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 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 Willett 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 Muyev Bodenhofer replied, “Surrounding towns would suffer similar cuts.”

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Meeting wrapped up on Monday, April 29, and approved all articles presented in the warrant save for two, which were withdrawn by the Finance Commission.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

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.

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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 Earth Day

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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.

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The board voted unanimously to endorse the override.

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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.

“You’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.

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PHOTO BY AMANDA WEBSTER

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I urge you to please vote “yes” on Norwood’s future as “the Jewel of the Commonwealth”.

Continued Norwood’s future is in our hands. Our police, fire, library, DPW, schools, and other departments are operated at a high level of efficiency. As neighbors have already done, property owners, that costs increase will be shared. The town has been level funding the operational override. Our School Committee will make us the laughingstock of the Commonwealth. I think they already have.

We are being asked 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 my 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?

The clock is ticking. June 3. Operational override, six million dollars or not. Six million is 12% of a $55 million total levy. A 5-9% permanent tax in increase on all homeowners! More than 15% increase on c o m m e r c i a l i n d u s t r i a l property. Norwood has the lowest in the state of all surrounding towns. The sky is the limit. No government entity is always the best or can do everything. Norwood is a unique community. Our schools and town are growing at a fast pace.

Patty Griffin Starr

Norwood

NOT HEARING THE WHOLE STORY ON OVERRIDE

To the Editor:

As a reader of this 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 the 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 confirm these facts with our Town Assessor or 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 compared to Norwood.

Next is the issue of these outrageous parental fees for students. This override doesn’t change that at all. Fortunately, 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 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 the cooperation of 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 every one, 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 Scholastic Assessment Board and say NO to this blackmail. Let’s just see if we have music and sports without an override. I GUARANTEE you will see! If not, I will have an override that makes you laugh yourself out of the Commonwealth. I think they already have.

The question is what would be salaged 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 do indicate that a particular department feels it should be addressed in the years ahead. This gives the Board of Selectmen, Financial Committee and School Committee a better sense of what the long range plans are for that Department and how it will affect the budget process for the upcoming year.

For many years, due to the diligent work of our Town Accountant Bob Thornton, Town Manager John Carroll, Assis-tant 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.

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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 worked to keep costs down and compare to each other and took pride in having surrounding towns explain how they wished that they could have some of these facilities or programs that we enjoy. I have always felt that my job was to provide quality of life programs, activities and events that made Norwood special for all of us.

One area that I took special pride in was our ability to provide services to the children of Norwood. It is my understanding that one of the cuts to be made would be to eliminate the popular Fr. Macs Summer Playground and the closing of Fr. Macs pool. This would involve hundreds of children and their parents who would 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, schools are the foundation of education, will not function properly without arts, athletics and activities. These four A’s round out a student’s 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 vote as if 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 the years, I have been a part of 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
donorwooded@gmail.com

District 4

Town Meeting Member

Wishing you an rewarding Summer and a great 2022 school year!

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 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 them and what they do for all of us. Thank you to all of you!

Bill McCoy, President Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging
Residents learned about bike safety, energy efficiency, sustainability and how to use those skills in Norwood.  

PHOTO BY JENNIFER SULLIVAN

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 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 found from a community standpoint, could just do better.”

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

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Residents Justin Kuhn and his wife Alissa 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.”

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that occurred because of an error Shak 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 Appeals, Planning Board and Appeals 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, 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 a 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 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, the day, but the article was originally voted on 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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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.”
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 29, 2019 at the age of 73. Beloved daughter of the late Fred P. and Stephanie M. (Wieliczka) Babel. Loving sister of Paula 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 graduate of Norwood High School and then went on to graduate from Chandler School for Women. She was the founding member of the Drama 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 11am followed by a funeral mass at 1pm at St. Timothy’s Church Norwood. At the request of the family burial will be private.

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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. (Carey) Thomas. Loving brother of Patricia E. Thomas of Foxboro and Elizabeth E. Lupaczyk and her husband John of Westboro. At the request of all the family services will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to St. George Orthodox Church 6 Artwood Avenue, Norwood, MA 02062. US Navy Vietnam Veteran. www.KRAW-KORNACKFUNERALHOME.COM. FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED 781-762-0482.

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local communities are seeing an in-crease,” though Thompson added “Norwood is seeing a bigger in-crease.”

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 Maureen 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 paraprofes-sional at this point,” said Thomp-son. “Smith added, “This is a problem that is on-going and costs us people not applying.”

Norwood General Manager Tony Mazzucco, who was in at-tendance, also stepped in to help with questions regarding school systems funding. “I don’t anticipate this getting better, but it could get worse.”

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be least hard to educating stu-dents, but with the deficit so large, a few painful, “We need to give our every students every opportunity, our students are not falling be-hind,” said Smith. Committee Member Joan Giblin added, “I wonder if we’re talking about making sure we have a middle school PE teacher,” not-ing that this was not an enhance-

ed 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?”

Selectman David Hajjar, also in attendance, noted that if the over-ride passes, the Selectmen are com-mitted to keeping the money allo-cated 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

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Section 04.11.50 — ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

The Norwood Housing Authority, the Averting Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the 200-1 Entryway Stair Repairs, #20004 in Norwood, Massachusetts as accorded with the documents prepared by Edward Rowe Ar-chitects, Inc.

The Project consists of: repair of concrete entryway stairs including spill and crack repair, plasterwork tracing, concrete arcing at vertical concrete and coping coating all balusters and railings. Base bid includes 7 entryway stairs at various units outside of 5 and 5 alternative occupational entryways.

The work is estimated to cost $75,405.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.49 §4A(A-1 & A) to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.49 §20 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 submitted on BidDocs.com, an electronic document submission and online public solicitation system. The complete electronic bid documents are available online (click on the “Tuto- rial” tab at the bottom footer)

DCAMS Certification Requirements: NONE

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

All Bids should be submitted online at www.biddocs.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 5% of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternatives) and made payable to the Norwood Housing Authority.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at www.biddocs.com (may be viewed electronically and hard copy requested) or at Nashua Blue Ink, 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-566-1167).

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

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

Additional sets may be purchased for $50.00

Bidder requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for $25.00 per set for UPS Ground or $50.00 per set for UPS overnight, non-refundable, payable to the BidDocs ONLINE Inc., to cover mailing handling costs.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: Site Visit: Date and Time: Wednesday, 15 May 2019 at 10:00 AM

Addition: 79 Jefferson Drive, Norwood

Site Visit By Appointment Only: The Contract Documents may be seen, but not removed at:

Norwood Housing Authority
40 William Sheps Circle
Norwood, MA 02062

Nashua Blue Ink
433 Main Street
Hudson, MA 01749
978-566-1167

By: Stephen W. Merrit, Executive Director

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

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

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 chillier 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 Saorise 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 Kelly won first place, with Tricia Upton coming in second. Fayth Zabioski won both third and fourth places (which Norwood Recreation Department's 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 Yang won ninth and Lucas Deluses won 10th.

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

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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.

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.

For up-to-date information on events and health topics, follow the Health Department on Twitter @norwoodHD and like us on Facebook. If you have any questions, please call the Health Department at 781-762-1240.

Coakley Presents Aladdin Jr., the Musical

Coakley Middle School Drama proudly presents Aladdin Jr., the musical. This heartwarming Disney tale is an updated version of the 90’s classic. In it, Aladdin works with his best friends and the Genie to

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Dedham Community House is still accepting applications for Summer Day Camp Counselors & Lifeguards. Must be 16+. Application is online at www.dedhamcommunityhouse.org

St. Jude’s Novena

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WALPOLE FOOTLIGHTERS “ADIRITT MACAO”

What do you get when you cross The Thin Man With The Road to Singapore? You get a cross between a film noir drama and an exotic destina- tion musical comedy, something that was featured in the musical that closes the Walpole Footlighters’ 2018/2019 season of Murder, Mystery, and Mayhem. Adiritt in Macao is a loving parody of film noir movies set in 1950s Macao. China. The book by Christopher Durang and the music by Peter Mellnick tells the story of Lureena and Melnick tells the story of Lureena and her really just in it for himself? Perhaps. Diana Doyle, Juli Small, Rachael Durang and the orchestra’s web site 05/19 at 2:00 PM. Tickets are $25 and $20 for seniors and students; and free for children under 12 years old. For ticket reservations, please call 781-444-5041 or email patcooganonconcerts@gmail.com, and for more information, visit the orchestra’s web site at www.PathwayConcertOrchestras.org.

BLUE HILLS TECHNICAL DESIGN AND ART SHOW

Blue Hills Technical High School is proud to announce the following examples of student-created art at the 2019 Design and Com- munication Show. For more information and online entry, visit the 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.

Cup of Lobster Bisque

Fresh, native 5.5 lb. lobster baked with our special lobster, scallop, and shrimp stuffing, served with drawn butter. $28.99

Cranberry Pecan Salad

Pretzel mixed field greens with candied pecans, sun-dried cranberries, goat cheese, and cranberry balsamic vinaigrette. $14.99

Corrib’s Crab Cakes

Pan-seared frommex crab lump crab cakes on a bed of greens, topped with lemon-jar pepper aioli. $19.99

Baked Stuffed Lobster

Fresh, native 5.5 lb. lobster baked with our special lobster, scallop, and shrimp stuffing, served with drawn butter. $28.99

Roast Black Angus Prime Rib A Ju Lus

Slow-roasted boneless prime rib, au jus. $29.99

Roast Turkey Dinner

Glazed roasted turkey breast served with candied stuffing, pan gravy, mashed potato and gravy, cranberry sauce, and Soup of the day. $13.99

Baked Escalopes & Crab Meat Casserole

Sun-ripened baked jumbo lump crab meat, seafood stuffing, seasoned and seasoned crumbs, served with potato and vegetable. $19.99

Guinness Braised Lamb Shank

Guinness braised lamb shoulder served in a Guinness demi-glace, served with mint jelly, mashed potatoes and vegetable. $29.99

Filet & Baked Stuffed Shrimp

Dry aged filet mignon served with our special lobster, bacon, and seafood stuffing, served with drawn butter. $29.99

Regular Menu also Available

The Norwood Record is needed for dental practice in Norwood. Must have experience.

Call please Mary at 781-672-6688

PROTECTION FROM COGNITIVE DECLINE

Math at Temple Brigham on May 7, 7-8:30 pm, to learn ways to maxi- mize your brain health for the fu- ture. The session—the third in a three-part series on aging, memory, and Alzheimer’s disease presented by experts from the Center Alzheimer Research and Treatment at Brigham and Women’s Hospi- tal, will cover factors that promote cognitive aging, focusing on modi- fiable risk factors for dementia; a review of current research on diet, mindfulness, sleep, exercise, and social cognitive activities; and information on lifestyle changes to maximize brain health. No atten- dance at prior sessions necessary. For more information, please visit www. templechall.com or call the sanctuary office, 781-444-8522.

The REALITY OF AGING AND HOW IT TRANSFORMS

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 ages. Seen through the lens of faith, these challenges become beacons of light shining through as we age, covenanting and deepening the Christ-life within by bringing new meaning to loss, de- pression, dependency, etc.

Chaplain Timothy Duff, STM, A, EBD and BCC Coordinator of Sacred Ministry and Hospital Chap- lain at Emerson Hospital in Con- cord, MA. Tim also teaches for the Archdiocese of Boston, giving workshops to the Pastoral Care to the Sick and Homebound. He has a hospital chaplain for eighteen years with extensive exper- ience 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 students in Nor- wood. The one-week course will be held from 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, May 6th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and Friday, May 10th at the Cookley Middle School. Registration forms are available at the Middle School, St. Mary’s Parish, 781-444-8522, Catherine of Sienna School, the Morrill Memorial Library and the Norwood Footlighters Shop, 781-762-1709; Washington Street, Norwood. (Thrift shop retail hours are Wednesdays 6:30 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 Karen Mariano, a registered nurse, a professional babysitter, a nursery school teacher, and volunteers from the Wal- massachusetts Extension 4H will be students to who complete the course.

KATHRINE LOVELL’s POETRY DEBUT

THE NORWOOD ART ASSO- CIATION presents THE 66TH ANNUAL ARTIST DEMONSTRATION on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Norwood Morrill Memorial Li- brary, located at 33 Wal Street Northeast in Norwood. The Norwood Art Asso- ciation President, at 781-762-1709 and visit them on Facebook.

HELP NORWOOD LETTER CARRIERS STAMPOUT HUNGER

Stampout Hunger drive is held annually on the second Sat- urday in May in over 10,000 cities and towns across the country, including millions of children, senior citizens and veterans around the world. See these studies in the communi- ties they serve, and believe it is their duty to use their letter carriers see how much energy they can help. As in previous years, all food donated in the Norwood area will be sorted and delivered to the Norwood Ecumenical Food Pantry. If you like, drop off your neighbors in need by leaving one or more bags of food by your mailbox Saturday, May 5. The food will be picked up as carriers deliver their mail on their regular routes. Unprocessed food are welcome, including peanut butter, coffee, canned goods, cereal, chocolate sauce/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 out- dated or needed to be thrown away for health reasons.

3rd ANNUAL WALK/RUN

The 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 pro- ceeds will be used to support individu- als and families in our community in need of food, utilities, rent and other emergency needs. For further infor- mation and to sign up, please visit www.catholicworkersracewire.com.
DIGITAL PHOTO ORGANIZATION & EDITING: will take place the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, at 11:30 AM.

FOOT DOCTOR: Dr. Michael Miny is scheduled to be here on May 10, $35.00, during scheduled appointment.

DRAWING WITH COLORED PENCILS: Classes held the first and third Tuesday of the month at 10:30 AM. $3.00 per session, all materials included. May 7th and May 21st.

FRIENDS EVENING DANCE: May 17, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM The D&D Ballroom.

GREATER MAINE CLINIC: The Great Basin Clinic 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 Aids clinic on Wednesdays, 22nd, 4:30 PM.

LEARN TO PLAY MAHJONG: Thursdays, May 2, 9, 12:45 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.

MANICURE: 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.

NORWICH 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 Norwalk 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 Esti: 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!. Memorial Day Beverly at Beverly Elks Lodge, at 10:00 AM.

RIAA: The next session is Thursdays at 11:15 AM. 

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BOOK CLUB ~ “SANDCASTLE GIRLS”
The Morrill Memorial Library’s Turn the Page Book Group, led by Patty Bailey and guest host Carla Howard, 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, 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 productivity 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, 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 Bipartisan 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, call the library at 781-769-0200 x110, or visit the library’s Reference or Information Desk.

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.