

# Schools outline “run, hide, fight” safety policy

**Sam Nickerson**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Public Schools District has looked at its school safety policies and tools in the wake of several tragic and violent events that took place around the world this year.

In December, Superintendent James Hayden sent out a District Safety Letter detailing crisis response procedures and what can be done at home to discuss safety.

“We place the highest priority on protecting the safety of our students and employees,” the letter read. “It is imperative in emergency situations that everyone knows what to do, and with what purpose in mind, we practice vari-

ous emergency scenarios throughout the school year. The dates and times of these safety drills will not be announced.”

The District has adopted a policy of “run, hide, fight,” meaning that members of the school community are asked to consider their best options instead of sticking to a static safety plan. The options include running or escaping if possible, hiding if escape is not possible or fighting as a last resort.

In order to better illustrate the policy, the school teamed up with Norwood Public Access and public safety officials, including Chief of Police Bill Brooks and the school resource offic-

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# NPD Toys for Tots program again a success

**Sam Nickerson**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Police Department was successful in its efforts to help the Toys for Tots initiative this holiday season.

This year, like many previous years, the Department placed a donation box in the Public Safety Building’s lobby and it quickly filled.

“Every year we place a Toys for Tots container in the lobby of the station and every year it bursts at the seams from the pile of donations. This year was no exception,” Norwood Police said.

Former Marine and current Norwood Police Officer Anthony Lopes did some additional fundraising, hosting an event at the Walpole Fish and Game Club with

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Officer James Mahoney, a former US Marine, helped inflate sporting equipment that was part of the Norwood Police Department’s Toys for Tots collection this holiday season.

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Norwood resident and professional vocalist Grace Allendorf concluded the Norwood Historical Society’s holiday concert series with a performance at the Day House on Dec. 27.

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# Historical Society concert series concludes in style

**Sam Nickerson**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Historical Society finished its holiday concert season in style on Dec. 27.

The final performance of the year featured an afternoon offering by Norwood resident and mezzo-soprano Grace Allendorf and pianist Kevin McGinity. Allendorf is known for performing opera, oratorio and new music.

She recently performed with the

MetroWest Choral Artists and at the Nahant Music Festival, where she performed in the world premiere of Francine Trester’s “Sleeping Beauty.”

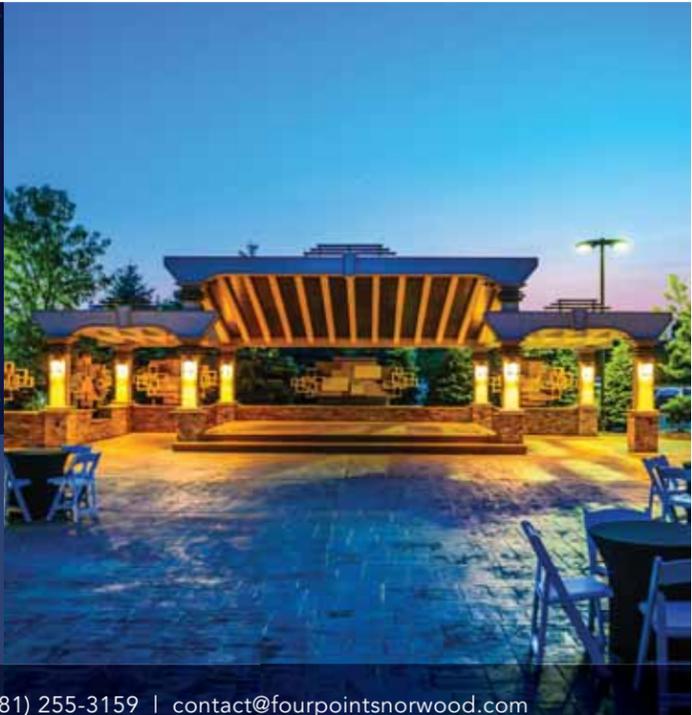
Allendorf received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music from Brandeis University and a Master of Music degree from Longy School of Music in Cambridge. She has performed as a soloist or as part of an ensemble or opera with groups from across New

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## ELECTIONS/ VOTER REGISTRATION

The Norwood Town Clerk's office would like to remind everyone that there will be four elections in 2016.

**Tuesday, March 1 – PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY**

**Monday, April 4 – TOWN ELECTION**

**Thursday, September 8 – STATE PRIMARY**

**Tuesday, November 8 – PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**

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# BOH talks substance abuse, lauds dental clinic

**Sam Nickerson**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Health recently discussed personnel-related happenings at the Health Department's dental clinic during its December meeting.

First, Dr. Mark Stone was recognized by the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation for his work with the Elder Dental Program, which eases access for low-income seniors to oral health needs. Twice each year, Stone helps conduct free dental screenings for low-income seniors.

The Elder Dental Program so far has provided several hundred thousand dollars worth of dental care to low income seniors in Norfolk and Bristol Counties at a much-reduced cost to the seniors.

In total, Stone has served the Town of Norwood for over 20 years as the dentist for the town.

This title includes conducting screenings for grades 1-6 in Norwood Public Schools, as well as the dental clinic, which provides cleanings and sealants to Norwood students.

"It is an honor to work with Dr. Stone in both of these programs; he is truly a hero to so many. I am thrilled to see Dr. Stone receive the very well-deserved recognition by the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation" Norwood Health Department director Sigalle Reiss said.

Stone was chosen as a Difference Maker of the Week in December and was honored, along with all of the other winners, at the Patriots' last home game on Dec. 20.

"We've been very fortunate to get what we have and maintain it and have the community be happy with the community," Board of Health member Carolyn Riccardi said. The Board noted that while other

Towns may have similar dental clinics, Norwood's Elder Dental Clinic is fairly unique because of how long it has been around and because it is run through the Health Department.

The Board of Health also welcomed new Dental Assistant Christine Willman, who has been working with the Town for just over a month now. Reiss said Willman was helping to modernize the clinic and that she had an exciting background in not only dental work, but public health.

During the meeting, Reiss also recapped the recent activities of local substance abuse coalition, Impact Norwood, including a joint presentation she did with Norwood Chief of Police Bill Brooks.

Reiss said that in Impact Norwood's first year, it has secured some grants, completed 20 key informant interviews to

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ers, to make a video detailing how to handle an intruder in a school. The video is just over ten minutes long and is being shown to age-appropriate audiences at the middle and high schools. It has also been shown to school staff.

Hayden recommended parents use their own discretion in showing the video or communicating its contents to their children, depending on age and ability to understand the matter. The video is available online on the Norwood Public Schools' website.

Hayden said the district is trying to simplify procedures during a crisis and has updated evacuation maps that are placed in each classroom. The new policy allows for a more pragmatic approach and for those in charge at the site of a particular incident to have more adaptability in their decisions. Hayden said the situations don't just apply to schools, but can also take place at movie theaters and malls, as recent events around the country have shown.

"We want our children to be comfortable we want to do what is developmentally appropriate to help them be comfortable citizens in a changing world," Hayden said.

Hayden also emphasized the need to constantly improve communication with public safety - he and Chief Brooks used cell phones to orchestrate a soft lockdown last month at the Coakley Middle School in response to an at-large bank robber in Walpole. Communication also

involves using Blackboard and walkie-talkies to make sure messages are transferred at every level.

"What happens in a crisis is it's called the fog and friction of war," Hayden said, likening communication to a game of telephone at times during crises.

According to the district safety letter, the crisis response plan includes coordination with local and state public safety agencies, trained crisis teams at the district and school levels, site-based plans for fire drills, lockdowns, weather emergencies, evacuations and other situations, a reunification site for parents to meet students in the event of an evacuation and physical and mental health services.

The letter advises the creation of family crisis response plans at home and making sure schools have updated emergency contact information. The letter also urges parents to make sure students do not use cell phones or landlines to contact parents during an emergency, as this impedes communication lines for emergency responders when done en masse.

During a crisis, parents are urged not to go to the school, and instead are to meet students at 650 Nichols Street with their identification. The district uses Connect-Ed, its website, Facebook and Norwood Public Access Television to communicate messages to families. Afterwards, the letter recommends calm behavior and monitoring the student's behavior and seeking help as needed.

## Toys For Tots *continued from page 1*

Norwood High School alumnus Bob Miller. The event raised several thousand dollars for the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots campaign. Day Street Sports and Lopes were also able to work out a generous deal to add 500 basketballs and soccer balls to the donation.

Another Marine, School Resource officer James Mahoney, helped Lopes prepare the toys and donated sport-

ing goods before they were distributed to low income and underprivileged children.

"We cannot say thank you enough to the residents of our town and surrounding communities as well as the local businesses for stopping by to donate," Police said in a statement after the donations were given out in time for Christmas.

Toys for Tots collects un-

wrapped toys from October to December in order to give to "needy children" within the community the toys are collected from, ensuring families under considerable financial hardship can still give new toys to their children for Christmas. The program was founded in 1947 and is run by the United States Marine Corps, with communities all over the country taking part.



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# FlightLevel moves for BEH suit to be dismissed

**Sam Nickerson**  
Staff Reporter

Earlier this month, FlightLevel Aviation moved to have Boston Executive Helicopters' (BEH) lawsuit in Norfolk County Superior Court regarding alleged misconduct at Norwood Memorial Airport against it dismissed.

According to an opposition to the motion dated Dec. 14 and submitted by BEH's attorneys, FlightLevel - as the only Fixed Base Operator at the airport - "maintains day-today anticompetitive business practices over the sale of jet fuel, aviation gas, and aviation services, entered into anticompetitive contracts to protect its monopoly, and has willfully engaged in anti-competitive conduct against BEH, a potential competitor to FlightLevel ... thus necessitating this suit for damages, injunctive relief, and attorney's fees" under state law.

BEH filed the original lawsuit against FlightLevel and its CEO in October and amended to its current status on Oct. 15. The primary concern of the suit is a property dispute between BEH and FlightLevel regarding a 15-foot wide strip between lots F and G on the airport. BEH leases lot F while FlightLevel leases lot G. According to court filings, FlightLevel currently leases 85 percent of ramp space at Norwood Airport.

The suit was filed after FlightLevel erected barriers around the disputed area, which BEH claims also blockaded

BEH's hangar door. In March, a judge ordered the barriers removed. In February, BEH employees came under suspicion for tipping over the barriers and spilling their contents, though a show cause hearing did not yield further legal action.

BEH's suit against FlightLevel alleges that the Norwood Airport Commission and the Airport violated federal and state grant assurances by allowing FlightLevel to monopolize fixed base operator services at the airport. The Norwood Airport Commission said it has not approved BEH's application to become a FBO because of unfulfilled requirements, such as disclosure of financial information. BEH also has an open lawsuit against the Airport Commission and other Town officials.

The suit brings seven counts against FlightLevel: one seeking injunctive relief in the form of a restraining order against FlightLevel from the disputed area, one for declarative judgment that BEH is free to use the disputed area and FlightLevel is prohibited from erecting barriers, another alleging unlawful restraint of trade according to the state antitrust act, a count alleging attempted monopolization, two counts alleging intentional interference with contractual relations and advantages business relations, and a seventh alleging violation of the state Unfair Acts or Practices act. BEH is seeking damages and attorney's fees for the remaining counts. BEH's attorneys, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, say that FlightLevel's

motion to dismiss should not be honored because the plaintiffs "need plead only enough facts 'plausibly suggesting ... an entitlement to relief.'" The Dec. 14 filing argues that BEH sufficiently pleads all claims in the case and discovery will reveal evidence supporting BEH's claims.

Simultaneously, BEH is filing for right to amend the complaint "to the extent necessary." According to BEH's attorneys, in making the motion, BEH is not saying the complaint is "deficient," but that they can "provide to the extent necessary additional factual detail" regarding the "claimed deficiencies" pointed out in FlightLevel's motion to dismiss.

As part of the suit, BEH made 84 requests for documents, including leases, rental agreements, contracts, and statements between FlightLevel and other entities relating to Lots F, G and H. It also requested communication between FlightLevel and other parties, including BEH, former Lot G and F leaseholders, the Norwood Airport Commission and town officials.

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England, including The Coaching Divas, Wellesley Chamber Music Festival, Arabella Ensemble, Opera Providence, and others.

The concert series was held at the Historical Society's headquarters, the F. Holland Day house at 93 Day St. It was made possible this year with a grant from the Andrew and Ernest J. Boch Memorial Fund.

The series also featured a dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" on Dec. 6 and performances by the Norwood High School Madrigal Choir on Dec. 13, Harpist Susan Miron on Dec. 19 and Guitarist Steve Marchena on Dec. 20.

For more information about events at the Day House, visit [norwoodhistoricalsociety.org](http://norwoodhistoricalsociety.org).

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## DEATHS

### CROFT

Mary E. formerly of Norwood, on Dec 23. Center. Beloved daughter of John J. O'Connell and Mary E. (Quirke) O'Connell. Mary received a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from Emmanuel College in 1950. She continued her education at Boston University, from which she receives a Master of Mathematics in 1951. She was very proud that she received a full scholarship to B.U. without even applying to the program. A professor knew that she would be an outstanding educator, as she was. Mary was a teacher at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Norwood for over 20 years. She also was a substitute teacher in the Norwood school system prior to and upon retirement from St. Catherine's. Mary was a devoted mother, grandmother, and member of St. Catherine's. She loved to read, watch crime/mystery shows, and do her word searches. When her children were young, she volunteered as a Girl Scout Leader for 10 years. She cherished spending time with her grandchildren and encouraging them throughout their young lives. She was predeceased in death by her husband of 50 years, Elliot L. Croft, and a daughter, Theresa Croft. She was the sister of the late John J. O'Connell Jr. She is survived by three daughters and spouses, Mary (Marianne Polmatier) Croft of Easthampton, MA, Ann Marie (John) McDonald of Methuen, MA, and Elaine (Louis) Walker of Portsmouth, RI; two grandchildren, Justin and Kristin Walker, many nieces, great nieces and great nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary's memory may be made in care of Father Robert Reed, Catholic TV, P.O. Box 9196, Watertown, MA 02471.

### FLAHERTY

Barbara T. (Welch), of Norwood, on Dec 23. Born August 25, 1920. Wife of the late Peter J. Flaherty. Treasured mother of Barbara of Norwood and James P. of Quincy and the late Richard A. Flaherty. Devoted grandmother ("Gum") to Peter A. Flaherty of Los Angeles, CA and Brendan R. Flaherty and his wife Elle of Chelsea, MA. Also survived by several loving nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 30th at 10:00am from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rte. 1A), Norwood, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00am at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 547 Washington Street, Norwood. Interment will follow the Mass in St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury. Visiting hours will be held on Tuesday from 2:00-4:00pm at the funeral home. Donations in Barbara's memory may be made to the Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood, 150 Chapel Street, Norwood, MA 02062 or to the Francis House, PO Box 120499, Boston, MA 02112-0499.

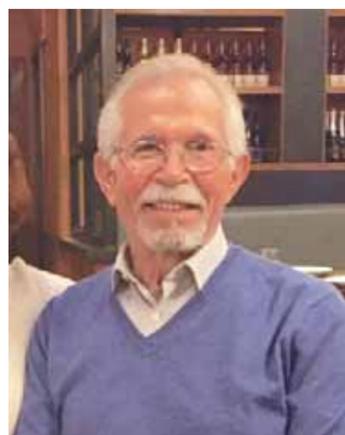
### SHAGOURY



Dorothy M. (O'Brien) 92, of Norwood, on Dec. 23. Beloved daughter of the late Thomas and Sylvia (Carossi) O'Brien. Beloved wife of 50

years of Abraham Shagoury. Devoted mother of Kathleen DesRoches of Bellingham, Susan Shagoury Colton of Yarmouth Port, and the late Barbara Hicks. Loving grandmother of Steven DesRoches of Bellingham, Bailey Colton of East Dennis and many other grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. Sister of the late Arthur McCluskey, Catherine R Connelly, Thomas F O'Brien, Madeline A. Prizio, Virginia T O'Brien. Aunt of Theodore Prizio and his wife Rosalind of Windham, NH and many other nieces, nephews, and grand nieces and nephews. Dorothy Loved animals; especially dogs and horses. She enjoyed spending time on Singer Island, spending time at the beach, and reading. She also enjoyed spending time in her husband's expansive garden, spending time with her family, and traveling with her husband and friends, and was involved with the Norwood Hospital Cancer Foundation. Dorothy graduated from Northeastern University and went on to attend North Eastern School of Law. She obtained her JD from the School of law in 1954. Dorothy was a noted real estate conveyancing attorney for more than 40 years. She began her career as a legal secretary at the firm of I.J. Silverman in Boston. After passing the bar she joined him in his practice as a partner. She later established a private practice in Norwood which she maintained until her retirement. She represented numerous financial institutions as well as local builders, developers, and individual clients during the course of her practice. Dorothy was a consummate professional whose skill and knowledge were recognized by all her clients. Funeral arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. Norwood. Expressions of sympathy in her memory may be made to St. Timothy's Church, 650 Nichols St., Norwood, MA 02062.

### TROPEANO



Enrico, 70 of Norwood, on Dec. 22. Beloved Son of the late Eugenio and Giuseppina (Gaita) Tropeano. Beloved husband of Vittoria (Spinola) Tropeano. Devoted father of Eugenio A. Tropeano and his wife Erica of Braintree, Giuseppe F. Tropeano and his partner Meghan Nemes of Walpole, and Antonio S. Tropeano and his Fiance Simone Muzzioli of Dorchester. Loving brother of Giorlormo Tropeano and Mario Tropeano both of Australia, Gilda Devito and Antonio Tropeano both of Italy, Carmela Pacifico of Hyde Park, Elvio Tropeano of Dedham, Alfonso Tropeano of Falmouth, Maria Gaita of Walpole, and Vincent Tropeano of Shrewsbury. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends. Late retired Machinist for over 20 years for Commercial Sheet Metal in Canton, and member of the Italian Social Club, South Norwood. Funeral arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. Norwood. Expressions of sympathy in his memory may be made to the American Heart Association 300 5th Ave. Suite 6, Waltham MA 02451.

### WAKE UP NORWOOD

To the Editor:

Ten housebreaks in one evening by a group of men. A young woman attacked by two thugs. Thank God for the good Samaritan that stepped in to help her in her time of need. A hold up brandishing a gun. Drug bust galore. Needles strewn in our streets. These are some of the most recent crimes in Norwood. Does this sound like a TOWN to you?

We have the threat of another 518 apartments in an already over built, over developed, over crowded TOWN... not a city. If the Town loses it's 40B fight there will be in total approx 1,000 apartments added in a 2 1/2 mile stretch. Does this spell traffic nightmare? Oh, we already have traffic nightmares. Again, does this sound like a

TOWN to you?

I know many have no knowledge about the unfair 40B law. Simply put, the state overrides most town bylaws and forces high density apartments without consideration for the devastating effect. Just take a ride and see for yourselves. Upland Woods demonstrates perfectly what a 40B stands for. If you do not believe me just ask the neighbors. Our Town did not have the foresight to plan for and fight this ludicrous law. This law is over 40 years old. Many towns have developed smart strategies to combat the 40B invader that overtaxes municipal resources. A 40B can pretty much plant itself anywhere it pleases. None of us are immune.

The next threat brewing is mixed use zoning, which can

be a combination of apartments, office space and retail. This threat comes from within. There will be a push to change manufacturing to mix use for more apartments. I urge Town Meeting to reject this notion, especially proposed changes to our table of use by-laws.

Norwood is approx 10 1/2 square miles. We are over saturated with housing. The push should be for serious economic development and jobs. Imagine handing our town by-laws to a new owner/potential developer and ask them to have input as to what might best suit their needs. Well, it happened. Blasphemy! Wake up Norwood...pay close attention to the changes and proposed changes... save our Town.

Mary Cassidy  
Norwood

## Marshmallow Science

Lora Roberts, Balch Librarian, teaching students about the engineering design process by building towers with marshmallows and spaghetti during the Family Math and Science Night at the Balch School on Thursday December 17.

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Selectmen Bill Plasko and CarMax representatives cut the ribbon at CarMax's Norwood grand opening.

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## CarMax opens to much fanfare

### Sam Nickerson

Staff Reporter

CarMax celebrated the opening of its 1230 Boston Providence Turnpike location on Dec. 10 with much fanfare and a charitable gesture.

The country's largest used car retailer donated \$200,000 to Boston-area nonprofits to celebrate the opening of its

Norwood and Danvers locations, the first CarMax stores in the Boston area. Funds are being distributed to City Year Boston, United South End Settlements, Cradles to Crayons, and \$95,000 will be used to partner with KaBOOM! to build a playground in Greater Boston in 2016.

"This is a homecoming for me," said Tom Folliard, presi-

dent and CEO of CarMax at the grand opening ceremony. "I was born and raised in Boston, so it is extremely rewarding that CarMax is able to bring jobs to the Boston community, grow the local economy, contribute to local nonprofits and introduce Bostonians to the unique

CarMax

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# Remaining principals report improvement plans to School Committee

**Sam Nickerson**  
Staff Reporter

The remaining half of the Norwood Public Schools principals presented their school improvement plans to the School Committee on Dec. 16.

Balch Elementary Principal Jean Selines highlighted the very international culture at her school, which presented both blessings and challenges to the school's improvement goals.

According to Selines, 95 students, or 35 percent of the school's population speak English as a second or third language. Overall, 14 languages are spoken in the school community. Selines said this year, the Balch welcomed students from Italy, Egypt, Nepal, Tibet, Brazil, El Salvador, the Philippines, Syria and Jordan.

Selines said many of these students are experiencing an American education model for the first time and many have no English experience at all. One English language learning teacher services 44 students, and helps with students who need writing support. As such, Selines requested an additional full time English language learning teacher, as well as a

school counselor, as the .5 FTE school counselor is only available at the school for two days per week.

Selines said her staff feels that English language learners and those with limited English proficiency were underserved, which likely contributed to the school's scores on the PARCC and MCAS exams. On the PARCC exam for grades 3-5, 54 percent of students scored proficient or higher on the ELA test. In math, there was a slight decline to 42 percent.

At the Cleveland Elementary School, Principal Nancy Coppola said the school increased its test scores in a year and went from a level 2 school to a level 1 school. This past year, five students even had perfect scores. Coppola said integrating more technology in the classroom helped students achieve this, as did the pragmatic learning center, which provided a therapeutic environment for some 20 students with sensory needs.

At the Oldham School, Principal Wesley Manaday said the 230-student school had 12 classrooms with an average size of around 19 students. On the PARCC, the school outper-

formed the state in grade three reading by a margin of 25 points, grade three math by 18 points, Grade four ELA by 17 points and grade five ELA by 19 points. The school maintained its level two status and Manaday said there were significant challenges in grades four and five math, which he said might have been due to the fact that the district was piloting several math programs ahead of making its selection.

Manaday said the school was able to use its technology to improve ELA support and more planning time was able to take place for staff due to grant money received at the school. To improve math performance,

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## CarMax *continued from page 4*

CarMax experience."

The 45,000 square-foot Norwood CarMax showroom, which will bring 200-400 used vehicles to the Automile, was a substantial project that was recently completed and outfitted with electricity from Norwood Light Department. The 23-acre site was once the Home Quarters Warehouse.

The Virginia-based company also agreed to donate 7.9 acres of unbuildable wetlands behind its facility to the Town of Norwood this summer, which were put under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission.

"CarMax cares deeply about supporting the communities where our associates live and work," said Norwood location general manager Brian Rodrique. "Our giving is rooted in the passion of our associates and we take pride in our commitment to children's healthy living."

Many local officials, including members of the Board of Selectmen, were in attendance on Dec. 10.

"We are both pleased and excited to welcome CarMax, the largest retailer of used cars in the country, to Norwood," said Paul Bishop, chairman of the Norwood Board of Selectmen. "Coined the 'Auto Mile' due to the high volume of automobile dealerships already located in the town, CarMax is going to be a great addition."

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the school kept consistent math curriculum calendars and maintained 90 minutes of math instruction time.

At the Willett School, Principal Dianne Ferrara reported an enrollment of 401 students, with 125 preschool students. This meant the average kindergarten class size was around 21 students.

Ferrara said the school was in its second year of utilizing the Developmental Learning Center, which provides an opportunity for small group instruction, cool down time and additional support for high needs students and those in need of academic interventions.

That said, the school is opening another preschool session in January to accommodate needs in Town and because of space issues, the preschool class will occupy the Developmental Learning Center from 8:30-11 a.m., meaning special education teachers have had to revise their schedules. Ferrara said though it was not ideal, it would work for the year.

Ferrara's concern was that next school year, enrollment projections show the school will continue to have space issues and there could be more of an impact on the Developmental Learning Center.

At the Coakley Middle School, second year Principal Jackie Mann said her staff reaps the benefit of the good work done at the elementary level. The administration's goals include increasing how much students are talking to



Balch School Principal Jean Selines outlined the school's unique needs as a result of its diversity during a School Committee meeting.

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each other in an instructional setting, implementing more responsive teaching and being able to meet students' social and emotional needs.

Mann said the transition from grade five to six was helped with a new absent and tardy policy, and tools to enhance self-reporting of safety and connections to the school. To close the gap between home and school, Mann also sends home a weekly newsletter and makes sure teachers utilize technology like Google classrooms.

Mann said the school showed increased growth in grades six and seven for ELA and math scores on standardized tests, but reported slight decreases for grade eight. Mann said the grade eight ELA scores were already showing high growth, so the slight decrease was not much of a concern.

Mann said eighth graders dipped from 69.5 percent growth to 66 percent. Math in grades six and seven was identified as an area of need in prior years, so the growth

there was encouraging, Mann said.

Mann also said the school was changing how it measured science growth because of the changes between MCAS and PARCC and due to the fact it is only administered in grade eight. The school showed a 43 percent proficiency, which was above state average, but Mann said the administration felt students could do better.

Overall, high needs students were a target for the school and this coming year, the Coakley aims to see 60 percent growth or above in all areas for high needs students, moving the population into the "high growth category."

Mann said the school also needs a program dedicated to math support for students not on IEPs and a universal screening tool. Mann also discussed the changes to the middle school schedule, including the Mustang Block, which was being used to help with academic interventions and to groom student mentorship.

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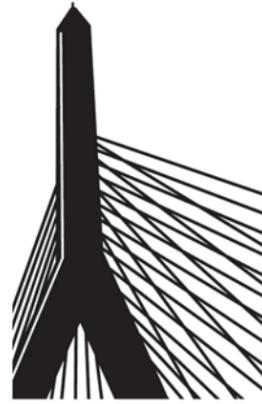
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# Sports

## Boys Hoops undaunted by loss

Jake Levin  
Staff Reporter

Putting last week's 60-42 loss to the Dedham Marauders aside, life is pretty good these days for the Norwood Boys basketball team.

The Dedham victory may have ended Norwood's season-opening winning streak at four games, but with a 4-1 record at roughly the quarter pole of the season, the Mustangs find themselves just one win shy of last year's total.

Still, the setback vs. the Marauders serves as a reminder that tournament berths aren't sealed in the month of December, and that the team has much room to improve as the calendar turns to January. This includes head coach Rich Cormier, who took some of the blame for the loss to Dedham on himself.

"I don't think I did a very good job tonight finding the lineups that we needed to work," said Cormier after the game, in which 10 players scored for Norwood, but none had more than seven points. "I think that they created some matchup problems, and I couldn't find the answers."

Chris Bell and Jarred Houston tied for a team-high seven points apiece, the low figures at least partly due to abysmal 3-point shooting by the Mustangs-0-for-14 from beyond the arc.

"We missed layups," said Cormier, refusing to put too much stock into the 3-point woes. "I'm not worried about the 3-pointers, I'm worried about the layups."

"42 points, that's awful."

Neither team had much luck scoring the ball early on, with a total of 14 points scored in the first quarter, after which Norwood led 9-5. Bell sank a shot to begin the second to give the Mustangs an 11-5 advantage, which would be their largest lead of the night. The Marauders closed the second quarter on a 15-8 run, leading 20-19 at the half. All seven of Houston's points came during the first half for Norwood.

Sloppy play continued at the beginning of the third quarter, mainly on the part of Dedham. A shot clock violation was the result of the Marauders first possession of the second half, and carelessness with the ball enabled Jove Dorisca to



The Norwood High Boys Basketball team fell to Dedham 60-42, but still find themselves poised to make a run at a tournament berth with a 4-1 record to start the season.

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force a jump ball their next time up court.

The Mustangs were unable to capitalize on their end, however, shots simply refusing to fall. Cormier called a timeout with Dedham on top 25-21, a maneuver which resulted in a lay-in for Bell, but saw an 8-0 run by the Marauders immediately after.

Norwood countered with a 6-0 run of its own to end the third quarter and pull within four, 33-29. Joe Mazzotta, Richie Watson and Jordan Curry all sank 2-pointers during the run.

The house of cards finally collapsed for the Mustangs in the fourth quarter, a 13-0 run by Dedham giving them a 50-

33 lead. The final score, 60-42, doubled as the Marauders largest lead of the night.

"I thought we did a good job attacking them, getting to the basket," said Cormier, lamenting his team's shooting from all angles. "We just didn't finish, it was pretty simple. We made bad decisions, we got tighter as the game went along, and we literally just couldn't make a shot."

A dramatic free throw disparity also existed in the game; Dedham attempted 29 free throws to Norwood's seven, including a 15-1 margin in the second half. The Marauders went 10-for-11 in the fourth quarter, the lights out

shooting helping prevent any sort of a Mustang comeback.

When asked about the status of Bell after the game, Cormier stated that there was nothing new with his star point guard's shoulder, but that he still wasn't quite at full strength.

"It's still relatively fresh, it was only about a month ago," said Cormier of Bell's shoulder injury which he suffered in the pre-season. "He's still, I wouldn't say, 100 percent; you can see him out there sometimes maybe not aggressive as he could be, but honestly, I'm okay with

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Despite flashing some skill on the ice, the young Norwood High Girls Hockey team fell 6-4 to Dedham. Each of the four goals for Norwood came from a different player, revealing the team's offensive depth.

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## Girls Hockey still trying to find its groove

Jake Levin  
Staff Reporter

Growing pains continue for Norwood girls hockey, a 6-4 loss to Dedham its latest example of flashes of brilliance, but a 45-minute effort still lacking.

With 25 percent of its season already gone, the Mustangs stand at 1-4 heading into Thursday's showdown with the Walpole Rebels.

The four goals Norwood scored last Wednesday matched a season-high in goals, the same number from the Mustangs' lone win, 4-2 over Brookline on Dec. 16. Head coach Tim Coskren be-

lieves that Norwood should be putting more pucks on net, which would lead to a greater number of goals than the 15 they've scored though five games.

"We don't really get the number of shots that we should," said Coskren after the loss to Dedham, in which four different players scored for his team: Rose Campbell, Coley Hayes, Emily Cataldo and Hannah Gillis.

"Some of the older girls, the seniors, probably have to pick up the pace for the younger girls," said Coskren.

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# Some thoughts on the NHL Winter Classic at Gillette Stadium

**Jake Levin**  
Staff Reporter

Some things to consider as the Boston Bruins and Montreal Canadiens get set to descend upon Gillette Stadium on Friday...

I love the NHL Winter Classic to the point I've been thinking out loud if it would be possible for an NHL team to play its full home schedule outdoors. It's beyond lunacy on the surface, but hear me out for a second: NFL and MLB teams play both outdoors and indoors; the wind, sun,

rain and snow can affect those games (not really baseball on the precipitation front so again, it's all lunacy, but bear with me).

You're going to sit there and tell me that the Bruins playing 41 games outside each year doesn't sound enticing? And I don't mean at Gillette, I'm talking a hockey-only facility somewhere else in the Greater Boston Area.

Foxboro is a hard place for opposing football teams to come into, particularly teams from down south and out west or those who

cower away from the elements in domes. Same with a place like Mile High in Denver, Lambeau in Green Bay, etc. Yes, Indianapolis and New Orleans were considered great home field advantages when Peyton Manning and Drew Brees were in their primes, but now that Peyton's gone and Brees is in decline, what's so imposing about the RCA Dome (other than Jim Irsay's face) or the Louisiana Superdome?

Exactly. Any regular arena can pump in artificial crowd noise on the godforsaken "noise meter," but how many arenas could offer snowfall and sub-freezing temperatures on a nightly basis to create a tried and true home field advantage?

I guess you could make the whole sub-freezing temperatures would have a negative effect on a team over the course of 41 home games argument, whereas in football you're playing no more than three or four home games a year in bru-

tal conditions.

Then again, hockey season starts in October and carries into June. I'm pretty sure it won't be 14 degrees and snowing with 25 m.p.h. winds on Memorial Day when the Bruins get set for Game 1 of the Stanley Cup.

By then, it'll likely be 75 degrees and sunny on a daily basis. I'm no mathematician, but the economics of keeping a sheet of ice frozen in that kind of weather day in, day out, doesn't sound all that feasible. Sort of like the Boston Olympics 2024 that never quite got off the ground.

It would have to be a team in a place like Edmonton or Winnipeg, probably not a locale like South Beach or Glendale, Ariz. to test the waters on a full-fledged outdoor hockey experience. But since Edmonton and Winnipeg struggle to attract free agents anyways due to blistering cold outside of the rinks in the winter months, that's probably

not going to be good for business either. Although NHL commissioner Gary Bettman could force it, see those teams unravel, and move them to Honolulu and Mexico City, respectively, because long before Roger Goodell had the asinine idea to put an NFL team in London, Bettman had the idea to put hockey teams in Florida and Texas. Why not go even further south?

So let's scrap this idea and enjoy the Winter Classic for what it is: a game that masquerades as an exhibition, but a game that does, in fact, count in the standings, unlike that gimmicky Pro Bowl coming up later this month. I'd love to see the Bruins-Canadiens game on Friday blow away that mockery of an event in the ratings, and it will in the Boston market, but I'm not holding my breath nationally.

Happy New Year everyone, thanks for reading this space every week. Looking forward to even bigger and better things in 2016.

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that. We need him healthy. He's still doing a lot of good things."

Norwood remains off on holiday break this week, and will finally return to action on Saturday, in a nonleague match-up with the Bishop Feehan Shamrocks on Saturday at 3 p.m. in Attleboro. Feehan, an Eastern Athletic Conference team, is currently ranked No. 18 in the ESPN Boston Top 25 poll.



Jordan Curry contributed to the Boys Basketball team's effort against Dedham on both ends of the court, but no Mustang scored more than seven points.

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"We haven't shown a lot of enthusiasm yet, and some of our positioning is off as well. I'm going to try to get things changed around, try to get some pairs that'll work together a little better."

Dedham struck first at 4:40 of the first period before Campbell knotted it up at one apiece at 7:28, with assists from Hayes and Erin Kelly. The score remained tied, 1-1, into the second period.

The Marauders struck first again in the second period, scoring 1:58 into the middle stanza, but Norwood responded again in even quicker fashion. Campbell fired a shot from the slot, which Cataldo followed by crashing the net for the rebound. Although she didn't score, the rebound again fell right into the tape of a Norwood skater, this time Hayes, who buried the puck into a wide open net just 44 seconds after the Marauders had re-taken the lead.

From there, however, it was virtually all Dehdam, with three unanswered goals to round out the second period with a 5-2 advantage. Cataldo's goal at 11:29 of the third period, on a shorthanded breakaway, made it 5-3, and Gillis's tally later made it 6-45 at 13:26, but it was all much too late



Goalie Janelle Kelleher has done well in net for the Mustangs, facing 43 shots over the course of Norwood's game against Dedham.

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for the Mustangs.

Dedham outshot Norwood 43-28 over the course of the game, a margin that Coskren isn't overly concerned over due to the collective age of the Mustangs.

"Without a doubt," said Coskren, when asked if he took the relative lack of experience of his roster into effect when grading out his team's performances. "We knew this at the beginning, we knew when we started what we were going to be in

for, and it's kind of shown. They're not giving up at all, but they've got a lot to learn.

"It's early, it is five games in and you hate to be down. They'll get better, maybe the break for a few days will help as well."

Norwood returns to action on Thursday as part of a double header with the boys hockey team at Rodman Arena in Walpole. The girls game will take place at 1 p.m., preceded by the boys game at 11 a.m.

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gather information about what Norwood's issues are and administered Youth Risk Behavior Surveys to Norwood students in October. These surveys were conducted thanks to an \$8,000 contribution from Norwood Hospital and a \$2,000 contribution from Keegan Jewelers.

Reiss said that while most School Districts do the surveys every two years, Norwood hadn't done one in three years.

Reiss also said coalition meetings have had high attendance with enthusiastic participation. She has also attended monthly meetings of substance abuse coalitions with District Attorney Michael Morrissey.

According to Morrissey's office, there were 34 unattended substance-related deaths in the county between September and November. Norwood was third on the list of communities with four overdose deaths in that timeframe.

Of the deaths, there were 23 men and 11 women. The average age of the victims was 36 years old. Reiss said that only nine of the deaths were heroin-related, while the others stemmed from prescription drugs.

At a Dec. 3 rotary meeting, Brooks and Reiss introduced the audience to efforts in Norwood to combat heroin and other substance abuse issues.

Brooks said that heroin was initially a treatment for Civil War soldiers who were on mor-

phine for their wounds. It was regulated in 1920, but the Northeast has always "had more heroin issues than other parts of the country," Brooks said, noting that the numbers are reaching all-time highs now. "We've just always had more heroin than other regions."

Brooks said most of the heroin users the Norwood Police Department encounters are intravenous users, which he said made sense, since the state legalized the sale of syringes over the counter in 2006 to avoid the transmission of diseases through dirty needles. Brooks said the decision also likely influenced the rising overdose numbers.

Reiss said Impact Norwood was holding focus groups with school nurses, parents, faith groups and eventually, students as part of its strategic prevention framework

Also during the Board of Health's meeting on Dec. 15, the members discussed how Norfolk Asphalt and the Town were addressing complaints regarding the business.

According to Reiss, the Town Manager's office authorized use of funds to hire a consultant and the company was implementing its own control measures. Reiss said the Town had not received a complaint about the company since October.

She said the next step was to compare the company's activity logs with the Town's complaint



Dr. Mark Stone was honored on Dec. 20 by the New England Patriots for his work with the elder dental clinic in Norwood. Here, Stone shakes hands with Patriots owner Robert Kraft.

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logs to determine what activities were drawing complaints.

Norfolk Asphalt believes the complaints stem from when they drop off liquid cement into a storage tank. The Town and the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) hope to see correlations between those activities and the complaints in the logs.

The DEP granted Norfolk Asphalt an increase in production from 200,000 tons of asphalt per year to 375,000 tons. The company was allowed to work more days, but the permitted hours did not change, so they either have to work more efficiently or across more days to accomplish that increase.

# The Record Book

## NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL MEETING

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill—South Norfolk affiliate will hold its monthly meeting in Cafeteria B of the Lorusso Building at Norwood Hospital at 7PM on Thursday January 7th. Mental illness is a label for a variety of diseases of the brain. Often it strikes in late adolescence, devastating the afflicted person and the family. The South Norfolk Alliance is composed of such families who find mutual support and join together to advocate for their loved ones. We welcome all families in the South Norfolk Area who are dealing with mental illness and their loved ones. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled or not according to the decision of the Norwood schools. For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

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0830 initiated - Disturbance no action required Location/address: Willow St Caller reported damage to her apartment because she was locked out. Officers discovered damage done by caller and she thought she needed to report it to the police. She was referred to her landlord

0949 walk-in - Malicious damage \*report filed Location/address: Plympton Park - Lenox St Walk in party reports damage to his vehicle.

1246 phone - Fraud \*report filed Location/address: Rama Wine & Spirits - Washington St Caller reports that his credit card information was used make several purchases.

1248 walk-in - Larceny \*report filed Location/address: Vernon St Walk in party reports that her medication may have been taken.

1324 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Nahatan St + Broadway Caller reports seeing two men, one wearing a ski mask standing outside a parked van in the lot. Parties were spoken to, no issue.

1614 911 - Soliciting gone on arrival Location/address: Stop & Shop - Bos-Prov Hwy Customer reports two male parties selling products in an aggressive manner. Manager states they do not have permission and would like them escorted off the property.

1926 phone - Animal complaint area search negative Location/address: Norwood High School - Nichols St Loose dog in the road.

**TUESDAY DEC 22**

0024 phone - Noise complaint spoken to Location/address: Norwood Gardens - Hampden Dr Caller reports neighbors are being very noisy in apt. 1c and spoke to them with no results.n665,n661 responded and spoke with all parties involved. Matter resolved.

0100 phone - Noise complaint no action required Location/address: Nichols St Caller complaining of barking dogs. N663 sent. Upon arrival dogs had been taken in. All in order.

0845 phone - Violation of town by-law services rendered Location/address: Conservation Land - Bos-Prov Hwy Report that a hunter went into woods. N664 reports it is MA Pc 215zg4 and he has permission to be there.

1100 walk-in - Forge/counterf \*complaint/summons Location/address:Boch Toyota Scion - Bos-Prov Hwy Report mv documents

were forged.

1140 walk-in - Neighbor disturbance spoken to Location/address: William Shyne Cir Party in lobby reports a smell of marijuana coming from this apartment. N661 reports resident will call when smell is smelt and speak to Norwood Housing Authority.

1218 phone - Susp activity gone on arrival Location/address: Gay St Caller reports that a silver SUV is driving through the neighborhood taking pictures of houses.

1457 phone - Fuel spill/leak fire dept notified/respo Location/address: 75 - Garfield Ave NFD reports oil spill. N664 stood by for traffic when school let out. Haz-mat clean-up company handled same.

1531 walk-in - Sex offenses taken/referred to other Location/address: Rock St Resident reports 3 past incidents. N664 reports all incidents occurred in RI, referred to RI police.

1930 phone - Animal complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/address: Central St NLD reports that an animal is chewing through their satellite wires. The animal was removed.

2206 phone - Animal complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/address: D&G Deli Inc - Nahatan St Caller reports a stray dog.

**WEDNESDAY DEC 23**

0901 phone - Well being chk spoken to Location/address: Robinwood Rd Request check of wife, not answering phone. N661 reports she was asleep.

0916 phone - Hit and run \*complaint/summons Location/address: 59 - Cedar St Report 7-10 minutes ago a silver,4 door, car hit telephone pole and left towards lane dr. Bolo to cars, walpole and Westwood PD. ELD notified to check pole. DPW notified for debris.See call#: 15-17562 1145 hrs. After further investigation-N665 to file mva report and a complaint application.

1230 initiated - Report of gas leak fire dept notified/respo Location/address: 426 - Prospect St Passing pedestrian to n669,on traffic post, reports odor of natural gas, outside.

1235 walk-in - Drug law violation \*report filed Location/address: Baseball Field - Norwest Dr Report past drug activity.

1321 phone - Kids gathering area

**THURSDAY DEC 24**

0008 phone - Susp person services rendered Location/address: Olivardi's - Central St + Guild St Manager reports suspicious male wearing a hoodie hanging around the building and also in the hallway where upstairs tenants reside. N677,n664 responded and checked the area and building.

0735 phone - Found syringe services rendered Location/address: Norwood Post Office - Central St DPW reports syringe found by trash barrel in parking lot.. N664 responded and disposed of same.

0952 phone - Fire alarm area search negative Location/address: Florence Ave + Prospect St Passing pedestrian reports the sounds of a smoke detector alarm and the horn of a burglar alarm sounding in area. N665 sent. 1001 hrs- caller reports as cruiser turned onto the street-it stopped. N665 remained in area-it never sounded again.

1119 phone - Warrant of apprehension \*arrest(s)made Location/address: Mountain Ave Mother, ar-

search negative Location/address: McDonalds - Broadway Report of kids gathering in parking. Manager would like them removed. Officer reports kids gone when he arrived.

1443 phone - Mischief (kids) area search negative Location/address: Windsor Gardens Mbta Station - Engamore Ln Report kids on tracks playing chicken with the train.

1543 phone - Well being chk spoken to Location/address: Philbrick St Request check of wife, has not answered phone in minutes. N661 reports she was on the phone and that is why she couldn't answer, all is ok.

1801 911 - Citizens complaint services rendered Location/address: Adams St Caller reports that a man walked by her window and was yelling. Units searched the area for that subject, but could not locate. units spoke with the caller, she was satisfied.

1818 walk-in - Larceny services rendered Location/address: Vernon St Walk in party reports that several pieces of construction equipment have gone missing. N669 spoke with him, he will return tomorrow with more information.

2103 phone - Noise complaint services rendered Location/address: Shaws Supermarket - Nahatan St Caller reports a loud truck behind supermarket. Units spoke with the driver, he will move along.

2336 911 - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Ace Coin Laundry - Washington St Caller reports that she is locked inside the building. N666 assisted her and was able to get her out.

2208 phone - Susp person spoken to Location/address: Summit Ave Resident states she saw a male party who appeared to be looking in the windows of vehicles. Officer spoke to all parties involved, that male was on his way back from a holiday party and checked ok.

**FRIDAY DEC 25**

0202 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Hemlock St Caller reports a vehicle that is not normally parked in the area as well as an open garage door. N677 reports that vehicle belong to a family member of the resident, all is well.

1051 cellular - Animal complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/address: Walpole St + Chapel St Report of a tan/white dog walking around no person around.

1243 phone - Well being chk \*report filed Location/address: Lansdowne Way Father Donohoe from Saint Catherine's request a well being Check on a member of the church choir who did not show up for mass. Officers able to gain access with help from maintenance personal. Person not home neighbor states they believe he left home some time Thursday with a family member. Officer will contact Father Donohoe.

1338 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Lewis Ave Caller reports possible activity. Officer reports kids hanging out heading to play basketball.

2147 phone - Animal complaint area search negative Location/address: Walpole St + Endicott St Report

**SATURDAY DEC 26**

1145 phone - Well being chk services rendered Location/address: Hampden Dr Caller reports that she suffers from depression, she and her family would like some advice. Units spoke with her, her depression is a result of her medication. She was advised to speak with her doctor.

1346 walk-in - Larceny \*report filed Location/address: Ocean State Job Lot - Bos-Prov Hwy Walk in party reports that items were taken out of her vehicle while she was at work.

1820 phone - Susp activity services rendered Location/address: Sunnyside Rd Caller reports seeing a person walking in his front yard on his home monitoring system. Officer searched the area and secured the home. N669 reports that may have been a jogger.

2323 phone - Susp vehicle services rendered Location/address: Granite St Caller reports a motorcycle may have been left on the side of the road. N662 reports that motorcycle belongs to a resident in the neighborhood.

**SUNDAY DEC 27**

0057 911 - Noise complaint spoken to Location/address: Cmcs - St Paul Ave Caller reported loud group. Subjects advised.

0145 phone - Susp activity gone on arrival Location/address: Autumn St Caller reported loud music in a vehicle. Officers checked area, nothing found.

0220 911 - Susp person gone on arrival Location/address: Engamore Ln Caller reported someone knocking at the door. Officers checked area, nothing found.

0513 phone - Assist citizen area search negative Location/address: Norwood Town Taxi - E Cottage St Caller reported taxi operator sounded strange over the phone. Officer checked area, taxi dispatch no longer located in Norwood. Consolidated taxi dispatch contacted, operator did not receive any calls during this time.

0814 phone - Well being chk spoken to Location/address: E Hoyle St Caller reports that he can hear yelling coming from this address as he walked by. Units spoke with the residents here, no problem reported.

0944 phone - Malicious damage \*report filed Location/address: Bond St Caller reports that a vehicle damaged his property over night. DPW notified to handle damaged street sign.

1334 walk-in - Susp activity services rendered Location/address: Plymouth Dr Walk in party reports seeing an unfamiliar vehicle outside her house earlier today. Party was advised to call if it returns.

1644 phone - Recovered mv \*report filed Location/address: 35-37 - Granite St Report of a motorcycle parked on sidewalk, no plates. Center Auto tows MA m/c vin: jkaexmj12ada51300 for being stolen. Brockton notified.

1727 phone - Lost and found \*report filed Location/address: Veteran's Park - Walpole St Resident of Berwick Pl. Found a bicycle in the park and brought it home. N666 confiscated same.

2024 phone - Drug law violation area search negative Location/address: Dean St Report 3 kids-2 b/m's, 1 w/m, smoking marijuana in hallway Of building, left on foot on Washington St. Southbound. N677 Spoke to caller, checked area, kids are GOA.

2141 cellular - Drunk person \*protective custody Location/address: 934 - Washington St Report of a male stumbling as he walks. NFD checks and Clears same. N667 places him in protective custody and Transports to station.

## Legals

TOWN OF NORWOOD  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** in **Room 12 of the Municipal Office Building** on **January 19, 2016 at 7:15PM** on the request of 1 Edgewater Associates LLC (Case #15-32) with respect to property located on 1 Edgewater Drive, in a **M-Manufacturing District**.

The Application requests a **SPECIAL PERMIT** under Section (K) 6 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow a cafeteria serving the employees of the building to be built.

Plans are on file with the application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be viewed during normal working hours, Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

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# SENIOR NEWS

**BOOK CLUB:** Our next Book Club will be meeting on **January at 10:00 am.**  
**BRIDGE:** Our Bridge Club meets on **Thursdays at 9:15 am.** in the Library. **The Tuesday group has been cancelled.**  
**COMPUTER CLUB:** The Computer Club meets every Wednesday at 1PM  
**COUNCIL ON AGING:COA** next Meeting will be **January 7th @ 1PM**  
**CRIBBAGE:**Our seniors meet every **Monday at 12:45 pm.** to play cribbage.  
**DIABETES WORKSHOP:** The Diabetes Workshop Thursday January 28th at 11AM.  
**EXCEL CLASSES:** Excel classes have resumed. Please sign up.  
**FOOT DOCTOR:** Dr. Cormier will be here Tuesday, **January 5th - 8:30AM-12 Noon**

**GLEE CLUB:** Glee Club meets every **Tuesday at 11:15 am.**  
**HANDCRAFTERS:** Handcrafters meet every **Monday from 1pm. - 3pm.**  
**Line Dance Classes** are held each **Tuesday. Class will be held from 1PM-2PM**  
**MASSAGE THERAPIST:** Karen Tracy is here on the first Monday of each month. Please sign up at front desk. Massages are **\$30.00 for half an hour.**  
**NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB:** The Board of Directors meet on the **1st Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am.** at the Senior Center (Except July and August). The Club Membership meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks Lodge, at 10:00 am.

**Poetry Club:** Is held on the **Third Wednesday** of each month at **1:00pm,** Facilitated by Nancy from the Library.  
**SCRABBLE:** **Thursday afternoon at 1:00 pm.** Come and join us for a game.  
**SHINE:**Our SHINE Counselor, Carol, is here to help you with your medical insurance needs on **Tuesdays from 10:00 am. - 2:00 pm.** Please call 781-762-1201 for an appointment.  
**TRIAD:** **January 25th at 1PM**  
**Poison Control**  
**WATER COLOR:** The next session is scheduled for **Thursday, January 14th at 9:00 am.** Payment of \$20.00 must be made at time of signup.  
**WHIST:** Whist players meet on **Tuesdays at 12:45 pm.** in the library.  
**WHIST PARTY:** Whist parties will be held on the **4th Friday** of each month **1:00 pm. - 3:00 pm.**

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