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About 70 protesters gathered in front of Town Hall before the Budget Balancing Committee meeting Monday, chanting "Norwood pride means override!"

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BBC approves \$5.95 in budget override costs amid protest

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

The Budget Balancing Committee (BBC) met Monday night, January 28, primarily to discuss the School Committee's budgetary needs and additions to funding provided from state aid.

But beforehand, a group of about 70 concerned parents and children protested outside Town Hall. They carried signs calling for a budget override to preserve school programming, chanting, "Norwood pride means override!"

Some of the protesters

tried to cram into the small room for the meeting, where School Superintendent David Thomson presented a slide presentation on an analysis of school staffing.

"This is more than the usual amount of people that we usually get for our meetings," chair Alan Slater said as people jammed into the small room and sat on the floor.

"About 40 of us are waiting in the hall," one woman called out at the doorway.

In light of the heavy attendance, the meeting adjourned to the Great Hall.

"I know most people are

concerned with the override, but we are also here to discuss this year's budget," Thomas J. McQuaid, CPA, the Director of Finance and Accounting, said as he presented a packet detailing Governor Charlie Baker's FY 2020s budget proposal.

Town Manager Tony Mazzucco added that the House and Senate still have to present and approve their versions of the budget.

"There were winners and losers in this process, and Norwood came out a winner,"

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The lower Balch Recreation area is slated to rehabilitation work, to be funded in part (hopefully) by CPA funds.

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CPC begins hearing funding presentations

Matthew MacDonald
Staff Reporter

Last Wednesday, Jan. 23, the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) met in Town Hall to begin hearing application presentations for the current CPA (Community Preservation Act) funding cycle.

Over the two and three-quarter hour session, four of the six applications under consideration were presented. The Committee was receptive to all of them while also asking questions and offering suggestions in anticipation of May's Town Meeting, during which each application will be voted on.

This is the latest step in a process that officially began when CPA applications were filed with the CPC late last year. This is also the first full funding round for the Committee (last year, it was pressed into helping to fund the St. Gabriel's Chapel restoration), which was formed about a year and a half ago once the CPA had been approved by the Town.

Recreation Superintendent Travis Farley was the main spokesperson for the first two of the four project applications presented: the lower Balch recreation area rehabilitation and

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Dollhouse Museum owners want to develop property

Matthew MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Planning Board met on Monday evening, Jan. 28 in Room 12 of Town Hall for a two hour session that featured two appointments, as well as other business.

The main appointment was an informational discussion regarding the possibility of proposing a historic overlay district zoning amendment at May's Town Meeting.

This idea was presented by consultant Michael Viano, representing the owners of 289 Walpole St. – the 6,800 square

foot 1870s mansion that houses the Dollhouse Museum.

According to Viano, the owners – Robert Pegurri and Barbara Rand – have tried to sell the house in the past, which is at the center of a two acre lot, and they are trying to preserve the house as part of any sale.

The current zoning bylaw allows for up to three single-family lots on the site, but the house rests on portions of all three, which make that option unworkable.

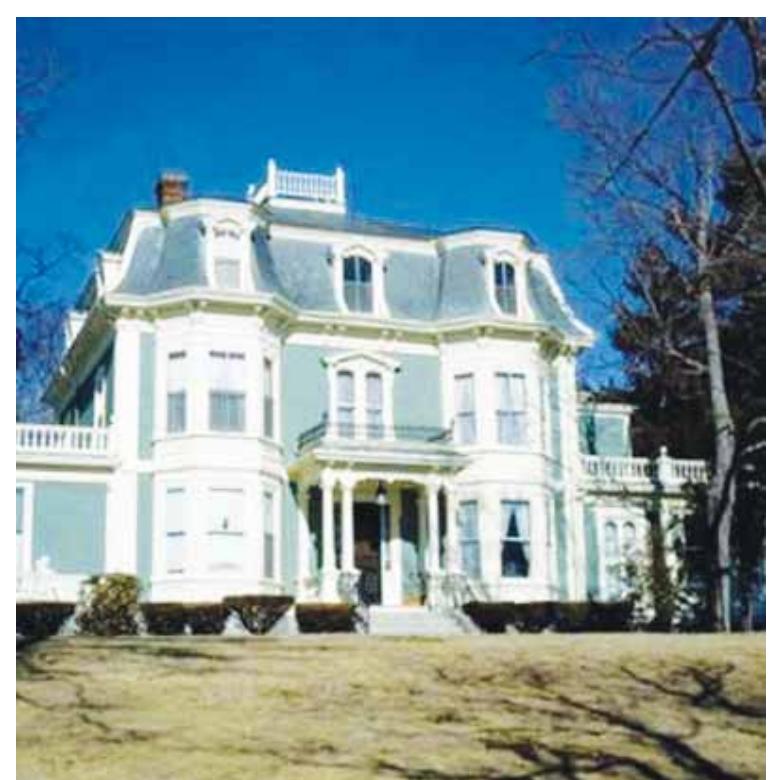
The zoning amendment proposal Viano made in order to make preserving the house economically viable would apply

to houses in Town that were built before 1920 and are larger than 5,000 square feet on a minimum of one acre of land, and would allow for multi-family use of the property provided the house is preserved.

Viano – in making this proposal – informed the Board that, after researching the Town's real estate, he had found only two other properties falling under these guidelines.

This prefaced the main section of the presentation, in which architect Jeff Clark of Arcadia Design, Inc. displayed

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Some of the members of the Norwood Planning Board felt that single family homes could be enough to finance historic renovations to the dollhouse museum.

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Court denies BEH motion to reopen Airport case

Enforces settlement agreement

Matt MacDonald

Staff Reporter

tive sessions to approve the settlement agreement.

On Wednesday, Jan. 23, an order was entered in U.S. District Court regarding a settlement agreement between Boston Executive Helicopters (BEH) and the Town.

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sion of the agreement was circulated by Davis on Dec. 11 and BEH objected to two provisions that had not been on the term sheet.

Specifically, BEH took issue with the authorization of the NAC to record a West Apron easement (which, in the terms had been agreed that BEH would lease) in order for FlightLevel Norwood, LLC – currently, the Airport's only

Currently the Airport's only fixed base operator (FBO) – to access its fuel farm on an abutting lot.

As another term, BEH would receive an FBO permit making it FlightLevel's only competitor, with that easement potentially posing a problem for its business.

BEH also objected to its exclusion from a role in formulating the corrective action plan that the NAC will have to submit to the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) as the result of the Director's Determination that came down against it in early November.

BEH had filed that FAA

complaint based on its contention that the NAC had treated

it unfavorably in its attempts to obtain its FBO permit and to lease the apron space it deemed necessary to run a fixed base operation.

The defendants' response – filed with the court on Jan. 22

filed with the court on Jan. 22 – was in partial opposition to the plaintiff's motion. It agreed that a binding settlement had been reached, but disagreed that the Dec. 6 term sheet should be the agreement enforced.

Rather, it argued that the final version of the general release and settlement agreement – sent to BEH on Dec. 13 with its last revisions agreed to on Dec. 19 – should be enforced.

Judge Stearns' Jan. 23 order states that – from Dec. 11 – "the parties began addressing the disputed provisions" and began exchanging corrected versions

of the agreement.

The order also mentions two meetings held between Donovan and Town Manager Tony Mazzucco – without counsel, at Donovan's request – on Dec. 18 and 19.

According to an affidavit filed by Mazzucco with the defendants' response, he was

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Selectmen vote to have override vote at TM

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously on Tuesday, Jan. 29, to put a warrant on Town Meeting to allow residents to vote for an operational budget override.

The vote came after a presentation from the Town's Budget Balancing Committee (BBC) outlining the current budget deficit, the full details of which can be found in the article on Page 1. The specific vote was to accept the recommendations of the BBC to put an override question on Town Meeting's warrant. TM would then decide whether to allow Town residents the opportunity to support an override at the next Town election..

Members of the BBC recommended that the Town Meeting vote happen no later than June 10. The upcoming regular Town Meeting is in May, but members of the BBC felt that might be too soon for residents to get all the information they will need. Selectmen felt they could get those details nailed down at a later date.

The override suggested would last for five years and allow the Town to increase tax levy limits during that time. The estimated funds for that period would provide an additional \$5.9 million over those five years, along with the 2.5 percent tax levy increase the Town votes to use every year. School officials said this increase would allow them to replace teachers they've lost over the years and increase offerings at the school.

Selectman Alan Howard said he felt like officials and residents were saying the sky was falling all around the Norwood Public Schools system, and he felt that just wasn't so.

"They say Norwood is a terrible district, the kids don't know anything or what have you," he said, reaching for the most recent annual town report. "If you turn to pg 88, the test scores for the most current year, you'll see that in almost every category we're at or higher than the state average. That's just a point, a big point, we're not terrible in the Norwood School System and the kids are doing pretty darn well."

Howard felt that this year was not much different than previous years. Superintendent of Norwood Public Schools Dave Thomson said there are some differences between last year and this year, and both he and Selectman Bill Plasko pointed out that there has been a lot of items that the schools needed to do that have been addressed by temporary fixes where the "can has been kicked down the road" as far as it can go.

"The school budget has been propped up for the last five years or so with free cash, so that isn't fixing the problem, that's just putting a band aid on it," he said. "Not that I'm upset about that, but it doesn't solve the structural deficit that we have."

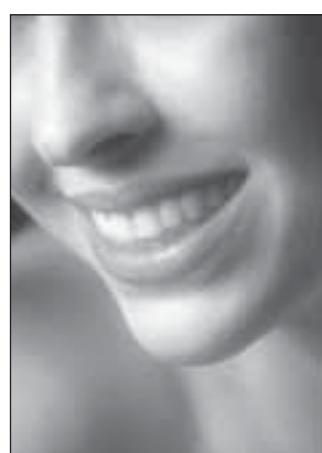
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OPINION

CHAMPIONS

Boston's sports teams certainly make things easy for us. It is an admitted cliché that newspaper writers will use local teams as fodder, especially in the days leading up to a championship game, and in the aftermath of hoisting a trophy.

Most newspapers, in most cities, get away with it because their teams are infrequently in championship mode. The odds speak against dynasties and perpetual winning streaks.

Not here in Boston, though. Here we are blessed with clockwork appearances by the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl and less-frequent, but no less impressive, World Series runs by the Red Sox. Added into the mix are the Bruins and Celtics teams that are frequently on the threshold of being champion caliber.

We have previously remarked about the good tidings that envelop this region when our teams rise to elite status. For a brief stretch of time, we all have something in common and hopes are aligned.

We should backtrack a little. The cheering is not exactly universal. There are, of course, blockheads (often found hosting or calling into radio shows) who take joy in being naysayers and contrarians. In other parts of the country this is understandable. Sports dynasties are almost always despised beyond their home turf. Those local folks rooting against the Patriots on Sunday are little more than troublemakers. Ignore them; lest they drag you down.

What we cannot ignore is how fortunate we are to live in this region at this time in sporting history. Aside from the New York Yankees and L.A. Lakers, few cities have ever had such dominance in even one sport, much less with multiple teams.

This winning streak will not last forever. All good things come to an end. Tom Brady will, sooner or later, retire. New coaches will come and go with various degrees of success. It all serves as a valuable lesson that philosophers and theologians have tried to pound into our thick skulls over the centuries: enjoy the good things in life while you can.

The Patriots, whether they win or lose on Sunday, are ambassadors of this message. Enjoy the ride for as long as you can.

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By 777 Dedham Owner LLC

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Letters to the Editor

LET'S NOT LOSE THIS TOWN

To the Editor:

I have been following the discussions, both for town and school, concerning the need for an override to meet our financial obligations and to keep the level of community services, and schools that we have been enjoying for so long. I am a lifelong resident of Norwood. I have experienced the days of the 50's and 60's that so many of us seniors here in Norwood talk about and use to compare to the present day. Yes, they were fine for many, but you cannot go back. This town must look forward and plan for the continuation of the great community that we enjoy. That we all enjoy; seniors, singles, young families, children and all who live and work here.

For many years I worked out of town. When other people talked about tax rates, trash fees, municipal fees, electric increase, no town playgrounds or facilities for seniors I had bragging rights. I proudly touted all the advantages we had living here in Norwood. Low taxes, trash and recycle pickup for no extra charge, our own light department that if power went out we were up and running in a few hours time instead of days as other communities experienced and that our police and fire departments were considered among the best in the state. I bragged of fields and recreational opportunities, not just for children but for young mothers, basketball leagues for men, and many classes and fitness plans for those who were not so young anymore. Our senior center is the envy of many towns and we enjoy not one municipal pool, but two. I felt such pride in all we offered to all our residents and the advantages we had living here in Norwood. But times change. Financial necessities that are needed to run a town and provide the best for their employees, and residents and children's education have increased at a rate that our revenue cannot keep up



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with. We can cut services and add fees and find ways to decrease personnel, but we then change the town we live in, the community that we feel such pride and loyalty.

This override is overdue. I have raised my family here and they all still live here and contribute to the town because it has always been a place to put the welfare of the residents first. I urge the BOS to approve the override for the citizens to vote on. I urge our residents, all of our residents, to get information on what will happen if we do not have this override. Let us not lose the town we love and those bragging rights.

Linda Rau
Town Meeting member
District 3

STUDENTS NEED THIS OVERRIDE

To the Editor:

I'm a graduate of the class of 2018, and I'm writing regarding the situation with the budget cuts/override debate. To me, one of the most alarming things about this situation is the widely-held idea that, as they always do, the town will "find the money" to make up for the deficit, and everything will be fine (the reality is that even when the money is "found", cuts are still implemented on things that may not be felt by all, but impact many). Unfortunately, the fact of the matter is, there is no "secret money"; there is no oddly convenient, magical solution this time. The town of Norwood has never had an override, but this is a multi-million dollar deficit—there is virtually no way to make up for it without the override—even if the state funding goes through, it simply doesn't cover it.

For a town that prides itself on how connected we are and how much everyone cares about each other and the well-being of the town as a whole, people are doing a very disappointing job of upholding those values. People can't just show up to Norwood day wearing blue and gold, go to Lewis's once a week, and claim to be a "true Norwoodian who cares about the community", but then advocate against things that the town desperately needs to prosper. Norwood residents need to realize that this override is not only absolutely necessary, but also long overdue. Several people have misplaced concerns in regards to the impact of this override—they fear that they will be paying upwards of \$600 more annually in property taxes; however, this is not the case. In-

come tax is based on the value of your property, so most people in Norwood would be adding somewhere in the \$400's to their yearly income tax. To some, this is a lot, but the fact of the matter is that the benefit of allowing the override to go through far outweighs the cost.

Without the override, the quality of education in Norwood Public Schools will plummet. The cost of activities will skyrocket to the point where the amount of students able to participate will likely be so low that the activities will be cut altogether. (Ex. \$140 for Elementary honor band, over \$2k per student for hockey, \$1k per student for the summer musical and marching band, over \$1k per student for football, etc...). It is a fact that when the quality of education goes down, so do property values! Furthermore, residents will have to pay more for town services, because the budget will not cover it (ex. buses for grades 7-12, snow/winter maintenance, road maintenance, etc..). This budget issue impacts everyone!!

Furthermore, teachers are already being laid off every single year as a result of budget cuts. Our teachers matter. They are just as much a part of this community as everyone else. These people are literally shaping entire generations, and it has been proven multiple times that the more students there are in a class, the less effective the lessons are. With all of these teachers being laid off, class numbers will hit the 30's, and "quality education" will be no more. Additionally, very important departments like music and foreign language are being gutted like pumpkins every year, and whether anyone likes it or not, these things (just like English, math, science, p.e., etc), are integral to a child's education. Forget the fact that these are a lot of kids passions and career paths for a minute; these are some of the most important subjects when it comes to building brain power and developing new abilities in a child/adolescent. They work the brain in ways that other subjects don't, and without them, students would be leaving Norwood public schools at a major disadvantage in comparison to students from, well, everywhere else. Also, colleges have requirements, and foreign language classes are one of them! Furthermore, colleges have expectations, including participation

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Winter Concerts kick off season

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Winter Concert Series hit it off at the Norwood High School on Sunday, Jan. 27, to a crowd of more than 300 people.

The Randolph Community Band opened the four-concert series with big band favorites and medleys in a very eclectic style. Concerts on the Common Committee Chair Paul Eysie said the event was a continuation of the summer concert series, and was due completely to community demand.

"The Winter Concerts are going on 10 years, and 25 years for the summer concerts," he said. "There was a big demand from residents. When the summer concerts ended, some residents were looking for something to do, especially in the dead of the winter."

Eysie said it was a unanimous decision to bring the winter concerts to NHS, and he said it's been a big success.

"It requires more work, fundraising and organization,

but we've been able to do it and pull it off," he said. "There's got to be more than 300 people here. We've also have Honey Dew Donuts who donates all the coffee and pastries, and we've got another generous donation from Roche Bros."

Eysie said getting the Randolph Community Band in was not his idea. He said Town Manager Tony Mazzucco brought them in originally for the summer concerts.

"We were supposed to have them over the summer, but it was the one summer concert that got rained out," Mazzucco said.

Mazzucco said he grew up in Randolph and has a personal connection to some of the band's members.

"The conductor, PJ Butz, her brother and I actually grew up together, and so I knew that they had worked hard to start the band a couple of years ago and were doing really well," he said. "And so last winter we were having our summer concerts meet-

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asked to represent the BOS in dealing with Donovan, who had – on Dec. 17 – requested a meeting with either the Board or its representative regarding "recent events."

During these two meetings both the FAA corrective action plan and the West Apron easement were – according to Mazzucco – successfully addressed.

Regarding the FAA, language was added to the settlement provision in which a meeting between the Town, the NAC, and BEH would be scheduled to "discuss the contents and details of a corrective action plan to be submitted," which Donovan read "without comment or complaint," leading Mazzucco to believe that this was acceptable to BEH.

Regarding the West Apron, Mazzucco stated that he offered to retain – at the Town's expense – a "mutually-agreeable engineer to examine any easements, rights of way or other restrictions that might affect the amount of useable leasehold space" for BEH.

Attorney John Davis, in an affidavit, outlined his efforts to retain an engineer, exchanging emails to this effect with BEH attorney Michael Fee from Dec. 21 through Jan. 2.

On Jan. 3 – according to Davis – BEH sent him a first draft of its Jan. 7 motion.

Stearns' ruling, while denying that motion, also enforces the Dec. 19 general release and settlement agreement, quoting – in the defendants' response – BEH's report to the court stating that the term sheet "contemplated execution of a more

comprehensive document."

Other major provisions of the settlement are that the Town and the NAC will withdraw their appeal of the FAA Director's Determination with prejudice, and that the MIAA (Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association) Property & Casualty Group, Inc. will pay \$750,000 to BEH as compensation for legal fees incurred in the litigation.

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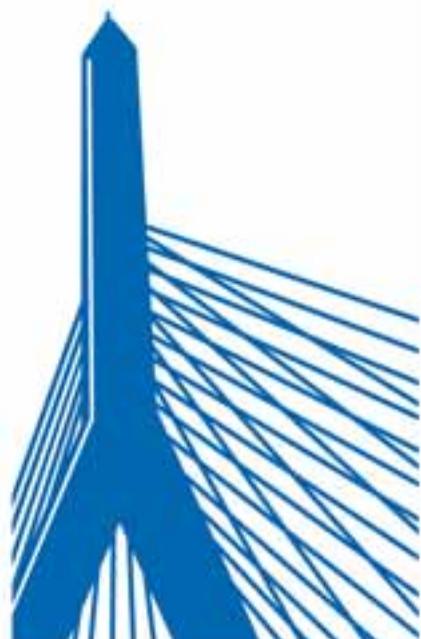
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he said. "This is part of a six-year override number of \$7 million, but it is more in the line of \$5.9 million."

Norwood received an increase of \$1,160,605 in state aid above the original projections. "But I do want to make clear to everyone that the House and Senate have not made their recommendations yet," Mazzucco stressed.

He added that he spoke with Bill Buckley in Rep. John Rogers's office regarding the budget.

"School funding is his number-one priority," Mazzucco said. "But legislation hasn't been filed yet. They are putting out their budget numbers in April."

The available funds, according to the packet, for the schools total \$44,670,757, while the budget requests total \$47,887,256. To balance their budget, the School Committee would need cuts or restorations of \$3,216,499.

For the general government, which receives 45 percent of the total expected revenue from the Town budget, the available funds are \$36,548,801. The requests are \$36,535,783, leaving a shortfall of \$13,018. The total budget is \$81,219,558. Fifty-five percent of the budget is allocated to the schools.

"We received \$1 million more of circuit breaker money," school committee chair Myev Bodenhofer said. "So there is a deficit of \$2.2

million."

Selectman Chair Thomas Maloney said that the circuit breaker award of \$1.8 million is an estimate.

"It is an award that can be applied," he said.

BBC vice chair Ann-Marie Haley said she would like to see \$300,000 set aside in the memorandum of understanding for special education funding.

"I would like to see a little money set aside in that pot for a way to handle that," she said. "That way, you wouldn't have to come back to Town Meeting every year for money every year for five years."

The first motion that was going to be voted on was a minimum \$5.4 million override. It would not include money for snow and ice removal and road repair.

However, this motion sparked a lengthy debate.

"I understand that some of this will be resolved additional state money," Bodenhofer said. "What additional cuts will you have to make?"

"I hate to use the word cuts," Mazzucco said. "Town government can lie with a smaller piece of the pie. It is less labor intensive than the schools. Norwood is not unique in that model."

Selectman William Plasko objected to the motion on the table.

"I think it is out of order," he said. "I thought we were trying to increase our bond rat-

ing."

He added that "this is not the proper way to improve our structural deficit."

That motion was unanimously voted upon as a minimum amount.

A second motion was then approved to change the amount, with the restoration of \$500,000 for ice and snow removal and road repair.

The other big issue, which may lead to a Special Town Meeting, would call for an override of the school budget.

Debate was held over when a meeting on the issue should be held in April or June, but April would be too soon.

A vote was taken to hold the meeting no later than June 10. The result was a unanimous approval of 9-0.

Maura A. Smith of the School Committee said that the meeting and subsequent vote should be held as soon as possible.

"This is going to cause a lot of pain for a lot of people," she said. "Teachers may be facing layoffs. You may have students leave a school and not know if they are coming back."

"The schools are a little different because they have a hard start date and a hard close date," Thomson said. "If we are going to have to close a building, we are going to have to have time to pack. People are going to be collecting unemployment, and they aren't going to know if they are going to be coming back."

He added that "to not have an override pass would be devastating."

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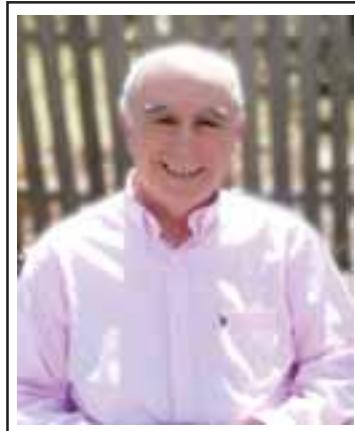
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Ban lets others roll on

Having just watched the 1977 movie "Smokey and the Bandit," I could not help but side with Burt Reynolds and his many truck driver friends against Jackie Gleason's Sheriff Buford T. Justice. But I have to admit that I was delighted with New York Governor Andrew Cuomo's ban against 18-wheelers and buses using the New York Thruway and other interstates within NY during a recent snowstorm.

Nothing personal against long-haulers, but nothing ties up traffic more quickly than a jackknifed trailer truck or an overturned bus, frequently thwarting any and all traffic from continuing on. Governor Cuomo was not necessarily pointing fingers at the teamsters because frequently they are the ones who, having been cut-off by car-driving motorists, brake suddenly to avoid collision: in case of a jack knife or a bus rollover, the governor merely wanted traffic to continue on during the storm without waiting for extra state police, ambulances, and special wreckers to arrive to assist the rig/bus or without waiting for the



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damaged semi to be offloaded.

Decades of having to drive on highways in snowstorms lead me to think that half the yahoos who continue on at normal speeds are car drivers while the other half are 18-wheel drivers and (non-school) bus drivers. Needless to say, it is the second half who inflict the most fear when they go roaring by in blinding snow.

I realize that truck drivers for companies such as Hunt, UPS, and FedEx have

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Howard pointed out that since 2010, the schools have been contending they have lost many teachers, including enough foreign language teachers to the point that they can no longer meet the district requirement of two years of language classes in the high school. However, Howard pointed out that there have actually been 36 full-time equivalent positions added since 2010, but Thomson contended that paraprofessional positions make up the most of that number.

"Of those 36, 23.8 are paraprofessionals, which are directly in response to student needs since 2010," Thomson said. "We've basically cut teachers and increased paras."

Selectman Paul Bishop pointed out that a good deal of the increases in required school funding are unfunded mandates from the state. Thomson also said a good deal of the increase comes from cost of living adjustments with teachers, a 3.3 percent inflation in terms of education costs and the fact that out of district placement for special education can cost the district anywhere from \$60,000 to \$500,000.

In other news, Norwood Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Mark Ryan updated the Board on new composting programs. He dem-

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schedules to meet established by greedy corporate honchos and that independent drivers make money only when they are on the road, but the general driving public suffers when one of their vehicles, involved in a crash, incur the need for the road to be closed for hours, thereby allowing many state police and service vehicles to do their work.

Governor Cuomo's prohibition against semis undoubtedly caused the local communities to be none too happy about seeing the huge vehicles lumbering through their town near the interstates when the ban was in effect.

We New Englanders are not used to have our major highways closed, such as the Blizzard of '78 accomplished with Route 128 (was it I-95 then?). But western states have huge gates that bar all vehicles from certain sections of their highways during major storms; moreover, they impose the need for truck to have chains already attached.

So maybe, just maybe, Governor Baker should consider for future reference this accident-preventing ban imposed by his fellow governor: if it is going to allow doctors to be on time for necessary surgery and harried adults to come to needy ailing parents, it's worth a try the next time a northeaster barrels in during the winter months.



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ing, and we're always looking for community bands and big bass bands, and there aren't that many of them out there. You can't just pull up a list of 100 of them and so I said I knew the Randolph Community Band plays this kind of music. We talked to them and listened to a bunch of their concerts online... and decided to give them a shot this year."

Coming up on Feb. 3 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. the Town is welcoming Dan Gabel and the Abletones, which Eysie said should be a really great show.

"It's going to be a wonderful day, when it's sunny and it's bright and it's local, I mean my day starts with church in the morning, then I head here and then at 6:30 p.m. it's the Superbowl," he said. "You can't ask for a bet-

ter Sunday next Sunday."

Eysie said the Abletones are one of his favorite bands, and they are out of Boston.

"They do big band and swing and Dan's got the right style and the right presence, and we're very lucky to have them," he said.

Music Director Adam Shekleton and Assistant Conductor Pamela Butz said the band is definitely a labor of love. Butz said she joined 10 years ago when her father, who helped found the group, asked her to play.

"There's a few members who are still here as founding members," she said. "When I got out of high school he said 'hey, we're starting a community band, come play,' and that was that. I play the Euphonium, which is a low brass instrument, like a tuba, sometimes

it's called a baritone horn."

Shekleton said he started playing when he started teaching in Randolph six years ago.

"I started playing and I got really close to the former director Avi Mehta, and when he decided to move on to other things in his life I threw my hat into the ring," he said. "I'm really fortunate to have been chosen."

The pair said their musical selection differs based on the audience, and each performance is different. Shekleton said it's important to have specific repertoires based on each audience to provide the best possible show.

The Roy Scott Big Band will be coming on Feb. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. and the Tom Nutile Big Band will be coming in on Feb. 17, also going from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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several renderings showing 12 new constructions built around the mansion that would be allowed if the zoning amendment were to be approved.

These would be made up of three unit townhouses and two carriage house style units toward the front of the lot on either side of the mansion. Each would be approximately 1800 square feet 2 bedroom units with one car garages.

Additionally, the big house would be divided into three or four units, bringing the number of units – all of which would be condominiums – to a total of 15 or 16.

Clark said there was a "plausible argument for having a certain amount of development" on the land while still maintaining the mansion.

Board member Ernie Paciorkowski did not agree, stating that the plan – as shown in the renderings – would just "muck it up" in terms of protecting the area's aesthetic quality.

"What it looks like to me is you're using the historic house as a reason to stick all those other townhouses in here and bypass the zoning," he continued, suggesting that perhaps two or three single families could be built under the zoning guidelines.

"It's not profitable," Viano responded. "It costs too much money to stabilize that structure... The new construction that we propose would subsidize saving the building."

Paciorkowski went on to express concern regarding the amendment for any other qual-

fying properties – and their abutters – while Town Planner Paul Halkiotis was unsure if a historic overlay district zoning amendment was even necessary:

"If this is just going to affect one or two properties, the impact of trying to restore historic buildings in Town is minimal," he said of the proposal, before continuing. "So I'd rather even see the criteria broadened so that we can cover more. But if there aren't very many grand old buildings like this in Town, it's difficult."

The matter was left for Viano to continue researching relevant properties and to possibly revise the overall proposal, while the Planning Board would discuss the matter, as well.

the Bond Street Playground improvement.

For the first, Farley appeared with Balch Elementary Principal Diane Ferreira to give details of the application.

The lower Balch recreation area – behind the Balch School – is made up of a baseball and softball field, a basketball court, a skateboard park, a playground, and a public bathroom.

The CPA funds – if approved – would pay for the resurfacing of the basketball court, as well as the changing over of the skateboard park to an educational area and a soccer area.

The Town – primarily the Rec. Dept. and the Dept. of Public Works (DPW) – are responsible for this area, while the School Dept. is responsible for the upper area.

Farley listed some of the current ideas of the lower area, as well as other uses, should the project be approved. These included regular ball games, summer sports camps, PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization) after-school activities, and school recess.

Ferreira also advocated on behalf of the benefits for the Balch, stating that a portion of her 308 students were restricted from using the lower section due to its condition, and that its main play area – the largely hard-topped upper lot – is extremely cramped.

The initial estimate for the work came in at just under \$69,000. However – after it was noted by CPC member Peter McFarland at the Jan. 9 meeting that there is no disability access to the lower area, aside from an entrance on St. George Street – a \$60,500 estimate for a ramp was prepared by the DPW, bringing the total amount to almost \$130,000.

This near doubling in financial size of the project was accepted by the Committee without objection, with McFarland stating his own thought process regarding the ramp:

"The word is inclusion," McFarland said. "As far as a real community asset, being able to park and being able to just roll down to the lower level, to my mind, is huge."

Regarding the Bond Street Playground, Farley stated that the \$80,000 estimate for it was to resurface the 50x70 foot portion of the playground to the left of the entrance gate.

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He added that elements of the surface are relatively easy to change, and that there will be more cushioning in "high-point areas" of impact, such as those under swings and slides.

There was also discussion of possibly adding a new gate and fencing to the playground.

Farley informed the Committee that the Lower Balch and Bond Street estimates both expire after about three months. Consequently, updates will need to be done as Town Meeting approaches. He also stated that the Rec. Dept. has some funds available in its playground maintenance budget to possibly subsidize the projects' expenses, if necessary.

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Cooper added that another difficulty with the project is that it would be subject to the public bidding process, making it more problematic to coordinate.

Despite these obstacles, comments regarding the restoration were generally supportive, with CPC member John Hall sharing his own strong opinion of it with the group:

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During the presentation, different aspects of the project were clarified, such as the pavilion's lighting and who would be paying for it, and the provision of parking spaces.

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Ask The Doctor

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in extracurriculars. Colleges want well-rounded individuals, and at the end of the day, "the residents of my town didn't care about me and gutted all the programs" isn't going to make up for the fact that the applicant is a one-dimensional, inexperienced human being. (and obviously not everyone goes to college, but everyone should have the option & as fair a shot as possible).

My closing message to those who are not in favor of the override is this: I have experienced firsthand what budget cuts have done to the school system in the past, and I can confidently say that as much as I love Norwood and what it has to offer, there were absolutely things I was deprived of things that were made far more difficult because of budget cuts. Furthermore, I can say without a doubt that if the conditions had been as bad and if the prices had been as steep as they are projected to be sans override, the impact on my education, my life, and who I am as a person would have been unbelievably drastic in some of the worst ways.

Just because you don't have kids in NPS, doesn't mean you shouldn't invest in the children of Norwood. Not only do they deserve as many opportunities as is possible to give them, but (if you want to look at it from a purely self-benefiting view) Your future is in THEIR hands. THEY are the next school committee, board of selectmen, town hall staff, etc., and if they get a subpar education, they're either going to be too incompetent to do their jobs well, and/or so upset at YOU for your hand in stripping them of all the opportunities they should have had, that they will treat you with the same amount of respect and consideration that you gave them when advocating against the override. NONE.

Alessandra Varon
Norwood

LET THE VOTERS DECIDE

To the Editor:

Dear Town Government,

The role of the Board of Selectmen is NOT to decide whether the override is necessary; it is up to the BOS to decide to put it to the voters and let the voters decide. Prop 2 1/2 was put in place to prevent towns from raising taxes beyond that rate without letting the voters decide if the town needs the increase. Overrides are decided by the voters, not the specific town committees who may or may not be in favor. Let the voters decide.

Courtney Rau Rogers
Town Meeting District 5

Legals

NORWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Norwood Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, The Wetlands Protection Act and Norwood Bylaw XXV, including any amendments thereto on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 7:45 P.M. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall. The Commission is to hear a request for a Notice of Intent Norwood Engineering Co., Inc. of Norwood, MA representing Paul Lestan/Vanderbilt Realty Trust of Foxboro, MA for the proposed placement with a concrete or granite curb perimeter, from 1' to 14' in width around the existing truck dock parking lot to provide for larger truck turning movements. A Stormwater Treatment Unit is proposed along with replacement of a trench drain. The inlet and outlet to the Detention Area are to be inspected/cleaned. Project location: 290 Vanderbilt Avenue, Norwood, MA.

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John Gear, Chairperson

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DEATHS

FAFARA

William T. of Norwood, formerly of Westwood, passed away on January 27, 2019, at the age of 62. Beloved son of Veronica T. (Naczas) Fafara and the late William J. Fafara. Loving brother of Michael W. Fafara and his wife Arlene of Westwood, Laurie Hulbig of Millis, Daniel S. Fafara and his wife Karen of Westwood, and Janet M. Ravech and her husband Lawrence of Westwood. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. William was a Westwood High School graduate. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., NORWOOD. Burial at New Westwood Cemetery, Westwood, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Boston, 18 Canton Street, Stoughton, MA 02072. kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com Family Owned And Operated 781-762-0482.

LABOY

Heriberto Colo'n Of Exeter, NH, passed away on January 19, 2019. He was 68 years of age. Heriberto worked for Hollingsworth and Voss in East Walpole for many years. Beloved husband of Priscilla (Tripp) Laboy. Loving brother of Norma, Rosa, and Sylvia Colo'n, all of Puerto Rico and the late Ismeal and Francisco Colo'n. He is also survived by a cousin Maureen Rukstalis, and many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rte. 1A), NORWOOD. Burial will be private at a later date. Memorial contributions in memory of Heriberto may be made to the Norwood Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 40, Norwood, MA 02062. Gillooly Funeral Home. Norwood 781-762-0117 ext. 4 www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com

RANNO

Dianne J. "Gigi", Dancing in Heaven, Gigi Ranno passed away peacefully on December 17, 2018, at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 4, 2019, at

surrounded by those she loved. She is survived by Karen Nichols, her partner of 28 years, and her sisters, Louise Thompson of Orlando and Nancy Carlton of San Francisco. Gigi was an athlete, philanthropist, CCD teacher, and world traveler, but what she was most of all was the essence of joy. Her smile was legendary and her love of life and people was contagious. At work, at church, and in the neighborhood, Gigi was known for her irrepressible good cheer and her thoughtfulness. Gigi believed that whatever one's abilities, they ought to be able to participate in all that life offered. She helped those who lived with disabilities to ski, skate, bike, kayak, and fully enjoy the public parks and lands through her work at the Universal Access Program of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. Gigi received a Lifetime Helmsman Award for her leadership role in establishing the Universal Access sailing program on the Charles. She was featured in The Boston Globe's City & Region section on July 13, 2007, shown sailing with the grin we all know. For many years, Gigi was a top fundraiser and participant in the MS walk. In addition to a number of charity races, she completed the Vermont City and Marine Corps marathons. Gigi liked to be silly, enjoyed Disney and comedies, winning at cards, Qwirkle and every other game she played. Once an accomplished athlete, Gigi never lost her competitive edge. Words With Friends kept her connected and her competitors on their toes. Perhaps Gigi's defining quality was that she managed to see the best in everyone. Her absence leaves a hole in a great many hearts. Gigi earned a BA in Sociology from Boston College in 1986 and worked as VP and Managing Editor at Bob Adams Media before becoming Program Coordinator at the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The Celebration of Gigi's Life will include a Mass at

St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Norwood, followed by a Reception at 4 Points Sheraton, Norwood MA. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to the ELC Foundation, elcfoundation.org, to support the needs of MS patients. <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/norwood-ma/dianne-ranno-8091240> Reception RSVP: gigireception@yahoo.com

SCHAFFER

Lottie M. (Gustowski) Of Dedham, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on January 20, 2019, at the age of 91. Beloved wife of the late Richard "Dick" K. Schaffer. Devoted mother of Kelly Mercer and her husband Ralph of Brewster, and Lori Newman and her husband Paul of Sharon. Cherished grandmother of Robyn Crehan and her husband Tom of Medfield, Rick Newman and his wife Gena of CT, and Sean Newman and his fiancee Erin Coyne of Dorchester. Loving Gigi of Charleigh Newman, Nora Crehan, Jake Newman and Sean M. Newman. Sister of many late brothers and sisters. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Lottie loved her family and friends, playing bingo, traveling, sitting by her pool and dancing. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., NORWOOD. Burial at the Gardens at Gethsemane Cemetery, West Roxbury, MA. kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com Family Owned and Operated 781-762-0482.

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—D.J.

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EPOCH TO HOST FREE EVENTS

Bridges® by EPOCH at Westwood, a memory care assisted living community located at 140 University Avenue, will host the following free events in February. Caregiver Support Group: Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. — Family caregivers are invited to take a break and receive expert advice from dementia care professionals who understand their unique challenges. Dinner will be served; caregivers' loved ones with memory loss are invited to dine with Bridges® by EPOCH residents at 5:30 p.m. (RSVPs are required.) Caregiver support groups are held at Bridges® by EPOCH on the first Thursday of each month. Lunch & Learn: "Normal Aging vs. Memory Loss": Feb. 26 at 12 p.m.; Presented by Alicia Seaver, Vice President of Memory Care Operations & Certified Memory Impairment Specialist; Location: Walpole Council on Aging at 50 South Street — When is forgetfulness something more? If you or someone you know is experiencing memory loss or unusual behavioral changes, join dementia expert Alicia Seaver at the Walpole Council on Aging for lunch and learn how the warning signs of dementia differ from the effects of normal aging. For more information or to RSVP for an event, call 781-251-6630.

NPS PLAYGROUPS STARTING IN MARCH

Norwood Public Schools CFCE Grant has three playgroups starting the first week in March and will run for 12 weeks. The playgroups are for children and their parent/caregiver and are free of charge. Parent/caregivers are required to stay with their child

for the playgroup. Each playgroup meets once per week for 1 1/2 hours at 82 Roosevelt Avenue, Norwood. They are as follows: 1. 24-36 Months - Thursday's 9:00 -10:30 AM - 2. 36-48 Months - Tuesday's 9:00 -10:30 AM - 3. 48-60 Months - Tuesday's 12:30 - 2:00 PM.

Please contact Beverly Boudreau at 781-440-5983 or bboudreau@norwood.k12.ma.us for further information or to register.

FOOTLIGHTERS TO PERFORM 'THE MYSTERY OF MIZ ARNETTE'

The Walpole Footlighters first production of 2019 is The Mystery of Miz Arnette by Alan Bailey and Ronnie Claire Edwards. Director Marianne Phinney says, "The character of Miz Arnette is actually based on a real person. Playwright Ronnie Claire Edwards' grandmother was living in Oklahoma and a tiny woman named Miz Arnette lived in the upstairs duplex next to them. She was exotic and mysterious, haughty and imperious, and no one knew where she came from. Audiences will be immersed in the hardships of the mid-1930s Dust Bowl and the struggle for every dollar. They will get to decide for themselves if Miz Arnette is harmless or dangerous." Norwood residents Ninette Cummings and Mark Adams play the roles of Oleta and Sheriff Trotter, respectively, in the production. Miz Cummings has been involved with the Walpole Footlighters since at least 2005, most recently appearing in Radium Girls last year. Mr. Adams also appeared in Radium Girls, which marked his return to the

stage after a 35 year hiatus. Their characters have a romantic relationship in this show, a relationship which is both somewhat scandalous and somewhat of an open secret in Hardesty. Both actors think audiences will enjoy the combination of mystery and humor in the production, as well as learn about perseverance and survival in the Dust Bowl. Performances of The Mystery of Miz Arnette will be given at the Walpole Footlighters Playhouse at 2 Scout Road in East Walpole. Evening performances will be given on February 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, and 16 at 8:00 PM. There will also be matinee performances on February 10 and 17 at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$20 and all seats are reserved. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. To purchase tickets, call the Box Office at 508-668-8446 or purchase online at www.footlighters.com. This production is sponsored in part by the Walpole Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

19th ANNUAL EARLY CHILDHOOD FAIR

"A Morning of Fun for Preschoolers" on Saturday, February 2, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Willett Early Childhood Center, 100 Westover Parkway, Norwood. There will be preschool activities and crafts, music with Miss Tina and visits from the Norwood Fire and Police Departments. The Crafts & Activities run from 10:00 am - 11:00 am and the Music with Miss Tina from 11:00 am – 11:45 am.

NOMINATION PAPERS NOW AVAILABLE

The Town Clerk's Office wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that nomination papers for the Annual Town Election to be held on Monday, April 1, are available in the Town Clerk's Office.

Requirements for filing nomination papers: Major offices need 50 signatures of qualified voters. Anyone wishing to run for Town Meeting Member who is not a candidate for re-election needs to obtain 10 signatures of qualified voters in their districts. The nomination papers must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office by Monday, February 11, by 5:00 PM.

PLEASE TAKE THE SURVEY

The Norwood Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee would like to encourage Norwood residents to participate in taking a recently established Open Space & Recreation survey. The survey can be taken by accessing the following address: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NorwoodOSRPT> This survey will aid in gathering crucial data for the Town's updated Open Space and Recreation Plan. Your answers will help the Town identify opportunities for significant, long-term preservation and improvements that provide the greatest benefit to people who live, work, and play in Norwood. The Committee is in the process of updating the Open Space and Recreation Plan which is needed to evaluate the Town's resources and goals where it pertains to open space and recreational facilities. For more information or if you would prefer a hard copy of the survey mailed to you please call Paul Halkiotis, Director of Community Planning & Economic Development at (781) 762-1240 ext. 164. Or at phalkiotis@norwoodma.gov.

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BINGO: Every Wednesday, from 12:45 PM to 3:00 PM, \$5.00 to get started. We have begun a new game, for \$1.00, with a winner take all prize! You must be here by 12:45 PM to play the new game!

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

BOOK CLUB: Our next Book Club will be meeting on February 25 at the senior center.

BRIDGE: Our Bridge Club meets on Thursdays at 9:00 AM, in the Library. The Tuesday group has been cancelled.

COMPUTER CLUB: The Computer Club meets every Wednesday at 1:00 PM –

COUNCIL ON AGING: COA Board Meeting will be held on March 7, at 1:00 PM – There is no meeting in February.

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

SENIOR NEWS

Friday).

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

DRAWING WITH COLORED PENCILS – Classes held the first and third Tuesday of the month at 11AM-12:15PM. \$3.00 a session all materials included.

FRIENDS EVENING DANCE: February 15th 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Dave Valerio.

GLEE CLUB: Glee Club meets every Tuesday at 11:15 AM.

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

HEARING SOLUTIONS: Hearing Aide clinic on Wednesday, February 27th 11:30AM.

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

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

2:00 PM.

MAH JONG: Mah Jong players meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10:00 AM - Noon.

MANICURES: February 22, Friday at 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

MASSAGE THERAPIST: Karen Tracy is here on the first Monday of each month. Please sign up at front desk. Massages are \$30.00 for half an hour. No Massage in February. Karen back on March 4.

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

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

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

for an appointment.

TAPDANCE – Thursdays at 11:15 AM. All levels are welcome and encouraged to join the fun.

TRIAD: Monday, February 25, 1PM Norwood Light Dept.

WATER COLOR: The next session is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, at 9:00AM. Payment of \$20.00 must be made at time of sign up.

WAXING with Erin February 25, 9:00 AM – Noon.

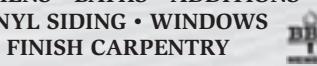
WHIST: Whist players meet on Tuesdays at 12:45pm in the library.

Norwood Memory Café, Inc. , Thursday, February 21, 1:30 PM—3:30 PM. A monthly social gathering with caregivers and their loved ones who are living with memory changes. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Jean Cotton, MS, Gerontology, C.D.P. a t J e 7 c o t @ m s n . c o m www.norwoodmemorycafe.com

February Events Meet and Greet - Norfolk County Sheriff Jerome P. McDermott - Thursday, February 14, 1:00PM. Brightview Senior Living - "Numbers & Nibbles". February 15, 1:00PM. Bruce Hambro Presents - The Music of Barbara Streisand - February 28, 1:00PM.

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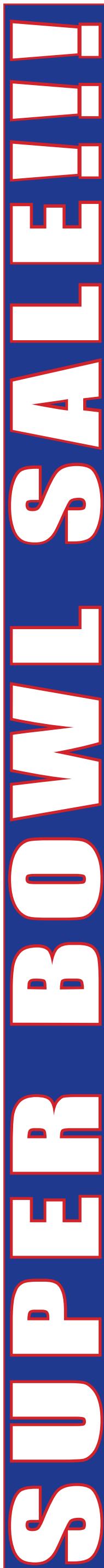
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