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Hundreds of residents came out for the Norwood Holiday Tree Lighting on Sunday. Dozens of children came out to hear Selectman Helen Abdallah-Donohue read *The Night Before Christmas*, pictured above.

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Norwood Hospital breaks ground

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

About 40 or 50 Norwood Hospital officials, Town officials, state officials, press and others came out on Tuesday, Nov. 30 to, metaphorically, break ground on the replacement for the Norwood Hospital. "We brought police from 40 agencies, from as far away as the Cape, and people from Norwood know that Walpole is far away, so the Cape is very far away," Mazzucco said. "Forty agencies came to the aid of the Town as we had utility lines down, trees down, streets blocked, vehicles that couldn't get out of where they were."

The hospital plan still has a long way to go. Right now, Town officials are working with hospital officials and Steward Health representatives to work out a plan to rebuild, but there are several hurdles they need to overcome. First, the relevant Town agencies, like the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, need to discuss and sign off on the hospital's design. Not only that, but it has been discovered that there are several easements, paper streets and pedestrian rights of way on the books that legally have to be transferred to the Hospital or just outright revoked. Norwood Town Meeting members will have to sign off on that.

The rebuild has been slow going. Over the last year, Mazzucco and other Town officials have been echoing the same refrain: the hospital is still working out issues with its insurance company. Gov. Charlie Baker said it was a good thing Norwood Hospital was not an independent hospital, as he said he did not believe any independent hospital would have the resources to rebuild

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A Norwood Tradition comes alive again

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The annual Norwood Holiday Tree Lighting saw at least 300 people come out for hayrides, ice cream, *The Night Before Christmas* and much more on Sunday, Nov. 28.

Selectman Helen Abdallah-Donohue read *The Night Before Christmas* to two dozen or so children at the Norwood Common Gazebo, and added her own additions to the story as she read.

"Do any of you have a fireplace in your home?" she asked the crowd as

she paused in the reading. "I know if you do, you hung your stockings there!"

Representatives from the Town used the opportunity to speak with residents about the upcoming 150th anniversary of the Town of Norwood. Finance Commission Vice Chair Ann Haley and several others were set up right at the line for the hay rides, which stretched from the carriage's hitching post at the Norwood Theater through the Common to the War Memorial. Haley said the First Night celebration will kick off a whole year of celebrating the Town of Norwood and what it

means to live here.

"I'm getting really excited about First Night," she said. "We'll start with a road race for anybody who wants to join in with us and then if you come in a costume, you might even be awarded a prize or two. But we'll also have some bands, some entertainment, some arts and crafts for the kids and some animals they can pet, so it will be great celebration for the whole family. And then the ball will drop at 10 p.m. and we'll be done with the celebration, but only for First Night. The 150th will

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Government and hospital officials break ground on the new hospital.

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for three years without any stable income from treating patients.

"They were able to put together a capital plan and a fi-

nancing plan in place to pay and build a new one. Remember, this hospital has not seen a patient in 16 months and will not see one until 2023," he

said. "Steward is paying a significant amount of money to build a new and improved version of this particular institution. Now we spent a lot of time paying a lot of attention to the insurance issues around that and we will continue to do that to make sure you're treated fairly."

Baker was alluding to the "insurance issues" that have come about regarding disagreements between Steward and its insurance companies over what was and wasn't covered for damages during the rain storm. Please refer to Page 4 of this week's issue to read the full details of the lawsuit Steward has filed against its insurance companies.

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Selectmen, ConCom unanimously approve Bernard Cooper Park

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen met jointly with the Norwood Conservation Commission on Tuesday, Nov. 30, and both organizations voted unanimously to support the final design plans for what was originally called the Saints Street Park.

And, in an unexpected move, both bodies voted unanimously to name the park after former Assistant Town Manager Bernie Cooper.

"Every single person that I have asked has said that they would love the park to be named after Bernard Cooper," said Selectman Helen Abdallah-Donohue. "I nominate his name for the park to be named."

The Board made a motion to name the park in some fashion after Cooper. However, a final name wasn't officially declared as names like "Bernard Cooper Park," "The Bernard Cooper Riverfront Park," and other monikers were thrown around.

The proposal plans to use Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds through an application to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). The idea is to turn the vacant forested area currently known as the Saints Street Lot which, under the current design, would be complete with stabilized soil paths, parking, overviews, boardwalks, fruit plants and an outdoor classroom and outdoor playground near the Balch School.

Selectman Bill Plasko said he had some concerns about the price tag for the park, as the total projected cost is \$1.6 million. Currently, there are 10 projects up for consideration before the CPC, and Plasko pointed out that the park might not get all the funding the Commission is looking for. Conservation Agent Holly Jones said they had prepared for this contingency and have a full plan that can be implemented in stages.

"I kind of gulped when I saw the price, but we'll see what we can do and how much we can get and do what we can," Plasko said.

Plasko said he was also concerned about park maintenance, as he didn't want to give the Norwood Department of Public Works (DPW) extra work unnecessarily.

"One of the best assets of our Town is the DPW; I keep

calling them the lifeblood of the Town because they keep things going. They're the people behind it and make it work," he said. "But how much can we keep putting on the plate for them to handle? This is a pretty significant property to handle, and so I hope a friends group or some significant long-term commitment is made so we don't expect the DPW to do it without adding staff, because we keep adding things."

Jones said they are in talks with certain organizations to help clean and maintain the property.

"The answer to some extent is the DPW, the Trails Committee and also one part of the outreach was that many people were enthusiastic about creating a friends group, a number of neighbors who spearheaded the (land) purchase, Patti Bailey in particular," she said. "She said she would chair such a group."

Jones added the Norwood Trails Advisory Committee and the Neponset River Watershed Association have held several cleanups at the property over this summer.

Plasko said, since there have been more and more open space projects coming before the CPC over the past two years, that the DPW's workload on these sites should be considered.

"So I'm concerned about the general state of us nonchalantly adding more work to the DPW," he said. "I think we really need to consider that moving forward."

In other news, Selectmen voted to form a subcommittee to future plan for the George Henry Morse House on Washington Street in South Norwood. The committee would be made up of five persons, consisting of a member of the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager Tony Mazzucco, a member of the Historical Commission and two residents.

The subcommittee would be tasked with figuring out how best to renovate and use the Morse House for the Norwood Public. During the last round of CPC funding, the Historical Commission won funding from a vote of Town Meeting to do a feasibility study on the building and property. Members of the Commission recently came before the Board with the study in hand to propose a renovation of the property costing around \$1.6 million to use the space as a meeting place and historic museum.

The Board balked at that number since they felt the house was too small to adequately hold residents for a meeting and that not enough residents would utilize the space to justify the public investment. Suggestions as to expanding the scope of the project were put forth, and now the idea is that the subcommittee will go over the feasibility study to try to figure out the best use of the property.

"We'll just ask, as we do at every meeting, that we're forming a committee to look into the future use of the Morse House and if anyone has an interest, please contact the Selectmen's Office," said Plasko.

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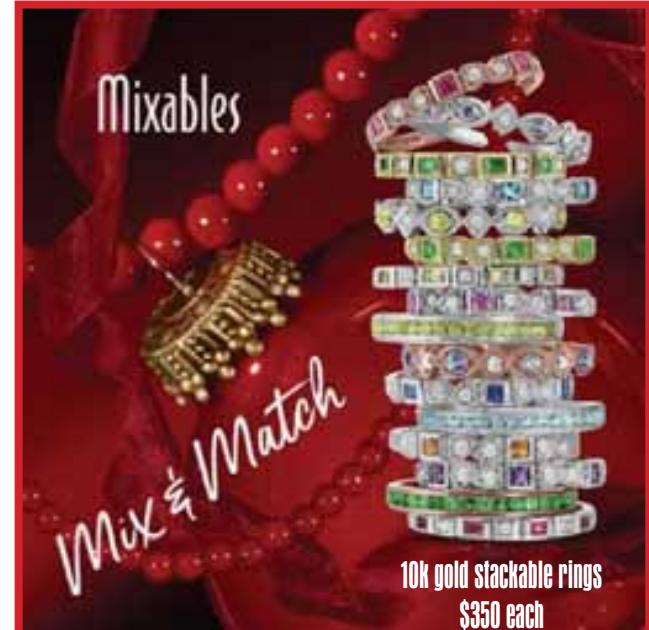
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Hospital sues insurer

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The refrain from Town officials over the past year and change has been that the Norwood Hospital has not submitted a plan to rebuild because it is still dealing with its insurance company on the flooding.

Readers probably remember the vast flooding that took place on June 28, 2020, during which almost half a foot of rain fell in half an hour. Town Manager Tony Mazzucco has said repeatedly that no reasonable amount of stormwater infrastructure could have handled a storm like that, and it damaged the Norwood Hospital to the point where Steward Healthcare announced it will be replacing the entire structure with a \$180 million rebuild over the next four or so years.

But now, it appears that Steward, the company that ran the hospital, and Medical Properties Trust (MPT), the company that owns the hospital, are both equally fed up with their insurance companies and are suing them for breach of contract, among other things.

Each company had an insurance plan with related companies: Steward with the American Guarantee and Liability Insurance Company (AGLIC) and MPT with AGLIC's parent company Zurich American Insurance Company.

The lawsuit, filed by Steward alone, is against both AGLIC and Zurich. Steward contends that AGLIC breached its contract with Steward and that Zurich wrongfully interfered with Steward's contract with AGLIC.

The basis of the lawsuit is basically that Steward and MPT are claiming the losses for the hospital to be about \$220 million and the insurance companies have only paid \$57.5 million.

Steward claims that the insurance companies repeatedly underestimated the damage to the hospital.

"During an initial visit to the Hospital after the Rain Event, for example, one of Zurich's representatives commented that 'it looks like a dry out and paint job,'" read the lawsuit.

Steward claims that it and MPT hired 17 consultant companies to assess the damage and a dry out and paint job was apparently not their assessment. According to the lawsuit filed by Steward, they all agreed it was a total loss.

There are two main aspects to the case that Steward contends justify the \$220 million price tag. The first is that of how the dam-

age to the hospital occurred. Readers may remember the eye-catching video of water rushing into the basement of the hospital at waist-level or higher, throwing chairs and other equipment around like a tidal wave.

According to the lawsuit, Steward states that both insurers separated the damage down by the rushing water on the ground floor and basement levels and the damage done to the upper floors. Steward states that AGLIC and Zurich are claiming the ground floor and basement water damage was technically the result of flood damage, while the damage to the upper floors was water damage.

The AGLIC policy limits the amount it may have to pay Steward for flood damage to \$150 million, while the total policy limit is \$850 million for Steward and \$750 million for MPT. Zurich, according to the lawsuit, claimed in December of 2020 that the damage to the hospital could be fixed with \$32 million. In January of 2021, the insurance companies responded to Steward's claim stating that it lacked diligence and that Steward was being uncooperative. Steward claimed the insurance companies were also ignoring the analysis of the 17 consultants.

"The Defendants further alleged that Steward's claimed time element loss is 'incomplete' and yet 'appear[s] based on a scope of repair beyond that which is needed to restore the damage,'" Steward wrote.

Lastly, Steward claimed that both insurance companies believe Steward's losses to be incomplete because it did not try to salvage water-damaged medical equipment.

"The Defendants contend that Steward should have returned medical supplies for credit or allocated them to other Steward network hospitals. Zurich's position is reckless, divorced from science and cannot be advanced in good faith in the context of a medical setting. Indeed, unlike office supplies or warehouse equipment with which the Defendants may be more familiar, Steward cannot simply dry out, clean and place medical supplies back into circulation," the lawsuit read.

The lawsuit also contends that even if a medical machine is working after it has been exposed to water, that doesn't mean it will keep working.

Representatives from Zurich did not respond in time for The Record's deadline, but have stated previously they would not comment on ongoing litigation.

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The Norwood Record

Letters to the Editor

OUR SILENCE IS DEAFENING

To The Editor:

The Norwood Library Board of Trustees has informed the Norwood Girl Scouts they are not welcome to use the library's parking lot on Sunday mornings in January and February for selling Girl Scout Cookies, even though the library will be closed at those times.

"It seems to me," Director Clayton Cheever told this paper, "if we open up for (the Girl Scouts) we would have to be open to a program of any nature."

Please. That's called rationalization, which means finding a good reason for doing something you know is wrong.

Telling the Girl Scouts to scram is wrong, though it'll probably make Mr. Cheever the darling of neurotic malcontents.

Where was this hand-wringing when the library opened its doors to a "A Story Hour With Drag Kings, Queens and Friends" last June, encouraging kids to "dress up in any costume and outfit that makes them feel their best?"

Remember that? It's called proselytization, which means advocating a belief, cause or point of view, especially one that goes against the timeless grains of common mores.

Dress like your aunt or your uncle: Who cares? Just stay away from those chocolate chip cookies.

*Joe Fitzgerald
Norwood*

WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE LIBRARY?

To the Editor:

We must be living in a bizarre, backwards dimension where up is down, left is right and what is considered decent and appropriate is traded in for the completely obscene and outlandish.

The Morrill Memorial "PUBLIC" Library hierarchy in all its infinite wisdom has recently decided to deny the Girl Scout's request to use the library parking lot to sell cookies on Sunday mornings from



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January to February. The Scouts didn't ask to set up a kiosk inside the library, simply to use the public library parking lot during hours the library was not even open. This comes just months after the Morrill Memorial Library supported and hosted the infamous Drag Queen Story Hour. Let's listen in on imaginary phone calls placed by the two different parties to the library.

Call number one: Morrill Library: Hello, library. Citizen 1: Hi, I would like to host a Drag Queen Story Hour at our library. Library: Aren't drag queens men dressed up as women who put on shows filled with lewd and sexually explicit behavior geared towards adults at cabarets and nightclubs? Citizen 1: Yes, that's correct. We would like to have them read books to children at our library. Library: That sounds like a fantastic idea.

Call number two: Morrill Library: Hello, library. Citizen 2: Hi, the Girl Scouts would like to sell cookies at our library. Library: Is this the same Girl Scouts that promotes leadership in young women, helps them develop strong character, builds confidence and promotes community involvement? Citizen 2: Yes, that's correct. We would like to sell cookies in our library parking lot when the library is closed. Library: No, absolutely not.

See what I mean? Complete bizarro world.

I want to applaud the Norwood Record for publishing the article I am referencing in their November 25th issue. This article may have gone unnoticed to many who don't have their eyes open wide enough, but to people who can see where this community and country is headed it's another example of what's wrong in today's society and the blatant extermination of all things good and decent. The library's director and board of trustees have hijacked a sacred institution for selfish, agenda-driven reasons and the Morrill Memorial Library will be just that, a distant "memory" of an actual library.

*Chris Jordan
Norwood*

NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL DESIGN CONCERNS

To the Editor:

As a life-long Norwood resident and former Director of Buildings and Grounds for the School Department, I fully support the proposed new Middle School Project; however, I find some aspects of the proposed schematic design to be unacceptable. Specifically, the pro-

posed building signage and building name need more consideration, vetting and public input, as do certain aspects of the building's façade.

The merits of considering 100-plus-year-old factory and mill buildings in Town as "unifying elements" in the new school's design is questionable, when you consider the many other more positive examples of architecture in Norwood, such as Town Hall, the many impressive houses of worship and of course the new High School. The general floorplan layout, building size/shape and adjacencies of the proposed new Middle School seem to work. My objection is that the building signage doesn't work and will have a significant negative impact on what could otherwise be a school that we can all take pride in.

The front façade of the building has two large Mustang logos, apparently intended to represent the school's mascot. One of the logos also has an extraordinarily large Norwood "N" superimposed over the Mustang. Why would the Town want permanent signage of our mascot mounted in such a prominent location? It would clearly send a message that athletics and other activities are more important than education. Identifying our new 50-year school with a mascot does not reflect the larger mission of the school, which is education. I say this as a Norwood High graduate and someone who wore the Mustang proudly as a member of the 1977 Super Bowl winning football team. I find the mascot signage to be totally inappropriate. The message it conveys to students attending the school or families considering moving into Town is that athletics are more important than education.

The proposed "building-mounted" sign for the name of the school needs to be reconsidered. Designs for many newer public buildings are moving away from signs fixed to buildings and instead having stand-alone, ground-mounted signs. There is a very practical reason for this, as names of buildings can change over a 50-year-plus life and it is simpler and less costly to change a ground-mounted sign, rather than patching holes in the wall left by the former sign. We need look no further than the current building which has had three different names since being built: Junior High South, Norwood Junior High and Coakley Middle School.

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Town officials are using the Community Preservation Act to try to head off a 40B issue similar to that which caused the Town to buy the Forbes Hill Mansion in 2017.

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Planning Board receives 40B, affordable housing update

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Planning Board met on Monday, Nov. 22 and discussed several issues on the horizon for the Town.

Assistant Town Planner Sarah Bouchard discussed the Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding applications that have been received by the Town for the Community Preservation Committee and,

ultimately, Town Meeting to vote on in the future. She said one would be to fund deed-restriction extensions for certain properties in the Town where affordable housing protections and subsidies are expiring.

This is important because if the Town loses too much of its current affordable housing, it could once again be prey to developers working under the Massachusetts Chapter 40B law. This law states that if a

municipality has less than 1.5 percent of its land or 10 percent of its housing stock dedicated to affordable housing, developers can build affordable housing and ignore many local zoning laws.

Two proposed developments, Forbes Hill and the Avalon Bay/Plimpton Press sites highlighted the Town's vulnerability to affordable housing several years ago

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Endean Orchard replanted as organizers looking to future

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Over the past few weeks, the Norwood Department of Public Works (DPW), organizers from the Boston Food Forest and volunteers from the area planted and mulched the Norwood Public Orchard at Endean Field.

Norwood Conservation Agent Holly Jones said they planted 20 trees this time, with 10 apple trees, four cherry trees, two plum trees, two pawpaw trees and two serviceberry trees. Jones said the inclusion of different species will provide more variation in fruit for Norwood residents (as any resident will be able to come to the orchard and pick the fruit once it starts growing), and while biodiversity can help to in-

crease the overall suitability of the orchard, she said this time around the trees they planted are local.

"We went with larger trees from a local nursery," she said. "The first time the trees were planted, they were very small and they were shipped up from a nursery in the southeastern part of the U.S., and so these trees have been grown in this region and they're all several years old. We're hoping that will give them better protection against both the harsh winters as well as browsing by deer. Some of them are already at the fruit-bearing stage so hopefully we'll be able to see harvests as soon as next fall."

This past Saturday, Jones and about 12 volunteers came out to mulch the tree beds and cage the smaller trees to prevent

deer from munching on the trees.

"It was a really great turnout and we were able to get a lot done," she said. "The work day focused on adding compost over the existing soil and mulch over that. The ground wasn't frozen, and so we were able to work it fairly easily with hoes and rakes. Although it definitely was a very cold day, we were happy we had some mulled cider in the shed as well as some empanadas. So that kept us somewhat warm."

Jones said the main effort this winter will be monitoring their progress and possibly spraying them with rodent and/or deer repellent. "Just to try and make sure during the time when the deer are hungriest they aren't coming to these trees first," she said.

While providing fresh fruit to Norwood residents is definitely a key purpose for the orchard, Jones said she wanted to use it as an educational opportunity too, the first of which being helping to make sure the orchard sticks around.

"Things that volunteers might be happy to help with but not necessarily have any knowledge in," she said. "I will say I reached out to the Norfolk Aggi (Norfolk County Agricultural School) to have their students come out and help out at the orchard as well, be it monitoring or design. It's not clear

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Tree Lighting

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continue for the whole year."

Haley said she was thrilled to see so many smiling faces at the Tree Lighting and said she hopes to see the same enthusiasm for the 150th.

"Actually, a couple of years ago they let me read The Night Before Christmas and it was delightful, I had a wonderful time," she said. "But I think there's a few more people at least here than at other years, I really do, and it's just great to see all the families come out. The kids are behaving and they're being patient with the lines, but it's just great out here. There are lots of things for the kids to do."

For more information on First Night and the slew of events for the 150th celebration, go to <https://norwoodma150.gov/>

Resident George Gealy said he came out with his grandchildren, and said he's happy to support his hometown.

"I was on the fire department for many years, and I was a shift commander and a captain, yeah I had the good seats then," he said. "It's such a good turnout this year."

Volunteer Jackie Alexander dressed up as an elf, with full costume from her head to her toes, for the second year now, and said she just loves seeing the joy this event brings people.

"It's just fun," she said. "And I think there's more people here than I remember

before. I think people just want to do it because they haven't done it in so long."

Resident John Cucinotta said he's been coming for seven years now with his children, who said they like to see their friends.

"The kids are happy together you know?" he said.

Resident Ryan Patrician said this was his first time out for the event.

"It's a really good thing to get the community together and it seems very fun and a pretty good time," he said, and then pointed to the horse rides. "I have one kid out there on the hayride now with his mother, and then I have another who just doesn't want to do anything."

Resident Sandra Gross also came out for her first time, and has had a somewhat unique experience.

"It's beautiful, it's wonderful and it's just charming," she said, adding that she and her daughter had already hit the hayride. "We actually kind of lucked out. We were sitting right there when they rolled up and we were literally the first people on the horse ride when they started!"

Resident Didian J said she was happy to come out to support the community and let the kids have a good time.

"We just came for the kids so they could enjoy the spirit of Christmas," she said. "It's a very good time out here."

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Public Hearing Notice Norwood Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Norwood will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on December 20, 2021 at 7:05 PM on the request of Christopher Alphen, Esq. on behalf of EJB Realty Trust with respect to property located at 776 Boston Providence Turnpike, Norwood, MA 02062, in the Boston Providence Highway (BPH) Zoning District. The hearing will be held at Norwood Town Hall, Room 24, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062.

The Applicant proposes to use the parcel for motor vehicle sales and storage, and requests a Special Permit under the Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 3.5.1(H)(9) for that primary use. The Applicant also requests Site Plan review under Section 10.5 to reconstruct the parking lot to include installation of a drainage system and other site improvements.

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 Planning Board.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Planning Board and may be requested by emailing cped@norwoodma.gov or by calling 781-762-1240 ext. 6055, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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Norwood Woman's Club steps up



Phyllis Spiro, president of Norwood Woman's Club presents a check to Norwood veterans agent Ted Mulvehill. This generous check is to help our needy veterans in Norwood.

COURTESY PHOTO

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NPD delivers for Senior Center

Norwood Police Department Chief William Brooks went out to deliver turkey dinners to residents at the Norwood Senior Center on Thanksgiving. He, along with his new pal Ryan (pictured to the right) and dozens of other Norwood volunteers helped the Senior Center make the holidays special for those in need. The Senior Center distributed a total of 190 meals for Thanksgiving – 150 made by Lombardo's and 40 by their own chef – to get out that holiday cheer. "Thank you to Table Talk Pies for their generous donation of pies! Thank you to the volunteers who showed up and delivered these meals! Happy Thanksgiving!" said the Center on Facebook.

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Regarding other aspects of the exterior façade, the prominent and unnaturally bright (electric) blue trim proposed around the large expanse of glass wall at the front of the school gives the impression of an Apple store or a shopping mall, rather than a middle school that we can all be proud of. I worked with this same architect on the design of the High School when I worked for the Town, and I am confident that with proper guidance from the School Building Committee they can address these concerns. The signage and "blue trim" details can be revised to provide a much more attractive and appropriate appearance for a school.

Finally, the Town and School Committee should not simply accept or assume that the

new school will retain the name as Coakley Middle School by default. While I appreciate Dr. Coakley's service as one of our past school superintendents, I also recognize that just like the current middle school building, nothing lasts forever. Perhaps the new school should simply be called the "Norwood Middle School", in keeping with Norwood High School. Alternatively, there could be a deliberate and collaborative process led by School Committee, which considers retaining the Coakley name, and exploring alternative building names which could be in honor of other important Norwood figures.

As the School Building Committee wraps up the schematic design phase of what will be the second largest building in Town and hopefully serve the

community for many, many years, I urge them to revise the proposed building signage and design a more acceptable window trim detail. Let's build a school that will withstand the test of time, like the new High School, and not accept a trendy building that looks more like an athletic facility.

Joseph F. McDonough,
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Public Hearing Notice Norwood Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on December 20, 2021 at 7:20 PM on the request of Gale Associates, Inc. on behalf of the Norwood Public Schools with respect to property located at 245 Nichols Street, Norwood, MA 02062, in the **Single Residential 2 (S2) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at Norwood Town Hall, Room 24, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062.

The Applicant requests a Special Permit under Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 6.5.1.6 [Lighting] to install athletic field lighting that exceeds 20' in height.

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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BOISVERT

Reynald F. of Norwood, formerly of Dedham, November 20, 2021. Beloved husband of the late Doris E. Boisvert for 68 years. Devoted father of Steve Boisvert and his wife Deb of Pittsburgh, PA, Doug Boisvert and his wife Cheryl of Allen, TX, Dave Boisvert and his wife Lori of Concord, and Larry Boisvert and his wife Erin of Acton. Loving Grandfather of Katy Kauffman, Ben, Danielle, Joshua, Alyssa, Jason, Christian, and Sean Boisvert. He is also survived by his sister Sr. Lorraine Boisvert and several nieces and nephews. Reynald was a Navy Veteran of WWII and retired from Wellesley Hills Post Office. Funeral from the George F. Doherty & Sons Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home, 456 High St., DEDHAM. Interment in Needham Cemetery, Needham. Online guestbook at gfdoherty.com George F. Doherty & Sons Dedham 781-326-0500.

DONOVAN

Edward L. Jr. after a long struggle with mental illness. Edward L. Donovan Jr. passed away peacefully in the presence of his dedicated caregivers in Tewksbury, MA on November 17, 2021. Services were held at Gillooly Funeral



Hospital and interment was at Highland Cemetery. Ed faced many challenges throughout his 66 years of life with courage and determination. His wry humor often turned difficult events into manageable moments. While attending Saint Catherine's School and Norwood High his early life was filled with happy memories of fishing along New Pond, playing hockey at Pettees, and enjoying the company of many wonderful friends at Father Mac's, the Shattuck School playground, and the Cottage Street neighborhood. As one of the late Dr. Edward L. and Margaret L. Donovan's ten children he managed to carve out a unique presence admired by all who knew him. His devotion to his parents was undeniable and life-long. Ed will be dearly missed by siblings Nancy of Philadelphia, Tom of Wellesley, Steve and wife Corinne of Duxbury, Robert of South Hadley, Ellen of Rochester NY, John and wife Robin of Walpole, William of Cambridge, Michael of Norwood and Elizabeth of Norwood and by nieces Lisa, Laura and Amara and nephew Jonathan. GilloolyFuneralHome.com

FOLEY

Sarah Bernadette ("Sarah B.") (Dillon), 94, of Norwood, MA died peacefully on November 24, 2021 at Spaulding Nursing and Therapy Center in Brighton following a long illness. Beloved wife of the late John J. Foley who died in 1965. Devoted mother of three cherished children, Mary Ann Foley of Charlestown, John ("Jack") Foley of Norwood, and Elizabeth Foley of Beacon Hill. Loving daughter of the late Paul and Bridget (Curran) Dillon of Spiddal, Ireland. Beloved sister of Bridget Donegan (the late Michael) of Dublin, Ireland, Nora Lynch (Patrick) of Chicago, Illinois, and the late Colman Dillon of Spiddal, Ireland, Margaret Duffy of Galway, Ireland, Mary Dillon Sanderson of Gloucester, Thomas Dillon of Birmingham, England, Martin Dillon of Gloucester and Patrick Dillon of Spiddal, Ireland. Loving aunt to many nieces and nephews and a dear friend to all those blessed to have her touch their lives. Born in Spiddal, County Galway, Ireland on July 17, 1927, Sarah B. was raised in Ireland, attained a nursing degree in Dublin by the age of 20, and settled in Norwood in 1947. Upon her arrival to Norwood, she was a nurse in the maternity ward of the Norwood Hospital where she met and fell in love with John, her future husband, who was visiting friends celebrating the birth of a new addition to their family. Following the death of her husband, a widow at the age of 38 with three young children, Sarah B. waited to return to her nursing career at the Norwood Hospital until her youngest child was in elementary school. When she did return to Norwood Hospital, she enjoyed a 38-year career as a health care professional who treated and cared for nearly every resident in Norwood and the surrounding towns. While balancing a full-time career and



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raising three young children on her own, Sarah B. attended every class and course available so she could independently landscape the yard of her beloved Cape Cod style home in Norwood, clean the gutters, and change the oil in the old Chevy which transported the Foley children and their bevy of friends to sporting events, shopping trips, numerous ice cream stops and the routine "joy ride" around her beloved town of Norwood. The house was always filled with laughter and love, and during the holidays, special guests at the dinner table she brought home from the Hospital who needed a home cooked meal and a warm welcome. A devout Catholic who never missed her noon time Novenas, Sarah B. believed in the goodness of all. No matter your station in life, everyone was equal and a beloved child of God. Saturday Mass at 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church in East Walpole, followed by a trip to the Highland Cemetery to pay respects, and then dinner at one of her favorite local restaurants with her children was a weekly and cherished tradition. In addition to all who loved Sarah B., the family expresses its unending gratitude to Sarah B.'s devoted friend and caregiver, Mary MacDonald, of South Boston. To quote Sarah B., "Mary is worth diamonds." The family also acknowledges and expresses its profound gratitude to Dr. Igor Palacios and his team at MGH for the extraordinary and loving care of Sarah B. for decades. Also, the devotion and commitment of Spaulding Nursing and Therapy Center in Brighton staff to Sarah B. cannot be captured in mere words. She was as loved by all staff as she loved them. Relatives and friends are invited to attend visiting hours on Thursday, December 2, from 4-7 p.m. in the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood. The Foley family requests that face masks be worn in the funeral home. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, December 3, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary Church, 176 Washington St., East Walpole. Interment will follow at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Spaulding Nursing and Therapy Center in Brighton, in memory of Sarah B. Foley, at <https://spauldingrehab.org/giving>. Checks can be made payable to "Spaulding Brighton Annual Fund", with the memo notation, "In memory of Sarah B. Foley", and mailed to: Spaulding Brighton Annual Fund, c/o Spaulding Development Office, 1575 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MA. 02138.

HAND

Gertrude V. (Cleary), 90, of Norwood, mother of 10, grandmother of 15 and great grandmother of 12, died November 8, 2021 in her native Boston. Wife of the late James P. Hand Sr. and the daughter of the late Edward Cleary and Virginia (McNulty) Cleary of Boston. She graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas High School in the Jamaica Plain neighborhood of Boston, where she was raised and lived until moving to Norwood in 1967. Known as Snookie to long-time friends and her husband, she was the oldest sister to the late Edward Cleary, Thomas Cleary, Barbara (Cleary) O'Brien, and Mildred (Cleary) Beckstrom. Her pride was her children: Virginia (Hand) Pittsley and her husband the late William Pittsley of Portsmouth, RI, Patricia (Hand) Adelmann and husband Jack Adelmann of Plymouth, Donna (Hand) Celuzza and husband David Celuzza of Lunenburg, James Hand Jr. and his wife the late Kimberley (Abbott) Hand of Attleboro, Eleanor (Hand) Reilly and husband Robert Reilly of Cape Cod, Edward Hand and his wife Beth (Kowalczyk) Hand of Williamsville, NY, Susan Hand of Norwood, Thomas Hand and partner Cara Meringolo of South Boston, Kathryn (Hand) Savage and husband Mark Savage of Norwood and Kelley Hand of Boston and partner Serge Gottschalk of Somerville. As a young woman, Gertrude worked at the Rexall Drug Company and Domino Sugar Company in Boston and later in life became a clerk at the public library in Norwood. She enjoyed reunions with St. Thomas Aquinas graduates, reading and doing crossword puzzles. The highlight of her social life was the Tuesday knitting group at Norwood Senior Center. However, her favorite pastime was bragging about her children, grandchildren and great children. Friends and strangers alike were treated to her stories exalting the latest exploits of her family in the classroom and on the athletic fields. The nurses attending her at Beth Israel



December 2, 2021

Hospital were given a complete accounting of the accomplishments of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren before she passed. Gertrude was a regular at Sunday Mass at St. Catherine's in Norwood. When people were engaged in social distancing during the height of the Coronavirus pandemic, she would hear an outdoor Mass in Marshfield. Funeral from Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Route 1A), Norwood. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Make A Wish Foundation, 133 Federal Street, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA, 02110, or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105.

HEELEN

DENNIS M. of N. Attleboro, formerly of Walpole, passed away suddenly on November 24, 2021 at the age of 61. Devoted father of Sean D. Heelen and Matthew J. Heelen both of Walpole. Former husband of Nancy J. (Sullivan) Heelen of Walpole. Brother of David F. Heelen Jr. of Norwood and the



late Lorraine Brooks and Claire Palumbo. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Son of the late David F. Heelen Sr. and Rita M. (Williams) Heelen. Dennis was a member of the Teamsters Amtrak Union and was a longtime Trackman. Dennis loved New England Sport teams, Red Sox, Celtics, Patriots and most of all the Boston Bruins. Dennis enjoyed coaching his boys in town sports, he was the biggest, loudest fan in the crowd. He loved the game of golf and openly admitted he wasn't very good. Visiting hours will be held on Friday, December 3rd, 2021 from 4-6pm at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA 02062. A Celebration of Life immediately following at the Old Colonial Café 171 Nahatan Street, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Make-A-Wish Foundation 133 Federal Street, 2nd Floor Boston, MA 02110 www.wish.org/massri

HEFFERNAN

MAUREEN Ann (McCann) of Norwood formerly of Roslindale passed away on November 29, 2021 at the age of 70. Beloved wife of John J. Heffernan. Devoted mother of Joseph M. Heffernan and his partner Mindy Keyes of Norwood, Steven P. Heffernan and his partner Erin Walsh of Norwood and



Ryan J. Heffernan of Norwood. Loving sister of James McCann of Dedham, Kevin McCann of Norwood and Brian McCann of Norton. Cherished grandmother of Collin, Tyler and Shayne. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Maureen works as an Administrative Asst. for the Norwood Public School Dept. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021 at 9:30am followed by a funeral mass at 10:30am at St. Timothy Parish, Norwood, MA. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the Circle of Hope Foundation, P.O. Box 421 Norwood, MA 02062 www.norwoodcoh.org

VITAITIS

"Ray" S. Vitaitis, born October 6, 1917, passed away peacefully in his home on November 27, 2021 in the company of family. His parents, Raymond A. and Rose (Alukonis), migrated from Lithuania and settled along with other Lithuanians in South Norwood, MA. Ray was a life-



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long resident of Saint John Avenue in South Norwood, only leaving during WWII. Ray was drafted into the US Army in February of 1942, serving overseas in Company A of the 49th Engineer Combat Battalion from June 1943 to October 1945. A patriotic man, Ray kept the “flag up and birds fed” daily. For many decades he brought together family for the Fourth of July for a barbecue and rain-or-shine parade-watching at the end of his street – always dressed in his red, white, and blue plaid pants. He would end the day with the lowering of the flag. Most notable in Ray’s life was his devotion to his Catholic faith. Ray attended daily Mass as often as he could at St. George’s Church in South Norwood where he served as an usher, and later as a communicant at St. Catherine of Siena of Norwood and St. Mary Catholic Church in East Walpole. After Mass, he enjoyed going out for a meal with relatives – some of his favorite spots were 204, Red Wing and Mug and Muffin – and he always insisted on paying the tab. His family would flock from near and far to celebrate Christmas and Easter at Ray’s home, partaking in traditions like egg tapping (a homage to his Lithuanian roots) and a holiday shot of Crown Royal around the kitchen table. No holiday was complete without Ray’s favorite kielbasa from Boston Beef and a Hoodsie Cup for dessert. No visit was complete without Ray imparting his go-to one-liners and words of wisdom: “Greetings and Salutations”, “A-OK, what can I say?”, and “Move Forward”. He was “Uncle Ray” to his nieces and nephews, and was lovingly introduced this way to their many friends. Ray loved the outdoors, particularly gardening. He looked forward to sharing his backyard-grown tomatoes and pickled cucumbers with family and friends. Ray would sit in his favorite folding chair in his garage and watch the birds for hours, while also keeping an eye on the mischievous squirrels – and, more recently, the beautiful deer – who discovered his bird feeders. If the Red Sox or Patriots were playing, Ray would have the game on the radio in the background. Ray was predeceased by his sister Anne Memmo and brother-in-law Gerald Memmo of Norwood, MA; and his sister Genevieve Martin and her husband Bernard Martin of Walpole, MA. Ray’s memory lives on with his many nieces and nephews whom he lovingly supported and encouraged. Caryl (Memmo) Dooley, wife of late James Dooley (Sagamore Beach, MA); her son Paul Dooley (Birmingham, AL); and her daughter Katelyn and son-in-law Conor Ashe, and their children John and Layla (Millis, MA). Rosemary (Memmo) and Robert Russell (Walpole, MA); their daughter Jenna and son-in-law Jay McLaughlin, and their children Harbour and Brody (Walpole, MA). Gerald and Terry Memmo (Sagamore Beach, MA); their son Chris and daughter-in-law Elise (South Boston, MA); their son Dan and his fiancée Kim Thomas (Quincy, MA); and their daughter Allie and son-in-law Kevin Nee (Sagamore Beach, MA). Loretta (Memmo) Bresette (Bradenton, FL); and her sons Kenny (Dallas, TX) and Michael (New York, NY). Paul and Michelle Memmo (Newnan, GA); and their sons Joseph (Plymouth, MA) and Matthew (Newnan, GA). James Memmo (Norwood, MA). Bernard Martin (North Fort Myers, FL). David Martin (North Attleboro, MA); and his son Gregory and daughter-in-law Merry, and their daughter Caroline (Franklin, MA). Mary Jane (Martin) and Neil Dold (North Attleboro, MA); their daughter Theresa and her fiancé Phil Moldavski (New York, NY); their son Neil and daughter-in-law Caitlin, and their son James (Arlington, VA); and their daughter Emily (Washington, DC). Tim Martin and his wife Mary Ellen Hurley (Norfolk, MA). Ray was a longtime member of the Norwood Lodge of Elks and also a member of the Knights of Columbus where many friendships were made. Ray lived independently but was additionally supported by visiting nurses and kind neighbors who also would brighten his day and lend a hand. His family is thankful for the care and support from all these people and many other friends. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. Interment at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Raymond’s memory may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church, 176 Washington St, East Walpole, MA 02032; the Pine Street Inn; or a charity of your choice.

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TOWN OF NORWOOD
APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF CATEGORY TO RETAIL ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES.
PUBLIC HEARING
<p>Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for a Change of Category from a Wine and Malt beverages license to an All Alcoholic Beverages for Mizuya Cuisine LLC dba Mizuya Japanese Restaurant, 663 Washington Street, Norwood MA, Hua Pan, Manager under Section 12, Chapter 138 and Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of All Alcoholic Beverages to be drunk on the premises of 663 Washington Street Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of premises is as follows: approx. 3,500 square feet with dining room, restrooms, service bar, kitchen and storage rooms. Main entrance set back 8" with windows to the left and right. Entrance way approx. 7" wide. Additional exit in back for delivery and emergency exit.</p> <p>Public hearing on this application will be held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 7:15 p.m. in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.</p> <p>Thomas F. Maloney, Chairman William J. Plasko Helen Abdallah Donohue Matthew E. Lane Selectmen of Norwood as Local Licensing Board</p> <p>Norwood Record: 12/02/21</p>

For the Record

SPECIAL VOTER REGISTRATION FOR JANUARY ELECTION

The Board of Registrars wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that a special registration session has been set for the January 3, 2022 Special Town Election. An evening special registration session will be held at the Municipal Building, Room 32 on Tuesday December 14, 2021 from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

This is the FINAL REGISTRATION SESSION prior to the Annual Town Election.

Daily registration of voters will be conducted at the Town Clerk's office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 P.M. A mail-in registration form is now available at Norwood Morrill Memorial Library and the Norwood Post Office.

You may also register to

vote on-line at sec.state.ma.us

Qualifications to register to vote are that the applicants must be 18 years old on or before election day and must either be born in the United States or be a Naturalized Citizen.

ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION

Anyone wishing to vote by absentee ballot for the upcoming Special Town Election, which will be held on Monday, January 3, 2022 please call the Town Clerk's office and we can mail you an Absentee Ballot Application.

The Absentee Ballot Application is also on the Town of Norwood website under the Town Clerk's section.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET

The Norwood Woman's Club will be meeting on Tues-

day, December 14 at 12:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 572 Nichols St, Norwood. We will be entertained by Jill Sanford who will explore the works of Georgia O'Keefe, one of America's most innovative artists. The program is called ART FOR THE MIND. A light lunch will be served. Guests are welcomed. Any questions please call Trina at 781-762-8173. Hope to see you there.

150th CELEBRATION TO BEGIN ON FIRST

On January 1, 2022, Norwood's First Night Celebration will kick off a year of celebrations of Norwood's 150th Anniversary. Starting at 3 pm on New Year's Eve, the First

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Library News

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Holiday blues getting you down? Join us for this in-person event on December 9th at the Norwood Civic Center to learn more about how the food we eat impacts our mental health, see a live food demonstration, and indulge in some healthy snacks. Kelsey Massis, registered dietitian at the Norwood Public Schools, will be leading 2 sessions of this program and teaching participants how to boost their mood with healthy food, especially around the holidays. The library will also be on site at the Civic Center with a special library pop-up featuring books on healthy cooking and nutrition to check or to get you a library card if you need one! Space is limited so sign up for either Session 1 at 5:15 PM or Session 2 at 6:30 PM on the library's event calendar (norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar) or by calling the

library at 781-769-0200 x2.

This program is sponsored by a collaboration with the Morrill Memorial Library, Impact Norwood, and the Norwood Recreation Department.

"SUSTAINABLE DECORATING FOR THE HOLIDAYS"

As part of the Fall Sustainability Series, Kristen Nicholson of Blue Stem Natives presents a workshop, "Sustainable Decorating for Holidays," Wednesday, December 8 at 7:00pm in-person and on Zoom.

The Morrill Memorial Library, with co-sponsors Progress Norwood, Together Yes, and Norwood Community Media, wraps up our Fall Sustainability Series with a workshop on sustainable decorating by Kristen Nicholson of Blue Stem Natives on Wednesday, December 8 at 7:00pm. Local plant shop Blue Stem Natives deals entirely with

plants native to our ecosystem in this part of New England. In addition to selling and advising on the use (and value) of native plants for yard-scaping and houseplants, Blue Stem Natives advises on responsible foraging techniques and tips for using natural plant material in home décor, upcycling items around your yard/home without sacrificing quality, and supporting wildlife with landscape.

Registration for this program is required. Attendees can sign up to come in-person or virtually via the Library calendar at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or by calling the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. For those attending virtually, Zoom access details will be sent upon registration and again two days prior to the program. This event was generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

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.

2021 Infiniti Q50

You think Infinity, you think quiet and elegant. Our Q50 was very elegant and nicely equipped. This Q50 is not the average Q50. It is a 4 door sport sedan twin turbo V/6 rated at 400 HP, via a 7 speed multi mode automatic and even a sport exhaust system that is on the loud side without any drone sound. 19 inch alloy wheel with performance tires, sport brakes, and painted brake calipers. Remote start, LED lighting, leather sport seats, all driver assistance features, 16 speaker Bose audio system, high beam assist, forward emergency braking, around view monitoring, plus more. Rear charging ports, illuminated kick panels, welcome lighting, carbon fiber package, and premium paint.

Who would have thought that Infiniti would be looking into the power house sports car with the exhaust sound to go with it? The car rides and handles excellent, the suspension absorbs all the broken pavement and bumps. Rear seat room is good for 2 and comfortable as well. The drive has all the controls in reach and nicely laid out. Base MSRP \$57,750.00 destination \$1025.00, EPA19 city 26 highway. Optional equipment bring the total MSRP to \$62,355.00. This is a mid size all wheel drive performance sedan that you never get bored driving.

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, November 22

1015 Cellular *Report Filed Location/Address: Bertuccis Pizza - Bos-Prov Hwy Employee reports past inappropriate touching.

1056 Initiated - Motor Vehicle Stop *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: 314 - Washington St As a result of stopping MA PC M2R, N663 places one male subject under arrest on a warrant and transports to station. S/M 19970 1110 Hrs., E/M 19971 1114 Hrs. N677 stood by until wife picks up car. Refer To Arrest: 21-314-AR Arrest: Shako, Saliba Address: 69 Marion St Apt. #2 East Boston, Ma Age: 56 Charges: Warrant Arrest

1232 Initiated - Citizens Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St N677 flagged down by a citizen complaining about a homeless party. N677 spoke to that party and he has been moved along.

1436 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Rock St Caller reports client making text messages with a suicidal ideation. Officers stayed on scene until arrival of Riverside clinician as well as a family member.

1439 Phone - Noise Complaint Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Katie's Way Report loud music from driveway behind his home. N678 reports all quiet upon arrival.

1522 Cellular - Trespassing Area Search Negative Location/Address: Norwood Central Station Building - Broadway St Caller reports it appears 2 male juveniles placed something on the tracks on Lenox St side, left towards Broadway St side. N666 reports kids not there, tracks seem to be clear. N677 reports train went through, working fine.

1811 Walk-In - Runaway Child *Report Filed Location/Address: Jefferson Dr Walk in reports her son is missing. BOLO sent to the cars. BOLO also sent over Areawide 3. N674 locates that party, party then fled and units track him down nearby.

Tuesday, November 23

0052 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Caller reports at approx: 8:30pm, his girlfriend borrowed Ma.Reg#2XSL58 and stated she was taking her 6 yr. old out to MacDonalds in Walpole but never returned. N677 responded. Bolo to cities and surrounding towns for a well-being check on overdue driver, on Area Wide 3. Female : blk female, (DOB 3/16/1994) 5'10, 140 pds. Last seen wearing bluish green sweatpants and sneakers. Hair is in a ponytail. Six yr.old son was with her when she left. 11/23/2021 0704 N677 confirms party returned home.

NORWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Norwood Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, The Wetlands Protection Act and Norwood Bylaw XXV, including any amendments thereto on Wednesday, December 15th, 2021 at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be conducted digitally using GoToMeeting. Public Participation may be accessed through your computer, tablet or smartphone at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/243297997>. You can also dial in using your phone, United States: +1 (669) 224-3412, Access Code: 243-297-997 Plans may be access in the Conservation office or by emailing conservation@norwoodma.gov

The Commission will hear a Notice of Intent from Michael Colombe, represented by Gabriel Padilla of Grady Consulting, LLC. The proposed project is a proposed 1,650 square foot addition for office and retail, including a new elevator, accessible ramp, and storm water mitigation in the buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland.

Project Location: 106 Access Rd. Map 21 Block 15 Lot 233

Holly Jones
Conservation Planner

1014 Walk-In - Missing Person *Report Filed Location/Address: Washington St Caller reports her twelve year son never arrived at school. BOLO to the cars and surrounding cities and towns. Party entered into NCIC. Child located by grandmother at Hawes Pool parking lot. NFD evaluated child, cleared and sent home with family. Removed from NCIC.

1125 Cellular - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Chapel St Caller reports German Shepherd ran in front of her car. States she did not hit the dog. Knocked on door to the house but got no answer. N.A.C.O notified.

21-24826 1616 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Walk in reporting someone was possibly trying to get into her apartment. N663 is going to follow up with management.

1627 911 - Unwanted Party Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Village Rd W Husband/wife dispute over car keys. Husband gave keys and left prior to officer arrival.

1823 Phone - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Guild St Caller reports some of her packages were taken from her lobby.

1910 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: St Paul Ave Caller reports someone possibly took her mail or found it on the sidewalk and has not returned it to her. N679 caught up with the party that took/found her mail and it will be returned to the owner.

Wednesday, November 24

0737 Phone - Assist Citizen No Action Required Location/Address: Balch School - Washington St Caller reports a little boy 6 or 7 yrs. old standing in parking lot with his backpack unattended and drop off is not till 8:20ish. N666 responded. Caller called back upon officer's arrival and stated he was picked up. N666 spoke to administration at school who stated they will address this.

0828 Initiated - Warrant Of Apprehension *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Mountain Ave Male party brought to court on Section 35.

1334 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: The Juice Bar - Broadway Teen was in the store in the back room and may have tried to open the lockers. Officer reports no theft and owner just wants him advised if located.

1448 Phone - Citizens Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Highview St Homeless male spoken to about going through trash cans.

1843 911 - Disturbance *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Pleasant St

2033 Phone - Malicious Damage *Report Filed Location/Address: Seven Hens - Washington St Caller reports incident inside store after customer was denied an age restricted item. N664 and 678 responding. Customer damaged trash can after leaving the store. Area was checked with negative results. See report.

2201 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Caller reports she can hear yelling and screaming coming from the apartment next door and she believes kids are in the apartment. N664 spoke to that party all checks out ok she was upset that there was no hot water. Maintenance was notified and will be responding.

2344 Initiated - Report Of Fight *Report Filed Location/Address: Limey's Pub - Washington St While on patrol N668 comes across a fight at this establishment. FD notified for a possible injury. Units stand by to clear out the area.

Thursday, November 25

0005 Initiated - Report Of Fight *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Day St + Central St As a result N669 reports a bottle was thrown and a foot pursuit ensued. Party was located and placed in custody. N677 returns to the station with one male party under arrest. Refer To Arrest: 21-317-AR Arrest: 21-317-AR

0234 911 - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Village Rd W Verbal disagreement between mother and daughter. Parties spoken to and advised. No further issue.

0440 911 - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd Caller reports on going neighbor dispute. Officer spoke with caller and advised.

0619 Phone - Susp Person Other Location/Address: Elliot St Caller reporting unknown male party fell walking up his front steps, knocked over a plant. Left on foot walking towards Norwood High School. N674

N677 responding N674 located party Nichols/Shattuck Pk - provided courtesy transport back to station to arrange for a ride.

Obituary policy

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

0930 Phone - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Planet Fitness - Walpole St Guests tossed office paperwork around the gym. Officer was unable to reach him at his home at Windsor Gardens after. Business advised and will disinvite him

1141 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Highview St Dad concerned about his daughter who has not called in two weeks. Police call with her on 11/18/21. Officer reports she is not home and a message left to call Dad. 2000 Phone - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: Short St Caller would like to have a party that has been staying with him removed from the property. N662 spoke to that party he has been sent on his way for the evening.

Friday, November 26

0012 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Caller reports loud music coming from the residence. Officers spoke with resident who agreed to keep volume down for the night. 0058 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Village Rd E Caller reports loud noise coming from the area. Officers spoke with him and matter was resolved.

1658 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: St John Ave 2005 Phone - Report Of Fight Services Rendered Location/Address: Westover Pkwy Verbal argument between two males. Units spoke to them and separated for the night.

2111 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Hampden Dr Caller reports that her adult brother may be DK and requests a wellness check on her elderly mother. N674, N678 responded. Officers report verbal argument between siblings. Mom is fine. Son left the home via Uber to the Best Western for the night.

2121 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Adams St Caller reports that her 16 y/o son is giving her a hard time. N663, N669 responded and spoke with both the Mom and son. He will be going to stay with father for the remainder of weekend. Mother advised of her options. SRO Mahoney will be notified.

0645 Radio - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Highview St Officer checked on party that was locked out of her apartment and requested NFD to help get her back into her apartment. 0931 Walk-In - Civil Dispute *Report Filed Location/Address: Wilson St Civil dispute between landlord and tenant.

1140 911 - B & E Of Motor Vehicle *Report Filed Location/Address: Pleasant St Caller reports car broken into.

1159 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Highview St Caller reports a female party knocking at his door. Upon arrival, she was on her own property and she was advised.

1921 Phone - Drunk Person *Protective Custody Location/Address: Boston Tavern - Bos-Prov Hwy Employee reports intoxicated person urinating next to his vehicle. As a result, N669 placed that party into protective custody and transported him to the station.

0855 Walk-In - Mischief (Kids) Spoken To Location/Address: Brewster Dr Kids emptied leaf bags on his walkway. N663 spoke to party, will add extra checks request in DHQ. 0940 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Engamore Ln Caller reports someone was in her apartment last night, cut her hair and touched her inappropriately. N666 spoke to her, no evidence that neither event took place. This is the resident's baseline and Riverside will be notified.

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0404 911 - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: David Ter Caller wants her boyfriend removed from her home. N678, N663 responded. Argument verbal in nature. Boyfriend had left prior to officers' arrival. Area was checked, all appears in order. N678 stood by while caller made arrangements to go to her sisters for the remainder of the night.

1109 Phone - Report Of Gas Leak Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: Bright St + Winter St NFD notified.

1614 Phone - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Morse St Caller reports a male causing a disturbance in parking lot. Units spoke with him and matter was resolved.

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Sunday, November 28 21-25159 0754 Phone - Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: TJ Maxx - Nahatan St Residents in apartments are complaining of the beeping noise as the driver making deliveries is taking over an hour to park truck to unload.

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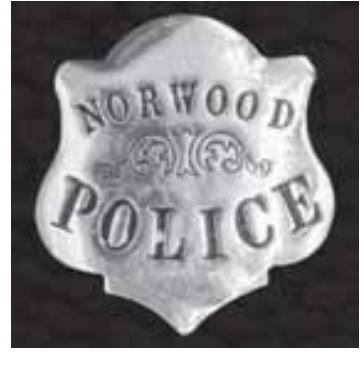
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dar page.

Following First Night, the first currently scheduled event will be held on Tuesday, January 18, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the F. Holland Day House on Day Street when the Norwood Historical Society will sponsor a discussion of Patricia Fanning's

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book, Norwood, A History.

On February 10, 1872, a petition from "George B. Talbot and others, inhabitants of the southerly part of Dedham, praying to be set off as a town" was submitted to the Massachusetts Senate. Governor William B. Washburn signed the resulting act into law and Norwood was incorporated.

On Wednesday, February

23, Norwood will stage a Gala at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel, in recognition of that date of incorporation. Further details will be posted on the anniversary website as that date approaches.

On Saturday, February 26, just after the end of the Beijing Winter Olympics, the Skating Club of Boston, now located at 750 University Avenue in Norwood, will hold

a skating event. Norwood residents will be able to see Olympic caliber talent at a world-class facility at a special low price of \$10 per person, with proceeds going to help fund the events and activities of the Norwood 150th Anniversary.

And anyone with questions or ideas is encouraged to send them to info@norwoodma150.gov.

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About a dozen residents and volunteers came out on Saturday to get the 20 newly-planted trees in order for the winter months.

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yet what that might look like."

Jones, the Norwood Conservation Commission and Boston Food Forest Representative Mark Negron have been meeting over the last year or so about the replanting with the idea to turn the orchard into what is called permaculture. The idea of permaculture is to build a forest ecosystem around food-producing plants so that different species can create an environment that is detrimental to any kind of pest that can feed on the fruit-bearing plants.

"Over the course of time, each tree will be its own fruit tree guild," he said. "So there is a fruit tree at the center, and there are supporting plants around it and those supporting plants are pollinator plants to attract beneficial insects, and around those will be insectary plants, which repel bad insects. There are nitrogen fixers and there are mulching plants, and I'm sure I'm leaving something out but basically it's a system of support plants we'll plant around each tree."

Negron said the biggest challenge is wildlife protection.

"It's not that we're not sup-

porting any wildlife there, but we don't want to support the deer at the expense of the trees, or the rodents," he said. "Rodents do what's called girdling where they gnaw the bark off the base of the tree and that will kill the tree. Groundhogs are a big issue there, they did destroy a few of the trees at the old orchard."

Negron said he's been working with the Grace Episcopal Church on Chapel Street in Norwood on their fruit trees, and he said with the addition of permaculture techniques, the yields from each tree have been increased substantially.

"We're polyculturing that and they had an amazing amount of fruit this year where those trees didn't produce much of anything for over a decade prior to that," he said. "Now one of the issues we have with that orchard for example is that we need to have more people focused on harvesting the food and distributing, and that's a whole other aspect of this that is really important to consider. There are layers here, maintenance and work is one and harvesting and dis-

tributing is another."

Negron said he's been working with different groups, both in Boston and in Norwood, on creating food forest projects. He said he's been able to kind of test out what works in his Norwood home, and he's encouraging people to think differently about what can be planted in their front yard.

"It looks like it's just landscaped," he said. "We're growing mushrooms, garlic, pears, peaches, apples and we've got all kinds of berries and just in a little quarter acre."

Jones said to reach out to her at conservation@norwoodma.gov for any updates or volunteer opportunities.

For more information on how you can help grow more sustainably in Norwood or to volunteer with the Boston Food Forest, go to <https://www.facebook.com/mendregeneration/>

To volunteer at the Grace Episcopal on Chapel Street, go to <https://www.gracenor.org/contact-us>



Thank You Novenas For Favors or Prayers Answered

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

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

St. Jude's Novena

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

In gratitude for helping me. —J.H.

Miracle Prayer

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

—D.J.

All Prayers: \$22 (1 column x 3 inches)

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Planning Board

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when basically because they both filed for 40B status when the Town was below 1.5 percent (by .03 percent at the time) they both could be filed without local zoning approval. This led to the Town buying the Forbes Hill Mansion parcel for \$13 million (and now, about four years after that deal the Town has entered into an agreement to sell the property at a profit).

This deed restriction extension could help to avert such a problem from taking place again, at least when it comes to the specific affordable housing running out now.

"It used to be that affordable housing came on to the subsidized housing inventory with a shorter timeline," Bouchard said. "The deed riders that the state permits for affordable housing now usually establish affordable housing in perpetuity. So, in our attempts to try and preserve that community housing, we are working with property owners and hoping to do so with these funds to try to offer them some initial incentive to extend those restrictions in perpetuity."

Town Planner Paul Halkiotis said they have already approached one property owner who has shown some interest in the idea and have scheduled an appointment with another. Bouchard said it would save about 15 units for current Norwood residents if successful.

In other news, Halkiotis said the process to hire a consulting architect for the plan to redevelop the Norwood Hospital is continuing. He said they had four firms apply for the position: Environmental Partners, the BSC Group, Tetra Tech and Harriman. He said they've set up four half-hour virtual interviews with each firm. Since the date of publication, all these interviews have taken place.

Halkiotis said the hospital should be coming to the Town soon with a plan, but nothing more concrete than that.

"The indications we have had from a couple of the meetings is the hospital is still resolving issues with the insurance company and they are still in the design phase," he said.

Halkiotis said several Town officials met with the hospital recently to go over zoning questions on the Medical Services Overlay District Town Meeting approved in the spring.

"There are also issues that are going to need to be resolved; there are some paper streets on the hospital property and there's, I think, a pedestrian easement and those paper streets and easements are where they want to put buildings," he said. "So it's very likely that there's going to need to be some sort of Town Meeting action to change or extinguish those easements to make a clean slate of that block for them to build out their campus."

Allen & Major Associates' Phil Cordeiro said the owners of Windsor Gardens are requesting a major site plan review for the construction of parking spaces at 624 Walpole St. He said they want to add 57 parking spaces in the complex on Village Road West, Village Road East, Engamore Lane and Frederick Court.

Cordeiro said the owners have stated there has been increased demand for parking.

"We have been advised by the owners that people just have more cars on the property and in an effort to satisfy police concerns that they were parking wherever they felt like, we're giving them the area to park so we can control the situation," he said.

He said in response to comments received about the submitted plan from the Board that they are cutting down 12 trees and replacing them (and adding an additional 13th tree). He also said the Police Department had some concerns about not placing additional lighting to the areas where the new lots are going, but Cordeiro said the lighting there now is adequate for the site.

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