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The unfinished Norwood Hospital is apparently in limbo, and it has been stated Steward may be leaving Massachusetts altogether.

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Steward fails to comply, told to leave the state

Norwood Hospital in limbo

Jeff Sullivan Staff Reporter

The state announced last week that Steward did not meet its deadline for turning over financial documents on Feb. 23, and now it looks like the company's status here in Massachusetts, let alone Norwood, is in limbo.

Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey confirmed on Friday it only received financial records from Steward up until 2021, when the office had demanded financials from 2018 to 2023. Healey's office did not mince words about what the governor

thinks should happen next.

"The financial information that Steward provided this week continues to be incomplete and insufficient. What Steward must do from this point forward is clear – complete an orderly transition out of Massachusetts," said Healey administration spokesperson Karissa

Healey stated they want the information to see how Steward has been allocating its resources across the country and in Massachusetts and decide whether Steward chose to maximize corporate gains at the expense of patients.

It should be noted that

Healey's position is that this data was already owed to the state under state law, and Steward apparently refused to provide any of it before last week's ultimatum. Steward representatives have stated however that the company is seeking to comply with the documentation requirements, but they need approval from auditors to send it out first.

Steward announced on Friday as well that it has a stabilization plan (http:// tinyurl.com/ddmptu6j) that includes an agreement with lenders that includes a \$150

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Crossbow hunters will be returning to the Norwood Airport this season to help reduce the deer population.

PHOTO BY JOSHUA STOCKTON

NAC grants permission to hunt on Airport land

Matt MacDonald

Staff Reporter

The Norwood Airport Commission (NAC) held its monthly meeting on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 21. Vice-Chairman Michael Sheehan was absent. The agenda was very light. That noted, a vote was taken regarding Airport property that may be of interest to members of the Norwood community, particularly those who hike its trails.

As part of the Airport's wildlife management plan, each year the NAC permits a handful of bow hunters to access Airport land - much of which is outside the perimeter fence - during deer and wild turkey season. This is done in an effort to thin their respective populations in the woodlands around the runways and apron areas, and to reduce the likelihood of their nuisance and potentially hazardous encounters with aircraft.

Most recently, an instance such as this occurred last July 9 at about 9 p.m., when an aircraft struck a deer while landing on Runway 35. Neither pilot nor passengers were injured in the collision, but the airplane sustained enough damage to its nosecone and landing gear to be disabled, forcing the Airport to close while a preliminary investigation was completed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and the aircraft and crash debris were removed. The Airport reopened at approximately 10 a.m. the next morn-

On Wednesday, the NAC unanimously approved the requests of six hunters to access the land during the 2024 seasons. Three were returnees,

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million cash infusion, and it is planning on selling its planes, which, according to the Boston Globe, have been used to go to vacation spots in the Caribbean and Mediterranean (http:// tinyurl.com/4yuvdpkw). Steward's plan includes the institution of "referral fees" to current staff of up to \$40,000 per hired employee. The plan also included retaining Alix Partners to "advise on a restructuring of Steward to better support their hospitals and continue to deliver high-quality care in community settings."

Alix Partners, at least according to Wikipedia, is a consulting firm best known for its work in the "turnaround space." The firm's list of clients includes some of the largest Chapter 11 organizations, including General Motors, Kmart and Enron.

Congress people Liz Warren, Ed Markey and nine members of the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation sent a similar demand to Cerberus, Steward's owner about its sale of the company for \$800 million about three years ago.

"We are particularly concerned about the extent to which Cerberus and its affili-

ates literally stripped out and sold the property from underneath these hospitals, creating hundreds of millions of dollars in profits for private equity executives, while leaving the facilities with long-term liabilities that are magnifying – if not creating – the current crisis," the lawmakers wrote.

Rumors have been circulating since at least the fall that Steward has been looking to sell the Norwood Hospital construction project, but nothing had been confirmed until last week, when Steward stated in a Boston Globe article that it has been looking to transfer ownership of its Massachusetts hospitals.

Congressman Stephen F. Lynch recently toured the hospital construction site, and said that the original work stoppage that took place last fall started when Steward stopped paying its vendors in the summer of 2023. He pointed out that Steward has received more than \$150 million in federal funding for its Massachusetts operations. It should also be noted that the Town of Norwood spent a considerable amount of time, money and municipal resources rezoning the area

around the hospital so Steward could rebuild the way it wanted to. The state has also been holding public hearings when Steward requested to reduce services in behavioral health and obstetrician services.

In Boston and Brockton, Steward's financial difficulties have already apparently resulted in two deaths, one at each facility, due to supply shortages and wait times, respectively. Norwood's ambulances have been regularly diverted to St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Allston, which has had critical supply shortages. Healey's office said if Steward does leave the state, it will have to be an orderly transition with no lapse in care as the loss of nine hospitals it operates would be catastrophic.

The Boston City Council held a hearing on Steward last week with city health experts and with Boston University Health, Policy and Management Professor Alan P. Sager. Sager presented an alternative plan for the company.

"We need knowledge, legal power and money," he said, paraphrasing Warren Zevon. "They're all within easy reach."

Sager pointed to the original deal that set up Steward in the first place, and said that this outcome was not unavoidable or unforeseeable when Steward formed out of Caritas almost 15 years ago.

"Everyone knew the difficulties going in," he said. "The archdiocese, the Caritas Hospitals, were not making money, they had unfunded pension liability and capital needs. Cerberus (Steward's former landlord and parent company) invested \$800 million and needed to make a profit on that. How do you squeeze blood from a stone? How do you get that money out of money-losing hospitals? There were promises of high-quality lowcost care, and everybody knew going in what the payer mix was, what the financial problems were, but those were the promises."

Sager went through a fivepoint plan in which first the state determined what hospitals and what services are essential to provide at minimum a basic level of healthcare for the state, and what capacity would be needed for hospitals, community care centers and other health providers to get at that level of service.

"The legislature could quickly enact a sound receivership law that would spell out when and how responsible officials – like the commissioner of public health, the secretary health and human services or the attorney general - could and must appoint a receiver to take control of a failing but needed hospital, or health cen-

Hello My name is

ter, or nursing home or other needed facility," he said. "Hospitals have to be recognized, other caregivers have to be recognized, as essential sources of protection for our health and safety and as essential community resources. Not as chips in a poker game."

Sager said the state "already has enough money."

"Spending on Massachusetts hospitals this year will be right around \$45 billion," he said. "Total spending on healthcare in the Commonwealth? About \$125 billion. That's almost \$18,000 per citizen of the Commonwealth. We only have to mobilize a tiny share of that money to protect all needed hospitals and caregivers. The legislature needs to enact a law establishing a new hospital stabilization trust fund. It should be financed by the hospitals themselves by a one-quarter-of-onepercent assessment on all hospitals' patient revenue, plus a one percent assessment on interest, dividends, capital gains or other unearned income. That will raise \$100 million from money already being spent; kind of an insurance pool."

Sager said Maryland has already enacted similar legislation and funding mechanisms decades ago and it has been working well, at least when it comes to hospitals shutting down. And he pointed out there is currently legislation in the Massachusetts Legislature to create such a system, which can be found at http://tinyurl.com/ 3zykdw7b

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Selectmen weigh in on 3A, vote to recommend 3-2

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday and voted 3-2, with Selectmen Michael Saad and Bill Plasko against, to recommend the MBTA Communities Act 3A blyaw to Town Meeting in March and approve the yellow sheets for this and four other measures.

The three districts earmarked, essentially one around each MBTA Commuter Rail station, creates a total of 78 acres of as-of-right multi-family zoning. The 3A legislation was enacted a couple of years ago in an effort to increase housing inventory in Massachusetts.

Plasko and Saad had different reasons for opposing the plan. Plasko said he understood the need for such a plan and that housing prices in the state are extremely high, but he said the implementation of this plan was actually doing more than what the state required. The state only requires 50 acres to be rezoned (with about 2,045 units being needed in maximum build-out estimations on those acres) and he felt the Town could have accomplished this just by rezoning Windsor Gardens and about five acres around Norwood Depot.

"I don't think there's a need to go as far as this proposal takes us," he said. "We can step back, meet the law without doing much of what is being proposed and give ourselves time through our master plan committee and Town Meeting to decide ourselves how we want to develop those areas."

Plasko said they could rezone Windsor Gardens, for example, creating about 1,964 units of potential housing. He said he wanted language in the bylaw draft taken out referring to the "need" to spread out the zoning to 78 acres.

"'Norwood's proposed (by-

law) achieves the required capacity by spreading density across a larger area,' talking about the 78 acres," he said. "As I just pointed out, no, that's not the least bit necessary, and it's misleading to say that's why we have the 78 acres."

Selectman Robert Donnelly and Chair Matt Lane however pointed out that the spread of density was to both encourage development where it was felt it was needed and reduce the overall density of the proposed district(s). Lane said they considered putting most of the density into one district when the 3A Task Force first started meeting last year, but said that would have resulted in increased required heights and much more density in a smaller space.

Lane said he didn't feel that language in the yellow sheets was necessary. Plasko and the Board agreed Town Meeting would likely suggest many changes to the bylaw in the form of amendments.

Saad said he was against the proposal because "Lenox Street is going to be all high rises," and he feared an influx of thousands of units could have a detrimental effect on the Norwood Public Schools.

"I think the schools should be here in front of us with the Finance Commission to tell us how many more teachers we going to need, how many more policemen will we need for a thousand people" he said. "How many more firemen? How many more school additions can we afford? This is really going to put a dent in Norwood, the size, the shape and the whole décor of Norwood."

Donnelly and Selectman Amanda Grow said they were in support of the bylaw because it would help to grow the Town and develop areas where there are currently industrial sites. Grow pointed out that the bylaw would encourage redevelopment and the inclusion of greenspace and open space where currently there is only building and blacktop. She added that she did not agree with Saad's conclusion that this bylaw would alter the character of the Town.

"People talk about 'the character of Norwood," she said. "I've lived in communities bigger than Norwood, smaller than Norwood, bigger buildings than Norwood and smaller, and none of them had Norwood's character, because Norwood's character is not its buildings and it isn't how many people are here. The character of Norwood is in its community, and that isn't really going to change with buildings or population. When I got into Norwood, within a week I said, 'This is where I want to stay,' and it wasn't because it was small or that it looked a certain way. It was the community."

Grow pointed out many Town employees can no longer even live in Town because of the current housing pricing trends. Shealso pointed out that, during the Downtown Mixed-Use Overlay District discussion, many residents opposed 50-foot building heights in the rezoning, fearing the canyon effect, while many buildings in that district are already taller than that.

To look at the current draft of the bylaw, go to http://tinyurl.com/3atuyc47

In other news, the Board also heard from Department of Public Works Director Mark Ryan, Gerry Hopcroft and CDM engineer Joe Ridge regarding the implementation of a stormwater fee to create a stormwater utility. Ryan, Town Manager Tony Mazzucco and several of the Selectmen agreed there is a need for it, as Mazzucco pointed out the Town

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I attack to the Editor

Letters to the Editor

VENTURE CAPITAL IN HEALTH CARE

To the Editor:

Thank you, Tim Fandel, for your recent letter in the Record highlighting the need for a return of Norwood Hospital. I am certain that a timely and thoughtful path forward will be found. As we wander down that path, I hope we have all learned something about venture capital in health care. Clearly Steward needs to go ASAP. It is a company that ventures down a different path, with capital as their destination. Health care

they have found is not necessarily a good investment, but a good hospital is the goal of many of us. Unlike Steward, Many of us believe strongly that a full range of services is essential. And that hospital must include behavioral services (as there used to be) and maternal health programs.

With the help of the Governor, we have now a new opportunity to thoughtfully and quickly plan for the inclusion of these services, along with a strong emergency room, and the range of services that any GOOD hospital provides. Residents and Norwood Town officials could participate in the shaping of this hospital and consider being a party to the change in ownership. I know many who would like to participate in the planning. I believe strongly that the town does have a role to play in this process

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George Sigel,MD Community Psychiatrist, Norwood









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BOS to Healey: What about the hospital?

Dear Governor Healey,

The Board of Selectmen in Norwood, home to Norwood Hospital, would like to provide you with our point of view regarding recent disclosures made by the hospital's owner, Steward Healthcare. Steward's decision to halt construction of a new hospital facility has added an additional level of deep frustration and dismay to the many communities served by the hospital. We, as the executive board of Norwood, have been equally frustrated by the lack of urgency and transparency in the Steward organization to do what they publicly promised to do in 2020 – rebuild the hospital.

Norwood Hospital was founded in 1919. For over one hundred years, Norwood Hospital served as the primary access to high quality healthcare for 21 communities in Norfolk and Bristol counties spanning an area from Attleboro in the south to Needham in the north. In its own Community Benefits Report in 2022, Steward reported that in Fiscal Year 2019, the hospital served more than 126,000 individual patients primarily from the towns of Norwood, Walpole, Canton, Foxborough, Wrentham and Sharon, offering clinical services that included advanced surgical services, obstetrics, cardiology, neurology, orthopedics, gastroenterology, behavioral health, cancer care, pediatric and emergency room care.

In 2021, a full year after a major flood destroyed the hospital, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health approved the Hospital's Determination of Need certification. Yet, as of February 2024, Steward has apparently halted all construction work, a partially built structure sits incomplete and unprotected from the elements, and most importantly, tens of thousands of residents have had to scramble to find alternative healthcare providers far from where they live.

In addition to the impact the closure has on community health, Norwood, as well as other communities in the region, has had to dedicate substantial effort and financial resources to ensure appropriate emergency response to residents in need of urgent medical attention. Without Norwood Hospital's emergency room, Norwood's EMTs and paramedics have had to transport patients to emergency facilities as far away as Boston and Attleboro.

In addition to delays in emergency care due to longer transports, Norwood has had to spend more to pay first responders overtime caused by the need to transport patients to remote locations, additional fuel for vehicles, as well as added maintenance costs due to wear and tear on our ambulance fleet. In fact, Norwood has, because of these ongoing longer transports, been forced to accelerate its purchase of new ambulances.

We bring all of this to your attention in order to distinguish our situation from other Steward facilities that remain open and operating. Our hospital has not operated for almost four years now. As the Commonwealth determines the best way forward to replace Steward as a healthcare operator, we urge your administration to prioritize the selection of a new operator to complete the construction and restore the level of hospital care the residents of this region were provided for more than 100 years. On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, thank you for your consideration of this ongoing and increasingly critical community healthcare matter.

Matthew Lane, Chair Norwood Board of Selectmen Members of the Norwood Board of Selectmen

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has had trouble dealing with past rain trends, let alone future ones predicted due to climate change.

Mazzucco and Ridge said they are still working out the details, but that the fee would be based on the impervious surfaces of a parcel, residential or commercial. For a single-family homeowner, the cost estimate is something around \$100 to \$200 a year, based on the current capital projects on the Town's schedule dealing with

stormwater. Hopcroft said currently, the Town is focused on the \$24 million Meadowbrook Study plan, but added that they should now be turning their focus to the entire Town, as that basin is not the only place prone to flooding.

Mazzucco said they would be looking to set up an enterprise fund and fee structure by May Town Meeting with the earliest possible implementation and collection in January of next vear.

Lastly, the Board voted unanimously to commence the process of establishing a scholarship fund for Norwood high school seniors in the name of the late former Assistant Town Manager Bernie Cooper. Mazzucco said that the conditions of granting the scholarship, its funding structure and other details have not been finalized, but this approval gives the green light to start working on it.

THE EXPATRIATE

Sailboats twist slowly offshore, moored on calm, turquoise water. Estel's Dine By The Sea is open to the beach, its tables resting on sand. I sit with its owner at "the BS table."

"I never had a Bloody Mary in my life until here, now I have 'em every day. But I don't use tomato juice, I use V-8. It's my health food. I been here thirteen years and never worn a shoe. Left Tampa—when I make up my mind, it's law. Held a steady job seventeen years, played six nights a week in my band. One day I told my partner I'm going to San Pedro.

"You're moving to California?' he asked."

"No, Belize."

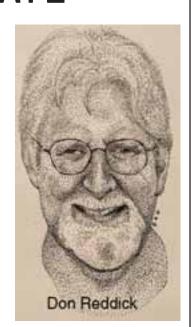
"'Bel-what?'"

"I first came down here with my wife Estel. We came to San Pedro—Ambergris Cay—back then it wasn't a third world country, it was a fifth. No TV, no airstrip like you got now. Only a ten-byten shack. Three streets—it was jungle right over there. Well, I went on the beach one night and had Miller beer, and we got just drunk as hell, and they had a campfire right there on the beach, and all the Spanish was dancing around that fire, right at sundown and you know how beautiful sundown is here, and they was cooking up some food and they brought me a plate of rice and beans and chicken, the greatest food I ever tasted, and I was thinking none of these people know what stress is, don't have a clue where I'm from, most of 'em never seen the inside of an automobile, and tears just started pouring down my face. Just sitting there with them people crying, and I knew this is where I had to

"When I make up my mind, it's law. I goes into work on Monday morning, and I tell my boss you got two weeks' notice. Not one in a hundred makes it down here. Know why? Oh, they come in and say this is beautiful, we're gonna retire in the Caribbean. Get all excited, buy some land on impulse. Then they move down, and the season ends. Gets hot. Hot. And the trade winds go down and the mosquitoes come in. They don't call this the Mosquito Coast for nuthin'. The men do okay, it's the women who don't. They go shopping in town, and after a while they miss the supermarket. There's no McDonalds, no Burger King. They can't find their favorite brand of peanut butter. And the crabs come in, inside the house, in the sink, everywhere. The men, they're messin' with their boats, one day it don't start, so what, they fix it tomorrow. The women can't get their hair done, and they leave. Not one in a hundred makes it down here, whether it's a business or just buying a lot and retir-

"This place is unique. We had a guy here from Idaho. I don't inquire. I listen, but I don't inquire. I finally asked him what he does for a livin'. He said, 'I was hopin' you wouldn't ask. I'm a U-nited States Senator from Idaho. And I'll tell you what Charlie, I've traveled quite a bit and I've never seen a place like this. There's no cultural problems, no class distinctions.' And there ain't. At one table you got some guy with millions sitting next to six locals who don't have two nickels to rub together, and you can't tell them apart. We got everything here, Americans, Mexicans, Hondurans, Colombians and everything else, all together here and there ain't no prob-

"They said I was crazy when I bought this place. I only got fifty feet, it was a hotel. Bought it for two hundred and seventy thousand bucks. These were the two best hotel rooms on the island,



under this sand are the most beautiful green tiled floors you'd ever seen. You don't want to throw away them rooms, they said, you don't wanna run no restaurant. But I showed 'em. Opened up and we live upstairs, I showed 'em. See this beach here? This half-mile stretch is the most expensive stretch of real estate in the entire country. And I own fifty feet of it.

"Yeah, I showed 'em."

I would learn, over twenty years later, that Charlie's father was named Woodrow Worthington, that he went to work at age twelve and never finished high school. I learned his wife's full name was Estella, and that he ran Estel's Dine by the Sea until age seventy-six. I would find it ironic that the man whose life was changed by a beautiful sundown would have in his obituary, "Sunrise, January 8, 1947, Sunset, February 3, 2023."

Charlie Worthington sat with fellow expatriates. They laughed and sipped Belikin Mayan Temple Beers. A burst of palms swayed in gusting trade winds. Pelicans and eiders sat atop wooden posts in the water, intently gazing seaward. I lounged a bit. I finished my Belikin, then wandered away.

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Hundreds come out for Peter Kasputis

Jeff Sullivan Staff Reporter

The West Roxbury Elks was nearly full on Saturday when Norwoodians crossed the border into the city to support the recovery of resident Peter Kasputis.

Kasputis is recovering from a stroke and brain infection occurring in 2022 for which he is now in intensive physical therapy and rehabilitation. Fundraising organizer and childhood friend Tina Hanifin said Kasputis has been making progress and this fundraiser/ raffle would help him and his family get back on their feet.

A huge crowd turned up to recognize the former hockey coach, and Hanifin said she was not surprised at all to see the outpouring of support from the Norwood community.

"For me, what a turnout right?" she said. "People have come out of the woodwork who we haven't seen in 30 years. Honestly, it's all Kari and Peter."

Peter and his wife Kari have been adjusting to his current condition, and Hanifin said the physical therapy and rehab treatments are working.

"It's been a little bit of progress; he's still in a wheelchair, unfortunately, but we're

all optimistic," she said. "We're keeping our fingers crossed and keeping him and the rest of his family in our prayers."

Hanifin thanked all those who came out to support Kasputis.

"This would not have been possible without the support and generosity of so many people who don't even know this family," she said. "As crazy as the world is sometimes, this gives you a very different perspective."

Kasputis' sister Doreen Miller said she wasn't surprised to see this kind of support for her brother.

"He's the kind of guy who was always there for everybody, anybody, anything you needed," she said. "Peter's the life of party too. He's the onemore, whenever you're at a party, he's the 'one more' guy, he never wants it to end; he just loves being around people. 'One more, one more, don't go home yet.' He is the best brother, always the go-to for me and my sister, even though he was the youngest. He's just that guy. I don't know what more to say about him."

Miller added just because the turnout may not have been surprising, it didn't make it any less impactful, at least for her.

"This humbles me, to be



Norwood came out in force to help out resident Peter Kasputis last week. Residents ate, drank and donated to support him and his family during their time of need.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

honest with you," she said. "I mean everything he has done for people, and now they're giving back to him when he really needs it? It's just amazing."

Peter's sister-in-law Tina Todd said she couldn't believe the turnout.

"It's totally overwhelming," she said.

Peter's mother-in-law Frances Shea said she met Kasputis when her daughter started dating him. "I love Peter," she said. "He's very generous, he loves experiencing things with people. He's a great provider and he's very open. If you've got a problem you can always go to Peter. He's just

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Is there anything that can be done about this situation? We sent a letter to Social Security, but they responded that unless her situation was one of only a few categories (loss of house, divorce, etc.) nothing could be done for the year.

The money was used strictly on another investment - our new house. It wasn't like we took it out and spent it wildly. Can you please advise? Signed: Frustrated Homeowner

Dear Frustrated: Unfortunately, it sounds like your wife is a victim of the Medicare provision known as "IRMAA" – the "Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount." Each person's Medicare Part B premium (coverage for outpatient healthcare) is determined yearly from their income from all sources as reported to the IRS two years prior. IRMAA sets income thresholds, depending on your IRS filing status, and if those thresholds are exceeded you must pay a higher Medicare Part B premium (and also a higher Part D premium if you have prescription drug coverage).

Assuming you file your taxes as "married/jointly," if your combined 2022 income as a couple was between \$206,000 and \$258,000 your wife's 2024 Part B premium is \$244.60 (instead of the standard \$174.70); if your combined 2022 income was between \$258,000 and \$322,000 then your wife's Part B premium for 2024 is \$349.40; if your combined in 2022 was between \$322,000 and \$386,000, her Part B premium is \$454.20; if your combined 2022 income as a



Russell Gloor **AMAC Certified Social** Security Advisor

married couple was between \$386,000 \$750,000 then your wife's 2024 Part B premium is \$559; and if your 2022 income as a married couple was over \$750,000 your wife's Part B premium is \$594. If your wife also has private Part D prescription drug coverage, IRMAA also increases those premiums. Note that the IRMAA thresholds are different for other income tax filing statuses.

As the Social Security office has already explained, you could appeal your wife's IRMAA premium increase if she had a "life changing event," but the list of acceptable life changing events is quite small (see form SSA-44). The only good news is that your wife's Medicare premium will be calculated anew for next year, so her Medicare premium for 2025 will – if your 2023 joint income is less than the first IRMAA threshold - revert to the standard 2025 premium.

FYI, it doesn't matter what you used the money for. Your withdrawal was reported to the IRS as taxable income, which is what caused IRMAA to apply to your wife's Medicare premium for 2024. Many people don't realize that Medicare premiums are higher for those with a higher income, but since your withdrawal was a onetime event, your wife's Medicare Part B premium next year should be much less and her Social Security benefit correspondingly higher.

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that kind of person."

Peter's nephew Patrick Kasputis said his uncle has always been a great guy.

"It's just awesome here," he said. "I didn't expect anything like this. When I got here the parking lot was packed and I thought, 'This can't be all for us.' And it was. It's just insane."

The Matt Brown Foundation helped Kasputis out with his wheelchair accommodations during his recovery, and Brown himself came to the fundraiser to show his support. He said they crossed paths through hockey in Norwood, as Peter's daughter plays hockey in college now.

"I have a cousin who is Peter and Kari's daughter's age, and Peter's daughter obviously plays hockey. It's just a big hockey community," he said.

Brown said another family had reached out saying they had a wheelchair-accessible van and could get it to the foundation if someone needed it, and around the same time Kasputis' family had reached out asking about obtaining or outfitting a van for wheelchair

"It just happened to be the perfect time," he said. "It's

been a real treat for them since. I remember we dropped it off in April of last year, and they were already out at Castle Island in South Boston that Saturday morning. They got used to using it right away and it's gotten him to his appointments, physical therapy or just to dinner if they want to get away."

Brown said he was not at all surprised to see so many people at the event.

"I know what Peter meant to the hockey community and just being a part of it, seeing what it's done for people in Norwood and knowing how lucky I've been with it, I think it's just what hockey families and a lot of the Town of Norwood does," he said. "It is funny though, because it was a little different heading over to the West Roxbury Elks rather than in Norwood, but it's something we've seen the community do time and time and time again, every year."

Resident Mike Goulding said his daughter played hockey with Peter's daughter. He said Peter was an amazing guy and that he was happy to support him.

hockey practices and games together, and we've made some friends and man, what a great family here," he said. "I could not believe what I saw here, how well it was done, and – you know what? I've changed my mind. I really can believe this kind of support because they're just such good people."

Residents Tom Sharkey and Vicki Zimmito said they know the family and were happy to come out to support. "I feel like hockey people just come out for each other," Zimmito said.

"I'm not surprised, this is a hockey community and they come out in droves to support folks," Sharkey said.

Resident Paula Beniers said she's known Peter for years.

"He's the nicest guy I've ever met in my life," she said. "He's so focused on his wife and his daughter. I mean his daughter is right now playing hockey; they've got the game on the screen there for the University of New England. He's always been supportive of her, of hockey and all children. He's just fantastic. But this is so much more than I expected, but so deserving for this family."

For more information, go to "We spent a lot of time at https://www.adayforpeterk.com

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and the other three were recommended by them. "These are people that have been approved in the past, plus some newcomers that hunt with these people, so they're very experienced," NAC Chairman Mark Ryan said just before the vote. "They will follow all state of Massachusetts hunting laws. They've been good in the past following these."

"Absolutely," Airport Manager Mark Raymond replied, confirming Ryan's statement.

Of likely interest to the Town's hiking community particularly those who use the trails entered from the end of Meadow Street – are the details of the hunting seasons.

They are as follows:

Per the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, in 2024 there will be two turkey hunting seasons, with the spring season open from April 29-May 25, and the fall season open from Oct. 7-Nov. 30.

Hunting hours for the spring season will be from half an hour before sunrise until 12 p.m.

Hunting hours for the fall season will be from half an hour before sunrise until half an hour after sunset, with hunting prohibited on Sundays in either season.

This year's deer hunting season will be open from Oct. 7-Nov. 30. Its hours will be the same as for the fall turkey hunting season, and will also be prohibited on Sundays.

In other Airport news of interest to the surrounding community, Raymond announced that the reconstruction of Runway 10/28 is scheduled to begin on March 18, and he estimated that it would be out of service for 2-3 months.

This runway, and the airplanes taking off and landing on it, had been an agenda item throughout 2023, with residents of Rock and Winfield streets attending meetings, giving updates, and voicing their concerns regarding the increased amount of low flying aircraft over their neighborhood, and the concurrent increase in noise and disruption.

Wednesday's agenda and, although one neighborhood resident was in attendance, neither complaints nor comments were registered during the meeting.

In old business, the NAC voted to increase the landing fees for transient aircraft by 20 percent, based on their weight. During the January meeting, the Commission had recommended the increase, but had delayed voting to implement it in order to give Airport users an opportunity to comment on it. The motion was unanimously ap-

Although an executive session was listed on the agenda pertaining to federal litigation between the NAC and the Town

and Boston Executive Helicopters (BEH), and state court litigation between BEH and the Airport's other fixed base operator (FBO) FlightLevel Norwood (FLN), it was not entered into for the second meeting in a row.

However, there has been some recent activity regarding those interconnected lawsuits.

In November, BEH filed an appeal of a March, 2022 special jury verdict in favor of FLN regarding civil complaints filed by both parties against each other in 2015. It was entered into Norfolk County Appeals Court in December, with no dates scheduled as of yet.

Related to the case being The item was not on last appealed, last April FLN filed a complaint for contempt against BEH, arguing that it has continued to violate a 2019 court order granting FLN injunctive relief regarding its use of lot space. A hearing on that is scheduled for Sept. 19.

The parties' leased lot space, and the different court rulings regarding their use, has been a key component of each state and federal case involving BEH, FLN, and the NAC/

The NAC typically meets at 4 p.m. on the middle Wednesday of the month in the Welch Administration Building (111 Access Rd.). For more information, visit the Town website.

Annual Dancing with the Norwood Stars set for April 12

Dancers fundraising all over Norwood

Jeff Sullivan Staff Reporter

The 14th annual Dancing with the Norwood Stars (DNS) is set for April 12 at 7 p.m. at the Tiffany Ballroom at the Four Points by Sheraton on Route 1.

The dancers are locked in, the decorations are on order, the moves are being learned and the Norwood Circle of Hope (COH) is still constantly giving out money to families in need.

Each dancer hosts fundraisers before the show and most years, the COH is able to raise more than \$100,000 for its mission. Dancer Meg Luizzo is fundraising at the Old Colonial Cafe on March 22 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., dancer Nina Kelley is hosting a comedy night with Dan Foley and Jennifer Fraser Mauceri at the Space Center (Grazina Event Space Building Four) at 83 Morse St. on March 23 at 7 p.m., and Sam White is hosting a raffle and March Madness fundraiser at the Old Colonial on March 24 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Dancer Dave Dalton is hosting several fundraisers, including a golf tournament on March 10 at 10 a.m. at Top Golf in Canton, a Left Right Center Night on March 25 at Cafe Venice, and a spaghetti dinner on April 2 at the Brookside Cafe.

DNS organizer and Board of Health member Carolyn Riccardi said the event has



Norwood's stars are currently practicing their moves and raising money for the Norwood Circle of Hope.

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has been growing every year, yet some residents still don't know about it. But she said once they find out, they are generally supportive of the COH's mission and raising money during the DNS event, and sometimes they even volunteer to dance.

"Because the money does not leave the Town," she said. "It's all anonymous and nobody knows on the Board where the money goes. And so to dance for something like that, it's overwhelming.'

Riccardi said sometimes it can be difficult to get dancers now 14 years into the event. But she said the mission of the COH and the well-oiled mabeen gaining momentum and chine that the Board and

former board member Katherine St. Cyr created makes it an easy sell.

"Is it hard to get dancers?" she asked. "At first, yes it is. But once I sit and talk them through it they become more comfortable. And once they understand it, they are overwhelmed and their hearts are bigger than their heads with it. They just explode. It really is something."

She added that this latest group has been a breeze.

"These six are so enthusiastic about doing it," she said.

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LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF NORWOOD

The Town of Norwood hereby notifies all residents that the State Attorney General's office has approved the following amendments to the Town By-Laws which were voted at the Special Town Meeting, November 13, 2023 namely:

Article 1. To Amend Article XXXIV (Rules of Procedure for Norwood Representative Town Meeting) of the by-laws of the Town of Norwood:

Amend Section 4 (Physical Conditions) Amend Section 9 (Method of Taking Votes)

Article 2. Town will vote to receive and accept the Report of the Town Meeting Size Committee; and further vote to amend Article 1, Section 2 (Act to Establish Representative Town Meeting)

Article 3. Amend General By-Laws by deleting Article XVII (Permanent Building Construction Committee) in its entirety and replacing with a new proposed by-law as printed in the Warrant.

Article 4. Adding new By-Law ARTICLE LI - Interest on Overdue Bills for Police Details and Fire Details as printed in the Warrant.

Article 7. Update current Stretch Energy Code, Article XLVIII to include the Municipal Opt-In Specialized Stretch Energy Code.

Article 17. Amend Article XLVI of the By-Laws, Revolving Funds, by adding section D – which established a new Recreation Extended Day Fund.

(Complete copies of these bylaws have been posted in the different locations listed below throughout the Town and are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.)

The above named article is posted in the following public places throughout the Town, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 32:District 1 & District 2 - Municipal Building (Town Hall); District 3 & District 5, Morrill Memorial Library; Murph's Place; District 4, Walgreens Pharmacy, Walpole Street; District 6 & District 7, Nick's Package Store; Pam's Market, Corner Pleasant & Rock Street; District 8, Shaws Market; CVS - Shaw's Market Plaza; District 9, Gulf Gas

Mary Lou Folan Town Clerk

Norwood Record: 02/29/24, 03/07/24



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

SENSORY FRIENDLY ART **CLASSES FOR ADULTS**

Classes are held from 10 am to 11:45 am at the Morrill Memorial Library, Simoni Room on the following dates: 3/1, 3/8, 3/ 15, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31, 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28.

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with Norwoodbased Lifeworks Inc to bring a series of art classes called Sensory-friendly Art Classes for Adults to the library. The classes will be held weekly on Fridays from 10:30 am to 11:45 am in the Simoni Room.

Join the art instructor Stephanie Enloe for sensoryfriendly art classes for adults, a **Morrill Library Events**

program specially designed for adults with all levels of cognitive abilities. The attendees will get a chance to create an art piece in a sensory-friendly and inclusive environment.

MEET THE UNSUNG **HEROINE BEHIND** THE NEW DEAL

The only person in his administration FDR said he could trust was Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins. The first women to serve in the US Cabinet, Frances returns to the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, March 7 at 6:30 pm, to help us celebrate Women's History Month. Come hear stories of her trials, trip-ups, and triumphs in the FDR administration during the tumultuous years that encompassed the Depression, New Deal, and World War 11.

You will come to understand the reasons Frances Perkins is referred to as one of the most influential women of the first half of the 20th century.

It is not necessary to have seen Part 1 of the Francs Perkins series to enjoy Part 2. Janet Parnes of Historical Portrayals by Lady J will portray Miss Perkins.

VINTAGE POSTCARDS OF NORWOOD

This spring, the Morrill Memorial Library and Old Parish Preservation Volunteers are partnering to present a visual tour of local history as you may never have seen it before.

On Monday, March 25, at 6:30 pm, join Patricia Fanning, Robert Donahue, and Rock Street Press publisher Heather Cole for a discussion of the new book, Wish You Were Here: Vintage Postcards of Norwood, Massachusetts. This full-color publication features reproductions of more than 150 postcards from the private collection of

Robert and Susan Donahue, with annotations by Fanning. It is an engaging visual tour through Norwood's past and a great gift for fans of local history, vintage postcards, or early 20th century photography.

The postcards in this volume tell the story of Norwood from its founding to the late twentieth century. Businesses, houses of worship, educational, health care and recreational facilities, public buildings, landmarks and homes are all represented. For many, these views will spark nostalgia; for others, they will be totally unfamiliar. Either way, this is vintage Norwood.

MONDAY MATINEE SERIES

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to launch Monday Movie Matinee, a film series starting in January. The series will run from January - May. The films will be shown on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. All showtimes at 1PM. Movie dates are: 3/11. 3/25, 4/22, 5/13. February movies are: Judas and the Black Messiah (126 mins) and A Haunting in Venice (104 mins).

UNRAVELING MYTHS ABOUT TRANS PEOPLE IN SPORTS

The Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with a cohort of over 40 Massachusetts and New Hampshire public libraries to host journalist Erin Reed for a virtual presentation titled "The Real Score: Unraveling Myths About Trans People in Sports" on Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00pm on Zoom.

In this presentation, we will explore the complex and often misunderstood world of transgender athletes in sports. Delving into the history and current controversies, we will address the myths and misinformation surrounding "biological advantages." We will also discuss the discriminatory nature of recent sports bans targeting transgender individuals, and interrogate how similar arguments have been historically used to marginalize other minority groups. We will look at the real world impact of these sports bans, and how they might touch places you didn't think about. Finally, we'll put it all together in considering what transgender inclusion means for society at

About the presenter: Erin Reed (she/her) is a transgender journalist based in Washington, D.C. She tracks LGBTQ+ legislation around the United States for her subscription newsletter, Erin In The Morning. Her work has been cited by the AP, Reuters, The New York Times, The Washington Post, and many more major media outlets. You can follow her on twitter and tiktok @ErinInTheMorn.

TO SPOT AND REPORT SCAMS

To fight this rising threat of scams and to empower Norwood residents to spot and report scams, the Town of Norwood created an Anti-scam Task Force (NASTF). The task force comprises the Town of Norwood and community partners that include the Norwood PD, Senior Center, a local bank, Morrill Memorial Library, and others.

Please join the Norwood Anti-scam Task Force for an informational session called Scams 101: Spot, Report and Stop! The session will take place at the library on Monday March 18, at 7PM in the Simoni Room.

The presentation will in-

- Information about the mission and vision of NASTF
- The Federal Trade Commission collects data on scams. Understand what the data tells us about scams, which ones are most active, what kind of financial loss they represent. This topic will be presented by Norwood Selectwoman Amanda
- Tips and best practices to protect your money. This topic

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court - Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. NO22P1245EA

Estate of: Frances M. Hentschel Date of Death: 03/25/2022

Norfolk Probate and Family Court 35 Shawmut Road Canton, MA 02021 781-830-1200

To all interested persons:

A Petition for S/A Formal Appointment of Successor PR has been filed by Dennis Stampfl 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:

Dennis Stampfl 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 03/20/2024. 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: February 15, 2024

Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate



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Thank You Novenas For Favors or Prayers Answered

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

nost beautiful flower of 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, 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.

Miracle Praver

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.

-DJ.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court - Probate and Family Court Department Docket No. NO23C0501CA NORFOLK Division CITATION ON PETITION TO

Norfolk Probate and Family Court

35 Shawmut Road Canton, MA 02021 781-830-1200

In the Matter of: HOPE FOLAN GRASSI

A Petition to **Change Name of Adult** has been filed by Hope Folan Grassi of Quincy, MA

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Hope Adaline Folan

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Norfolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m on the return day of 03/27/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: February 23, 2024

CHANGE NAME

Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

Norwood Record: 2/29/2024

NORWOOD DEMOCRATS TO ELECT DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION

On Saturday, March 9 at 10:00 AM, Democrats will convene at the Norwood Morrill Memorial Library, 33 Walpole St., Norwood, MA 02062 to elect 17 delegates and 4 alternates to represent Norwood at the 2024 State Democratic Convention. Registered and pre-registered Democrats in Norwood 16 years old by Thursday, February 15th may vote and be elected as delegates or alternates during the caucus. Youth (age 16 to 35), people with disabilities, people of color, veterans, members of the LGBTQ+ community not elected as delegates or alternates are encouraged to apply to be add-on delegates at the caucus or by visiting massdems.org/ massdems-convention. The 2024 Convention will be in person at the DCU Center in Worcester, MA on June 1st. Norwood Democrats will convene a regular business meeting immediately following the caucus. Those interested in getting involved with the Norwood Democratic Town Committee should contact the committee at NorwoodDTC@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page at facebook.com/NorwoodDTC.

VFW ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

The Norwood VFW will be hosting a Happy St. Patrick's Day Party on Sunday, March 17, from 4 to 8 PM. This event is open to everyone. The Public is invited. Tickets are only \$20.00 per person. The traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner will be provided. This will be preceded by the very delicious Lamb Stew. This Stew has always been a favorite. The Dinner is scheduled for 5:00 PM. The evening will also feature Irish and Dance Music. Wonderful music will be provided for everyone's dancing and listening pleasure. This event will be in the Function Hall at the Norwood VFW Post 2452 at 193 Dean Street, Norwood. It is strongly encouraged that tickets be obtained by Friday, March 15. The

For the Record

Tickets are available for sale at the VFW Post on Dean Street. Please call 781-762-6910 for more information. Come eat, dance, and have fun.

MONTHLY BALLROOM DANCE

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging will be sponsoring their monthly Ballroom Dance, on Friday, March 15th from 7-10 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood. Music will be provided by Play It Again South Shore and the cost is \$12.00 per person for your Ballroom Dancing pleasure. Coffee, tea, desserts & water are served & there are also door prizes.

We look forward to welcoming newcomers of all ages. There is a Facebook page so you can check the status of events offered by the Friends: Friends Of The Norwood Council On Aging | Facebook

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SERIES

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

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

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

Understanding Transgender and Non-Binary Youth: March 8, from 9-10 a.m. Understanding Pediatric Anxiety Disorders and OCD: March 22, from 12-1 p.m. Partnering with Schools for Services and Supports: April 5, from 9-10 a.m.

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

ROTARY MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST

Please join us for a Neponset Valley Rotary Membership breakfast meeting on Wednesday, March 6, at Sheraton Four Points, Route 1, Norwood, MA at 7:30 AM. Ours is a dynamic Rotary club that strives to change and save lives in our world, both locally and globally, by offering our community a variety of service projects that range from improving literacy, to delivering clean water, to supporting our community food pantries. Want to make a difference in this world? Come check us out on March 6th...you'll be glad that you did. If you would like to attend, to reserve a seat, please email Mike Thornton at: Mjt373group@gmail.com Looking forward to seeing you on March 6th!

CHARLES RIVER WATERSHED CLIMATE CHANGE PRESENTATION

Flooding, extreme heat, drought . . . climate change has arrived with full force in the cities and towns of Massachusetts. And most of us are not yet equipped to cope with the change! Emily Norton will be giving a Presentation on Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Please register for the Zoom Link to the Program at:

https://bit.ly/crgcprepforclimate.

Communities and individuals must develop strategies to deal with the effects of climate change as they happen, but many people – including local and state leaders – are not fully informed about what steps they can take.

Emily Norton is the Executive Director of the Charles River Watershed Association, Emily has unique insights into climate resilience solutions because her work is centered around healing and restoring the environment.

A Question and Answer session will follow the presentation.

THE WOMANS CLUB TO MEET

The Norwood Woman's Club will be meeting on Tuesday, March 12th at 12:30 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall. 572 Nichols St, Norwood Ma. The Black Velvet Band will be returning to help us celebrate St. Patrick's Day. There will be a lot of singing, dancing, and clapping going on to the Irish tunes . A light lunch will be served. Guests are welcomed. Yearly dues are now \$35.00. 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.

IMPACT NORWOOD CREATING MAGAZINE

Calling all Norwood residents! How has physical and mental wellness impacted your life? Impact Norwood is a substance use prevention and mental health awareness coalition seeking to improve health in Norwood youth. We are creating a wellness magazine, Mindful Mustangs, focusing on stories of resilience, mental health, physical activity, community, and prioritizing overall wellbeing, but we need submissions! We are looking for articles and artwork from Norwood residents of all ages sharing any story about their own wellness journey or using one of our prompts. You can find the application and submit your response online at http:// tinyurl.com/Mindful-Mustangs24 or at one of our physical locations: the Civic Center, Morrill Memorial Library, Senior Center, and Town Hall. To find out more, please visit impactnorwood.org/mindful - m u s t a n g s o r email mindfulmustangs@gmail.com with any questions.

NORWOOD TOASTMASTERS CAN IMPROVE COMMUNICATION SKILLS

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. We meet from 6:45 until 8:30 p.m. at the Lydon Suite in the Norwood Civic Center, 165 Nahatan St. in Norwood, Massachusetts. Please visit our website: https:// norwoodtoastmaster.toastmastersclubs.org/ for additional information."

VFW MEAT RAFFLE

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

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

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

Feeling the Blues?

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Mazda CX-90

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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 February 19

1625 Phone - Welfare Check Gone on arrival Location/Address: Conrads - Washington St Caller on the business line from Conrad's restaurant reports a male party just left and seemed very confused stated he was heading to central station. Male party is wearing a winter hat and a blue jacket. Male party is gone on arrival. Checked surronding streets with nothing found.

1634 Phone - PD-Assist Other Agency Investigated Location/Address: Engamore Ln Call from Salem PD of Salem MA. They pulled over a male party in their town and during the stop he made QS statements and he was taken to the Salem Hospital. Male party took off from the hospital and made it back to his vehicle were he was parked earlier. Hospital security was not able to stop him. Salem would like us to check if he made it back to his home in our town.

2231Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Investigated Location/Address: Yew Dr RP on business line reports white Toyota Camry. Tinted windows. Year 2006-2011. Parked all the way in their backyard and then sped off. OFC's responding and checking the area. OFC found MA REG 275VS3 at a gas station up the street. It was former homeowner showing her kids the house. OFC on scene checked for damage. Nothing showing. Spoke with RP. All parties satisfied.

Tuesday, February 20

0652Phone - PD-Noise ComplaintServices Rendered Location/Address: Hoyle St Caller on the business line stating her neighbor at the listed address is making thumping noise. Caller lives at Both parties were advised

0740Phone - PD-Mental Health Services Rendered Location/Address: Hoyle St 911 caller reporting loud music coming from the home for a few hours now. Caller reports this is an ongoing issue.

1255 Walk-In - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Hoyle St Walk in party came into complain about her on going neighbour issue. Report taken. Refrence 24-22732

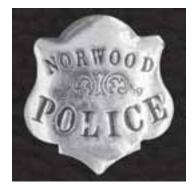
1424 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Day St+ Highland St MVST MA REG 3HFX86, Owner/Operator 665 returning with one in custody, AR requested and assigned Walpole Spanish speaking officer responding Refer To Arrest: 24NWD-45-AR Arrest: Soto Tejeda, Denly Address: 38 Woodland St Lawrence, Ma Age: 24 Charges: Fentanyl, Trafficking In More Than 10 Grams C.94c, 032e(C+) Crack Cocaine, Trafficking In 18 Grams Or More, Less Than 36 Grams Drug, Possess To Distrib Class

1752 Phone - PD-Neighbor Dispute Spoke With Location/Address: Cedar St Party requesting a phone call from an officer regarding an on-going neighbor dispute stemming from a past hit and run. Information sent to work phone. Party advised to call PD if neighbor knocks on door again, unit clear.

Wednesday, February 21

0932Phone - PD-Harassment Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St Caller on the business line reporting her granddaughter has been receiving threatening texts from another student at her school. Norwood 669 reports speaking to the involved parties parents. They were given the copy of the text messages that were

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sent. The calling parties granddaughter blocked the involved party. All parties advised and units clear.

1449 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Norwest Dr From HQ for a parties lighting their belongings on fire at the rear of the building due to being evicted. All units clear, report to follow. OF assigned.

1548 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Village Rd E Caller on the business line reporting his daughter was being followed by a male party. Caller requesting to speak to an officer regarding the situation. Male party described as indian, dark hair, grey pants, and grey button up. This occured about 20 minutes ago. Norwood 667 reports speaking to the reporting party, possibly a coincidence. Parties advised. Area check for that male party, negative at this time. All units clear.

1623 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Mountain Ave Caller on business line reports vehicle parked out front of house in the street. White sedan, male party wearing a baseball hat. States they've been there for an hour and a half. Norwood 674 reports that party checks out, all units clear.

2053 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Spoke With Location/Address: Village Rd W Party is reporting that her daughter went to a friend's house and has not returned home. Would like to speak to an officer regarding options. Unknown what friend she went out with or the location of friend. Contact made with the daughter. Daughter is out with a friend and is safe. Will return home later. Will contact Norwood Police if that changes.

2054 911 - PD-Suspicious Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Day St 911 caller reports a suspicious male party in the roadway growling. Caller then hung up before providing any further information. Attempted call back, however party did not answer. Checked area and nothing found in the area. Unfounded at this time.

2140 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Citgo - Bos-Prov Hwy Motor Vehicle Stop MA REG 4LWL58 One male party in custody. Negoshian has been started for a tow. NWD 665 returning to the station with that male party in custody..

Refer To Arrest: 24NWD-46-AR Arrest: Cepeda, Josee Address: 4 Brookline Ave Lynn, Ma Age: 41 Charges: Straight Warrant Straight Warrant Stop/Yield, Fail To Registration Suspended, Op Mv With Uninsured Motor Vehicle License Suspended, Op Mv With

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1036 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Unfounded Location/Address: Building I - Adams St Caretaker on The Norwood Record

scene is requesting a wellness check on male party who has not been heard from since last Thursday. Was in hospital but no longer there according to hospital. 669 reporting the mail has piled up for this unit. The party's cell phone went right to voice-mail. 669 reporting fire gained entry and the party is not home. The officers left a note and cleared.

1238 Initiated - PD-Follow-Up Investigation Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Jefferson Dr Detectives off in the above area for a follow up. MA 4LEK95 661 enroute 661 returning with one male in custody. Center auto has MA REG 4LEK95 Refer To Arrest: 24NWD-47-AR Arrest: Delaney, Michael Address: 27 Patriots Pl Foxboro, Ma Age: 51 Charges: Unlicensed Operation Of Mv Rmv Document, Possess/Use False/Stolen False Id Information, Arrestee Furnish To Law Enforcement

1300 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Norwood Depot - Railroad Ave Transit PD stating there are kids on the tracks at the above location. Officers report GOA.

1734 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Citation/Warning Issued Location/Address: Valvoline Instant Oil Change - Everett St Caller on the business states a party drove in to get an oil change on his vehicle with open containers of alcohol and a smell of alcohol. Male party was served a citation

Friday, February 23

0601Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Stone Cir Caller on the business line for a caller stating there are construction vehicles working on a house. As well as a truck parked in her driveway. Unit cleared only vehicle in the driveway was the calling parties'.

0844 Phone - PD-Vandalism Report Follows Location/Address: Launch Trampoline Park - Bos-Prov Hwy Norwood Light Department on scene reporting vandalism and stolen copper. 666 reports damage to town and private property. The town has been notified and the private property owner has been notified and is providing security footage.

1647 Phone - PD-Assist Public Spoke With Location/Address: One Local Bank - Central St Per headquarters female party requesting a call from a officer in regards to fraudulent checks being cashed in her name. Callers checkbook was stolen. Spoke to the party, the report was already filed in the correct jurisdiction. She was advised to call NWD PD because the branch of the bank was in our town. She was advised and happy with what we had to say.

2311911 - PD-Disturbance Investigated Location/Address: Norwest Dr 911 caller seeing 3 kids get out of an old white Corolla outside of the caller's home and throw something through their window. Report to follow and OF assigned to NWD 666

Saturday, February 24

0013 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Unfounded Location/Address: Jefferson Dr Female party possibly DK outside banging on her door and Screaming. Norwood 663 reports checking the area, unfounded at this time. All units clear.

0937Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Winslow Ave Party in the lobby looking to talk to an OFC. They are

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"These dancers start immediately right after Christmas and solicit all the car dealerships and big businesses along Route 1; we put posters up, the whole nine yards."

Dancer Nina Kelley said she's been volunteering with the COH for a long time now, but her first interaction with the group was less than ideal, to say the least.

"I've been battling cancer since 2012, with recurrences every other year," she said. "The COH helped me consistently. And then I started following the DNS. I was at one of the satellite locations soliciting votes and have been doing that for the past nine years. Then in October I found out I was in remission. I don't know if they had even heard that, but they called me in November and asked me to dance. I said 'Of course!'"

Kelley said she might not have the most complicated moves on the floor, but she said she's going to give it her all regardless.

"My spine isn't quite the way it used to be, but who cares?" she said. "I'm here and I would do anything for the COH, and I'll continue to volunteer for them after this, however they need me. It's a great organization and it's really a no-brainer to say yes."

Dancer Sam White said COH Founder Lee Kennedy actually roped him into dancing.

"She used to work at the Recreation Department and she would kind of joke about how, 'Hey they need another guy you know," he said. "And I was like, 'Oh maybe I'll think about it.' And about a week later she came in and asked me seriously about it. So I put some thought into and (Norwood Facilities Director) Paul Riccardi came to talk to me about it. He and his wife Carolyn have been a huge part of this as well. He had Carolyn on the phone and put me on, and as soon as I hung up the phone I was a dancer for DNS."

Dancer Dave Dalton said he first heard about COH when he was in high school in the early 2000s, a few years after the charity formed.

"I was working as a Rec Leader at the Civic Center and Lee Kennedy was the secretary there," he said, adding that he had gotten away with not dancing since then, but has had to relent this year. "First and foremost, you cannot say no to Mrs Riccardi. Honestly, it's for a great organization that helps people without any fanfare. I believe that's the way charity should be done."

Dalton added he believes he's got a shot to win the competition this year.

"I have pride in my dad moves and what I am doing for this isn't anything near a little butt wiggle," he said. "My partner Nina has been amazing and we're going for the win, that's for sure."

Norwood's Fred Astaire Dance Studio is providing the dancing lessons and dancing partners for the night, and owner Nina DiPerrio said she always looks forward to it.

"I really enjoy the community and Carolyn Riccardi is just wonderful and I just love working with her, and Kathy St. Cyr was just always so inspirational and this event just meant so much to her," she said. "I think it's really the heart of the people doing it that's always made me enjoy participating. I really like the people and it's just such a great cause as well, it makes sense to support it the best we can."

The COH was formed more than 20 years ago after friends and family coalesced around Norwood resident Lee Kennedy and her daughter Michelle. During Michelle's battle against cancer, she said it was her dream to do the same for anyone facing a similar circumstance when she marveled at the way her community stepped up for her.

Michelle Kennedy did not survive her battle with cancer, but her mother, her family and her friends have been continuing the tradition for years now. COH Board member and Norwood Assessor Tim McDonough said they have now raised and given out a total of \$1.1 million for Norwood families experiencing illness and financial hardship.

"We're going strong in our 26th year and we're still giving out a lot of support," he said. "Every year it seems like it grows and grows, as far as the need. I think most years it's around \$100,000 in assistance... But the big thing is the need grows every year. From pre-pandemic, during pandemic and post-pandemic, there are a lot of people out there who need support and luckily we've been able to fill the gap on some of it."

Riccardi said being on the Board has just been a complete honor.

"To walk down the street and think, 'This might be someone I helped in here,' it's just overwhelming," she said. "It's honorable for us and our people to be able to take care of more people than you think you can in your whole life."

For more information on the COH and the DNS, go to https://www.facebook.com/

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out of walpole but have a cleaning service that services norwood. Suspicious activity went on at this address with some of their workers. Looking to report it. Party cooperative. Items seized from resident. OF requested and assigned to NWD 661. OFC following up for additional items. Units clear from follow up.

1322 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Gone on arrival Location/Address: Countryside Ln Walpole PD reports they received a 911 call for a middle aged white female, dark hair, blue jeans,

and a green jacket. She was described as walking down Countryside Ln in their town yelling and screaming. OFC dispatched to check the area on Norwood's side. OFC checked the area. GOA.

1354 Phone - PD-Assist Public Investigated Location/Address: Village Rd W Mother called on business line. Says her daughter left yesterday and has not come home. She wants to report her missing. It is school vacation week and the daughter has been leaving all week. OFCs spoke

with juvenile. She is all set. Spoke with mother. Mother is satisfied. OFCs clear.

1639 911 - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd 911-Party is stating neighbor is banging on his ceiling, which is the callers floor. They are in corrider arguing. Calling party wishes to stay on the line until PD arrives. Calling party is going to his own apartment and will wait for PD to arrive. Both parties spoken too. Leasing office advised. Units clear

1731 Phone - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Norwood News & Book - Washington St Caller on emergency line said that

there is a male party outside the store yelling at them and saying he wants them to go to jail. 666 spoke with the calling party and she wanted an officer to be aware of an individual walking around the streets and swearing. Units will be clear.

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1748 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Chapel St Tenant is having a verbal argument with his landlord. The landlord has threatened violence in the past. The tenant has locked themselves in a room to get away from the landlord who you could hear yelling in the back. Both parties advised of all options, units will be clear

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BURKE

Myles F. of Norwood passed away on February 8, 2024, at the age of 88. Beloved husband of the late Barbara A. (Javurek) Burke. Devoted father of David J. Burke and his wife, Regina Hoppe-Burke of Norwood and Terence S. Burke of Norwood. Brother of Patricia Orr of Warwick, RI, Janet Sacher of Brooklyn, NY and the late William Burke. Cherished grandfather of Chloe Burke, Kevin Burke and Brian Burke. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. All services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Girl Scouts of the USA, Attn: Office of Philanthropy, P.O. 5046, New York, NY 10087-5046, www.girlscouts.org "Myles left the now and is going into the future."

CONRAD



Brian Conrad of East Walpole passed away on Monday February 19, 2024 at age 69. Beloved son of the late Carroll and Ann (Smith) Conrad. Loving Brother of Laura Howell and her husband Robert Howell of Sandown, NH. Uncle of Megan Howell of NH. A Graveside Service with interment at Highland Cemetery, Norwood held on Saturday February 24, 2024. Funeral arrangements were made with Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Brian's memory to Boston Children's Hospital, www.childrenshospital.org.

DeFAZIO



formerly of Newton and the North End of Boston, Feb. 20, age 94. Luisa, as she was fondly referred to, was predeceased by her loving husband of 60 years, Michael DeFazio, her parents, Michele and Italia (Lanzillo) Caggiano, and her siblings Jeanette Bennett, Mary Ferrara, Anthony Caggiano, Rose Caggiano, Carol Storella, and Robert Caggiano. Loving and devoted mother of Christine Glebus and her husband Kevin of Sandwich, Michele Taranto and her husband Billy of Norwood, and Laura and her husband Rick Shechtman of Barnstable. Luisa adored her grandchildren and great grandchildren, Steven Delaney, and his wife Michelle, and their daughters, Riley, Hailey, and Avery of Bozeman, Montana, Cole Schectman of Barnstable, and Matthew Schectman and his wife Emily, and their 3 sons, Bowen, Graham, and Miller. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews who visited her often and never forgot her with cards and flowers throughout the year. Luisa was a traffic supervisor for the City of Newton for many years and later loved working at Filene's in Chestnut Hill for 25 years in the luxury handbag department. She felt so at home at her condo at Royal Crest Country Club where she developed lifelong friends who were always looking out for her. In her later years, you couldn't keep Luisa down as she enjoyed time with her many friends, including learning to play golf, (although she never kept score), her weekly lunches,

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learning cribbage, and was even planning on joining her cornhole friends the week she passed. When you visited Luisa at home, she was typically found reading a book in the sunshine in her favorite rocking chair. Her absolute favorite time was being with her family, especially around the Christmas Eve table, a tradition she held for over 50 years.

DUNN



Anne Marie, of Norwood, passed away at her home on Thursday, February 22, 2024 at age 67. Born in Boston, she was the daughter of the late John and Anne (Hickey) Dunn. Anne Marie was a 1974 graduate of Norwood High School. She went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree from Framingham State College, and Master's Degree from Lesley College. She taught for many years at John Rogers Middle School in Rockland. Anne Marie was a fierce and loyal friend and touched many lives with her generous spirit. She loved soaking up the sun on the beach, swimming in the ocean, and sharing her love of the ocean with others. She had a contagious enthusiasm for life and never grew tired of visits to Disney World and celebrating holidays. Her legacy will live on in the lives of friends and family and the lives of the students she so loved to teach. Anne Marie was the devoted mother of Jessica Dunn, and the proud grandmother of John

LANG

Elizabeth Marie (McMahon), a longtime resident of Hyde Park, died Friday, February 9, 2024 at Traditions in Dedham after a short illness. She was 89. Betty was born May 22, 1934 in Boston, Massachusetts, the only child of James Bernard and Elizabeth Gertrude (McLay) McMahon. She graduated from Girl's High School in Boston.



She started working at Boston Gas Company, moved to working as a bookkeeper for the Perkit Folding Box Corporation in Hyde Park, and spent the last dozen years of her working career at Dedham Wholesale Tire Company in West Roxbury until her retirement in 2013. Betty was a very active parishioner at St. Anne's Church in Readville where she was a member of the St. Anne's Ladies Sodality, the Our Lady of Fatima Legion of Mary, a member of the Catholic Daughters, and a member of the Parish Council at St. Anne's Church. She was also a member of the Red Hat Society and St. Mary's Exercise Group. Betty was the beloved wife of the late George Henry Lang who predeceased her in 2017. She is survived by her two daughters, Sharon M. Germano, and her husband John, of Dedham, and Gail S. Lang-Rubenstein, and her husband Barry, of Norwood; by her six grandchildren, Christopher (Andrea), Daniel, Michael (Andrea), Katherine (Zachary), Jacob (Katherine), and Jessica (John); as well as two great grandchildren, Madelyn and Riley. Betty's family would like to thank Ramona Barros for her loving care this past year. Also thanks to the residents and staff of Traditions for t heir love and friendship during her time there. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery, Grove St, West Roxbury. Donations to St. Anne's Church, 90 West Milton Street, Hyde Park, MA 02136 would be appreciated.

Dunn, both of Norwood. She was the sister of John Dunn and wife Sandy Falmouth. Services from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rt. 1A) NORWOOD on Monday March 4, 2024 at 10 AM. Funeral Mass in St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 547 Washington Street, Norwood at 11 AM. Visiting Hours in the Funeral Home on Sunday from 2-6 PM. Interment will be private at St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Anne Marie's memory to the Association to Preserve Cape Cod, see apcc.org.

DUQUETTE

Phyllis May, lifelong resident of Norwood, passed away on February 24, 2024. She was 89 years old. Phyllis was the dear sister of William Duquette Jr. of Norwood and Jean Meninno of Norwood. Dear aunt of Marcia Duquette and great-aunt of Brittany Trunk. Loving daughter of the late William Duquette Sr. and Blanche (Williams) Duquette. She is also survived by several loving cousins. Phyllis Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 11 a.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Norwood. Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 29, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Phyllis' memory may be made to Catholic Charities. 275 West Broadway, Boston MA 02127. www.ccab.org Phyllis will be laid to rest at Highland Cemetery in Norwood.

