stretching, practicing/learning to feel energy, and music meditation/sound healing. Start the new year with a positive plan to improve your health and re-discover that peaceful place within.

The class will be standing and seated as well as on the ground so please bring a mat. Movements can be adapted to be done in the chair. Please arrive 5-10 minutes before class as we will begin at 6:30 pm promptly.

Separate registration is required for each session.

MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to launch Monday Movie Matinee, a film series starting on January 8. The series will run from January - May. The films will be shown on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 1PM. Movie dates are: 1/ 8, 1/22, 2/12, 2/ 26, 3/11, 3/25, 4/22, 5/13. January movies are: A Man Called Otto (126 mins) and Asteroid City (105 mins).



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DOYLE

Joan M. (Duggan) of Norwood, formerly of Jamaica Plain, Mission Hill and Quincy, and formerly of Millstreet, Co. Cork, Ireland, passed away peacefully at home on December 19, 2023. Beloved wife of the late James Doyle, formerly of Co. Kilkenny, Ireland. Loving mother of Sheila Kahaly and her husband George of Walpole, Sean Doyle and his wife Shannon of Norwood, and Katie Doyle (NPD) and her partner Dave of Marshfield. Devoted grandmother of Shannon, Erin, Caitlin, Patrick, Ryan, and Kate. Dear sister of Sheila O'Connor of Millstreet and the late Eileen Orpen of Castletownbere, both of Co. Cork, Ireland. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, extended family, and a wide circle of dear friends, here in the U.S., Ireland, and England, and her cherished dog Scotty. Joan retired after a distinguished 30-year career in Boston College, working in both the Theology and Off-Campus Housing Departments. Joan was the first woman and long-standing board member of the Irish Cultural Centre in Canton where she served in many roles including Vice-President and secretary. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, West Roxbury. Interment at Mt. Benedict Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Joan may be made to the Norwood Council on Aging at 275 Prospect Street in Norwood.

MASTRIANO

Maria Anna of Norwood, formerly of Syracuse, NY, passed away on December 21, 2023. Visiting Hours at the Dockray and Thomas Funeral Home, 455 Washington

FURLONG



Colonel Thomas Gerard Furlong, 78, of Gorham, Maine died peacefully at the Maine Veterans' Home in Scarborough, Maine, on December 22, 2023 with his beloved wife, Barbara, by his side. He was born on January 30, 1945 in Norwood, Massachusetts, eldest son of Thomas Daniel Furlong and Natalie Clancy Furlong. As a youth, he served as an altar boy at Saint

Deaths

Catherine of Sienna Church where he also attended grade school. He went on to Saint Sebastian's Country Day School in Newton where he furthered his passion for football, hockey, and baseball. Meanwhile, he took great pride in working in his family's business, Furlong's Candies and Ice Cream in Norwood. He graduated from Providence College in 1966 as a commissioned Marine Corps officer with a Bachelor's degree in Economics. From there, he trained for one year at the Marine Base in Quantico, Virginia, before shipping off to Vietnam in 1967. As a Second Lieutenant, he led his Battalion through the harrowing shelling and ground attacks at Con Thien, an exposed position also known as a virtual "meat grinder" and "Hell on the Hill of Angels." Many years later he would receive letters from his "boys" thanking him for his bravery and leadership. After Tom's passing it was learned from his Military DD214 report that Tom had earned numerous medals of achievement, including the Presidential Citation which was only awarded to ten Marine units throughout the entire Vietnam War for bravery in combat. Sergeant David Hobbs served with Tom and shared that Tom led his troops from the front without fear and with great professionalism. Tom remained in the Marine Corps for 20 years. He served on active duty in Washington D.C. and later rose to the rank of "Colonel" while commanding the base in Weymouth, Massachusetts. Thomas established himself in his civilian career in the transportation industry, thereby earning awards for his distinguished service. In 1996, he met and married "the love of his life," Barbara Condike-Furlong. They lived in Lakeville, Massachusetts before moving to Maine, a cherished place, replete with childhood memories of canoeing adventures with his father. Tom was a devoted father to his children, James Matthew Furlong and Paige Elizabeth Furlong. He loved his children and grandchildren beyond measure. He and Barbara attended many Marine Corps reunions and grandchildren's ball games. An avid runner, Tom completed several Marine Corps and Boston Marathons. He was a devoted Red Sox fan. Beyond his many accomplishments, Tom was best known for being "the nicest guy on earth." He was one tough Marine with a soft touch: humble, compassionate, and extremely polite. If ever there was "An Officer and a Gentleman," Colonel Furlong

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was it. Thomas was predeceased, as a young boy, by his brother, Matthew Furlong; his parents Natalie and Thomas Furlong; and his sister, Judith Thistle. In addition to his wife Barbara, he is survived by his son, James Matthew Furlong and his wife Tara; his daughter, Paige Elizabeth Furlong, and her husband Tim Beland; his grandchildren, Lieutenant Jonathan, Matthew, Colleen, and Jordan Furlong; and Kaelyn Beland. He also leaves behind his sisters, Natalie Emerson, Jane Rawley, and Marcia Fowler and many beloved nieces and nephews. "Tommy" will be missed for being the epitome of what a big brother should be. His family will remember him most for having his boots on the ground, and his heart on his sleeve. Visiting hours will be on January 5th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Roberts and Sons Funeral Home, 30 South Street, Foxboro, Massachusetts 02035. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on January 6th at 10 a.m. at Saint Mary's Church, 58 Carpenter Street, Foxboro, Massachusetts. A full military burial will follow at Highland Cemetery in Norwood, Massachusetts. Contributions to Thomas's memory may be made to The Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17 Chicago, IL 60601.

Obituary policy

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

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ing the firearm at them." Brooks said a short time before the shooting she approached officers closer than she had before and went out on to the street. "She pointed the weapon at the officers," he said. "Norwood Police officers fired a single shot, and she went down. We called for an ambulance, officers rushed to her side and they immediately began administering aid to the single wound she sustained. We had the ambulance on scene very quickly from Norwood Fire." Brooks reported she was taken to the Norwood Memorial Airport, where she was med-flight to a Boston Hospital. Brooks later reported on Christmas Eve that the woman is recovering and is expected

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Public Hearing Notice
Norwood Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on January 22, 2024 at 7:00 PM** on the request of David Spiegel with respect to property located at **Carnegie Row (Map 15 Block 11 Lots 22 & 43), Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **Boston Providence Highway (BPH) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 as well as via remote participation:
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The Applicant requests to renew a **Major Project Special Permit** originally approved 12/3/2012, 11/9/15, 12/18/17, 12/2/19, and 8/20/21 for open lot storage of 218 vehicles.

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 Planning Board and may be requested by emailing comdev@norwoodma.gov or by calling 781-762-1240 ext. 6055, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Holly Jones, Asst Director, Community Development

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NORWOOD HOUSING AUTHORITY
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR
Request for Qualifications

The Norwood Housing Authority is seeking proposals and statements of qualifications from qualified professional Architectural and/or Engineering firms detailing the firm's qualifications, technical expertise, management and staffing capabilities, references, and related prior experience for the work listed in this RFQ. The selected firms will provide designer services to the Norwood Housing Authority as outlined in this RFQ and in HUD form 51915.

An electronic copy of the Request for Qualifications may be obtained at: www.norwoodha.org on December 28, 2023 at 11:00 A.M.

Proposals with "Statement of Qualifications" should be submitted to Mr. Todd Rego, Operation Manager and must be delivered to the Norwood Housing Authority, 10 Brookview Circle, Norwood, MA 02062 by 3:00 p.m. on or before Thursday, January 25, 2024. Proposals with qualifications must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the outside "Qualifications for Designer Services" enclosed.

Site visit by appointment only. Contact Todd Rego to schedule an appointment.

Interested firms must be registered in the state of Massachusetts and be experienced in residential design, federal and state bidding, and construction laws.

The Norwood Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in whole or part if it determines it to be in the best interest of the Authority to do so.

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to survive. He said the woman's injury was in her midsection. "We hope that she is going to be okay, and we're also attending to the officers at the scene to make sure that they are going to be okay," Brooks said. Brooks commended his officers, saying that he felt they would have been justified in taking action sooner, and that they tried to deescalate the situation throughout the incident. "The officers really did a remarkable job; I was here throughout the incident, they were communicating with me and among each other about the incident and about being able to hold off and how long they could hold off, encouraging her to move back, and they

clearly did not want to fire," he said. "They were pleading with her to move back, pleading with her to put the gun down, pleading with her to stop pointing the gun at them." Brooks added that officers cordoned the woman off on arrival and that they were able to keep anyone else from getting close to the area. "The only people at risk from the time we arrived were us," he said. Brooks said the NPD, the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office and the Massachusetts State Police Crime Prevention and Control (CPAC) Unit are investigating the incident. The identity of the woman has still not been released, but Brooks said she was believed to have come to Norwood relatively recently.

Monday, December 18

0604 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Investigated Location/Address: Citizens Bank - Nahatan St Call from H.Q. Male party reports another male party sleeping in the vestibule of the bank. Everything checks out. Party will move along. Just getting relief from the weather momentarily.

1352 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Lark Center For Therapeutic Play And Learning - Washington St Male party leaning up against the front door and swearing at employees That party was moved along from the area, all units clear.

1850 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Charlwell Nursing Home - Walpole St Business line caller reports a male party that has a warrant is visiting his brother at this location. One male in custody. NWD 674 returning to the station with that party. Arrest: Hennigan, Matthew D Address: 41 Mountain Ave Norwood, Ma Age: 32 Charges: Straight Warrant

2104 911 - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Respite House - Beacon Ave Caller reports that there is a female party who will not calm down. 21 year old female. Caller states that the female involved has mental health issues. Verbal disagreement between staff and a resident there. Officers on scene were able to de-escalate the situation. The parties involved have been separated for the night. Advised to call back if the problem persists.

Tuesday, December 19

0123 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: - DEAN ST Motor Vehicle Stop MA REG 32H480. This vehicle did not immediately stop when asked to do so. Negotiation started for a tow. One male party back to the station for OUI. Arrest: Maguire, Matthew G Address: 6 Andrus Pl Apt. #21 Norwood, Ma Age: 45 Charges: OUI-Liquor OR .08%, 2nd Offense Stop/Yield, Fail To Speeding Rate Of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit

0933 Phone - PD-Sudden Death Services Rendered Location/Address: William Shyne

Cir 911 caller reporting her neighbor 90 year old female, is down on the floor of the apartment, unknown if breathing. The patient is currently cold and has blue lips. Portable 496 on scene in Norwood 673. Norwood 666 reports Delaneys took custody, family members secured the home. All units clear.

2207 Phone - PD-Mental Health Services Rendered Location/Address: Brookview Cir Lifeline states a 58 year old female is going to harm himself and wants to go to the hospital. Norwood Fire responding.

Wednesday, December 20

1352 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Vicinity of: Fairview Rd Dog barking nonstop. Spoke with the owner. ACO is on scene and evaluated the dog.

1635 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St Call on 911, Caller states there is a unwanted party on the second floor. Party entered the private building by buzzing a condo in the building. White male with a mustache wearing grey boots, blue pants and a blue/green jacket. Arrest: Jaramillo, Augustin O Address: 44 Weaver Ct Apt. #C Boston, Ma Age: 27 Charges: Straight Warrant

1847 Phone - PD-Mental Health Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Norwest Dr 911 caller, clinician reporting her patient a 54 year old male is threatening to take pills and is making suicidal statements, feels hopeless and thoughts of overdosing. Section 12, Norwood Fire transporting to BI Needham.

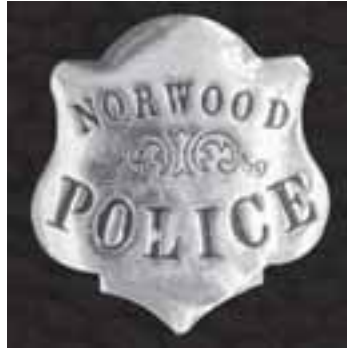
1937 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Vape and Smoke - Washington St Call on the business line stating there is a Black GMC parked in a handicap spot without a handicap sticker. Party was advised

Thursday, December 21

0021 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Vicinity of: Cadillac Of Norwood - Bos-Prov Hwy 911 caller reporting 3 white males seen running from the parking lot away

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from a vehicle with the alarm sounding. Described as wearing puffy coats, skulls caps and beanies, 20's No damage to any of the vehicles, units began general area search. Nothing Found

0129 Phone - PD-Mental Health Services Rendered Location/Address: Plymouth Dr Call on 911 for a 57 year old male with breathing difficulty and medication withdrawal. Voluntary evaluation, transporting to BI Needham.

1450 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: Engamore Ln Neighbor calling about a dog barking for over a day. she believes the dog is in apt. alone. Animal control officer will be stopping by this apartment.

1714 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: North Ave Caller on the business line states his neighbors dogs have been barking non-stop for hours. No dogs barking upon arrival. Everything checks okay.

Friday, December 22

1253 Phone - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: Planet Self Storage - Morse St 911 caller states a customer walked in with a gun and she has it pointed at her head, she is requesting 1 officer to respond, states the parties are in the office. She instructed him to put the phone down. OFC's on scene report she does have the gun held to her head. Per the 911 caller, she will shoot if more than one OFC shows up. Reports she is right in the front office at this address. Command declaring it a hostage situation. Metro call up activated. Surrounding streets being blocked off. OFC's on scene setting perimeter around the building. Male party who called 911 is now outside with an OFC and the cruiser. He is with NWD 663. Metro will be using Pleasant St for staging. Traffic being stopped in the area of Washington St. Walpole notified and en route with a cruiser to Washington and Short Sts. According to the property, OFC states female party involved in the call walked to the scene. She did not drive there. Walpole SGT on scene and sending messages direct to his Traffic shut down at Highview St. Possible motor vehicle on scene she could use to get away. Female party has access to foot bridge. OFC en route to block that. Business next door will be getting evacuated, or sheltered in place and away from windows and doors locked. Cars driving out of the

lot of neighboring business. Female party pointing gun at the cars. Detective Greene sent to location for evacuation. 90 Main Street will be staging per Metrolec Detective Greene reports neighboring lot shut down. No more traffic coming out. Parties in the neighboring building advised to shelter in place and get away from windows. OFC Jennings communicating with the female party, had developed a rapport with her. Will be trying to communicate with her again. Units on Morse St advised to get out of the cross fire and get behind cover. Per OFC's on scene, clear the parking lot. Female party is outside the building. Norwood FD being requested to scene. Suspect down. Update, suspect down. Police shots fired. Suspect down due two shots fired. FD advised it will be ALS and requested Medflight. NWD FD reporting two rifle rounds to the left flank of the female party. Left lung decompressed. NWD 676 OFC Mark Brooks will be going with Medflight in the helicopter. OFC's at 13:00 report they had made contact and were talking to the female party. OFC Jennings had her at gunpoint at this time. Female party had the gun to her head. OFC reports OFC Jennings was 200 feet out.

1704 911 - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Guild St Female party reporting blood all over the floor and the glass door leading up to the building from the outside unsure from what exactly Spoke with the resident and was able to confirm blood was from his injured dog he was caring for.

Saturday, December 23

1021 Initiated - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: - Prospect St 667 was flagged down by a dog walker who is reporting juveniles playing on the roof. Juveniles were spoken too. 667 reports there is a cone on the roof, no damage.

2226 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: - East Vernon St Caller from the first floor apartment reporting loud music coming from the second floor. Quiet on arrival but spoke with the neighbors about the complaint.

Sunday, December 24

0037 Phone - PD-Vandalism Report Follows Location/Address: Pleasant St Caller reported that their car had been broken into. Back door was wide open and bottles of alcohol that were in the backseat are broken. Spoke with the reporting party who stated several bottles of alcohol stolen from the vehicle.

1110 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Saunders Rd Small white Chihuahua dog found. No collar. Animal control has been notified and is responding.

1239 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Spoke With Location/Address: Prospect Ave Health & Welfare check on a female party that lives at this address. Calling party states that

he is at the Good Sam in Brockton and has not had contact with her in a couple days. Unknown medical conditions. Female party checks okay and is not speaking to son due to family issues going on.

1250 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Report Follows Location/Address: Walpole St + Wilson St Caller reports her brother has been drinking for a long time now and wants him checked out. Caller reports he's sitting on the brick wall at the intersection. No suicidal statements, just belligerent. Navy blue fleece zip up. Cut on right side of head from 48 hours ago. Dirty jean pants. Spoke to sister who reports that was his last known location. If not there then the sister reports he could be Big Y Liquor store. Searching area for him currently. Providing a courtesy transport of one adult male to Orleans Rd. That male party is back home with his mother and sister. They will call if the male party becomes too belligerent.

1737 Phone - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Orleans Rd Female on business line states her son was causing a disturbance at her house before taking off, was told to call if he caused any further issues by police before Spoke with party, ongoing issue with her son and substance abuse, requesting HWC if able to locate. Unit disseminated a photo and description to other units.

1846 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Woodbine Rd Female resident on business line reports white male pacing street yelling "I'm gonna kill you (cuss words) and destroy the universe." resident is concerned. Possibly wearing a hoodie and PJ pants. Spoke with male party. He's okay, was out for walk but will call if anything changes or needs assistance, units clear.

1935 Phone - PD-Mental Health Report Follows Location/Address: Fulton St RP on 911 called and said his brother was talking to him and said "This is what death sounds like %\$&?#\$. RP states his brother said he wants to go out like an old friend that passed from suicide. RP states his brother does not have a history of mental health. Units given permission to make entry by brother Ambulance to respond for a section Transported by NFD under section 12 PD on board 664

2321 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Tremont St Neighbors playing loud music Spoke with homeowner agreed to turn it down for the night

TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on February 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Clay Subaru/Oscar Lidonni (Case #23-46 and Case #23-47) with respect to property located at **842 Boston Providence Highway (Map 17 Block 4 Lot 6), Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **Boston Providence Highway (BPH) 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** to allow installation of a variable electronic sign, and a **Variance** for relief from Section 6.2.6 (1)(b) and 6.2.15 (3) to install a new pylon sign cabinet over 50 square feet in, with the variable electronic portion in excess of 25% of the allowable sign area, within the setback specified in 6.2.15 (3).

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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