



Norwood Town Meeting voted 103 to 48 to approve the original 78-acre MBTA Communities Act rezoning proposal on Thursday.

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The School Committee discussed the recent incident at the Coakley Middle School on Wednesday.

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TM adopts original 3A wording

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Special Town Meeting on Thursday concluded with what many might have thought to be a surprising result.

Norwood Town Meeting Members voted 103 in favor and 48 opposed to pass the original 78-acre MBTA Communities Multi-Family Overlay District (MCMOD) presented by the Planning Department with a couple of minor corrections. Town meeting passed both Warrant Articles associated with the MCMOD, Articles 4 and 5, Article 4 amending the Zoning Bylaw and Article 5 amending the zoning map.

The MCMOD has been the topic of debate for about two years, with many in very loud opposition to the state mandate to open the Town up for multi-family development as-of-right. The basic gist of the MBTA Communities Act, or 3A to which it is sometimes referred, is that if a municipality has a train station, bus hub or subway it has to zone a total of at least 50 acres for multi-family housing.

Town Planner Sarah Dixon and several Planning Board and MBTA Communities Task Force members explained at length as to why they chose to expand the new overlays more than the required 50 acres. Dixon said this was to create lower-impact density; basically spreading the density out so

that developers wouldn't be able to build excessively high.

Many residents and some officials said the proposed MCMOD would incur too much stress on Town services. Town Meeting member Gregory Ophanos asked if the increased growth could lead to another situation where the Town needs to request a budget override (Massachusetts allows municipalities to raise taxes by a maximum of 2.5 percent, but if needed Town Meeting could vote to "override" that max for a limited time if finances aren't adding up, which happens across the Commonwealth frequently).

Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said that growth is not necessarily a net positive or negative when it comes to service costs and revenues for the Town, and that given the Town's current economic outlook, he doesn't think that growth would have a reasonable impact.

"Without a significant amount of new growth, the 2.5 percent increase in the tax levy every year generally does not work, it does not work for most municipalities," he said. "However we do it, it's not going to have an impact on whether or not we need an override in a couple of years to maintain our services."

Selectman Michael Saad said the Norwood Public Schools District (NPS) and other essential services would be negatively impacted by too many families coming into Norwood.

"I don't like the state telling Norwood what to do, with all these 40Rs, 40Bs, 40Ds, 3As, next month or next year it will be a different project," he said. "I want to just get an answer from somebody about the cost with this whole 2,000 or 1,000 apartments for the police department, the fire department, the teachers, the trash pickup that's going to be added to the Town, who can answer those questions for me moderator?"

Mazzucco said that housing creates costs for the Town, no matter what kind it is.

"There is no housing unit that is cash positive for a Town, whether it's an apartment or single-family home," he said. "In Norwood, we can take advantage of the fact that we have a huge commercial base which keeps our tax base low, but even a residential subdivision with single-family homes realistically can't pay for itself and can't pay for the children it puts into a school district."

But on the other hand, Mazzucco pointed out that stopping growth would hit the Town hard too.

"Growth costs the Town more money, but decline costs the Town money too," he said. "I have worked in municipalities where they have had a declining population and guess what, your population goes down and it costs you more money. Your

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School start date(s) established Security concerns addressed

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee met on Wednesday, March 20, and provided more details of the threat at the Coakley Middle School two weeks ago.

The threat was deemed as a non-imminent threat to the school, and Norwood Public Schools (NPS) Superintendent David Thomson said despite the assessed low risk of the situation, the Norwood Police Department still sent about a dozen officers to the school to make sure.

"If this was an actual emergency, no one would have got-

ten within the confines of the school," he said.

The threat to the Coakley made the rounds of student chats online, according to the NPD, and targeted the Coakley specifically. The NPD reported later that after about two hours of investigation they had identified the student suspect, who turned out to be a 12-year-old attending the school.

Thomson said they are in the process of an incident review procedure and looking at things the schools could have done better. He said that this incident differed from previous similar incidents because it went

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BOH mulls tobacco ban

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Health (BOH) met last week and discussed the recent enacting of Brookline's generational tobacco ban, which would, if replicated on a national scale, eventually eliminate the legal purchasing of tobacco and nicotine products.

The ban in Brookline prohibits anyone born after year 2000 from purchasing any tobacco products, and requires all patrons buying tobacco to

provide their identification. The issue came up when Chair Kathleen Bishop asked about the legislation's outcome in a recent lawsuit.

"This has been in the works for quite some time," said Health Department Director Stacy Lane. "Just remember, someone born in 2001, even if they're 40 years old, would not be able to buy tobacco. It never goes away and never matters what your age is, it will never go away. So I have a child born in

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infrastructure is still spread out. Large apartment complexes, we do not collect trash from and so it's important to note that would not be a cost. We only do that in condo units or smaller multi-families under five units I think. In terms of police or fire, there again, growth tends to cost money but decline costs money as well. Fifteen single-family homes on a residential subdivision may never have a fire response in 30 years or four or five houses could burn down. They could have 30 kids in the school system or they could have five in the system. Does growth generally cost more to manage a larger population? It does."

According to officials, the estimate is that the new zoning would probably have 300 or so new units built in the next 10 years, which is about equivalent to Upland Woods off Route 1A.

Norwood Selectman Bill Plasko introduced a smaller 3A plan that would, according to him, meet state requirements with less of an impact to

Norwood by concentrating most of the rezoning at Windsor Gardens. He said this would reduce the total amount of new potential units from around 3,397 to 2,500, still well above the state's mandated 2,049. While he admitted the Town should look at rezoning old and industrial areas the original plan stated needed to be redeveloped, but he said the Town should take a slower tack on this and address them through the master planning process currently underway and not through 3A.

"There are just more pluses to going slow while tending to what we need to, meet the state mandate, have that out of our way and then go back and see what we do with those other districts," he said.

Selectman Bob Donnelly disagreed with this tactic. The reduced plan would allow around 1,900 units to potentially be placed at Windsor Gardens, and he said while that might not seem likely to happen soon on the face of it, it's definitely not off the table.

"Windsor Gardens is approximately 60 years old, and was purchased for \$270 million just as recently as 2019," he said. "The owner could determine that it is financially viable to redevelop the complex over time to replace the three-story buildings and open space that is there today with much higher and larger buildings, because zoning would allow for it. Think about what that says about Norwood. Instead of focusing development on vacant and old industrial parcels for

new housing Downtown where we have two MBTA stations, we would cite the proposed zoning in an area of Town least represented in Norwood. If you look around, how many Town Meeting members reside at Windsor Gardens? How many members of Boards and Commissions reside at Windsor Gardens? Yes it would likely result in paper compliance, but it would do nothing in the area of any meaningful redevelopment. We would essentially be setting up a district in an area where residents of the complex have very little influence in Town matters."

Planning Board member and 3A Task Force member Ernie Paciorkowski pointed out the plan was not pre-vetted by the state like the original was, so the Plasko proposal may not be compliant with the state.

The amendment failed to pass by a voice vote, and the original article passed 103 to 48.

In other TM business, Articles 1 and 2 passed unanimously changing the definitions and locations of personal and commercial kennels that could be sited with or without Zoning Board of Appeal Approval.

Article 3 increased the notification minimums and maximums for the Town when rezoning efforts are taking place, and was passed almost unanimously. Articles 4 and 5 were the MCMOD discussions mentioned above, and Article 6 was sent back to the Norwood Planning Board. This article was proposed to allow accessory dwelling units as-of-right with certain restrictions.

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BOS approves Storywalk at Endean, talks Coakley and arcade

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday for its regular meeting and discussed a wide range of topics.

First off, the Board approved an application for a story walk at Endean Park from the Norwood Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) group. Representative Liz Hogrell said the initiative is focused on helping kids get outdoors and learn at the same time. The trail will run from the Hawes Pond up to the nearby baseball fields, about .3 of a mile.

Hogrell said the walk will feature 18 frames and that she's looking to change the children's book about four times a year to provide something new and fun for residents when they visit. The Board voted unanimously to approve the measure, which will be funded through grants.

In other news, Selectman David Donnelly conveyed some new information regarding the Massachusetts School Building Authority's (MSBA) recent announcement that it will be increas-

ing its reimbursement percentage on its capital project program from \$360 a square foot to \$390 a square foot. He said this will have a significant impact on the Coakley Middle School rebuild project.

"The specifics we'll talk about at our next meeting in April, but it's likely to have a really good impact, in the millions of dollars range," he said.

The Board also voted 4-1 with Donnelly against to deny a one-time liquor permit for April 6 to Hometown Arcade in a late agenda item.

The lateness was the key criteria for denial, as this was not the first time the organization has been late in filing for such permits. The only issue of debate among the Board was that the event was scheduled for the following week, but since there is no other Board of Selectmen meeting scheduled before then, there was no scenario for the application to have been submitted with the appropriate time to get on the official agenda. The Board finalizes its agenda the Friday before a meeting, and Selectmen Chair Matt Lane said

they got it in after the close of business this past Friday.

"We had asked them, Mr. Chairman, to get these in in a timely manner, and I think what we meant by that was that if we get it in by Friday at the latest before the weekend, if we had any questions we could straighten it out then," said Selectman Bill Plasko. "We're just getting this so we have no chance to look into it if there was a reason to look into it. I think it's probably faster than the others have been, but based on just principle that we asked them to do that, they said they would do that, and they haven't, I'm going to vote against it just because they don't seem to be willing to be on the ball, cooperative and respectful of the Board's process. Other than that, the event is no different than any other I believe, but it's just a matter of principle."

In other news, Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said the budget for the May Annual Town Meeting is on schedule, which he said was an accomplishment because the Town hasn't has a Town Accountant for a while.

"Despite not having somebody in the Town Accountant position for several months, we haven't missed a beat," he said.

Donnelly mentioned that the Norwood Compost Pilot program still has about 100 spaces available for residents to sign up to get their compost picked up. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/5n77cc9a> for more information.

Lane pointed out there's a municipal election next week. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/2wm6xm3y> for a sample ballot.



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Steward officially selling out

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Filings at the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission (HPC) confirmed on Tuesday that Steward is looking to sell its network of doctors, Stewardship Health, to fellow for-profit health company OptumCare, a subsidiary of United Health Group.

Stewardship Health, the parent company of Stewardship Health Medical Group, made the filing to the HPC as part of the oversight process of such sales. Steward has been in dire financial straights since at least this past fall, noted in Norwood when workers on the Norwood Hospital construction site walked off the job because Steward was apparently not paying the contractor, Suffolk Construction, on time if at all.

The site at Norwood Hospital was closed up again about a month ago, and no new work has taken place since then.

Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healy has already demanded both that Steward sell its seven Massachusetts hospitals to another group and for its financial records. The state has been demanding such records as far back as 2018, as it does with all other medical providers, and Steward has also refused to provide such documentation. Officials are already wary that the sale will simply be a case of, as The Who put it, "Meet the new boss, same as the old boss."

"After years of gross profiteering and mismanagement, Steward's latest plan raises more serious questions about the future of the Massachusetts health care system," said Senator Liz Warren in a statement on Tuesday. "My top priority is ensuring Steward's Massachusetts hospitals remain open. But Steward executives have no credibility, and I am concerned that this sale will not benefit patients or health care workers, or guarantee the survival of these facilities. It would be a terrible mistake for Steward to be allowed to walk away while looting Massachusetts hospitals one more time."

Optum already has its share of controversies, and is already under investigation by the Department of Justice over antitrust issues (<https://tinyurl.com/mrxnujcd>). United Health also already controls about 10 percent of the medical practices in the United States.

The HPC will have 30 days to review the transaction after all required filings have been made. HPC Director David Seltz mirrored Warren's concerns in a recent statement:

"This is a significant proposed change involving two large medical providers, both in Massachusetts and nationally, with important implications for the delivery and cost of health care across Massachusetts."

The HPC and the Department of Public Health will also have to review the sale.



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OPINION

Resident apathy is appalling

Last Thursday's Town Meeting was efficient. It concluded its business and whether you agreed or not with the decisions rendered it reflected the will of the people. Well, actually it reflected the will of an infinitesimally small subset of the people, further fueling the argument made by some that Town Meeting is no longer reflective of Norwood's population as a whole.

In the 2022 Town election, only 242 of the 297 Town Meeting seats were filled, leaving 55 seats vacant. In the most recent election, 268 seats were filled, meaning only 29 seats were vacant, a Pyrrhic victory one would suppose but still abysmal by any reasonable metric.

To address this obvious lack of enthusiasm from the populace a committee was formed and determined that reducing the number of seats from 297 to 261 would better serve Town Meeting, and the message was loud and clear; that Norwood residents just don't care enough to take part in local governance. The measure was approved, so now there are a reduced number of seats and less people's voices potentially to be heard.

Success? Hardly. Last Thursday's meeting, watched from the comfort of one's stratolounger, was really quite discouraging. The auditorium had major patches of empty seats and the usual faces filled most of those. A quick check of the attendance that night, keep in mind this was a SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, reflected only 165 were in attendance, meaning there were 93 no shows...not so special after all apparently. So, even after reducing the absolute number of Town Meeting seats, 45 percent of the designated seats were still vacant. And this is supposed to be representative Town Meeting? We think not.

This is not a criticism of those casting votes. On the contrary, those showing up should be applauded whether or not one agrees with the decisions made or not. This column is derisive of those TM members who didn't show and for the other residents who would rather grouse on social media about all the mistakes being made, falsely thinking their voices make a difference or have value. Your voices are hollow and, quite frankly, pathetic. If you don't have the guts to take a stand in person and let your voices be heard in a forum that actually has decision making powers, than stick to asking who has the best calzones and best prices for getting your nails done in Town.

There were two other specific instances this newspaper felt uneasy about regarding Thursday's meeting, the first parliamentary, the second optically. Once the registered speakers to Mr. Plasko's amendment concerning Articles 4 and 5 (3A rezoning) were finished, there was an immediate call to 'Move the Question', effectively silencing those TM members who would have liked to voice an opinion but didn't register. Not good. And what if non TM members, regular residents wanting to make a difference showed up, you know, like they do in the movies? Well, procedurally they were told to shut up.

The second instance involved Town Meeting member and local attorney David Hern. Mr. Hern spoke eloquently regarding rezoning and we have no doubt he felt the original articles were in the Town's best interests. We also have virtually no doubt that when the parcels in question are brought before the Town seeking permissions to build, Mr. Hern will represent most if not all of the developers, thus creating at least the appearance of a conflict of interest. Everyone in the business knows that if you want to build in Norwood Mr. Hern is the go-to guy; and good for him. However, his speaking on issues that may impact his practice, positively or negatively, just doesn't look or feel right without at least a preface before he comments.

WE NEED A FEDERAL LAW

To the Editor:

As you probably know, but if you didn't know, "Steward Health Care," (a profit company), was constructing the "New Norwood Hospital" with the omission of "Psych and OBGYN Wards." It was a self-

ish, travesty of justice on Steward's part.

In this day and age, because of the pandemic, global warming, gun violence and other negativity, we need Psych Wards and OBGYN Wards more than ever! Members of the "Norwood Behavioral Health Advocacy Group" are asking our govern-

ment to pass a "Federal Law" making it mandatory for our "Community Hospitals" to have Psych and OBGYN Wards to serve our seriously needy people. We can't let profit companies run our hospitals! We must have a "Federal Law!"

Neil Patterson
Norwood

Breen seeks housing position

I am Bill Breen, a candidate for the Norwood Housing Authority Board position. I would go to a writing group years ago. When I monitored the housing board meetings, this is just about basically the same thing as the Writing group. We discuss the issues and give opinions on them. I

am a writer and painter. I have written two books, with always thinking 3, 4, 5 down the road. Now, on the Norwood cable station, I am trying to teach folks how to paint. I have been painting for 37 years. I have sold around 170 portraits. I have painted judges, politicians, lawyers,

doctors, etc... I received a Cold War Certificate from the Government. I was in the St. Catherine's Choir, coached Babe Ruth, a volunteer football coach at Norwood High, and a Farmer's Market participant. I hope I can have your vote.

Bill Breen

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viral.

"Our normal process and threat protocol is to do the investigation, go through and then tell everyone about the threat after it's been neutralized, but by the time we had realized it had gone viral, it was probably a little bit too late," he said. "We are in that review process and we are looking for critical improvement and we hope to finish that up before the first or second week of April."

Thomson added that they are currently following the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) regarding school discipline policies.

"I would point you to the student handbook and I would point you to Massachusetts General Law Section 37H.5, that outlines what can be done," he said. "I think it's important to realize that we do not allow students in the Norwood Schools who are not safe to be in the Norwood schools, and that's pretty much all I have to say on that. We have never done that, and we are not about to start now."

Several residents spoke during the community feedback session and asked that the NPS

work to be more transparent in its dealings with parents over security issues. Resident Keisha Desir said she felt school policies concerning security needed to change.

"The current policies aren't working," she said. "We're sad, we're angry, we're frustrated and we're scared. Students' sense of safety on campus has been shaken. Parents sending their kids off to school in fear is never okay."

Desir said parents and students need to band together to make sure their schools are safe, and the first step in that is to demand that the student now currently facing prosecution in the court system for the threat is expelled permanently.

"While I fully understand there are policies, procedures, legal processes put in place, we can't be silent until we know for sure our schools and communities are safe," she said.

Resident Amanda Raffi echoed Desir's sentiment.

"I hope this child gets the help they need, but I also hope they never return to NPS," she said.

Thomson asked that parents and students see the NPS security policy, which can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/3yydhn7c> that goes through the district's security policies and threat protocols.

"It is important to note that we have had probably over 40 threats of various degrees here at NPS in the last three years, and the protocols that we use and the NPD use are from the FBI and the U.S. Secret Service," he said. "Our safety protocols and the processes we use, we got a grant about three or

four years ago to totally redo them, and they are still considered state-of-the-art. The Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association put out some recommendations for school protocols recently and we already had every single one of those recommendations in our protocols. We do not spend a lot of time talking about what we do and how we do it, because if there was somebody hell bent on doing some sort of attack they would know our process."

Thomson added that residents should try to be as understanding as possible.

"I will remind people that this is somebody's child, and this child is 12 years old," he said.

Also discussed during the meeting was the school start date for this year and next year. School Committee member Teresa Stewart said they had originally been discussing pushing the fall start date for 2024 back a few days to start the school year before Labor Day.

"A lot of the feedback we were receiving included families already having vacation plans and commitments for this year," she said. "But we did hear from a number of families that they are open to starting before Labor Day in the future, they just asked that if that is going to be a decision that they have more than four-an-a-half months notice."

The Committee agreed that it would start looking at the 2025 school year now so as to give parents enough time to adjust their annual schedules, but keep the start date for fall 2024 at Sept. 4.

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ConCom approves 76 Prospect, NHS Greenhouse

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Conservation Commission (ConCom) met last week and voted unanimously to accept the proposal from Merrikin Engineering for the proposed 19-unit single-family subdivision at 76 Prospect St.

Several residents were in opposition to the project, as voiced by Hill Law Attorney Elizabeth Pyle, because of its proximity to an intermittent stream. Residents have been fighting the project since it was first introduced in 2021.

The big contention at this meeting was the fact that at the last meeting the ConCom requested that the proponent put together an alternatives plan and schematic that would put all construction work outside 200 feet of the riverfront (of the intermittent stream) to determine if it was “economically feasible” or “practicable.”

Merrikin put together that plan, which moved the roadway farther away from the stream and reduced the unit count from 19 single-family homes and lots to 12. Merrikin and Attorney representing the project David Hern said that this is an economically untenable alternative.

“It’s about a 37-percent reduction by my calculation,” Hern said, adding that the road would more or less take up the same area and have the same impervious surface as it did before. “That’s a significant reduction and yet the length of roadway is reduced only by a little bit over six percent... It makes no sense to say that isn’t a prohibitive expense, because it still costs us the same amount to build the roadway – pretty close to the same amount – it still costs us the same to do all the engineering, but we’re left with a much smaller proposal and project.”

Pyle said just because it would be less profitable doesn’t mean it’s not a viable alternative and believed it was worth it to have the houses and the road farther away from the stream, especially when it comes to stormwater issues. Hern and Merrikin said the 19-unit plan would address stormwater issues and not make them worse, but Pyle said having fewer houses on the site would further reduce that impact.

“So we don’t know how the stormwater would play out, but where there are fewer house lots involved, we can assume that the water infiltration would be less in the alternative 12-lot plan,” she said.

ConCom Chair Stephen Washburn said he was concerned that the wetland regulations don’t really specify what a “feasible alternative” or “practicable” plan entails specifically, basically saying that without objective criteria to quantify either term, it’s

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2001, and he will never be able to buy in Brookline, even though he’s old enough, he cannot purchase in Brookline, even if he’s 30, 40, or 75-years old.”

The legislation had to go through a lot of judicial review and survive a lawsuit to finally be officially on the books. But now, Lane said it has become a starting point for other municipalities to do it.

“Is that something we’re all going to head towards?” asked Bishop.

“I don’t know,” Lane said. “That’s a big if. Maybe. That is something you can consider. They won their lawsuit, and that’s what happens. A few communities go out and do it, they get sued, and that’s now case law and we could go along with that. You could see that happening.”

Lane said more communities will follow suit with Brookline. “I mean, eventually this could make us a tobacco-free state,” she said.

Board members asked Lane to look into if and how Norwood could start doing this.

“So if we should decide to do something like this, would you grab some information from Brookline as to how they went about it?” Bishop asked.

“This has been a long process, it’s been years,” Lane said. “But I think first thing we should do is update our regulations; that should be

the first hurdle.”

“I like that idea, it’s something for us to work towards,” Bishop said. “It could take a while but that’s fine.”

In related tobacco news, Lane updated the board on the Zyn situation. Currently, flavored Zyn is not allowed to be purchased in Massachusetts, let alone Norwood.

“They do have flavors and they’re not supposed to be for sale in Massachusetts,” Lane said, adding that their department sent a representative to all tobacco-licensed stores in Town to make sure. “They’re there, but it’s not flavored. Out of the 31 tobacco license holders that we have, 18 of them do sell that product.”

Lane said she believes it is time to update the Town’s to-

bacco regulations to include nicotine products like Zyn, which are distilled nicotine products and currently work around some regulations in loopholes.

“I think 2019 was the last time we had some major changes to (our regulations),” she said. “In 2022 we just, I believe, updated our regulations to talk about the state fine and added that as an amendment, and so I think it’s time to review. I will work with Massachusetts Tobacco and Control, because we have to define these products. I mean, they’ll just come out with another new product, and every so often you really have to do a review to go along with the new products that are out there.”

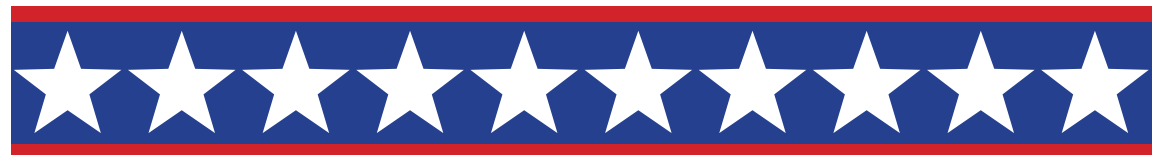
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Veteran Uncertain About Social Security and Healthcare Coverage

Dear Rusty: I'm not sure what I should sign up for in terms of Social Security: I am 64 and I am still employed full time and intend to stay employed until age 70. I am retired from the Navy and receive military retirement payments, and have military TriCare, as well as medical, dental, eye and life insurance through my employer. I don't want to lose benefits, but I also don't want to take Social Security until it reaches the maximum at age 70 (I think that is correct?). I will turn 65 in 4 months. Can you advise me?



Russell Gloor
AMAC Certified Social
Security Advisor

Signed:
Uncertain Veteran

Dear Uncertain Veteran:

First of all, thank you for your service to our country. From what you've shared, and since you're still working full time, not claiming Social Security yet is a smart decision. If you were born in 1959 your full retirement age (FRA) is 66 years and 10 months and, if you claim SS before your full retirement age, you'll be subject to Social Security's earning test which would likely make you ineligible to receive SS benefits at this time.

The 2024 earnings limit (limit changes yearly) when collecting Social Security early is \$22,320 and, if that is exceeded, Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over the limit (half of what you exceed the limit by). If you significantly exceed the limit, SS will declare you temporarily ineligible to collect SS benefits until you either reach your FRA or earn less. The earnings test no longer applies after you reach your FRA. So, if you're now employed full time and plan to stay so until age 70, and you expect at least average longevity (about 84 for someone your current age), delaying until age 70 to claim Social Security is how to get your maximum Social Security benefit.

As for your healthcare coverage as a veteran: TriCare requires you to en-

roll in Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) and Part B (coverage for outpatient services) at age 65, but you do not need to take Social Security when you enroll in Medicare. You must, however, enroll in Medicare at age 65 or you will lose your TriCare (military) healthcare coverage. You could choose to delay enrolling in Medicare at 65 because you have "creditable" employer coverage, but if you do so you will lose your current TriCare coverage and need to rely solely on your employer healthcare plan. In that case, you would still be able to enroll in both Medicare and TriCare-for-Life without penalty prior to your employer coverage ending and have coverage under both programs thereafter. I suggest you contact TriCare directly at 1-866-773-0404 to discuss your personal TriCare coverage after age 65. You can also go to www.TriCare4U.com.

Whenever you enroll, Medicare will be the primary payer of your healthcare costs and TriCare will be the secondary payor. Your vision, dental, and prescription drug coverage would be through TriCare (Medicare does not cover those services) or acquired separately. Just remember, you must be enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B to have TriCare-for-Life coverage after age 65.

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Despite resident objections around wetland issues, the Conservation Commission approved this 19-unit subdivision at 76 Prospect St.

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basically a completely subjective exercise and open to interpretation.

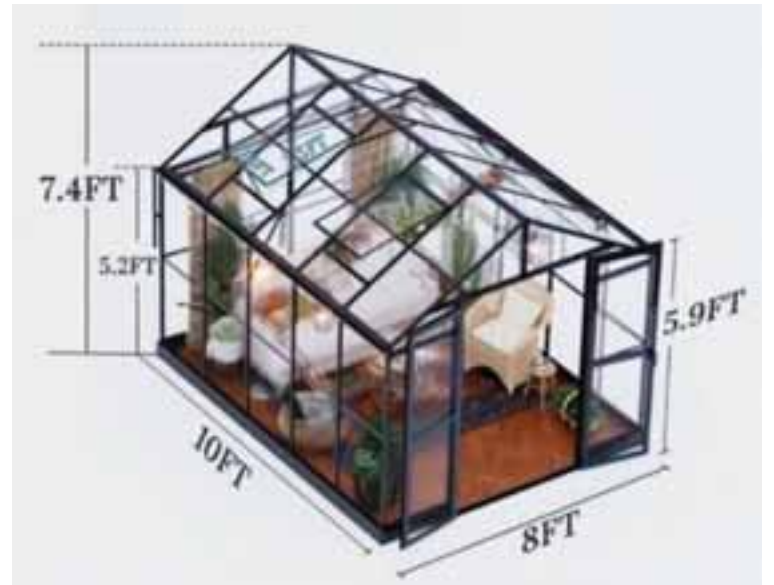
Hern said that a 37-percent reduction in lots on the site qualifies for not being economically feasible, but, in response to a comment from Pyle, said that his client would not share specific proprietary financial information to back that up.

"We're not required to provide confidential financial information, nor should the issuing authorities request financial information of a confidential nature," he said. "So we're not going to get into the cost of the land. That's confidential, and will remain confidential until such time as the deeds are required. But I will tell you, this is not a cheap project to do."

Hern added that the alternative would forgo the riverfront improvements proposed in the 19-unit plan, since there would be nothing to mitigate.

"The improvements that the Town gets, that the neighborhood gets that the environment gets, with respect to the wetlands, accrue only if we do the project as proposed," he said. "If we do the project outside the riverfront area, there's no reason to improve the riverfront area."

The ConCom voted unanimously to approve the project with several conditions, which included notification require-



The ConCom also voted to approve a plan for a similar greenhouse at Endean Park.

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ments to neighbors, construction plans be submitted to the ConCom, the submittal of a stormwater pollution prevention plan to the EPA, erosion controls, invasive vegetation protections from imported soils, no pesticides, herbicides, or insecticides (with the exception of lime) to be used near the wetland, and the ConCom's continual oversight of the water resource.

In other conservation news, the ConCom voted unanimously to approve the plan for a new greenhouse in Endean Park in South Norwood. Four Norwood High School (NHS) students, Bridget Sople, Jullya Pereira, Sophia Touma and Julia Figuerido first presented

their plan in the fall, and now have made several adjustments. Originally, they were going to have a smaller greenhouse, but the manufacturer of the (mostly) prefabricated structure ran out of the smaller size and they will now be installing a 12-by-12-foot structure instead of the former eight-by-eight.

Also, there was concern that the original positioning of the greenhouse would be too close to the Norwood Food Forest Orchard currently at the south of Endean park, just west of the Community Gardens abutting the corner of Washington and Mylod streets. So the four proposed moving the greenhouse down the incline further north towards the Coakley Middle School, which they said would not conflict with the orchard.

The purpose of the greenhouse is to help increase food production in the colder months and supplement the Norwood Food Pantry. The ConCom applauded the effort and gave its blessing. The four said they have already fundraised about \$9,000 for the project and said they would be transferring that money to the Town so it can be allocated to purchase the structure. They said construction is hoped to be completed by early May.

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Tree fall at Windsor Gardens a close call for Norwood residents

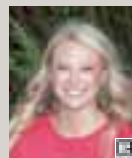


The Norwood Police Department stated this past Friday a tree fell on a vehicle in the Windsor Gardens. Miraculously, no one was injured despite extensive damage to the Nissan Rogue driving in the area of Buckminster Drive. Police reported the incident around 10 a.m. Car owner Kevin O'Toole said he was driving through the neighborhood with his father heading to the grocery store. He said while he didn't see the danger, his father was able to warn him with a "Duck!" before the tree fell. O'Toole said the tree fell close to the back of the vehicle and a branch came within inches of his person. As seen in the photo, the tree is longer than the road is wide.

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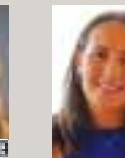
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Norwood members of the Dedham Choral Society are performing in West Roxbury April 12.

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Norwood singers in concert

Accompanied by a string orchestra, pianist, percussion and soloist, the Dedham Choral Society pays homage to two living American composers at their concert on Friday, April 12 at 8:00 p.m. at Holy Name Parish, 1689 Centre St., West Roxbury. Inspired by the universal theme of light, both composers on this program have created contemporary masterpieces, certain to appeal to both singers and audience.

Norwegian-American Ola Gjeilo's Sunrise Mass employs the familiar texts used by innumerable composers of preceding centuries, creating a work of great spiritual power and ecumenical appeal, expressing a "deeper connection with something sacred: soul, God, or nature." In addition to the choral pieces, pianist Julia Scott Carey plays three Gjeilo solo selections. Illuminare, by Iowa-based composer Elaine Hagenberg, uses lesser-known sacred Latin, Greek, and En-

glish texts, taking the musicians and audience through a season of beauty and goodness that has been disrupted by darkness and confusion. But as Light gradually returns, hope is restored, illuminating our future and guiding us in peace.

Founded in 1955 by enthusiastic townspeople in Dedham, this season's DCS members reside in 26 communities in greater Boston and have been rehearsing in person since January for this concert. Singers from Norwood include Elaine Benkoski, Christine Diaz, Eileen Gibney, Dale Jovin, Edd Lee and Gloria Lee. Under the baton of longtime director Jonathan Barnhart and rehearsal pianist Julia Scott Carey, DCS prides itself on being a "musical family," not

only by performing great choral works together, but also by fostering a supportive network of social relationships that value both long-term members of our inter-generational ensemble and new singers. Weekly rehearsals are held in Dedham's historic Allin Congregational Church. To inquire about an audition for next season, please email DCSAud4@gmail.com.

Concert tickets may be purchased online at www.dedhamchoral.org/buy-tickets, from any DCS member, the QR code below or at the door. Adults-\$35 / Seniors-\$30 / Students-\$20 / Children-\$5 (ages 5-12). For general information please consult our website: www.dedhamchoral.org

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court

<p>CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION</p> <p>Estate of: Louise Whitcher Also known as: Louise W. Whitcher Date of Death: 05/24/2023</p>	<p>Docket No. NO24P0513EA</p> <p>Norfolk Probate and Family Court 35 Shawmut Road Canton, MA 02021 781-830-1200</p>
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To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Michael Whitcher of Medfield, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Michael Whitcher of Medfield, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 A.M on the return day of 04/17/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 14, 2024
Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

Norwood Record: 03/28/2024



Thank You Novenas

For Favors or Prayers Answered

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.
Grateful thanks. —K.B.

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

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

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Deaths

CAHALANE

JAMES B. Jr. of Walpole, formerly of Falmouth, Norwood, and Needham passed away on March 21, 2024 at the age of 76 after a brief illness. Beloved husband of 50 years to Kathleen (Diggin) Cahalane. Devoted father of Erin Fruci and her husband Luigi and Gregory Cahalane all of Walpole. Cherished Papa of Connor and Ronan Fruci. Son of the late James B. and Julie (Mulvihill) Cahalane. Loving brother of Nancy Plunkett (Christopher) of Topsfield, Mary Louise Rees (David) of Clinton, and Joan Flaherty (Frank) of Darien, CT. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Graduate of CM and BC, received his MBA from Babson, and was a former Mitre employee. He was an avid sports fan, particularly golf, and was a former member of Quashnet Valley Country Club in Mashpee. Some of his happiest moments were spent at Chappy Beach, Falmouth. The family would like to thank Dr. Gregory Allam (neurology at South Shore Hospital) for his compassionate care and efforts. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. Burial will be private and at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to Old Colony Hospice (Ruth McLain Hospice Home) 321 Manley St. W. Bridgewater, MA 02379. www.oldcolonyhospice.org



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

SENSORY FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHT

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

Join us for our Sensory-friendly Friday movie at the Library! This program will be held in-person in the Simoni Room on Friday March 29, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our March movie in the Sensory-friendly Friday movie series is Universal's *Dolittle* starring Robert Downey Jr., rated PG.

ENJOY ART IN BLOOM

Usher in springtime with the Norwood Evening Garden Club's 18th annual Art in Bloom!

Art in Bloom is a community event that displays artwork generated by Norwood and Walpole High School students coupled with interpretative floral designs composed by members of the Norwood Evening Garden Club. Twenty pieces of artwork will be displayed in the Library on Saturday, April 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday April 7 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Admission is free and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend to support the student artists.

For information about the Norwood Evening Garden Club, visit www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.com. Contact Mary Ellen Heike at meheike59@gmail.com with questions or for more information.

NORWOOD 101

Please join us for Norwood 101 on Monday, April 8 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Norwood 101 is a new resident open house held every spring at the Morrill Memorial Library, 33 Walpole St, Norwood.

Representatives and officials of the Town of Norwood departments and community organizations will be here to welcome you and answer any questions you may have. Learn about what's going on around town!

The Morrill Memorial Library will also have a number of great resources and services we offer on display. Stop by to meet our

staff and see what we can do for you!

The event will be held throughout the library from 6:00-8:00 pm, so feel free to drop in anytime during the event. While registration is not required, welcome bags of swag will be distributed to the first 50 registered attendees; free raffles will be provided by local businesses. You may register through our events calendar at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar.

PLANNING FOR MEDICARE

Morrill Memorial Library is partnering with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts to bring a presentation on the very important topic of Medicare to the library. The program is called Planning for Medicare- Countdown to 65 on April 16, at 6:30 PM in the Simoni Room.

Please join us to understand Medicare eligibility. Learn about your health insurance options outside of employer-sponsored coverage. Many people need help understanding the coverage options available to them. This is especially true for people that plan to retire and are leaving employer sponsored coverage. For these individuals, retirement may be the first time they do not have a Human Resource representative coordinating, explaining, and negotiating a rate for their health plan premium. The presentation will explain: Medicare Parts A and B, Medicare enrollment timeline, Medigap Plans that supplement Medicare coverage, Medicare Advantage Plans, such as HMO and PPO's, Medicare Part D prescription drug plans, and plans and programs available to early retirees, such as COBRA.

About the presenter: Susan Flanagan, Senior Plan Consultant, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

CLIMATE RIBBON PROJECT

To celebrate Earth Day 2024, the Morrill Memorial Library is excited to host our very first Climate Ribbon Project! We hope to get town-wide community participation in this month-long project, which will officially kick off at our annual Norwood 101 event on the evening of Monday, April 8.

About the CRP: As we deal with climate change it is important to reflect on all that we have

Morrill Library Events

and what we may lose due to climate change. Will it be our lakes, beaches, green forests? Will it be our food production? Will our health worsen? There is a lot to think about. Started in 2014, the Climate Ribbon Project uses art and ritual to grieve what we each stand to lose to Climate Chaos, and affirms our solidarity as we unite to fight against it (Source: <http://www.theclimateribbon.org/project#home>).

How will it work here in Norwood? Following our launch on April 8, we will have a table on the first floor with all the materials needed to create your own ribbon to contribute to the project. Or, you're welcome to bring your own ribbons from home. Writing materials will be provided. The question you have to ask yourself is, "What do I love and hope to never lose to climate chaos?"

Write your answer on your ribbon and we will show off all the ribbons as part of an outdoor display in front of the library. The Climate Ribbon Project will be a visual symbol of our collaborative efforts to create an impact in the community, to bring awareness about climate change to the Norwood community and beyond. The project will conclude on April 30.

BIRDS IN YOUR BACKYARD

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to offer a presentation called Birds in Your Backyard by Joy Marzolf on April 11, at 7 p.m. in the Simoni Room.

As the days get longer and temperatures get warmer, a wide variety of birds may visit backyards in the Greater Boston area. What makes a good backyard habitat? How do you attract those beautiful birds? Who is coming and who is going this time of year? Come find out more about our local birds, as well as occasional visitors, and what brings them to our neighborhoods. Experience the sights and sounds of some of our most beautiful neighbors!

About the presenter: Joy has

loved animals from the time she was a child growing

up in New England and she would always take advantage of any outdoor time to explore nature. In addition to a BA in Biology, she has been doing a variety of animal-related education programs in her professional life for over 20 years. One of her favorite things to do is break people's misconceptions about many animals that people fear, such as predators including sharks, reptiles and spiders. This program is free and open to the public aged 18+.

We thank the Friends of Morrill Memorial Library for generously providing funding for this program.

NORWOOD'S OWN TO PERFORM

The Morrill Memorial Library's Spring Musical Sundays Concert Series continues in April. Join us for a Norwood favorite, the Steve Rudolph Trio, on Sunday, April 14 at 3:00 pm.

Get your toes tapping as the Steve Rudolph Trio presents a joyous sampling of some of the best of American popular music from '40s, '50s and '60s - from Big Band tunes to Frank Sinatra to Elvis and the Beatles.

Norwood's own pianist/vocalist Steve Rudolph, founder of the trio, has performed extensively for over 50 years both in the U.S. and in Europe in venues ranging from jazz clubs to churches.

THIRD ANNUAL PEEPS DIORAMA CONTEST!

The Morrill Memorial Library is thrilled to announce our third annual Peeps Diorama Contest! Pick up a package of Peeps from the Library, create a diorama, and send a photo of the finished creation for a chance to win fun prizes and, more importantly, eternal bragging rights!

This year's theme is "Local Peeps," so we're looking for dioramas all about Norwood. Register to pick up a package of Peeps from the Library between Tuesday, April 16 and Monday, April 22. Contestants are asked to submit a photo of their completed dioramas by April 23, with voting to begin at noon on April 24.

To read the full list of contest rules, or to register, visit norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. One registration per household, please. This program is generously supported by the Friends of the Morrill Memorial Library.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION FOR SEALED BIDS

The Norwood Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Vendors for **Kitchen Appliances**, for the Norwood Housing Authority in Norwood, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents herein.

The estimated value of this Contract is **\$180,000.00**

All Sealed Bids are subject to applicable bidding laws including, but not limited to M.G.L. c.30B and applicable federal procurement laws. To the extent there are inconsistencies between state and federal procurement laws, the more stringent standard will be followed for purposes of this Invitation for Bids.

Sealed Bids will be received electronically (E-Bid) at www.Projectdog.com and received no later than **Thursday, April 11, 2024**, by 2:00pm. Hard copy Quotes will not be accepted by the Awarding Authority. For E-Bid Tutorial and Instructions, download the Supplemental Instructions To Bidders for Electronic Bid Projects from www.Projectdog.com. For assistance, contact Projectdog, Inc. at 978.499.9014.

Contract Documents will be available online and for purchase at www.projectdog.com on **Thursday, March 28, 2024** at 10:00am, Project Code **861007**.

The job site and/or existing buildings will be available for inspection between 10 A.M. and 12 P.M. on **Tuesday, April 2, 2024**. A face covering will be required for inspection of interior spaces. For an appointment at a different time, please contact Gary Kuphal of the Norwood Housing Authority at gkuphal@norwoodha.org or (781) 762-8115 x211.

END OF PUBLIC NOTIFICATION FOR SEALED BIDS

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**NORWOOD HOUSING AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PAINTING APARTMENTS.
Project - NHA- 2024- Painting**

The Norwood Housing Authority invites written quotes from experienced painting contractors that have been in the business for at least five (5) years in Massachusetts to provide painting services in apartments for the period from 5/01/2024 through 4/30/2025. It is anticipated that the total year contract value will be approximately \$10,000.00

An electronic copy of the RFP may be obtained at: www.norwoodha.org on Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 10:00 am.

BIDS are subject to M.G.L. c30B, and minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c149 sec.26 to 27H inclusive.

BIDS must be received before Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. The Norwood Housing Authority will not accept or review bids received after the designated submission deadline.

BIDS should be mailed, or delivered to Norwood Housing Authority, 40 William Shyne Circle, Norwood, Massachusetts 02062 and received no later than the date and time specified above in a sealed envelope marked "Painting bid - 2024."

Site Visit. A site visit of the will be offered on Monday April 8, 2024 at 2:00 P.M. The site visit will begin from the NHA's main office at 40 William Shyne Circle, Norwood, MA. 02062.

Questions by email should be directed to Todd Rego at Trego@norwoodha.org.

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

Monday, March 18

0709 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Pam's Market - Pleasant St Caller is reporting a black and white dog, possibly a border collie appears to be lost. ACO Brianna has been notified and she is responding.

1037 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Carnegie Row Caller reports that as she got out of her car for work a man began to yell at her. She was startled and called us. Male party is 5'8", in his 30's, Hispanic, wearing a dark baseball cap, tan hoodie and construction pants. The female called wants to speak to an officer. Name and phone number were given to 678. 666 is also checking the area. All parties advised. Male party refused to identify himself.

1800 Phone - PD-Assist Fire Department Services Rendered Location/Address: Oceana Way 911 caller reports she is trapped inside the elevator. Norwood 664 reports that party was not trapped inside, just did not know how to exit the freight elevator. All units clear.

1902 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Vanderbilt Ave + Morgan Dr Norwood 666 reports off on a motor vehicle stop with MA REG 4DTH77. Center Auto is en route for the vehicle tow. Norwood 666 reports 1 in custody at this time, Norwood 667 transporting that party back to the station. Arrest: Soup, Yvan Address: 87 Moreland St Worcester, Ma Age: 20 Charges: Drug, Possess Class B, Subsq.Off. Drug, Possess Class E Registration Suspended, Op MV With Uninsured Motor Vehicle Window Obstructed/Nontransparent

2002 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: - Walpole St Norwood 664 reports off on a motor vehicle stop with MA REG 5FNW71. Don and Wally's is en route for the tow. Arrest: Pare, David C Address: 12 Cedar Hill Dr Westwood, Ma Age: 31 Charges: License Suspended, Op MV With Window Obstructed/Nontransparent Number Plate Violation Dangerous Weapon, Carry Explosives, Secrete/Throw/Launch/Place Disorderly Conduct Fireworks, Possess Unlawful

2023 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: David Terrace Caller reports a dark sedan pulled up with 2 black males shining flash lights in a silver Mercedes. Caller asked if they lived here when pulling into his home they stated they did not. Norwood 665 reports that vehicle is under a contract agree-

ment. Those parties are just checking out the vehicle, everything checks out. All units clear.

2107 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: - Wilson St Caller on 911 states there is a party wearing pajamas throwing rocks at their house. Norwood 665 reports that resident walked away from a group home. She has since returned home safely. No reported damages to any homes. All units clear.

Tuesday, March 19

1422 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Big Y Foods, Inc. - Walpole St Report of MA REG 3EYS63 parked in a handicapped spot. OFC found the vehicle. OFC made contact with owner. Owner is moving the vehicle.

1452 911 - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Vicinity of: - Prospect St 911 caller has a complaint of 2 pit bulls running loose. One is black, one brown. One is possibly being aggressive. H.Q states they received a call as well. They will notify the ACO. Reached the owner of the dogs. He is responding from work in Dedham. Owner of dogs says his mother is at the house. Dogs brought into the house. OFC speaking with the owner's mother.

Wednesday, March 20

0419 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Overlook Dr Caller reporting a dark colored minivan outside of his residence. Was seen going in and out of driveways and is currently parked out front with the lights off. Vehicle was a ride service looking for an address. Units were able to confirm with the customer. Units clear.

1026 911 - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Gus's Barber Shop - Washington St 911- RP states a female victim is in the barber shop. He stated she reports that a male showed her a gun. Description: Black male 5'7", black jacket with a hood, jeans. He is on foot and walked past the bakery towards the old Norwood hospital. She is not injured.

1403 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Collision Report Follows Location/Address: - Morse St Caller reports a hit and run. Blue Silverado struck a parked car and took off. RP remaining on scene to report it to an OFC. Arrest: Steverman, Cheryl Ann Address: 73 Lane Dr Norwood, Ma Age: 64 Charges: OUI-Liquor Or .08% Leave Scene Of Property Damage Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle

1558 Phone - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/

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Address: McDonalds - Broadway Business line caller reports two juvenile females, possibly Hispanic, one dressed in a white hoodie, with a beige colored pocket book. Second girl wearing a black sweatshirt who was videotaping the incident, were "beating up" a third female. Victim was in a cream colored hoodie sweatshirt. Phone call with RP then disconnected OF requested and assigned to NWD 666. All juveniles spoken with and advised.

Thursday, March 21

0957 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Collision Report Follows Location/Address: Lansdowne Way Fallen tree on motor vehicle no injuries reported occupants out of vehicle. Caller on 911 states a vehicle had a tree fall on it. Caller states there was someone in the vehicle and witnessed it fall onto the driver's side.

1206 Phone - PD-Vandalism Report Follows Location/Address: Village Road W Caller states she went to her car and discovered damage to vehicle. Hit and run in nature.

1600 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Investigated Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Caller on e911 reporting someone on his bus stole and broke his school computer. CP will be located outside wearing a red sweatshirt and gray sweatpants and black shoes Spoke to all parties involved. Laptop has been returned. Providing one courtesy transport for a juvenile male.

2320 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Report Follows Location/Address: Norwood Central Station Building - Broadway Transit PD requests assistance for intoxicated passenger. AR requested and assigned to NWD 674. NWD 667 returning with one in custody.

Friday, March 22

1059 911 - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Walpole St Uber driver in a silver Toyota Sienna has a customer who will not get out of his car. Issue regarding passenger with bringing his dog in the Uber. The passenger exited the

vehicle, but declined a courtesy transport from PD. All units will be clear.

1546 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr Calling party states she brings the reporting party home delivered meals every day. Stating he is not answering the front door nor is he answering her phone calls and she would like a HWC on him. Spoke with the grandson and stated he is out of town. Units will be clear.

1843 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Investigated Location/Address: Mobil Gas - Rte 1/Dean - Bos-Prov Hwy Business line caller reports this business is selling liquor to juveniles. She says there is no carding going on. She says the people buying the alcohol look like kids. OFC spoke with manager. He states he checks ID's and scans them. Manager advised. All checks out.

2235 911 - PD-Suspicious Activity Investigated Location/Address: Washington St + Neponset St 911 caller states at the bus stop across from 169 Washington, two people, a man and a woman, are yelling, with loud and unruly behavior at the bus stop. Caller stated the parties are pulling their pants down and 'mooning' cars and taking pictures. OFC's have the parties on Everett St. OFC's spoke with parties. They denied drinking or taking any other substances. All checks out. They were sent on their way back to their home on Jefferson Dr. OFC will follow up later in the night to make sure they are home. All units clear.

Saturday March 23

1149 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Prospect St Caller on 911 reports banging from other apartment adjacent wall.

1448 911 - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Village Rd E Caller on 911 states that someone is parked in her spot. When she asked them to move the person got upset and threatened the caller with violence. Caller is in her home at this time separated from the person parked in her spot. Norwood 667 reports all units are clear, verbal argument between the parties that has since been resolved.

1841 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Avalon Apartments - Lenox St Female caller claims a bat is in her apartment. Spoke to the ACO and he is en route. ACO also stated that she was there last week and there was a similar issue last time. Spoke to reporting party. No bat at this time. Advised to call if anything changes.

2252 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Lo-

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cation/Address: Mobil Gas - Wash./RR Av - Washington St 911 caller reporting a customer who is "taking food" and not listening or responding to the clerk. The RP states he believes the party is drunk. That party is a voluntary transport to the hospital by Norwood Fire. Store clerk is satisfied. Returning to the station with the patient's property.

Sunday, March 24

0102 Initiated - PD-Traffic Enforcement Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: - Walpole St Vehicle took on a motor vehicle stop. Pulled over in Workmen's Hall on Wilson Street. Officer called this off at 01:15. One tow has also been started for the vehicle involved. Transporting one adult male back to the station under arrest. Don & Wally's has the vehicle. Arrest: Macdonald, Richard D Address: 50 Cottage St Apt. #1 Franklin, Ma Age: 42 Charges: License Suspended, OP MV With (Criminal Subsq.Off.) OUI-Liquor OR .08%, 2nd Offense Stop For Police, Fail Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Speeding Rate Of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit Brakes Violation, MV

0119 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Plymouth Dr Caller to HQ reporting a noise complaint at the above address. Was a birthday party. Agreed to keep it down and clean up for the night.

1533 Phone - PD-Vandalism Report Follows Location/Address: Jacobs Rd Caller on 911 reports someone vandalized their car. Norwood 665 clear, report to follow.

1629 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Oolah Ave Caller on the business line reporting a male party in her front lawn trespassing. Norwood 667 reports issues with the parties on the 3rd floor. The landlord is giving those individuals until the end of the month to find another place to live. All units clear.

2023 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: McDonalds - Broadway Homeless female in lobby that they would like moved along Female party has been moved along.

2112 Phone - PD-Assist Other Agency Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Charlwell Nursing Home - Walpole St Norwood fire requesting a cruiser on scene here. Call came in as a fall with a head strike. PC to the hospital. NWD 669 to be in the ambulance.

2336 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Boch Honda - Bos-Prov Hwy Motor Vehicle Stop MA REG TCM13 Don & Wally's has been started. Returning back to the station with one male in custody. Don & Wally's has the vehicle. Arrest: Michaud, Thomas K Address: 3000 Presidents Way Apt 3 Dedham, Ma Age: 73 Charges: Stop/Yield, Fail To OUI-Liquor Or .08%, 2nd Offense Marked Lanes Violation Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle

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**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 the Norwood Bylaw XXV, including any amendments thereto on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be conducted in person at the Senior Center at 275 Prospect St and digitally using Google Meet. Public participation may be accessed through your computer, tablet or smartphone at the following link: <https://meet.google.com/qxr-awkv-kuj> or dial: (US) +1 402-627-0114 PIN: 610 701 599#

The Commission will hear a Notice of Intent from Lazdowsky Michael Trustee & Howland Realty Trust concerning the reconstruction of a retention pond at 79-85 Astor Ave. in a Buffer Zone, in the vicinity of Bank and Bordering Land Subject to Flooding.

Project Location: 79-85 Astor Ave., Map 15, Blocks 11 and 8, Lots 62 and 1.

Carly Rocklen
Conservation Planner

Norwood Record: 03/28/24

TOWN OF NORWOOD

**APPLICATION FOR RETAIL ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
LICENSE TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES.**

PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for All Alcoholic Beverages for Carnegie Breakfast and Lunch, Inc. DBA The Sixties Diner, located at 1210B Boston Providence Turnpike, Norwood, Massachusetts, Joilyn Theresa Pistorino, Manager of Record, under Chapter 138, Section 12 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of All Alcoholic Beverages to be drunk on the premises of 1210B Boston Providence Highway, Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of premises is as follows: 4,200 Square Feet, one entrance, two exits, two floors, seating capacity of 80, with an office located on the second floor.

Public hearing on this application will be held on **Tuesday, April 9th, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

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**“TRIBUTE TO ELVIS”
AT WOMAN’S CLUB**

The Norwood Woman’s Club will meet on April 9, 2024 at 12:30 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 57 Nichols St. Michael Slater will bring us his unique “Tribute to Elvis “. Come and enjoy some of your favorite Elvis tunes. The cost of the May luncheon on May 14 at Condad’s in Walpole is \$30. Food choices are steak tips, baked haddock or stuffed chicken breast. Please put your food choice on your check made out to The Norwood Woman’s Club and bring it to the meeting. Hope to see you there. Guests welcome. Questions call Trina 781-762-8173.

**GRAB YOUR
GARDEN PLOT**

A few plots are still available in the Community Garden at Adams Farm in Walpole. If you’d like to rent a plot for the 2024 gardening season, you can access the Registration Form at https://www.walpole-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif1381/f/uploads/2024_community_garden_registration_form.pdf will be assigned to plots on a first-come, first-served basis, so get your application in soon!

All gardeners should also be sure to review the 2024 Welcome Guide and ensure that you are able to meet the garden guidelines prior to committing to your plot: https://www.walpole-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif1381/f/uploads/welcome_to_the_2024_season.pdf. If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen at kmarcin@gmail.com.

**ART ASSOCIATION
ARTIST DEMO RELEASE**

The NORWOOD ART ASSOCIATION will hold their monthly ARTIST DEMONSTRATION on April 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the Simoni Room of the Norwood Morrill Memorial Library, located at 33 Walpole Street in Norwood. Attendees are encouraged to arrive at 5:30 p.m.

These demonstrations are FREE and the public are welcome and encouraged to attend! Please bring your own beverage if you desire. Raffle tickets will be sold for the chance to win a piece of art donated by the attending artist.

The NAA is excited to announce that April’s featured demo artist will be D. Sue Dion. Sue paints in acrylic, watercolor, and oil and resides in Uxbridge where she also has a private studio which houses a picture framing business and her teaching space. She has studied at the RI School of Design and The Art Institute of Pittsburgh. Her paintings draw from two great American traditions, abstract expressionism and plein air. Through her use of color, texture, and edge, she invites her viewers to journey along unexpected pathways, ultimately arriving at their own, unique interpretations of her work.

For information or to become a member of the Norwood Art Association, visit their website at norwoodartassociation.com or check them out on Facebook or Instagram.

**2024 EARTH
DAY CLEANUP**

On Sunday, April 21st, Progress Norwood & the Town of Norwood invites you to join neighbors and friends for the 2024 Norwood Earth Day Clean Up, Community Picnic, & Fair <https://www.facebook.com/events/772957448070818>

Cleanups will be held at various playgrounds and green spaces around Norwood from 10-11:30 am. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit tinyurl.com/earthdaynorwood2024. Alternatively, motivated people are invited to meet Charlotte Firth of Charles River Running at 11:30 at the Town Common for plogging (combining jogging with picking up trash.) <https://www.facebook.com/events/>

1370475153600668 Immediately following the cleanup, grab lunch and join us at the Town Common, at the corner of Washington and Nahatan Street, for a community picnic, live music, and fair (11:30 am-1:30 pm). You will have a chance to visit over 20 local organizations to learn about their work to support the environment or what you can do to be more environmentally minded.

This event is FREE for all and family friendly. Cleanups will happen rain or shine, but in inclement weather, the picnic & fair will be held in the Norwood High School gymnasium at 245 Nichols Street.

**DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

A Solemn celebration for Divine Mercy will be held on Sunday, April 7th at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 547 Washington St., Norwood. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available from 1:30-2:30 pm in the chapel and the school gym. The recitation of the Most Holy Rosary will begin at 2:15 pm followed by the Divine Mercy Chapel in the church. Celebration of Holy Mass in honor of the Solemnity will be celebrated at 3 pm and will include veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. The Holy Mass and homily will be offered by Rev. Kevin Miller, of the Diocese of Scranton.

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.

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