



Advocates are crying foul as Steward backs out of the plan to replace Norwood's lost psych beds with new programs in Brockton.

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## Norwood Hospital psych beds apparently not going to Brockton

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

Recently, the Steward Medical Group withdrew its determination of need (DON) documentation from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH).

At the time of publication, there has been no word if these beds will go to another facility, be reconfigured in Brockton or in Norwood, or anything. Steward has not responded to requests for comment from The Norwood Record.

When Norwood Hospital originally closed in 2020 due to the massive July flooding of that year, there were about 60 beds for psychiatric patients of varying ages. There are still no long-term beds planned for the re-

built hospital, but after members of the Norwood Behavioral Health Advocacy Group (NRBHAG) – a group of local psychiatric doctors and advocates – petitioned the hospital, representatives stated there would be 10 beds for “those in crisis” at the hospital for short-term stays.

According to the DPH, the plan for Steward to build about 60 beds in Brockton’s Good Samaritan Hospital has been withdrawn and that means that the proposed project in the DON is withdrawn and the DON process for it has ended.

Again, no word on if those beds will be located somewhere else.

NRBHAG member and psychiatrist Dr. George Sigel said this is both a broken promise

from Steward, as well as a serious issue for the DPH and, what he feels, is a lack of proper oversight powers.

“The DPH cannot require that a hospital has beds for certain sub-specialties; the joint commission can make sure that those beds and the other facilities supporting those beds are up to code,” he said. “Steward promised a better solution to the absence of psychiatric programming in Norwood through its DON for the program it was going to build in Brockton.”

That was in 2021, and Sigel said Steward used the Brockton plan to get approval for the removal of those services in Norwood. Norwood Hospital President Sal Perla said in a

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The Norwood School Committee recently discussed issues around the approved Elementary School study slated for this year.

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## Inertia causes School Committee friction

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee met recently and discussed the upcoming contract negotiations between the schools and elementary school study vendor AppGeo.

The study was approved at Town Meeting in May of 2023 and is a response to two circumstances in the elementary schools: first, they’re currently running out of room and second, the fact that the Coakley’s new building will, in the future, assume 5th graders, taking some of the pressure off the other elementary schools.

The study is designed to help with the short and long term implications of the above. The School Committee originally approved AppGeo to conduct the study. But member David Hiltz said there have been some delays, which Superintendent of Schools David Thomson said are due, at least in part, to the chang-

ing of the district’s business manager.

“We are working with the Town Purchasing Agent to get that contract finalized so we can start the study,” Thomson said.

School Committee member Teresa Stewart said either more progress should have been made or they should have been updated sooner.

“I do hear what everyone is saying and I fully understand how busy everyone is in all of our roles, but it is still frustrating that we approved the go ahead of that contract five weeks ago and it was told to us that it was going to be taken care of before Thanksgiving break. And although I understand that some things need to shift and timelines change – a timeline that was previously approved by us, that work was supposed to happen this month,” she said. “Meetings were supposed to

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## Norwood Trails kicks off 2024

**Bryant Jones**  
Staff Reporter

More than 30 resilient hikers came out on Jan. 1, despite the muddy conditions, for the Norwood Trails Advisory Committee’s (NTAC) Sixth Annual First Day Hike. Sponsored by the Norwood Masons and led by the NTAC, the “Pine Forest Trail” was explored starting behind the Castle Island Brewing Company on Morgan Drive, which is inside the Vanderbilt complex.

Warned of the muddy conditions, hikers wore boots to

explore this new two-mile trail. Still in development, the “Pine Forest Trail” may eventually be approximately four miles if three bridges are added that the Trails Committee has requested from the Town. In total, the Trails Committee has requested funding for 13 bridges that would be added to the whole network of trails.

The Pine Forest Trail will eventually be a part of a larger 17-mile system of trails the Trails Committee calls “The

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Dozens of residents braved the cold conditions on Monday for this year's annual Norwood First Day Hike off of Route 1.

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## If My Wife Claims Now, Will It Hurt My Social Security Amount?

**Dear Rusty:** I am 69 years old, and my wife turned 70 early this year. I am still working full time. My wife is not working, but she got a letter from Social Security saying she should take her Social Security as soon as possible.



**Russell Gloor**  
AMAC Certified Social  
Security Advisor

My question is: since my wife has reached her full retirement age, can she take her SS without it affecting mine when I claim? I plan to work at least another year, depending on how the economy goes (I may have to work longer if it doesn't get better). I have IRAs and a 401k to pull from when I retire.

**Signed:**  
Anxious Husband

**Dear Anxious:** The reason your wife received a letter from Social Security (SS) suggesting she claims now is because her benefit reached maximum some time ago at age 70. Thus, there is no reason for her to wait beyond age 70 to claim. By delaying past age 70 your wife is losing money so she should apply as soon as possible. I suggest your wife call Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 (or your local office) right away to request an appointment to apply for her benefits and she should be sure to request six months of retroactive payments (SS will pay up to 6 months retroactively). If your wife has a "my Social Security" online account, she can also apply online at [www.ssa.gov/apply](http://www.ssa.gov/apply), but she should be sure to request six months of retroactive benefits in the "Remarks" section of the online application. Because your wife is more than six months past age 70, getting 6 months retroactive benefits will not reduce her age 70 benefit amount. Nor will your wife claiming her benefits now negatively affect your Social Security when you later claim.

Even though you plan to continue working, likely beyond 70 years of age yourself, you should not wait beyond age 70 to claim for the same reason – your benefit will reach maximum when you are 70. You can apply for your benefits up to 4 months in advance, and specify you want

benefits to start in the month you turn 70. If you haven't already done so, you may wish to create your own "my Social Security" online account now at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount), which will make it easier for you to apply online at [www.ssa.gov/apply](http://www.ssa.gov/apply) when the time comes next year. Applying online is, by far, the most efficient way, but you need to have your online account set up first to do so.

Just so you know, there is no need to worry that you won't get credit for work income earned after you have applied for your benefits. Even after you are collecting benefits, Social Security will automatically review your earnings each year when that info is received from the IRS (after you file your income tax return). If your most recent earnings are higher than those in any of the 35 years of lifetime earnings used to calculate your benefit when you claim, Social Security will automatically increase your monthly payment amount. In other words, you shouldn't delay past age 70 to claim Social Security because you're working – you'll still get credit for those earnings, automatically.

So, I suggest that your wife take fast action to apply for her Social Security benefits to avoid losing any more money, and that you plan to apply for your benefits to start when you turn 70. There is no financial advantage to waiting beyond age 70 to claim, even if you continue working.

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Residents young and old were able to explore the forests of Norwood and, hopefully, find something they've never seen before.

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Tyot Trail," or alternatively "The Tiot Trail." This was the indigenous people's name for the area that became Norwood.

Trail Committee Chairman Joe Greeley explained that all the information on the trails is also on their Trails Committee website.

"This is the sixth Annual Norwood New Year Hike," he said. "We try to shake it up and visit a different trail each time. Our committee is all volunteer and many are here today. All our meetings are open to the public and we report to the Town Manager. It was originally challenging to find trails as we asked Norwood residents where they thought the best hiking trails were. No one seemed to know so the Trails Committee has been exploring to find these best trails. The trail we're following today is about half of what it eventually will be. If it wasn't

for exploration, where would we be?"

Hikers encountered two small waterfalls, picturesque streams and tributaries, and a fairly dense pine forest that gives this trail its name. Several downed trees were freshly cut by the beavers along the more than eight wetlands and swamps that surrounded the trail.

There were several children along for the hike including two 5-year-olds who appeared to especially enjoying the hike. Norwood resident Shawn Fisher said, "I think it's just lovely to get out with people from the Town to explore our greenspaces and open spaces."

Hiker and resident Carol Clough chimed in, "It's a beautiful day. This is a new trail for me, I had fun." Hiker and committee member Chris Wristen said, "I loved the hike today, it's been great to see this trail de-

velop since we first brought people to the Pine Forest Trail this past May."

The NTAC assists Norwood General Manager Tony Mazzucco and other Town officials in educating, exploring, and encouraging the use of existing trails, and the development of future trail networks in Norwood.

The stated goals of the the Norwood Trails Committee are: Educating the community on available multi-use trail locations and conditions. Exploring partnerships with organizations and businesses, in the Norwood area and beyond. Encouraging community groups and individuals to enjoy the natural beauty of Norwood

For more information and to look at the NTAC meeting schedule, go to <http://tinyurl.com/mtpykfv4>

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Residents generally come out to support the Norwood Concert Committee and its offerings no matter what time of year it is.

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# Winter Concerts coming up

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Concert Committee announced its lineup for the Winter Concert Series this month for the 2024 New Year. This year, committee member Bob Donnelly said they are welcoming back some old favorites including three big swing bands and one Irish Celtic band. All concerts will be at the

Norwood High School auditorium at 245 Nichols St. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The bands scheduled include the Compaq Big Band on Jan. 28, the Silver Spears on Feb. 4, Dan Gabel & the Abletones on Feb. 11 and the SOS Big Band on Feb. 18. Donnelly said the Silver Spears are favorite for summer concerts. This will be their first Winter Concert. "They've played

Summerfest a number of times. It's been a few years but they've played at least three or four times, if not more," he said. Donnelly said typically the focus of the Winter Concerts has been on big bands and swing bands, like SOS, the Abletones and Compaq, but said they wanted to shake it up this year (and not move their upper body at all while dancing, if possible). "The committee thought we should try to do something a bit different from the last two years," he said. "Last year, for example, we had Acoustic Fire, which was a male and female guitar duo. That was definitely not swing music, and this year we thought we'd do something different again. Silver Spears

really fit the bill; we've had them before, we know them, and it might be a bit of an opportunity to have a little St. Patrick's celebration five or so weeks earlier than we normally would."

Donnelly said the Silver Spears perform a lot of traditional Irish and Celtic music, but also incorporate a good deal of modern and country music into their repertoire.

"We're looking forward to Silver Spears definitely, and the rest of them too," he said. "We've got Dan Gabel and the Abletones, a band that comes back every Winter Concert. They're a fine band, really good, Dan and his lead singer Kimberly are just great. We're also considering Dan for the Wednesday night concerts this summer as well because they have a smaller ensemble that also tours."

Donnelly said while they will continue the free raffle during the intermission of each show – with gift certificates and sponsored prizes from local businesses available – they will not have a coffee/hot chocolate break this year. He said they just don't have the time for a full half-hour intermission. There will be a 15-minute intermission, so it's BYOHC&C for this slate of shows.

"It's a free raffle and it's good PR for the merchants at half-time," he said. "For a number of reasons, we're just not going to have the coffee and hot chocolate session in the cafeteria, mainly because between the raffle and the coffee and hot chocolate distribution, we're losing almost a half-hour of musical time."

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# OPINION

## I'm the Dinosaur

Back at the November 2023 Special Town Meeting members were deeply engrossed in the details of Article 3 which stated – MOVED: That the Town vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Norwood by deleting ARTICLE XVII (Permanent Building Construction Committee [PBCC]) in its entirety, and replacing it with a new proposed By-Law, as printed in the Warrant, less the phrase “Or take any other action in the matter.”

Selectmen Chair Matt Lane explained that due to the creation of the Facilities Department in the spring of 2020 the PBCC had not been assigned projects since then not because they weren't qualified or ready to do so, but because the Facilities Department had taken on more responsibilities and, due to other legitimate realities, the amendment would leave it to the discretion of the Town Manager, Town Meeting, etc., to determine the best way to move forward with future projects as opposed to the PBCC being the go to source of management. The amendment made sense.

The explanations of the amendment were on point, accolades for the PBCC were then rightfully forthcoming and a vote was about to be taken. However, just at the point of the vote a hand was raised well in the back of the auditorium (why people choose to sit way in the back is beyond explanation, it's not like the front seats are crammed, but that's beside the point). Town Moderator Gerri Slater called on a younger looking person (I dare not conjecture that this person was a woman) who asked that the language of the amendment be changed to be gender neutral. This person was then asked to repeat what this person said, ostensibly because the people in the front couldn't hear this person, but the guess at this address was that it was more out of incredulity that such a request was made in the first place. The woman sitting directly behind her (yes, I'm risking being cancelled by referring to this woman as a woman cuz, you know, she looked like a woman) certainly had no problem hearing this person since she was clearly shaking her head in disbelief that TM's time was being taken up with such nonsense (at least nonsense to me since I'm, you know, a dinosaur).

After this person repeated her question Moderator Slater searched frantically for someone to handle the request at which point Selectman Bill Plasko stepped up with a look of confusion on his face and stated that the amendment was gender neutral, pointing out the language of “his or her” expressed in the amendment (Welcome to the Dinosaur Club Bill!).

This person pointed out to Dinosaur Plasko that “his and her are gendered” and should be replaced with “their” which includes “other people.” At that point Dinosaur Plasko shook his head like “yeah right, I get it now” and shrugged it off suggesting the lunacy of the request.

This writer has, on more than one occasion, made it clear that the “other people” this person was referring to are either dealing with mental health issues or are narcissists in need of constant attention. I own that position and will never back down from it. I support Gay, Trans and all others wishing to be or express themselves in any fashion they wish as long as they don't deny science. Those “others” demanding people respect their gender fluidity ask too much. And when they or their designees disrupt important business, like a Town Meeting, to make their points they do so knowing full well it's counterproductive, which is perhaps their objective to begin with.

It is believed that the person who raised the gender issue at Town Meeting has been appointed to the committee in search of a new school superintendent. To those of us within the dinosaur community the biggest priority for any new superintendent should be improvements in reading, writing and arithmetic. Yes, we recognize the importance of promoting diversity, equity and inclusion (hey, we embraced Barney on kids TV didn't we?) and believe some candidates possess the qualities necessary to do so while at the same time preparing our kids for the rigors of post high school education and life.

Let's hope there are enough dinosaurs on the committee to uphold our priorities.

Dennis Cawley

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## ONE IN A MILLION

Now hold this thought: in 1991 a United Airlines commuter jet crashed in Colorado Springs, and though there were no survivors, not everyone on board was killed in the crash. Got that?

I sat in George's Place—today another fine South Norwood establishment lost in the river of time—with Rusty Tobin, Paul Lydon, and Billy Barrett. We were telling stories, and I turned to tell Rusty of the incredible coincidence I experienced on the road that past summer. But before I relate that, let me say this: Rusty Tobin is a fine bespectacled fellow, interesting and interested. He was one of the great unsung defensemen in Norwood hockey history, but today also known for something quite different. Rusty once bought a lottery ticket in Pam's Market on Pleasant Street worth \$7.5 million dollars.

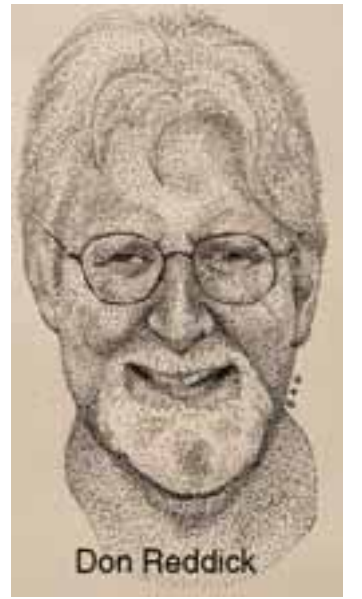
I turned to tell Rusty Tobin—now a well-traveled Rusty Tobin—what happened in Fife, Washington. I had been on vacation in Dallas with family, and had flown home on a Monday morning, expecting to enjoy the remainder of the week off. But as can happen, a job was called in and I was requested, after flying much of the day, to proceed immediately to Seattle, Washington. I promptly repacked my bag, grabbed my toolbox, called a cab, and made it as far as Minneapolis, where I missed my connection. I caught the first flight to Seattle the following morning, drove directly to the plant and finished out Tuesday working.

Normally a Holiday Inn guy, I fell exhausted in the nearest available hotel, a Comfort Inn, located in the

town of Fife. The next day I returned to the hotel at lunchtime for a much-needed nap. I then got up, walked out my door, and had taken five steps down the hallway when the door I was passing opened. Out of the corner of my eye I glimpsed a fractional profile of a man looking back into his room—and froze in my tracks. I turned to face the man as he emerged from his room—only to freeze at the sight of me. We stood staring for several seconds, which is a long time for two men to stand ten feet apart in an otherwise vacant hotel hallway, staring at one another. I broke the silence: “Gordy?”

I had not seen him in over a year. He lived in Connecticut and I in Massachusetts. I had no idea of his vacation plans in Washington state; he was obviously unaware of my flying to Seattle in an emergency. I stared as my brother answered, “Donny?” A remarkable moment of complete astonishment; Gordy called his wife, who screamed when she saw me. Over dinner we marveled at the impossibility of calculating the odds of my walking by his door the exact moment he opened it. We agreed had it not happened, we would never have known we had rooms virtually across from one another in the same hotel.

Rusty Tobin, Paul Lydon, and Billy Barrett shook their heads in wonder at the story. Then Paul said, “That's incredible, why, the odds of that are like winning the lottery.” To which we all slowly turned toward Rusty and enjoyed an even greater laugh. You see, my one in a million meant running into my brother three thousand miles from home in Fife, Washington, while one in a million to Rusty meant \$7.5 million bucks. If I did not know what



happened on that United Airlines commuter flight in Colorado Springs, I might think it unfair, despite the life-long story I now tell.

But I know what happened on that ill-fated flight. No one survived, yet the crash did not kill everyone on board. For in the baggage compartment of that plane was the body of an unfortunate who had died in a car accident in Los Angeles. His body was being flown home for burial. Days earlier this fellow was like you or I, perhaps laughing and swapping stories with friends in a local bar over a few beers. So I'll never complain that my one in a million may not appear as good as the next guy's one in a million, for this young man, in a matter of days, not only lost his life in a car accident—statistically one in millions—but then boarded a plane destined to crash, leaving no survivors. What are the odds of that?

It was so good to see my brother.

“Don Reddick is a writer from Norwood. He can be reached at donreddick534@gmail.com”

## NFD cleans out for 2024

Members of the Norwood Fire Department kicked off the new year with a deep cleaning session to bring the station up to snuff. Local 1631 reported responding to more than 6,800 calls in 2023, and state they wanted to thank the community for its continued support.

PHOTO BY NORWOOD FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 1631



# \$500K grant for Hawes Pool

The Healey-Driscoll Administration recently announced \$13 million for park improvements and open space acquisitions across Massachusetts, including \$500,000 for the proposed Hawes Pool replacement.

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs' (EEA) is awarding Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC), Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND), and Conservation Partnership grants that will support 40 communities. The three programs will help municipalities and land trusts protect land for future generations by conserving 222 acres of land and improving 18 parks in environmental justice communities. "Actively investing in open space projects will make our parks more resilient and adaptable to climate change while providing quality and accessible open spaces in environmental justice communities," said Governor Maura Healey. "We are dedicated to supporting green infrastructure investments in partnership with municipalities and land trusts. These funds will provide beautiful open spaces for residents to enjoy and recreate across Massachusetts."

The Hawes Pool grant is

part of the PARC grant applications and Town Meeting approved the Town's application for this grant back at the November Town Meeting in a unanimous vote. For more information on the specific renovation, go to <http://tinyurl.com/3rtnddcr>

"Accessibility to the state's natural resources is critical to the health and well-being of all our residents," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "Our collaboration through the PARC, LAND, and Conservation Partnership Grant Programs with communities and land trusts provides families with open spaces to enjoy the outdoors together." The PARC Grant Program was established in 1977 to assist cities and towns in acquiring and developing land for park and outdoor recreation. Meanwhile, the LAND Grant Program was established in 1961 to assist municipal conservation commissions in acquiring land for natural resource protection and passive outdoor recreation. Lastly, the Conservation Partnership Grants provide funding to assist non-public, not-for-profit organizations in acquiring interests in lands suitable for conservation or recreation. "Every community deserves access to safe and beau-

tiful green spaces, especially environmental justice communities," said EEA Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "These spaces also need to be resilient as weather becomes more extreme. The Healey-Driscoll Administration is committed to investing in outdoor recreational spaces and parks that are well equipped to handle extreme weather events across Massachusetts." There are two categories of PARC grants: the Small-Town grant category for towns with less than 35,000 residents, with a maximum grant award of \$100,000, and a separate category for cities and towns with more than 35,000 residents, which has a \$500,000 grant award maximum.

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# School Comm. Friction *continued from page 1*

certs were handled by separate committees, and this worked for a while. But the Board of Selectmen approved a request in 2021 to combine the committees.

“We are one committee now for all concerts, and that includes all three summer series – the Carrillon Concerts, the Summerfest Concerts and the Sunday Concerts – plus the Winter Concerts,” Donnelly said, adding that the combination of committees has been pretty seamless so far. “It’s worked out well. With the Wednesday and Sunday concerts there are a lot of logistics required and we have a small group of volunteers. So the fact that the summer concerts have united under one committee, it means we’re all working together on all three concerts.”

Donnelly added that most concerts have been running pretty smoothly and that’s because they have a great team of committee members and volunteers.

“We’ve got good volunteer coverage now, particularly the ones that require a lot of work,” he said. “The Carillon Concerts are a bit easier. (Town of Norwood Official Carillonneur) Lee Leach is part of our team too, and he does a great job booking those concerts, which just by their nature have fewer logistical issues associated with them. There is no need for sound equipment or lights on the Common or anything like that. Rain or shine, those concerts happen because they’re inside the bell tower.”

Donnelly said despite the core team of volunteers and the committee members, new members are always encouraged to step in.

“At some point people move on and we want to make sure we have new volunteers who know the system, know the details, get familiar with how we book the artists we have,” he said.

To put your hat in the ring for the committee, you can sign up at the Talent Bank website and type in the Concert Committee, as well as sign up for any other volunteer position for the Town. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/57pntr82> to sign up.

happen and certain data collection was already supposed to have started.”

Stewart said she would at least like a better 'heads up' before such changes are made.

“If things are changing, I just need to know what is the new timeline, and part of this is because we are going into budget season,” she said. “Anne Marie (Mazzolla) and I will be in many meetings with the Finance Commission and with the Budget Balancing Committee, where we’ve spent a lot of time advocating for what is needed for the schools. This was a warrant article we advocated for, successfully, and it’s uncomfortable for me to go back in a few weeks and not be able to talk about why we’re behind. That is a very uncomfortable position to put me into.”

Thomson added that the current interim schools business manager is still adjusting to their duties, as well as the fact that the vendor, AppGeo, has already been sent the contract but hasn’t responded, at least at the time of the meeting.

“It is in process and when we have that conversation, I’m going to pushing for a similar end date, but, again, I’m hoping that we can have that contract signed so we can have that conversation sooner rather than later, but I can’t answer, ‘What is the timeline going

to be?’ until they are on board,” he said.

Hiltz reiterated that they were working to have the contract finalized at which point the elementary subcommittee members would meet and discuss the results and start forming an action plan. Stewart pointed out that wasn’t the procedure outlined in the original action plan.

“That’s not what it said on objective 2 of the action plan, so maybe everybody should go look at that again,” she said.

“I will just say, I hear that, but things come up and we need to allow for flexibility. It’s hard because we’ve just listed all the things that have happened, and I know you’re not trying to make it personal but it feels personal when you say we’re not doing our job after we’ve explained what has happened, the obstacles we have faced and how we’re moving forward,” Hiltz said. “But we will take that request, I will reach out to Kate (Sibbing-Dunn, the other chair of the elementary subcommittee) and we will have that by Friday.”

“I do not mean this to be personal, but I cannot do my job on the budget subcommittee if other pieces of things don’t come together and I’m just candidly telling you, I feel very uncomfortable going into the BBC and the

FinCom if I cannot answer questions,” she said. “I will justify if things need to change, but I need to understand why and I need to feel confident that there is a plan going forward.”

School Committee Chair Joan Giblin asked Stewart when the next BBC meeting is so that the School Committee can have information prepared beforehand.

“This is part of the frustration too, I do not know,” Stewart said. “We were supposed to meet with the BBC in December but certain members did not want to meet then. The FinCom and School Committee are now pushing for a meeting in early January. So I’m just trying to get us all prepared for those discussions and, unfortunately, what’s going to probably need to happen, because we’re a little behind, is weekly meetings for all of January and February.”

Giblin asked that Stewart email members once she has a concrete meeting date for the FinCom and BBC. She said she already includes such information in memos.

Giblin asked that Stewart take special attention to “poke” Thomson and Hiltz on elementary study-specific updates.

“I can do that,” Stewart said. The next school committee meeting is scheduled for Jan. 10.

# Psych Beds *continued from page 1*

statement to The Record in the fall of 2023 that “Steward Health Care is optimizing its behavioral health treatment program by transferring its comprehensive inpatient psychiatric services from Norwood Hospital to a unit being built at Good Samaritan Medical Center.” He did say at the time that patients coming to Norwood Hospital by emergency medical transport will still be evaluated by a mental health professional.

According to Sigel, “Now, with the state having granted Steward the permission to go ahead, they’ve withdrawn one of the conditions that is in the first DON, referencing a

memorandum they wrote where they promised to develop these programs in the Brockton area,” he said.

The memorandum is from the DPH staff to their commissioner, and it can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/mruv9t3d>. The portion Sigel referenced specifically stated that “the Holder shall replace the 61 inpatient psychiatric beds listed on the Norwood Hospital license by licensing and operationalizing at least 61 new inpatient psychiatric beds at another hospital facility or campus in Massachusetts no later than December 31, 2022, or another date agreed upon by the DoN program and EOHHS.”

The Norwood DON was approved in August of 2021, with the understanding that Brockton would take the weight of psych beds from Norwood Hospital based on its license for 61 beds. The memorandum itself also states the importance of mental health care in the country and the state: “The shortage of inpatient psychiatry beds has long been experienced in Massachusetts, and has been exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic.” (The memorandum referenced an article to support this which can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/ya4wupnk>).

“It’s a national crisis,” Sigel

said. “Everywhere you go there are articles about mental health and the serious crisis being posed today with the broken delivery of care, Pre-hospital and post-hospital. It’s why emergency rooms are being utilized: because they’re there, and they’re open... So back to the very beginning, a ‘New hospital, same commitment,’ is long gone.”

Brookline psychologist Dr. Bruce Mermelstein said this was another example of a trend in a lack of investment and care for mental health services, both in Massachusetts and the United States as a whole.

“It is tremendously disappointing, upsetting and frustrating,” he said. “This is just another example of the low priority that mental

health care services are viewed, and not just in our state.”

Mermelstein pointed to an article in The New York Times (<http://tinyurl.com/2p9rmew3>) detailing how Rikers Island has become a de facto mental health facility, and that there is a large number of mentally ill prisoners across the country.

“Why?” he asked. “Take a wild guess. They don’t have the beds. So instead, they end up in prison. And here we are in this state with the system that has allowed a for-profit company to bamboozle them – and that’s my characterization. They will say definitely not so, but it was a shell game moving the pea around in the walnut shells, and the end result is there are now no 61 beds.”

### Public Hearing Notice Norwood Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on January 22, 2024 at 7:00 PM** on the request of David Spiegel with respect to property located at **Carnegie Row (Map 15 Block 11 Lots 22 & 43), Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **Boston Providence Highway (BPH) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 as well as via remote participation:  
<https://meet.google.com/mhu-ifvs-njz>  
You can also dial in using your phone:  
United States: +1 401-646-2388  
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The Applicant requests to renew a **Major Project Special Permit** originally approved 12/3/2012, 11/9/15, 12/18/17, 12/2/19, and 8/20/21 for open lot storage of 218 vehicles.

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

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Planning Board and may be requested by emailing [comdev@norwoodma.gov](mailto:comdev@norwoodma.gov) or by calling 781-762-1240 ext. 6055, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Holly Jones, Asst Director, Community Development

Norwood Record: 12/28/23, 01/04/24

### TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on February 6, 2024 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Darryl Woods with respect to property located at **170 Nichols St (Map 2 Block 23 Lot 2), Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **General Residence (G) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/xsu-pnjz-wua>  
Or dial: (US) +1 941-254-1160 PIN: 402 158 920#

This Application requests a **Variance**, under Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 5.3, to reconstruct a storage shed on a concrete slab. The previous storage shed dimensions were 12'x 8' and located 5' from the property line. The proposed storage shed would be 14'x10' and situated 6' from the property line.

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

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

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—V.C.

# Deaths

**BROWN**



Heather, 54 years old, of Mansfield, passed away on December 27, 2023 surrounded by her husband, children, and family. She was born on April 2, 1969 in Concord New Hampshire. Heather is the Beloved Daughter of the late Camilla Bracy DiMartino and Kenneth Davis of Prescott, Arizona. She is also the beloved daughter of Kenneth's wife, Patricia Davis, of Prescott, Arizona. Heather is survived through one sibling, Michelle Davis-Cameron of Gilroy, California. Her legacy lives on through her three children, Patrick Brown, 29, of Mansfield Massachusetts, Shannon Brown, 27, of Mansfield Massachusetts, and Kaitlyn Brown, 20, of Mansfield Massachusetts. Additionally, she is survived by her friends and extended family, including many nieces and nephews. Most of all she is survived by her husband and love of her life, Kevin Brown of Mansfield, Massachusetts. After meeting at the age of 16, they were married May 16, 1992 and spent 31 beautiful years together. Kevin loved Heather to the fullest, and eventually became her full-time caregiver as her illness progressed. He truly has taught us the meaning of the vow "in sickness and in health." Heather's extended family included her friends and colleagues at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, where she worked for almost 35 years. She graduated St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing in May of 1991 and worked at St. Elizabeth's for the entirety of career. She worked in many different areas, but her favorite place to work was in the Intensive Care Unit. She was a nurse that advocated for her patients and treated them with dignity, respect, and kindness. She was incredibly intelligent and strong enough to care for the sickest of patients in the hospital. Always with copious notes in hand, her clipboard full of notecards, white lined paper, and a purple pen. Heather's favorite place was in her backyard, sitting on her deck in the chair Kevin made for her, surrounded by her family. Having a close family was important to Heather and her

family will cherish the time she was able to give them forever. Heather's presence will be deeply missed by all that knew her. Her caring spirit, contagious laughter, and unconditional love will be in our hearts forever. Services for Heather were held in the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

**CHICOINE**



Helen, loving mother, dedicated educator and community volunteer passed away on December 28 at the age of 94. She was born on October 1, 1929 in Medford MA, to William and Helen Hollis. Helen was a strong willed, never give up, "don't tell me what to do" kind of woman. With one child in college and five more still at home, she enrolled in college, studying nights and weekends, and earned her teaching degree from Fairly Dickenson University. She impacted the lives of thousands of children teaching fifth grade in Westwood for 28 years. An avid reader, Helen served on the Westwood Library, Board of Trustees. She also worked many years as a volunteer patient advocate, at Norwood Hospital. Helen was preceded in death by her daughter Denise Chicoiné. She is survived by five children: Triss Turner (Russ), Weymouth MA, Bill Chicoiné (Kathy), Old Orchard Beach, ME, Mark Chicoiné, Atlanta, GA, Michelle Tapsell (Charlie), Germantown, TN and Regina Haire (Frank), Plainville, MA. She is also survived by twelve grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild and her sister Madelyn Barry, Lynnfield, MA. Visitation in the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rt. 1A) NORWOOD on Saturday January 6, 2024 from 10 AM - 12 PM, followed immediately by a Celebration Of Life at 12 Noon.

**CONNORS**



Mary A "Mimi" - of Humarock, formerly of Norwood, passed away peacefully on December 25, 2023 at the age of 88. Beloved wife of the late Robert Connors. Devoted mother of John Chisholm and his wife Donna of Norfolk, Kathy Gagne and her husband Dave of Wrentham, Jerry Chisholm and his wife Terri of Norwood, Maribeth Munro and her husband Tom of Norwood, and Lisa Romine and her husband Ted of Longwood, FL. Step mother to the late Besa Connors. Loving sister of Patty Hayes of Deerfield Beach FL, and the late Janet Kowalcik of Norwood. Aunt to Tiffany Kowalcik of Sharon. Cherished grandmother to, Michael, Samantha, James, Sarah, Robert, Ryan, Tommy, Melissa, Stephen, Nicole, Sam, Maddie and great grandmother to, Rory, Bryn and Hugh. Mimi was born and raised in Norwood. She moved to Humarock over 45 years ago with her husband Bob (Pepe). They enjoyed the beach and were snowbirds going to Florida in the winter. Mimi loved to spend time with family and friends. She was a member of the Marshfield Yacht Club where she would go most late afternoons to see her friends. She was known to play music, dance and loved to have fun. Mimi enjoyed playing golf and her claim to fame was her hole-in-one at Bayberry CC on Cape Cod. She was a people person and everyone loved being around her infectious personality. Services will be private. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Mimi's memory to All American Assisted Living, 30

**Deaths**

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**Obituary Policy**

The The Norwood Record publishes obituaries from information supplied by funeral homes. Relatives and friends also may supplement information by e-mailing to news@norwoodrecord.com by Monday at 1 p.m. Photos also will be accepted.



**FURLONG**

Colonel Thomas Gerard Furlong, 78, of Gorham, Maine died peacefully at the Maine Veterans' Home in Scarborough, Maine, on December 22, 2023 with his beloved wife, Barbara, by his side. He was born on January 30, 1945 in Norwood, Massachusetts, eldest son of Thomas Daniel Furlong and Natalie Clancy Furlong. As a youth, he served as an altar boy at Saint Catherine of Sienna Church where he also attended grade school. He went on to Saint Sebastian's Country Day School in Newton where he furthered his passion for football, hockey, and baseball. Meanwhile, he took great pride in working in his family's business, Furlong's Candies and Ice Cream in Norwood. He graduated from Providence College in 1966 as a commissioned Marine Corps officer with a Bachelor's degree in Economics. From there, he trained for one year at the Marine Base in Quantico, Virginia, before shipping off to Vietnam in 1967. As a Second Lieutenant, he led his Battalion through the harrowing shelling and ground attacks at Con Thien, an exposed position also known as a virtual "meat grinder" and "Hell on the Hill of Angels." Many years later he would receive letters from his "boys" thanking him for his bravery and leadership. After Tom's passing it was learned from his Military DD214 report that Tom had earned numerous medals of achievement, including the Presidential Citation which was only awarded to ten Marine units throughout the entire Vietnam War for bravery in combat. Sergeant David Hobbs served with Tom and shared that Tom led his troops from the front without fear and with great professionalism. Tom remained in the Marine Corps for 20 years. He served on active duty in Washington D.C. and later rose to the rank of "Colonel" while commanding the base in Weymouth, Massachusetts. Thomas established himself in his civilian career in the transportation industry, thereby earning awards for his distinguished service. In 1996, he met and married "the love of his life," Barbara Condikey-Furlong. They lived in Lakeville, Massachusetts before moving to Maine, a cherished place, replete with childhood memories of canoeing adventures with his father. Tom was a devoted father to his children, James Matthew Furlong and Paige Elizabeth Furlong. He loved his children and grandchildren beyond measure. He and Barbara attended many Marine Corps reunions and grandchildren's ball games. An avid runner, Tom completed several Marine Corps and Boston Marathons. He was a devoted Red Sox fan. Beyond his many accomplishments, Tom was best known for being "the nicest guy on earth." He was one tough Marine with a soft touch: humble, compassionate, and extremely polite. If ever there was "An Officer and a Gentleman," Colonel Furlong was it. Thomas was predeceased, as a young boy, by his brother, Matthew Furlong; his parents Natalie and Thomas Furlong; and his sister, Judith Thistle. In addition to his wife Barbara, he is survived by his son, James Matthew Furlong and his wife Tara; his daughter, Paige Elizabeth Furlong, and her husband Tim Beland; his grandchildren, Lieutenant Jonathan, Matthew, Colleen, and Jordan Furlong; and Kaelyn Beland. He also leaves behind his sisters, Natalie Emerson, Jane Rawley, and Marcia Fowler and many beloved nieces and nephews. "Tommy" will be missed for being the epitome of what a big brother should be. His family will remember him most for having his boots on the ground, and his heart on his sleeve. Visiting hours will be on January 5th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Roberts and Sons Funeral Home, 30 South Street, Foxboro, Massachusetts 02035. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on January 6th at 10 a.m. at Saint Mary's Church, 58 Carpenter Street, Foxboro, Massachusetts. A full military burial will follow at Highland Cemetery in Norwood, Massachusetts. Contributions to Thomas's memory may be made to The Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17 Chicago, IL 60601.



# Morrill Library Events

Registration is required and free for all events below unless otherwise indicated. Sign up at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IN NORWOOD

The Morrill Memorial Library is partnering with the Town of Norwood and the Neponset River Watershed Association to offer a presentation about stormwater management in Norwood on Wednesday, January 17 at 7:00pm in the Simoni Room.

Join NepRWA Green Infrastructure Specialist, Anna Yie; Norwood Assistant Director of Community Development, Holly Jones; and Stormwater Utility Committee member, Alan Slater,

as they discuss the impacts of climate change on stormwater and the changes we can expect to see locally.

Stormwater is the rain and snowmelt that flows off of roofs and pavements into pipes that discharge to waterways and wetlands. Many of those pipes were built in the 1920s and 1930s—when jazz was popular, the 19th Amendment gave women the right to vote, commercial radio took off, Charlie Chaplin delighted cinemagoers... and Norwood had more streetcars and less cars, more swamps and wetlands and less parking lots. Back then, Norwood's storms were not usually as big, and big storms were not as frequent, as they are today—and as we expect to see in the future. Norwood now contends with stormwater pipes and

other infrastructure that just isn't big enough. Our pipes also don't do all the good things that the forests and swamps do, such as clean the runoff, store it, and help serve as a buffer for both floods and droughts. To be ready for the future, we have some catching up to do.

This presentation will cover some ideas we have about how we can act now to be ready for what may prove to be a stormy future. Discussion will include designs for stormwater improvement projects at the Savage Center and Cleveland School, as well as Norwood's proposed stormwater utility fee. A Q&A will follow the presentation.

**Registration is required for this in-person event. TRIVIA NIGHT!**

The Morrill Memorial Library is excited to challenge you to a

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department

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| <b>CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT</b>  | Docket No. NO22P0845EA  |
| Estate of: Barbara A. Sulfaro<br>Also known as:<br>Barbara Ann Sulfaro<br>Date of Death: 10/17/2021 | Norfolk Probate and Family Court<br>35 Shawmut Road<br>Canton, MA 02021<br>(781) 830-1200 |

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by: **Kathleen A. Fitzgerald of Norwood, MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**


You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/24/2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Witness, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.  
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Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

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Ledgeview Way, Wrentham, MA 02093 c/o Melissa Brown, Rose Lane.

## LINDSEY

Audrey P. (Dailey), of Norwood passed away suddenly on Wednesday December 20, 2023 at age 76. Born in Maryland, she was a daughter of the late Raymond and Audrey (Brooks) Dailey. Audrey was the beloved wife of the late Paul F. Lindsey, Sr., and the devoted mother of Paul F. Lindsey, Jr. and his fiancée, Lauren Turchan of Norwood. She was the proud grandmother of Lorelei Lindsey of Norwood. She was the sister of Raymond Dailey and his wife Kim of MD, Rosalind Dailey of Norwood, Andrea and her husband Melvin Thomas, Elmer Dailey, Lisa and her husband Rick Williams, and Lori Potts all of MD, and the late Sandra Dailey, Edna Butler, and Robin Smith. She is survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements were made with Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. A Funeral Service was held in St. John's Church, Roxbury on Thursday December 28. Interment was private.


## MINKEVITCH

STEPHEN M., lifelong resident of Norwood, passed away on December 25, 2023 at the age of 56. Beloved son of the late Joseph M. and Alice A. (McCarthy) Minkevitch. Stepson of Lois Minkevitch of Dudley. Loving brother of Patricia A. Ivatts and her husband Robert of Walpole and Cynthia "Cindy" L. Poshkus and her husband David of Newton Highlands. Cherished uncle of Morgan Ivatts, Bobby Ivatts, Geneva Poshkus and her husband Berkley Thimoteo, Tara Poshkus, Amelia Poshkus and Victoria Poshkus. Great uncle of Seria and Amara Thimoteo. Close friend of Nick Cannell of Norwood. Stephen was a 1985 graduate of Norwood High School. Family was everything to Stephen. Stephen worked at Casual Male for several years, however, music had always been his passion. His latest bands were Acoustic Army and Spunky Monkey. You could find Steve playing locally at the original Conrad's, the famous Lewis's and Napper Tandys or in Boston at the Bell in Hand, Purple Shamrock, or Coogans. Stephen was an entertainer at heart and loved playing his guitar and singing music in front family, friends, and crowds. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA 02062. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the National Kidney Foundation 209 West Central Street, Suite 207 Natick, MA 01760 [www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org)



## VARANO

ROCCO A. of Walpole, formerly of Norwood, passed away on December 19, 2023 at the age of 80. Beloved husband of the late Antoinetta Varano. Devoted father of Nicola "Nick" R. Varano and his wife Michelle of Lynnfield. Loving brother of Anna Compagnone and her husband Domenico of Walpole and the late Charlie Varano. Cherished grandfather of Nico and Marina. Adored uncle of Robert Compagnone, Nicholas Varano and Risa Varano. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. Burial will be held at a later date.

## Thank You Novenas

### For Favors or Prayers Answered

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| <p><b>Prayer to the Blessed Virgin</b><br/><i>(Never known to fail!)</i><br/>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.<br/><i>Grateful thanks. —K.B.</i></p> | <p><b>St. Jude's Novena</b><br/>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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.<br/><i>In gratitude for helping me. —J.H.</i></p> | <p><b>Miracle Prayer</b><br/>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.<br/><i>—D.J.</i></p> |
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# For the Record

## FRIENDS MONTHLY BALLROOM DANCE

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging will be sponsoring their monthly Ballroom Dance, on Friday, January 19th from 7-10 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood. Music will be provided by the D B Band and the cost is \$12.00 per person for your Ballroom Dancing pleasure. Coffee, tea, desserts & water are served & there are also door prizes. We look forward to welcoming newcomers of all ages.

There is a Facebook page so you can check the status of events offered by the Friends: Friends Of The Norwood Council On Aging | Facebook

## WOMAN'S CLUB FOOD DRIVE

On January 16th, between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m., the Norwood Woman's Club will be collecting the following items in the Knights of Columbus parking lot. 572 Nichols St. or will accept checks made out to the Norwood Food Pantry. Everyone is invited to stop by with a donation.

Items particularly in need of include instant mashed potatoes (13oz), instant rice, tea (black, green or herbal), coffee (instant, regular or decaf), jams/jellies, crackers (graham, Ritz, Townhouse, Triscuits, Saltines) white albacore tuna or small canned chicken, pasta (ziti, penne, elbows, spaghetti etc) pasta sauce (tomato, marinara, tomato basil etc.), oatmeal (small canisters- instant and old fashioned).

## MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP TO MEET

The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 16, at The Grange, 28 Rockwood Road (Route 115) in Norfolk, MA from 7-9 pm. Mask if you will.

Mental illness is a label for a variety of diseases of the brain. Often it strikes in late adolescence, devastating the afflicted person and the family. The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group is composed of such families who find mutual support and join together to advocate for their loved ones.

We welcome all families in the South Norfolk Area who are dealing with mental illness and their loved ones. For further information call Ray at 508-668-

## 2941. PARKWAY CONCERT ORCHESTRA - OPENINGS FOR ALL POSITIONS

Parkway Concert Orchestra is a 50 piece community orchestra under the musical direction of Thomas Kociela which performs classical and pops selections four to six times per year in multiple locations around the southwest suburbs of Boston. The orchestra rehearses on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 at First Congregational Church, 100 Winter Street, Norwood. The spring season begins on January 8, preparing for concerts on March 3 and May 5. There are openings for all positions with emphasis on violins, violas, bassoon, bass trombone, trumpet and percussion. Experienced volunteer musicians are invited to contact us to attend open rehearsal on January 8 to see if we are a good fit. Please call 781-444-5041 or email [parkwayconcertorchestra@gmail.com](mailto:parkwayconcertorchestra@gmail.com). For more information about the orchestra, visit the orchestra's web site at [www.parkwayconcertorchestra.org](http://www.parkwayconcertorchestra.org).

## YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SERIES

Superintendent David Thomson is pleased to announce that Norwood Public Schools has partnered with McLean Hospital for a series of online events focusing on youth mental health.

Implemented during the 2022-2023 school year, NHS Leaders in Youth Mental Health Parent Series is an ongoing series in partnership with McLean Hospital meant to provide caregivers with information and strategies to navigate raising children and providing mental health support for them.

The series will feature a guest appearance by various McLean practitioners.

### Events include:

Parenting in the Context of Anxiety: What Parents Need to Know to Support Their Children and Themselves: Jan. 17, from 9-10 a.m. Understanding Transgender and Non-Binary Youth: March 8, from 9-10 a.m. Understanding Pediatric Anxiety Disorders and OCD: March 22, from 12-1 p.m. Partnering with Schools for Services and Supports: April 5, from 9-10 a.m.

In addition to this series, Norwood High School partners with McLean Hospital for clinical consultations to best support student mental health needs, staff professional development, and a private parent mental health series on topics of interest to Norwood families.

## NORWOOD TOASTMASTERS CAN IMPROVE COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Norwood Toastmasters Club, a not-for-profit educational organization is well into its 25th year! We develop communication and leadership skills for our members and the community at every level of ability. Guests are always welcome to come and see just how we do it! Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. We meet from 6:45 until 8:30 p.m. at the Lydon Suite in the Norwood Civic Center, 165 Nahatan St. in Norwood, Massachusetts. Please visit our website: <https://norwoodtoastmastertostmastersclubs.org/> for additional information."

## VFW MEAT RAFFLE

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

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

The Norwood VFW is looking for new members. Veterans of the Gulf War, and personnel who have served overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan are welcome to visit the post at any time or come to one of the Monthly Meetings which are held on the Fourth Wednesday of each Month from September thru May (Except December).

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fun night of trivia on Tuesday, January 16 starting at 7pm in the Simoni Room of the Library!

Register as a team of up to 4 people, or really test your mettle and play solo. Questions will range widely in subject and increase in difficulty with each new round. Trivia questions are geared toward adults in content and challenge rating; this event is recommended for players 16 and older. We'll keep score over the course of the evening, but please note that we'll be playing for bragging rights only.

## SENSORY-FRIENDLY MOVIE FRIDAY

The Morrill Memorial Library is offering an in-person sensory-friendly movie on the 4th Friday of the month for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Join us for our Sensory-friendly Friday movie at the Library! This program will be held in-person in the Simoni Room on Friday January 26, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our January movie in the Sensory-friendly Friday movie series is Disney's Elemental, rated PG.

## SENSORY-FRIENDLY LEGO NIGHT FOR ADULTS

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with the L.E.A.D. program affiliated with Norwood High School to host a Sensory-friendly Lego Club for Adults. Our January Lego club meeting will be held in-person at the library on Thursday January 25, from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

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

## QIGONG CLASSES

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to announce a series of Qigong classes on four Thursday evenings in January with David Shoemson of 3 Body Healing Arts. The program is called 3 Body Qigong for Health and Healing and will take place from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm on January 4, 11, 18, and 25.

David will be teaching the attendees the practice of 3 Body Qigong. This form of Qigong helps to energize your body, mind and spirit. It has been known to reduce stress, depression, and negative emotions by improving the flow of energy in your body and quieting your mind. This 4-week series will include body tapping, meridian stretching, practicing/learning to feel energy, and music meditation/sound healing. Start the new year with a positive plan to improve your health and re-discover that peaceful place within.

The class will be standing and seated as well as on the ground so please bring a mat. Movements can be adapted to be done in the chair. Please arrive 5-10 minutes before class as we will begin at 6:30pm promptly.

**Separate registration is required for each session.**

## MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to launch Monday Movie Matinee, a film series starting on January 8. The series will run from January - May. The films will be shown on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 1PM. Movie dates are: 1/22, 2/12, 2/26, 3/11, 3/25, 4/22, 5/13. January movies are: A Man Called Otto (126 mins) and Asteroid City (105 mins).

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court**

**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE** **DOCKET No. NO23P3466EA**

**Estate of: Winifred B. Collins** **Norfolk Division**  
**Date of Death: September 17, 2023**

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate and, by Petition of **Petitioner John F. Collins, Jr. of Canton, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate **John F. Collins, Jr. of Canton, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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# MAZERI SALON

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Monday, December 25

1015 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Alden Dr Caller is a therapist to the female party above and she would like a well being check done on her client who made Q5 statements. She said that she "doesn't want to live, I won't kill myself on Christmas, but tomorrow is a new day" 661 called the female party several times and she did not answer. Dispatch produced 2 BOLOs over AW3 for the female party who is driving, Party placed under a section 12 and transported to NWH.

1220 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Caller reporting there are two people in his apartment that have been there since this morning. When asked if they broke in he stated no because he leaves his home unlocked. 663 reporting no one is in the apt and the units are requesting an evaluation on the calling party. Fire is en route. House is secure, male party thinks he is hallucinating, is going to hospital

1516 911 - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Berwick St Mid 60 YOM got out of his vehicle and started walking next to young lady asking sexual questions. Caller states that she told the man to leave her alone and he drove off towards Walpole St. Officers spoke with the reporting party, she had a picture of the plate...5VT223. Male party in car are GOA

Tuesday, December 26

0722 Phone - PD-Assist Fire Department Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Day St 32 y/o m request evaluation for mental health issues. Norwood 676 reports that party is being transported to Newton Wellesley. All units clear.

1158 Initiated - PD-Shoplifting Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Harbor Freight - Bos-Prov Hwy Norwood 668 reports he was stopped by employees while on foot patrol. They reported a shoplifter inside the store. Norwood 668 reports 1 in custody at this time. Arrest: Baker, Ashley E Address: 562 Broadway North Attleboro, Ma Age: 36 Charges: Shoplifting \$250+ By Concealing Mdse c266 §30A

1254 Phone - PD-Disturbance Transported to Hospital

Location/Address: Washington St Call on business line for a caller stating she has a no abuse order on a female party who is walking around her place of work. Party is wearing a purple jacket and blue jeans. Party also made Q5 statements saying she is going to jump in front of a train earlier and is known to carry a knife. Norwood 676 reports that female party is being transported to BI Needham. AR assigned, all units clear.

1424 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: - Davis Ave Caller on 911 reports a party struck him with their fist. Caller believes this party left area. BOLO given out over area wide 3 regarding the son striking the father.

1712 911 - PD-Disturbance Gone on arrival Location/Address: McDonalds - Broadway St Caller is the Manager at the location and only speaks Spanish. She has a group of 15 to 20 people that are making a mess, causing a disturbance and refusing to leave. Those juveniles are gone on arrival. Will be checking through the night to see if they return.

1919 Phone - PD-Mental Health Services Rendered Location/Address: Riverside Community Mental Health - Lenox St Section 12 for 61 year old female with Norwood Fire. Norwood fire is transporting.

2219 Phone - PD-Fireworks Spoke With Location/Address: Wilson Street Playground - Wilson St Report of 5-6 juveniles using fireworks from a neighbor who lives next door. Unable to get a description but reports they are still on scene there. Those juveniles have been spoken too. They deny using fireworks and there is no evidence of fireworks. They were listening to music loudly and they have been advised to keep noise level down and to move along.

Wednesday, December 27

0911 Phone - PD-Disturbance Peace Restored Location/Address: St Joseph Ave Caller states her 23 y/o son is verbally arguing with her and has locked her out of the home. No reported weapons, Verbal in nature between mother and son. They have calmed down and agreed to co-exist for the day.

0953 911 - PD-Mental Health Services Rendered Location/Address: Beacon Ave 34 y/o female making Q5 statements. Voluntary evaluation.

# Police Logs



Thursday, December 28

0145 Initiated - PD-Mental Health Report Follows Location/Address: Greenwich Rd Missing juvenile out of Norwood was found in Walpole when assisting in finding a missing juvenile out of Westwood. Officer bringing that juvenile back to Norwood now. Parents in Norwood were unaware that the juvenile was missing. Norwood fire is transporting. Juvenile Protective Custody Age: 14 Charges: Section 12

0242 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: - Prospect St 911 caller stating he is trying to repossess a vehicle and the RO husband is punching the vehicle and computer as well as the RP 1115 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Shaw's Supermarket - Nahatan St Caller is the manager at the above location and states there is an unwanted female party in the Starbucks. Female has been identified and moved along. Units clear.

1623 Phone - PD-Larceny/Forgery/Fraud Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Citizens Bank - Bos-Prov Hwy Party in the bank attempting to cash one fraudulent check. Tall B/M blonde/black long hair wearing Black jacket black pants black shirt. 666 stating the male party took off on foot to Sumner and then to Rt1, suspect is now in custody. Arrest: Fortune, Gage E Address: 30 Bower St Boston, Ma Age: 20 Charges: Utter False Check Attempted Larceny Forgery of Check

2118 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller on the business line reporting a party in a Black Jeep, nearly struck the calling parties vehicle. Calling party stated the male party operating the jeep is possibly intoxicated. Norwood 665 requesting tow, Don and Wally's en route. Norwood 665 reports male party

in custody, returning to the station. Don and Wally's has possession of that vehicle, all units clear. Arrest: Carroll, James Address: 408 Norwest Dr Apt. #4 Norwood, Ma Age: 52 Charges: OUI-Liquor OR .08%, 2nd Offense Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle A&B On Police Officer

2208 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Wickham Way 911 Caller reports she was assaulted by her friend. Caller reports incident occurred at a different location. Norwood 661 reports a fight between 2 friends, parties have been advised, all units clear.

Friday, December 29

1247 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Animal Control Notified Location/Address: Central Chrysler Jeep & Dodge - Bos-Prov Hwy Report of dog struck by MV. Dog is currently in the service lobby of the dealership, bleeding. Animal control officer Henry notified en route

1512 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Cross St + Pleasant St WM yellow jacket gray hoodie and hat walking towards Pleasant. Knocked on the door saying he was a federal agent and then that he was part of MASSSAVE. Speaking with him stating he is scheduling home energy estimates the party works for Home Works and was advised of the proper paperwork needed in order to work in town.

1646 Phone - PD-Mental Health Services Rendered Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Call for a 60 y/o male who has been hallucinating and is detoxing from alcohol. Party threatened to drive his vehicle and the neighbor believes he is not fit to drive. Spoke with the party, everything checks okay.

1647 911 - PD-Assist Public Peace Restored Location/Address: Hampden Dr Roommate is no longer on the lease. The party on the lease is insisting she leave. The roommates are disputing. This is an issue that has been ongoing throughout the day. Verbal argument, one of the parties is leaving for the evening.

2007 Initiated - PD-Mental Health Services Rendered Location/Address: Plymouth Dr Attempt to serve a section 12. Norwood Fire requested and en route. Norwood fire transporting, OF requested and assigned.

Saturday, December 30

2152 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Cottage St Caller stated her neighbor came by with packages he thought were hers.

Only one was addressed to her and multiple of the packages were empty. Appeared to be dumped on his lawn. The neighbor does have a ring camera that he will be checking. 661 stopping by other addresses that appear to have had packages stolen.

2301 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Tremont St Calling party reporting loud music coming from the above address. 676 reports parties advised to turn music down. They agreed they would turn down the music, all clear.

2339 Phone - PD-Disturbance Peace Restored Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller states she had a verbal argument with her mother approx 5 hours ago and her mother is still outside of the home and she would like for her to come inside. No issues, mom is back in the house. All clear.

Sunday, December 31

0252 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Report Follows Vicinity of: Walpole St + Hillshire Ln MVST w/MA REG: 4FAZ39. Don and Wally's en route. 661 en route back to the station with one in custody. Arrest: De La Cruz Almeida, Bruno M Address: 506 Page St Stoughton, Ma Age: 27 Charges: Speeding Rate Of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit OUI-Liquor OR .08%

0309 911 - PD-Disturbance Peace Restored Location/Address: Walnut Ave Caller on 911 Line reported her roommate has been knocking on her bedroom door, texting and calling her for the last 40 minutes and it is making her uncomfortable. The male roommate claimed he had taken some kind of drug or that he was drugged and had been drinking. She knows he has a history of mental health issues that are generally controlled. Units spoke to the male party who was having a minor panic attack. The party is going to bed for the night and the calling party is satisfied.

1735 Phone - PD-Mental Health Services Rendered Location/Address: Brookview Cir Caller reporting his girlfriend is acting erratic, Q5. No statements at this time. On foot running from Everett St towards Brookview Cir. Westwood is off with the female party detained in the area. Voluntary transport to BI Needham.

1839 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: - Wickham Way Caller is reporting that his girlfriend woke him up and took his belongings. He wants to speak to an officer about how he is feeling. Verbal argument. Male party is leaving for the night.

2010 Phone - PD-Mental Health Services Rendered Location/Address: Jefferson Dr 42 y/o m sent text messages Q5 Voluntary transport to BI Needham. Units clear.

**TOWN OF NORWOOD  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on February 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Clay Subaru/Oscar Lidonni (Case #23-46 and Case #23-47) with respect to property located at **842 Boston Providence Highway (Map 17 Block 4 Lot 6), Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **Boston Providence Highway (BPH) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/xsu-pnjz-wua>  
Or dial: (US) +1 941-254-1160 PIN: 402 158 920#

This Application requests a **Special Permit** to allow installation of a variable electronic sign, and a **Variance** for relief from Section 6.2.6 (1)(b) and 6.2.15 (3) to install a new pylon sign cabinet over 50 square feet in, with the variable electronic portion in excess of 25% of the allowable sign area, within the setback specified in 6.2.15 (3).

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

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

Holly Jones, Asst Director, Community Development

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