



Eric Higgins, right, with his son Neil, left, fitting up one of the now iconic masks.  
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## 'Eric Higgins: Behind the Mask' to detail goalie safety

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

Norwood filmmaker and former Board of Selectman Jerry Kelleher is at it again with his 10th District Studios, this time with a full-length feature about former Norwood resident Eric Higgins and how he revolutionized the way hockey was played in the 1960s until the 80s.

"It's a really great story that many people don't know about around Town," he said. "This is just what I do now, I bring stories from a bygone era to new audiences!"

The film will premier on Norwood Broadband channel 19 and 619 at 8 p.m. on April 1, and will continue playing at 8 p.m. every following night until April 15. A digital release will follow. Kelleher said

he found this story when he was making his second film, "The Banner Years of Hockey," when he talked to Eric Higgins' son, Neil, the first person to wear the now iconic mask.

"I didn't really know anything about Eric Higgins, but this is how I learn things; I make movies. His father made the masks in the cellar of their house on Crestwood Circle," he said. "So I was interviewing other people for that movie and they kept mentioning the goalie masks of the era, and it was just like a recurring theme."

Kelleher said he talked to Neil Higgins for the movie, but he also talked to Don Reddick and Fred Carbone, both former Norwood

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## Planning Board mulls moves after rezoning defeat

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

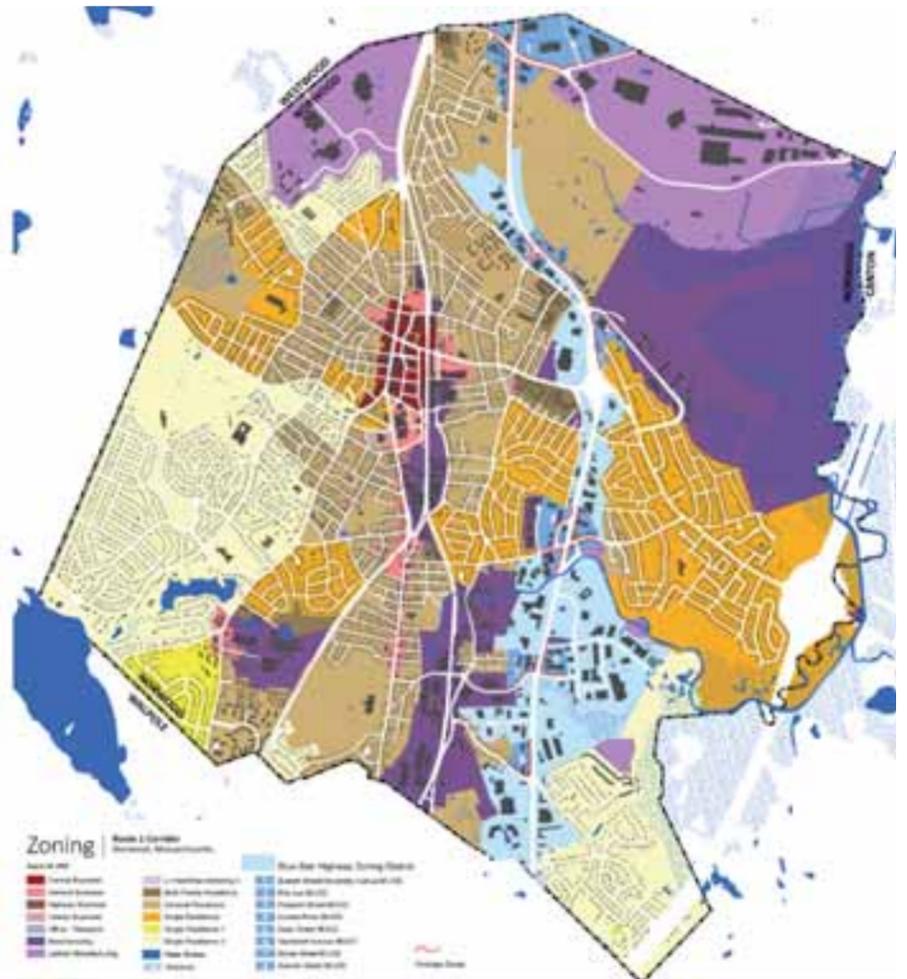
The Norwood Planning Board met on Feb. 22 and discussed its next course of action for the planned rezoning of Route 1, to be called the Boston Providence Highway District.

Town Planner Paul Halkiotis went through why he felt the measure failed. And while there were a great deal of reasons why he felt it did not pass, three were the most prevalent. They were the three mixed-use housing zones and the potential traffic caused by mixed-use

zones, the 20-foot buffer and the issue of notification.

The mixed-use zoning issue was remanded to a subcommittee to work out whether or not some form of the mixed-use zones could be retained for the upcoming Spring Town Meeting. The idea calls for the mixed-use overlay district approved for the Downtown area in 2019's Spring Town Meeting be placed on three intersections on Route 1: Everett Street/University Avenue, Nahatan/Neponset Street and Dean

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The Norwood Planning Board met recently and discussed how it could still rezone Route 1 after the initial attempt failed at Town Meeting.

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players, longtime Hockey East Commissioner Joe Bertagna of Arlington, Eddie Johnston of the Big, Bad Bruins and more.

“Eddie Johnston was one of the first to wear the masks because in practice he was hit in the head by Bobby Orr and he was in a coma for six weeks,” he said. “So he got fitted with this special mask by Mr. Higgins. And then there was Gerry Cheevers who, every time he got hit in the face, he would mark up the mask with where he thought the stitches would have been. There were a lot of guys painting them too and making them pieces of art-work.”

Cheevers claimed after he retired that the mask saved him over 150 stitches during his career. Though the idea of protecting one’s face during a hockey game was chided at in the beginning – as the scars, head injuries and missing teeth were considered rights of passage in those days for hockey players – the trend of having a goalie with his head about him throughout the game gradually was considered an advantage.

“The famous goalies came to this guy’s house in Norwood,” Kelleher said. “Like Eddie Giacomin, who was on the Rangers, Johnston and Cheevers, Gilles Meloche, all these guys who are Hall of Famers now. It’s pretty interesting.”

And Kelleher added that these masks, made in Norwood, are in the Hall of Fame too.

Though Higgins was definitely not the first to produce masks for goalies – Japanese goalie Teiji Honma wore a



Higgins made masks for many professional players during his career, but also turned his skills to humanitarian focuses like casts for injured persons or prosthetics for those who needed them.

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mask similar to a catcher in baseball in the 1936 Winter Olympics – he was the one who came up with the singular face-hugging design of the time.

The key to the mask was the fact that it allowed a great deal of protection without sacrificing visibility. The “face-hugging” aspect allowed it to get up close to the wearer’s field of vision while keeping enough of a barrier for a hockey puck. It was also lightweight and ventilated.

Higgins commenced his mask-making career at 54, leaving behind a successful plumbing business. He molded and fitting fiberglass molds for players all over the professional leagues of the time. His process is similar to that of a special effects artist making prosthetics for alien races like Klingons, Terminators or Toxic Avengers: a mold of the face is taken and then recast so that it fits exactly

with the wearer’s face. It was a 16-hour process per mask, according to a 1972 Harvard Crimson article on the subject. According to that article, he also made orthopedic casts, helmets for children and special casts for those in long-term recovery.

Kelleher said Higgins’ work had a direct impact on his own life, as it precipitated and normalized the use of masks throughout the league, and now his daughter wears the descendant of those masks as she plays in goal for the University of Rhode Island. Or at least she would be.

“There’s no games with this stupid Covid; she’s the starting goalie with no games,” he said with a laugh. “It’s tough for all kids sports now. I don’t know how they deal with it.”

To get a look at the film’s trailer, go to . To take a look at Kelleher’s other work, go to 10thDistrictStudios.com.

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The Norwood School Committee is trying to reconcile the guidelines from DESE and the CDC, which don't always match up.

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# Schools grapple with elementary return to school policy

Mary Ellen Gambon  
Staff Reporter

Norwood's elementary school students will be returning to school next month, according to information Superintendent Dr. David Thomson received from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), he announced at the School Committee meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 24.

What remained unclear, he said, is that there is no guidance from the DESE on how to do so and maintain the safety guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) that have been in effect throughout the year-long pandemic.

"I will be honest," Thomson said. "People think that you just open the doors and kids come to school. At this point, it is not that simple."

The CDC guidelines, which were released just before the February break, reinforced the language of the current standards: social distancing of six

feet, mask wearing, sanitation, staying in small groups or cohorts and handwashing.

However, DESE Commissioner Jeffrey Riley said he will be requesting the authority at the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) meeting in a couple of weeks to return elementary students in grades K through five returning at the beginning in April, according to Thomson. He will also request to stop counting hybrid and remote learning toward learning hours. All elementary grades will be returning simultaneously.

"He has made this statement that we're going to be going back in April," Thomson said. "We do not have his plan for what that is going to look like as of now."

He added that students currently in the Remote Learning Academy (RLA) will be able to continue there for the rest of the school year.

Thomson said that the Norwood Public Schools is "the victim of very good planning" "because of the coordi-

nation the School Department has had with the Health Department and the Town.

After doing research about Finland and Israel's handling of the outbreak, Thomson worked to develop "a robust return to school plan" in August. It incorporated the podding concept to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as well as stringent mask requirements. Technology access was increased for all students, particularly those who are economically disadvantaged. The Town helped with the ordering of supplies and personal protective equipment.

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# OPINION

## The door finally opened

Personnel issues relative to news reporting are sensitive, as they should be, particularly when they involve allegations of improper conduct between employees. Deciding whether or not allegations are worthy of investigation are dependent on a lot of factors, not the least of which being the willingness of a victim or victims to go on the record.

For at least a month now this writer has been contacted by multiple sources either by phone or email alleging that an employee of the Town of Norwood had been treated improperly. The accusations ranged from said employee being unfairly treated professionally to actually being harassed sexually and racially, all of these communications being off the record. This newspaper has been around long enough to know that inquiring about such matters at the personnel department level will go nowhere because, rightfully so, they protect that information as much as medical staffs protect patients' medical records. So, the only recourse left was to ask the victim if she wanted to go on the record. She declined, and we respected her wishes. Without verification from a reliable source, the story was going nowhere. Until now.

At Tuesday evening's Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, the door to the alleged treatment of Ramanda Morgan finally cracked open. After Jack Perry announced he would be retiring from the board after years of dedicated voluntary service to this Town, the Zoning Board also announced that Ramanda Morgan had also resigned her position and, to a man, all members spoke glowingly of her both professionally and personally. Then, without prior warning, Packy (Patrick) Mulvehill dropped a bombshell that he would also be retiring from the board. In his announcement he made it perfectly clear that a major reason for his departure was due to the treatment of Ms. Morgan by other employees within Town Hall. Without mentioning names he said wholesale changes were occurring operationally he didn't agree with, including the moving of Ms. Morgan without reason to the other end of the building. He went on to say, "In my private conversations with Ramanda in the past she was always 'content as a bee in a beehive' and had every intention of remaining employed in Norwood because she loved her job. Well, all that changed recently, and I'm disgusted by it." He went on to state, "It's a tough way to make this announcement (his not seeking reappointment to the board), but I have to stick up for my friend."

ZBA Chairman Tom Brady then spoke up and said an investigation was conducted by the Town in Executive Session and he too was upset by a lack of information 'coming from upstairs'. "I'm disgusted by the way the whole thing was handled."

Brady was then interrupted by Town Council David DeLuca, he warning that they were talking about a personnel matter and that they needed to be careful because the information was confidential.

Details of the alleged unfair treatment of Ms. Morgan were not discussed, nor were those who allegedly caused her to resign named. However, only Town Manager Tony Mazzucco wields enough power to initiate the kinds of changes Mulvehill referred to in his announcement, including the reassignment of Ms. Morgan to the other end of the building. Whether he was involved directly or indirectly with Ms. Morgan's alleged issues has yet to be made public.

Multiple sources of this newspaper have also alleged that a Town employee by name in a managerial position was directly involved in the alleged poor treatment of Ms. Morgan, and we are hoping Town officials will do the right thing and issue a statement relative to their discovery. We are hoping the statement includes conclusions of their research and detail existing employee training relative to employee interactions and perhaps the augmentation of this training due to the findings of their investigation. Residents of this Town deserve, at a minimum, to know this.

What we do know is that a bright, talented and welcoming presence at Town Hall is no longer there. It is also worth noting that Ms. Morgan was the only Black employee within the confines of Town Hall, a woman who left a positive impression with every person she came in contact with.

And that is a real shame.

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My family and I moved to Norwood four years ago. We are proud to call this community our



Ben Moser

home and to have our son attend Norwood Public Schools. He is currently a first grader at the Callahan. We are members of the First Congregational Church in Norwood, where I teach Sunday School.

I believe in the importance of public service. I am a member of Town Meeting, representing District 7, and would like to further

my service to the community as part of the School Committee.

If you have questions for me, or would like to get involved in my campaign, you can reach me via email [VoteBenMoser@gmail.com](mailto:VoteBenMoser@gmail.com) or follow my campaign Facebook page, [@VoteBenMoser](https://www.facebook.com/VoteBenMoser). I'd appreciate your vote on April 5.

## Letters to the Editor

### NORWOOD LIGHT CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROBLEM

To the Editor:

Norwood's electricity may soon come at the expense of clean air in Western Mass. The Norwood Municipal Light Department will receive ~12% of the power produced by the proposed Palmer Renewable Energy biomass plant in Springfield.

I think it is very important to remember that air is a shared resource we all have a responsibility to protect. It's saddening to see how health and environmental concerns are perpetually disregarded while profit is placed as the highest priority.

I was shocked to learn that this biomass plant is being placed in Springfield, a city which has already received the title of "asthma capital of the U.S." Growing up my younger brother had asthma and I remember multiple scary nights when he couldn't stop coughing and struggled to breathe. Already 1 in 5 children in Springfield have asthma and it seems absurd to me that anyone would try to worsen the quality of the air they breathe.

The only way Palmer Renewable Energy can afford to build their proposed biomass plant is if the proposed rollbacks to the Massachusetts Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) are approved to provide taxpayer-funded subsidies for the plant.

We need to tell Governor Baker that biomass is not clean energy and Massachusetts can continue to be a leader in renewable energy, with Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS)

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BY: Tony Mazzucco, General Manager

Norwood Record: 3/4/21

# Morgan, Mulvehill and Perry announce they are leaving ZBA

## Allegations of unfair employee treatment made during meeting

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) met on March 2 for a relatively short meeting concerning a garage on Florence Street.

However, this discussion was hardly the headline of the meeting. It was announced that two board members and Senior Administrative Assistant Ramanda Morgan were all leaving their positions in Norwood.

Morgan had been working in the Town in several capacities for more than 15 years, and worked with the ZBA for four years.

"It would have been 16 in June, so I was three months shy of my 16-year anniversary," she

said. "I'm very sad to have left the Town and I'm very sad to have left the Town under the situation that I did. I will miss my Town Hall family very much, but it's not the Town Hall that I knew."

Mulvehill said he was "dumbfounded" as to the reasons why Morgan was leaving.

"I'm a little more upset than I need to be on this," he said. "For four years plus, Ramanda has been our sixth member. Let's face it, she has. I always called her, when I chaired the meetings, the glue that held the Board together. She was always there for the phone to be picked up; always there for an email, she had institutional knowledge. She knew her

way around the zoning book."

It was during Mulvehill's and ZBA Chair Thomas Brady's goodbyes to Morgan, who was not at the meeting, when it became clear that the reason for Morgan's leaving was the result of some sort of conflict that could not, at least at this time, be discussed in a public forum.

"I just want to reiterate a caution to members of the Board regarding personnel matters," said Town Counsel David DeLuca, who jumped in on the Zoom meeting after Brady and Mulvehill spoke. "There is obviously confidentiality and protections available to all individuals involved and I want to reiterate that kind of protection for all the members and other individuals, whether past or present Town employees. I would just want to reiterate that

for the Board's benefit. Thank you."

Brady said there are "investigations" going on and meetings held in executive session that they were not allowed to comment on.

"But nevertheless, I don't think any of us on the Board - we're all aware of what took place - are happy about what happened," he said. "I don't think we're happy about how it was

handled. I don't think we're happy about the disposition we heard about through the grapevine. I don't think we're happy about the lack of communication taking place, up to and including her resignation. Obviously, none of us are happy about the circumstances of her resignation, frankly disgusted by it."

ZBA

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From left to right: Patrick Mulvehill (and his girlfriend Deidre), Ramanda Morgan and Jack Perry are all leaving the ZBA in Norwood.

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Street. The idea was to create areas of dense residential with commercial on the first floor to facilitate places where residents could live, work and play.

Halkiotis readily admitted that excluding the mixed-use zones, as Planning Board member Ernie Paciorkowski put it, "no one wants apartments", was an issue.

"Personally, I don't agree with them and I don't have a problem putting more traffic on Route 1," he said. "I mean we don't tell Walpole, Sharon and Foxborough they can't build all those apartments on Route 1 and dump all their traffic. We allow them to come through."

Paciorkowski said he would like to see the Everett intersection kept in the mixed-use overlay.

"I think it's a perfect location; you're not abutting any residential there," he said. "I would be fine with eliminating the Neponset Street one and the Vanderbilt one on the mixed-use."

Principal from Crosspoint Associates John Hueber also said he would like to see the Nahatan/Neponset Street retain its mixed-use zoning, as the manufacturing tenant Tyco at their property on 63 Nahatan St. is in constant danger of leaving after 34 years.

"We have given them many incentives to keep them in Norwood, but often Mexico and other places have beckoned to them to move their manufacturing operations," he said. "We're clearly thinking the world will change on us and we may lose our manufacturing facilities in the future. We do think the property does layout well, as it has access to Route 1 and Nahatan Street, for a number of different uses."

Halkiotis also said that in terms of traffic, Route 1 will be getting some traffic updates as proposed by the state, however because of a Town Meeting

Member moving the question, he was not able to elaborate on that during the meeting. He said specifically the Everett Street/University Avenue intersection will be seeing a widening effort in the next two years.

"It's on the Transportation Improvement Project list, it's funded and it's scheduled to take place over the next year or two," he said. "That will create new turning lanes and new through lanes in each direction. While that's not going to solve the traffic situation there, it's going to help to improve the level of service, particularly during peak hours."

Halkiotis added that much of the traffic for that intersection was there before the pandemic; Analog Devices had about 100 employees coming in and out during peak hours.

"When it was fully-functional and in use by Analog Devices, it already was a place that generated traffic," he said. "It's a corner property that provides access on Everett Street and direct access to Route 1, which is one of the reasons we thought it would be a good site (for mixed-use development) because it could separate the distribution of vehicle trips coming and going to and from the site."

The notification issue, Halkiotis said, can now be easily solved by using email to notify all Town Meeting Members of proposals. For the Route 1 rezoning issue, it was a bit more of a mixed bag. There were Planning Board meetings about this issue for almost two years as members worked out the kinks of the plan with consultant Ted Brovitz. There were public information sessions (not well-attended but marketed to the public) and Halkiotis said he and the Planning Department staff personally mailed notices of public information sessions to residents back in the fall when the zoning amendments were to be

included in the Town Meeting (Town Meeting went limited for the fall because of increased COVID-19 infections and the zoning amendments were pushed back to February so a digital Town Meeting could take place).

"What frustrates us is we did not notify Town Meeting members last fall," he said. "You will recall we were scheduled for a November 11 Town Meeting, and prior to that Town Meeting Joe Collins and Pat Deschenes mailed individual notices to all Town Meeting Members notifying them we were having a public information session on the Route 1 Rezoning. When we held that public information session, we only had seven Town Meeting members attend."

Halkiotis added there was a second information session before Town Meeting in November and had a public hearing on it back in November and had another public hearing in January (with 44 members attending).

"It was interesting that one of the gentlemen at Town Meeting who spoke remarked when the Chairman (Al Porro) gave the Planning Board's report that we held another public hearing session on Jan. 25 and no one attended, he said 'why didn't anyone attend?'" he said. "Like it was our fault that folks didn't attend the public hearing to try to learn what we were up to prior to Town Meeting. At that point I was given an opportunity to explain a little bit the effort that we did make and the mailing of 250 envelopes to every Town Meeting member and the postage costs associated with that, but that didn't seem to hold much weight with that person."

Halkiotis said notification for property owners who are undergoing a zoning change, well for something like the Route 1 rezoning, that might prove difficult if they have to do it by mail. He said there are four miles of Route 1 they were looking to rezone, which in essence is eight miles of properties going up and down the corridor. Because Norwood is so developed, that means abutting residential properties might be included in that notification scheme, and that would be hundreds if not a thousand mailers the Town would have to send out.

Halkiotis said this would be quite an expense, more in terms of staff hours than postage. The Board did not discuss setting up some sort of digital notification system for rezoning efforts.

Planning Board member Joseph Sheehan said the first thing they should do however is "go after the low-hanging fruit," and extend the buffer between the Boston Providence Highway District and nearby residential properties.

The Board agreed to look into changing the article to include the 30-foot buffer.

### Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE  
TOWN OF NORWOOD

**APPLICATION FOR WINE AND MALT BEVERAGES LICENSE FOR ON PREMISES CONSUMPTION**

**RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING**

**THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING MATTER HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FROM TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021 TO TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021.**

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for a Wine and Malt Beverages License by Mizuya Cuisine, LLC, dba Mizuya Japanese Restaurant, 663 Washington Street, Hua Pan, Manager of the License issued under M.G.L. Chapter 138, Section 12, and by special legislation Chapter 391, Acts of 2002, for the sale of Wines and Malt Beverages to be drunk on the premises located at 663 Washington Street, Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of premises is as follows: Single story 3,500 square foot area with dining room, restrooms, service bar, kitchen, and storage rooms. Main entrance set back with windows to the left and right. Additional exit in back for delivery and emergency exit.

Public hearing on this application will be held remotely via GoToMeeting on **Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Please see information below to join the meeting.**

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# SCB opening rink for Veterans Skate fundraiser

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Skating Club of Boston (SCB) and Joyskate Productions are teaming up to bring veterans and their families together on March 13 for a night of skating.

Joyskate Productions founder Elin Schran said they first started the practice three years ago at the Boston Common Frog Pond as a way to provide some relatively inexpensive entertainment for veterans and their families.

“When the Frog Pond was unable to open this year, we thought, ‘oh darn, we’re not going to be able to do this,’” she said. “We were just starting to build a little bit from previous years, and that’s when (SCB Executive Director) Doug Zeghibe stepped in and said we could do it at the Skating Club’s indoor facility. He definitely kind of swooped in and saved us.”

Schran said that the change of venue does allow them possibly a little more flexibility, as interested patrons won’t have to worry about finding parking around the Boston Common or the weather.

“I don’t know if you’ve seen the new SCB facility, but it’s gorgeous,” she said. “Now we don’t have to worry about the weather, there’s free parking and so I’m hoping hoping hoping that we can fill the ice with veterans. We can have a really awesome

event.”

Right now, Schran said they’re looking to provide veterans a fun, inexpensive excursion for them and their families. She said the preference will be for veterans, but residents who might be looking for something to do who supports veterans should be on the lookout in the coming weeks.

“If we don’t have every session filled, then we would open it up to civilians, but the aim was to have it be a special night for veterans,” she said. “The skating club donated four hours of ice, and if you’ve ever tried to book an hour of ice time you know how rare and exciting that is.”

She said the last two iterations were not fundraisers, but just skating parties she felt could help provide some diversion for families during the cold winter months.

“My professional skating friends donated their time to come and help out on the ice and off the ice and we had a tent company donate a tent and a DJ come and help with the music, a color guard and someone to come sing the anthem, it was just a nice skating party,” she said.

While there is a ticket price to help cover some of the costs, Schran said any remaining funds would be donated to the Norwood Military Family Support Group, to which she was directed to by Norwood Veterans

Agent Ted Mulvehill.

“He is so enthusiastic, I mean even hearing from him in his first email to us, we could see he was just so enthusiastic about this event,” she said. “Everything I’ve done with my company and with the Skating Club or anyone asking for help at events we’ve done, you know, sort of asking for volunteers, we’ve just been really lucky to have people agree to help out really enthusiastically. I felt like Ted had that kind of energy. It seemed like he was so excited about this idea, and I really like when people get fired up about stuff.”

Schran added that’s how they secured their live DJ and other assistance as well.

“We have New Image Events providing the DJ, they did it last year with us, and they’re a veteran-based company also and it’s just going to be a fun atmosphere,” she said. “There’s going to be lighting and music and the DJ is a really great host, he gets everybody excited and pumped up and I think that’s going to make it really special.”

The event will be limited because of COVID-19 restrictions, but Schran said they will have skating slots available for one hour sessions at 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 8 p.m. For more information or to register, go to [SCBBoston.org/event/veterans-skate/](http://SCBBoston.org/event/veterans-skate/)



The Veterans Skate started as a party for vets at the Frog Pond in Boston. It’s now coming to Norwood’s Skating Club of Boston.

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## ABSENTEE BALLOT ELECTION INFORMATION

The Town Clerk's Office wishes to inform the registered voters in the Town, anyone that wishes to Vote Absentee in the upcoming Annual Town Election, Monday, April 5, 2021, MUST complete an Absentee Ballot Application before a ballot can be mailed to them.

The deadline to apply for an Absentee Ballot to be Mailed out is TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021.

An Absentee Ballot Application can be found on the Town of Norwood website or you can call the Town Clerk's Office 781-762-1240.

All Absentee Ballots are due back to the Town Clerk's Office on or before Monday, April 5, 2020 at 8:00 PM.

Absentee Ballots can be dropped off in the Drop Boxes at Town Hall or returned through the mail.

Special Registration session for Town election

The Board of Registrars wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that a special registration session has been set for the April 5, 2021 Annual Town Election.

An evening special registration session will be held at the Municipal Building, Room 32 on Tuesday March 16, 2021 from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

This is the FINAL REGISTRATION SESSION prior to the Annual Town Election.

Daily registration of voters will be conducted at the Town Clerk's office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 P.M.

A mail-in registration form is now available at Norwood Morrill Memorial Library and the Norwood Post Office.

You may also register to vote on-line at sec.state.ma.us

Qualifications to register to vote are that the applicants must be 18 years old on or before election day and must either be born in the United States or be a Naturalized Citizen.

## PREPARING FOR EXTREME WEATHER IN NORWOOD

The Morrill Memorial Library invites you to join us for a Zoom presentation on Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 PM. Learn how extreme weather events, which we can expect to continue, will affect our lives and our town. More importantly, learn what we can do to ameliorate the damage caused by flooding and drought. We can't go back; these events occur unpredictably and with more frequency. A certain amount of Climate Change has already occurred and won't be reversed in our lifetimes. While we try to make sure not to accelerate Climate Change, we must still live with the sort of weather events most likely to affect Norwood.

Patrick Hogan, Water Resource Professional at Neponset River Watershed Association, will lead this presentation. He will be joined by Kelly Snyder, Advocacy Director for Neponset River Watershed Association and by Holly Jones, Conservation Planner for the Town of Norwood. There will be a Q&A at the end of the program, and questions can be submitted in

advance on the event registration page.

Please register for this program by visiting the library's website at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or by calling the library at 781-729-0200 x2. This program is part of the Spring Sustainability Series and Norwood's Civic Hub, sponsored by Progress Norwood, Together Yes, and Norwood Library.

## MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP WILL NOT MEET IN MARCH

The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group will NOT hold its March monthly meeting. The tighter procedures governing the uptick in reported COVID-19 cases make it very difficult for us to comply.

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.

When meetings do resume, in case of inclement weather, we will align with the Norfolk schools. If they close, the meeting will be cancelled. For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

## DOG LICENSES NOW AVAILABLE

The Town Clerk's Office would like to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that the 2021 Dog Licenses are now available. All dogs three months old or over must be licensed. Licenses are issued on a calendar basis, January 1st through December 31st.

Fees are \$20 for both Male and Female dogs, \$15 for Spayed Female and Neutered Male. Certificate showing the dog was spayed or neutered must be shown. Rabies Certificate must also be shown.

Due to the Town Hall being closed all dog licenses have to be registered through the mail.

# Deaths

## MADDEN

Edmund T. Age 81, of Norwood, passed away February 22, 2021. Born October 17, 1939 to Edmund and Margaret (Collins) Madden. Edmund's career was in Corporate Banking in Boston. He loved to golf and garden. Most of all, he loved his family. Edmund is survived by his beloved wife Ann (Sullivan) Madden, his loving daughter Kara Bourgeois, his adored grandchildren Megan and Erin Bourgeois, his cherished siblings Richard Madden and John Madden. Edmund was predeceased by his sister Margaret Madden. Services will be held privately through Gillooly Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Edmund's honor to the American Cancer Society, donate3.cancer.org Gillooly Funeral Home Norwood GilloolyFuneralHome.com

## MAINONES

ELIZABETH S. (Ruscio) a lifelong resident of Norwood passed away on February 27, 2021 at the age of 93. Beloved wife of the late Steven A. Mainones. Devoted Mother of Steven R. Mainones and his wife Rosemarie of Norwood and Robert S. Mainones and his wife Diane of South Carolina. Daughter of the late Domenic and Stella (Precopio) Ruscio. Sister of the late Andrew Ruscio, Frank Ruscio, Rose M. Lewis, Catherine Magnone and Marie Connolly. Cherished grandmother and great grandmother. Cherished Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Elizabeth worked for many years in the Meat department at Norwood "Star Market" grocery store. She enjoyed crocheting, cooking and baking treats for her family and friends. She will be greatly missed but her warmth, kind heart, gentle spirit and friendly smile. Elizabeth will be remembered forever. The family would like to acknowledge the kindness and care that she received from the entire staff at the Victoria Haven Nursing Center, where she resided for past 2 years. All services will be private. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the Victoria Haven Rehabilitation & Skilled Nursing Center 137 Nichols St. Norwood, MA. 02062 Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington Street Norwood, MA 02062 Telephone: 781-762-0482.



## MULKERN

MARY (McDonagh) of Norwood passed away surrounded by her family on February 28, 2021 at the age of 89. Beloved wife of the late Michael Mulkern. Devoted mother of Eileen Zoppo and her husband Robert of NH, Patricia Morris and her husband Louis of ME, Michael Mulkern and Bethanne Knowles of Milford, Theresa E. Mulkern of Norwood, Catherine LaFrazia of Norwood, Nancy Dittmeier and her husband Ted of Norwood, Kevin Mulkern and Kerri Jewkes of Mansfield, Christine "Tina" Long and Chuck of Norwood and the late John J. Mulkern and Mary Ann Vignaux. Mother in law of Johanne Mulkern of Norwood and Rick Vignaux of TX. Daughter of the late Patrick and



## Deaths

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### NORWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

#### LEGAL NOTICE

The Norwood Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, The Wetlands Protection Act and Norwood Bylaw XXV, including any amendments thereto on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be conducted digitally using GoToMeeting. Public Participation may be accessed through your computer, tablet or smartphone <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/243297997>. You can also dial in using your phone, United States: +1 (669) 224-3412, Access Code: 243-297-997

The Commission will hear a Request for Determination of Applicability from the Town of Westwood, represented by Karon Catrone, Westwood Conservation Agent.

The project is plantings of native trees and shrubs in the buffer zone of a wetland. The plantings will be in a currently mowed area outside of the 50' wetland buffer.

Project Location: 732-750 Everett St, Norwood MA, Assessors map 22 Sheet 1, Parcel 4

Holly Jones  
Conservation Planner

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## Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

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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. —S.G.H.

## Novena to St. Jude

Oh Holy St. Jude Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near Kinsman of Jesus Christ faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depths of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and three Glorias. Publication must be promised. St. Jude pray for us and all who invoke your aid. Amen. *This must be said for nine consecutive days. This Novena has never been known to fail.* —S.G.H.

## Should I Claim Social Security Now or Wait Until I'm 70?

**Dear Rusty:** I'm currently 67 years old and still working full time. I took a big financial hit in 2008, which is why I'm still working, and I expect to continue working until I'm 70. My question is: should I take Social Security now, bank it until I'm 70, and then pay it out to myself upon retirement? Or would it be better to hold off until I'm 70 to claim. Longevity of about 85 seems to run in my family.



**Russell Gloor**  
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Signed:**  
**Working Senior**

**Dear Working Senior:** I'm afraid there's no simple answer to your question, but I'll give you some points to ponder.

If you don't need the money right now, and you expect to enjoy at least average longevity (about 85 for a man your current age), then waiting until you're 70 will give you the maximum monthly benefit and the most in cumulative lifetime Social Security benefits if you meet average longevity. And if you live beyond the average, your cumulative lifetime benefits will be correspondingly more. Since you've already delayed past your full retirement age (66) you are already earning delayed retirement credits (DRCs) at the rate of 8% for each full year you delay (the maximum Social Security benefit is reached at age 70).

Can you do better than an 8% annual increase by claiming now and saving or investing the money? That would be the main point to evaluate, and only you know your investment options. But you should also consider that - if you should die before

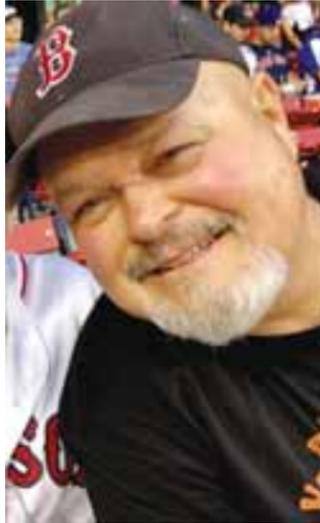
your wife and she has reached her full retirement age - your wife will get 100% of the benefit you are receiving at your death. If you claim earlier (e.g., now), your wife will get that earlier smaller amount as your widow. Compare that to what she'll get by you waiting until age 70 to claim, when your benefit will be about 24% more than it is now. Again, something for you to consider.

If you claim at age 70 you will have collected about the same amount of money at age 82 as if you had claimed now. That is your "breakeven" point, which is where your expected longevity comes into play. If you think you will beat the average and you do, you'll collect much more in total lifetime Social Security benefits by waiting until you are 70 to claim. Of course, no one knows how long they will live, but if your family history suggests a long life and you're in good health now, delaying is usually a prudent choice. That is, however, a decision only you can make.

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## MURPHY

Cornelius "Neil" C. Murphy, 65, of Walpole passed away peacefully February 23, 2021. Born in Norwood to John and Cecilia (Macaulay) Murphy. Neil was a proud Veteran of the United States Marine Corps and served as a Detective in the Norwood



Police Department. Neil is survived by his loving children, Hannah Murphy and Jonathan Melvin of Middleboro, Emma Murphy and Herb Langlois III of West Roxbury, and Aidan Murphy of Walpole; his siblings, Bob Murphy, Jean Turchan, Cecilia Maloof, Elizabeth Hardy, and Patricia Hollis; and many nieces

and nephews. Neil is predeceased by his brother John Murphy Jr. Calling hours will be held on Sunday February 28, 2021 from 3pm to 6pm at Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. A Funeral Mass was held Monday March 1, 2021 at 11am at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Norwood with interment following at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Neil's memory to the Wounded Warrior Project, www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate. Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. GilloolyFuneralHome.com

## ZAMMITO

RICHARD J. of Brockton formerly of Norwood passed away suddenly on February 26, 2021 at the age of 44. Beloved husband of Allyson N. (Rose) Zammito. Loving son of Ralph G. and Lorraine E. (Natkus) Zammito of Norwood. Brother of Charles B. Zammito and his wife Vicki of Norwood. Cherished uncle of Hayden, Paul, Tommy, Jackson, Desiree, Makayla, Ashley and Jessica. Visiting hours will be held on Monday, March 1, 2021 4-8pm at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA 02062. A private funeral home service will be held and burial will be private. In Lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to MSPCA-Angell Attn: Donations, 350 South Huntington Ave Boston, MA 02130 www.mspca.org



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Dear Doctor: I would like to buy an electric vehicle, but I hesitate to do so because I had no power at my house for 2 weeks after Hurricane Sandy. Do charging stations have generator backup so that owners of EVs have a way to charge their cars in the event of a prolonged power outage? —Elizabeth

A) Most charging stations that I have seen are on the main grid and if the power goes out so does the power. How about a plug in Hybrid vehicle. I like the idea of having the option of the gas engine back up. There are many vehicles that offer both and more to come, every year both electrics and Hybrids are improved.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2010 Toyota Corolla that has no acceleration when I press the gas pedal. The check engine light came on The computer had 3 fault codes when I plugged in my scan tool. P060E, P0575 and C1201. I try to do my own repairs and already replaced the electronic throttle body and the same problem. Do you have any ideas? —Steven

A) The gas pedal is not mechanically connected to the engine, it goes thru the computer then to the electronic throttle body. If there is a problem in the computer system it can shut the command to the throttle body. As most problems such as yours I always look on Identifix web site. Sure enough there is a possibility that a faulty brake or tail light bulb can cause the problem. Check to see if brake and tail lights are the same brightness. If a tail light bulb filament breaks and touches each other it can send a feed back and shut the system down. With a scan tool you can check the data on the system. Alldata has information on the wiring system as well. The Identifix reference number is 538008. If you need more assistance check with a local shop that subscribes to Identifix.

Junior Damato, the "Auto Doctor," has agreed to field auto repair questions from Bulletin and Record readers. Please send your questions to [news@bulletinnewspapers.com](mailto:news@bulletinnewspapers.com) and we will do our best to get them answered.

**Monday, February 22**

1009 Initiated - Motor Vehicle Stop \*Arrest(S)Made N668 came across MA 6FD335, operator MA S15570345 WMS positive. N669 responded, placed one in custody and transported to station for booking. N667 responded and stood by for Negoshian's. Refer To Arrest: 21-43-AR Arrest: Petit-Homme, Denver E Address: 42 Dean St Apt. #J Homeless, Ma Age: 28 Charges: Warrant Arrest

1041 Phone - Assist Citizen Transported To Hospital Location/Address: Audubon Rd reporting party requesting assistance with her mother who maybe suffering from mental health issues. Mother is enroute from Abington in a blue pickup unknown reg. N667 requests NFD for voluntary transport for mental health evaluation. NFD responded and transported to BI Needham.

1149 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Rock St + Oliver St Wellness check on an elderly female walking in the road. N663 gives a courtesy transport to supermarket.

1949 Radio - Shoplifting \*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: CVS Pharmacy - Nahatan St Employee reports a male party shoplifting. As a result N669 returns with one to the station under arrest. Refer To Arrest: 21-44-AR Arrest: Pignataro, Renato Address: 32 Everett Ave Norwood, Ma Age: 34 Charges: Shoplifting By Asportation

2036 Phone - Susp Vehicle \*Report Filed Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Caller reports her daughter was walking home from work and believes a white service van was following her. Van described as white with a picture of a tree on the side with ladders on the roof. N664 searched the area with negative results.

**Tuesday, February 23**

0852 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Norwest Dr Request check of client. N667 reports sister made phone contact with her, she states she is ok, informed to call the program.

21-3798 0927 Phone - Assaults \*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Boch Nissan - Dcd N Norwood Inc. - Bos-Prov Hwy Past assault in the workplace with a knife. Natick PD assists with arrest. N669 goes and picks up prisoner and returns him to station. Refer To Arrest: 21-45-AR Arrest: Lu, Haymond Address: 112 Oak St Natick, Ma Age: 57 Charges: A&B With Dangerous Weapon

1000 Initiated - Assist Citizen Assisted Party Location/Address: Perks Coffee House - Washington St

1210 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Fulton St Party advised on an ongoing issue with neighbor. Dispatch notified

Riverside about issue.

1250 Radio - Search Warrant \*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Trust Roofing - Wickham Way While executing a Search Warrant, N492 stops MA PC 2SGN79. Center Auto tows same back to station. N495 places subject under arrest and N665 transports to station. Arrest: Moran, Andrew Michael Address: 151 Wickham Way Apt. #203 Norwood, Ma Age: 32 Charges: License Suspended, Op Mv With Drug, Distribute Class E Drug, Possess To Distrib Class E Drug, Possess Class E

1348 Initiated - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: St Joseph Ave N494,N674 retrieve some property from resident that belongs to his employer, not all items recovered. Employer located in Walpole, advised to contact Walpole PD if not satisfied.

1500 Phone - Citizens Complaint Taken/Referred To Other Agency Location/Address: Cleveland School (Acct# 1381d) - George Willet Pkwy Parent reports there are no breaks in snow bank between school and softball field so kids have to walk in street to get picked up. School notified- they or DPW will handle same.

1910 911 - DRUNK PERSON \*PROTECTIVE CUSTODY Location/Address: SHAMROCK PUB - RAILROAD AVE Caller reports his friend is intoxicated and not conscious. N664 placed him into protective custody. NFD responded and transported that individual to Beth Israel Hospital in Needham.

2229 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Rock St Assistant Principal of NHS received a concerning email regarding a student's wellbeing. Parents and juvenile both state all is well, officer reports house checked OK. Caller notified.

**Wednesday, February 24**

0149 Phone - Harassment Spoken To Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller states he wishes to speak to an officer about a harassment issue that occurred earlier in the week as he believes the harassment is still going on. N664 spoke with party on the phone who states he will call N664 back when he receives confirmation from a friend. As of time there is no violation.

21-3877 1017 Phone - Assist Citizen No Action Required Location/Address: Chapel Ct Caller states neighbor is having tree work done and has parked his vehicle blocking his driveway. Unable to reach him at the door. N666 responded. Upon arrival vehicle was being moved.

1121 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Reed, Warren - Nichols St Caller reports a male party running down the middle of

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the road barefoot and no shoes on. N667 spoke with party and states there are no issues. Party advised.

1239 Phone - Malicious Damage \*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: E Cottage St + Central St Male party placed under arrest of malicious damage of Refer To Arrest: 21-48-AR Arrest: Moussaad, George Address: 235 Pearl St Apt. #2 Malden, Ma Age: 28 Charges: Motor Veh, Malicious Damage To C266 §28(A)

1445 Phone - Sex Offenses \*Report Filed Location/Address: Neponset St Past sexual assault.

1522 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Pleasant St Party advised on a court order.

647 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: St Timothys Church - Nichols St Parties skating on the ice advised on potential danger.

1714 Phone - Auto Theft \*Report Filed Location/Address: Carmax Auto Superstore - Bos-Prov Hwy Wholesaler reports 2014 Nissan Sentra is not at CarMax. Reporting party to come in tomorrow to sign stolen motor vehicle form.

2141 Phone - Fireworks Area Search Negative Location/Address: Access Rd Two reports of loud booms in the general area.

2336 911 - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Highview St Caller reports seeing a neighbor kneeling in the middle of the street then walking inside. Party stated she had fallen but is OK now.

**Thursday, February 25**

0409 Phone - Disturbance Vehicle Towed Location/Address: Windsor Gardens (The Berkshires @ Windsor Ga - Engamore Ln Negoshian's driver conducting trespass tows per management states a resident is out there screaming at him because her brother's car is being towed. N663, N661 responded. Female was gone upon arrival. Officers stoodby while vehicle was loaded on. (4) vehicles towed: 1)MA.REG# 95XM36-2013 FORD FIESTA (WALPOLE) 2)MA.REG# 1SDG73-2017-HONDA ACCORD-GRAY (BOSTON) 3)MA.REG# 1XVK38- 2021 NISSAN VERSA-GRAY (LEASE) 4)MA.REG# 8DR869- 2006 SUBARU IMPREZ-BLACK (HYDE PARK)\*\*\*\*

0757 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Fulton St Caller is complaining of neighbor's chickens being loud as she has a headache. NACO notified and will go down to #172 and check out the situation and get back to us if needed.

1123 Phone - Fraud Spoken To Location/Address: Greenwich Rd Caller reports her mom gave her SS number to a caller See 21-3813

1204 Phone - Misdialed Call Civil Matter Location/Address: Mass Installation Inc - Pleasant St Contractor from ServPro came in looking for a check for funds owed. Matter was just recently resolved in court and the funds will be a paid in a few weeks. Caller reports the contractor slammed the door on his way out possibly damaging the knob. Officer advised on a letter of trespass.

1310 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Saunders Rd Advice given on a BB gun in the house by N668.

1420 Phone - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Fulton St Mother reports 3 party information that daughter is having mental health episode and made a comment, mother wants to check on daughter but was told she would be arrested if she went to the home. N662 reports spoke to mother, advised, and if mother finds daughter she will recall the police.

1657 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Rock St Party seeks advice after someone dumped motor oil in her garbage can.

**Friday, February 26**

0801 Phone - Neighbor Disturbance \*Report Filed Location/Address: Tremont St Report on-going issues, both 2nd and 3rd floor residents called on each other for banging noises on floor/ceiling and male in each apartment stating they would fight each other.

0915 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd Callahan School concerned about students at home and parents condition. Officers offer services and will follow up with the school.

1000 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Dean St Nurse on scene and unable to gain access. Officers able to wake her and left her in the care of the Nurse.

1030 Phone - Fraud Spoken To Location/Address: David Ter Lawyer for resident reports forged checks and maybe elder abuse. N677 reports already reported under 20-480-OF, referred back to investigating detective(N491).

1425 Phone - Report of Gas Leak Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: Tremont St Odor of gas inside home.

1937 Phone - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: Emf Collision Center / Auto Detail Corp - Davis Ave Caller reports an unwanted party. N661 and N662 responding. N661 reports unwanted party served in hand with a trespass notice.

2106 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Gone On Arrival Location/

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Address: Sumner St Group of kids throwing snowballs at passing vehicles.

21-4063 2323 Phone - Harassment Services Rendered Location/Address: Monroe St 1A pizza reports a fake delivery order and harassing phone calls.

**Saturday, February 27**

0839 Phone - Disturbance \*Report Filed Location/Address: Mountain Ave Verbal argument between brothers.

0918 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: E Cross St Parties advised on a neighbor issue.

1836 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Mr. Franks Food Mart - Meb Inc. - Washington St Store owner reports male and a female parked in the lot for over an hour. Female appeared off. Officers spoke with all involved. Friend showed up and drove the vehicle and occupants home.

1947 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Engamore Ln Resident made statements to a friend about hanging himself. She left and called her therapist who called here. N665 spoke to that party and reports all is ok he denies making any statements.

2128 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reports her husband has been using adderall and is becoming agitated and thinks he needs some help. N661 reports upon arrival he was in bed and unwilling to cooperate, the calling party was satisfied and comfortable staying at the house.

**Sunday, February 28**

0215 Initiated - Walk And Talk Spoken To Location/Address: Hampton Inn - Bos-Prov Hwy Clerk searched for missing person Brittany Stivaletta in system back to the day she was reported missing and did not find her in the system. Clerk was shown a photograph of Brittany and took down her name for future reference.

1203 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Wickham Way Employer requests a wellness check. Party was home and all is fine.

1403 Phone - Larceny \*Report Filed Location/Address: Guild Medical Center - Washington St Possible theft of cash while a patient and his credit card has been used.

1625 Initiated - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir N666,N667 stand by while a ex resident picks up some belongings.

1838 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Nahatan St + Broadway Caller reports possible drug activity in the parking lot, possible vehicle is a white Toyota Camry.

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Mulvehill said Morgan had indicated to him in the past that she had every intention of staying on in the Town.

“And then everything changed a couple of years ago,” he said. “Everything changed. There was a shuffling; she was removed from the office she was in. She was brought down to the other end of the building and every, thing, changed. And I guess my question that I don’t have an answer to until today, is why are we having this conversation? Why is she not here? Why is this woman, who is a valuable asset to our Town not here? She loved her position, and I’m waiting for an answer from anybody upstairs. I’m waiting on anybody to chime in on this Zoom call, give me a good reason why this employee who was so heralded by so many is not here in front of us

and not in the employ of the Town of Norwood. I’m frustrated, I’m mad; I’m more mad than anything that she’s not sticking around and not with us, and I’d love some answers.”

No more information on Morgan’s resignation came during the meeting.

Perry, for his part, said he was leaving because he was “getting up there” in years and decided it was just time to focus on other things.

“How old am I?” he said with a laugh. “I have to ask my wife all the time and I try to tell her I’m still in my 30s, and she just walks away. But anyway, I’ve enjoyed it and I hope I can still help do things in the Town. I’ve done a lot of the buildings in the Town, and believe it or not, one of my most fun things to do was the gazebo on the Common. It’s

constantly used and I’m very proud of it and hopefully it will stay standing up for many years.”

Perry said he was born in Norwood Hospital and is still a Town “homebody,” despite having several properties.

“But this is my last meeting, unless somebody asks me to fill in,” he said. “It’s been a pleasure and I appreciate the Town allowing me to be a part of it.”

“Let me tell you something Jack, if anybody owes a debt of appreciation it’s the Town,” said Brady after Perry made his remarks.

Mulvehill said he was leaving for similar reasons. He said he’s recently become a grandfather, and that makes one look at things a bit differently.

“I’ve become a grandfather recently of twins,” he said. “My girlfriend Deidre and I of almost 13 years now are ecstatic, but we’re also cognizant of the fact we’re getting up there in age and we’ve

got to do certain things for our way of life and the kids’ way of life. There’s regret, but also some sort of happiness.”

Mulvehill said he never thought he’d say he was leaving the board, but family circumstances and, seemingly, some frustration over Morgan’s resignation led him to that decision.

“My father was an associate member, my brother is the Veterans Agent, I’ve given more than my fair share of volunteerism to this community, since my late teens and early 20s in Town Meeting. I ran for Town Moderator, I was on the Planning Board and I’ve been on the ZBA for however many years. But there’s a lot of things that I’m angry about of how this Town is being run and how certain people are being treated. I can’t stand it and I’m not going to seek reappointment for three years. With regret, because my regret is I’m not going to be able to see you guys and give you hell.”

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Norwood has been in the top 10 percent of live teaching time in the state, he said. Norwood instructs students live for 55 hours over a two-week period whereas other districts are meeting or are now struggling to meet the 35-hour requirement.

“We created a model where we have not had disruptions,” he said. “We have not had outbreaks. We developed a model that we wanted to be as like regular school on regular school time as possible.”

There has been one case of in-school transmission during

this school year, with the possibility of a second, he noted.

The DESE policy shift would change a system that has been functioning well, he said. In addition, Thomson said that the DESE policy is in conflict with CDC guidelines. DESE’s proposal would allow for a three-foot distance between students.

On the bus, the DESE policy updated on Feb. 11 now allows for two per seat without having to skip rows as long as the windows are open at least three inches for the entire ride to provide air circulation.

“It’s still pretty cold out there,” Thomson said, explaining that the bus windows would be about two-thirds down. “I wouldn’t put away your hats and mittens at this point.”

He described the situation as “ongoing and developing” because the BESE vote is yet to be taken. The guidance from DESE about ventilation and lunch seating is yet to be released.

One problem would be the possibility of COVID-19 transmission at lunch. Tables cannot be used, as students would



School Committee Member Myev Bodenhofer

be facing each other. Students currently sit at their desks. Because they will not be wearing masks while eating, the chance of transmission is greater.

Another “gamechanger” is the existence of several new strains of the coronavirus from South Africa, Brazil, the United Kingdom and California. These are potentially more contagious among children.

What was disconcerting, he noted, was that Norwood had a plan for teacher vaccinations in Norwood. However, the policy was changed by the state.

“This is important, because now instead of having teach-

ers being vaccinated in a day or two,” he said, “we are now going to have to work out sending them out and about to these different sites trying to get vaccinated. This is kind of a shotgun, willy-nilly way to approach it, and it’s going to be difficult to know how long we will have, or how long it will take, to get our teachers vaccinated.”

Parents will need to be surveyed to see which children will be returning. Then the school buildings will need to be reconfigured – while classes are taking place.

One point Thomson stressed was the concept of close contact for contact tracing. Close contact is determined by being within six feet of someone with the virus for a period of 15 minutes cumulative over a period of two days. If students are three feet apart, the chance of being in contact with someone for that amount of time could potentially increase.

He said some disruption may occur and the system may have to flip back to remote at times. Staffing and mental health concerns for children are other factors.

Myev Bodenhofer stressed that DESE had previously mandated this summer that when-

ever masks are removed, students must be six feet apart.

“So it’s not just that the Norwood Public Schools are concerned about lunch,” she said. “It’s that the state mandate is saying that if you have students taking their masks off, they must take their masks off.”

She added that she has received questions as to why St. Catherine’s has been able to have students be able to attend in-person classes. The answer is that their desks are six feet apart.

Chair Teresa Stewart said she emailed Gov. Charlie Baker, DESE and BESE now and throughout the pandemic. At this juncture she has found “six different points of discrepancy” between the CDC and DESE guidelines. In her role as School Committee chair, it is difficult to follow guidance that is not congruent.

She wanted the community to know that the School Committee, the administration and the Board of Health have been advocating for clear information throughout this process.

After reading the reports that Riley and Baker cited, she found that they were not telling “the whole story” – particularly on social distancing.

“That letter of support doesn’t even touch on the social distancing,” Stewart said. “It’s a letter of support for many other things, but it doesn’t say three feet.”

## 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.

—W.S.

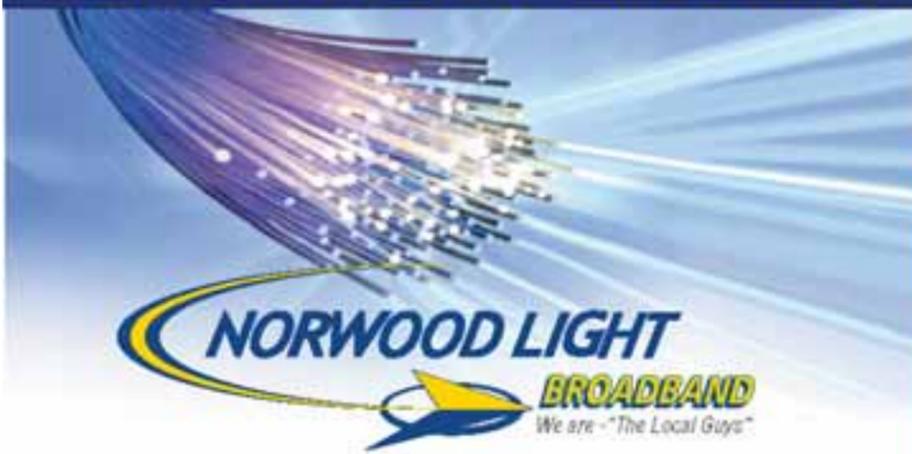
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