



Town officials reported more than a thousand residents layering up and heading out to this year's Norwood Holiday Extravaganza on Sunday.

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Holiday Extravaganza a hit!

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Hundreds came out to the 2023 Norwood Holiday Extravaganza, parade and 5K on Sunday to ring in the season and maybe walk off a few ounces of gravy and fixings from last Thursday. It may have been the largest crowd ever for the event.

The day featured the beloved tree lighting, which featured a countdown that could be heard throughout the Downtown area. The evening also featured the annual Holiday Parade, the

Reindeer Dash Free Kids Run, horse drawn hayrides, a S'mores station, face painting, a reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas from former Selectman and current Town Meeting member Helen Abdallah Donohue, Christmas carol sing-alongs, a performance on the Carillon from the Town Hall tower and, of course, a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

The Christmas Claus couple came in style riding on a bright red Norwood Fire Department ladder truck during the holiday parade, and the recent gold-medal award-win-

ning Norwood Marching Band played holiday favorites as the procession made its way down Washington Street.

The most popular attraction at the event was apparently the horse-drawn hayride through the Downtown, with the line for the carriages starting at Central Street and then snaking around the Town Common Gazebo and almost into Washington St.

Residents said they have made the event part of their

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The Planning Board debated the merits of expanding the rezoning effort into Norwood's Downtown.

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Planning Board reviews proposed 3A expansion

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Planning Board met recently and discussed a large change to the proposed map layout for the MBTA 3A Zoning Districts in Town.

The 3A legislation requires at least 50 acres around certain transportation infrastructure (train stations, subway stations and bus hubs) be rezoned to allow multi-family housing as-of-right. The rules stipulate that, at least for Norwood, about 2,000 units be zoned under this ordinance.

This new district, according to Town Planner Sarah Dixon, would increase the number of acres to around 70 instead of the previously proposed 50 in the Central MBTA Station District and the district proposed around

Windsor Gardens. The new district, known as the Norwood Depot District, would include most if not all of the Central Business District in the Downtown. Nothing was voted on during the meeting, and there were several other subjects discussed, like parking, within the confines of the MBTA zoning discussion.

The focus around this increase of acreage was that the Town would be doing more than the bare minimum as required by the law a good idea. Member Debbie Holmwood said she wasn't sure allowing increases in density like that would be amenable to residents. Dixon pointed out that, yes, it would be an increase in area size, but that they could tweak it to reduce the required density and spread it out

3A District

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Steel/trees the Coakley Middle School focus

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Middle School Building Committee (MSBC) voted unanimously to approve new work change orders that would preserve trees and, if all goes according to plan, plant new ones.

The total cost of the new change order, titled Change Order 2, is actually a credit of \$68,897.

Project Management's Chase Terrio said construction

contractor W.T. Rich was able to use "efficiencies" to save the project almost \$70,000 and bring the total change order to a net positive.

Some of those savings are for work the MBSC is reconsidering. There was originally a cost of around \$38,000 for tree screening at the school bus parking lot, but the committee voted to table that. Terrio originally pitched the screening -

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Fire rips through South Norwood triple-decker Several families displaced, Town working to help

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Fire Department (NFD) reported last week on Nov. 23 at around 9:30 p.m., a call came in regarding a fire at 34 Saint Joseph Ave. in South Norwood.

NFD Chief Timothy Bailey said when companies arrived they found the third floor of the building fully engaged. "They had heavy fire on arrival on the third floor of a three-family dwelling," he said.

The NFD reported that a Walpole engine was added to the call when multiple 911 calls started coming in, and on arrival added a Westwood engine as well. After hauling up an attack hose through the rear stairs and using half of the water truck's 750 gallon tank, the NFD reported that they had partially knocked down the flames on the deck.

More fire was found however in the attic space and Bailey ordered a second alarm, bringing in firefighters from Sharon, Norfolk and Canton. Wrentham, Dedham and Foxboro.

Bailey said the cause of the fire is still unknown at the time of press, but that they will continue to investigate.

"They're still investigating," he said, adding that he would estimate the damage at around \$200,000. "It's not habitable at this time."

Concerning the residents at this address, Town Manager Tony Mazzucco reported to the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday that aid efforts for those displaced are continuing.

"Two of the families are currently being housed at a hotel in Town," he said. "Internally, there



The Norwood Fire Department reported responding to a call at St. Joseph Avenue on Nov. 23 and found the fire so severe a second alarm was called.

PHOTO BY NFD

are some residents working to try to secure short-term housing and long-term housing. Particular credit to Firefighter Paul Ronco and some of the other firefighters who covered a couple of the nights (at hotels), and we had some residents come in and donate some points to cover a couple of nights as well."

Mazzucco added that School Committee member Katie Neal-Rizzo has started a fundraiser for those displaced by the fire. According to the GoFundMe page

(<https://tinyurl.com/6uk6kthm>), the effort has raised \$13,664 with 265 donations at the time of press. Mazzucco said Norwood Police Department Officer Geoffrey Baguma and others in the Public Safety Building are working to help those displaced. He added the Four Points Sheridan Hotel on Route 1 also donated some time for rooms for those displaced.

"We've been able to really patch things together and make sure these families are really taken care of," he said.

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Selectmen want to comment on 3A MBTA plan

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, Nov. 28 and during the meeting Selectman Bill Plasko brought up a request to meet with Town Planner Sarah Dixon on the proposed 3A planning initiative the Town has undertaken for the past year.

Plasko said he had a meeting with Dixon regarding the Massachusetts Law 3A MBTA Communities Act and told her the Board wants to come to Town Meeting in March for approval of the plan.

“We’re already almost in December and December is just going to disappear, and so I was hoping we could have that (the meeting) on our agenda in early January,” he said. “I think we should have Sarah or someone else in to discuss that. I feel personally that if they don’t make some of the proposed changes, Town Meeting might turn it down.”

Plasko was referring presumably to the changes proposed at the most recent Planning Board meeting for an increase in the acreage for the MBTA Communities zoning.

“We need to have this passed,” he said. “I think we need to own up to the fact that this is going to happen and address it. But we also don’t need to go overboard with it, which I fear the current drafts may be doing and we need some focus on that so we do get this passed.”

“It’s good we’re doing this in March because, if for some reason, whatever is proposed doesn’t pass we can try again in the fall because we need something passed by the end of 2024,” he said. “So that would give us two bites at the apple if necessary. I don’t think it’s too late – especially since we’re talking about voting in March – we should get a real good look at it and have a chance to comment.”

Selectmen Chair Matthew Lane said they would work to get something on the books.

In other news, the Board voted unanimously to approve an agreement for the transfer of the Extended Day Program (EDP) from the Norwood Public Schools (NPS) administration to the Norwood Recreation Department. Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said the move will be completely administrative, and all the personnel and locations for the EDP would remain where

they are if the plan moves forward.

Mazzucco pointed out that Town Meeting approved the creation of a revolving fund earlier this month to facilitate dues for the program if the Town switches from NPS to the Rec. Mazzucco said the move made sense, as the Rec. Department has historically not had afterschool programming so as not to compete with the EDP.

“We’ve always kind of known that the Rec. Department could run that program if the schools wanted. The school department reached out to us last year and said, ‘We think it might be better if the Rec. Department offered it,’ and it makes sense on a lot of different levels,” he said.

Mazzucco pointed out that for one thing, it would make a great “feeder program” for the Rec. Department to get kids involved in the programming early and bolster the overall programming at the Norwood Civic Center, where the Rec. Department resides. It also frees up NPS administration to further tend to its regular business.

“The school department has a tough enough job managing the schools and it’s not really general education,” he said. “It doesn’t really fall under what the (NPS) Superintendent does. John Kinney said it best: ‘The Rec. Department does really fun stuff, and these programs should really be about having fun.’”

Mazzucco reiterated that nothing will really change from the parents’ and students’ perspectives.

“It’s really just a change of administration,” he said.

Mazzucco added that this will hopefully help decrease the waitlist for the EDP, which has grown considerably over the years.

“We will be looking to address that, but it is based on the availability of sites,” he said.

Mazzucco said the agreement will, starting on or around Jan. 1, 2024, give Kinney a more formal role overseeing the program with the help of the Superintendent and he will hopefully take over on July 1, 2024, after the move is more formalized.

Also during the meeting Selectman Michael Saad brought up the recent death of resident and community mainstay Helen Amelia (Medeski) Paciorkowski.

“I want to send condolences on behalf of the Board to Ernie and his entire family; she was 99 years old and a fix-

ture in Norwood,” he said.

Helen Paciorkowski’s obituary and other information can be found on Page 8 of this paper.

Lastly, Selectman Bob Donnelly said there will be a community meeting on Dec. 6 at the Coakley Middle School concerning the Community Preservation Act (CPA) proposal for Morse Hill Park at 7 p.m. in the Coakley Cafeteria. He said it will be an informational meeting on the proposed improvements to the park. He said there will be renderings available for review by residents.

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“Wake up, it’s time for school!”

There are many public school parents/guardians who don’t realize the pandemic is over—at least for now; their kids should be arising to prepare for going to school.

The Herald recently ran a piece about attendance/absenteeism in the state’s public schools. Shocking, to say the least.

The average child in our state is absent 13 school days a year—about 2 ½ school weeks—which is not really that bad considering flu bugs, colds, mental health days here or there, or leaving for vacation a day or two early. The average rate of attendance is 92.5%, with Worcester leading the big cities with 92.2% for school year 2022-2023. Boston can lay claim to an attendance rate of 88.7%, while Holyoke has the worst rate at 87.4%, Norwood comes in at 92.1%. These, of course, are averages, skewed down by the many chronic offenders in a community, who are defined as those students absent 10% of the 180-school day year (for public schools)—18 days.

I’m not sure if it’s surprising but the community with the highest attendance rate at 96.4% is Weston, one of the richest in the Commonwealth. Does all of this mean that Weston’s students flock to their schools because they are newer, more spacious, with lots of grass for outside recess? Does it mean that there are more educational amenities inside Weston schoolrooms? Does it mean that their teachers are more committed and excited than those in other communities? Does it mean that Weston students are healthier? Does it mean that there are fewer no-show buses there? Does it mean that Weston students have sufficiently warm coats for those bitterly cold mornings? Does it mean that Weston



My Kind of Town/ Joe Galeota

students, most of whom are probably living in two-parent families, do not have to babysit their very young siblings when their parents have to leave home for an appointment?

I don’t know any of the answers to the questions posed above, but I do know that students learn better when they are in school, with all due respect to ZOOM.

Perfect attendance awards have never appealed to me because some children will come to school sick enough to spread germs in order to keep their perfect record intact. But just imagine if your doctor or dentist showed up only 9 out of 10 days.

One of the saddest stories I heard several times is that parents are frustrated when they cannot physically get their children out of bed to go to class because the kids do not want to go to school because of ridicule of their clothing or some characteristic that invites bullying and ridicule. In such cases absenteeism is perhaps somewhat understandable.

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Letters to the Editor

TM NEEDS TO RESEARCH AND ASK QUESTIONS

To the Editor:

Norwood’s Special Town Meeting recently approved funds to extend the runway at Norwood Airport. While “safety” was given as to the reason why funds were needed, there was no opposition, especially to the noise factor that neighbors have been complaining about monthly at Airport Commission meetings. In addition to noise, what the

extension does is to allow jets like Blade’s private Light, Mid-size and Super Midsize jets to land and take off at Norwood Airport.

So, what is the impact associated with the expansion pertaining to abutting wetlands and floodplains? What about the wildlife there? Was the Neponset River Watershed Association ever notified about the effect the extension of the runway will have on the river? What about the increase in private jet use and its associated increase in carbon dioxide

(CO₂) emissions? Using Norwood residents’ tax dollars in this manner for private gain is worthy of examination. However, seeing that Town Meeting already approved the funds, most likely it’s just another step toward completion. It is important that Norwood Town Meeting Members do their research and know all the facts prior to making such an important financial and environmental decision that affects the Town’s residents.

Judith Howard
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The steel superstructure is going up pretty quickly at the Coakley Middle School in South Norwood.

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Coakley Construction *continued from page 1*

slated for the south side of the property – using relatively short trees.

“The plan now is for 40 or 45 evergreen shrubs for additional screening in response to public comment,” he said.

Facilities Director Paul Riccardi asked that they put in larger trees than originally proposed. Terrio said the trees planned previously were for saplings around six or seven feet, whereas Riccardi said he wanted something a bit heartier.

“The one house that gets really impacted is right behind this parking lot,” Riccardi said. “I just think the bigger the better coming out of the shoot, versus us putting seven-foot trees there and say, ‘Oh, in five years they’ll grow and be fuller.’ If we can afford to put in 12-foot trees, we get to the maximum privacy a lot quicker. I don’t know what the cost delta for the trees would be.”

Terrio said they would have to re-price it to get a true cost change, so there would likely be some price difference, but added that it’s not a difficult switch.

“And you’d probably need fewer trees since it would be a larger caliper or larger root ball,” said MSBC Chair Alan Slater. “So take a look.”

Terrio said they would figure that out for the next meeting. The

MSBC agreed not to vote on that part of the plan yet.

Terrio said they are also requesting another \$68,659.04 be removed from the contingency budget for the design of the little league tree preservation on the south side of the parcel. He said they want to take it out of the contingency budget because it is not felt at this time that those funds will be needed.

“With the understanding that if those funds were needed for actual construction costs in the future, we may potentially have to refund that contingency,” he said. “We think that’s highly unlikely.”

For tree preservation, the site being considered is the parking lot near the proposed little league field. Terrio said they would reconfigure the parking lot to screen it with trees with no loss of parking (about three or four spaces would be moved to the other side of the site).

Terrio added that the previously-approved Change Order 1 yielded a small credit of about \$12,000.

“We actually restored some funding to the contingency fund here,” he said. “No change to the overall project line budget.”

In terms of work on the school itself, it’s visibly progressing. Terrio said W.T. Rich has

been focusing on the steel superstructure of the buildings. Specifically, they’ve been putting up the roof trusses and other elements of the gymnasium.

“Quite a bit of effort here over the last month,” he said. “That’s been the primary activity onsite right now; steel. They’ve been moving right along and were able to start a bit early, which is great. There has also been pretty smooth sailing with regular inspections through the process... We’re on a full-court press with steel for the next month here.”

Terrio explained that several inspections are completed, some are up coming and some are currently ongoing. He said geotechnical inspections – which have resulted in 14 reports to date – are completed, while third-party inspections for rebar, concrete and compaction are ongoing. He added steel inspections have now started and are continuing.

Terrio said they have been focusing on Area A for the steel and are looking to move on to B and C later. They are also working on the installation of water and sewer lines and the electrical work in the buildings.

For more information on the project, go to NewCMSProject.org

Superintendent search committee almost finalized

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee recently met and discussed the makeup of the newly-formed Norwood Superintendent Search Committee (SSC).

Right now, the Superintendent Search Committee is missing a representative parent from the Coakley Middle School (CMS).

The Committee is broken up by types: representatives from the parents of students from several schools, from the Norwood Public Schools District (NPS) staff, from the Town government and from the School Committee itself. There are parents from five of

Norwood's schools on the committee now, but none of those have students in the Coakley Middle School. School Committee member Teresa Stewart said she felt while the membership they have at the moment was good, it would be better to have a parent from CMS be on the committee, since most of the other schools in the district have a representative.

"I know that no parents from the middle school applied and that's why you don't have a middle school parent on there, but it is very elementary heavy," she said. "I know David (Hiltz) you don't want more people, but I would like to have one person who would be able to speak to the middle school experience."

School Committee member Joan Giblin added that she would like to see the Norwood Facilities Department represented on the committee as well, or at least someone on the committee from the Town administration side who has had experience with the NPS district. Finance Commission Chair Myev Bodenhofer and Personnel Board Member Pat Riley will be representing the Town on the Committee, so Giblin must have been talking about Riley, as Bodenhofer used to be on the School Committee and chaired it at least once.

"Having a representative

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The Commission will hear a Notice of Intent (NOI) from Rob Simmons of Cathartes concerning demolition of existing buildings and the construction of a five-story mixed-use building and associated parking, stormwater management, utilities, lighting, and landscaping. A portion of this project is categorized as redevelopment. The proposed project will affect Bordering Land Subject to Flooding and Riverfront Area.

Project Location: 83 Morse St., Norwood, Assessor's Map 10, Parcel 4B-104.

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The Commission will hear a Request for Determination of Applicability from Norwood Municipal Light Department concerning installation of a new concrete-encased underground electrical duct bank adjacent to the existing electrical substation #487. Proposed work includes the installation of a new electrical duct bank comprised of six conduits beginning at the substation and continuing south toward Springvale Road.

Project Location: Upland Woods Circle, Norwood, Parcel 14-2-7E.

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The Commission will hear a Request for Determination of Applicability from Son Dang concerning the proposed construction of two decks and a second-story addition in the Buffer Zone, and an extension to the front left driveway outside the Buffer Zone. The removal of ten dead, unhealthy, or hazardous trees within the Buffer Zone also is proposed.

Project Location: 70-72 Union St., Norwood, Assessor's Map 15, Assessors Lot 1, Parcel5.

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We would like to bring attention to a warning that is being shared about Apple technology updates. Recently, warnings are being shared about Apple IPHONE operating system updates. We would encourage you to familiarize yourself with the information to make an informed decision.

The warnings are about "NameDrop an automatic feature that allows iPhone users to share their contact information with other iPhone users directly from phone to phone. The following information from Apple and articles from two media sites may help aid in a decision to keep the feature activated or to deactivate it.

Apple: <https://support.apple.com/guide/iphone/namedrop-iphone-share-contact-info-iph1b6c664b7/ios>

Media site links:
<https://www.cnet.com/tech/mobile/heres-everything-to-know-about-namedrop-on-iphone/>
<https://appleinsider.com/inside/ios-17/tips/how-to-secure-namedrop-and-keep-safe-in-ios-17>

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a little more.

"If we only do 50 acres and we have to allow for a potential build-out count of 2,000, that means the density that we have to zone for those 50 acres has to be a lot higher," she said. "If we have a larger spread of acreage, we can have more modest ranges of density to get us to that unit count figure."

The other benefit of this approach is that it would somewhat help the Downtown area build more. This was not directly discussed during the meeting, but it has been said several times by Dixon, developers and others that the density increase of 32 units per acre in the Downtown Mixed-Use Overlay District (MUOD) put into place a few years ago was not high enough to facilitate development (and that was before the dramatic increase in construction materials costs). Dixon said at the most recent meeting that including the Downtown would allow for, hopefully, enough density to make it worthwhile for a developer to build there.

"This is about what works for us," she said. "What kind of redevelopment does this allow and is it creating higher and better uses for the parcels that right

now are not serving the community to the best of their ability. That's really what we're trying to get at with this, and in some areas, yeah, that means we're going above the minimum standards, but frankly, the task force started with a really honest conversation about that. Where Norwood is, in our market compared to the state, if we put together a bylaw that was just all the very basic minimums, we could pass and get through the state's checklist on compliance, but it wouldn't do anything. It wouldn't change anything. Nobody would build anything."

And Dixon said that would be fine if that's what the Town wanted. But she said that was not the "overwhelming response" they got when they started the community engagement process.

"That's not what we heard in our survey and our sessions where we talked with people," she said. "People talk about a need for different kinds of housing, more accessible housing and more affordable housing and there are questions and concerns about where it should go and what it should look like and will this change our neighborhoods, and all these are reasonable concerns. The message we received was not to do nothing."

Another issue within the MBTA Communities Zoning requirement is parking, and the Planning Board had concerns. Holmwood said she felt the parking minimums for the new zoning districts were too low. The new district would require one space per unit in the Norwood Central and new Norwood Depot Districts and 1.5 at Windsor.

"Elsewhere in Town our parking requirements are unusually high," Dixon said.

"Regal Press, which I think is a great project, I went by there

tonight and every parking spot in the front and the back is full, and aren't those studios and one-bedrooms?" Holmwood asked. "I get that we're doing MBTA and people are going to walk to the train, but there are going to be cars. There are just going to be cars."

Robert Bamber chimed in saying he has talked to people in Walpole who have apparently opted for an unnecessary three-bedroom unit just so they could have two parking spaces. Holmwood doesn't necessarily want to see more blacktop and parking lots in Town, as her self-proclaimed crusade while in public office has been to increase Norwood's number of trees to the maximum extent possible.

Underground or above-ground garages were also discussed, but the problem with them is cost. Generally, it can cost about \$40,000 a space to build a garage above or below, and so either the renter or condo owner ends up paying more for their units, or the density has to be increased to make it worthwhile for the developer.

The Board discussed a third option, however, that would allow an at-grade and enclosed parking lot on the first floor of a building. Basically, the idea would be to allow an increase in height by one story (but not allowing any more units to be built) if the first floor is dedicated to parking. This is still an idea in the early stages, but the idea seemed promising enough to merit further discussion on the Board.

Dixon also said she would come back to the Board with more information on car usage trends in Town and in the country that may show that not everyone in Town necessarily needs, wants, or has two or three cars per family.

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

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



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St. Jude's Novena

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

Miracle Prayer

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

—D.J.

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

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MANY PRAYER CHOICES AVAILABLE

Art Hop coming to Norwood

ART!, Tax Solutions, and Custom Art Framing & Gallery invite you to an evening of art, camaraderie, and an opportunity to buy some creative holiday gifts on Friday, December 1 from 5 to 8 p.m.

View the work of 9 artists in the Group Exhibit at Susana Murphy's Tax Solutions at 642 Washington Street, then hop on over to Julie Vecchio's exhibit of Gallery 9 artists at 45 Central Street, located within her Custom Art Framing business. Or start at Gallery 9 and hop on up to Tax Solutions! Visit both exhibits and be entered in a drawing to win a gift certificate for a local restaurant. Light refreshments will be served at both locations. For more information, email marypaz@norwoodartwalk@gmail.com



The Norwood Art Hop is coming to Town this Friday.

COURTESY PHOTOS

Holiday Extravaganza *continued from page 1*

holiday tradition.

"This is our third year for this," said resident Christina DeBove. "It's the people here; the community; it's just a very good holiday tradition for us, me and my son. He loves Santa and he loves the snacks at the snack table, but I think his favorite is the songs."

Residents Sharl Azar and Shane Beckmann said they recently moved to Norwood from Cambridge and have only been living in the Northeast for a few years. However, they said they have found Norwood especially to be a model of a New England town experience.

"We really like it, it's just a great place to live, everyone's really welcoming," said Azar. "This is wonderful. We just walked down here from our house and it's good to see the whole community out. It's the quintessential New England experience."

"We didn't know what to expect, but it's good to see everybody, and the horse-drawn carriage rides are kind of a unique thing," said Beckmann.

Resident Kate Carlson said she's come for about four years now with her kids. She said usually they just wait for the sounds of the season to come wafting around the neighborhood and then head out to the event.

"We live right up the street

so we can't miss it, I mean we can hear it from our house!" she said. "We usually come out for the carriage rides and all their friends are here. The kids love it and it's just a great community. I have friends who looked to live in Norwood and things like our Rec. Department are one of the draws of moving here. We take advantage of everything the Rec. offers and it's never a disappointment."

Residents Joe Walker and Matt Fritz said they love seeing their kids get out and enjoy the festive spirit of the season. "We all have kids around the same age and we have to get them out of the house," said Walker. "It's a good community event and it's good to have something going on."

"I love the events in Norwood," said Fritz, adding that there is a bit of a downside of having such a popular event. "My wife's been waiting in line all this time for the hayride, so hopefully we'll get to do that too."

Resident Amy Hues said she and her family love coming out and seeing everyone at events like this that the Town offers very regularly.

"I like just the community and I love that they do this," she said.

Hues added that though some of her kids had the

wherewithal to wait for the hayride, she felt it just wasn't worth it for herself.

"I was not willing to get in that line, not today!" she said with a laugh.



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Matthew Cosmo, Age 30, of Norwood, Massachusetts passed away unexpectedly on the early morning of November 22, 2023. Matthew is survived by his mother Lori (Nocca) Egan of Norwood and longtime partner Jack Neuhauser, father Robert Egan of Norwood and wife Kelly (Kuropatkin) Egan, brother Christopher Egan of West Roxbury, sister Jennifer (Egan) DeBiase of Maynard and her husband Nicholas and his sweet dog Maya. Matthew was the step-grandson of Nancy Nocca, the nephew of Paul Nocca of Waltham, Kathie (Nocca) Callahan and husband Jack of Plymouth, Lynne (Nocca) Towle and husband Robert of Rockland, William Egan and wife Ann Bernacchio of Taunton, Anmarie (Egan) Petrycki and husband Stephen of Raleigh, Janet (Egan) Curtin and husband Chris of West Roxbury. Matthew is predeceased by his Grandparents Cosmo S. Nocca and Eleanor Nocca, William Egan and Patricia Egan. Matthew leaves behind many cousins including Kerry Egan-Hitzelberger and her husband Torsten Hitzelberger of Germany, Kristen (Galofaro) Pizzano and husband Chuck of Walpole, Kaitie Galofaro and fiancé Brian Craig of Martha's Vineyard, Joseph Galofaro and his wife Katelyn of Plymouth, Kimberly Towle of Rockland, Robert Towle of Rockland, Carolyn Curtin of West Roxbury, Megan Petrycki of Maryland, Steven Petrycki and partner Danielle of Maryland. Matt spent the majority of his life fighting Multiple Sclerosis, but never let his disease dull his passion for life. A few of the many things Matt loved included meeting new people, scratching lottery tickets, spending time at Foxwoods, working at Roche Bros, attending Boston College Hockey games (Go BC, Beat BU!) and Norwood Theater Plays, following Boston sports teams, holding his dog Maya and singing songs with his mom. Matt was positive he would win Publishers Clearing House, always

on his IPAD. Matt was proud to be a graduate of Norwood High School Class of 2012, where he received a "golden diploma" for his exceptional determination and perseverance. Matt never missed a chance to say "I Love You" to the important people in his life. Matt left a lasting impression on everyone he encountered throughout his life. During the course of Matt's life, everyone he met was considered family to him. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood, on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 9:00AM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in St. Catherine of Sienna Church at 10:00AM. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Visiting Hours are in the funeral home on Friday, Dec. 1, from 4:00-8:00pm. Interment Highland Cemetery in Norwood. Donations can be made in Matt's name to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

HIGGOTT



EDWARD Agard of Norwood, formerly of Reading, passed away suddenly on November 24, 2023 at the age of 65. Beloved husband of Rosemary E. (Jefferson) Higgott. Devoted father of William O. Higgott of Fort Myers, FL and Sara J. Higgott and her boyfriend Alexander Walsh of Salem, NH. Brother of Thomas Higgott and his wife Jaynee of Fort Myers, FL, Katherine Higgott of Wakefield, MA, William Higgott and his wife Lena of Margate, FL, and Ann Higgott of Reading, MA. Grandfather of August, Canyon, and Reese Hyter and their mother Katelyn Hyter of Fredericksburg, VA. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Son of Henry A. and Eleanor M. (Kittell) Higgott. Edward was a current member of the North Star Alumni Drum and Bugle Corps and former member of the Wilmington Swordsmen, Wilmington Crusaders, Bridgemen Drum and Bugle Corps, Bridgemen Alumni Drum and Bugle Corps and the Crusaders Senior Drum and Bugle Corps. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday,

Deaths

November 30, 2023 from 4-7 pm at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062. All other services will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the North Star Drum and Bugle Corps, 1002 Foxwood Circle, Peabody, MA 01960.

PACIORKOWSKI



Helen Amelia (Medeski), beloved wife of the late Ernest George Paciorkowski, passed away on November 25, 2023 at the age of 99 years. She was born in Cambridge MA on December 2, 1923 to Anthony and Amelia (Kohn) Medeski. She is survived by her daughter Carol Helen Lembo and her husband Vincent, and her son Ernest Edward Paciorkowski and his wife Mary Catherine. She leaves five grandchildren, Elisabeth Nardone and her husband Carmine, Julianne Shore and her husband Brian, Michael Lembo and his wife Tara, Catherine Paciorkowki, and Sarah Hoyle and her husband Brendan. She also leaves six great grandchildren, Patrick Shore and his partner Katrina Keller, Michael and Allyson Shore, William Nardone, and Teagan and Rowan Hoyle, as well as her great great grandson Spencer Shore. Helen was a graduate of the Katharine Gibbs Secretarial School of Boston and enjoyed twenty-three years as the secretary of the Cleveland School in Norwood. She was the former president and long term member of the Women's Community Committee in Norwood and was also the former president, founder and charter member of the Polish Business and Professional Women's Club of Greater Boston. Helen was an avid gardener and reader, and

Obituary Policy

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lovingly knit baby blankets and Christmas stockings for each new member of her family. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington Street Norwood, MA 02062 Friday December 1, 2023 at 10:30am followed by a funeral mass at 11:30am at St. Mary's Church East Walpole, MA. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, November 30, 2023 from 4-8pm. Burial will be at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Women's Community Committee of Norwood.

PRICE



Mary R. (Reifler) Price, age 96, of Taunton, formerly of Norwood, passed away on Wednesday, November 22, 2023. Born in Jeannette, PA she was the daughter of the late Fred Reifler and Frances (Sporer). Mary was the devoted mother of Jim Price and his wife Laurene of Marshfield, Lynda and her husband Russell Protentis of Lakeville, and Elizabeth Price and her husband Michael Scheinfein of Portland, OR. She was the sister of the late Mildred Miller, Veronica Strathmann, Donald Reifler, and Stanley Reifler. Mary was the proud grandmother of Nicholas, Lauren, Alecia, Leah, Thomas, Jack, and great-grandmother of William Protentis, Miles Protentis, and Rosie Goss. She was the long-time companion of the late Robert Gregory. A Funeral Service was held in the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rt. 1A) NORWOOD on Tuesday, November 28. Interment was at Highland Cemetery, Norwood.

ZETES



Mary Zetes, 96 years old, of Dedham, MA, passed on November 20, 2023. Mary was the beloved daughter of the late John A. Zetes and Mary (Peros) Zetes. Aunt Mary, as she was known by her nieces and nephews, was fiercely independent and proud of her Greek heritage. Mary was born in Boston on August 07, 1927. She attended Roxbury Memorial High School. Mary began her banking career at 16, as an assistant teller at New England Merchants National Bank. Mary retired from banking 45 years later as a Vice President. She was an avid golfer and enjoyed knitting, sewing, and rug making. Mary is survived by her nieces, Kathy Zetes, Joan H. Kimball, Linda Harwood, Maryann Zetes, and Carol H. Olmstead, and by her nephew, Edward Harwood. Mary was predeceased by her parents and her brothers, Arthur J. Zetes and Peter J. Zetes, and her sister Frances J. Harwood. She was also predeceased by her nephew John A. Zetes. Mary was active in the Greek Orthodox Church. She leaves behind many loyal friends that she met through the Church and through volunteer and civic organizations. Her family is grateful for their support and continued attention, particularly during the later years of her life. A Visitation for Mary was held at the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (RT.1A), Norwood, MA on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Funeral Service followed in the Funeral Home at 11:00 AM. Interment at The Gardens at Gethsemane Cemetery, 670 Baker St., West Roxbury, MA. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made in Mary's memory to a charity of your choice.

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DIY CARD MAKING WORKSHOPS WITH BETTY SACCOCCIA

The Morrill Memorial Library is pleased to welcome back expert card-maker and paper artist Betty Saccoccia for two Make-Your-Own Card workshops on Wednesday, December 6 in the Simoni Room of the Library.

Are you hoping to create a special one-of-a-kind message for the holidays? or perhaps a general well-wishes card for winter-time? Betty will guide you through crafting two unique designs with high-quality materials so you can create professional and personalized card designs. All materials will be provided in this free workshop for people ages 14 and up.

This workshop will be offered twice: once at 6:00pm, and again at 7:30pm. Both workshop sessions are identical.

Space in this workshop is limited and will fill up quickly. Registration is required for this in-person event. Sign up at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. Please sign up for only one session, so that we can reach as many people as possible.

INCLUSION IN THE CLASSROOM DOCUMENTARY

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with Norwood SEPAC for the screening of the documentary *Forget Me Not: Inclusion in the classroom* in the Simoni Room on December 14, at 6 PM. There will be a discussion following the screening of the documentary.

If you are a parent with a child with a disability, you know the anxiety experienced when your child enters the school system. *Forget Me Not* intimately documents a family's fight to have their son with Down syndrome included in the country's most segregated school system, the New York City public school system. Propelled forward by others' struggles and successes, *Forget Me Not* offers a rare look at what a truly inclusive education can look like and how it can lead to a more inclusive society so that everyone has the opportunity to achieve their full potential. For more information, please visit <https://www.forgetmenotdocumentary.com/index.php/about-film/>

The documentary features Henderson K-12 Inclusion School located in Boston. We are honored to have Amy Gailunas, one of the teachers featured in the documentary, join us for a discussion and offer her insights into what inclusion in school looks like.

Registration is required. Suitable for ages 18+. Sign up at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY MOVIE IS POLAR EXPRESS!

The Morrill Memorial Library is offering an in-person sensory-friendly movie on the 4th Friday of the month for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. In the month of December the program will be held on the 15th due to upcoming holidays.

Join us for our Sensory-friendly Friday movie at the Library! This program will be held in-person in the Simoni Room on Friday December 15, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our December movie in the Sensory-friendly Friday movie series is Warner Brothers' *Polar Express*, rated G. The Morrill Memorial Library and Lifeworks Inc of Norwood are excited to bring this program series to the Norwood community. Registration is required. This event is recommended for attendees aged 18 and up. Please register at <https://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/> or call 781 769 0200 Ext 2.

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with the L.E.A.D. program affiliated with Norwood High School to host a Sensory-friendly Lego Club for Adults. Our December Lego club meeting will be held in-person at the library on Thursday December 21, from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

Please join the L.E.A.D. students in this creative adventure. Just bring your imagination - we will provide the Legos. The Club is free, inclusive, and open to anyone ages 18+. It is specially designed for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Registration is required. Sign up at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF NORWOOD CABLE TELEVISION CABLE LICENSE RENEWAL PROCEEDINGS

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Norwood, being the Town's Cable Television License Issuing Authority, hereby gives notice that on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 6:35 p.m. at Town Hall, 566 Washington St., Norwood, the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing concerning the cable television license renewal of Comcast of Massachusetts, III, Inc. (Comcast). Members of the public may attend in person or participate remotely by video or audio using the video link or phone number(s) set forth below:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/oyd-ccnb-acv>

Or dial: (US) +1 470-241-5265 PIN: 691 281 646#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/oyd-ccnb-acv?pin=8110708181616>

The purpose of the proceeding is to accept public comment on, formally consider and possibly take final action on the proposed Comcast Renewal License, a copy of which is available for public inspection and copying c/o of the Town Clerk or his/her municipal designee. Public comment is invited. For further information and copies of renewal records, contact William J. Plasko, Board of Selectmen, c/o Town Hall. By order of the Board of Selectmen as Cable Television License Issuing Authority.

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from the Town without a connection to the schools, past present or future, to me doesn't make sense on this type of committee," she said.

The Committee voted to approve the addition of an administrative person to represent the Coakley, 4-1 with Giblin against.

As far as the rest of the membership, the committee is comprised of School Committee members Kate Sibbing-Dunn and David Hiltz. From the NPS staff is Norwood High School Principal (NHS) Hugh Galligan, CMS English Teacher Molly Holm, Director of Fine Arts Jeff Kerr, Assistant Director of Special Education Karen Milch, Prescott School Principal Bryan Riley and Oldham Special Education Teacher Jody Smith.

Parent representatives include Becky Flynn from the Willett/Oldham Schools, and Callahan School parent Jocelyn Lumley. NHS will be represented by Casey Russo, the Cleveland by Mike Sangalang and the Prescott by Jamie

Singelais.

The first focus group meeting to help residents inform the membership what they want to see in a new superintendent is Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the NHS Library. There is also a digital survey for residents to take to pass on their input at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Norwood2023>

Sibbing-Dunn said they would be forming their questions for candidates from the survey as well as their own input. She said interviews for the committee will start on Dec. 4.

In other news, Superintendent David Thomson reviewed staff positions NPS is looking to fill currently. He said they are still looking for an assistant transportation director, an elementary library media specialist, a confidential secretary to the School Committee, two special education teachers, a title I teacher, paraprofessionals, van drivers and Extended Day program staff.

"We have added two or three staff in the last week or so, and I wanted to thank lead-

ership for staying on task and trying to find folks," he said.

Thomson also announced the gold medal win by the Norwood High School Marching Band at the Massachusetts Instrumental Choral and Conductors Association (MICCA) festival. He also said that NHS had four teams qualify for postseason play so far this fall; the NHS Field Hockey Team, the Football Team (who also recently won this year's match-up against its Dedham rival), the NHS Volleyball Team and the NHS Cheerleading Team.

"All that work we've done around the Athletics Study Committee and increasing access to the middle school, our high school student athletes doing workshops are starting to pay off and I want to thank all our coaches and students for that," he said.

Thomson also highlighted the Prescott Student council which was able to partner with the Norwood Food Services program and raised more than \$1,000 for the Norwood Circle of Hope.

Support Toys for Tots!

On Saturday, December 9th, at the Norwood V.F.W. Post 2452, 193 Dean Street, Norwood, from 7:00 p.m. til Midnight.

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Please E-mail Trudy Wallace @ trudywhitewallace@gmail.com All proceeds to go to Greater Boston Area (USMC) Toys for Tots.



Ask The Doctor

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

Monday, November 20

1032 Phone - PD-Disturbance Peace Restored Location/Address: Plimpton Ave 911 caller states he had an argument with his neighbor, would like a police officer. No weapons, parties are separated. OFC spoke to parties. Civil in nature. Resident at Plimpton Ave was complaining about the resident at Plimpton Ave over a parking spot as well as a tree/bush line. Parties advised. Units en route for a school drill.

1617 Phone - PD-Stolen Motor Vehicle Report Follows Location/Address: Dan O'Brien Kia - Bos-Prov Hwy Call on business line from employee, he would like an officer to come down, a couple motor vehicles stolen. Caught on video. Spoke with management will be following up tomorrow

1714 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Pleasant Street From HQ caller requesting a keep the peace while picking up belongings.

Tuesday, November 21

1024 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: Nassau Gardens - Bahama Dr Caller states there is a vehicle parked in front of the dumpsters and they are refusing to leave. Caller requesting assistance to have them moved. 1131 Phone - PD-Larceny/Forgery/Fraud Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Citizens Bank - Bos-Prov Hwy 911 call from employee stating fraudulent check attempting to be used by male party in the bank, becoming hostile towards staff, left in a black Tesla M3, no plate able to be seen. Reported as black male, younger in age, with a surgical mask, grey hoodie and sunglasses. RP on 911 line reports tall black male tried to cash a check worth \$1978. Fled into parking lot getting into a black Tesla. Did not provide direction of travel. Counter party reports they have his ID. Arrest: Murphy, Wesley Rayquan Address: 45 Wilnot St Roslindale, Ma Age: 23 Charges: Utter False Check Conspiracy c4 Attempted Larceny Arrest: Noel, Marckenzy Address: 104 Itasca St Apt. #1

Mattapan, Ma Age: 26 Charges: Utter False Check Conspiracy c4 Attempted Larceny Drug, Possess Class B Arrest: Felix, Ludner Junior Address: 30 Central St South Weymouth, Ma Age: 28 Charges: Utter False Check Conspiracy c4 Attempted Larceny

1538 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Washington St Caller is at the business Sew Easy and requesting to speak to an officer regarding two juveniles that may have been causing a disturbance in the laundromat next door that she saw on camera.

1747 Phone - PD-Assist Public Report Follows Location/Address: Plymouth Dr Male party in the lobby looking to turn over his firearm that was used for a job he no longer has.

2100 911 - PD-Unwanted Party Services Rendered Vicinity of: Neponset St 911 caller reporting an unwanted male party in home - male is very intoxicated. Caller states he came into her apartment uninvited. Spoke to the calling party. It was a misunderstanding. The younger brother was checking on the older brother. All clear.

2358 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reporting she found a firearm in between her dryer and washer. Believed to have been left behind by her caretaker. Caller advised to meet officer at the front door and to leave the firearm where it is. Confirmed to be a BB gun. 674 will be taking and disposing of it.

Wednesday, November 22

1357 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Sixth St 6 year old white male looks lost, he is wearing grey or blue pants and a red shirt with brown hair. Party lives in neighborhood and was going for walk around neighborhood. Party checks okay. Units clear. Spoke to parents and have been advised.

1616 Phone - PD-Neighbor Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Hoyle St Party in lobby would like to speak to an officer regarding on-going neighbor harassment. Reporting party

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reported ongoing issues with their first floor tenant and that he left two arrows stuck in the front lawn today. She asked about an HPO and the eviction process and N676 advised.

1631 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Report Follows Location/Address: Boston Tavern - Bos-Prov Hwy Call on business line reports that a male and a female had drinks at restaurant and are now sitting in car. Appear to be intoxicated. Worker wants to ensure they take an Uber and not drive. Are currently sitting in car. One in custody. 663 returning with one to the station, 664 clear, other party awaiting their Uber.

1844 Radio - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Report Follows Location/Address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St Party came into station to bail out PC, is now under arrest for OUI, drunk driver Arrest: Moreau, Danielle Mary Address: 14 Garfield Ave Attleboro, Ma Age: 34 Charges: OUI-Liquor Or .08%

1853 Radio - PD-Identity Theft Services Rendered Location/Address: Hampden Dr From HQ, party in lobby wishing to speak with officer about possible photo, identity fraud. That individual was going to be victim of a scam. We were able to stop wire transfer before any money was taken, unit clear.

2017 Phone - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Village Rd E Caller on 911 line says male is going "crazy" and fighting. Phone disconnected, male possibly on drugs she states. Verbal between mother and daughter about thanksgiving guest list.

Thursday, November 23

0138 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Hill St Caller on 911 line states she wants female party out of her house because she is unable to take care of her and wants to be alone. Other female is sleeping on couch. Providing courtesy transport to 1 party.

0921 Initiated - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Winslow Ave Party in lobby speaking to officer regarding property damage or items stolen from porch. Claiming a declaration was taken off porch. Party has been spoken to and has asked for extra checks. Will be put into system for later shift.

1005 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Washington St Call from the home owner on Washington St who states that he just had 8/9 youths, wearing Xaverian Football jackets, drinking out of red solo cups, urinating on the sidewalk. Caller states he con-

fronted the kids about their actions and the kids then came and smashed the pumpkins he had on his front steps. The kids then told the caller that they wanted to fight him but the caller went inside and called Westwood PD because that's the way that they were walking. Norwood PD cruisers en route. A call was made to Westwood PD and were told that the youths were coming back into their town. Cruiser reports checked the area youths appear to have left the area. Spoke with caller. Nothing further to go off of other than they were wearing Xaverian sweatshirts. Area checks negative.

2129 Phone - PD-Assist Fire Department Report Follows Location/Address: St Joseph Ave Call on 911 for a third floor residential fire.

Friday, November 24

0927 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St Caller believes someone broke into his apartment and stole his belongings. Norwood 676 reports no signs of forced entry, party advised of his options regarding his situation. All units clear.

1056 Phone - PD-Shoptlifting Services Rendered Location/Address: Home Depot - Bos-Prov Hwy Employee called on the business line reporting a white male party wearing a blue jacket with fur on the hood, white female party with blonde hair heavy set, and a child stole about \$1000 worth of merchandise. Caller reports those parties fled in a Blue Ford Pickup towards Walpole St. Norwood 669 reports unsure what state the plate was associated with at this time. OF assigned, all units clear.

1120 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: McGovern Kia - Bos-Prov Hwy Employee called reporting a party refusing to leave the dealership. Caller reports he is just ignoring any requests made by employees and would like the man to leave. 674 reports speaking with that party, he left with no incident.

1649 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Bruce Rd Business line caller concerned about wellbeing of a dog sitting on the porch for the past few weeks. ACO Henry notified.

1737 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Bertucci's Pizza - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller on e911 reporting a white male dressed in all black, possible in his 20s screaming and yelling and cursing. Caller stated that he was sitting right outside the restaurant. Party in protective custody and returning to station.

1759 Initiated - PD-Shoptlifting Report Follows Location/Address: Home Depot - Bos-Prov Hwy Loss prevention reports two males entered store and stole items. Placed items in truck and then re-entered the store. Loss prevention reports three males and a maroon pick-up truck with Rhode Island plates is the vehicle involved. All three suspects have been detained. Arrest: Juarez, Ramon Address: 235 Washington St Apt. #2 Central Falls, RI Age: 39 Charges: Shoplifting By Asportation Conspiracy c4 Receive Stolen Property +\$1200 c266 \$60 Arrest: Ramos, Norlang Address:

235 Washington St Apt. #4 Central Falls, Ri Age: 27 Charges: Shoplifting By Asportation Conspiracy c4 Receive Stolen Property +\$1200 c266 \$60 Arrest: Rodriguez, Byron Address: 235 Washington St Apt. #1 Central Falls, RI Age: 32 Charges: Shoplifting By Asportation Conspiracy c4 Receive Stolen Property +\$1200 c266 \$60

2119 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: William Shyne Cir Caller reports loud music happening at this apartment. This has been happening last couple nights. Party at this location agreed to turn down music.

Saturday, November 25

0017 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: Village Rd E noise complaint on next door neighbor. Playing very loud music. Party has agreed to turn down the music.

1042 Phone - PD-Lost/Found Property Spoke With Location/Address: Elliot St HQ reports a walk into the lobby of a resident from Elliot St. requesting to make a report of a lost wallet.

1520 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Rock St Resident called HQ stating he had some ammo and other items he needed assistance removing that he found while cleaning out his basement.

1614 911 - PD-Animal Complaint Dispatch Narrative Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reports that his cat is stuck in a tree. ACO notified and will respond to see if she can assist.

1751 Phone - PD-Stolen Motor Vehicle Report Follows Location/Address: Cadillac Of Norwood - Bos-Prov Hwy From HQ, 2 stolen motor vehicles, no plates attached and keys still on property.

1903 Phone - PD-General Info Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St Received call from On Star related to 2 stolen vehicles from dealership Cadillac of Norwood.

Sunday, November 26

0615 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Sent On Way Location/Address: McDonalds - Everett/Rte1 - Bos-Prov Hwy Customers in McDonalds yelling and have been asked to leave but will not. They are refusing to leave, management asked so they could leave. 674 reports same gentleman from earlier in the night. Party gathered his items and left, units clear.

1639 Walk-In - PD-Larceny/Forgery/Fraud Spoke With Location/Address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St Walk in party reporting theft of wheelchair.

1838 911 - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Alpine Rd Daughter, refuses to give her clothes. Caller is wearing white clothing. Will meet the officers outside. Property returned to the caller. Units clear.

2258 911 - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: MBTA - Broadway White car in MBTA lot (female operator) arguing with male party who foot. Now in parking lot near old hospital. Verbal argument. Caller states they are swearing at each other. PD on scene. 667 spoke with the subject and it was a verbal argument only. Subjects are on their way

Help light up the Circle of Hope

The Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation invites you to help light up the Circle of Hope by purchasing a luminary to be lit on Saturday evening, December 2, on the Town Common from 4 – 6 PM. Continuing a Norwood tradition begun 22 years ago, the members of the Circle of Hope Foundation say the luminaries are a symbol of Life, Hope, the Season, and Remembrance of others. Last year more than 2000 luminaries were lit on the town common.

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The Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation is a non-profit organization established to support Norwood residents who need assistance due to a catastrophic medical occurrence. Since its founding in 1998 the Foundation has provided over \$1,000,000 to Norwood residents in need of assistance. The Foundation was established in 1998 in memory of Michelle Kennedy, a young Norwood resident, who suffered with leukemia. During Michelle's battle the entire Norwood community, many of whom did not know Michelle, joined together and it is in that spirit that the Circle of Hope Foundation continues.

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is also cocoa/coffee for purchase. We will have Santa and Mrs. Clause available for free photos, crafts for the kids and raffle baskets to bid on.

DECEMBER MONTHLY BALLROOM DANCE

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging will be sponsoring their monthly Ballroom Dance, on Friday, December 15th from 7-10 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood. Music will be provided by Dave Valerio and the cost is \$12.00 per person for your Ballroom Dancing pleasure. Coffee, tea, desserts & water are served & there are also door prizes. We look forward to welcoming newcomers of all ages. There is a Facebook page so you can check the status of events offered by the Friends: Friends Of The Norwood Council On Aging | Facebook

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The program is sponsored by Walpole Co-operative Bank and is supported in part by an operating support grant through the Cultural Sector Recovery Grants for Organizations program from the Mass Cultural Council, as well as a grant from the Walpole Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Donation is \$15; \$10 for seniors and students; and free for children under 12 years old. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. For more information, please visit the orchestra's web site at www.ParkwayConcertOrchestra.org, call 781-444-5041 or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/parkwayconcertorchestra.

VFW MEAT RAFFLE

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

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

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