

## School Committee hears final renaming arguments Should render a decision within a month



The Norwood School Committee held a public input forum on Tuesday to hear from residents regarding a potential name change of the Philip O. Coakley Middle School.

**Bryant Jones**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee held a public forum Tuesday night, September 26th, on the possible renaming of the new middle school currently under construction. There was not a big showing of community members, with approximately 25 audience members in attendance for the forum on the Philip O. Coakley Middle School.

School Committee Chair Anne Marie Mazzola setup the night's public forum by explaining the reason for the public meeting. The School Committee announced a process earlier this year whereby residents could submit renaming suggestions, and the committee would pick

three and let students at the current middle school vote for the new name. Thus the School Committee responded by holding a survey in which only three name suggestions garnered enough votes to be in the running: "Dr. Philip O. Coakley Middle School," "Bob Fitzpatrick Middle School," and the generic "Norwood Middle School."

Mazzola said, "The purpose of that survey was to get all of the suggestions. In our July 18 meeting, we did come back with some community input and voted unanimously to amend the process since a majority of the feedback was against allowing student participation in the naming. We did understand that, given the feedback from the community, was not something we wanted to go forward with."

All but three of the members of the public who spoke argued for keeping the existing name in honor of Dr. Philip Coakley. The first to take an opposing view was Laney Fitzpatrick Higgins, who made an impassioned case for her late brother and much loved Norwood teacher, Bob Fitzpatrick.

"My brother had great respect for Dr. Coakley and I think that was very important," she said after the meeting. "However there was quite an outpouring on the two [survey] sites for Bobby [Fitzpatrick] and enough people voted for him, if you will, to put him on the ballot that I wanted to come and share and represent Bobby."

**Renaming Forum**  
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PHOTO BY BRYANT JONES

## Overflights again an issue for Rock/Winfield



NAC member John Corcoran gestures while making remarks at the Sept. 20 meeting of the Commission.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW MACDONALD

**Matt MacDonald**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Airport Commission (NAC) met at the Welch Administration Building (111 Access Rd.) on Wednesday, Sept. 20. It was its first meeting since July, and drew eight attendees, half of whom were from the Winfield Street/Rock Street neighborhood.

Residents of that neighborhood – on the opposite side of Route 1 from the western end of Runway 10/28 – have been regular participants at the monthly meetings since the beginning of the year, when they first registered their complaint – primarily regarding excessive noise – of an increased number of low flying aircraft buzzing their houses.

Since then, the Commission has been working with the community and the Airport's aviation tenants to alleviate this problem, while making clear that it has no authority to dictate flight paths, thus making pilot compliance voluntary. These have included the NAC's coordination of a meeting between the two groups; its notifications to

flight schools to be mindful of the surrounding area while conducting their training operations, which had been determined to be a major source of the problem; and the ability for residents to have their noise complaints posted on the Airport website.

Results have been mixed, as evidenced by residents' ongoing concerns at monthly meetings, and the NAC's recurring explanation that Air Traffic Control's decision regarding which of the Airport's two runways to use is dictated by wind conditions. Complaints, however, had been down over the summer, in large part due to the Taxiway C realignment project that closed Runway 10/28 for much of that time.

With that project winding down and 10/28 open again, the overflights have picked up, and neighborhood spokesperson Diane Wiffin noted that 120 of them had occurred on the Sunday prior to the meeting, followed

**Airport**  
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## \$60k sought to conduct superintendent search

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee met on Sept. 20 in a virtual format to discuss the committee's upcoming funding requests at the November Town Meeting.

The Norwood Board of Selectmen met later, on Sept. 26, and stated the Board would meet on Oct. 10 to vote on all warrant articles.

First up was a funding request for \$60,000 for superintendent search consulting. Su-

perintendent of Norwood Public Schools David Thomson recently announced he's not seeking to renew his contract in June. School Committee Member Teresa Stewart said they would be looking for a consulting firm to do some of the work, and added that she does not think all of the \$60,000 would be used, and any remainder would come back to the Town.

"I do think the \$60,000 is on the upper end, but that is the amount that has been recom-

**School Committee**  
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The School Committee met recently and voted to send funding requests to Town Meeting.

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and

NEEDHAM BANK, and NATIONAL  
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*Norwood Record: 09/14/23, 09/21/23, 09/28/23*



Norwood Firefighters have been advocating for years to remove PFAS from their gear, and next week a documentary on the subject will be shown at NHS.

COURTESY PHOTO

## Norwood Fire Department presenting Burned: Protecting the Protectors Film aims to stop carcinogens in firefighter gear

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Fire Department is hosting the documentary 'Burned: Protecting the Protectors' on Oct. 4 at the Norwood High School auditorium.

Norwood Firefighter Paul Ronco has been an advocate for removing PFAS chemicals from turnout gear for years now, along with many of his fellow firefighters. He said several Norwood firefighters – a few among many nationally – have been diagnosed

with cancer in the past few years.

"Just speaking for our department alone, we've had eight cancer diagnoses over the last 10 years," he said.

PFAS stand for per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances, used for their nonstick and hydrophobic properties. Those hydrophobic properties are intended to prevent water-related burns, like when steam is coming off a fire. They've also been found, allegedly, to cause cancer. Currently, the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) is involved in several lawsuits against the chemical companies to remove the chemicals from the gear. In the suits, they also allege that the companies "misrepresented their products as safe."

Ronco said they will have several speakers before the documentary airing to share real life experiences and to update residents on what's going on in the fight against PFAS.

"We're going to have Jason Burns from the Fall River Fire Department, who is also president of the Last Call Foundation," he said. "We're hoping to get Kathy Crosby-Bell from the Foundation there as well. Ms. Crosby-Bell spearheaded this whole PFAS investigation with Diane Cotter and her husband, Worcester Firefighter Paul Cotter. He came down with cancer and had to retire, but she really spearheaded the whole movement towards getting the stuff

out of our gear."

The Last Call Foundation helped to create the documentary. The Foundation was set up by Kathy Crosby-Bell after her son, Boston Firefighter Michael Kennedy and Boston Fire Department (BFD) Lieutenant Ed Walsh died in a fire in the Back Bay neighborhood of the city. They went into the basement of a burning building and the hose they were using – a hose supposedly designed for fighting fires – burned through. Since then, Crosby-Bell has been advocating in Boston and the region to improve working conditions for firefighters.

The Foundation has secured new washing machines for all of Boston's firehouses, for example, so firefighters can keep their turnout gear free of the carcinogenic materials they run into daily from burning building material and furniture.

And that, Ronco said, is another example of firefighters' own protective gear becoming another hazard in an already hazardous field.

"The stuff that's supposed to be keeping us safe is actually the stuff that's killing us," he said. "It's disturbing that there was knowledge of these chemicals in our gear and the effects they've had on us and that it was kept quiet for so long."

For more information on the film, go to <https://etherealfilms.org/burned/>

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# Selectmen tentatively supports 1223 Washington, FM Global TIF

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen met for its regular meeting on Sept. 26 in a hybrid format and voted to “tentatively” support the proposed eight-unit project at 1223 Washington St.

The development team withdrew its application last year after it was clear that its request for zoning variances – based on lot size and floor area ratio – would not go through. The project did receive support from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) ‘in principle’, but the requirements to approve zoning variances are extremely high and more than one member said they couldn’t see the project getting past them.

Attorney David Hern and developer Matthew MacDonald presented the project to the Board of Selectmen on Wednesday, and said they have a new proposal. Hern added that they will have to start the ZBA process again with public input and input from the Board members.

“We have persevered and now come to you with a proposal that we’ve discussed in the past with various officials,” Hern said. “For the sake of brevity we’ll call it a ‘Friendly 40B.’”

The proposal presented to the ZBA had eight units, with four on each floor (one ground-floor unit being handicap accessible) and two units set as income-restricted affordable units at 80 percent area median income (AMI).

“It’s a condition you find in most of the developed neighborhoods in Town, particularly along Washington Street,

where the lots were laid out differently than we currently require,” he said.

Hern said the proposed development would have to be approved by the state before heading to the ZBA for final approval. Planning Department Director Sarah Dixon said the Selectmen’s letter of recommendation would go to the state and, if the state agrees, the ZBA would start its public process again.

Dixon added that because more than 25 percent of the units in the development would be affordable, it would count as 100 percent of the units towards the Town’s subsidized housing index, further insulating the Town from other kinds of 40B development.

“Which would boost our compliance, and while we currently have safe harbor, this would bring us a little bit further,” she said, adding that all relevant Boards to the project, like the Planning Board, would be invited to take a look at and recommend for or against the project.

Selectman Bill Plasko said he actually supported the program.

“The fact that the applicant developer has been responsive to the neighborhood and considered their concerns,” he said. “I know I looked at it before and supported it, contingent on whatever else I might learn from the neighbors or whatever that might change my mind. But conceptually, I think it’s a great improvement for the area. Housing is needed, more taxes instead of a vacant lot. I think it’s a win for everybody.”

The Board voted to tentatively support the project pend-

ing a look at final submissions to the ZBA.

“I like to see what I’m approving,” said Plasko.

In other news, the Board voted to recommend the approval of a tax increment financing agreement (TIF) for FM Global’s proposed \$600 mil redevelopment of its 1175 Boston-Providence Tnpk. property.

Steve Rosen represented FM Global during the meeting, and Economic Development Committee (EDC) Chair Steve Costello said the committee recommended the TIF. The TIF itself will offer tax discounts at 25 percent for 10 years, 20 percent for the next five years and 10 percent for the last five years.

Though the tax generated on the project is an estimate,

Costello said the Town is likely to recognize \$35 million in revenue over that time in property taxes, not to mention the fact that at least 20 new employees (with room for 50) will be coming to the property when it is completed. Rosen said they will be moving to a building on Technology Way during construction.



Rosen said there are two reasons for the TIF: the nature of the proposed redevelopment and some quirks in Massachusetts tax laws. Costello said the EDC felt that the potential earnings from the redevelopment far outweighed the tax

reduction, and pointed out the nature of FM Global’s business, which includes research and development as well as engineering and insurance services, will bring in more visitors to the Town and more ancillary revenue for local businesses too.

The Board voted unanimously to support the proposal.

Tim McGilvray of DCD Automotive came in to ask the Board for a change of name for all of Boch’s Automotive’s dealerships. Dealership changes

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The Forbes Mansion has been sold, but its profits are still going through a process.

COURTESY PHOTO

## Forbes Hill Mansion saga not quite over

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The saga of the Forbes Hill Mansion property and the Town of Norwood's brief foray into real estate is coming to a long-awaited close.

The Town prevented a multi-unit rental development from happening back in 2017 by purchasing the Forbes Hill Mansion and its real estate for \$13 million.

Town Meeting voted to approve the purchase in order to prevent a multi-unit, Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40B development from going in at that location. Long story short, a 40B development allows developers to skirt local zoning laws if the concerned municipality does not have enough affordable housing. The Town was able to sell that property for \$24 million, netting a profit of nearly \$10 million (because the Town took out a loan to buy the property and still has to pay its debt service on said loan). Town Meeting voted to divide those profits up into several accounts.

A total of \$6 million was earmarked for recreational property acquisition. There's a property referred to as the Cofsky Farm right by the Neponset Street Route 95 exit. Norwood plans for a mini 'Emerald Necklace' of walking trails from that location to University Avenue and Route 1, basically riding the borders of the land owned by the Town for the Norwood Airport and the state property that encompasses Route 95.

Town Meeting members also voted to place \$2 million into the Town's stabilization fund and another \$1.9 million into the override stabilization fund. These funds are rainy day funds with a specific purpose, either to stabilize the general budget in the former's case or cushion a future budget override request.

Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said those three funds, while definitely reserve funds and not in any danger of being lost, are in a bit of limbo because of state regulations regarding municipalities running into large lump sums of money.

"The state Department of Revenue (DOR) has what I would call an obscure state statute that when a Town sells property, you can only allocate that money for other property or other capital projects that have a lifespan of five years or more," he said. "So

**Forbes Saga**

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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, October 4, 2023, 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#

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Carly Rocklen  
Conservation Planner

Norwood Record: 09/28/2023

## GRITS

This story is about grits. You can tell by the title. But before I sink my spoon into that, my passport expired. I applied to renew and was told it takes three months. A week later, I was called to work in Mexico. Now, what kind of government, when you're in need of an expedited passport, requires an appointment and you make that appointment in the only city with a slot available; what kind of government, after you've flown Boston-New Orleans, rented rooms, food, and cabs on your own dime, when, after waiting in their lets-show-the-DMV-how-it's-REALLY-done waiting line, what kind of government assesses your application, frowns at their computer screen, solemnly shakes its head and explains your new passport has already been printed and will arrive at your house today? In Boston? While you're standing in line in New Orleans? But I digress. This story is about grits.

But wait. Did you know that if you call the Department of Expedited Passports Department to make an appointment, if they can't make one before your travel date, you can't change the date to consider alternatives? No. You must call back. Only one travel date inquiry allowed per call. If you question your government's logic, your government yells at you. One date per call, no passport for you! With no local appointment slots available, I had a choice, Puerto Rico or New Orleans. But hold on, this story is about grits.

Full disclosure: I am one of 49 people in New England who like grits. This should not surprise, as I'm also one of 87 people in New England who like country music. The good news being, after spending half my life in Holiday Inn Expresses—though regrettably no smarter for the experience—I'm entitled to a free breakfast voucher in aligned Crown Plaza Hotels. But first, you should know that they really like grits hair. New Or-



Don Reddick

leans is the Grit Capital of the grit-eating world. They have c r a w f i s h ' n ' g r i t s , jambalaya'n'grits, they have prawns'n'grits and grits'n'grits, they have grit-syrup pancakes and grit-frosting cupcakes. They serve grits on birthdays, they have grit reveal parties, they put grits on hot dogs. They have grit happy hour. They stuff the Thanksgiving turkey with grits. Their most popular movie is True Grit. They really like grits hair in New Orleans.

Except, did you know that on page 1,173 of the instruction manual for their two-page Application for Expedited Passport Application they insist on black ink? It never occurred to government technical writers to put that bit of pertinent information closer to the beginning, say within the first 400 pages. Did you know that after re-doing the application in black ink and you've arrived in New Orleans for your appointment, they look at their government computer screen, solemnly frown and regretfully inform that the two days and \$1000 you just wasted was wasted, that you now need to fill out another application to cancel the new passport sent to your Boston address on the same day they made an appointment to get your new passport in New Orleans?

But get it straight: this story is about grits. The title gives it away. So, I'm at

breakfast brandishing my free breakfast voucher and ruminating fondly of the Government of the United States Government. Ordered scrambled eggs and sausage. Waitress looked at me kinda funny, narrowed eyes at my accent and asked, you want hominy grits? I don't know, I told her, the normal amount, I guess. She looked at me kinda funny, and soon returned with my breakfast, which included a delicious-looking bowl of grits. But when I unwrapped silverware from a napkin, I saw the set incomplete. Eager to engage that porringer of delicious-looking grits, I hailed my waitress and asked for a spoon. She looked at me kinda funny.

"We don't eat grits with a spoon hair, we eat them with a fork."

My grit manhood humbled if not humiliated, I endeavored to apply this newly acquired knowledge to that delicious-looking grit chalice. When in Rome, and all that. I strove, but have you ever tried to eat grits with a fork? If not cooked thick enough? Falls right through! To get those grits across my plate without grit-gravying my scrambled eggs and sausage was not Big Easy, but Big Hard. I cannot tell you hominy grits fell on my scrambled eggs and sausage, but it was alot. And if your crock of delicious-looking grits edges your plate's north side, those grits fall all over your scrambled eggs and sausage on their journey south.

I gave up and ate the whole vessel of delicious-looking grits with said requested spoon, then hailed my waitress. I pointed. "Lookit, there's not ONE GRIT left alive in that bowl," I said, inferring that no dexterous, fork-wielding, grit-loving Cajun cousin of hers could accomplish such a grit feat.

She laughed and called me honey, and I strode chin-up, chest-out from that table—expedited passport in hand—having re-established cultural creds. But I think she looked at me kinda funny.

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include Boch Nissan Norwood to Nucar Nissan of Norwood, Boch Chevrolet to Nucar Chevrolet of Norwood, Boch Hyundai to Nucar Hyundai of Norwood, Boch Honda to Nucar Honda of Norwood and Boch Toyota to Nucar Toyota of Norwood.

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Maine and Delaware, and they're all called Nucar, so we just thought it would be more conducive for us to bring it in all as one family for advertising and be able to call it all Nucar," McGilvray said. The request received approval.

Lastly, the Board voted to approve a request from Castle Island Brewing for a change of premises at 31 Astor Ave. Founder and CEO

Adam Romanow said currently the location's brewing and wine pouring licenses cannot overlap. The establishment has not been serving wine, but they would like to. The Board approved it, but with the caveat that they work with the adjacent property owner, David Spiegel, to cut down on patrons parking in Spiegel's lot.

# Renaming Forum

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Bobby was selfless and he was the type of person that would say ‘Just being with the students and seeing what they accomplished was enough for me.’”

Resident Jill Driscoll also departed from the majority by arguing for using the generic “Norwood Middle School.”

“I’m sort of throwing out an idea for maybe a little wiggle room,” she said. “Maybe our secondary school should be ‘The Norwood Middle School.’ I think for a fairly moderate sized town, this Town has produced a prolific number of really influential people.”

Town Meeting Member Keisha Desir backed up the view of Jill Driscoll that the generic “Norwood Middle School” was the right choice. Desir pointed out that she believes the School Committee has more important decisions to make than the name of the Middle School.

“I came tonight kind of out of curiosity, I’m a Town Meeting Member trying to be involved with everything in the Town,” she said. “One thing I heard a lot tonight was legacy, history, those key words tell me, and when you mention you opened up the discussion to the t\Town, to the community, if you look behind me, if you look behind me, it’s empty and most of the people look the same. So it tells me, and sitting in Town Meeting in May, it tells me that there is a certain group of people that run things in this Town and that make certain decisions in this Town. And unfortunately, others are either overlooked, or they just don’t participate, which is really discouraging.”

Desir said she agreed with Driscoll, in that there are many more important issues to tackle for the Norwood Public Schools District.

“Not to piggyback on what this madam [Jill Driscoll] said but, I think the name change is far from important at the Coakley and Norwood Public Schools,” she said. “I honestly don’t want to dismiss any of the hard work of Mr. Fitzpatrick or Dr. Coakley or any of these people. I just personally don’t believe in glorifying one person. Like the madame [Jill Driscoll] said, there are plenty of people who have done great things all over Town. Just name the school one generic name and as we have different rooms you know, we can name these rooms after different people and get creative. Have the students involved in the conversation. A couple of words I did not hear is ‘change;’ I didn’t hear ‘welcome,’ I didn’t hear anything about the new faces coming into the Coakley. While Dr. Coakley does have a rich legacy and has done great things around this Town and in the educational system, in 2023, most of the kids don’t look like him and don’t represent what he stood for, I’m sure.”

Speaking for the majority, Mark Joseph, former member of the Norwood School Committee, said, “In the Letters to the Editor, and on social media, ‘Coakley’ clearly was the name supported. No other school has been lobbied or advocated for more than ‘Dr. Philip O. Coakley Middle School.’ Keep the Coakley Middle School name and respect the legacy of Dr. Coakley, his family and the voters.”

The meeting concluded an hour after it began without much fanfare, with the School Committee taking all comments under advisement and will be meeting to vote on the name change within the next month.

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## Legals Notice

### TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

This Application requests a Special Permit pursuant to Zoning Bylaw Section 5.4.4 [Nonconforming Structures] to construct an addition, resulting in an addition to the existing single family residence that would create an increase in floor area that exceeds 25%.

Any zoning relief that may be required in adherence to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw shall be considered by the Board. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

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This Application requests a Variance pursuant to Zoning Bylaw Section 4.1 to construct an accessory structure within side and rear setbacks.

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## Morrill Library receives grant

This September the Morrill Memorial Library was notified that it received a grant of \$2,500 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, through its FY24 Festivals & Projects Grant Program.

This grant recognizes the significant public value that the Morrill Memorial Library provides through its programs and services. Funding from the grant will be used to support the Norwood Sustainability Series, beginning in October 2023 following Climate Preparedness Week and ending in April 2024 with Earth Week. Norwood residents of all ages are invited to attend programs intended to explore how to shape the town into a resilient community in the face of future climate change.

Programs will include: a coffeehouse-style event during which Town officials and community members come together to tell stories about the storms they have weathered; an in-person author talk by Henry

Grabar, whose new book “Paved Paradise: How Parking Explains the World” discusses American urban planning in the contest of parking and automobile dependency; a presentation by Tory Stephens, Grist’s “Imagine 2200” creative manager, about the solarpunk genre; the second annual “SolarPunk Norwood” initiative, which invites community members of all ages to produce short works of solarpunk fiction and/or artwork; writing and painting workshops to support SolarPunk Norwood participants; hands-on planting workshops with Quontay Turner of Norwood’s Emerald City Plant Shop; and a large-scale Climate Ribbon Project in celebration of Earth Week, inviting residents to come together to answer the important question, “What do you love most that you hope never to lose to climate chaos?”

Library Director Clayton Cheever enthusiastically accepted this award, saying: “We are honored to receive this sup-

port to expand our ability to serve our mission to be a vital community center providing innovative and effective services to the wonderful Norwood community.”

The Massachusetts Cultural Council has a budget of \$15.7 million, including an appropriation of nearly \$14 million from the state of Massachusetts and grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and other sources. The agency also runs the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund ([massculturalcouncil.org/organizations/cultural-facilities-fund](http://massculturalcouncil.org/organizations/cultural-facilities-fund)) in partnership with MassDevelopment.

Massachusetts Cultural Council funds reach every community in the Commonwealth. Its mission is to promote excellence, education, access and diversity in the arts, humanities and sciences, to improve the quality of life for all Massachusetts residents and contribute to the vitality of our communities and economy.

## School Committee *continued from page 1*

mended to us through the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC),” she said. “We do want to start the superintendent search as soon as we can.

“I just want to be really clear with that,” said Stewart. “For example if we do go with MASC, because we’re members of MASC, their fee is only \$10,500, but to run the thorough search with everything they’re telling us we need to do, it could be up to \$60,000.”

School Committee member Kate Sibbing Dunn said she wanted specific language in the yellow sheet for this funding request as to why it is important to have an outside party helping with the search. She and Stewart said it’s important to make sure there’s an objective party at the table.

“To indicate you’re not driving your own process,” Sibbing Dunn said.

The Committee voted to approve the warrant request.

Next up was \$50,000 for a social-emotional enrichment pilot program for students grades 1-8. The program was presented in the draft warrant as “critical,” since students came back to full-time learning in 2021, there has been an “exponential increase in behavioral

issues resulting from the pandemic.” The program is designed to help students with isolation, anxiety and grief.

The original ask was for \$70,000, but Superintendent Thomson said that due to grant funding already secured they didn’t need that much.

“The grant is for social-emotional learning and we’re going to look at it for both expanding training for staff and doing another pilot where we bring in a group to do coaching of kids in social-emotional skills,” he said. “This would be kind of actualizing the social-emotional learning curriculum that we have and it’s really to provide essential tools and skills to assist our students in coping strategies.”

“My gut feeling is to drop it to \$50,000 because of the other asks in this cycle,” said Sibbing Dunn.

Thomson said the advantage of increasing the funding request to \$70,000 with the grant for a grand total of \$106,000 would, theoretically he said, allow them to expand service to the high school.

“I’m in favor of lowering it because we do have some unanticipated expenses that we’re seeing and we do have money from the grant,” said

member Anne Marie Mazzola.

The Committee voted to approve a total ask of \$50,000. The committee committed to using the grant funding first and then the funds from the Town. The Committee also agreed to send any leftover funds back to the General Fund.

Another warrant article includes the return of \$27,099.20 to its corresponding fund. Thomson said it was money “moved by mistake,” from a revolving fund to free cash.

“It was supposed to go to the food service revolving account and it needs to go back there,” he said.

Lastly, the Committee voted unanimously to send a \$60,000 funding request to Town Meeting from Free Cash to do a comprehensive study of the district’s special education services. The warrant states that the district wants to do this because there has been a significant and consistent increase in the proportion of students requiring special education services in the past few years, and the fact that the state mandates these students get extra services (without necessarily providing funding from the state) it creates a “complex challenge.”

The review would look to optimize school services and make sure the district is pinching every penny to provide necessary services for its students. The Committee voted unanimously to endorse this warrant article.

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# Forbes Saga *continued from page 4*

we said, 'Okay, we'll put it into open space acquisition because that's property.'"

Mazzucco said they were looking to put the funds in the general stabilization fund because 10 or 12 years ago the Town borrowed from its own stabilization fund for the construction of the then new Department of Public Works building, so the Town was looking, essentially, to pay itself back.

"And then the override stabilization fund was just sort of a 'We're not sure,'" he said.

Mazzucco said that was kind of the hitch, in that both stabilization funds are not directly tied to any capital project spending. He added that the Cofsky funds are now just sitting in the Town's bank account (earning interest) instead of being in a specific Town fund, because while a fund for the purchase of property is okay, the DOR said essentially it's because there's nothing to stop the Town from using those funds for something else that is the problem.

"It has no net impact on what we want to do, it's just funny, like, 'Town Meeting wants to put funding into an account for open space,' 'No, you can't do that,' 'Well what can we spend the money on?' 'Well, you can just buy the open space,'" he said with a laugh. "I mean come on. It's a little obscure. My guess is the origin of the statute comes from the turn of the last century to make sure cities and towns didn't do really inappropriate things, like sell off the police station to pay off the year's budget or something like that. There's actually a statute that doesn't allow a select board to sell school property without the school committee's approval. Now why would you need that in as a law and what circumstances would lead a select board to decide to sell a school out from under a school committee?"

So the money is there, and the Town will be able to spend it to ease its economic burdens. But Mazzucco said they are still figuring out exactly where and how the state wants the Town to spend it. He said he's not that worried and that the funds are

in no danger, but he said the state is now taking an interest.

"We talked to the DOR and even they were very clear, this really hasn't happened before," he said, referring to the \$24 million sale of the Forbes Estate. "It's rare, if ever, that a Town sells a property at such a profit and without any sort of immediate purpose. The whole idea of a town buying a piece of property and then a couple of years later selling it with a surplus, I mean, nobody's aware of that ever happening before (at this scale). I'm sure somewhere in the history of the Commonwealth it has happened, but still."

Mazzucco said the Town took a huge, huge risk in purchasing that property. He said the Town could easily have been stuck with it, with the price tag and the annual maintenance and power costs of the Forbes Mansion to boot. And so these laws the DOR is using is to stop municipalities from acting like real estate businesses and speculatively buying property.

Mazzucco said there is no current need to spend the funds. He said they looked into using the \$6 million for the Middle School project, but the impact on taxpayers would have been minuscule and he said the Town was worried it could impact the reimbursement from the state through the Massachusetts School Building Authority (which is kicking the Town about \$45 million for the project).

So, the big item the Town is still looking to spend the funds on is the Cofsky Farm. But while Mazzucco said the Town has a sort of understanding with the current property owners, it is all dependent on factors out of the Town's control. The current owner's named beneficiaries have stated they are willing to give the Town the right of first refusal on the property (preferential treatment as a buyer), but that would have to be after the current owner passes away.

"The owner's 94," he said. "He's apparently getting around better than you or me,

so it could be quite a while. It could sit there for 10 years; it could sit there for 50 years. But I think the Forbes saga, at least from our perspective, is now done. We're just sitting on money that at some point in time we'll move and spend as needed consistent with obscure state statutes."

Mazzucco said the funds may be dormant until the farm or some appropriate purchase becomes available.

"We could be sitting on a pile of cash for 10 years," he said.



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### About The Event

Open House is a great time to explore all Norfolk Aggie has to offer! Enjoy the campus grounds and speak with teachers and students about their programs. Programs include Animal & Marine Science, Environmental Science, Horticulture (Plant Science), and Agricultural Mechanics. There will be student demonstrations, as well as Drill Team performances!

Ready to apply? Optional Self-Guided Tour Sheets & Scavenger Hunt Passports will be available at the Admissions tent. Complete 100% of the stops and be entered to win some Aggie Swag! No Registration Required!

Representatives from Admissions and Student Services will be on-site to answer any questions. Don't miss this chance to see the Norfolk Aggie campus in action!

### Under the Tents

Admissions & General Information  
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 Aggie Community Table & Athletics  
 The Parent Network & Swag Sale




Notice is hereby given by Upndown Towing and Recovery LLC at 558 Pleasant Street, Norwood MA, 02062 in pursuant to M.G.L. c.225, section 39A, that the following vehicles will be for sale at a private auction on October 24, 2023 at 9 am to satisfy the garage keeper's lien for the towing, storage and notice of sale:

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2015 Subaru Forester  
 Vin: JF2SJGUC7FH586078

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by 60 the day before the meeting. “We’ve been through eight meetings. This is our ninth. So there really shouldn’t have been a reason for so many flights, despite what’s going on with construction,” she said. “Pilots know they shouldn’t be flying over our neighborhood so excessively.”

“The pilots use the runway as directed, as dictated by the wind to operate safely and efficiently,” NAC Chairman Mark Ryan responded. “So we can’t control that. We can’t control how many planes take off during the day. It’s a public use airport.”

This led Winfield Street resident Catherine Folan to ask about control of the Airport’s flights, and she read an excerpt of an email response that she had received regarding her question from Lindsey White, the FAA’s community engagement officer for New England. Specifically, the excerpt that she read states that “airports establish, and have the discretion of adjusting, their flight-traffic patterns for pilots to safely execute takeoffs, landings, and in the case of multiple takeoffs and landings, by individual aircraft.”

Calling the 120 flights on Sunday unreasonable, Folan referred to what she had just read. “You guys have control over this, from what the FAA told us. Is that not

correct?”

“When they’re talking about control... that’s noise abatement, and it’s only a suggestion,” NAC member John Corcoran responded. “We can only suggest that they take these alternate routes, and it’s up to the pilots in command of the aircraft.”

“Does Norwood not have any control, or any responsibility to control how many planes are going in and out... and circling around?” Folan followed up.

“We don’t have a say in who comes and who goes, at all,” Corcoran replied, noting interstate commerce regulations, and the NAC’s inability to restrict them.

Airport Counsel Mina Makarios, participating over the phone, confirmed what Corcoran had said. “This is not a matter that the FAA allows airports of any size – whether it’s Logan or Norwood – to control.” He went on to say that, since 1992, there has been an act of Congress in place that allows the FAA to grant some local flight rules for safety reasons, but that – during those 30 years – “it has approved exactly zero such flight rules.” Continuing, he summed things up. “I don’t lack sympathy with your frustration, but there is really no local control: the number of aircraft, or how they land, where they land, where they

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fly over, all of that is controlled at the federal level.”

When Folan asked if there was any idea where the recent increase in flights had come from, and what could be expected moving forward, Ryan stated that he thought that “it was one of those perfect storms where we’ve been used to not having much aircraft flying over there, and then everything opens up and it’s right after an event [several days of bad weather] where people are itching to use their aircraft, and the winds have dictated that it goes over to 10/28. I think it was just a perfect storm.”

Folan offered to try to get Lindsey White to attend the next meeting. “I feel like they’re saying Norwood Airport has the power, and then I’m hearing that Norwood Airport doesn’t have the power, so it’s very frustrating. I feel like we have no power whatsoever, and I’m not getting any answer. Or at least I’m not getting any answer that I want to hear from you guys: that there isn’t some way to control it, or at least anticipate it.”

When reached for comment, the FAA responded via email: “If a community is concerned about aircraft noise, the best course of action is to contact their local aviation community roundtable or airport operator. The FAA can then work with airport operators to determine if the aircraft noise can be mitigated through changes in air traffic procedures.”

In related news, the partial reconstruction of Runway 10/28 is penciled to run from the start of October and through Thanksgiving, during which time that runway will be closed. If the project is unable to start and be completed then, it will be postponed until the spring.

The parking lot portion of the Taxiway C project is scheduled to finish in early October.

The NAC typically meets at 4 p.m. on the middle Wednesday of the month. For more information, visit its page on the Town website.

# Morrill Library Events

## MUSICAL SUNDAY CONCERTS RETURN WITH TWANGTOWN PARAMOURS!

The Morrill Memorial Library’s Fall Musical Sundays Concert Series has arrived! Join us for our first show on Sunday, October 1 at 3:00 pm as we feature the hit duo, Twangtown Paramours, on their Northeast tour.

Nashville-based husband-and-wife duo Mike T. Lewis and MaryBeth Zamer, known on stage as The Twangtown Paramours, have made a name for themselves defying boundaries with their award-winning catalogue of Americana, folk, and blues anthems. With a slew of accolades for their first two acoustic full-length albums, they’ve earned a loyal following, balancing serious instrumental and vocal chops with witty stage banter and a light-hearted approach to life. They don’t take themselves, or the world, too seriously. Now poised to release their third full-length album, *Double Down on a Bad Thing*, The Twangtown Paramours are shifting gears to showcase a full band electric, groove-oriented, upbeat, soul-infused, and retro blues sound. “We want people to have fun, to cheer up, to dance, and to start sporting a positive attitude, dammit,” says Lewis.

Registration is required for this and other concerts. To sign up, please visit our website [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar) or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. The Musical Sundays Concert Series is supported by the Library Endowment Fund.

## DREAM, PLAY, BUILD NORWOOD

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with Abundant Housing Massachusetts for an in-person interactive program called Dream, Play, Build Norwood. This program will take place in the Simoni Room on Monday October 2, at 7 PM.

In order to comply with Massachusetts’ MBTA Community Initiative law, Norwood will be developing a new zone for multi-family housing near the train station by 2024. Here is your opportunity to dream, play and build what Norwood’s new district could be. Roll up your sleeves and let’s imagine Norwood together!

Presenters: Joyce Mandell, a regional organizer for the statewide organization, Abundant Housing Massachusetts and Beth Hestad, a Norwood resident.

Please note: Abundant Housing Massachusetts is not affiliated with the Town Of Norwood. This workshop is geared towards expression of your ideas and does not constitute any Town of Norwood approved plan.

The program is free and open to all ages 18+. Registration is required. Please sign up at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

## CELEBRATE THE FREEDOM TO READ

According to the American Library Association, there were 45 book challenges in Massachusetts in 2022 affecting 57 titles. That’s more than the past 9 years (2013-2021) combined, which totaled 38 challenges. Nationwide, ALA reported 1,270 book challenges in 2022, up significantly from 350 in 2019. In response to this unprecedented wave of censorship efforts and in celebration of Banned Books Week ([bannedbooksweek.org](http://bannedbooksweek.org)), Morrill Memorial Library and the Town of Norwood are participating in Let Freedom Read, a statewide read-in to celebrate the freedom to read.

Community members of all ages are invited to grab a book and a lounge chair or picnic blanket and head to the Norwood Common On October 2, between 3:30 and 5:30pm. The Library will be on-hand to lend out books and other materials, including challenged and banned titles; light refreshments will be provided. Show your support for intellectual freedom and the right to read

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*Grateful thanks. —K.B.*

**St. Jude’s Novena**

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

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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.  
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This Application requests to appeal a determination made by the Building Inspector regarding Section 3.1.6 n.12 of the Zoning Bylaw prohibiting the use as a medical laboratory/clinic within 100’ of Boston Providence HWY

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## FRIENDS OLDIES DANCE COMING UP

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging are sponsoring a SPECIAL DANCE EVENT on Friday, September 29th at 7 p.m. with Popular Music from the 60's & 70's. The event will take place from 7-10 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood, MA with music provided by Dave Valerio and the cost is \$12.00 per person. Singles and couples are welcome to attend, as there will be lots of dancing to swing music, twisting, line dancing etc. Coffee, tea, water and desserts will be provided.

We are looking forward to having a great Oldies night so come one, come all and have a ball!!! There is a Facebook page so you can check the status of events: Friends Of The Norwood Council On Aging | Facebook

## OLD PARISH PRESERVATION VOLUNTEERS FALL SEASON BEGINS

The non-profit organization, Old Parish Preservation Volunteers (OPPV) will be holding their first fall cemetery work day of 2023 on Saturday, October 7, at Old Parish Cemetery, Norwood's original burial ground established in 1741, located off Washington Street near Railroad Avenue.

The aim of the OPPV is to properly clean stone grave markers, repair and reset broken stones, and document this historic site. With care and attention, the cemetery will continue to be a valuable historical and cultural resource for the town. Additional Saturday work days this fall include: October 14, October 21, October 28, and November 4.

The group will host a tour of the cemetery titled "The Children's Hour" on Saturday, October 21, at 2:00 pm. (Rain date Sunday, October 22 at 2). The Cemetery will also be open on November 11, Veterans Day, from 1-3 pm.

Anyone interested in helping preserve this site can join the group working in the cemetery, or visit the group's web site: <https://www.oldparishpreservationvolunteers.com>

The cemetery is open to the public during the time volunteers are working.

## SPORTS EQUIPMENT TO SWAP SHOP A GREAT IDEA!

Have some fun and save some money. Bring your kids' used sports equipment to the "swap shop" at the town landfill any Saturday between 8:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Then check out our table at Norwood Day and swap for things that fit your growing children. All free and lots of fun. Call Debbie Holmwood (781) 724-8883 with any questions.

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The Norwood Toastmasters Club, a not-for-profit educational organization is well into its 25th year! We develop communication and leadership skills for our members and the community at every level of ability. Guests are always welcome to come and see just how we do it! Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month except December. We meet from 6:45 until 8:30 p.m. online via Zoom. Please visit our website: <https://norwoodtoastmasterstoa.com> for access information.

## OLD PARISH PRESERVATION VOLUNTEERS AUTHOR TALK

On Wednesday, October 4 at 6:30 pm, at the Morrill Memorial Library, local author and Old Parish Preservation Volunteers founding member Patricia Fanning will discuss her new book, Old Parish Cemetery of Norwood, Massachusetts. Founded in 1741 as the burial

ground for the Second Parish of Dedham, the Old Parish Cemetery encapsulates the history of Norwood. In addition to remarks by the author, a short documentary about the Old Parish Preservation Volunteers, produced by Norwood residents Maura and Kate Smith, will be shown. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event. All proceeds from the sales will go toward the continued preservation of Old Parish Cemetery.

## WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET

The Norwood Woman's Club will be meeting on Tuesday October 10, at 12:30 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 572 Nichols St., Norwood Ma. Dan Clark "The Singing State Trooper" will entertain us. A light lunch will be served. Guests are welcomed. Yearly dues are now \$35.00 as the club is providing sandwiches. We are asking everyone to bring one item for the Ecumenical Food Pantry to each meeting. Any questions, please call Trina at 781-762-8173. Hope to see you there.

## CLASS OF 73' 50TH REUNION!

The Norwood High School Class of 1973 will be holding its 50th reunion on October 21, 2023 at the Norwood Elks Hall from 5 to 11pm. Local Radio DJ Scott Reiniche will be providing the tunes and there will be a buffet.

Tickets are \$50 per person. There is also going to be a Next Day Brunch at Mick Morgans, Route 1, near the Country Club/Hampton Inn from 9:30am to 12:30pm. The cost is \$24 per person.

Please send a check to Faith MacPhee, 2 Stone Circle, Norwood MA 02062. Make checks payable to the NHS Class of 1973 Reunion and include the names of those attending. Thanks, and hope to see you there!

## Nonagenarian War Veteran Asks About Extra Credit for his Service

**Dear Rusty:** I'm turning 95 this year and am caretaker for my wife in our 70th year of marriage. I served before 1968 (1951-53) during the Korean War. How do the "special extra credits for military service" work for me? Is it retro-active? My wife, who only worked a short time, gets half of my Social Security so would it affect hers, too?

**Signed:**  
Korean War Veteran



**Russell Gloor**  
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear War Veteran:** First, I want to express my gratitude for your war-time service to our country and I also applaud your 70 years of marriage. Thank you, and congratulations!

Regarding the "special extra credit" for military service, Social Security FICA taxes weren't withheld from military pay prior to 1957 so you didn't pay Social Security payroll taxes (FICA) from your military earnings during the years you served. As a result, Social Security would have no record of your military earnings during those 1951-1953 service years. But when you claimed Social Security later in life they would have asked if you served in the military and given you "special extra credit" in the form of presumed earnings for your service years. They likely would have asked for a copy of your DD-214 and would have added \$160 to your earnings record for each active duty month during those 1951-1953 years. Note they do not give you an extra amount of Social Security; rather, for benefit computation purposes, they reflect your earnings for those years a bit higher than are shown in your earnings record (which would likely show zero for your service years). For example, if you served 12 months active duty in 1952, when your Social Security benefit was calculated they would consider your 1952 earnings as \$1,920 (\$160 x 12), instead of the zero shown in your record because you didn't actually pay FICA tax on your military pay. But whether those extra earnings credits would have any effect on your Social Security benefit is a separate

item.

Assuming you had earnings from regular employment over your lifetime and paid into Social Security from those non-military earnings, you became eligible for Social Security benefits from earnings outside of your military service. If you worked and earned a decent salary for at least 35 years, then those special extra credits for your military service years would have no effect on your Social Security benefit. If you had less than 35 years of regular non-military employment, then those extra earnings added for your military service years counted and provided you with a slightly higher Social Security benefit when you claimed.

So, the bottom line is this: if, over your lifetime, you worked for at least 35 years paying into Social Security via FICA payroll or self-employment tax, then the "special extra credits" for your military service years had no effect on your Social Security benefit. But if you worked less than 35 years in which SS taxes were withheld from your earnings, then those "special extra credits for military service" contributed to and increased your Social Security benefit when you claimed. However, even if you worked for over 35 years outside of the military and the extra credits didn't matter for your Social Security benefit, your service to our country did, indeed, matter a great deal. From one veteran to another, thank you again for your service to our country.

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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.

### Subaru Impreza

The little Subaru Impreza has grown in size and power. For 2024, the standard 2.5-liter Boxer design engine has more power and is smooth and quiet. The CVT transmission has also been upgraded—you can actually feel it shifting to full acceleration or shift it manually, all 8 speeds. The number one sales area for Subaru is the Northeast. For just under \$29,000 this loaded Impreza offers safe driving in just about any road condition, all year long. Our RS version offers special badging, blackout paint areas, grille, spoiler, mirrors, push to start, LED lights and more. The engine has more power and also has a different exhaust tone, all is welcome. Like all Subarus, the all-wheel-drive system is standard. All Subarus have good styling and user friendly controls as well as clear vision at all angles. Subarus also have high resale and again, are very popular in New England.

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

Monday, September 18

1758 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Woods - Norwest Dr Caller reporting a white female in pink robe with slippers appears to have been in a domestic violence incident. When the caller approached the suspected victim, the victim identified herself and reported she had been in an argument with her husband. She is originally from Ireland and has nobody to call. The caller reports she guided the victim to the common building to seek shelter. Caller left the victim to get her phone in her apartment and call NPD. Caller reports a blue SUV pulled up to the victim and the victim could be heard saying "go away". Contact made with the victim. Suspect male believed to be wearing green jacket and pants. Female party reporting argument was verbal in nature. Units clear.

Tuesday, September 19

0050 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr Male caller states he believes a 6 y/o male child is being molested by his mother. There was a verbal dispute between both parties which led to them both calling 911. No physical altercation at this time. Both parties are separated and the juvenile is inside sleeping. Female caller reports she was in a verbal argument with her boyfriend. The boyfriend believes she is abusing her 6 YO son. Juvenile is still in home, sleeping in bed. No physical violence reported. Female caller remaining outside. Verbal argument. Parties split for the night

0159 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller requesting a police escort to the door so she can knock and grab her 7YO medication. Previous verbal argument occurred earlier tonight with a male party. Items received with no issue.

0827 Phone - PD-Neighbor Disturbance Provided Assistance Location/Address: Hoyle St call to HQ for a party looking for a phone call in regards to a neighbor pointing a camera at his home. NWD 674 spoke with party via phone

1407 Phone - PD-Threats Sent On Way Location/Address: Venice Cafe - Washington St Caller requesting an officer to the area after threats were made by her neighbor that he would "f\*\*king kill her." Reports parties had a misunderstanding and peace has been restored. Clear and returning.

1801 Phone - PD-Panic Alarm Services Rendered Location/Address: Lenox St Call from ADT reports they received a silent panic alarm from a Door Dash driver, in the parking lot of the above address. MC7 reports he is off with the party on the bridge. MA REG EV15XV, party reports prop-

erty damage to his vehicle appears someone threw a rock at his vehicle. Minimal damage to the roof, possibly something thrown off the bridge. Checked the area, nothing showing. Party was advised and will be making a claim with his insurance.

1904 911 - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: - Melville Ave Female party arguing in background. Keeps hanging up. Caller state male party has left the scene. Attempting to call back caller will not answer phone. Female party reports verbal argument only, male party has left for the evening. If he returns she will call back.

2113 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Norwest Woods - Norwest Dr MA COM X30947 Arrest: Keenan, Martin Address: 55 Ariadne Rd Dedham, Ma Age: 18 Charges: Unlicensed Operation Of MV Stop/Yield, Fail To Number Plate Violation

2223 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: St John Ave Caller on the business line states that there is a grey Toyota Camry packed with 2 parties in the back seat. Would like them removed. Individuals were moved along. Clear

Wednesday, September 20

0941 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Washington St motor vehicle stop MA Reg 3VVV65 one male party in custody. NWD 674 returning to station. NWD 669 clear, vehicle has been parked in a valid parking space. Arrangements will be made by party to have vehicle picked up later Arrest: Higgins, Thomas Address: 531 Norwest Dr Norwood, Ma Age: 41 Charges: Unlicensed Operation Of MV Number Plate Missing

1145 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Gone on arrival Location/Address: Marriott Hotel - River Ridge Dr Caller on business line from the Marriott states a male party was committing lewd acts in front of the housekeeping staff. Party described as a black male in his 20's-30's wearing black pants and a gray sweatshirt who left in a white Coop Infinity in the direction of Starbucks 10 minutes prior. Caller reports an issue with lobby cameras and they were unable to capture a license plate. NWD 665 reports gone on arrival a white colored Infiniti. No lewd acts committed. Possible mental health issue.

1334 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Riverside Community Care - Pleasant St Caller states her brother has been grabbed by another party who is trying to murder him. Caller unable to provide description of involved parties or description of exactly is going on. cruisers dispatched. cruisers report this party is a resi-

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dent at the local Riverside Community Care. believed to be mental health related. checked area and report nothing found. clear and returning.

1649 Radio - PD-Suspicious Activity Sent On Way Location/Address: Broadway Caller reports children were pouring gas into the plastic trash barrel on the Inbound side of the tracks. Children just got off the train, they were getting gas for dirt bikes. Gas can is empty, sent on way.

1816 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: King Ct + Village Road W Reports a group of kids on dirt bikes, driving and blocking the roadway. Tried to physically intimidate her. Spoke with the parties, they stated the caller was upset because they parked the bike in front of her house. They were advised to put it away they cannot ride it in the complex.

Thursday, September 21

0611 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Perks Coffee House - Washington St From HQ, the reports party passed out in front of the business. Party was alert and conscious waiting for the Convenience store, clear.

1026 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Boch Chevrolet - Bos-Prov Hwy 911 caller reporting the dealership above is cheating him out of his vehicle. They have told him that they will not give him his car until he pays them \$300. He is located in service center. 669 spoke with reporting party. Vehicle has been released without incident. Clear.

1238 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Hillcrest Rd Caller reporting her sister is making Q5 statements, Stated "I want to kill myself" 669 advised is an involuntary transport and will be following the ambulance to BI Needham.

1845 Phone - PD-Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: Talbot Farm Rd Caller stating that there is work on the road near her house and it is draining into their house. Now the homeowner is getting into an argument with the worker regarding the responsibility of water draining into the basement. Emergency contractor on scene to shut water off. Reaching out to company in the morning and everything is being documented on the contractor's part.

23-72900 1852 Phone - PD-Neighbor Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Ridgewood Dr Caller on business line requesting assistance

with vehicles parking in front of his property and making it difficult to leave his driveway. Caller states this is an ongoing issue and he has asked the operators to stop, but they continue to park there. Caller states these are not always the same vehicles/operators and they all enter into a neighbor's home across the street Party has been advised and is satisfied with answer.

2006 911 - PD-Vandalism Report Follows Location/Address: Union St Male party states that his 2007 Prius was all smashed up when he came out to his vehicle this evening. Appears to be BB gun damage to car and is only vehicle damaged.

2152 911 - PD-Neighbor Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Buckingham Rd Female party states her neighbor has her headlights looking into her bedroom. Neighbor disturbance regarding exterior lights. Neither party is willing to agree with one another. Parties have been advised.

2350 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Audubon Rd Report of a lost elderly gentleman standing by on scene with a homeowner. Transporting male party back to home.

Friday, September 22

0741 Phone - PD-Larceny/Forgery/Fraud Report Follows Location/Address: Norwood Subaru Inc - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller of Subaru Service department reports theft last night. Caller states upon arriving in the morning he noticed cars missing tires and would like to report it to police.

1134 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Pleasant St Calling party states that her brother is an Alcoholic/Addict, family has not heard from him in three days. Male party is located on the second floor. Use rear entrance 665 states the male was sleeping. Clear.

1141 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Cushing Rd Backwards hat white male possibly in his 20-30's. He has been sitting in a black Subaru for the last hour parked in front of a home that is owned by an elderly couple who travels a lot and they are currently not there. 665 states the party checks out. He was just taking a lunch break in the shade. Clear. Advised he is a town employee and will be in the area for the next couple days.

2021 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: Winslow Ave Report of party playing guitar on front porch for three hours. Party has been advised and will stop for evening.

2040 Phone - PD-Parking Violation Citation/Warning Issued Location/Address: Washington St Jeep parking in handicap spot with no handicap placard. 455MB0 is MA REG who is parking in handicap spot. Unable to get in contact with owner. Parking ticket issued.

2115 Phone - PD-Breaking & Entering Report Follows Location/Address: Hillside Ave Party on scene would like to report kids possibly trying to break into his house about 20 minutes ago. Screen door is broken from group trying to break in. Report of two juvenile kids possibly high school

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age. One around six foot. Last seen heading towards Franklin Street.

2240 911 - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Jefferson Dr Caller reports a noise complaint at the top of the street. Kids yelling profanity and slamming doors. Clear from Jefferson. Parties have been made quiet for night.

2245 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Gone on arrival Location/Address: Napper Tandy's - Day St Caller reports a violation of a stay away order she has in place for a male party. Caller states male party came into Napper Tandy's while she was at the outside bar and taunted her when he was ordered to leave. Party did leave after around 15 minutes, unknown if party left on foot or in a vehicle.

Saturday, September 23

0827 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Sent On Way Location/Address: Rockland Trust - Lenox St Caller on the business line states there is a male party sleeping outside, he is wrapped in a blanket, unable to get a description of him. Party sent on way.

1641 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St + E Hoyle St Caller on the business line states him and his wife were parked at the light and a male party with a black beard, and a limp walked up to his wife's open window and grabbed his crotch. 674 off with that party behind Guild Medical. All units clear, 674 to follow up with the calling party to see if charges will be filed. Witness was uncooperative, would not answer the phone at the time.

2130 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Hoyle St Caller on the business line reporting a large group of individuals outside the residence causing a lot of noise. Unable to get a description on the parties as it is too dark. Report a group of adult parties, they were advised and leaving the area shortly. All units clear. Alarm sounded. All units clear.

Sunday, September 24

1212 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Home Depot - Bos-Prov Hwy Calling party stating a male in his 20s was looking into cars and pan handling. The male has long hair, a beard, is carrying a shopping cart and a back pack. Officers spoke with party. The party has not committed any crimes.

1312 Phone - PD-Neighbor Disturbance Peace Restored Location/Address: Hoyle St Walk-in party reporting a neighbor dispute. 665 spoke with both parties. The dispute had to do with the neighbor's children. Both parties are pleased with the conversation and the neighbor agreed to keep her children away from the neighbor's property.

1534 Phone - PD-Lock Out Services Rendered Location/Address: Prospect St Calling party states her children (1 y/o and 3 y/o) are locked inside their home and the parents are locked out. Entry gained first floor window. Building is under construction. All Clear

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by joining Library Director Clayton Cheever, Chief Brooks of Norwood Police Department, Chief Bailey of Norwood Fire Department, members of the Norwood Select Board, and other elected officials. Please note that the event is intended to demonstrate solidarity through participation and visibility; there will not be any speeches or public readings involved.

Digital participation is also welcomed. Download an eBook or eAudiobook through [minuteman.overdrive.com](http://minuteman.overdrive.com) or [libbyapp.com](http://libbyapp.com) and use #LetFreedomReadMA to post pictures to social media. For a complete list of libraries participating in the statewide read-in, go to [libraries.state.ma.us](http://libraries.state.ma.us).

Let Freedom Read is supported by Morrill Memorial Library and the Joint Task Force for Intellectual Freedom with members from the Massachusetts Library Association, Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, the Massachusetts Library System, and the Massachusetts School Library Association.

## LOCAL AUTHOR: KELVIN CHIN

The Morrill Memorial Library welcomes back local author Kelvin Chin for a discussion of his latest book, "After the Afterlife: Memories of My Past Lives," on Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00pm in the Simoni Room.

After graduating from Norwood High School in 1969, Kelvin learned to meditate at Dartmouth College. This began to open his mind/consciousness up to a greater sense of self that he had been unaware of before. In 1977, his past life memories started resurfacing that now reach back 6,000 years — how that happened is the subject of his newest book, "After the Afterlife: Memories of My Past Lives." In this 1-hour talk, Kelvin will describe his personal experiences with what happens after we biologically die, addressing questions like: What is heaven like? Do we remember who we were? Do we meet our loved ones again? What do we do there? How long do we stay there? Can we come back to

Earth, and if so, when and how? What is a "soul plan"?

Join Kelvin for an interesting, lively discussion that may open your eyes — and your minds and hearts — to a new way of looking at life and death! Free from fear and full of hope. After the talk, Kelvin will do a book signing.

Registration is required for this in-person event. Sign up at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

## BOOK BANNING & CENSORSHIP IN AMERICA

Morrill Memorial Library's own Youth Services Librarian Dina Delic and Adult Services Librarian Heath Umbreit will present "Tales from the Restricted Section," a program about the current state of book banning and censorship in America, on Thursday, October 5 at 7:00pm in the Simoni Room.

According to the American Library Association, there were 45 book challenges in Massachu-

setts in 2022 affecting 57 titles. That's more than the past 9 years (2013-2021) combined, which totaled 38 challenges. Nationwide, ALA reported 1,270 book challenges in 2022, up significantly from 350 in 2019.

This is an astronomical increase in censorship efforts, with ripple effects being felt in classrooms, in school and public libraries, and among families and affected youth. Challenges and censorship efforts disproportionately target books with diverse characters and/or LGBTQ+ themes. In certain parts of the country, would-be censors are threatening to fire teachers and librarians, to pull books from school library shelves, to restrict school curricula, to limit readers' access to books and other materials, and even to defund their public libraries entirely.

Join Norwood librarians Dina and Heath to learn more about how we got to this point, what kinds of books are under fire (and why), and how we can fight back against censors and book bans.

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## STASHSHARE!

Yes, we call it "Share" because that is what we do. No money changing hands, no trades to be made. Just bring what you have in your too-big stash of crafting and sewing equipment and materials at one of the times/days listed below. We put them out on tables, and then during the event we "shop," taking home things we think we might use for ourselves. There is always an abundance, and a lot of people join in. Bring a bag when you come, because you'll find some things you can't resist! People from Norwood and adjacent towns, all welcomed.

For the things you bring to share, please deliver them on Thursday, October 5 between 7:30-8:45 PM at the Reference Desk; on Friday, October 6 between 11:00 AM-4:00 PM in the Simoni Room; or Saturday, October 7 between 9:00-10:00 AM in the Simoni Room. We need time to set things out on the tables, grouping by categories, before the actual Share happens.

If you are able to help transport from our storage and help set up the tables in advance on the Friday drop-off date, let us know at: [sustain@tgryes.org](mailto:sustain@tgryes.org).

## THE GREAT BREWSTER JOURNAL OF 1891

Adventure back to 1891 and the Boston Harbor Islands on Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 pm, as the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands bring history to life. Our guide for the evening will be historian and author, Marguerite Krupp.

In 1891, four intrepid women from Lowell sailed to a

remote island in Boston Harbor for a 17-day escape from New England's prim-and-proper society. Calling themselves the Scribe, the Aristocrat, the Acrobat, and the Autocrat, the women rusticated in a cottage on Great Brewster Island, reveling in the chance to shed their identities of wife, mother, and daughter. Relive their sojourn through their remarkable journal, filled with observations, illustrations, photographs, and poetry.

Registration is required for this Morrill Memorial Library event. Please visit our website to sign up at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. Copies of the book chronicling and preserving the women's tale on Great Brewster Island will be available for sale at the event. Thank you to NCM for helping us make this program available to a wider audience.

## PARKING FIGHT!: AN AUTHOR TALK WITH HENRY GRABAR

As part of the Norwood Sustainability Series, the Morrill Memorial Library is honored to host Henry Grabar, author of "Paved Paradise: How Parking Explains the World," on Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00pm in the Simoni Room.

Join us this evening to learn about how the pursuit of free parking came to dominate local politics, architecture, and the environment—and what we can do about it.

About the author: Henry Grabar is a journalist who writes about cities. He's a Loeb Fellow at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design and a staff writer at Slate. His work has also appeared in 99 Percent Invisible, Architect, The Atlantic, Decoder Ring, The Guardian, Harper's, The Wall Street Journal, and other publications. He has discussed these subjects on television and radio, and before audiences at New America, the National Press Foundation, and various conferences, libraries, and classrooms. He was the editor of The Future of Transportation anthology (Metropolis Books, 2019), and is the author of "Paved Paradise: How Parking Explains the World," which was published in May 2023 by Penguin Press.

Registration is required for this in-person event. Sign up at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

## 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.  
—D.M.C.

## Deaths

### CURRAN



Thomas P., Sr. of Walpole and formerly of Norwood, Sunday September 17, 2023. Born in Norwood he was the son of the late Bartley M. Curran and Winifred A. (McLean). Thomas was the beloved husband of the late Helene M. (O'Toole) Curran, and the devoted father of Laura of Hingham and her late husband Robert Russell, Jr., Caroline and her husband Ed Schollmeyer of Norfolk, and the late Gregory Curran, and Thomas P. Curran, Jr. and his surviving wife Liz of Medfield. He was the brother of the late Martin B. Curran and Mary Turner. Thomas was the proud grandfather of eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is survived by many nieces and neph-

ews. Tom was a lifelong resident of Norwood and Pocasset. After graduating from Norwood High School, he enlisted in the army and served in Germany until the end of WWII. He earned both his BS and JD from Boston College. He worked for New England Life Insurance Company (Benefit Planners of Boston), specializing in pension and profit sharing, and estate planning until his retirement at age 85. He was a member of both the Massachusetts and American Bar Associations. He served on several boards, including the Norwood Conservation Committee; Chairman of Neponset Valley Foundation/Norwood Hospital and Director of the Kennedy Donovan Center. He was an active town meeting member for over 50 years. He will be remembered best by his warmth, friendship and kindness to all. Funeral arrangements were made with the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Timothy's Church on Friday September 22. Interment was at Highland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Thomas' memory to Massachusetts General Hospital Cardiology Department, 125 Nashua Street Suite 540, Boston MA 02114.

### DeFLAMINIS



ANNE MARIE (Flynn) of Norwood passed away on September 21, 2023, at the age of 86. Born in Beverly and raised in Gloucester, Mass., Anne is survived by daughters, Elise and Kim, sons Wayne and Albert Jr., seven grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. Anne was a nurse, homemaker, and proud foster mother of 15 infants and toddlers. During her last years, Anne received increasing support from her children, including son-in-law Sean, friends, and caregivers who cherished her. Anne never lost the ability to warm the hearts of those around her with her smile. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA. All services will be private at the request of the family. Donations in Anne's memory may be sent to The Home for Little Wanderers at 10 Guest Street Floor 3 Boston, MA 02135 or [www.thehome.org](http://www.thehome.org).

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