



Ashlea Cornell and Stephen Travato made their case at the Board of Selectmen's meeting for the ballot on Thursday.

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Selectmen vote down ballot question for school start times

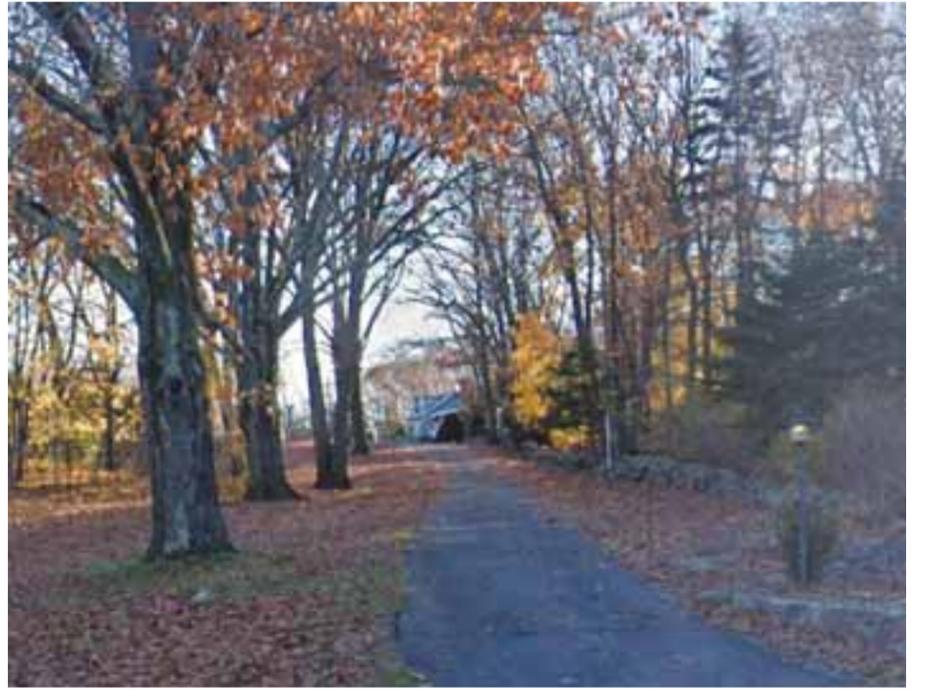
Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen met on Thursday, Feb. 24 in a hybrid format and voted down a proposal for a town-wide ballot question on the School Start Times.

Residents Stephen Travato and Ashlea Cornell asked Selectmen to consider the pair's proposal to put a non-binding ballot question on the upcoming April Municipal Election to garner residents' feelings on the recent vote to change school start times. Travato and Cornell had previously staged a rally on the matter on Sunday, Feb. 14 and about 50 residents came out to protest. Based on that, and support they've been receiving from many others, they wanted to get something on the ballot to give Norwood residents a chance to be heard.

"We understand the School Committee has the final authority on matters of school policy such as this, and this is why this is a non-binding question; this is not a referendum," Travato said. "Why do we feel the community has not been heard? The School Committee started the process of investigating the school start time changes in 2017. They did hold a couple of public forums early in the process. It was put on the backburner for awhile and brought back in 2019. From the start to now, there have been several surveys about the time change, but only asked if the respondents were in favor of the time change or not, and that was the faculty survey. While some faculty are Norwood residents, some are not. And for the record, the faculty were opposed to the time change."

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The plan is to remove this house and two others on the site and replace them, and most of the surrounding woods, with 20 single-family homes.

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Residents not happy with Prospect Street plan

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Dozens of residents came out to the Norwood Planning Board meeting on Feb. 28 and expressed their concerns with the proposed 20-home subdivision plan for 76 Prospect Street.

About 30 residents came in person to the Norwood Senior Center and about 40 joined online (the meeting was held in a hybrid format). Attorney David Hern represented the proponent, Marion Group's President Derrick Fitzgerald. Dan Merrikin of Legacy Engineering was there to explain the details.

"It involves a parcel of land that is to a great extent undeveloped – part of it is undeveloped and the total area of land is 8.8 acres," Hern said. "The parcel presently has three single-family homes on it."

He said 70, 74 and 76 Prospect St. are single-family homes. The proposed plan is to take the mostly wooded area

and construct 20 single-family houses on it using a circular road. The road, which would start at Prospect Street, would create a sort of loop or "lollipop" design, and would have 16 lots on the outer portion of the circle and four lots on the inner portion. Hern said they presented the design with a cul-de-sac at the end, because basically Norwood's regulations require that a dead end street end in a cul-de-sac, and Hern said they couldn't figure out – with any degree of certainty – if the lollipop design would count as a dead end street.

Hern said that there is a wetland on the western edge of the property that under the current design would mean they would need approval from the Conservation Commission for encroaching on the wetlands buffer. After discussion with residents and the Board, Hern and his client said they would be amenable to

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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be conducted by the Board of Selectmen at 6:30 PM on Tuesday March 15th, 2022 upon the following petition of National Grid:

To relay approximately 215 feet of 2 inch bare steel ((1930) with approximately 700 feet of 2 inch plastic in Fulton Street from the existing 8 inch plastic in Nahatan Street to Prospect Avenue, to relay of approximately 485 feet of 2 inch bare steel (1928), approximately 180 feet of 4 inch bare steel (1949) and approximately 40 feet of 4 inch plastic (2000) with approximately 805 feet of 2 inch plastic in Lydon Street from Fulton Street to Prospect Street, to relay of approximately 110 feet of 4 inch plastic (2000) with approximately 110 feet of 2 inch plastic off Lydon Street to the rear of #223-225 Fulton Street and to relay approximately 640 feet of 2 inch bare steel (1930) with approximately 640 feet of 2 inch plastic in High Street from Fulton Street to Prospect Street.

This meeting will be conducted in the Selectmen's Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, Massachusetts.

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ConCom may further wetland protections

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Conservation Commission (ConCom) met recently and discussed the possible removal of language in the Norwood Wetlands Protection regulations that allows development within half of the regular wetland buffer zone if the parcel in question was created before 2003.

Conservation Agent and Environmental Planner Holly Jones said the proviso was likely put in place to allow development at the time to continue, basically that it wouldn't negate or cancel any projects currently in construction at the time of the approval of the regulations, which were put in place in 2009.

"So that the commission wouldn't then be creating a hardship at the time these regulations were enacted, and essentially to create some phasing for people before fully enforcing the buffer zone regulations," Jones said.

ConCom member Peter Bamber spoke in defense of the regulation and keeping the halved buffer zone for certain parcels. He said the Town has been built out for about 100 years.

"And so what's going on here is if you look at Norwood there are a lot of really small lots and we have about nine different brooks and wetlands running through the place so these people's properties are already compromised from use, so to speak," he said. "If you look at it from that perspective, since 2003 has there been build-outs? Sure, but if



you look at it in comparison to what the Town had done prior to 2003. Prior to 2003 had by far the vast majority of development for the Town. And so if this is something we're going to do, I would strongly suggest we look at it very carefully."

Bamber pointed out that some residents may have bought their property with the knowledge that the halved buffers allow more space for more uses, and the ConCom would essentially be taking that away.

"We're not Weston, we're not a middle-of-state or Western Mass or Walpole or Westwood or any of those, we have always been an industrial community, a factory community, a mill community, you name it, and if you look at the houses on Nichols Street or by the center, they're all very small lots," he said. "It should be very well thought out if we make a change like that."

Chair Stephen Washburn took the opposing side, and said that because there was so much development, the Town should be hyper-focused on

protecting what greenspace and wetlands it has left. He also pointed out that it means most buildings and properties – as Bamber pointed out – were built or divided before 2003.

"To me really that translates that every parcel in Town gets a 50 percent reduction in the buffer zones and we don't have the buffer zones we claim. I frankly feel that these buffer zones are our only line of defense to preserve greenspace, open space for passive recreation and other purpose, and it strikes me as unsettling that what I perceived as being the boundaries in almost every applicable scenario are half of what they claim to be."

Bamber said he still felt that personal property rights should be considered when considering the buffer zones, especially because it would keep the restrictions on larger commercial development rather than increase any burden on smaller residential properties.

"Frankly, it's there to make sure commercial properties aren't able to have the same uses as a local homeowner who has a small property or something against a buffer zone versus somebody who's going to put in a hotel on Route 1 or somebody who's going to put in a car dealership; they're going to be held to a higher standard," he said.

The Commission voted to table the discussion until they could figure out how many properties and parcels the change would affect.

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Selectmen approve move to a regional dispatch system

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen met on March 1 for an almost three-hour hybrid format meeting and voted 4-1 (with Selectman Helen Abdallah-Donohue in opposition) to approve the inclusion of Norwood into the South Eastern Massachusetts Regional Emergency Communications Center (SEMRECC).

SEMRECC Executive Director Robert Verdone provided a presentation of the current state of the regional dispatch system and why he believes it's a good move for Norwood. He said currently the organization works as a regional 9-1-1 call center as well as a dispatch center for Mansfield, Easton, Norton and Foxborough, as well the Bristol County mutual aid control operations. He said it's about 100,000 people covered over 100 square miles.

"Our mission is pretty expansive," he said. "Obviously 9-1-1 is our bread and butter, but we also support police, fire and EMS dispatch. We handle everything from 9-1-1 calls to units going back into service to trucks leaving the station to the coordination and logging and asset management piece of the house. We take wireless calls direct, so any calls in our service area go direct to the center. If you call from a cell phone, a landline, a sat phone, it comes directly to our phones instead of the State Police."

Verdone said the facility has finance, law, operational, training and medical staff on duty at the facility as well, and that Norwood will experience a phase-in period and will have no interruptions of service during the switchover.

"It's a very deliberate process," he said. "Every step we take we validate, we work through it with the police, fire and EMS folks and our staffs to make sure we don't miss anything."

Abdallah-Donohue said she was concerned and that she didn't see how this would improve service for residents. Verdone pointed out that a lot has changed since 9-1-1 was first instituted in Massachusetts in the 90s, in that one dispatcher could have handled the call volume back then, as anyone calling would have to be using a landline. He pointed out that now, anytime someone breaks an ankle at a soccer field 15 or 20 people could be calling for EMS ser-

vices.

Norwood Fire Department Chief David Hayes said that's a problem under the current system, since the lone dispatcher – who is also the front-facing staff at the Norwood Public Safety Complex and the primary security staff when the Police Department has prisoners – cannot take more than one call or one radio message from police, fire or EMS at one time. Hayes said the inclusion of Norwood into this system would eliminate that lag time.

Verdone said they have a variety of technology tools that most departments do not have access to. For example, he said they have a program called Prepared, which allows a caller to send visual information directly to the dispatchers.

"We'll send someone a text message, and they can authorize us to click and see their location, send us pictures, videos, text messages and they can live stream a video to us," he said.

Verdone said they have a "tremendous amount of data" and analytics within their own system so they can keep a level of service that lone departments would have a tough time keeping up with. He said for instance that they were able to track an uptick of fevers, headaches and coughs before COVID-19 struck in 2019.

"Throughout the entire pandemic, our trends almost exactly matched what the Commonwealth was seeing," he said. "As far as a predictive tool and the ability to use our data for good, we were able to say, 'Hey, we're seeing a lot of fever and cough calls, we're probably going to have a bad flu season.' Well, we had a bad flu season for about two years. It's a very cool use of our data."

Abdallah-Donohue also asked how this program would help make Norwood residents safer. Verdone said the economy of scale the SEMRECC allows provides for extremely rapid responses, as well as be able to reach a standard of care and level of service that a division in a local department would have a tough time reaching. He said that wasn't the case when the original 9-1-1 systems were developed in the 1990s in Massachusetts.

"Fast forward to 2022; there are standards of care,

there are expectations, there's liability that are very difficult to achieve with limited staff as a division of a department," he said. "To do that with one person who can answer one call, tied to a radio, a front desk and a jail cell camera is not fair to the public and it's not fair to the professional who's trying to do the best they can."

Town Manager Tony Mazzucco pointed out that for the first few years Norwood will be in SEMRECC, the state will pay the entire cost, and the Town will see some savings even after that. He said after about six years, when the state funds run out, the Town will save about \$200,000 per year. The six years in the switchover, he said the Town will be saving about \$2 million, which he said will be funneled into free cash. He said the money would also fund programs for early retirement and severance for Norwood's current dispatchers.

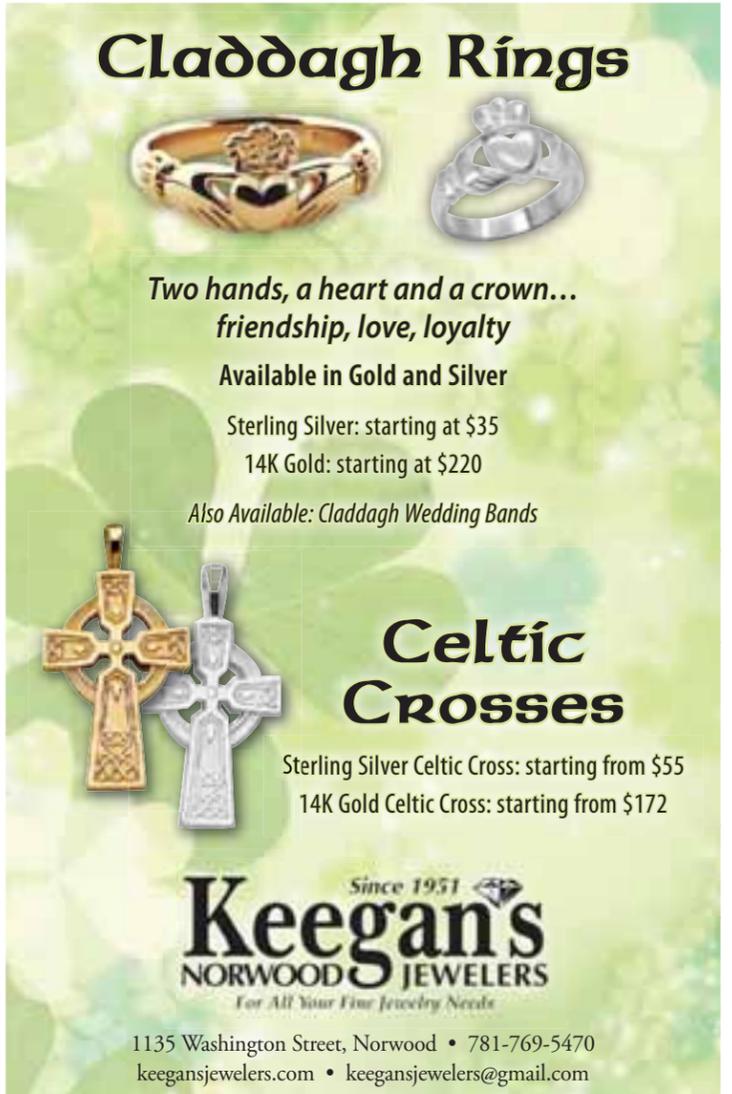
"Which no other Town in the Commonwealth has done by the way," he said. "We want to make sure we're actually truly taking care of our dispatchers in this case."

The Norwood Record took a tour of the facility with Robert Verdone in 2021, and the full story on that can be found at <https://bit.ly/35fRadm>



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Letters to the Editor

LWV to host candidate forum

To the Editor:

Norwood's municipal election will be held Monday, April 4th and the Norwood League of Women Voters will be holding our Candidates Forum on Monday, March 21st. The forum will be conducted via Zoom and will air live on NCM at 7:30 PM. This election, there are two contested races - Board of Selectmen and School Committee - and all candidates from each race

have been invited to participate. If you would like to ask a question of the candidates in these races, please email it to lwvnorwoodma@gmail.com by Friday, March 18th. Please note that each question will be asked of all candidates and we will do our best to get to as many questions as we can in the time we have.

Additionally, candidates for all offices have been given the opportunity to tell voters

a little more about themselves and answer some general questions. This information will be published in our online Voters Guide at my.lwv.org/massachusetts/norwood a few days before the forum.

If you are eligible to vote and are not yet registered to do so, the deadline to register in order to vote in the municipal election is March 15th. You can contact the Town Clerk's office, visit the Secretary of State's website, or

email us for assistance in registering.

The leaders we elect make decisions that impact our daily lives and nowhere is that more evident than in local elections. Elections are our chance to stand up for what matters most to us and to have an impact on the issues that affect us, our community, our families, and our future. It is the right of every eligible voter to cast their ballot and it is the responsibility of every eli-

gible voter to be informed about the candidates and issues on that ballot. The LWV Candidates Forum is your opportunity to learn the candidates' positions on issues that matter to you. Please submit your questions, tune in or stream the forum on March 21st, and read our online Voters Guide before you head to the polls on April 4th.

*Sarah Cullen
President, Norwood
League of Women Voters*

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nixing the cul-de-sac and one lot - lots 9 and 10 - and that would possibly negate the need for Conservation approval. The Board said they could not vote on a plan that is not ready or presented, but that they were leaning towards that design change.

"We would lose a lot, but the applicant has intimated that it may make sense economically to do that," Merrikin said. "But that's something we will certainly consider if that's something the Board wants us to consider."

Merrikin further said that the subdivision plan they have right

now is more about the roads and the lots rather than the houses themselves.

"We've shown the houses on the plan just for informational purposes really," he said. "Lots 9 and 10 would need Conservation approval but that's something that would be explored further down the road."

Merrikin said they would keep about 20 percent of the trees on the site.

"The regulations require that we maintain 20 percent of existing tree areas, which is what we're proposing to do," he said. "When you have quarter-acre

zones by the time you build the roads with all the utilities, two sidewalks, grass strips, houses, driveways and every single structure, you can't save trees on the inside of the lots. What we're trying to do is to save trees on the outside, along the perimeter areas."

Hern and Merrikin also said the applicant would be amenable to reducing the width of the road from 36 feet to 24 or 26 feet depending on the area. The Board members said they would prefer that, as 36 feet would be excessive. But if the cul-de-sac is to be removed,

Board vice Chair Ernie Paciorkowski said they would have to make sure to check with the Norwood Fire Department so as to ensure fire trucks are able to turn around in the lollipop loop.

Most of the resident concerns centered on drainage. Several residents said they currently already have issues with water in their basements. Merrikin said the stormwater management plan they put together is designed so that there will be no change in drainage from what is there now, meaning no additional water will be coming off the property than what is coming off now before there's any building.

"If and when the new system is put in place, if we do get flooded, who is responsible for that?" resident Bridget Ganon said.

"Mr. Chairman, who's responsible anytime we have a big storm and somebody's basement gets flooded or somebody's yard gets flooded?" Hern responded.

Ganon said she was concerned that the plan could be inadequate and who would be responsible if the stormwater infrastructure fails or is inadequate to deal with the water in the area.

"I'm not sure there's a clear answer to that," Hern said.

"I mean somebody could build something a mile away and it changes the groundwater," Planning Board member Debbie Holmwood said. "I'm not an engineer but I do know that much. We all want to save trees, we do, but we can't restrict developers from doing that unless we put it (Holmwood pointed to the

Norwood Zoning Bylaw) in here!"

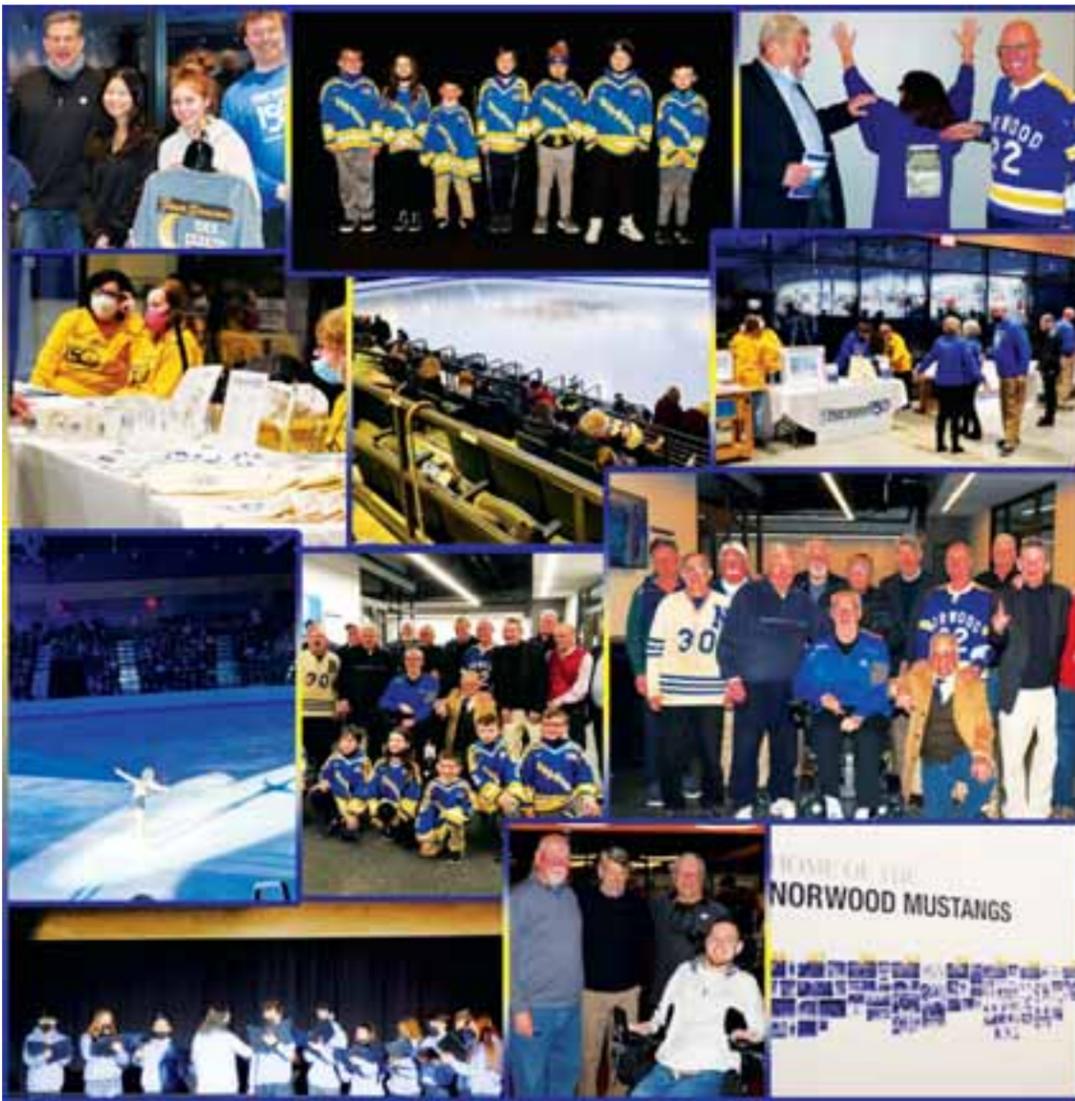
Residents were also concerned because there is a good amount of ledge in and around the property and there is a possibility that they might have to blast it out. Merrikin and Hern said that they will be required to do surveys with homeowners before any blasting takes place, should any blasting take place. Both stipulated it is not the preferred option.

Lastly, Town Planner Paul Halkiotis said there are some issues from Town Engineer Mark Ryan that he would like to see addressed before the Board votes on the plan.

"Ryan did have a lot of questions about the stormwater management, but he recommended that, given the unique circumstances of the site, we retain the services of an outside engineering firm or geotech firm to review the stormwater management system," he said. "We don't do this very often. Usually Mr. Ryan handles reviewing the stormwater systems and makes recommendations, but in this case he seemed more comfortable - and I think everybody in the room would be more comfortable - getting another set of eyes on the stormwater management system to make sure it's going to function properly."

Halkiotis said they would ask the applicant to deposit a sum of money so the Town can hire the outside service. Hern and Merrikin both said they would need to reformulate the plan with the reduction in street width and the deletion of the cul-de-sac. In light of these issues, the Board voted unanimously to continue the hearing until March 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Skating Club of Boston hosts Norwood's 150th hockey



The Skating Club of Boston was the site of a celebration for everything on the ice in Norwood. The BSC hosted several figure skating shows and celebrations of the the 1972 Norwood Hockey Team's win against Arlington. The night also featured a celebration of the Norwood Nuggets program, as well as acting as a preview for upcoming 150th events, which are continuing throughout the this year.

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The Town of Norwood and the Neponset River Watershed Association announced that after years of planning the Traphole Brook Dam has finally come down.

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Traphole Brook Dam completely removed

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Staff Reporter

The now non-existent dam at Mill Pond/Traphole Brook was finally removed this month after years of planning, preparation and fundraising.

The Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA) began the process with the Norwood Conservation Commission at least five years ago, in conjunction with several beautification projects for the adjacent Pezwick Park. Now, NepRWA's River Restoration Director Sean McCanty said parkgoers will

hopefully have trout as a meal option when they visit the park.

"Traphole Brook is one of the few remaining habitats for brook trout in the east of Massachusetts," he said. "We're hoping to get a lot more trout movement and make the trout populations both upstream and downstream a little bit more happy. We did work with the group Trout Unlimited to secure this grant and we hope to have them happy as well."

McCanty said the actual work on the dam didn't take very long at all.

"They brought in what I be-

lieve is called a hydraulic hammer and cleared a path over the last month to the dam, using the hammer they kind of pounded away at it," he said. "It took about an hour for the whole dam to come out and then we removed the large pieces of concrete and stone with a backhoe."

"So now the dam is done, they have the water diverted and the next step is to take out a lot of the sediment where the dam used to be," he said. "Over the last 20-plus years I guess it's filled in a lot. It's a very shallow

Dam

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Friends elects new president

Friends of Norwood Center elected a new President at its annual meeting held in December at Emerald City Plant Shop in Norwood Center. John Carbone received unanimous FNC Board election to serve as President for the upcoming calendar year.

Carbone has been a Norwood resident for more than a decade and has served on FNC's Board of Directors since 2017 and as its secretary for the last several years. A Health Service Systems Analyst by profession, Carbone believes a town's downtown is its lifeblood and wants to do all he can to help and ensure that Norwood Center becomes more vibrant and thriving now and in the future.

Carbone praised outgoing FNC President

Charlotte Walsh and acknowledged tremendous strides that FNC made in the last two years, particularly in light of the pandemic including new light pole flags and banners, assistance to businesses for grant applications, lead assistance for businesses' social media and promotion for Norwood's Rapid Recovery program, enhanced social media promotion of local businesses' changing hours of operation, worked in successful partnership with the Town of Norwood and Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce, Norwood Feeds the Frontlines, and the successful First annual

New President

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Travato said he felt the forums held years ago were advertised as a "consideration" on the topic, and more like the start of a fact-finding mission than something that could have a direct effect on future policy.

"It's difficult sometimes to get people to a public forum for a possible, future consideration," he said. "As for the surveys, the surveys and presentations were only made available in English. In 2017, according to the principal of the Willett School, 33 percent of incoming students were not English-first language speakers, and this does not take into account the parents or the guardians."

Travato pointed out that the surveys themselves did not ask if the residents supported the time change, merely if it would have an effect on them. He added the surveys were not sent to future NPS families.

"The surveys were sent to parents, students and teachers, and this leaves out a considerable portion of the community, including younger families with children not yet enrolled in public schools," he said. "Many members of our community are also opposed to the time change for a number of reasons, including losing teachers to other towns, but also because of arguably the most important reason: the change in time is not equitable for the more vulnerable families in Town. This change will adversely affect families of younger children. Many of these children are already in families with vulnerable situations from the pandemic, and will be further affected by the change."

Travato also pointed out that he started a petition to stop the time change.

"It was a small effort and only shared on Facebook, but in 24 hours it had 500 signatures," he said. "I see that and I ask how many more people are opposed to this, and no one knows that question, because

it was never asked."

Selectmen, after hearing from the pair, voted against having the question on the ballot. The vote was 3-2 against with Helen Abdallah-Donohue and Allan Howard in support of the request. The majority of Selectmen felt the School Committee had been up front about the time change and had been posting publicly from the beginning.

Selectman Matt Lane pointed out that the time change task force had several members, and pointed out it was made up of both teachers and parents. He said the group's findings came out last year.

"The initial recommendations were made at the January 13 School Committee meeting in 2021," Lane said. "If there was a group of people opposed to these recommendations, that would have been plenty of time to put someone on the ballot for that year's school committee race who was like-minded. I just think this would set a bad precedent and I'm not for putting this on the ballot."

Abdallah-Donohue said she's for putting the question on the ballot because "In America, we have democracy."

"And one of my pet peeves is actions of government that haven't got a lot of input from the citizens," she said. "This is sneaking up on us. We have committees being made that have more public officials and public payroll members than citizens. We have the same people being appointed to public committees who have a special interest. We need more citizen input. That to me is really, really important. This comes up a lot."

Selectman Bill Plasko said he didn't agree.

"We have a representative democracy," he said. "We have boards, committees, administrators who are empowered by those laws and they go through a process. It seems

to me the School Committee went through a process. You may have problems with that, and some of them sound legitimate, but they should have been brought up at the time during the process, perhaps as soon as you saw the survey. The School Committee could have changed that survey, they could have corrected it. They could have had a second one. That's the time to have a good solid process in your input, not after they made their decision. And it doesn't sound like they made it in a vacuum."

Plasko said the School Committee went through an extensive process, and he did not feel it was proper for the Board of Selectmen to open a ballot for what would basically be a public opinion poll on that decision and process.

"I'm not saying that I would or would not agree with them, I don't think that's my position here tonight to agree or disagree with the School Committee, but I do respect that it's that committee's decision to make, and that its members went through a pretty extensive and public process," he said. "It should be respected by this Board."

Plasko added that there's still time for dissatisfied residents to make their voices heard on this.

"I think the right way to go about this after the fact – there should have been other steps taken during the process – but now at this point, the proper process is if you're unhappy with the School Committee is the election," he said. "There are two seats up for election and five candidates. I'm sure two at least share your view. Get them elected. Get them elected big."

Cornell stated in a Facebook post that they are planning to do just that.

"We're focusing now on school committee nominees and getting the right people in! Onward and upward!" she wrote.

TOWN OF NORWOOD

APPLICATION FOR NEW LICENSE WINE AND MALT BEVERAGES NOT TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES – PACKAGE STORE

PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for a Package Good Store Wine and Malt Beverages License for Lucky Mart, Inc., Manager of Record, Ramesh Patel, under Section 15, Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of Wine and Malt Beverages not to be drunk on the premises located at 501 Washington Street, Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of premises is as follows: The store premises (being a portion of the building at 501 Washington Street) has a gross floor area of approximately 2,100 square feet. There is one floor, most of which is devoted to the public areas of the store. There are also small, non-public areas devoted to a restroom, utility area and a small office.

Public hearing on this application will be held on **Tuesday, March 15th, 2022 at 7:20 p.m.** in the Selectmen's Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

Thomas F. Maloney, Chairman
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TOWN OF NORWOOD

APPLICATION FOR NEW LICENSE ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES NOT TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES – PACKAGE STORE

PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for a Package Good Store All Alcoholic Beverages License for LLAWM 1, LLC DBA Wine and Market, Manager of Record, Daniel Newcomb, under Section 15, Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of All Alcoholic Beverages not to be drunk on the premises located at 500 Boston Providence Highway, Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of premises is as follows: Approximately 2,520 square feet of retail space on one floor.

Public hearing on this application will be held on **Tuesday, March 15th, 2022 at 7:10 PM** in the Selectmen's Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

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Fall Crawl, bringing one hundred people into four local establishments.

Charlotte Walsh, proprietor of Charles River Running and FNC President in 2020 and 2021, will remain on the board and spearhead all social media initiatives.

Marci Pastorio, owner of the Juice Bar and Quontay

Turner, owner of Emerald City Plant Shop were elected to the FNC Board. Carbone acknowledged the outstanding efforts of outgoing board members, Kim Weineck, Sara Coy-Lanard, Jeff Lanard and Elizabeth Sczerenie, owner of Structural Wellness Chiropractic & Wellness.

The FNC board is an active volunteer board that seeks new members who are able to join us sustaining and growing the vitality of Norwood Center as a dining and shopping destination. If you are interested in joining, please contact Friends of Norwood Center at norwoodcenter@gmail.com

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pond and it didn't used to be. They will dig up the sediment and transport it to a disposal site where some of it will get reused. Then they're going to try to make a new channel that's a little more sinuous. They'll do some plantings, bring in some cobble and some big rocks and basically make a good trout habitat, which has been the goal."

McCanty said they will be working to shade the area with trees and increase waterflow, which both aim to bring down the water temperature and increase water oxygen levels, the end result being a prime area for brook trout to hang out.

"And to reduce flooding," he said. "It will allow those trout to re-establish in that area. There are trout both up and downstream of the dam now, and so it's really about restoring connectivity and reducing water temperature as well."

McCanty said the dam removal is just one of many such projects going on across the state as part of a climate resilience program. He said when Massachusetts worked on its rivers and streams to make them better for industrial power they made huge reservoirs to ensure that large amounts of water would be available to power water mills. The Neponset was dammed and narrowed up and down the river to facilitate this, and it caused havoc to the local ecology. Now, the state is looking to put back what was changed in order to restore the local habitat.

"So by removing the dam, you also reduce the risk of extreme flooding events and failure as extreme rain events become more common because of a changing climate," he said.

Now, after five years of planning for this simple dam, it's finally come down. McCanty said the

feeling around NepRWA and the Town has been pretty exciting.

"I started this position in December, and so for me it's not been that long, but I know that NepRWA and Norwood have been working on this for a long time," he said. "My feeling from people who have worked on this a long time is that it is a big victory to finally have the dam come out."

The removal was funded by the Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Action Grant program.

"This is a big project Norwood put together with the state and it's synergistic," he said. "It helps the environment and it also helps the local community experience less flooding, less erosion and fewer impacts of climate change. This grant should wrap up in June and there's some follow up after that. NepRWA and the Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration will continue to monitor the site."

Conservation Agent and Environmental Planner Holly Jones said the Town will be monitoring the area as part of the permit the Conservation Commission issued for the work, but that's not all.

"There have been some very

preliminary conversations about improving the small parking area and installing educational signage about the project and history of the area," she said. "Additionally not far downstream from the construction area is a cleared area that was created as an Eagle Scout project in 2020 where the Commission and Trails Committee plan to put benches and a table as a place to quietly enjoy the brook. The Conservation Commission will also continue to work with NepRWA, the Trails Committee, and Progress Norwood to hold trash-cleanup days, and with the DPW to maintain the trail, as they have in the past. It's been a great opportunity to connect with neighbors including the Norwood Gardens residents and management along with homeowners across the brook. There are two activities planned this coming spring, including planting 'live stakes' along the bank for neighbors who are worried about bank erosion, and a 'bio-blitz' to get a baseline for wildlife and plants in the area, with a goal of continued monitoring."

For more information on these efforts, check out NepRWA's webpage at Neponset.org.

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Town of Norwood

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Saturday, March 5	10:30 - 11:45 am
Monday, March 7	5:45-6:45 pm Community Forum at 7:00 pm in person at Coakley
Wednesday, March 16	6:30-8:00 pm
Saturday, March 19	10:30-11:45 am
Saturday, March 26	11:00 am-12:30 pm

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Sibbing-Dunn announces candidacy

Kate Sibbing-Dunn, a Town Meeting and Norwood Cultural Council member, is a candidate for Norwood's School Committee. The town election will take place on Monday, April 4, 2022. Sibbing-Dunn, 45, is an active member of the Norwood community.

She serves as chair of the cultural committee for Norwood's 150th anniversary and has collaborated with Morrill Memorial Library and TogetherYes to bring speakers to the Sustainability Series and foster civic engagement. Beyond her demonstrated commitment to public service, she brings a background in non-profit administration, project management, and communications and will bring her proven collaborative skills to the committee.

"My husband and I chose Norwood to put down roots and raise our children and we're so thankful we did. In our time in Norwood, I have built cooperative relationships while organizing around community issues and events. I've talked with neighbors and school community members about the issues they care about," said Sibbing-Dunn. "I'm running for a seat on the School Committee because I'm committed to public service and hope to help ensure a high-quality education for all of Norwood's students."

Sibbing-Dunn is a member of the First Congregational Church in Norwood with her husband, Bryan. They have two children who both attend Norwood Public Schools. She is a graduate of Wright State University and



Kate Sibbing-Dunn

earned a degree in Urban Affairs and Public Administration.

As a member of the School Committee, Sibbing-Dunn would prioritize the following issues: communication strategies to ensure both families and staff are well informed; stewardship of the new middle school project to ensure its success both as an improved learning environment for middle school students and as a tool to solve overcrowding issues at the five elementary schools; and furthering policies and budget priorities to enable the success of our students and educators.

To learn more, visit www.facebook.com/KateSibbingDunn or send your questions to katie.sibbing@gmail.com



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FARMERS' MARKET COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING

The next Farmers' Market Committee Virtual Meeting will be on Thursday March 3, at 7:00 PM via Go To Meeting. Discussion will vendor selection and recruiting, funding sources, budget, fees, hiring a market manager along with advertising and promotion. If interested, email Peter McFarland at ptmcfarland@gmail.com to receive the meeting link and other support materials.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVITES YOU TO VIRTUAL RECEPTION

The Norwood Historical Society invites you to a virtual celebration of Norwood's 150th anniversary on Sunday, March 6th at 5:00 pm. Our online event is modeled on the reception held at the Day House in 1872. Inspired by Anna and Lewis Day's spirit of generosity, we're offering the gift of a new Norwood-themed tote bag containing historical information and a few snack items to make the event festive. This is available to the first fifty participants who register – please see details below.

After the citizens of South Dedham voted to secede in 1872, they celebrated the town's incorporation with an event at Village Hall on March 6th of that year. The newly declared citizens and guests, including Governor William B. Washburn, attended the Days' reception.

The Historical Society's board members have decided it best to make this an online event, so that everyone can safely raise a glass to toast the town's founding. We will be broadcasting from the Day House – from the parlor where they all gathered in 1872! – and hope you'll join us via zoom. We look forward to reliving key moments of the community's progress towards independence, including story of how the name "Norwood" was chosen. We'll also share a few items from the Society's collections to show what life was like in the 1870s.

All are welcome to join, but registration is required to participate via zoom: <https://wellesley.zoom.us/join/718185669> We are happy to deliver tote bags and treats to the first fifty who fill out an additional request form! <https://forms.gle/Dd6AeNF1toMJYjod6>

We look forward to celebrating with you, and seeing you at upcoming events!

OPEN AUDITIONS for "Our Town"

On April 5-6, the Old Parish Preservation Volunteers will hold open auditions for their August production of "Our Town," presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals (www.concordtheatricals.com) on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. The play will be presented on Saturday, August 13, in the Old Parish Cemetery – very appropriately because the entire third act of "Our Town" takes place in a cemetery.

Thornton Wilder's 1938 Pulitzer-Prize-winning play is one of the most enduring and popular plays in U.S. history, having been produced in more than 650 communities.

"Our Town" is set in the fictional town of Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, in 1901. Grover's Corners was inspired by the real town of Peterborough, whose population in 1900 was around 2,500 – or roughly the same as Norwood at the end of its first decade. It is not stretching a point to say that watching the story of Grover's Corners is like watching life in the new town of Norwood.

If you would like to try out for a part in the Norwood production of "Our Town," go to <https://www.oldparishpreservationvolunteers.com/2022-our-town>. On this page, you will find buttons to download an audition form, character descriptions, and script sides. Auditions will be conducted at the Norwood High School Auditorium, 245 Nichols Street, between 3:00 and 7:00 pm, on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 5 and 6.

Auditions will be under the supervision of the play's director, Tom Frye of Wichita, KS, who has lengthy experience in acting, writing, directing, producing, and teaching theater.

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TOWN OF NORWOOD
APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF RETAIL WINE AND MALT BEVERAGES TO BE CONSUMED ON THE PREMISES
PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for transfer of the Wine and Malt Beverages license from Shabu Lee, Inc. DBA Shabu Lee, 654 Washington Street Guang Wei Zhang, Manager of Record to L & Z New Star, Inc. under Section 12, Chapter 138 and Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of Wine and Malt Beverages to be drunk on the premises of 654 Washington Street, Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of premises is as follows: Two restrooms, one kitchen, one dining room, basement for storage and sushi bar. 1,800 square feet, one floor with two means of egress, located at 654 Washington Street, Norwood, Massachusetts.

Public hearing on this application will be held on **Tuesday, March 15th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Selectmen's Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

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<p>Public Hearing Notice Norwood Planning Board</p>	
<p>Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Norwood will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on March 28, 2022 at 7:05 PM on the request of Stephen VanNess of Steward Health Care and James Hilliard, Esq., with respect to property located at 800 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062, in the General Business (GB) Zoning District and Medical Services Overlay District (MSOD). The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center at 275 Prospect Street, Norwood MA 02062 as well as remotely via GoToMeeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/718185669</p> <p style="text-align: center;">You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (872) 240-3212 Access Code: 718-185-669</p>	
<p>The Applicant requests a public hearing under Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 9.9.12 [Medical Services Overlay District – Process of Establishing and Developing]. The Planning Board will review the concept plan for development of a new Norwood Hospital campus.</p> <p>Any zoning relief that may be required in adherence to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw shall be considered by the Board. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.</p> <p>Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Planning Board and may be requested by emailing cped@norwoodma.gov or by calling 781-762-1240 ext. 6055, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.</p>	
<p><i>Norwood Record: 03/03/22, 03/10/22</i></p>	

BONVOULOIR



MARGARET M. “Peg” (Keating) of Norwood passed peacefully at home on February 26 surrounded by her family at the age of 90. Born in 1931 to Helen (Murray) and John Keating in Norwood MA. Peg spent a happy childhood in Sharon surrounded by loving siblings, friends, and many aunts, uncles and cousins. She graduated Sharon High Class of 1948 and maintained lifelong friendships with her graduating class and loved to reunite with them often. She was proud of her jobs over the years and loved to tell stories about working in the Boston office of Warner Bros Studios. She was especially proud of her time at Polaroid Corp where she spent 25 years. Peg was a two time cancer survivor and made a point to give back to the organizations that supported her such as Relay for Life and Breast Cancer Awareness. She was passionate about helping in her community and was a health counselor for a community elder care service (SHINE) as well as volunteering with Meals on Wheels for many years. She also spent many years volunteering as a poll warden at election time. Peg was unfailingly devoted to her Catholic Faith and her favorite church, St. Catherine of Siena, even learning how to live stream her Sunday masses when she was no longer able to get out. She spent her retirement years with her husband Gerry traveling, volunteering, trying to “win the big one” at Bingo, and doting on their 9 grandchildren. Beloved wife of 59 years to Gerard Bonvouloir. Loving

mother of Amy Gallagher of Norwood, James Bonvouloir and his wife Cecile Morrissette of Litchfield, NH, Mark Bonvouloir of Medway, John Bonvouloir and his wife Christina Clancy of Needham and Kenneth Bonvouloir and wife Ronda D’espinoza of Northfield, VT. Loving “Grammy” to Corey Gallagher, Amanda Gallagher, Peter Gallagher, Joseph Bonvouloir, Elizabeth Bonvouloir, Matthew Bonvouloir, Alec Bonvouloir, Seth Bonvouloir and Layne Bonvouloir. She was predeceased in death by her brother John Keating Jr., Beverly Keating, Ellen Attala and Mary Howe. She is survived by her sister Christine Lombard of Plymouth, MA. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. A funeral mass will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2022 11am at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood, MA. At the request of the family a private burial will be at Rock Ridge Cemetery, Sharon, MA. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in her memory to Norwood Council on Aging. **KRAW-KORNACK FUNERAL HOME** www.kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com 781-762-0482.

BROWN



MARY E. (Farrell) of Norwood passed away surrounded by her family on February 22, 2022 at the age of 77.

DEATHS

Beloved wife of James E. Brown. Devoted mother of James E. Brown II and his wife Tracey and Kerri A. Brown of Norwood. Sister of Ann Farrell Wade of NY and the late Thomas and Jack Farrell. Cherished Mimi of 4 beautiful granddaughters, Caeleigh, Micaela, Quinlan and Caitlin. Daughter of the late Thomas F. and Elizabeth E. (McKenna) Farrell. Also survived by many wonderful in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews, and very dear friends. Mary was a retired School Teacher for the Town of Norwood teaching at the Cleveland School for many years. Mary was a proud Boston College graduate and continued the spirit of giving back, instilled by her parents and reinforced at BC. She was a member of the Ladies of Charity at St. John’s Parish in Naples, FL. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. Burial at Brookdale Cemetery, Dedham, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute / The Jimmy Fund P.O. Box 849168 Boston, MA 02284-9168.

DALY

Robert John “Bob” (BPD retired) of Norwood, died on February 18, 2022 at the age of 91. Bob was born in Somerville to the late William and Ellen (Lavey) Daly. Husband of Norma E. (Matthews); father of Elaine, Diane (Edward Shea), Linda, and Kristine (Michael Walsh), stepfather to Leslie McDonald. Grandfather to Gary, Cherie, Sara, Steve, Katy, Ryan, Lauren, Colleen, Shannon and Erin. He was predeceased by all of his siblings William, James, Edward, Helen (Matthews), Francis, Paul, John, and Marion Daly. He is survived by many nieces and nephews. Bob joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served his country during the Korean War. After returning from Korea he married Norma and started his family. He joined the Boston Police Department and spent most of his 37 year career working at Station 6 in

South Boston. Bob retired in 1995 and spent his retirement years at their home in Norwood, gardening and listening to music. Services are private. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA. Semper Fi. Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 781-762-0482 www.KRAW-KORNACKFUNERALHOME.com

JACKSON

Lawrence W. Jr. of Norwood, formerly of Westwood and West Roxbury, February 17, 2022. Beloved husband of Sandra (Rucker). Loving father of Lauren Godino and her husband Michael of Redondo Beach, CA, and Kelly Arguin and her husband Matthew of Quincy. Gramps of Jackson Godino. Brother of Ellen Cummings of Dedham, and Mary Anne Jackson and her spouse Carol Moore of Norwich, CT. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment Mt. Benedict Cemetery. Lawrence was an avid athlete, skilled carpenter, life of the party, and a dedicated family man. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name may be made to Parkway Youth Hockey, P.O. BOX 320024, West Roxbury, MA 02132. For directions and **g u e s t b o o k**, www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

MEALEY



Thomas C. of Norwood passed away surrounded by his family on February 26, 2022 at the age of 84. Son of the late

Robert and Mary (Hunt) Mealey. Beloved husband of 59 years to Carol (Hughes) Mealey. Devoted father of Carol Ann Mealey-Frey of Norwood, Robert and his wife Debra Nickerson of Norwood and William and his companion Lynda A. Grasso of North Chelmsford. Most cherished Grampy to Thomas Frey of Bridgewater and his fiancée Colleen Hurlley and Mark Frey of South Boston. Brother of Margaret (Peg) Brennan of Pembroke, Joan of Duxbury, Therese Salesses of Marshfield, George of E. Falmouth and the late Robert, Joseph, Paul, William, James, Mary McCoy, Eleanor and Anne. He also leaves many nieces, nephews and cousins. Thomas was a Navy Veteran and worked for Western Electric for many years. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation, P. O. Box 421 Norwood, MA 02062. All services will be private. Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 781-762-0482 www.KRAW-KORNACKFUNERALHOME.com

WALKER

Thomas Francis, a lifelong resident of Norwood, passed away on February 20, 2022 at the age of 90. Beloved husband of the late Mary A. (Newark) Walker. Devoted father of Thomas J. Walker and his wife Elaine of Attleboro, Lisa M. Allard and her husband Dean of Attleboro and Amy M. Noonan and her husband Edward of Foxboro. Cherished grandfather of Casey Walker, Jessica Walker, Eddie Noonan and his wife Chrissy, and Alexander Noonan. Brother of the late James, William and John Walker. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Thomas was a member of the Norwood Elks. He was also a Korean War US Army veteran. At the request of the family, all services will be private. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, NORWOOD, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to New England Center and Home for Veterans, 17 Court, St. P.O. Box 845257, Boston, MA 02284-5257, www.nechv.org/donations/tribute-giving Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 781-762-0482 www.Kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com

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TOWN OF NORWOOD BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be conducted by the Board of Selectmen at 6:45 PM on Tuesday March 15th, 2022 upon the following petition of National Grid:

To install and maintain approximately 1100 feet of 4 inch plastic in Pleasant Street to Morse Street and the installation of 56 feet of new 4 inch coated steel at the Morse Street Bridge Crossing.

This meeting will be conducted in the Selectmen’s Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, Massachusetts.

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

St. Jude’s Novena

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

Miracle Prayer

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

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Monday, February 22

0852 Phone - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Nahatan St Resident believes someone is standing on her patio after daylight and before dawn and smoking due to debris left behind. N667 reports the debris just appears to have blown around and settled here, she will recall police if someone is actually seen.

1110 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Pleasant St Caller concerned about her ex due to text she received. Officer checked LNA address and he is not there. Owner was not home or cars in the driveway. Officer spoke with the caller and she reports he has apologized for the past issues but did not make any threats to harm himself.

1504 911 - Unwanted Party *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Norwest Dr Report ex has shown up at home, possibly DK. N666 places subject under arrest on a Warrant and transports to station, MA PC 3SHC59 left with a licensed operator. Arrest: Montalban, Lionel Address: 140 Humboldt Ave Apt. #304 Dorchester, Ma Age: 37 Charges: Warrant Arrest

1532 Phone - Malicious Damage *Report Filed Location/Address: Service Master - Lenox St Kids threw rocks at employee vehicles. Left on foot to 990 Washington Street. One described wearing a lime green top. Officer reports all involved were identified.

2255 Phone - Assist Citizen Assisted Party Location/Address: Mobil Gas - Wash./Rr Av - Washington St Cashier reports party in the store with no way to get home. N664 provided a transport to 64 Audubon Road in Walpole.

2345 Other - Repossession Vehicle Towed Location/Address: Pampered To Perfection - Dean St MA PC 2TRZ77.

Tuesday, February 22

0843 Phone - B & E Residence *Report Filed Location/Address: Eaton Village Condos (310 & 315 Neponset St. Caller reports a past B&E to his storage unit.

0952 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Hill St Caller requests wellness check on his elderly mother. Units spoke with her, all is well.

1354 Initiated - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Pleasant Pl Motorist flagged down 666 to speak about issued with her juvenile daughter's behavior. N666 spoke with parent and advised.

1411 Cellular - Susp Activity *Report Filed Location/Address: Hennessey Field - Lenox Ave Report shell casings strewn along entranceway. N667 picked them up and will leave a report.

1556 Walk-In - Lost And Found Services Rendered Location/Address: Pleasant St Party turns in found knife.

Wednesday, February 23 0731 Phone - Well Being Chk Could Not Locate Location/Address: Engamore Ln Caller reports his girlfriend sounded strange on the phone last night and now she is not answering her phone. Requested a well being check. Officers unable to get answer at the door. Mother called and said she spoke to her daughter, all is well she is just not home.

1120 Walk-In - Citizens Complaint No Action Required Location/Address: Cross St Male party reports that someone fired a BB gun at his MV overnight. He did not wish to speak to an officer about the incident.

1432 Phone - Disturbance No Violation Location/Address: Pleasant St Female reports possible HPO violation. HPO on file states 5 feet for distance violation. Defendant was 80 yards from plaintiff, waiting to get to residence. No violation observed.

1518 Phone - Well Being Chk Transported To Hospital Location/Address: Prospect St Victim's Advocate from court requests a wellness check on a female who made suicidal comments. NFD responded.

1553 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Center Auto Body - Carnegie Row Caller requests a wellness check on a male with possible mental health issues. N666 spoke to that party he checks out ok, N666 gives that party a courtesy transport to the bus.

1614 Phone - Assist Other Agency Area Search Negative Location/Address: Village Rd W Boston PD requesting assistance on a well being check of a young child that looked to be put into a vehicle forcefully, this happened in Readville. N666, N663 checked the residence and the parking lots with negative results. Boston PD was notified.

1639 Initiated - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Pleasant St N666, N663 stand by while party picks up some belongings.

1911 911 - Auto Theft *Report Filed Location/Address: 1A Pizza - Walpole St MA PC 2LAE28. Vehicle entered into CJIS. BOLO sent to surrounding cities and towns over south district.

2020 Initiated - Motor Vehicle Stop *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Friendly Restaurant Rte1 - Bos-Prov Hwy MA PC 1TA372. N661 returns with 1 female party. S/M 13678.2 2037 hrs. E/M 13681.3 2043 hrs. Negoshians tows same. Arrest: Robsham, Lanna Address: 110 Peterborough St Apt. #706 Boston, MA Age: 58 Charges: Drug, Possess Class B C94C S34 Marked Lanes Violation * C89 S4A

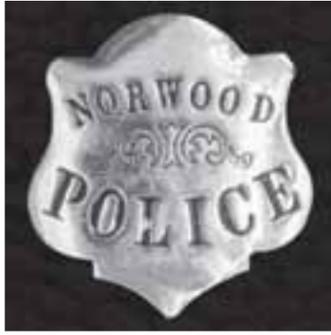
2204 Phone - Motor Vehicle Accident *Report Filed Location/Address: Morrill Rd Caller reports resident drove through his garage and ended up in his backyard. FD notified. Party transported to BI Needham.

Thursday, February 24

0401 911 - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Second St Caller reports having an issue with domestic partner. Hung up before more information could be obtained. Upon call back party stated he did not need the police, that he would figure it out and if he needed help he would call back. N669 and N661 spoke to both parties, verbal argument only. 1 party left for the night.

0755 Phone - Assist Citizen Civil Matter Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller would like po-

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lice to keep peace while personal belongings are retrieved, no orders in effect. N669 reports no property to be retrieved today, civil matter.

1135 Phone - Assist Fire Dept Transported To Hospital Location/Address: Sunrise Assisted Living - Saunders Rd Brewster unable to respond for a combative patient. NFD, N666, N678, N665 sent. N666 reports transported without incident.

1143 Phone - Well Being Chk *Protective Custody Location/Address: Mountain Ave Request check of her son who is sitting on back steps of the home, she believes he is under the influence of drugs. N663 reports he ran away. N676 catches him Garfield/Mountain Ave. NFD sent. Placed in Protective Custody and turned over to NFD. After further investigation, N663 to file a Complaint Application and report.

1344 Phone - Report Of Fight *Report Filed Location/Address: Washington St + Guild St Report of a fight between two males. Units spoke with one party involved. N666 gives him courtesy transport home to Jefferson Dr.

1814 911 - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Report of loud music. N678 reports all quiet upon arrival. Both parties spoken to, referred to management.

1945 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Adams St Caller reports a male party refusing to leave. N663 provided him a courtesy transport to The Hampton Inn.

2054 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Prospect St + Ash Rd Caller reports female party laying on the ground and requests a well being check. N661 and N676 responding. N676 spoke to the female party who stated she was playing Pokemon Go on her phone.

Friday, February 25

0623 Initiated - Shoplifting *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: CVS Pharmacy - Nahatan St N666 comes across shoplifter. Foot chase and search ends at 90 Broadway parking lot near dumpster. Arrest: Washington, Taj Address: 69 Mcgreevy Way Apt. #203 Roxbury, MA Age: 41 Charges: Shoplifting \$250+ By Concealing Mdse c266 \$30A Drug, Possess Class E

0732 Phone - Missing Person Taken To Family/Guardian/Other Location/Address: Everett Ave Report adult son, mental health issues, left house. BOLO to cars. Units checked some area parking lots. N661 able to get him to stop walking and met him, with N674, in Staple's parking lot. N661 transports him back home and N402, as C.I.T. Officer, notified.

0732 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: David Terrace Report bedridden resident's care taker can-

not get car out of snow to get to the home. N669 courtesy transports to Heaton Ave. S/M 4805 0822 Hrs., E/M 4808 0831 Hrs.

0813 Phone - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: Adams St Caller reports her ex-boyfriend is knocking at her door looking to pick up property, she does not want him there. N666 spoke to all parties they were advised and the unwanted party left the area.

0833 911 - Well Being Chk Transported To Hospital Location/Address: Lansdowne Way Report W/F, pink gown, holding either small dog or stuffed animal, on her patio, yelling that someone was raping her. NFD sent. NFD transported to hospital. 1654 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Rock St Caller can hear a female in her apartment yelling. Officers state she was upset over losing medication and is attempting to find it now.

2229 911 - Motor Vehicle Accident *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Nahatan St + Central St NFD notified and responded. Don and Wally's towed MA PC 4LMM99. As a result, N663 placed one party under arrest and transported to the station. Arrest: Oneil, Jennifer A Address: 402B Nahatan St Norwood, Ma Age: 43 Charges: OUI-Liquor OR .08% Motor Veh By-Law Violation Refer To Accident: 22-64-AC

Saturday, February 26

0016 Phone - Disturbance *Protective Custody Location/Address: Douglas Cir Female reports a disturbance in progress. NFD responded for a panic attack. As a result, N667 placed one party into protective custody and transported them to the station.

0800 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Village Rd E Report MA PC 1NZH80 stolen. While investigating same it was learned Negoshian's Towing towed car for trespassing. Caller notified.

0820 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Engamore Ln Report someone entered her apartment and cut her hair. N677 spoke to her, no crime, offered mental health services which were declined.

0943 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Ivy Cir Report a deer lying in backyard for over 3 hours. N.A.C.O. notified and will go check on same.

0948 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Pleasant St Report neighbor is standing outside screaming, indiscernable words, appears no one else around. N662 spoke to caller, spoke to neighbor- he is ok.

1243 Cellular - Civil Dispute Spoken To Location/Address: Rock St NETA trying to make delivery to customer who was uncooperative. They tried to handle it civilly but could not reach an agreement, therefore NETA has refused to service customer and left without further incident.

1315 Phone - Larceny Spoken To Location/Address: Lenox St Report on Thursday they gave their 10yoa his prescription medication and there was the rest of the pills remaining. On Friday there are none left in the bottle. N676 spoke to father, advised, will pursue another avenue and will recall police if needed.

1445 Cellular - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: CHICKERING RD Daughter checking on parent's home reports window

pane was removed and things are knocked over inside home. N669 reports no B&E, squirrel. N.A.C.O. will respond but she may have to get private exterminator. 1451 - Walk In - Larceny Location/Address: Savage Center, Prospect St. Party in lobby reports her credit card, which was last in her purse at a facility, was stolen and is being used and user is calling her cell phone.

1737 911 - Susp Person Spoken To Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reports while in the shower she heard someone enter the house and walk up the stairs, that party locked them self in a bedroom. N666 reports that party is her son and all checks out.

1813 Phone - Robbery *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Ocean State Job Lot - Bos-Prov Hwy Employee reports after refusing to take back an item from a customer that party said he had a gun and is not afraid to use it. Units locate that party a short distance away. As a result N663 returns with one to the station under arrest. Randolph ballistic K9 responding to search the area. Arrest: Harper, Daryle A Address: 64 Stanton St Apt. #3 Dorchester, MA Age: 33

Sunday, February 27

1506 Cellular - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Pendergast Cir Report friend is on foot, maybe intoxicated, made suicidal statement, got out of an Uber and is on rotary. Units locate him walking in front of #82 Nahatan St. N662 reports he was drinking but it not drunk, denies suicidal statement, wife came and picked him up. Also see Call#: 22-5073 1506 Hrs. today.

1539 Phone - Well Being Chk *Protective Custody Location/Address: Bullard St Also see Call#: 22-5070 1506. Report male has locked himself in car. N665 reports he exited car and is now in the house. N662 places him in Protective Custody and transports him to station.

1716 911 - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Fairview Rd Caller concerned for her sister who suffers from depression and may be in crisis. Party left prior to officer's arrival in MA PC 271FY4. BOLO to the cars and surrounding cities and towns.

1943 Initiated - Motor Vehicle Stop *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy No plate. Male and female both fled on foot. Officers made contact with both parties. N663 placed male party under arrest, N661 transported him to the station. Negoshians towed VIN 1MEFM55S15A613380. Arrest: Thompson, Robert L Jr Address: 46 Tremont Street Apt. #2 Norwood, MA Age: 36 Charges: Stop For Police, Fail Disorderly Conduct License Suspended, Op Mv With Uninsured Motor Vehicle Unregistered Motor Vehicle

2154 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Railroad Ave Caller reports she would like a well being check on her landlord whom she is unable to reach by phone nor is she answering the doorbell. N667 spoke to that party she is fine just fell asleep with headphones on.

2213 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: St George Ave Loud upstairs tenants.

2301 911 - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd Caller reports argument with her sixteen year old. N666 reports behavioral issues, grandmother will be taking teen for the night.

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“Our Town” has nine roles for age 40 and up (six women and three men), six roles for age 15 and up (four girls and two boys), and two roles for age 9 and up (one boy and one girl). The production will also need back stage crew, including a Stage Manager and Assistant Stage Manager; people to handle costumes, props, and makeup. People who are interested in taking on these roles are encouraged to contact John Grove and Tom Frye at norwoodoldparish@gmail.com. In late April, a press release will be issued with cast information.

The Walpole Footlighters, the area’s premier community theater group, had a production of “Our Town” in 1940, and more than 80 years later, they still list this play as a high point in their long and distinguished theatrical portfolio. With luck, Norwood will still be talking about “Our Town” when we add another 150 years to our history!

TOWN ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO ATTEND PUBLIC FORUMS ON MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Town of Norwood would like to share with community members several upcoming meetings and events that will provide the public opportunities to provide feedback and learn about the Coakley Middle School Building Project.

Two community forums are scheduled for March. Updates on the project will be presented, cost projections will be shared and there

will be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions related to the project. Norwood residents are encouraged to attend on Monday, March 7 at 7 p.m., in person at the Coakley Middle School, 1315 Washington St. This forum will include a tour of the Coakley Middle School and on Thursday, March 24 at 7 p.m., via Zoom.

“We encourage Norwood residents to attend the upcoming forums to learn more about the project and ask questions or share feedback,” Norwood General Manager Tony Mazzucco said. “This is an important and impactful project for our community, and we want to make sure residents are well-informed on the process, what’s happened so far and the next steps.”

FAIRBANKS AND STUDENTS MARCH EXHIBIT

Art has sustained us through the pandemic. For many years the Norwood Art Association has been blessed to have Jonathan Leo Fairbanks as an active member and teacher. (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jonathan_Leo_Fairbanks)

The works on display for the month of March at the Walpole Public Library are from the students who have been working with him during COVID. In weekly classes members focus on their own work and are guided and critiqued. We hope you will go and enjoy the creative works of our local artists.

Work is on display in both the

community room and the lobby gallery.

Most works on display are available for sale by contacting each artist directly. Please consider supporting our local artists!

The Norwood Art Association is a non-profit organization founded in 1978. Our purpose is educating and enriching all interested in the fine arts. Our association has continued to thrive and grow its membership through the years. Interested in becoming a member? Please contact the Norwood Art Association at norwoodartassociation@gmail.com or message us on Facebook. Membership includes professional and non-professional artists as well as everyone interested in art. Membership is open to all and annual dues are twenty dollars.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPONSORING TWO 150th EVENTS

The Norwood Historical Society is sponsoring two Norwood 150 events in March, including a March 6th reception commemorating Massachusetts ratification of Norwood as a town on that day in 1872, and a March 15th book discussion of Mapping Norwood by Charles Fanning. The book discussion may be converted to a virtual meeting, as was done for the January book discussion.

If you are interested in attending a Norwood Historical Society event, contact the Society at

info@norwoodhistoricalsociety.org. The same address will also provide site information if the event is conducted by remote (e.g., Zoom) link.

Norwood 150 events comply with federal, state and local COVID requirements, as well as requirements set by the venue, if any.

WOMAN’S CLUB TO MEET MARCH 8

The Norwood Woman’s Club will be meeting on Tuesday, March 8, at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 572 Nichols St, Norwood Ma. We will be entertained by Roger Tincknell with a program titled From Ireland to America. A light lunch will be served. Guests are welcomed. Any questions please call Trina at 781-762-8173. Hope to see you there.

CHAMBER TO HOLD ITS 128TH ANNUAL MEETING

The Neponset River Regional Chamber is pleased to announce that it will hold its 128th Annual Meeting on Thursday, March 10th at 7:30 am at the Four Points by Sheraton in Norwood.

Guest speaker for the meeting is Mike Kennealy, Secretary of Housing and Economic Development for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Secretary has worked closely with Chambers of Commerce across the state throughout the pandemic to coordinate relief efforts for local businesses. It was through his office that Chamber was able to access

\$95,000 in grant funding to hold a “Regional Restaurant Week” and provide technical assistance to a number of small businesses in the region. Some of that work will be highlighted at the annual meeting.

The Annual Meeting will recognize member businesses for outstanding community involvement and support throughout the community. New board members and officers will also be elected at the meeting.

Cost to attend the event is \$30 for members (\$50 for non-members) and \$240 for a table of eight and includes a full breakfast. Reservations are required and can be made by visiting www.nrrchamber.com or calling 781-769-1126.

For information on membership or doing business in the region, please contact the Chamber at 781-769-1126, www.nrrchamber.com or tom@nrrchamber.com.

SENIORS CAN WORK OFF THEIR TAXES

The Town of Norwood provides opportunities for Norwood citizens over the age of 60 to reduce their property tax by volunteering in a town department. In 2021 the Town instituted a similar program for veterans in 2021. There is no age restriction for veterans. The Norwood Human Resources Department is currently accepting applications from interested seniors and veterans for FY23 tax year. Information regarding both programs can be found on the Town website at www.norwoodma.gov. Select the link for Volunteer Opportunities under the Human Resources Department. Information is also available by contacting Human Resources at 781-762-1240, ext. 6073 or by emailing HR@norwoodma.gov.

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