



Norwood Public Schools released this new traffic pattern to help ease issues around construction at the Coakley Middle School.

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Norwood going back to school

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Wednesday, Sept. 6 is the first day of school for the 2023-2024 School Year so mark your calendars and get ready to see yellow buses once again rolling for your children.

Norwood Public Schools (NPS) Superintendent David Thomson said the district is looking forward to getting back to class, and added that the school bus routes have just been finalized and are posted on the NPS website at <https://tinyurl.com/42jy7teb>, in case you want to check how it might affect your daily commute.

The district has made some minor tweaks here and there after the large route changes last year due to the school start time

reshuffle.

“Last year was the big change right?” he said. “So this year is just trying to figure out if there are a couple of improvements to be made here and there.”

Speaking of new commutes, Thomson also said the new traffic pattern for buses and student pickup/drop-off at the Coakley Middle School has been sent to all parents with children attending there. The area is currently a construction site for the new school and accommodations had to be made.

“There will be shifts in drop-offs over the next couple of years, and so parents should be really in tune for that kind of information. We’ll give it out well ahead of time,” he said. “This is not a one-time change;

there will be others as the project moves forward.”

Thomson said right now there’s not a lot of impact on the surrounding streets, but it’s a large construction project that will likely have large deliveries made and there will be significant changes during those times.

“Right now a lot of my focus and energy is on making sure the opening goes well,” he said. “I think this configuration will remain constant for several months, but there will be delivery times, like when the steel starts arriving for the building. At certain times one entrance will be closed so folks will have to go to the other entrance. We’re not at that point yet, but

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Resident at odds with ConCom

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Conservation Commission (ConCom) met on Aug. 23 for its regular meeting and discussed an issue of weed whacking near the newly de-damified Traphole Brook near Sumner Street and Route 1.

Resident Thomas Geraghty has been going down towards the brook and mowing vegetation there – he said it was to clear a path for him and his daughter to use to access the brook, as well as maintaining the waterway. But the ConCom met with him to discuss how that is a violation of the Town’s Wetlands Protection Bylaw.

Conservation Agent Carly Rocklen said during a recent fish survey it was noted that vegetation was cut close to the water and inside the conservation buffer zone.

“We wanted to discuss how to make sure the area is kept in a sensitive manner moving forward and to make sure the bank stays strong, can weather storms, weather water and keep healthy plant roots to keep the soil in place,” she said.

Rocklen said that any abutter wishing to do alterations to the riverbank would need permission from the ConCom.

Town Planner Holly Jones – who was Conservation Agent during much of the process of removing the dam at the site – said the original plans included pathways for nearby residents to come down and access the stream.

“But what we want to avoid is sort of the broad cutting of vegetation along the banks,” she said.

It should be pointed out that there is also public access off of Sumner Street.

Geraghty said he had verbal and written permission in 2022, though he did not say from what entity.

“I’m here with the best of intentions and am in full support of this project,” he said.

Geraghty said he’s a relatively new resident, and when he bought the property the Mill Pond was still a pond and dammed up. After the removal of the Mill Pond Dam last year, it has become a stream. He said he’s also witnessed Town employees cutting vegetation on the opposite side of the bank.

“When you see the weed whacking down by the river, it’s selective and it’s limited,” he said of his own work. “It was verbally granted to me that I could do that... It’s for the direct abutters.”

Geraghty said he’s worked on two river restoration projects in the past and that he was “familiar with how these things are supposed to go.” He said he also “took a personal interest in

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those sorts of things will cause some changes.”

And while on the subject of the Coakley, Thomson said the Norwood School Committee is looking to set a date for a public forum on the possible name change.

“I am hoping this will be finalized soon. This is the next step, the committee will vote on it soon after,” he said.

In other news, the department is facing a staffing shortage in several areas, and Thomson said they are looking to get those positions filled as soon as possible.

“We are still looking for entry-level staff, especially for para-professionals, extended-day workers, bus drivers, bus monitors, and a few cafeteria folks,” he said.

Thomson said he’s happy to announce that several new staff members, in key positions, are on board.

“We’re welcoming our new Little Mustang Preschool Academy Principal Kristen Noonan,” he said. “The other thing is we’ve brought in someone to help the elementary schools with behavioral interventions. Last year, there was a change in the law over student suspensions, and we have addressed that by hiring someone to do alternatives to suspension at the elementary level.”

Thomson said the new staff person will help with infractions that rise above more regular levels of negative behavior.

“It could be all sorts of things; being inappropriate in a classroom, being mean to other kids, making poor choices, things that are beyond something someone would get a detention for I guess,” he said.

One big change the district was not expecting was the continuance of the free school lunch program by the Massachusetts State Legislature in their budget this year. The program was in danger of being cut over the summer.

The district is still waiting on the delivery of the majority of new minivans to help relieve the transportation burden Norwood schools, and schools across the country, are dealing with because of supply chain issues.

“We got one, and we were expecting others but we got notice they were held up in Canada,” Thomson said. “We’re still waiting for the other 10, and we’re hoping they are going to show up soon. I’m not quite sure why there’s a holdup.”

Thomson said the minivans would be used mostly for out-of-district placement transportation, which will free up larger vans for shorter distances and in the long run save money through fuel efficiencies.

For more information and regular updates on school issues, go to <https://www.norwood.k12.ma.us>

Town and Country

NORWOOD SENIOR CENTER

Of course I do not have to tell you that our Norwood Senior Center (NSC) is the BEST! There is always something going on in that beautiful facility that you probably would be interested in. Saturday, Sept.9th, from noon to 12:30, our Dolly Parker will present the “Norwood Senior Tappers.” Last year they danced to Mary Wells, My Guy, honoring Norwood’s Town Manager Tony Mazzucco. Who will the super group honor this year? I’ll tell you if you promise to keep it a secret...Our Town’s...Michael Saad!

NORWOOD HOSPITAL

Do you remember when the Norwood Hospital was our Towns’ hospital? Seems like eons ago. It also seems as though it will never be again. The word going around Town is that there will be NO maternity, a couple of beds for psychiatric use and just a few beds for pediatrics. Steward has not said exactly why. What we do know is that many of the doctors have now left for other facilities, and rightly so, including my own. Some of the former Steward physicians were treated quite poorly. Hopefully they find happiness, fairness, and respect in their new positions, all of which they deserve.

AI

If you aren’t aware of the sick term, AI (Artificial Intelligence), look it up. Elon Musk, who invested \$50 million into a company focused on developing Artificial Intelligence, is no longer involved saying, “AI has the potential to destroy civilization.”

AI creates lies, misconceptions, etc. which can lead to hatred and evil.

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OUR TOWN’S STREETS

They are being ripped up for gas and water repair which is necessary. Hopefully, by late spring our streets will feel like silk under the wheels of our vehicles which has been a long time in coming.

IN MEMORY

I send my heartfelt sympathies to the family of the late Tony Grasso. All I can say is that he was “One in a million!” Rest in peace Tony. Memory Eternal!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

The electric charging stations (poles) are popping up everywhere, destroying much beauty. These electric cars are being reported as quite dangerous due to fire, etc. Unfortunately, a new study on electric car deaths shocks the entire car industry, according to a Youtube article. It’s hard to believe any article today on any given subject but California states that 900 pedestrians were killed in 2018 involving electric and hybrid vehicles. As of June 26 this year, it is reported that 4,125 EV’s caught fire. That number is from AutoinsuranceEZ and the NTSB.

BYE GUYS.

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Planning Board approves Bernie Cooper Waterfront Park

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Planning Board voted unanimously on Monday to approve the site plan for the Bernie Cooper Memorial Waterfront Park in South Norwood.

The project's approval marks another milestone in the years-long process to build the park, starting with the sale of land from DCD Automotive Holdings after the company proposed a car storage lot at this location. The Town balked at the size of the lot, and both entities ended up compromising with DCD selling a portion of the car lot to the Town that would become the site of this park.

The project is being handled by the Norwood Conservation Department and Assistant Town Planner Holly Jones. The park is close to

the Balch School, Elliot Park and the three streets – St. John Avenue, St. Paul Avenue and St. Joseph Avenue – that gave the site its original name, the Saints Street Lot, before the passing of former Assistant Town Manager Bernie Cooper.

Jones said the Town purchased the site in 2019 with Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds and started a community process to see what residents wanted for the park. The process resulted in the final plan, which Jones said included a food forest, passive trails, a boardwalk and two overlooks of some of the water features of the area.

“One on each side of the Neponset along with two boardwalks,” she said. “It will also have all of the amenities that you might expect in a park with benches, picnic



The Planning Board voted to approve the site plan for the Bernie Cooper Memorial Waterfront Park, putting the project over another hurdle before construction starts.

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tables, signage, marked entrances with monumentation. It is also close to the Balch School and a nature lab play area.”

Jones highlighted some of the issues, which includes a former parking lot to the northern side of the site that is now overgrown with grass, bushes and trees.

“So the proposal is to selectively remove some of that asphalt, but not remove it wholesale, as it would entail

a substantial amount of clearing and earth disturbance,” she said. “And so that will be removed to allow the trail to go through and allow for a greater diversity of plantings where it’s currently almost a monoculture of catalpa trees.”

Jones said the trigger for the site plan review and need for the Board’s approval was due to parking at the site. Currently, the three Saint Streets end in small cul-de-

sacs, and she said they want to turn those into parking spaces. She said the plan is for three spaces at St. John’s, three at St. Joseph (two being accessible) and five parallel spots along the connecting street between St. Joseph and St. Paul. She added the pavement on the parallel spaces would be permeable so as to reduce the stormwater impact on the

Cooper Park
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The Town of Norwood hereby notifies all residents that the State Attorney General's office has approved the following amendment to the Town By-Laws which were voted at the Special Town Meeting, May 8, 2023 namely:

Article 12. To amend the General By-Laws as follows:
That the Town amend the General By-Laws by (a) assigning a chapter/article number to each of the General Bylaws; (b) renumbering each section of each bylaw accordingly; (c) inserting chapter/article/section titles; (d) editing grammar and spelling; and (e) updating internal references to reflect the new numbering system, which changes are set forth in a document on file with the Town Clerk.

(This bylaw has been posted in the different locations listed below throughout the Town and a complete copy of these changes are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.)

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

Mary Lou Folan
Town Clerk

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LABOR DAY

I toed the edge of the abyss. Seven o'clock on an 18-degree January Sunday morning. Wind whined and, with slight shift, whistled through red and grey sandstone formations jutting from walls and rising from canyon floors. Early sun-cast rays pinked overhead clouds. Stillness harnessed sound, snow crunched under boot a hundred yards off clearly audible. Someone called from a canyon trail and the echo reverberated among passageways until it amplified, just before dying. The air was so suspended, so caged, that when a raven winged past, its whoop-whoop was clearly discernable, and sole sound.

Once, in Istanbul, Turkey, I worked in a factory where most of the men refused to wear company-issued work shirts. I noticed and asked why, and was told the men were too proud, that to wear company shirts suggested a subjugation to which no self-respecting Turkish man would accede.

Bryce Canyon is technically an amphitheater, not a canyon. Layers of sediment laid down over millennia form crests and lines of this remarkable scene. Indian legend relates that people and animals once inhabiting the area were bad people and bad animals, and so were cast in stone; an extensive, rubicund Mount Rushmore to the wicked.

A red world; crimson sky, vermilion cliffs and roseate crevices, crayon canyons leaning layered toward the emerging sun, mesas, spires, tables of rock and sand crumbling, tumbling, weathering, and wearing; the months, the years, the ages a relentless leveling. Whispers of snow dust higher elevations, enhancing the scene. As I stood above, I wondered of its impact. I wondered why a scene of grand beauty so affects. What is it in our being, our constitution that causes us to come and stare? How does it induce such serenity? I stared over distant Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, against which Bryce Canyon nudges on its western edge, and simply embraced.

In Sacramento I missed a turn and drove back around. I saw a man, a bum, roadside, and he was—what was he doing? Naw, couldn't be... I turned about, just to pass the man again. When I came back upon him, I slowed and peered, verifying my original impression. The bum was standing on the side of the highway clutching a fistful of dollar bills, under which he held a lighted match. He was burning his money.

Historical records are revealing. Original journals of



discovery often convey awe in which Americans stood when confronted with the freedom of broad, open vistas. George Armstrong Custer wrote of his experience first viewing the great plains. "...to gather inspiration from nature and to attempt to paint the scene as my eye beheld it, is a task before which a much readier pen than mine might well hesitate. It was a beautiful and ever-changing panorama which at one moment excited the beholder's highest admiration, at the next impressed him with speechless veneration." There is something primal in our reaction, something instinctual. I saw the sun, having broken free over distant plateaus, had reclaimed sky crimson. Clouds moments before so colorful stood slate grey.

I'd worked hard for twenty-five years. I was in pretty good shape, kids out of college, a place in Vermont. For the first time I had choices, I had some money. I had a 401K, company-paid medical insurance. I had five weeks' vacation. The letter from Social Security indicated that if kept up, I'd be able to retire in fifteen years. Yeah, I was in pretty good shape.

Yet instinctually I experienced that exhilaration of wide, open spaces. I yearned to cast off that company-issued shirt and burn that money, that safety, that intellectual subjugation no self-respecting American man should accede to.

I stood and gazed over the remarkable landscape as the sun blared a new day over distant plateaus, illuminating vermilion below in new light, the red world evolving before me. I struggled to understand what vastness gave me, and what I took away. What I remembered, and why. We plan vacations years ahead to do it, drive hours to see it and then fill photo albums to remind. For some reason our souls simply long for the wild.

I quit my job at Butler Automatic.

"SAME COMMITMENTS"

To the Editor:

From Norwood, Brockton is close enough for dinner or a movie, but not good enough to sustain a lie. Behavioral Health Services were PROMISED in the "New Hospital". The new proposal for those services to be developed (maybe...there are major conditions attached) 11 miles away is a corporate lie to draw attention away from the fact that there will be almost no behavioral Health services in the Norwood Hospital. And please notice that now Steward is saying ten "holding beds" in the ER are "inpatient beds." They are intended to isolate "mental health patients" from the preferred patients. These will be patients isolated while they await transfer to an inpatient

program elsewhere. Read their proposal.

One reader opposed the work the Norwood Hospital Regional Advocates are trying to do. No good reasons are offered. Who can oppose mental health programs within the community (except a venture capital group)? For 50 years I commuted daily to South Boston to run a community-based Behavioral Health program I started and then quit 1 1/2 years ago when Tufts insisted it move out of the community. The Norwood Community needs its beds back within its community. "Same Commitments"

George Sigel, MD
Community Psychiatrist
Norwood

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the project," and said the company in charge of maintaining that stream and its planted vegetation has "gone AWOL."

"The weed whacking I ended up doing is very selective and it's for a good purpose," he said. "Wisteria and other invasive growths take over where the new saplings were put down that Norwood taxpayers paid for in this beautiful restoration project. The lack of their obligation or violation of contract or whatever you want to call it, or them being there watering the vegetation and not doing their own selective manicuring, if you will, for brand new saplings and then seeing the Town come out and cut down, I think it was 11 oak trees and a few others – I got pictures of everything – it's a shame. I guess I got a lot of concerns."

He added he also goes down to the stream with gallons of water to water the plants down there.

"In lieu of Essex," he said, which he said is the company contracted to maintain the site. "It shouldn't be me. But I do it because I care about the fish, the habitat and the restoration."

Geraghty said he'd like to keep doing his weed whacking to maintain his view of the stream and enjoy the nature. The ConCom said it's a possibility that he could keep doing that, so long as he asked permission from the board and presented a plan of plant management that they could approve. But he needs that approval, which in itself raised some confusion.

"It seems like you don't realize what you did is a violation of Town Bylaw," said ConCom Acting Chair John

Gear. "You might have the best intentions, but if we just say, 'Yeah okay no problem,' every other person with an issue of going into the buffer zone and doing damage and cutting things they're not supposed to cut could be a huge problem – I mean the Town and the state spent a lot of money to restore that. And as far as the plantings that are there, I mean I'm not an expert and, to be honest, I don't think you are either. So I think the appropriate thing to do is if you have an issue, contact the (Conservation) Agent and have the agent take a look at it. And then we can deal with it."

"This is something where I don't have to show my credentials on camera," said Geraghty. "That's beside the point. I have a history going back here. I'm not here to pick a fight or argue, I'm here to respect the bylaws and respect what needs to be done and what shouldn't be done. And I'm thankful for what has been done. I'm a little worried as a new citizen and a new father with a lot of expenses to manage a job, that this is the third time I've been warned with either a fine or a sanction when this was being implemented on my land, on my property."

Geraghty said the river is adjacent to his property, and that should be considered in this situation.

"I live in the same situation," said Gear.

"Well okay then we can resonate then," said Geraghty. "I hope you're not getting letters from the Town of Norwood."

"I'm not because I'm not cutting anything," said Gear. "To be honest, I've been where

you are, I've felt the same way you have, but the fact of the matter is these rules are not arbitrary, and a lot of thought went into them to protect the waterways –"

Geraghty cut Gear off at this point.

"I understand that, but you have 10,000 gallons of contaminated, chlorinated water leaking out of your pool," he said, referring to an ongoing issue at Hawes Pool.

"And it's being addressed," Gear said, referring to the multi-million-dollar project the Town will vote on this fall to replace the pool.

"And so here what's being addressed is the health of the stream down, there; my river, and then by the way of Essex Horticultural where there's no one checking to make sure they're doing what they need to be doing to uphold the by-laws," said Geraghty. "Given the little wiggle room I've been given in writing."

"I understand," Gear said. "But what I don't understand is who would have given you permission. This Board, and only this Board, has that authority. All I'm saying is that if there's something you need to do there, we need to approve it. You can't just go down there and arbitrarily cut stuff."

After a lengthy back-and-forth – and an interjection from ConCom member Peter Bamber that Geraghty was "dangerously close to being out of order," Geraghty agreed to speak with Rocklen about putting together a plan to present to the Board for vegetative management. Jones said it was likely that this plan would only include allowing Geraghty to create a path down to the stream.

"It would show where the path will be so that way, in the future if there's ever a disagreement, it's shown on a plot plan," Jones said.

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The Norwood Middle School Building Committee confirmed recently no fireworks for Norwood Day on Sept. 9 this year.

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No fireworks on Norwood Day due to ongoing construction

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Middle School Building Committee (MSBC) met recently and confirmed that there will be no fireworks on Norwood Day, Sept. 9, this year because of construction taking place at the site of the old and new Coakley Middle School.

“Because of the project there will be no fireworks this year for Norwood Day,” said MSBC member and Selectman

Matt Lane.

Board Chair Alan Slater said he felt it was the right move, though he said it’s probably not going to be popular.

“It’s unfortunate, but now the decision has finally been made. It’s about public safety,” he said. “It’s really not the best approach to have fireworks at an open construction site.”

“We’ll give out your number for complaints,” said Lane, to laughter of those in attendance.

In matters concerning the

new school, the MSBC voted to accept a proposed \$697,852 change to the project. Most of this cost, about \$665,000 of it, is for adding a loading dock that was not previously included in the plans, which was by mistake. The dock will be at the correct height to allow proper disposal of trash and other waste materials into garbage trucks (instead of being tossed up into the trucks, as Norwood Facilitates Director Paul

Middle School Construction

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NFD moves fast in motorcycle MVA



On Aug. 23, Norwood Fire reported responding to a call at 7:50 a.m. with Walpole FD to Route 1 and Union Street for a motor vehicle collision involving a motorcycle. NFD reported arriving about five minutes later and finding a single patient suffering from “multiple traumatic injuries” and immediately requested a medflight. NFD reported stabilizing the patient and getting them to the Norwood Memorial Airport to a ready helicopter. The patient was then flown to the Massachusetts General Hospital. Norwood Police is also reportedly investigating the incident.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on **September 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Kathleen Yazbak, represented by David Hern Jr. Esq., (Case #23-03) with respect to property located at **41 Railroad Avenue (Map 4 Block 11A Lot 10), Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **General Residence (G) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

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This Application requests a public hearing on a Special Permit decision issued by the Board on April 11, 2023 that was appealed and subsequently remanded back to the Board by Norfolk County Superior Court for further consideration. The original Special Permit was issued under Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 5.4 [Nonconforming Structures] to allow the construction of an addition to a pre-existing nonconforming single family residence.

Any zoning relief that may be required in adherence to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw shall be considered by the Board. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeals and may be requested by emailing comdev@norwoodma.gov Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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What About All the Money Congress Stole from Social Security?

Dear Rusty: Is there any way that Congress will vote to pay back the Social Security funds they took for their stupid reasons, and left IOUs in place of the funds? Because of the funds they took going back many years, we didn't have any decent COLAs for a few years. In fact, there were I think 3-5 years that we didn't get any COLA. Please Rusty, can you find out if this is true or false? Help us seniors!

Signed:
Resentful Senior



Russell Gloor
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Resentful Senior: I can assure you that I've fully investigated the allegation that politicians have squandered Social Security's money and found that charge to be, simply speaking, a myth. I've gone back and looked at Social Security revenues and expenses since the government first started collecting FICA payroll taxes in 1937 and found that every dollar ever collected for Social Security has been used only for Social Security purposes. Over the years, various claims have been made that the money has been used for other things, but I've researched each of these charges and found them all to be false.

Where the misconception mostly originates is that any excess money collected from working Americans for Social Security is invested in "special issue government bonds" which pay interest, as mandated by President Roosevelt when Social Security began. As with any investment, a financial obligation instrument is given in return for dollars received. Remember when we used to buy "U.S. Savings Bonds?" We'd use our money to buy those bonds, hold them, and later redeem them for a higher amount than we paid. That's exactly how Social Security contributions have always worked - excess money collected from working Americans is used to purchase special issue government bonds which are held in reserve, earning interest, for future Social Security needs. These special bonds reside in a Social Security Trust Fund and, as of the end of 2022, were worth about \$2.8 trillion. Are these bonds "worthless IOUs" as some would claim? Hardly, since they are redeemable as needed to pay Social Security benefits.

Considering that, since 2010, Social Security's income from

payroll taxes on American workers has been less than needed to cover benefits paid out, redemption of bonds held in the Trust Fund is the only reason that Social Security has been able to continue paying full benefits to every beneficiary. The Trust Fund is a financial safety net which is now protecting all SS beneficiaries from having their benefits cut. Problem is, unless Congress acts soon to reform Social Security's financial picture, the Trust Fund will be fully depleted in about 2033 resulting in about a 23% cut in everyone's monthly Social Security benefit. I'm optimistic that will not happen (it would be political suicide) and, hopefully, Congress will act soon to reform Social Security and restore it to financial solvency and avoid a future cut in everyone's benefits.

Regarding COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) and the lack thereof for several past years, COLA is determined by the government's standard inflation measure - the Consumer Price Index (CPI). There were several years (2010, 2011, and 2016) in which the CPI showed no inflation so, therefore, no COLA increase was given. Last year, due to soaring inflation, everyone got an 8.7% increase in their Social Security benefit, but that doesn't happen every year. FYI, the average annual COLA increase over the last two decades has been about 2.6%, although COLA for each year can be wildly different depending on each year's inflation measure. In any case, the lack of a COLA increase in past years was not a result of any political chicanery, it was the result of low inflation during those years.

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School Opening Information

Dr. David L. Thomson, Superintendent of Schools, announces the following information explaining the plans for the opening of the Norwood Public Schools on September 6, 2023.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Grades 1-5 will begin on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. Opening Bell will be at 7:50 A.M. and Dismissal will be at 2:05 P.M. Elementary Principals will communicate additional information around school-specific logistics, including first grade orientation, prior to the start of the school year via Email.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades 6, 7, 8 will begin on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. Opening Bell will be

at 8:45 A.M. and Dismissal will be at 3:20 P.M. Grade 6 and New student Ice Cream Social will be on August 30th from 5PM-7PM. Dr. Fraczek, Principal will include information about drop-off procedures for the first day of school in her newsletter Email.

HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 will begin on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. Opening Bell will be at 8:15 A.M. and Dismissal will be at 2:50 P.M. New student orientation will be on August 30th from 10 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at Norwood High School.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Will be on Wednesday, September 6, 2023.

KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL CLASSES

BEGIN on Friday, September 8, 2023 Kindergarten Classes 8:10 A.M. - 1:40 P.M. Dr. Baulier, Principal, will communicate additional information around logistics, including transportation procedures, during parent/guardian kindergarten orientation on 8/29/23 (5:00-5:45 PM or 6:00-6:45 PM) and family kindergarten orientation on 9/6/23. Information will also be available in a newsletter Email. PRE-SCHOOL ORIENTATION - Orientation for Pre-School classes will be Thursday, September 7, 2023.

Pre-School Classes will be on Friday, September 8, 2023. The morning session will be from 8:30 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. Afternoon session will be from 12:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. Full day session will be from 8:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

For the Record

CLASS OF 73' 50TH REUNION!

The Norwood High School Class of 1973 will be holding its 50th reunion on October 21, 2023 at the Norwood Elks Hall from 5 to 11pm. Local Radio DJ Scott Reiniche will be providing the tunes and there will be a buffet.

Tickets are \$50 per person. There is also going to be a Next Day Brunch at Mick Morgans, Route 1, near the Country Club/Hampton Inn from 9:30am to 12:30pm. The cost is \$24 per person.

Please send a check to Faith MacPhee, 2 Stone Circle, Norwood MA 02062. Make checks payable to the NHS Class of 1973 Reunion and include the names of those attending. Thanks, and hope to see you there!

SPORTS EQUIPMENT TO SWAP SHOP A GREAT IDEA!

Have some fun and save some money. Bring your kids' used sports equipment to the "swap shop" at the town landfill any Saturday between 8:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Then check out our table at Norwood Day and swap for things that fit your growing children. All free and lots of fun. Call Debbie Holmwood (781) 724-8883 with any questions.

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Pack 49 ready to run

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Norwood's own Cub Scout Pack 49 is kicking off its regular season this fall and Cub Scout volunteer Elizabeth Gurney said they will be adding some new members.

"We kick off pretty quickly to coincide with everybody going back to school and everything else starting up with sports and things like that," she said.

Like many organizations in Norwood, Gurney said they will be doing a great deal of outreach at Norwood Day on Sept. 9.

"Our big day is Norwood Day; we do our big booth then and we invite parents and kids to come in," she said. "We usually have an activity to keep the kids busy while the parents ask us questions about the program. That's a huge recruitment tool for us."

And since Norwood Day attracts about 10,000 people all told, she added that poten-

tial Pack 49ers do not have to be from Norwood.

"We don't discriminate, we take people from other towns too," she said.

After Norwood Day, the next big event is a camping primer course held at Grace Episcopal Church on Sept. 14. The idea is to not only teach them some rudimentary skills, but also to help them to get to know one another.

"Ultimately, we want them to be working together and comfortable when we do outdoor activities in the fall," she said.

Gurney said the pack has, like most cub scout packs, had fluctuating membership over the years, but said this year they're looking at rather a large litter of cubs.

"Four years ago our pack was kind of small, and it's funny you know, like it's generational, it was siblings that kept the pack going and all of a sudden we were out of siblings," she said. "So we changed our tactics on recruitment and then, of course,



Pack 49 of the Norwood Cub Scouts is gearing up for this year's slate of activities and outings.

COURTESY PHOTO

the pandemic happened. And then we had to really change what we were doing."

Pack 49 is not alone. According to Aaron On Scouting – the official site of Scouting Magazine – recruitment numbers for the Boy Scouts of America have been increasing, starting in 2022 after sharp declines during the pandemic (<https://tinyurl.com/56rkct24>).

"It's worked out really well for us (interest in scouting). "We were down to about 20 scouts back then and now

we have almost 40 kids. We're doing really well with our recruitment and hope to keep that going."

Gurney said they're hoping that this experience with their new scouts will have a positive influence on their younger siblings.

"Hopefully we'll create a whole new, I don't know, dynasty?" she said. "That's a weird word to use, but hopefully we'll be able to keep the pack going and bring back scouting to Norwood, and even the surrounding towns."

The pack hosts dozens of events each year, and to pay for it Gurney said they host their annual Popcorn Fundraiser in the fall, where scouts and parents sell popcorn during the months to raise money.

"Most of the time we earn enough so our parents do not have to pay their dues, which are low and reasonable for a year's worth of activities anyway," she said. "At the end of the popcorn sale we do 'Pie and Slime,' where scouts who have earned enough get the opportunity to throw a pie of shaving cream at a willing adult."

For more information on Pack 49, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2ca6nb5y>


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TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on **September 12th, 2023 at 7:00 PM** on the request of David Spiegel, regarding property located at **84 Morse Street (Map 9 Block 7D Lot 102), Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **Manufacturing (M) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

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This Application requests a Special Permit for use under Zoning Bylaw Section 3.1.5 (H)(2) to operate a motor vehicle service operation use in the Manufacturing District.

Any zoning relief that may be required in adherence to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw shall be considered by the Board. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeals and may be requested by emailing cped@norwoodma.gov Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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TOWN OF NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on **September 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Douglas Valeri, with respect to property located at **596 Boston Providence Turnpike, Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **Single Residence Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center at 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 as well as remotely via GoogleMeet:

<https://meet.google.com/mhu-ivfs-njz>
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This Application requests a Special Permit pursuant to the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 6.2.21 for relief from literal enforcement of by-laws relating to signage.

Any zoning relief that may be required in adherence to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw shall be considered by the Board. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Planning Board and may be requested by emailing comdev@norwoodma.gov or by calling 781-762-1240 ext. 6065, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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Middle School Construction

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Riccardi said they would have to do if no loading dock was built) as well as facilitate deliveries to and from the school.

Vertex Project Management Project Manager Chase Terrio said the other funds, about \$30,000, would be for high voltage switch revisions, kitchen modifications, gym equipment controls, toilet tissue dispensers and electrical circuit modifications.

He said the loading dock work includes concrete laying, underground site work, drainage, landscaping, elevation change and electrical work.

“We did have to relocate the power service to the building to the north side,” he said.

W.T. Rich representatives gave an update on the work to date. Selectman Bob Donnelly asked directly about how potential pests might be dealt with.

“I think some neighbors might be concerned with per-

haps an increase in displacement of mice,” he said.

“Part of our contract is to set up the appropriate number of traps and pest control to contend with that,” said Jonathan Rich, of the construction company hired for the project W.T. Rich. “So we will set that up as part of the demolition process.”

W.T. Rich Project Manager Bethany King added they would be checking and maintaining the traps throughout the demolition and construction process.

“It’s not just one-and-done,” she said. “That is part of our scope.”

King gave a general project update, and said the main thing they’ve been working on now is getting the football field moved so that both work and play can continue.

“What we’ve been working on all summer is getting the

football uprights, the fencing and the lighting for the field operational,” she said. “That has been completed and is ready for use. The other big thing onsite is called land aggregate piers for ground stabilization we had to do for one-third of the building footprint. That all got done and that work was completed in under a week, which allowed us to finish excavation and start foundations.”

King said they have also completed a temporary parking lot that will be available for the Town’s use come the school year, and they are just finishing up some tree removal on the site. She said they have also worked with Coakley Principal Margo Fraczek and Terrio to come up with a pick-up and drop-off plan for the coming school year, since the site will be markedly different than previous years.

Cooper Park *continued from page 3*

area, while the others would be asphalt to help keep the spaces wheelchair accessible.

Speaking of pavement, she said the paths would be stabilized with compacted soil instead of asphalt to decrease blacktop use. She also said the park would have areas at the end of each street that would facilitate bio infiltration of the stormwater.

“Currently, the water is sheet-flowing into the park without treatment,” she said.

The planting plan would be selective and disturbance of what’s growing there now

would be limited.

“There’s not going to be any sort of wholesale clear-cutting of trees,” she said, adding that replanting would be focused on the entrances of the park.

The plan also includes meadow planting at the confluence of the Hawes Brook and the Neponset River at the southwestern corner of the site, as well as one north of the site near Elliot Park.

“It’s in order to ease that transition from Elliot Park and make an inviting entryway into the Bernie Cooper Waterfront Park,” she said. “There will be some native species plantings throughout the site that will be located during construction as literal openings become available. Right now it’s heavily canopied, but if there’s an area where trees have to be removed and it opens up canopy and presents an opportunity, then there will be new plantings put in there in order to diversify the park.”

Jones added for first few years the plantings will be fenced to protect from deer

to give the plantings time to get established.

Chair Debbie Holmwood asked about a concrete tank in there that “never had a good smell” and asked what is being done about it. Jones said it is a siphon for the sewer pipe that goes from there and under the river to the other site (the car storage lot) and the pathway is currently sited around the siphon.

“What does it do?” asked Holmwood. “It’s full of tires and it smells bad.”

“The (Massachusetts Water Resource Authority) MWRA has been out there the last few years and has made a couple of different improvements and it doesn’t smell nearly as bad as it used to,” Jones said. “There may be days now and then when it still smells, but it is significantly better. We have gotten permission from the MWRA to paint it or do other potential beautification around it.”

Holmwood also asked about the funding for the project. Jones said the plan is to use \$805,000 in CPA funds, with two grants helping to return some of that money to the CPA.



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Grateful thanks. —K.B.

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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.
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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

The Morrill Memorial Library is pleased to launch "Let's Talk About It!", a new monthly discussion group for community members interested in taking part in challenging but civil conversations, learning about misinformation and bias in reporting, sharpening their media literacy skills, and exploring new ways of thinking about different perspectives. The group will meet monthly on a Monday evening at 7:00pm in the Simoni Room.

Each month, group members will receive a short list of materials about a pre-selected topic to review. During our meeting, we will talk about how to analyze information about that topic in context. Our goal is to encourage everyone to stop, think, and decide what they actually believe about a topic based on sound analytical principles and reliable sources. Because of the challenging nature of the topics at hand, every meeting will be actively facilitated by a library staff member.

Upcoming meetings and topics are as follows: Monday, September 25: Media literacy and information-seeking behavior, Monday, October 30: Stranger danger and urban legend, Monday, November 27: Land acknowledgments.

Registration is required; space is limited. Register for any or all of the upcoming meetings at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar or by calling (781) 769-0200 x2. Please note you must register separately for every meeting you wish to attend.

MBTA ZONING COMMUNITIES: INFORMATION AND INPUT

The Norwood Chapter of the League of Women Voters and the Morrill Memorial Library are partnering to host Norwood Town Planner Sarah Dixon for a presentation about the MBTA Multifamily Zoning Law on Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 pm in the Simoni Room of the Library.

What is 3A, the MBTA Multifamily Zoning Law? Where did this law come from? How does this affect Norwood? Learn the answers to these questions and more!

Sarah will begin this information session with some brief Zoning 101, explaining common terms used in town planning. The audience will next get an overview of the MBTA Communities law, and a summary of the housing crisis in MA and Norwood specifically. Sarah will describe the Town's efforts so far and share a status update on the public engagement we have had to date. The evening will wrap up with a Q&A and discussion.

Thank you to our partner, Norwood Community Media, for recording this program and sharing it with a wider audience.

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



From left to right back row: Howard Ostroff (ATWG), Bryan Plummer (Vice Chair, ATWG), Michael Thornton (NVS), Michael Podolsi (NVS) Middle Row: Jack Hoell (NVS), Bob Blood (NVS) Danielle DeLuca (Chair, ATWG) Kate Bergeron, Jaimie Varasconi (Both from @__TheCollab)

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Rotary Club attacks speeding

Norwood residents Michael Thornton and Bob Blood were on hand to see the results of the mural project that their Rotary Club helped raise funds for.

Needham Street traffic often sees cars and trucks speeding past the Riverdale School at 30 to 45 mph, despite being a school zone and having a raised speed table.

Dedham's Active Transportation Working Group (ATWG) was looking for a low cost, but elegant solution, to this safety hazard. They found it in the Mass Government's Safe Routes to School program.

The ATWG planned a mural as a low cost, temporary intervention to promote traffic calming in the area and received two grants to implement the project. They also received funding from the Neponset Valley Sunrise Rotary Club for paint for the project.

The mural, created by Boston based Kate Bergeron and Jaimie Varasconi, also known as The Collab, was partially inspired by the Rotarian's Annual Duck Race on the Charles, which takes place near the school and features several rubber ducks on a stylized river.

The traffic calming mural should last between 6 months and 2 years.

The Neponset Valley Sunrise Rotary Club meets around the Neponset Valley area and consists of members from Dedham, Norwood, Roslindale, and more. The club's mission is to raise funds through various events to support scholarships at Blue Hills Technical High School, Dedham

High School and to support other non-profits in the area. Their regular meeting is Wednesdays at 7am, at the Sheraton Four Points in Norwood. They host local and national speakers and also have evening socials at various locations. Get more information at www.nvsrotaryevents.org

about Dedham's Active Transportation Working Group (ATWG) can be found on the town's web site at www.dedhamma.gov/government/town-management/active-transportation-working-group-2630

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Furnish and deliver three phase pad mounted transformer for the Norwood Light Department

The complete bid package may be obtained in the Purchasing Department during regular business hours or electronically by registering and downloading at: <https://bids.norwoodma.gov>. No bid documents will be mailed.

The bid must be filled out and signed as directed herein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed to the Purchasing Department, endorsed with the name and address of the bidder, and marked, "Pad Mounted Transformer - NLD-24-01."

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Monday, August 21

0915 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Savers - Bos-Prov Hwy Store employee reporting irate customer causing a disturbance. Described as a W/M in his 60s tall and bald. Wearing a white tank top and jeans. Located towards the back of the store. Party moved along and verbally trespassed, Savers will work on a formal trespass. Party has been advised and sent on his way, all units clear.

0952 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Neponset St + Access Rd Party involved in the incident at Savers is now throwing things at cars. Called into HQ Party dropped his bike at the intersection which was his problem. He has been advised and sent on his way. He has continued on the way towards Canton.

1440 Phone - PD-Complaint Report Follows Location/Address Atlantic Coast Electric - Winslow Ave Possible 3rd party restraining order violation called into HQ. Officer spoke with party and took an Off

1545 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Peace Restored Location/Address: Furlongs Candies - Bos-Prov Hwy 4 people sitting on the picnic tables have not purchased anything and drinking alcohol. One party went to the bathroom in the parking lot. They are described as mid-20s early 30s. # WF and 1 WM. All parties were spoken to and moved along. They were trespassed.

1613 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Planet Fitness - Walpole St The assistant manager at Planet Fitness called to report there is a Dejah Ramos in his facility who has stolen vehicles out of multiple Planet Fitness franchises. Parties have been sent on their way. Their memberships have been cancelled.

1701 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr 70 Female did not answer door for meals on wheels. Significant health problems for female party. Contact made with party. Female party was picked up by daughter and forgot about Meals on Wheels. In good spirits.

1932 911 - PD-Neighbor Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Brookview Cir Daughter) states that her Mom's neighbor has been disturbing her mother for some time. The neighbor was just at her window & threw some sort of liquid at her window. When the daughter hung up with her mom, the neighbor was still outside the window. On-going issue between neighbors breaking housing rules. Advised to contact Housing.

Tuesday, August 22

1055 Radio - PD-Sudden Death Report Follows Location/Address: Bahama Dr Caller reporting a female party unresponsive Sudden Death

1226 Phone - PD-Assist Fire Department Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Park Place Self Storage - Vanderbilt Ave Assist the FD with a male party who was flung in the area and has rope burns and lacerations with bone showing. Transported to the hospital

1250 Phone - PD-Assist Other Agency Services Rendered Location/Address: Shaws Supermarket - Nahatan St Called in by headquarters, two parties at the above location harassing the customers. A male in a blue shirt and a female riding in a wheelchair and wearing an orange shirt. 676 spoke with one of the parties and also advised the manager how to trespass the parties.

1416 Phone - PD-BOLO Services Rendered Location/Address: Walpole Bolo - Nahatan St Bolo out of Walpole for a stop and hold ID. Ma reg. 2YKS85 2004 Mazda 6 color gray with 2 B/F and 1 B/M occupants. With a baby seat in the back. Larceny occurred in the Walpole Mall area. BOLO given out to all units.

1446 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Rose Ct Calling party wants to speak to an officer about illegal parking at the above location. Party was spoken to and advised

1459 Phone - PD-Assist Public Report Follows Location/Address: Davis Ave Called directly into headquarters, calling party stating someone damaged his property. Damages confirmed.

1819 Phone - PD-Sudden Death Taken/Referred to Other Agency Location/Address: Colonial Inn - Nahatan St possible sudden of a 50 year old male.

Wednesday, August 23

1047 Walk-In - PD-Larceny/Forgery/Fraud Report Follows Location/Address: St James Ave Walk in report of a larceny Larceny report to follow.

1548 Initiated - PD-Prisoner Transport Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St Arrest: Lawton, Steven Address: 12301 Bunchgrass Ln Raleigh, NC Age: 67 Charges: Straight Warrant Default Warrant Straight Warrant Default Warrant Straight Warrant

2231 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr HQ reporting a female juvenile in the station in a crisis. Riverside Health is being contacted and Sgt Carey on scene. Parents and juvenile both united at Riverside. Units will

Police Logs



be clear. 2248 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: West St + Cross St MVST MA Reg 5EVB98, Owner/operator. One under arrest on a warrant. Arrest: Perez, Joel Address: Homeless Homeless, Ma Age: 35 Charges: Default Warrant Straight Warrant

Thursday, August 24

1909 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Ocean State Job Lot - Bos-Prov Hwy Called in by headquarters stating 2 men are at this location possibly running an auto-body scam for money. NJ A31PPJ

1918 Phone - PD-Assist Fire Department Services Rendered Location/Address: Dedham Medical Associates - Bos-Prov Hwy NPD to assist NFD with a possible elevator entrapment.

Friday, August 25

0756 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: CFM Variety (Convenience Food Mart) - Walpole St Caller to HQ, states there is damage to a window. Possibly from a BB gun.

0942 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Lenox St Heard a woman screaming. Caller reports it is close to his apartment. Everything appears in order. Units clear.

1522 Radio - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Norwood High School - Nichols St From HQ, received a call for a black Chevy Traverse in the vicinity of the high school "believes the operator is intoxicated" 667 returning with 1 female in custody starting mileage HQ calling for a tow. Negoshians on scene, Arrest: Jordan, Laura A Address: 156 Wilson St Norwood, Ma Age: 45 Charges: OUI-Liquor OR .08%

1816 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Wickham Way Calling party reports having an argument with her husband and she wants him out of her house. Verbal, no physical altercation. No weapons, no longer arguing and both parties are separated. Disagreement over a leasing agreement between husband and wife who are currently separating. They have been advised and the husband will be leaving for the evening. Units clear.

2314 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Four Points Sheraton - Bos-Prov Hwy HQ received a call from the Sheraton reporting a guest threatened a bartender. Both involved are separated at this time. Caller will meet officers

in the main lobby. Verbal disagreement between bartender and guest, on why the guest was not being served. Guest went up stairs to his room prior to arrival. Guest has agreed to not return to the restaurant for the remainder of his stay. Peace restored, units clear.

Saturday, August 26

0959 Radio - PD-Assist Public Provided Assistance Location/Address: Avalon Apartments - Lenox St Hq took call for a possible stolen motor vehicle. Big jacks towing towed the vehicle for trespass.

1024 911 - PD-Unwanted Party Peace Restored Location/Address: Riverside Community Care - Pleasant St 50-60 year old male being inappropriate with other patients & he is agitated right now. He has been given many chances to correct his behavior & has been asked to leave various times & has not. Caller would like him removed.

1102 Phone - PD-MVA Property Damage Services Rendered Location/Address: Kinetic Dance Studio - Washington St Caller on the business line reporting he witnessed a party operating 4MD149, back into a vehicle and cause license plate damage to vehicle 22GC77, owner of this vehicle is not currently with vehicle. Last known direction of travel Washington onto Nahatan st. Parties contacted by a note. No visible damage officer left voicemail for Nissan vehicle owner

1407 Phone - PD-Assist Public Transported by other means Location/Address: Oakview Reality - Washington St Public assist caller from maintenance requests an officer for an active water leak coming from apartment, but resident is refusing to let them in. Party section 12 to BI Needham.

1430 911 - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Citation/Warning Issued Location/Address: Railroad Ave Party stating that a turquoise Lexus is parked in front of her home & parked in the wrong direction. Reporting party asked the party to move her vehicle & she stated she is not moving her 72K Lexus on the street. Vehicle was not parked on private property, however, it was parked in the wrong direction & issued a parking citation.

1657 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Bond St Playground - Bond St From HQ, states there is a 7 y/o female named Grace who has been left there unattended for about an hour. She states her sister left her there. Child states she normally goes to the playground by herself. Party's sister arrived on scene, party is okay. Units clear.

Sunday, August 27

0005 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Residence Inn By Marriott - Norwood Park S Large crowd in parking lot. Called in on 911 line by the manager who was told by several customers that the music is loud and possibly couple fights. Manager is unable to go outside due to her concerns over safety. Parties are packing up and turning the music down.

0008 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Rock St Call

from HQ. Large party noise complaint coming from the house on Rocks St. Parties will be shutting down the party and turning music down.

0034 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Fisher St Calling in to report a noise complaint for the house in the rear. Loud music and party. Residents will be turning the music down and shutting it down for the night. Units clear.

0143 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Report Follows Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy + Coney St MVST MA REG 3YHL81 665 returning to HQ with one male in custody. Negoshian has the vehicle. Unit clear. Arrest: Kampanellas, Michael G Address: 47 Pineneedle Ln Mansfield, Ma Age: 32 Charges: Lights Violation, MV OUI-Liquor OR .08%, 2nd offense Speeding rate of speed exceeding posted limit

0511 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Engamore Ln Nurse called to report 52 year old female who was having a manic episode. She called the crisis line and stated that she was being sexually abused as well as being cyber stalked. Nurse stated does live alone. No suicidal statements were made. Would like a well being check on her. She appears to be in good health. Units clear.

1057 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Dollar Tree - Walpole St Unwanted male party at the above location called over by headquarters. The male party is outside on the side walk and appears to be intoxicated. Units on scene. This party has an active no trespass order (in house) for all of Big Y property. The male party was verbally informed of his no trespass order and how far it extends today. He was sent on his way.

1350 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Washington St + Guild St Attempted MVST at the above location. 661 stating there is a moped that is not stopping, no license plate. Moped went behind a building and the black male took off on foot. 661 continued on foot. 661 was able to apprehend the male party. 661 provided a VIN to dispatch. The VIN search stated "no records found" Transporting one male party to the station. Juvenile Arrest Age: 16 Charges: Motor Veh, Receive Stolen Burglarious Instrument, Possess Moped Violation Stop/Yield, Fail To Stop For Police, Fail Moped Operation By Unlic -17 Moped Violation Resist Arrest

1924 Radio - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Plimpton Ave Call from HQ for a noise complaint of loud music. It looks like a child's birthday party. Party is wrapping up. Units clear.

1946 Radio - PD-Unwanted Party Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Roosevelt Ave From HQ unwanted intoxicated male party Requesting fire for a voluntary transport to the hospital for detox. Fire department notified S16301426 involved party Party was transported to BI Needham for a detox by fire voluntarily. All units clear.

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This Application requests to a Special Permit under Zoning Bylaw Section 5.2 to allow expansion of a pre-existing non-conforming use in the form of an addition to the rear of the existing gasoline station and motor vehicle service facility.

Any zoning relief that may be required in adherence to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw shall be considered by the Board. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeals and may be requested by emailing cped@norwoodma.gov Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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Deaths

BERUBE

JUDITH A. (Marshall) of Norwood passed away on August 25, 2023 at the age of 81. Beloved wife of the late Joseph R. Berube. Devoted mother of Michelle M. Berube and her companion Richard A. Cherry of Norwood and the late Joseph A. Berube and Mark W. Berube. Mother-in-law of Karen Berube of NC. Sister of the late William Marshall. Cherished grandmother of Allie Deaver and her husband Brian of PA, Nicole Berube of NC and Matthew Berube of NC. Daughter of the late William and Florence (MacInnes) Marshall. Judy loved spending time with her family and friends, especially playing card games. Her loving smile and warm hugs will be greatly missed. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 from 9am-11am at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. A funeral home service will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 11am followed by a burial at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168 www.dana-farber.org



MORANDI

MICHAEL Robert of East Walpole passed away on August 27, 2023 at the age of 90. Beloved husband of Patricia A. (DeCosta) Morandi. Devoted father of Michael R. Morandi and his partner Rick DeChantal of Chicago, IL, Thomas J. Morandi and his fiancée Maureen Sullivan of Sharon and the late Stephen P. Morandi. Brother of the late Virginia Morandi and Ester Galligan. Cherished grandfather of Jeffrey, Samantha and Rebecca Morandi and Meaghan Carter. Great grandfather of Michael Morandi Jr. Son of the late Michael and Lena (Alfieri) Morandi. Michael was a member of the North Walpole Fish and Game Club. He was also a US Army Korean War Veteran serving from 1953-1955. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. Funeral from the Funeral Home Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 9:30am followed by a funeral mass at 10:30am at St. Mary's Church, East Walpole, MA. Burial will be at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his



name to the Hellenic Nursing and Rehabilitation Center 601 Sherman St. Canton, MA 02021.

PERFETTI

Julia (Handy) of Norwood, formerly of Boston's South End and Roslindale, August 26, 2023. Dear and devoted wife of Anthony Perfetti. Loving sister of the late Marion Donley and her husband Arthur, and the late William Handy. Dear sister-in-law of Jeanne Handy of Foxboro and Emma DeGirardi of Italy. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, grandnieces and nephews, and great-grandnieces and nephews. Funeral from the Kfoury Funeral Home. Contributions in Julie's memory may be made to the Cathedral or to VNA Care – Needham, 199 Rosewood Dr., Ste. 180, Danvers, MA 01923. Interment Mt. Benedict Cemetery, West Roxbury. Guestbook and other information at www.KfouryFuneral.com

QUINN

KEVIN M. of Norwood passed away too soon on August 22, 2023 at the age of 54. He will be missed by his children Daniel J. Quinn, Matthew W. Quinn and Shannon A. Quinn, and their mother Sarah (Gormley) Quinn all of Norwood. Beloved son of Carol B. (Perry) Quinn of Norwood and the late William E. Quinn. Dear brother of Diane M. Kennedy and her husband Patrick of Cohasset, James E. Quinn and his wife Maura of Virginia and Brian W. Quinn and his wife Kathleen of Norwood. Loving godfather and uncle of Christopher and uncle of Devin, Caroline, Will, Jack, Ryan, Meghan, and Sean. Also survived by his aunts and uncle, Ann Quinn, Susan and Jack Perry, and his cousins, Nancy Quinn Murphy, Susan Quinn, Bob Quinn, Jared Perry, John Martin, Eric Martin and their families. Kevin loved (in no particular order): his children, family and friends, especially those who supported him and his family over the last several years, making people laugh, music (we all can hear him singing the Beastie Boys right?), football, Norwood - especially living in the 'Tree Streets as a child and again with his family, growing up with kids that would forever be his friends, dad jokes before they were a thing, card games, and proving he was right. Funeral from the the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. A funeral mass was held on Monday, August 28, 2023 11am at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood, MA. Burial is private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to: Circle of Hope P.O. Box 421 Norwood, MA 02062.



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