



## The fish were biting!

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The banks of the Hawes Brook were overflowing on Saturday, April 27, setting the scene for the 31st annual Norwood Fishing Derby and Duck Race.

The event, hosted by the Norwood Recreation Department, drew more than 300 residents and almost as many fishing poles. Over 130 pounds of fish were placed in the pond for the outing, much of which was caught by eager anglers.

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A good swath of Norwood came out on Saturday despite the rain and chilly weather to participate in the annual Fish Derby and Duck Race. Many caught fish and hundreds entered their rubber ducks into the race at the Hawes Brook, which was overflowing due to recent rainfall.

PHOTOS BY JEFF SULLIVAN

## TM approves zoning overlay Version SNAFU creates some confusion

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

Norwood's April Special Town Meeting wrapped up on Monday, April 29, and approved all articles presented in the warrant save for two, which were withdrawn by the Finance Commission.

The special TM's main event, Article 5 the Mixed Use Overlay District (MUOD) was approved in its original form, despite an amendment attempt from Town Meeting Member Judith Howard.

The MUOD allows developers in the Central Business District (generally the Washington Street corridor Downtown) more density – an as-of-right density of 20 units per acre and allowed special permit (no variance) density of 32 – and more height at 45 feet along the Washington Street frontage.

The MUOD would also require that with more height – if the building is right on the property line – each floor would

have to be scaled back as it goes up to its maximum height of 45 feet so as to offset a canyon effect in the Downtown district. The MUOD also sets up dimensional requirements, density bonuses, parking requirements and would allow for tandem parking in certain instances. For a full explanation of what the MUOD would and would not allow, go to [norwoodma.gov/government/committees\\_boards/town\\_meeting/town\\_meeting\\_notices\\_and\\_documents.php#](http://norwoodma.gov/government/committees_boards/town_meeting/town_meeting_notices_and_documents.php#).

The actual approval of the MUOD ran into some trouble due to a printing/saving error on the Town's part. TM member Richard Shay first brought up several typos and errors he found within the document.

"I think there's many problems that have nothing to do with the policies the Town wants to represent," he said. "There are many unclear parts or errors

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## School Committee holds FY20 budget hearing

Susan Kryczka  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee held its FY20 public budget hearing at Norwood High School (NHS) on Wednesday, April 24. The budget hearing was imbedded into the regularly scheduled school committee meeting. An estimated 25 attendees actively participated in the budget discussion.

Superintendent David Thompson began the public hearing by reviewing school district highlights for the year. These included a new strategic plan and NHS' designation as one of 11 Innovation Pathway Schools by Gov. Charles Baker. Challenges included the increasing English Language Learners (ELL) and high needs population requiring extra resources and support and limited funding to improve curriculum, instruction, and assessment. Thompson explained that the schools need to modernize the curriculum and serve the higher than average number of special education students. MCAS scores have also stagnated, including the number of students who pass on their first attempt.

Thompson described the two budgets

being considered for FY20. The reduced budget is the one available if the override does not pass. It is less than the current FY19 budget, therefore less than level funding. Major cuts include closing the Willet School, reducing the number of teachers, eliminating funding for extracurricular activities and reducing programming. This will mean eliminating four elementary teacher's positions, three middle school teacher's positions, and 2.2 high school teacher positions, and no funding for varsity, junior varsity, or freshman sports at NHS. Fine Arts would suffer similar cuts.

The override budget would allow for more reliable budgeting for five years, restore lost programs and services, improve the curriculum, and recognize changing demographics. The Willett would remain open, there would be no increase in class sizes, athletics and fine arts would remain, along with all school clubs.

One audience member asked, "On the ELL students, are all the towns feeling this massive surge in that number?" Chair Myev Bodenhofer replied, "Surrounding

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### Special Voter Registration Session

The Board of Registrars will be conducted at the wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that a special registration session has been set for the June 3, 2019 Special Town Election.

An evening special registration session will be held at the Municipal Building, Room 32 on **Tuesday, May 14, 2019 from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.**

**This is the FINAL REGISTRATION SESSION prior to the Special Town Election.**

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ers 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](http://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.



A couple hundred residents came out for the second iteration of Norwood's Earth Day Celebration.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

## Rain doesn't spoil Earth Day cleanup and celebration

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

According to organizers at Progress Norwood, residents didn't skirt at the predicted smatterings of rain on Sunday, and more than 140 people came out to help clean up several areas in the Town.

The cleanup was followed by a celebration of conservation and sustainability at the Norwood High School – moved there from the Town Common

at the literal last minute due to the rain – attended by hundreds more residents.

“We made the decision last night or last afternoon,” said Progress Norwood Environmental Sub-Committee Co-Chair Katie Neal-Rizzo. “It was a contingency, and earlier in the week we saw rain was a possibility so we set it up with the Norwood High School.”

Environmental Sub-Committee Co Chair John Aprea said the attendance at the high

school was as good as it was for last year, and he said the cleanup beforehand was very well-attended.

“We did trash cleanup this morning at the 12 locations throughout the Town,” he said. “It was all the schools and the playgrounds.”

Neal-Rizzo added that during the cleanup, Impact Norwood worked with them to do a substance abuse material

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# Selectmen endorse Override

**Amanda Webster**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen voted to officially endorse the proposed operational override during this past Tuesday night meeting.

The override ballot question will be voted on in the upcoming June 3 election.

“It’s not so much the cost of trash removal or layoffs or whatever it may be, it comes down to one thing as far as I’m concerned and that’s the children here in Norwood,” stated Chairman Paul Bishop.

“It’s our obligation as citizens of this Town to give them the best education that we can possibly can and make them the best people they can possibly be going forward,” he continued.

Board member Thomas Maloney made a motion to formally endorse the operational override. “As the executive leaders of the Town I think we have a responsibility to speak on the matter one way or another,” said Maloney.

“Most of all what we’re doing here with this levy limit increase is proposing to make an investment in our school system. We wouldn’t be doing this just for snow and ice or road work, those are important, but we wouldn’t be taking this step just for those things. We are talking about a major investment in the school system,” continued Maloney.

Selectman David Hajjar added his agreement to endorsing the override.

“I wholeheartedly support it and I truly hope it passes for the best interest of this Town because I think if it doesn’t than next year is going to be even worse,” he said.

The board voted unanimously to endorse the override.

Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said that two override information sessions are scheduled for the public in the upcoming weeks. The first session will be held on Thursday, May 9 at 7 p.m. and the second session is scheduled for Saturday, May 11 at 9:30 a.m. Both sessions will be held in the GSU lecture hall at Norwood



John and Jean Hall were recognized by the Board for their service to the Town and their contributions to the Pajama Drive.

PHOTO BY AMANDA WEBSTER

High School and will be hosted by the budget balancing committee.

Earlier in the meeting, the board took a few moments to recognize town residents John and Jean Hall for their generous donations to the annual Boston Bruins PJ Drive.

Bishop said that Norwood collected 2,418 pairs of pajamas for the charity drive. Norwood came in second place statewide for collecting the most pajamas, trailing only the Town of Bourne.

Bishop credited much of the success to John and Jean. Together, the couple donated 863 pairs of pajamas.

“What we’ve been doing for the last three years of the drive is year round. We started buying pajamas as soon as one drive was over and storing them in the attic for next year. Not everybody can do that and not everybody will want to do that,” said Hall.

The couple also expressed their gratitude to everyone in the Town who helped collect the generous amount of donations for this year’s drive.

“That’s the kind of community we have; that’s what we’re made of,” said Bishop. “It’s a very giving and caring community and I’m very proud of that,” he continued.

The board presented the couple with a plaque inscribed with a message of thanks.

“If there was a poster child or poster couple for this Town, you are it. We want to thank you for everything you did for

the town,” said Bishop.

In the second of two appointments during the evening, **Selectmen**  
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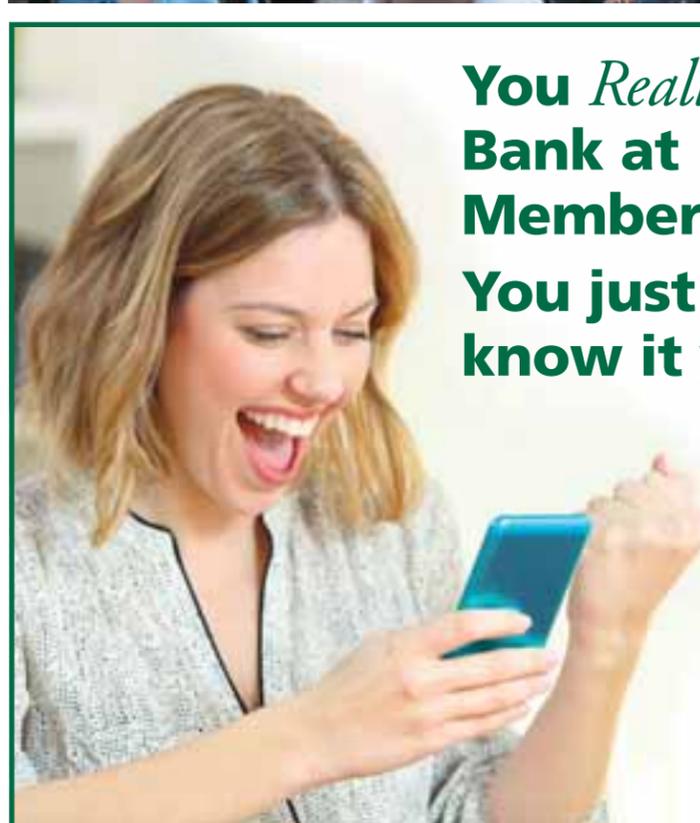


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# Letters to the Editor

## DON'T LET PROPERTY VALUES DECLINE

*To the Editor:*

In reference to the upcoming election on June 3rd, I am writing to urge voters to support the operational override. Our town has been level funding budgets for too long. We all know, as homeowners and property owners, that costs increase every year. We need to catch up, as 80% of our Massachusetts neighbors have already done, with an operational override. As a retired and semi-retired couple, we want to see the services we've become used to receiving remain the same. We certainly do not want to see our property values decrease (as they will) if the override doesn't pass. Please support the future of our police, fire, library, DPW, Senior Center and school departments. Let's keep Norwood's values up and continue Norwood's future as "the Jewel of the Commonwealth". I urge you to please vote "yes" on June 3rd!

*Patty Griffin Starr  
Norwood*

## NOT HEARING THE WHOLE STORY ON OVERRIDE

*To the Editor:*

As of today's edition of this paper, voters have 33 days to decide how to cast their vote on this override. I am amazed at how little real information has been put forth to voters to decide. This current override has been rushed. The 5 Year plan it includes led by our Town Manager's efforts does not inform the masses of a few simple facts.

First off, this is a permanent increase that remains well past this 5 year plan. In that 5 year time you will receive a 52% increase in your property taxes, guaranteed. You will also get further increases with property assessments and multipliers to bring that, conservatively, to a 60% increase in that 5 year plan. You will also get a guaranteed 100% tax levy increase well before 10 years! Don't take my word for it. Just call and con-

firm these facts with our Town Assessor if you wish. You can also confirm that we will end up having the highest taxes around if this passes. Westwood will compare as a tax bargain very soon.

Next is the issue of these outrageous parental fees for students. This override doesn't change that at all. Unfortunately, this override just takes care of administration and faculty needs, which is 80% of the School budget. This whole override is agenda based folks. It has nothing to do with the well being of the kids, but takes care of the School Administration needs quite nicely.

This override does not take care of the need for a new school either. We can prepare to have another override for that. This 5 year plan should cover that too. The town of Dedham just took care of two schools WITHOUT an override! We currently have \$155,000,000 of debt on our Town books, yet still pursue capital outlays at Town Meeting and are considering this override. Does that sound like a good way to run a Town? We are living well above our means as a Town. We have mismanaged our spending way too long. This override is the very worst thing we could do as a solution to bad spending.

The folks pushing this override never made the effort to bring forth Articles of change to try to assist the Schools at Town Meeting. If they had, they would have had my cooperation and efforts as well as many others. Instead, that normal process was bypassed, and this huge override has been rushed as THEIR solution to THEIR needs. It does not consider the needs of the real people of Norwood who are struggling to get by. Does that sound like a community of "One"? This will affect everyone, especially the seniors and the renters (who are about to get massive rent increases). Oh yeah, it also puts a massive hit on the MINORITY homeowners' wallets! I'd

rather call the School Committee's bluff and say NO to this blackmail. Let's just see if we have music and sports without an override. I GUARANTEE you we will! If not, Our School Committee will make us the laughingstock of the Commonwealth. I think they already have.

Shame on all of you for playing these games complete with your scare tactics to families. I'm not buying any of your eyewash and am proudly voting NO to this override and your nonsense. I will once again also pledge to work with anybody for the sake of the kids and parents of Norwood after I help stop this needless override our School Administration has created.

*Kevin Pentowski  
Norwood*

## HOW COME ADDITIONAL FUNDING IS NEVER MENTIONED?

*To the Editor:*

The clock is ticking. June 3, Operational override, six million dollars or not. Six million is >12% of a 75 million total levy. A >8% permanent tax increase on all homeowners! More than 15% increase on commercial-industrial property, (that pays 44% of the levy now), seems like an enormous tax hike! Since the committees arrived at this number in January, there were no additional new funds available to reduce the number? No State aid? No Chapter 70? No new growth? Historically Prop 2.5 operational overrides fail first time on the ballot, statewide. Those failed overrides are a fraction of what Norwood is asking for, (over 95% of all the passed overrides were under 1.99 million). The sky is not falling. The Governor budgeted more aid to school funding 1/24/19. An additional 200 million in 2020, more than 85% to high need, low income districts, which about half in the state are (154 of 318). I'm guessing Norwood would be one. Norwood has the lowest income per capita of all surrounding towns and then some. Also a favorable Forbes Hill solution may be happening soon! We are still one town. A new middle school is coming, there will be a separate debt exclusion override vote at that time. Just trying to get some facts out.

*Ed Lynch  
Norwood*

## MILLER'S PERSPECTIVE ON OVERRIDE

*To the Editor:*

After reading the letters sent to the Norwood Record regarding the proposed override, I decided to provide a different point of view.

Most of the letters that have been sent are in support of our schools which I thoroughly endorse. However, after working for 45 years on the General Government side, I feel I can give a different perspective.

First of all, there is a misconception that all the proposed cuts because of the budget shortfall will somehow be salvaged as they always find the money every year. Every department regardless of school or general government submits what that particular department feels they need in order to provide the services for our residents. All departments include in their budget some items that probably will not be appropriated in the new budget for the new fiscal year. These budget requests are not pie in the sky requests but items that a particular department feels should be addressed in the years ahead. This gives the Board of Selectmen, Financial Committee and School Committee a better idea of what the long range plans are for that Department and how it will affect the budget process for the upcoming years.

For many years, due to the diligent work of our Town Accountant Bob Thornton, Town Manager John Carroll, Assistant Town Manager Bernie Cooper and our present Town Accountant Tom McQuaid, we were able to find funds that helped the Town. These funds were aptly called "Rabbits" as coming out of a hat. These rabbits enabled us to pull out of some tight financial times. Seemingly, there are no more rabbits out there (only in my yard) this coming fiscal year so now there have to be some hard choices made about the future of our Town.

During my career, I have been involved in many budget discussions and always felt those involved from Department Heads, Town Administrators and Town Boards did everything they could to provide a fair and balanced budget without hurting residents and employees.

While working with other communities, we Recreation Directors always would joke as how our communities would compare to each other and took pride in having surrounding towns explain how they wished that they could have some of the programs or facilities that we enjoy. I have always felt that my job was to provide quality of life programs, activities and events that made Norwood special.

One area that I took special pride in was our ability to provide Norwood families with quality, fun filled summers for our children. It is my understanding that one of the cuts to

be made would be to eliminate the ever popular Fr. Macs Summer Playground and the closing of Fr. Macs pool. This would involve hundreds of children and their parents who would now have to find some other means to provide activities and a safe place to spend their summers. How many of you have fun memories of either your Play Camp days or that of your child? As the ad says "Priceless". The Fr. Macs community is almost a town within a town and we need to support the continuation of Father Macs any way we can to enable these summer services.

School life and education are paramount to a child's growth. The schools are the real barometer and reputation of a community. In my opinion academics, although the foundation of education, will not function properly without arts, athletics and activities. These four A's round out a student's school life and add more than you can imagine to our children's school experience.

There are so many more examples that we could touch on that make Norwood, Norwood. I request that when you mark your ballot, you dig deep and ask yourself as to why you moved to Norwood or why you decided to stay here and bring up your family in this wonderful and caring town.

Norwood is a unique community and I am proud to have grown up here, attended Norwood schools and, through my career at the Recreation Department, helped make this a community that we can be proud of. I hope you support your town and vote yes for Norwood.

*Jerry Miller  
District 4  
Town Meeting Member*

## FRIENDS SAY THANKS

*To the Editor:*

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging would like to thank Westbury Farms for their recent fundraiser on our behalf. It was a wonderful evening with excellent food and service. This is the eighteenth year they have done this for us and from the friends, seniors and staff of the COA "Thank you".

Mike Renney, Steve Flaherty and their staff put in long working hours on this day to make it special for us each year. Hopefully our seniors will visit Westbury Farms to enjoy a meal and let them know how much we appreciate what they do for all of us. Thank you to all of you!

*Bill McCoy, President  
Friends of the Norwood  
Council on Aging*

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Residents learned about bike safety, energy efficiency, sustainability and how they can use those skills in Norwood.

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audit of all the waste they found.

“Beer cans, nip bottles, Juul pods, things like that and we didn’t find any hypodermics this year or last year,” she said. “We had a plan in place last year and this year with the Norwood Police Department where if you found one you’d mark it off with a cone and call the police, and they’d come down and remove it, but we didn’t find any.”

Aprea and Neal-Rizzo said they also participated in the Neponset River Clean Up with members of the Norwood Trails Advisory Committee, along with a tree planting, both at the Hawes Pool.

“We planted three sugar maples,” said Aprea. “They were three-inch caliber and about 10 feet high.”

Norwood Trails Committee Members Joseph Greeley and Lee Leach said they also attended the Neponset Cleanup. Greeley said he participated in the Neponset while Leach participated in the Sunday

Cleanup. Greeley said they had about a dozen people, but he added that the Neponset River Watershed Association had several cleanups along the Neponset throughout the Greater Boston Area.

“There were all kinds of things we pulled out of the Neponset,” he said. “We had about seven bags full of trash, and I pulled one of those razor scooters out of the river there, and we did find some animal skeletal remains as well, like good size animal remains too. But it was good, there was a lot of local trash and things that we from a community standpoint, could just do better.”

Greeley said the tree planting afterward was a great, quick and easy event as well.

“It’s down right in front of the bath houses by the pool and they’re really good-sized trees and they’ll be very good shade,” Leach said, adding he also participated in the cleanup at the High School. “I also checked up on the Hennessey and Endean Trail.”

Residents Justin Kuhn and his wife Alisa said they came out for bike safety instruction, for which a station was provided, giving out free helmets and bike upgrades.

“My kids bike all around the Town and their safety is really important to me and I wanted to make sure they were taken care of, and this was a great place to get checked out by people who know a lot more than I do,” he said. “Proper fitting helmets and bikes and making sure everything’s tight and well situated, because wear and tear happens. If you don’t stay on top of it, it can be a danger, just like in cars. I’m a little uneducated in it, so we brought them to somebody who knows more than I do.”

Resident Jerry Issa said he is a big supporter of Earth Day and sustainability and wanted to support those ideas locally. Resident Maria Martins said it was a great time for her and her children.

“It’s something good for the kids to learn,” Martins said. “I like it outside better, but the weather isn’t really conducive to that. Earth Day should be, you know, on the Earth if you can help it.”

Boy Scouts Pack 42 Bear Den Leader Suzanne Randall said her troop participated in the cleanup, and as something fun to do after, they set up a recycling station, of sorts, for arts and crafts.

“We actually have a requirement in Boy Scouts for our outdoor code so as to ‘leave no trace,’” she said.

“Last year, as part of the Wolf Den, we had a requirement to participate with your community in some activity and we got involved in the Earth Day Cleanup, and we were trying to think of something to do after the kids had participated in the cleanup outside. We wanted to do something fun. It was really Katie’s idea. You do this recycling imagination station where you take ordinary recycling and turn it into something else, like a piece of art.”

Randall said Neal-Rizzo’s

son John is in her den, and they worked on the idea together.

“The kids have really done a great job with it, and we don’t give them too much direction,” she said. “We just let them create. It’s been great, we had these two tables and we even pulled a third table over at one point because we had so many kids.”

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the committee responsible for putting on the Norwood Fourth of July parade spoke to the Selectmen about the need for more volunteers.

Bernard Cooper, Assistant Town Manager and Chairman of the July Fourth Parade Committee, asked the board to help spread awareness about the plentiful volunteer opportunities for those looking to be more active community members.

“We’re looking for young blood, some new blood,” said Cooper.

Cooper said the committee is looking for help in all areas including fundraising efforts, booking musical acts and building social media presence.

“The parade is a lot of work. It’s a lot of fun but there are only so many hands to go around,” he said.

Cooper explained that the committee has barely begun its fundraising efforts and that the parade typically costs between \$50,000 and \$60,000. Cooper stated that most of the donations come through the fundraising events, but donations can be made at any time.

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that could make it easy for someone to take advantage of the Town... I was unnerved by what I found.”

Shay detailed more than a dozen errors in the document, leading to confusion among several officials, including Town Planner Paul Halkiotis, who said during the meeting his version had corrections that Shay’s did not. When it was eventually discovered that there had been an error in printing, the article was tabled and brought back on Monday, April 29.

Planning Board Chair Ernie Paciorkowski said the mix up occurred because of an error

that took place while saving the proofed document. He apologized to TM members.

“We were embarrassed by it and it wasted your valuable time,” he said addressing the more than 100 members gathered on Monday. “We had two versions, a working draft and a final version, and that led to the confusion when questions were asked and some didn’t see the same information... We heard you, because this article is too important to Norwood’s future not to get it right.”

Several residents and officials spoke in favor of the MUOD during both days of the Special. Zoning Board of Ap-

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peals Chair Patrick Mulvehill said support for the overlay actually started in the 1990s and Norwood was just now catching up. New Selectman member David Hajjar said this was needed in order to create a vibrant downtown. TM member District 1 Mike Bergeron said he was tired of being left behind by other towns and municipalities.

Before TM voted on the issue, member Judith Howard brought forth an amendment to reduce the maximum height down, remove the tandem parking provision and the maximum density to 24 units per acre with a special permit (16 as-of-right). The amendment also changed the language of the MUOD to state instead of requiring that no new construction cause a detriment to others in MUOD, rather to say the MUOD or the surrounding neighborhood.

“Norwood is already too small for its population,” Howard said. “Norwood business owners must step up to the plate and renovate.”

Howard said she was not opposed to an MUOD, more that she wanted it back to its original form. The dimensional requirements she suggested were what the MUOD had originally proposed, before officials went to property owners to see what they thought. Halkiotis said many developers said they would not see any profit in adding a floor with those dimensional requirements, which is why the MUOD was update to 45 feet/32 maximum

units per acre.

According to Halkiotis, with the new overlay, they estimate that in about 20 years the Town could expect reasonably to see a maximum, and he stressed this was an estimate on the maximum, number of new units in the MUOD from around 600 to 800.

Article six, which changed the density requirements for zoning districts A, CB, HB, LB, and GB, was also approved by members on April 25. Howard brought the issue back up for reconsideration in light of the approval of Article 5 on Monday, but the article was again voted in as originally presented.

Article 7 was the next big ticket item, which was a proposal from officials and approved to put a moratorium of one year (until June 30, 2020) on the issuance of permits related to open lot storage of motor vehicles on all accessory storage lots not on the Boston-Providence Turnpike. Halkiotis said this was necessary for the Town to work with car dealerships to find better places for car storage, as the nature of the western side of Norwood and the low train bridges that run north and south of the Town require car carriers to take circuitous routes in Norwood’s residential neighborhoods. He said this creates traffic and safety concerns and the Town wanted to find a better way to store cars. He said they will be holding meetings with dealerships in the coming months to figure out a zoning

plan to take care of the issue.

Article 1 was approved and allowed for restaurants with malt beverage and wine licenses to serve cordials. Article 2 allowed for the Town to petition the Massachusetts legislature to adopt a new all-alcohol license for the Skating Club of Boston. Articles 3 and 4 allowed for the Town to put an extra donation tab on their tax collection services to allow residents to donate for senior and veteran care issues respectively. Article 8 allowed the Town to adopt the state’s Stretch Energy code for energy efficiency in new buildings.

Article 9 appropriated \$30,000 for the June 3 Special Election regarding the approval or denial of the Operational Budget Override. Article 10 appropriated \$950,000 to pay for the repair of a bridge over a water culvert on Dean Street. Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said the Town would be reimbursed by the state for about half of that amount. Articles 11 through 19 were financial transfers from one line item to another within respective departments and did not ask the Town for new funds.

Article 20 was a request from the Town Department of Public Works to take out a no-interest loan from the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA) for \$629,000 (the maximum the MWRA allows for the Town this year) to replace water mains throughout the Town.

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Left to right - Blue Hills Regional's District Treasurer Mr. Charles J. Gisondi; Bank of Canton President and CEO Mr. Stephen P. Costello; Bank of Canton Vice President of Business Development Ms. Paula Burke; and Blue Hills Regional District School Committee Chair and Randolph Member Marybeth Nearen. Ms. Burke holds a plaque that was presented by Blue Hills Regional to Bank of Canton in recognition of the Bank's generous support of the school in numerous ways over the years.

PHOTO BY JUDY BASS

## Bank of Canton supports Blue Hills ESOL program

Bank of Canton has made a \$5,000 donation to the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program offered to adults by Blue Hills Regional Technical School.

This donation is another milestone in the longstanding relationship between Bank of Canton and Blue Hills Regional. Over the years, Bank of Canton has supported Blue Hills Regional with monetary donations, by being a sponsor of events hosted by the

school's Booster Club, and by allowing the use of its corporate facility located at 490 Turnpike Street in Canton.

"We support our customers and help them achieve their goals; that's the role of a community bank," explained Stephen P. Costello, president and CEO of Bank of Canton. "We have a great relationship with Blue Hills Regional Technical School. We've offered them complimentary use of our auditorium and conference space for orientations and graduations, and when the ESOL program needed

space, we hoped we could provide a suitable temporary home."

Mr. Costello continued, "Unfortunately, our facilities couldn't support the class size and daytime hours of the ESOL program. We were disappointed...but still determined to find a way to help Blue Hills Regional accomplish its goals. So instead, we donated \$5,000 to help Blue Hills Regional defray the cost of leasing a temporary space for the ESOL program in the Canton/Randolph area."

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## Neponset River gets some TLC



About a dozen stalwart residents went out on Saturday morning to brave the cold and clean up parts of the Neponset River in Norwood. The cleanup was part of an effort set up by the Neponset River Watershed Association and took place at locations throughout the Greater Boston Area. Members said they collected several bags of trash during the event.

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local communities are seeing an increase," though Thompson added "Norwood is seeing a bigger increase."

Katie Neal-Rizzo asked about the budget process, noting that in past years, additional monies have always been found. "We should not be using free cash to supplement budgets," said School Committee Member Maura Smith. "There's not that money this year to put into the budget." Thompson added, "I don't see this as an option."

Another audience member asked if the schools are losing teaching staff due to the concerns

about the budget. "We have lost one teacher and one paraprofessional at this point," said Thompson. Smith added, "This is a problem that is on-going and costs us people not applying here."

Norwood General Manager Tony Mazzucco, who was in attendance, also stepped in to help with questions regarding school system funding. "I don't anticipate this getting better, but it could get worse."

"Why can't we borrow money from the town's stabilization account if we don't have enough free cash?" Neal-Rizzo asked.

Mazzucco said that would affect the town's credit rating which would cost taxpayers a lot more money down the road.

A question was raised about athletic funding. Bodenhofer noted that the reduction for athletics is more

ated smiles by stating, "I wonder why people vote people into office to do this for free and then don't believe what they are saying?" referring to the school committee. "I don't want to pay more taxes. I don't think you are lying."

Committee members took turns explaining how every feasible option had been considered that would

ment, but a fundamental position.

Selectman David Hajjar, also in attendance, noted that if the override passes, the Selectmen are committed to keeping the money allocated as is and not move it around. Hajjar remarked that citizens want to see how the spending aligns with the plans.

Thompson pleaded on behalf

*"I wonder why people vote people into office to do this for free and then don't believe what they are saying?"*

**... One audience member**

## PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF NORWOOD

### APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF THE RESTAURANT ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE AND APPLICATION FOR COMMON VICTUALLER

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for Common Victualler License and the transfer of the Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverages License from Outback Steakhouse of Florida, LLC, dba Outback Steakhouse, 1210 Boston Providence Turnpike to BTN, Inc., dba Boston Tavern, 1210 Boston Providence Turnpike, Kevin Morrissey, 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 1210 Boston Providence Turnpike, Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of the premises is as follows: one story 6400 square foot unit containing dining area, kitchen, restrooms, one entrance/exit in front, emergency exit and loading dock in rear.

Public Hearing on this application will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:05 p.m. in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

Paul A. Bishop, Chairman  
William J. Plasko  
Allan D. Howard  
Thomas F. Maloney  
David E. Hajjar  
Selectmen of Norwood as  
Local Licensing Board

*Norwood Record, May 2, 2019*

## Section 00.11.50 — ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

The **Norwood Housing Authority**, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from **General Contractors** for the **200-1 Entryway Stair Repairs, #220064** in Norwood, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by **Edward Rowse Architects, Inc.**

The Project consists of: repair of concrete entryway stairs including spall and crack repair, pedestrian traffic coating, elastomeric coating at vertical concrete and epoxy coating all balusters and railings. Base bid includes 7 entryway stairs at various units and there are 5 add alternates for additional entryway's.

The work is estimated to cost **\$73,405.**

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §26 to 27H inclusive.

**THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. The bids are to be prepared and submitted at [www.biddocsonline.com](http://www.biddocsonline.com). Tutorials and instructions on how to complete the electronic bid documents are available online (click on the "Tutorial" tab at the bottom footer).**

DCAMM Certification Requirements: NONE

General Bids will be received until **10:00 AM on Wednesday, 22 May 2019** and publicly opened online, forthwith.

All Bids should be submitted online at [www.biddocsonline.com](http://www.biddocsonline.com) and received no later than the date and time specified above.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the Norwood Housing Authority.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at [www.biddocsonline.com](http://www.biddocsonline.com) (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167).

There is a plan deposit of **\$50.00** per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to BidDocs ONLINE Inc.

Plan deposits may be electronically paid or by check. This deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon return of the sets in good condition within thirty (30) days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority.

Additional sets may be purchased for **\$50.00**

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$ 40.00 per set for UPS Ground (or \$65.00 per set for UPS overnight), non-refundable, payable to the BidDocs ONLINE Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT:

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The Contract Documents may be seen, but not removed at:

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By: Stephen W. Merritt, Executive Director

*Norwood Record, 5/2/2019*

than \$600,000. To get athletic funding back would require fund-raising that amount of money plus charging individual students to pay-to-play. Funding varsity football would cost \$1,000 per student, \$2,000 per student for hockey. It would be unlikely that enough families could pay that amount.

One audience member gener-

be least harmful to educating students, but with the deficit so large, the cuts are painful. "We want to give our students every opportunity, that our students are not falling behind," said Smith. Committee Member Joan Giblin added, "We're talking about making sure we have a middle school PE teacher," noting that this was not an enhance-

of Norwood teachers, stating that the teachers in Norwood are the finest he's worked with. "I need to give these fine people the resources they need to do the job," he said.

A copy of the full budget presentation will be available on the Norwood School Committee website.

## DEATHS

### BABEL

**BRENDA M.** of Norwood passed away on April 28, 2019 at the age of 73. Beloved daughter of the late Fred P. and Stephanie M. (Wieliczka) Babel. Loving sister of Paula M. Roberts and her husband Dennis of PA, Catherine B. Collins and her husband Chris of Norwood, Patricia Lydon of Walpole and the late Frederick P. Babel. Cherished Aunt of Kimberly Benfer, Michael Roberts, Stephanie Collins, Ryan Collins, Natalie Lydon. Also survived by many great nieces and great nephews. Brenda was a 1964 graduate of Norwood High School and then went on to graduate from Chandler School for Women. She was the founding member of the Duck Club and Pineapple Club. She was a former Norwood Town Meeting member and was the office manager for the Town of Norwood Building Dept. for 49 years. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, Thursday May 2, 2019 at 10am followed by a funeral mass at 11am at St. Timothy's Church Norwood. At the request of the family burial will be private.

### BOISVERT

**Doris E. (Doull)** Of Norwood, formerly of Dedham, April 26, 2019. Beloved wife of Reynald F. Boisvert for 68 years. Devoted mother of Steve Boisvert and his wife Deb of Pittsburgh, PA, Doug Boisvert and his wife Cheryl of Kokomo, IN, Dave Boisvert and his wife Lori of Concord, and Larry Boisvert and his wife Erin of Acton. Grandmother of Katy Kauffman, Ben, Danielle, Josh, Alyssa, Jason, Christian, and Sean Boisvert. Sister of Jim Doull of Hilton Head, SC, Donna Hass of Sacramento, CA, and the late George Doull. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral from the George F. Doherty & Sons Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home, 456 High St., DEDHAM. Interment in Needham Cemetery, Needham. Online guestbook and directions at [gfdoherty.com](http://gfdoherty.com) George F. Doherty & Sons Dedham 781-326-0500.

### GLYNN

**Mary T.** Of Walpole, passed away in Norwood Hospital, April 22, 2019. Beloved daughter of the late John J. and Jane (Kelly) Glynn of Roscommon, Ireland. Loving sister of Reverend Francis M. Glynn of Boston and Philip E. Glynn and his wife Cynthia of Dedham. For many years, Mary worked for the New England Telephone Company. During her years there, she was honored as the distinguished recipient of the Telephone Pioneer Award in 1988. Relatives and friends are invited to attend Visiting Hours, Friday, April 26th from 6-8PM in the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rte. 1A), NORWOOD. In lieu of flowers, kindly consider a donation in Mary's memory to The Children's Tumor Network, 120 Wall Street, 16th Floor, NY, 10005, Attention: Gift Process or [www.CTF.org](http://www.CTF.org) Gillooly Funeral Home Norwood 781-762-0174 [www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com)

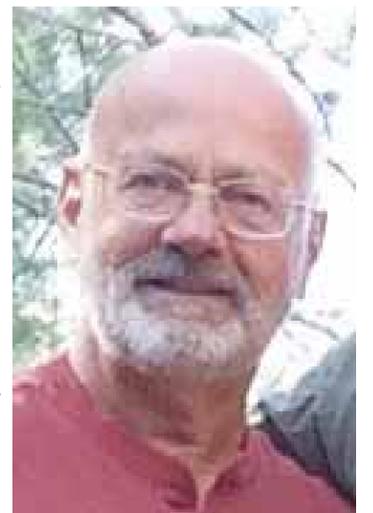
### PETRUCCI

**Louis A. Jr.** Of Norwood, passed away on April 26, 2019 at the age of 82. Beloved husband of Sally E. (MacNeill) Petrucci. Devoted father of Stephen L. Petrucci and his wife Karen of Walpole, Linda J. Sullivan and her husband John of Norwood, David A. Petrucci and his wife Ann of Walpole and Gregory Petrucci of Norwood. Brother of Virginia Murphy of Norwood and the late Fred Petrucci and Olga DeSario. Cherished grandfather of 12 grandchildren and 1 late granddaughter, Coley Petrucci. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Son of the late Luigi A. and Elvira (Cerrone) Petrucci. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., NORWOOD, Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 8am followed by a Funeral Mass at 9am at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood. Burial with US Army military honors will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Make-A-Wish Foundation, One Bulfinch Place, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02114. US Army Korean War Veteran. [kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com](http://kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com)



### THOMAS

**EDWARD F.** a lifelong resident of Norwood passed away on April 21, 2019 at the age of 67. Beloved son of the late Edward L. and Loretta L. (Corey) Thomas. Loving brother of Dennis E. Thomas of Foxboro and Marlene F. Lupaczyk and her husband Brian of Franklin. At the request of the family all services will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to St. George Orthodox Church 6 Atwood Avenue, Norwood, MA 02062. US Navy Vietnam Veteran. [www.KRAW-KORNACKFUNERALHOME.COM](http://www.KRAW-KORNACKFUNERALHOME.COM). FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED 781-762-0482.



# Fishing Derby

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Resident Joe Phitrzak said he and his grandson come out every year for the derby.

"I think it's awesome," he said. "If they had a few more fish to catch it would be nice, but it's really great. It gets the kids outside, they have great food and the duck race will be starting pretty soon."

Resident Evelyn Vasquez said she her children and her mother came out because they saw the event on Facebook.

"We went to the one in Jamaica Plain last year and it was amazing," she said. "This one here is nice, there's a lot of people, it's a little chilly but what can you do about the weather, right?"

Resident Jill Davignon said she brought her son Jerome Bridges out because she had so much fun doing it when she was a kid.

"It reminds me of when I came with my dad," she said. "It feels good to remember my dad, and I can do that with my son."

Bridges added that he had almost caught a trout, but it got off

the line.

Resident David Devaux and his daughter Saoirse came out for their first derby this year.

"We always missed it in previous years," he said. "So she's already got one, she got a six-ounce rainbow trout and a few other bites and misses."

Resident Gary Dayton said this was his first time out with his grandson Gavin Hay and though the pair hadn't caught anything yet, they were having a good time.

"They're not biting very well today, but it's nice and everybody seems happy to be here," Dayton said. "It could have been a little warmer, but other than that it's been great."

Residents Sarah and Todd Warnock said they came this year for the second time to visit family they have in Norwood.

"We come out to meet them for what's becoming an annual tradition," she said. "It's a good introduction to spring and we like getting the kids outside."

The winners of the Duck Race are listed as follows. John



The ducks poured in and Recreation Department Superintendent Travis Farley tabulated the winners.

PHOTOS BY JEFF SULLIVAN

Kelly won first place, with Tricia Upton coming in second. Fayth Zabioski won both third and fourth places (which Norwood Recreation Depart-

ment Superintendent Travis Farley said has never happened in his four years of duck racing), and Isabelle Fisher won fifth place.

Patrick Doherty won sixth, Christine DeSilva won seventh, Alil Muhomed won eighth, Sara Yng won ninth and Lucas Deluses won 10th.

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### NORWOOD HAZARDOUS WASTE /RECYCLING DAY

Bring your hazardous waste to Norwood's semi-annual Household Hazardous Waste Day on May 11th at the Composting Facility at 370 Winter Street from 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Please bring proof of residency.

Hazardous waste is considered waste product with properties that make it dangerous or potentially harmful to human health or the environment. A partial list of materials include oil or lead based paints, solvents, wood preservatives, pesticides, herbicides, lawn care products, automotive products, cleaning products, drain cleaners, and pool chemicals. "Always make sure to read the label before disposing of any potentially hazardous product. By bringing materials to Hazardous Waste Day you are protecting you and your family from possible exposure and protecting the environment." Sigalle Reiss, Public Health Director. For a full list of hazardous materials collected at Hazardous Waste day, please see the Norwood Household Hazardous Waste/Recycling Day Newsletter mailed to all residents in the light bills. A copy of the newsletter is also posted on the town's website [www.norwoodma.gov](http://www.norwoodma.gov).

In addition to hazardous waste, residents may bring large items such as tires, electronics, refrigerators, air conditioners and propane tanks, some fees apply. Bulk item include metal, white goods, mattresses, rigid plastics and furniture and will be limited to 3 items per car load. Document shredding is also available for a flat fee of \$10.

Foam/Styrofoam® will also be collected at the Winter Street Facility and is available every Saturday. Food containers, including coffee cups, are not accepted. Additional permanent collections include: mercury items, including fluorescent bulbs, books, CDs, DVDs, and textiles are available. There will be no disposal of leaves and brush on Hazardous Waste Day.

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Residents of all ages angled for a better position during the day in hopes of catching the elusive golden trout.

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win the heart of Princess Jasmine, and fights against the plots of evil Jafar and Iago. Don't miss out on either opportunity to see Aladdin Jr.-Friday May 3rd, and Saturday May 4th, both 7pm at Norwood High School auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and Seniors.

## CLEVELAND PTA SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The F.A. Cleveland School PTA will present three scholarships on June 18, 2019. Two scholarships will be presented based on special achievement and the third on character in memory of former Cleveland School Principal, William P. Kenny. The awards will be given to outstanding young men and women who attended the Cleveland School, are presently residing in Norwood and are graduating from high school in June 2019. Applicants will be judged on scholastic achievements, extracurricular activities, work experience, citizenship, recommendation of guidance counselor, and essay quality. Please note, the recipient will not be selected on scholastic achievement alone, and it is not necessary that the candidate plan to continue his/her education. The awards consist of a \$500.00 check and having their names inscribed on a plaque, which hangs in the Cleveland School. Applications are now available from the Guidance Department at Norwood High School as well as from the Principal's office at the Cleveland School. All applications must be returned to the Cleveland School, Attn: Mrs. Nancy Coppola, Principal, no later than Thursday, May 23.

## PARKWAY CONCERT ORCHESTRA ON MAY 19TH

Parkway Concert Orchestra, a 50 piece non-profit orchestra, concludes its 74th season with 'Rossini and Dvorak' on Sunday, May 19 at 3 p.m. at Saint Susanna Parish, 262 Needham Street, Dedham. Guest Conductor Yohei Sato will conduct a lively program including Rossini's overture to 'The Thieving Magpie,' Finlandia, music from 'Chicago' and Dvorak's Symphony No. 8. The concert features students of the Dedham Public Schools in Beethoven's Egmont Overture. This concert is sponsored by Dedham Savings and is supported in part by a grant from the Dedham Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Doors will open at 2:30. Donation is \$15; \$10 for seniors and students; and free for children under 12 years old. For ticket reservations, please call 781-444-5041 or email [parkwayconcertorchestra@gmail.com](mailto:parkwayconcertorchestra@gmail.com), and for more information, visit the orchestra's web site at [www.ParkwayConcertOrchestra.org](http://www.ParkwayConcertOrchestra.org).

## BLUE HILLS TECHNICAL DESIGN AND ART SHOW

Please join us to see outstanding examples of student-created art at the 2019 Design and Communications Senior Art Show at Blue Hills Regional Technical School, 800 Randolph Street in Canton, on Thursday, May 9 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. All are welcome and admission is free.

## WALPOLE FOOTLIGHTERS "ADRIFT IN MACAO"

What do you get when you cross The Thin Man with The Road to Bali? You get a cross between a film noir drama and an exotic destination musical comedy, something exactly like Adrift in Macao, the musical that closes the Walpole Footlighters 2018-2019 season of Murder, Mystery, and Mayhem. Adrift in Macao is a loving parody of film noir movies set in 1952 Macao, China. The book by Christopher Durang and the music by Peter Melnick tells the story of Lurena and Corinna, two curvaceous singers battling for one job at Rick's Night Club in Macao. Both singers try to help Mitch, who is on the run to avoid being framed for a murder in America by the mysterious international supervillain McGuffin. Both singers also try to avoid the amorous advances of nightclub owner Rick Shaw. And then there's Tempura, technically Rick's employee, but someone who is seemingly everywhere and knows everything that happens in Macao. Does he really want to help everyone, or is he really just in it for himself? Performances of Adrift in Macao will be given at the Walpole Footlighters Playhouse at 2 Scout Road in East Walpole. Evening performances will be given on May 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, and 18 at 8:00 PM. There will also be matinee performances on May 5 and 19 at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$25 and all seats are reserved. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. To purchase tickets, call the Box Office at 508-668-8446 or purchase online at [www.footlighters.com](http://www.footlighters.com). This production is sponsored in part by the Walpole Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. # # # Possible caption for the attached photo: The cast of Adrift in Macao takes a break at the bar. Front row from left to right: Kevin Lowney, Mike Nakashima, Diana Doyle, Juli Small, Rachael Rabinovitz, Matt Orell. Back row: Gary Mlinac.

## WOMAN'S CLUB LUNCHEON

The Norwood Woman's Club will hold their annual luncheon at 1:00 p.m. at the Lafayette House on May 14. The menu is fish or beef. The cost is \$30.00. Payments made out to Norwood Woman's Club must be made by May 1, 2019. Please write your menu choice on your check. Any questions please call Trina at 781-762-8173 or Nancy at 781-762-8892.

## PROTECTION FROM COGNITIVE DECLINE

Join us at Temple Aliyah on May 7, 7-8:30 pm, to learn ways to maximize your brain health for the future. The session—the third in a three-part series on aging, memory, and Alzheimer's disease presented by experts from the Center for Alzheimer Research and Treatment at Brigham and Women's Hospital—will feature an overview of cognitive aging, focusing on modifiable risk factors for dementia; a review of current research on diet, mindfulness, sleep, exercise, and social and cognitive activities; and information on lifestyle changes to maximize brain health. No attendance at prior sessions necessary. Learn more at [www.templealiyah.com](http://www.templealiyah.com) or call the synagogue office, 781-444-8522.

## THE REALITY OF AGING AND HOW IT TRANSFORMS US

Aging, the Spiritual Journey- a Blessing, a Covenant, and a Grace at St. Catherine of Siena Parish-School Cafeteria, Monday, May 6 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Join Chaplain Timothy Duff for his presentation on the reality of aging and its power to transform us spiritually through the challenges faced throughout the aging process. Seen through the lens of faith, these challenges become beacons of light shining through as blessings, covenant and grace, and deepening the Christ-life within by bringing new meaning to loss, depression, dependency, etc.

Chaplain Timothy Duff, STM, A, ERD and BCC Coordinator of Spiritual Care and Hospital Chaplain at Emerson Hospital in Concord, Ma. Tim also teaches for the Archdiocese of Boston, giving workshops for the Pastoral Care to the Sick and Homebound. He has been a hospital chaplain for eighteen years with extensive experience in the spirituality of aging.

## WCC FREE BABYSITTING COURSE

The Women's Community Committee (WCC) is sponsoring a FREE babysitting course for 6th, 7th and 8th grade Norwood students. The one-week course will be held from 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, May 6th through Friday, May 10th at the Coakley Middle School. Registration forms are available at the Middle School, St. Catherine of Sienna School, the Morrill Memorial Library and the WCC Thrift Shop, 1091 Washington Street, Norwood. (Thrift Shop retail hours are Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

Presenters at the 66th annual

babysitting course will include the Norwood Police Department's safety officer, a Norwood fire fighter, a registered nurse, a professional babysitter, a nursery school teacher, and a librarian. Certificates from the WCC (an all-volunteer, non-profit community service organization) and from the Massachusetts Extension 4H will be given to students who complete the course.

## KATHRINE LOVELL FEATURED AT ARTIST DEMONSTRATION

The NORWOOD ART ASSOCIATION holds their monthly ARTIST DEMONSTRATION on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Simoni Room of the Norwood Morrill Memorial Library, located at 33 Walpole Street in Norwood. These demonstrations are FREE and the public are welcome and encouraged to attend! Light refreshments are served and there is a raffle of a piece of art donated by the attending artist.

On Thursday, May 16th, the NAA's featured demo artist will be Kathrine Lovell. Kathrine was born in Sydney Australia, but now resides in Tiverton, Rhode Island. Her family is full of artists from her watercolorist mother to her graphic designer uncle. For additional information or to become a member, please contact Frannie Downey, the Norwood Art Association President, at [francesadj@aol.com](mailto:francesadj@aol.com) and visit them on Facebook.

## HELP NORWOOD LETTER CARRIERS STAMP OUT HUNGER

The Letter Carriers' food drive is held annually on the second Saturday in May in over 10,000 cities and towns in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam. It remains as important as ever, with many people facing economic struggles. Hunger affects about 50 million people around the country, including millions of children, senior citizens and veterans. Letter carriers see these struggles in the communities they serve, and believe that it is important to do what they can to help. As in previous years, all food donated in the Norwood community will be sorted and delivered to the Norwood Ecumenical Food Pantry. If you can, please help our neighbors in need by leaving one or more bags of food by your mailbox Saturday, May 11. The food will be picked up as carriers deliver your mail on their regular route. All types of non-perishable food are welcome, including peanut butter, coffee, canned fruit, canned tomato sauces/paste, diced and whole tomatoes, canned meat and hash. The only requirement is that all cans and boxes must be new and in good condition. Anything outdated or opened has to be thrown away for health reasons.

## 3rd ANNUAL WALK/RUN

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Walpole will hold their 3rd annual Walk/Run on Saturday, May 4. Hosted by Mick Morgan's Irish Pub and Restaurant located at the junction of Routes 1A and 27 on the Walpole-Sharon line. Registration will begin at 9am with the race starting at 10am. If you sign up in March, you can save \$5.00 off the registration fee! All proceeds will be used to support individuals and families in our community in need of food, utilities, rent and other emergency needs. For further information and to register go to [wehelppeople.racewire.com](http://wehelppeople.racewire.com).



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# SENIOR NEWS

**BINGO:** Every Wednesday, from 12:45 PM to 3:00 PM, \$5.00 to get started. For \$1.00, we have a game with a winner take all prize! You must be here by 12:45 PM to play this game!

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC:** Walpole VNA will be available for blood pressure screening on the first Wednesday of each month. Ellis Nursing Home will offer blood pressure screening on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The Walpole VNA will provide blood pressure screening on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 AM. Walpole VNA on the 5th.

**BOOK CLUB:** Our next book club meeting will be on May 20 at the senior center.

**BRIDGE:** Our bridge club meets on Thursdays at 9:00 AM, in the Library.

**COMPUTER CLUB:** The computer club meets every Wednesday at 1:00 PM –

**COUNCIL ON AGING:** COA Board Meeting will be held on May 2, at 1:00 PM.

**CRIBBAGE:** Our seniors meet every Monday at 12:45 PM to play cribbage. New class on Fridays at 12:45 (except the 4th Friday).

**DIGITAL PHOTO ORGANIZATION & EDITING:** will take place the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, at 11:30 AM.

**FOOT DOCTOR:** Dr. Michael Mitry is scheduled to be here on May 10, \$35.00 charge-call to schedule an appointment.

**DRAWING WITH COLORED PENCILS-** Classes held the first and third Tuesday of the month at 11AM-12:15PM. \$3.00 a session, all materials included. May 7th and May 21st.

**FRIENDS EVENING DANCE:** May 17, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM The DB Band.

**GLEE CLUB:** Glee Club meets every Tuesday at 11:15 AM. New members are always welcome.

**HANDCRAFTERS:** Handcrafters meet every Monday from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

**HEARING SOLUTIONS:** Hearing Aide clinic on Wednesday, May 22, 11:30AM.

**LEARN TO PLAY MAH JONG-**Thursdays and Fridays at 12:30 PM.

**LINE DANCE** Classes are held each Tuesday. Class will be held from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM.

**MAH JONG:** Mah Jong players meet

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10:00 AM - Noon.

**MANICURES:** Fridays May 3 & May 24, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

**MASSAGE THERAPIST:** Karen Tracy is here on the first Monday of each month. Please sign up at front desk. Massages are \$30.00 for half an hour.

**NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB:** The Board of Directors meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10:30AM, at the Senior Center. The club membership meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks Lodge, at 10:00 AM.

**SCRABBLE:** Thursday afternoons at 1:00 PM. Come and join us for a game.

**SHINE:** We have two SHINE Counselors. Carole is here to help you with your medical insurance needs on Tuesdays from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Amy will be here on Fridays from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Please call 781-762-1201 for an appointment.

**TAP DANCE-**Thursdays at 11:15 AM. All levels are welcome and encouraged to join the fun.

**TRIAD:** Monday, May 20, 2019 at 1:00

PM. DPW Director/Town Engineer Mark Ryan.

**WATER COLOR:** The next session is scheduled for Thursday, May 9, at 9:00 AM. Payment of \$20.00 must be made at time of sign up.

**WAXING** with Erin: May 20, 2019 Monday, 9:00 AM – Noon.

**WHIST:** Whist players meet on Tuesdays at 12:45 PM, in the library.

**May Events**

COA Board Meeting, Thursday, May 2nd, 1PM. Bruce Hambro presents, Dean Martin, "King of Cool", Sponsored by Whitney Place at Sharon May 17th at 1PM. For Those Who Served, We Thank you!. Memorabilia Exhibit, May 30th 11am-4pm. Afternoon Line Dance with Susan, Friday, May 31, 1PM-3PM. \$5.00.

"Always a Bridesmaid" At The Newport Playhouse Tour Date: June 13, 2019 (Thursday) Tour Cost: \$89.00 Tour Includes: Ocean Drive Sightseeing Tour Admission to the Newport Playhouse for show & Cabaret. Full Buffet Luncheon Luxury Silver Fox Motor Coach

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**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE**

The semi-annual Friends of the Library Book Sale will take place on the first weekend of May in the Morrill Memorial Library's Simoni Room. Friday May 3 from 1:00-4:30 pm will be the early-bird sale for Friends of the Library only. If you're not already a Friend, you too can enjoy early access by signing up for membership when you come to the sale. The book sale will be open to the general public on Saturday May 4 from 9:00-4:30 pm. Sunday May 5 from 2:00-4:30 pm will be the much-anticipated Bag Sale, when you can fill a bag with books for just \$5! Please contact the library with any questions at 781-769-0200. See you at the sale!

**MATT BROWN DISCUSSES HIS NEW BOOK**

Former Norwood High School hockey player Matt Brown will speak at the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. to talk about his new book, "Line Change: A True Story of Resilience in the Face of Adversity," co-authored by Todd Civin.

Matt Brown's life changed immeasurably on January 23, 2010 when he struck the boards during a Norwood High hockey game. Left paralyzed, unable to use his arms or legs, Matt decided to live life "differently" but never gave up. To register for this event, please go to [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), call 781-769-0200, x110, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk. Copies of the book will be available to purchase after the program.

# Library Events

**BOOK CLUB – "SANDCASTLE GIRLS"**

The Morrill Memorial Library's Turn the Page Book Group, led by Patty Bailey and guest host Carla Howard, will meet on Wednesday, May 15 at 10:00 am and again at 7:00 pm. "The Sandcastle Girls," a novel by Chris Bohjalian that explores Armenian American heritage, will be the star of May's discussion. This tale travels between Aleppo, Syria in 1915 and Bronxville, New York in 2012. It is a sweeping historical love story steeped in the author's Armenian heritage, making it his most personal work to date. Join us at 10:00 am for a live Skype session with author Chris Bohjalian! Space is limited. To sign up for this special program, please register by visiting the library's events calendar page at [www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), call 781-769-0200 x110, or visit the library's Reference or Information Desk.

**LUNCH AND LEARN: GOOGLE DRIVE**

Come to the Morrill Memorial Library on Wednesday May 15 from 1:00-2:00 pm for a productive lunch break! Please note, this is a time change from previous Lunch & Learn workshops. Technology Librarian, Brian DeFelice, offers Lunch & Learn workshops focusing on explaining different aspects of technology. Feel free to bring your lunch, or just come to learn! Beverages and dessert will be provided. These workshops will be held in the Simoni

Room. Registration is not required but is preferred. You may register by visiting the calendar page on our website, [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or by calling the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x110. This Month's Topic: Google Drive. Come and learn about the great FREE services that come packaged with your Gmail account. We will be discussing how to store files on Google Drive's cloud based online storage, and explore the

basics of Google Docs, Google Sheets, and Google Slides.

**SOCIAL SECURITY SEMINAR AT THE LIBRARY**

Michael Graff, popular presenter about financial services and retirement, will return to the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, May 30 at 6:30 pm to discuss social security. His Social Security Seminar is a single session 90 minutes course, offering information for people nearing retirement and interested in learning more about

Social Security claiming options and when to file for benefits. Michael will also review the changes to Social Security that were enacted in 2015 as part of the Bi-Partisan Budget Act. Specific topics to be reviewed include: - How to properly file for Social Security benefits - How to maximize the amount you are eligible for - How to avoid the most common mistakes people make when claiming their benefits - Collecting Social Security while you continue to work - Taxation of Social Security benefits - Social Security information for widows, widowers, and divorcees

To sign up for this informative program, please visit the library's events calendar at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), call the library at 781-769-0200 x110, or visit the library's Reference or Information desks.



Jack Brady (on the left) and John Cavanaugh, both 14 and both of Norwood achieved their black belt rank at Excel Martial Arts in Canton after years of practice, dedication and discipline.

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