

The command dispatch command center for SEMRECC in Foxboro looks like it could be featured in the next locally-shot action film.

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Saints Park design revealed

Preserves existing habitat

Matthew MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The third Norwood Riverfront Park community meeting was held remotely on Thursday, July 29.

It ran an hour-and-a-half and drew approximately 30 attendees. Its purpose was to reveal the final conceptual design for the undeveloped, wooded seven-acre Saints Lot bordered by Hawes Brook at 84 Morse St., the Neponset River, Eliot Park (behind the Balch Elementary), and the dead ends of Saint Paul, Saint Joseph, and Saint John avenues.

A team from the Horsley Witten Group (HWG) was brought in by the Town to analyze the site, prepare conceptual designs for a park, and provide a detailed cost estimate for the project. During the prior community meeting on June 29, it presented two design concepts: "The Stroll," with naturalistic, meandering trails utilizing much of the wooded landscape; and "The Park," with a more actively programmed site layout.

The final conceptual design was a combination of both, containing stabilized, ADA accessible soil paths of varying widths winding through the site, along with two wooden boardwalks; an interactive food forest; and two viewing platforms overlooking the

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Regional dispatch touts better efficiency

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

If you're heading down Route 1 South from Norwood through Foxboro, you might notice that just past the Volvo dealership and MOM's Motorcycles, there's a small road off of Route 1 North that snakes its way up the mountain at the F. Gilbert Hills State Forest.

About halfway up that paved trail is the newly-minted headquarters of the Southeastern Massachusetts Regional Emergency Communications Center, or SEMRECC. To most, the building would be hardly noticable, but in its 1940s construction lies the beating heart of 911 dispatch communications for Foxboro down to New Bedford. And soon Norwood will join its coverage area.

SEMRECC Executive Director Rob Verdone said the facility was built of concrete originally designed to withstand a nuclear blast.

"This was actually one of the first projects that connected coast-to-coast communications for telephone, TV and department communications" he said. "And so these facilities were designed so that if Boston got nuked, it would just keep running and the SAGE (Semi Automatic Ground Environment) Radar system could just keep running. I mean look at how thick the roof is. It would cost us just under \$500 million to build this concrete shell now; half a billion dollars."

Walking into the regional dispatch center, it looks kind of like what you might expect an entertainment software developer's suite or a military radar station to look like: lots of screens, lots of phones, lots of maps and lots of graphical interfaces. Verdone said they have about six-to-eight dispatchers working at any given time, with the capacity to expand for when storms move in or if there's a large event taking place.

Verdone said the district was formed in 2017 and they have just recently moved into the Route 1 facility at the beginning of the year after starting up in Norton. He said right now, there are very few Massachusetts municipalities that are trying to stay local in their dispatch operations.

"There are not many communities not moving towards regionalization at this point," he said. "Out in the west, they're almost completely regionalized."

Norwood Fire Department Chief George Morrice said he, Town Manager Tony Mazucco and Norwood Police Department Chief William Brooks all decided that moving towards regionalization was the way to go to provide the best service for the Town.

"We had actually had an individual come in and do an analysis of our entire

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Norwood Basketball going Unified

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter



Norwood Basketball Coach (and veteran Norwood Community Media news anchor) Kristen McDonnell is starting a new, unified basketball team this year at the Norwood High School.

While readers may not be familiar with the term "Unified Sports," the team will consist of students with intellectual disabilities playing alongside those who do not have these disabilities. McDonnell said they're just trying to get the idea off the ground this year.

"The ultimate goal is to do all sports," she said. "We'll get it started and after working with the unified team – the Massachusetts Special Olympics organization recommends starting with one team – then we'll see how it goes and grow little by little from there; moving into additional sports and additional grade levels."

McDonnell said they're starting with the high school kids and will hopefully expand from there. She said right now the age range is about five years, but since this is the first time Norwood is doing this particular program, they're keeping everything very fluid for now so as to potentially be able to accommodate as many interested players as possible.

"Our youngest is a freshman who is 14 and then we could potentially have someone up to 19 years old," she said. "Right now to start, we're just doing the high school kids and if we can add anyone to the team we'll look to extend that age limit."

McDonnell said when she was coaching over in Braintree, unified teams would come out and play for the halftime show.

"And I thought it was just the most incredible thing," she said. "The whole crowd got into it and the kids who were playing were just so happy to be playing and to be part of a team and have the same experiences that their peers have. Knowing that that's been happening, I've found more and more schools have been adding it to their official sports program."

McDonnell said the point of the program is to get more students into youth sports, and so this year, Norwood received the official designation as a Unified Team District.

"We are under that umbrella for some mini activities as well for a unified district, and that's at all grade levels," she said. "We picked up the unified basketball aspect of it so that we could have an actual team so

the kids can have the same experiences their peers do."

Norwood does have a youth sports challenger league, which operates during the summer in much the same way as the unified sports is hoping to do, but McDonnell said bringing this kind of opportunity to the school system brings in more opportunities for students with or without intellectual disabilities to play.

"I'm sure there will be some overlap in terms of the athletes and partners we're going to have, definitely," she said.

"The mission of unified youth sports, which is part of the Massachusetts Special Olympics, is to completely immerse students into the school community so they are treated like any other student athlete would be treated," she said. "So they're going to get some funding towards the sport, they'll get the uniforms, they'll have fans at their games, they'll have practice each week and each game ends with a jamboree, and so it's almost like it ends with fireworks."

The teams themselves will still be five players apiece, but there will be three athletes with intellectual disabilities with two partners without disabilities at any given time.

"The two partners will be helping to guide and mentor the athletes, but it really is for the athletes to compete and have fun and enjoy the sport," she said.

McDonnell said the entire school community has welcomed the program with open arms. She said right now they're starting the recruiting process.

"We're sending out letters right now to see who's interested, and then in September, practices start," she said. "So we're trying to get a team together of between ideally 12 and 18 people total for mid September. Games start at the beginning of October and they run through the end of November."

If you'd like to support the team or want more information to sign up for the program this fall, shoot McDonnell and email KmcDonnell@norwood.k12.ma.us



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Olivadi cites COVID as reason for liquor license extension

BOS warn this is the last one

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday evening, Aug. 3 at Town Hall. The 45-minute public session (which followed a 45 minute executive session) used a hybrid model that featured two in-person appointments and one virtual appointment.

The first two appointments of the night were continued show cause hearings regarding the liquor licenses for two major local restaurants that closed during to the pandemic.

Specifically, the hearings were for the Selectmen to consider whether or not to revoke the liquor licenses in question because of the establishments' failure to put them to use.

The lengthier of the two hearings brought representatives of the restaurant formerly known as Olivadi before the Board. The Italian restaurant and bar, located at the corner of Guild and Central streets, closed in June of 2020.

Since then, Anthony Delapa – whose family owns the building located at 32 Guild St. – has been trying to lease it out in its current capacity as an eating and drinking establishment, with its liquor license an essential component of any potential agreement.

As the restrictions of the pandemic have loosened, demand for alcoholic beverage licenses within the Town has outpaced their limited supply, with the BOS having responsibility for their management and distribution.

Having reached the end of a 90-day continuance – after an initial six-month leave had been granted – without having yet found a new tenant for the building, Delapa and commercial real estate broker Jim Conviser (Conviser Property Group) appeared before the Board to request another extension regarding the business's liquor license.

"Between when we closed in June [2020] until, like, April [2021], it was virtually impossible to do anything with that space," Delapa explained. "I don't think there were many restaurants that opened up during that time. I know that, probably, 30 percent closed during this time."

Having earlier in his remarks cited the eviction moratorium, and the pause on student loan payments and license renewals due to the pandemic, Delapa finished his point:

"We're kind of asking for that same type of consideration."

Chair Thomas Maloney – specifying the Board's specific

interest in the liquor license, rather than the business as a whole – asked if anyone had shown interest in buying it. When Corviser responded that a prospective tenant would definitely want it, Maloney expanded his question. "How about anybody at another premises?"

"We haven't explored that," Delapa answered. "I think if we did that, that space, as is, would be unrentable." Corviser followed by adding, "It would be very difficult."

Corviser – who has been marketing the restaurant space for the past few months and is based in Dedham – noted that local restaurant leasing has only recently begun to pick up and that he has been talking to a handful of groups who have shown varying levels of interest in taking over the restaurant.

"It's reasonable to think that, in the next two months, we should be able to come to a fully agreed to lease," he predicted, while making clear that an executed lease would be a prerequisite for a liquor license transfer application. "But I think that we're getting close, and that – in the next coming weeks – we should be able to accomplish that."

When questioned by Board member Helen Abdallah-Donohue, Delapa estimated that his family had put \$2 to 3 million into rebuilding the site, and that Olivadi had employed 35 people during its 12 years in business.

"I think that 60 days would be a reasonable way to help you out, since you have such a huge investment there," Donohue concluded.

Selectman David Hajjar, in his commentary, considered the Board's need to maintain consistency.

"I guess, looking at some of the dates from previous [hearings], it's not that far out of line. But I would have to say that, in my mind, you're probably not going to get another extension."

Board member William Plasko was not in favor of granting another extension, stating that ownership had been given its prior 90-day extension for the same reason that it was requesting this 60-day one, and that it had limited its options by not making the license available to off-site buyers. He also noted another, as of yet unused option available to ownership: reopening the business on its own, rather than bringing in a new tenant.

The Board voted 4-1 in favor of granting a continuance until Oct. 5, with the implication that no further extensions would be granted without a submitted

transfer application.

The other show cause hearing – involving the permanently closed SKY restaurant on Route 1 – was much briefer, with its hearing continued until Nov. 9 to allow a submitted transfer application for the business's liquor license to go through the approval process.

The evening's third appointment was a virtual one, with newly hired Assistant Town Manager Michael Rosen introducing himself to the Board from Tolland, Connecticut, where he was finishing his last two days of a two year stint as its Town Manager.

Rosen was selected from a pool of more than 60 applicants to replace longtime Assistant Town Manager Bernie Cooper, who died this past January. He has nearly 10 years experience in municipal management in both Bedford, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

"I'm really looking forward to getting to Norwood in just a couple of weeks," Rosen said, before mentioning that he's in the process of buying a place and adding, "I'm looking forward to be living in Town in my first ever home that I've ever owned in my life."

Rosen starts work in the first week of September.

The Board of Selectmen will next meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 17.



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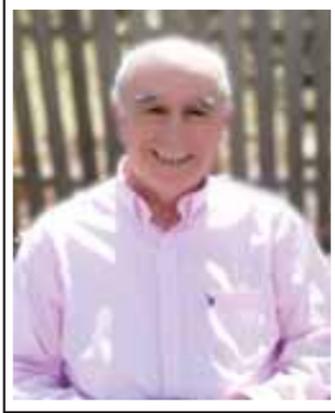
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It was somewhat of a remote beach on Cape Elizabeth in southeastern Maine, just a few miles outside of the city of Portland. On the approach road, I saw various no parking signs posted. I had been inured my whole life by such approaches to then seeing "Resident Parking Only" or hefty beach prices for non-residents.

But neither of these was at the beginning of the beach parking lot: I was astonished. A parking space was found and hours were spent reading and watching young children under the eyes of their caring parents frolicking on the cove beach and in its placid waters in a Norman-Rockwell-like setting.

Do you know of any such beach in our vast metropolitan area (outside of the DCR shoreline) without prohibitions/charges to non-residents? If you do, it's a well-kept secret. Greater Boston coastal communities have gone to great lengths to keep us outsiders from accessing and soiling their beaches. Aware that the small number of allocated parking spaces for out-of-towners fills up fast, this summer Gloucester, blessed with a sizable Catholic Italian and Portuguese population whose faith is based on loving neighbor as thyself, has posted Resident Only Parking signs on residential roads even further away from Good Harbor Beach;



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such signs used to be at somewhat of a distance before this summer, and now the signage is even more so—with a \$75 fine waiting for offenders.

It's particularly disturbing that Scituate, described as the most-Irish town in America with 70% of its population of Irish lineage, subscribes to the only-for-us-residents philosophy. Undoubtedly aware of how their Irish Catholic ancestors were first treated in Boston by the wealthy WASPs, the current residents treat outsiders with similar disdain.

Adjacent South Shore towns, also with heavily Catholic populations, look the other way when reminded of love-your-neighbor-as-yourself commandment. The justification is that outsiders trash the beaches and thwart attendance by local residents. Hmm. And just for the record, at the aforementioned beach on this hot sunny July day there were not dirty diapers and other trash strewn on the beach by any of the beachgoers, townies or otherwise, nor was there was no waiting automobile line to access parking because of the presence of out-of-towners. It was, to say the least, a sight to behold.



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NO REGISTRY CIO IS PROBLEMATIC

To the Editor:

Dear Friend of the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds: I am following up with you on the developing situation that relates to the failure to confirm an appointment of a permanent on-site Registry CIO position. Technology overseen by the Registry CIO drives services to the users and stakeholders of the Norfolk Registry of Deeds. An on-site Registry CIO position reporting to and supervised by the Register of Deeds is a funded permanent position that has been in existence at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds for over 20 years. A recent newspaper article about this controversy is enclosed. There is a need to make completely sure that what was offered to the Registry CIO designee in the form of a perma-

nent position as well as all that comes with that job classification are in place. Furthermore, Registry operations and Registry users and stakeholders deserve to have a permanent on-site Registry CIO physically at the Norfolk Registry working on IT issues and modernization initiatives for and with the Register of Deeds. Not to fill the on-site permanent budgeted and existing Registry CIO position in place for over 20 years is unimaginable in this day and age of technology as well as cybersecurity risks. Not to have this as a permanent Registry CIO makes filling this position difficult and retaining a person to be Registry CIO challenging. This hinders the proper and business-like operation the Norfolk Registry of Deeds strives for. It is just not a prudent business policy and it cries out for continued action to rectify. Thank you to all the

individuals who have acted and continue to make their voices heard on this unsound policy decision. Attached is a letter from the Real Estate Bar Association for Massachusetts (REBA) sent out regarding this matter which is just one example of the support received. I and the Registry staff are grateful to all who have expressed support for the Registry's position of making sure the failure to appoint a permanent on-site Registry CIO that oversees Registry technology by working directly with and for the Register of Deeds is challenged. Thank you for your continued patience, understanding and support as the Registry of Deeds and its staff works through this challenging set of circumstances.

William P. O'Donnell
Register of Deeds



Roundhouse kicked out the tunes on Wednesday as part of the Town's Summerfest Concert Series. More bands on the way all through August.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

Roundhouse gathers old friends and new

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The most recent Summerfest Concert went off without a hitch on Wednesday, July 28, as hundreds of residents came out to hear the band Roundhouse play.

Many residents have known the band since high school, as they've been playing in one form or another for over 40 years.

"I came out because Roundhouse is playing tonight, and a couple of my buddies from high school – Paul Riley, Teddy Mulvehill – they're playing in this rock band," said Mike Cawley. "They've been playing since I was 18 years old. They're great. They played at places all over, including Lewis' too. But they're all grown up now, married, then divorced and then married again!" he said

with a laugh.

Resident Billy Goodwin said he came out just for a bit of Daddy's Dairy.

"I just came out for an ice cream, and I'm like, 'Oh cool a rock band's playing,'" he said. "I tried to drag my wife out but she wouldn't have it. She said she's gained like five pounds on vacation. And you're damn right you print that! Absolutely!"

Residents Matt, Richard and Frank all declined to give their last names, except for John Clinton.

"I know Teddy sure, but I didn't know he was playing tonight!" Clinton said.

The group said this was the second event they've been able to get out to, but the shows were rough because of the weather.

"It's beautiful out tonight at least," Clinton added. "And the windows on the theater were

vibrating."

Resident Jeff Connors did the sound mixing for the night and he said the Norwood Common is always a great place to put on a show.

"It's great being able to mix outdoors," he said. "It's a lot easier as far as acoustics go and the band sounds a little better. We're still tweaking, and it's just a great time."

Connor's work spoke for itself, quite literally, as the vocals, bass, guitar and drums echoed off the Old Colonial Cafe to reverberate into the Department of Public Works mechanic area and also down to the former location of Spot! Bagels.

Residents Veronica McElaney and Clyde Icuspit said they came down to celebrate Icuspit's last few weeks

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Florence Ave applicants withdraw without prejudice

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) met on Aug. 3 both in a virtual format and in-person at the Norwood Community Media Studios at the Norwood High School.

The Board voted unanimously to accept a withdrawal without prejudice application from resident Haydar Ali regarding his proposal to demolish the existing garage on his property at 47 Florence Ave. and build a new garage that could hold four vehicles.

Mary Ann McKittrick, Ali's attorney, said they're going to try to figure out another plan to get

a workable garage for he, his family and/or the neighbors – as a joint garage was floated as a possibility – but they needed more time to figure out what to do since the Board was not receptive to the newly-presented proposal for a garage through a special permit.

"I'm going to continue to work with my client to come up with a solution," she said. "I don't know if joint garages are an option – there's very little space between those two houses. So you'll have to give us time to figure that out. I'm asking you to be patient; I think the Ali's want to stay, but I think maybe the thought is 'we have to move because we can't do what we need to on this lot' and

that would be a shame.

ZBA Chair Scott Murphy said he agreed that it would be a shame.

"We did try to squeeze this into the bylaw and we just couldn't," he said. "I just appreciate all the time you did and the work you did and Mr. Ali coming in and telling us in a heartfelt way what he wanted to do. It's just a matter of applying this is difficult for some of us to do."

Ali said he wanted to expand his garage because he shares his driveway with his next door neighbor, whose son is about to get his drivers license. Ali leaves for work early and has been parking on the street and paying

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in Norwood. Icuspit and his family are moving out of the country (where his family, Berit and Daniel Sorenson, are now) and McElaney said she wanted to get him one last taste of Norwood before he leaves.

"This is my first this year," both said.

"This is so refreshing and it's just so nice to be out with my friends," McElaney said.

"It's almost like it's back to normal," Icuspit added.

Resident Colin McPhillips and his son came out, this being his third time.

"We've been here for a couple of them," he said. "We like it and you know it gets you outside."

Resident Colin Murrey said this was the first time for him.

"This is just such a great night for this," he said. "Roundhouse is great; we know the drummer, he's a local guy and we've been to other places in

Norwood where he played. It's always a great time out in the Common and there's good crowd here tonight. We were all just finishing up dinner and as it goes on there will definitely be more people showing up."

As the crowds dining outside around the Common and on Walpole Street finished their dinner, Murrey was proved to be right. Roundhouse played for two hours, well into the night.

NORWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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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, August 18th, 2021 at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be conducted in person at the Norwood Community Media studio, 245 Nichols St door 22, and 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

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Neponset River near the site's Eliot Park end, and at its confluence with Hawes Brook.

As introduced by HWG Associate Principal Brian Kuchar, the final conceptual design for the park was informed by suggestions made at the second meeting, as well as by the results of a post-meeting Internet survey that had been taken over about two weeks.

According to Kuchar, about two-thirds of the second meeting's approximately 25 attendees preferred "The Stroll," while just over half of the survey's approximately 40 re-

spondents preferred "The Park," leading to HWG's deeper analysis of the data.

"Although there seemed to be a little bit of disparity in the two visions that were selected, when we looked at the data in a little more detail, it seemed there was a lot of consensus on how people wanted to use the park," he said during the presentation. Areas of agreement included nature walks, nature play, and habitat preservation and creation.

Project Landscape Architect Hannah Carlson said that much of the site's vegetation will remain, with the focus on



Some of the trail is planned to be compacted earth or gravel, while some areas will have to be boardwalks because of either topography or water.

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the management and strategic removal of its invasive species. "The intention is not to cut ev-

erything down and make a whole park," she explained. "The intention is to selectively clear areas." This type of clearing is also a major component of the design's limited restoration of the Neponset riverbank.

The plan for the park includes a nature play/outdoor education area, a food forest, and a meadow at the Eliot Park end of the site; another meadow at the confluence; a catalpa garden along Hawes Brook; and benches throughout, as well as some picnic tables.

The design also includes a pedestrian bridge across Hawes Brook requiring an easement, dedicated parking spots at the dead ends of Saint Joseph and Saint John avenues, and an updated stormwater drainage system – prepared in cooperation with the DPW – that would continue to service all three Saints streets leading to the site.

Although a kayak/canoe launch was also a popular request, it did not make it into

the conceptual design due to the fact that further study regarding its feasibility, given water depths, was warranted. Additionally, a bike course was not included, due to the site's passive recreation limitations. However, the possibility of revisiting both was noted.

During the meeting's question and answer period, parking was again a major topic, with suggestions for resident parking or other limited parking on the Saints streets, and a repeated suggestion for the conversion of the Light Department lot on Short Street to a public parking lot. Additional parking is slated for the corner of Pond and Saint George avenues, the Balch parking lot (when school is out), and the Hawes Pool parking lot.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Kuchar spoke of the end of the design phase while encouraging continued community involvement. "This is really where things start to take off," he said. "And although we have this concept plan, as it gets advanced, things will evolve and there will be additional opportunities for input and public involvement."

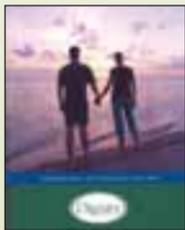
An onsite meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Aug. 12 with Eliot Park as the tentative gathering point. For information, contact Town Conservation Agent/Environmental Planner Holly Jones at hjones@norwoodma.gov or at 781-762-1240 x6065.

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the fines when levied instead of asking his neighbor to move a car at 5:30 a.m. every morning.

Kittrick said Ali and his family want the garage because the current garage, like many of the garages on the street, was built in the early 1900s and only holds two cars. Because the property has a pool net where the garage is currently, he can't expand laterally and therefore requested a variance to expand out the back.

Murphy had said at a previous meeting that he doesn't believe the plan can move forward as a variance, because it doesn't meet the three requirements the zoning bylaw currently requires which include that the Board must find that the project does not bring any substantial detriment to the public good, that current conditions for the proposal create a hardship on the proponent, and that any soil conditions, shape or topography conditions make it impossible to follow the zoning code as it stands.

Murphy asked McKittrick to find a way to request the garage through a special permit, as that would have allowed the Board more room to maneuver around the zoning code. McKittrick had been using 41 Florence Ave as precedence for her argument. Two years ago the ZBA seemingly approved a similar garage through a special permit, as a basis for Ali's case.

"I would just ask that you consider that as a basis for a special permit, as you seem to be more comfortable with a special permit than a variance," she said.

ZBA members Al Porro and Paul Eysie said they just didn't feel the size of the garage was appropriate for the neighborhood.

"Most of those houses there are turn-of-the-century houses and most of their garages are single car garages, not double at 24 feet," Eysie said. "I did look at 41 Flo-

rence because I honestly feel that if another applicant got an approval then why shouldn't the neighbor next store not get one? It's all about fairness."

Eysie said the 41 Florence garage is 36 feet long, while Ali's is pushing 42 feet. McKittrick pointed out that this garage is 1,100 square feet, while the 41 Florence was 900 square feet.

"I'm not talking about the square feet, I'm talking about the length," Eysie said. "I just don't feel a garage that size belongs in that neighborhood. It just seems enormous." Ali pointed out that from the street, one would only see the 24-foot-wide garage doors.

Member Sarah Greenwell said she agreed with Porro and Eysie, while member Mary Kate Daly said she supported the move. Murphy said he still felt the variance requirements had not been met.

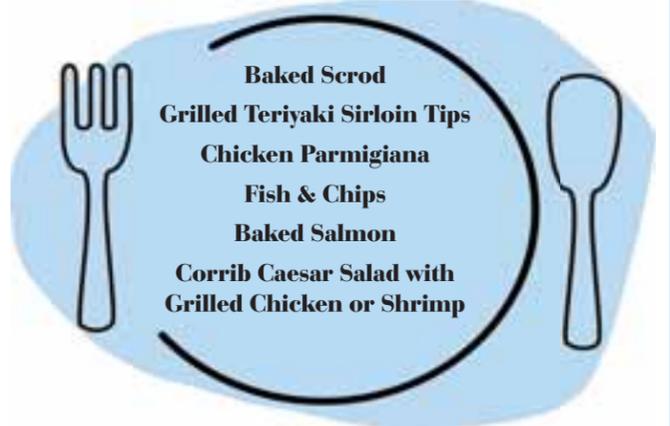
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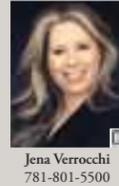
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THE BANDS PLAY ON

As in previous years, the Town Common Bandstand is hosting two concert series, the Wednesday night Summerfest and Sunday evenings Concerts on the Common. Both of these performance series are free and open to the public. Please bring your own seating. Details for each concert series are as follows:

Summerfest - All concerts held on Wednesday evenings between 7 and 9 pm.

August 18th - Veronica Robles All Female Mariachi. August 25th - Boston's Erin Og from 7 pm to 9 pm.

Concerts on the Common - Concerts are held on Sunday evenings 6:00-8:00.

August 8th - Westwood Swing Band August 15th - Tom Nutile Big Band August 22nd - Oberlaendler Hofbrau Band August 29th - Dan Gabel and the Abletones.

All concerts are sponsored by community organizations, businesses and the town of Norwood. For up-to-date information please visit the town's concert page at: http://www.norwoodma.gov/residents/holidays_and_community_events/concerts.php

ADULT SERVICES POP-UP LIBRARY

Friday, August 6 at 1:30pm on the Town Common. The Morrill Memorial Library's Adult Services department is delighted to pop-up on the Town Common on the afternoon of Friday, August 6th! Looking for a great new read this summer? Come browse a selection of books and other materials that you can check out on the spot. Or, stop by to chat and learn more about upcoming programs and what's happening at the Library this fall. Bring your library card, or we can help you sign up for one!

We'll be on the Town Common between 1:30 and 3:30 pm. For more details, please see the Library calendar at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. We hope to see you there!

FREE MUSIC IN THE BARN

Another FREE Music in the Barn concert comes to Adams

Farm, 999 North Street in Walpole, on Saturday, August 7. Sponsored by the Friends of Adams Farm, the concert will run from noon to 3 p.m. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair, a snack or picnic lunch and join us on the green surrounding the pavilion for an afternoon of great music. This summer's second concert will feature the band Groovy Situation and solo performer Dave Penza. After several years performing together in classic rock bands, Mary Dyer (vocals) and Matt Tremble (guitar) formed an acoustic band featuring well-loved pop songs from the 60's and 70's with an emphasis on catchy AM radio hits, memorable one-hit wonders, and nostalgic sing-a-longs. Adding Bill Fox on percussion, they dubbed the group Groovy Situation after the 1970 Gene Chandler single. For almost five years, the band has built a loyal following while performing at restaurants, pubs and private functions. Rounding out the bill, Dave Penza from Wrentham will play his own renditions of music by your favorite singer-songwriters. For more information on events at Adams Farm, please contact yvette@adams-farm.com.

ADAMS FARM NATURE WALK

Come to Adams Farm, 999 North Street in Walpole, for a FREE Nature Walk-and-Talk on Saturday, August 14. The fourth in a series of free programs sponsored by the Friends of Adams Farm, this month's session will focus on wildflowers. The program begins at 10 a.m. and will be led by Brian Cassie, a Foxboro naturalist who has a great deal of appreciation for and experience with local wildflowers. We'll meet Mr. Cassie in the pavilion next to the barn at Adams Farm for a brief introduction of the topic, followed by a discovery walk to one or more corners of the Farm.

Late summer is a very good time to explore fields and meadows and edges for wildflowers. Adams Farm has excellent open areas and while we walk around, we should find a variety of goldenrods, early asters, Joe Pye weeds, loosestrifes, mints, and other wildflowers, and also see many flower-insect relationships. The walking will be quite easy and the pace will be slow.

The Nature Walk-and-Talk is free of charge and will last for an

hour to an hour and a half. The final program of the series will take place on Saturday, September 11. For more information on events at Adams Farm, please contact yvette@adams-farm.com.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available every Thursday in the chapel from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. and each First Friday/Saturday of the month for an All Night Vigil-6 p.m.-6:30 a.m. "Can you watch with me for 1 Hour?" (Matthew 26:40). St. Catherine of Siena Chapel, 547 Washington St., Norwood.

CLASS OF 1972 REUNION

The planning committee is now looking to find/update classmates' contact info for the fall 2022 reunion. Please feel free to call or email to update/check your contact info. Bob Donnelly, 339-2 0 6 - 2 5 1 6 robertdonnell66@gmail.com, Diane (Shannon) Sheehan, 617-9 3 0 - 1 7 7 7 dsheehan909@gmail.com, Gail Flaherty, 617-328-6585, Maura (Lafargue) Towne, 781-608-9468 twinmcc@aol.com. Hope to see you in 2022!

VISIT POP-UP LIBRARY DURING CONCERTS

Adult Services Pop-up Library at Summerfest 2021, Wednesday, August 11 and Wednesday, August 18 at 5:15pm on the Town Common. The Morrill Memorial Library's Adult Services department is delighted to pop-up on the Town Common at Summerfest 2021! Looking for a great way to pass the time while you stake out your spot for the concert? Come browse a selection of books and other materials that you can check out on the spot. Or, stop by to chat and learn more about upcoming programs and what's happening at the Library this fall. Bring your library card, or we can help you sign up for one!

We'll be on the Town Common on August 11 and August 18 between 5:15 and 6:45 pm. For more details, please see the Library calendar at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. We hope to see you there!

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SECTION A
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
TOWN OF NORWOOD, MA

Sealed Bids will be received up to 11:00 A.M. (Verizon time) August 20, 2021, in the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 for the following Public Project:

Provide all labor, materials, equipment, tools, and supervision necessary for power line tree trimming for the Norwood Light Department.

There shall be three contract periods. The first shall term shall be September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022. The second and third years (9/1/22-8/31/23, and 9/1/23-8/31/24) may be renewed at the Town's sole discretion at the same pricing. The complete bid package may be obtained in the Purchasing Department during regular business hours or electronically by registering and downloading at: <https://bids.norwoodma.gov>. No bid documents will be mailed.

The bid must be filled out and signed as directed herein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed to the Purchasing Department, endorsed with the name and address of the bidder, and marked, "TREE TRIMMING - NLD-22-04."

A certified check or bid bond, with acceptable surety in favor of the Town of Norwood and equal to at least five percent (5%) of the bid, must be submitted with the bid.

The successful bidder shall, within ten (10) days of notification of award furnish the Town a performance bond and payment bond in an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the bid for year #1.

Bids shall be prepared, considered, and the contract awarded in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 30, Section 39M and all other statutes governing such contracts. Every General Bid shall be on forms furnished by the Town. Bids submitted on other forms may be rejected. The award of the contract shall be made within 30 working days after the opening of General Bids, Saturdays, and Sundays excluded.

An award will not be made to a Contractor who is not properly equipped to undertake and complete the work. The right is reserved to waive any informality and to reject any or all proposals in accordance with the provisions of MGL as amended.

The Town of Norwood notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed or national origin in consideration for an award.

Wages are subject to minimum wage rates under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D inclusive, as most recently amended.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to accept any part of a bid or the one deemed best for the Town. A copy of the plan holders' list can be obtained at the Town's website: www.norwoodma.gov.

BY: Tony Mazzucco
General Manager
Town of Norwood

Norwood Record: 08/05/21



Thank You Novenas

For Favors or Prayers Answered

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin
(Never known to fail!)
Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.
Grateful thanks. —K.B.

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

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

Adult Services Pop-up Library, Tuesday, August 31 at 5:30pm at Castle Island Brewery (31 Astor Avenue, Norwood).

The Morrill Memorial Library's Adult Services department is delighted to pop-up at Castle Island Brewery on the evening of Tuesday, August 31st! Looking for a great new read this summer? Come browse a selection of books and other materials that you can check out on the spot. Or, stop by to chat and learn more about upcoming programs and what's happening at the Library this fall. Bring your library card, or we can help you sign up for one!

We'll be at Castle Island between 5:30 and 7:30pm. For more details, please see the Library calendar at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. We hope to see you there.

"A LONG WALK DOWN A WINDING ROAD"

Author talk by Sam Farmer on Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00pm on Zoom.

The Morrill Memorial Library is offering a Zoom presentation on Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00pm featuring local author Sam Farmer. Mr Farmer will talk about his book, "A Long Walk Down a Winding Road." Written from the unique perspective of someone living on the autism spectrum, the book is intended for those who want to carve out better lives for themselves. Interwoven with real stories of personal triumphs, it offers clear advice and simple steps for overcoming adversity and improving quality of life. The stories and wisdom shared will inspire and empower everyone to pursue greater happiness and success.

Sam Farmer wears many hats: author, father, husband, musician, computer consultant, and autism spectrum community contributor. Diagnosed late with Asperger's Syndrome, he writes blogs and articles for various media outlets and presents at conferences and support groups, sharing stories, ideas and insights as to how one can achieve greater happiness and success in the face of challenges and adver-

sity. "A Long Walk Down a Winding Road: Small Steps, Challenges, & Triumphs Through an Autistic Lens" is his first book.

Registration for this program is required. Attendees can sign up via the Library calendar at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or by calling the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. Zoom access details will be sent upon registration and again two days prior to the program.

TOASTMASTERS CAN IMPROVE YOUR COMMUNICATION SKILLS

The Norwood Toastmasters Club, a not-for-profit educational organization is well into its 22nd 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 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month except December. We meet from 6:45 until 8:30 PM online via ZOOM. Please visit our website: <https://norwoodtoastmaster.toastmastersclubs.org/> for access information.

Deaths

DABROWNEY



Patricia A. passed away on July 25, 2021 at the age of 80. Born in Minersville, PA, Patricia and her parents moved to Norwood when she was an infant. A lifelong resident of Norwood, she attended The Cotting School,

graduating in 1960. She became an institution there, working as an executive secretary until her retirement in 2005, and serving for many years on the Alumni Association's executive board. An active member of her community, Pat served as a lector at St. George's church, and was a longtime member of both the Norwood Lodge of Elks and the Emblem Club, serving both in various leadership roles. She was particularly proud of her term as the Exalted Ruler of the Norwood Lodge of Elks. Family members were the recipients of many of her sewing and knitting projects over the years, including wedding, baptism, and first communion gowns. Despite a lifetime of physical challenges, her resilience, fierce independence, and sharp wit were mainstays throughout her life. She was predeceased by her parents, John and Isabel (Goba) Dabrowney and her sister, Joan Ostrowski. She leaves her brother-in-law, Thomas Ostrowski; her nieces Susan Ransden (Jeffrey) and Sonya Wells (Thomas Jr.), her nephew Kenneth Ostrowski (Michelle) and grandnephews and nieces Mitchell and Emmett Ransden, Madison and Marissa Ostrowski, Jordan and T.J. Wells. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA Friday, August 6, 2021 at 8:30am followed by a funeral mass at 11am at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood. Visiting hours will be held on Friday morning from 8:30am-10:30am. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA. Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home www.KRAW-KORNACKFUNERALHOMECOM FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED 781-762-0482.

O'HALLORAN



Charles Frederick, 77, of Norwood passed away unexpectedly on July 30, 2021. He was born in Prince Edward Island, Canada on February 11, 1944 to Frederick and Agnes Gertrude (McCarthy) O'Halloran. Charlie was passionate about ice hockey, agriculture & farm animals, an avid member of the Canadian club, and always enjoyed a good lobster supper. Devoted parishioner of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Norwood. Former owner of O'Halloran's Meats & Provisions, and later in life owner of Charlie O'Painting. He had a fond appreciation of art & artifacts. He organized multiple fundraisers for those in need and always had a kind smile & handshake for everyone he met. Charles is survived by his ex-wife Kathleen; loving children, Mary, Stephen, Colleen, and Colin; his adored grandchildren, Rourke, Connor, Mason, Keira, and Camryn; his sisters, Doris Wernig and Frances Malone; and aunt, Rita McCarthy. Predeceased by his son, Kevin; brother, Ivan; and parents, Frederick and Agnes Gertrude. Funeral from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. Funeral Mass was held on Thursday, August 5, 2021 at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Norwood with interment following at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. GilloolyFuneralHome.com

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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 **August 16, 2021 at 7:10 PM** on the request of 83 Morse Street, LLC with respect to property located at **83 Morse Street, Norwood, MA 02062, in the Manufacturing (M) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held both virtually and at the Dick Keefe Studio at Norwood Community Media, Norwood High School, 245 Nichols Street, Door 22, Norwood, MA 02062.

Those wishing to participate remotely are encouraged to use GoToMeeting:

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The Application proposes to construct a 65-space parking lot with associated utilities, lighting and other site improvements. The Application requests a Special Permit under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 6.1.12 [Special Permits] and 6.1.10 [Typical Parking Dimensions] application to allow for a reduction in parking space and drive aisle dimensions.

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 cped@norwoodma.gov or by calling 781-762-1240 ext. 6055, Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Debbie Holmwood, Clerk

Norwood Record: 07/29/21, 08/05/21



Ask The Doctor

Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns an 8-bay center in Middleboro, MA. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.

Dear Doctor: Do you have any knowledge on the new 2021 Ford F150 pick up coming out late this year? -Mel

A) Last week Ford brought out a 2021 F150 per-production Hybrid Platinum addition for the New England Motor Press to View. The all new F150 was impressive to look at a drive in the large parking lot. There are currently only 3 production units making the press circuit. A few items of interest are the large very clear multi function touch screen center dash display, fold down shifter that allows the center arm rest to fold down flat to make it easy to use as a work station of yes a small lunch table area. There are many engine choices, the 10 speed transmission has proven to be a good design Upgraded interior leather, easy to use controls and finally a large flat dash cluster. Small front LED head lights as well as LED lights thru out the truck. Out back on the Hybrid, in the bed there is now a 240 volt receptacle as well as a couple of 110 volt receptacles for those who need to use a 240 volt hammer drill or any other HD electric power tool. Trucks are a very important part of the automotive business for all manufactures. The profit margins are high and brand competition is tough. Today's pick up trucks are now used for multi purposes including in some cases the family vehicle. The old days of a pick up used for work only are gone. Look for a full electric pick ups, in all brands next year as well as diesel power. The manual transmission small light duty pick ups will be a thing of the past. Even the small light duty pick up trucks have grown in size. It will be a buyers market for the new models.

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 and we will do our best to get them answered.

Monday, July 26

0807 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Cameron Rd Report skunk found in pool.

1018 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Austin St Report found baby bunny that is injured.

1937 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Sumner St Resident reports theft of a wildlife camera from his property.

1950 Walk-In - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Lane Dr Theft of patio chairs.

2157 Walk-In - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Nahatan St Party in the lobby with a found dog. NACO retrieved.

Tuesday, July 27

0934 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Ellis Pond - Walpole St Recreation department calls regarding an individual sitting on a bench with a 30 pack. Kids fishing camp in progress. Officers report adult with 30 pack is not drinking and checks out.

1152 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Belnap Rd Civilized matter. No crime. Was spoken to.

1236 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Bornwood Dr Seeking advice on the mental status of daughter. She was directed to call her daughter's med provider. There is no danger to anyone.

1506 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Windsor Gardens (The Berkshires @ Windsor Ga - Walpole St Resident with special needs locked out. Maintenance notified

1714 Initiated - Traffic Enforcement *Report Filed Location/Address: Winter St + Hawthorne St N674 reports operator failed to stop during traffic stop. As a result operator was arrested. Report filed. Refer To Arrest: 21-187-AR Arrest: Hernandez, Jaiden Address: 126 London St Lowell, Ma Age: 18 Charges: Stop For Police, Fail Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Speeding Rate Of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit Marked Lanes Violation

1905 Phone - Susp Person Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Sunset Ave Party reports susp. person. N663 attempted to make contact with the resident. Officers checked the area, nothing showing.

2302 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reports a loud party. Officers spoke with resident who agreed to turn down the music.

Wednesday, July 28

0712 911 - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Monroe St + Nahatan St Caller reports an

argument between two parties. Officers dispatched and assisted in resolving the matter.

0751 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Canterbury Dr caller reports a Medical alert activation. Unable to make contact with the resident over the phone. Officer reports accidental.

0833 Phone - Citizens Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Chapel Ct Female trash picker advised to stay off private property.

1233 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St Pocket knife found and given to the Officer. Property form filled out.

1356 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: 47 Chapel St - Chapel St Riverside well being. Officer reports phone troubles and she called Riverside with his to inform them.

1540 Phone - Well Being Chk Assisted Party Location/Address: Local Girl Rustic Creations - Engamore Ln Party reports that she was locked out of her apartment. Maintenance notified and responded.

2107 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Spoken To Location/Address: Rock St Resident reports of group of 4 juveniles being loud in the area, requests a check of the area. N663, N676 spoke with the group.

2333 Initiated - Malicious Damage *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwood Central Lot - Lenox St N676 reports vandalism. Report filed.

Thursday, July 29

0043 911 - Susp Person Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reports three suspicious persons in the area. Officers checked the area, with no results.

0045 911 - Susp Activity Other Location/Address: Village Rd W Caller requests a check of a vacant apartment which had an open door. Officers checked the apartment and secured the door.

0054 Phone - Assist Citizen Assisted Party Location/Address: Catalpa Rd Caller requested assistance with a leak. N666 was able to stop the leak.

0240 911 - Neighbor Disturbance Assisted Party Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd Party requests to speak with an officer regarding a neighbor dispute. N667 spoke with calling party, matter resolved.

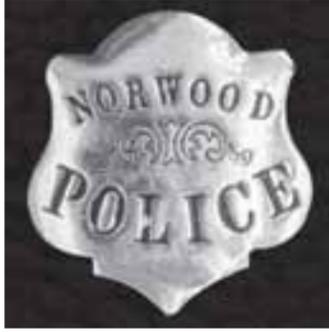
1059 Phone - Malicious Damage *Report Filed Location/Address: Westover Pkwy Report collection device being damaged.

1141 Walk-In - Malicious Damage Spoken To Location/Address: Norwest Dr Witness in lobby reports neighbor's house egged. N666 spoke to all parties, victim wanted log entry only and complex management will look into issue.

1210 Phone - Susp Person Area Search Negative Location/

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Address: MBTA Railroad Tracks, 934 - Washington St Report male walking around the tracks without any pants on.

1304 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Walkhill Rd + Washington St female located syringe on property 666 responded and collected.

1343 Phone - Disturbance *Report Filed Location/Address: All Seasons Rental - Bos-Prov Hwy employee reports his parents and their neighbor are feuding and neighbor showed up at son's place of business.

1428 911 - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Oolah Ave Report landlord throwing resident's property out of home. N663 spoke to all parties and she will be allowed to remain living there.

1510 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Hawes Pond - Washington St Report male stacking rocks in the pond. N663 spoke to him and Conservation Commission states this is his usual behavior and they are ok with it.

Friday, July 30

0819 Phone - Citizens Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Charwell - Walpole St Social worker from The Charwell House requested an officer in regards to an allegation made. N676 responded and spoke with all parties, who were advised and satisfied.

1616 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Mill Pond Ln Loud music. Party was advised.

1710 911 - Report Of Fire Police & Fire Notified/Respond Location/Address: Oolah Ave Kitchen fire on second floor. NFD notified and responded.

1929 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Spoken To Location/Address: Rock St + Oliver St Report of juveniles playing in the street near traffic. Officer advised them.

2129 Phone - Susp Person Area Search Negative Location/Address: Shaws Supermarket - Nahatan St Party panhandling and making customers feel nervous. Officers searched the parking lot and surrounding area with negative results.

Saturday, July 31

0113 Phone - Well Being Chk Area Search Negative Location/Address: Workmen's

Hall - Wilson St Caller reports hearing a female yelling. Officers searched the area with negative results.

1101 Phone - Disturbance *Report Filed Location/Address: Quest Diagnostics - Morse St Ext Report customer threw water bottle at staff member. N678 spoke to all parties, customer not welcome there anymore and he was so informed.

1114 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: High St Report neighbor called her a name earlier this morning. N664 reports nothing criminal.

1126 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Home Depot - Bos-Prov Hwy Report 2 dogs in a Dodge Magnum black for 15 minutes, window is cracked open. N.A.C.O. Assistant Officer left a voice message. 1156 Hrs- caller called back-owner came out and left.

1154 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Monster Mini Golf Of Norwood- Dba Bad Idea - Bos-Prov Hwy Report juvenile daughter's cell phone was stolen.

1212 Phone - Malicious Damage Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Country Club - Bos-Prov Hwy Report a hockey team staying at Hampton Inn doing some damage at the course at night. N678 reports they do not wish to file report but an "Extra Checks" entry will be made to DHQ.

1233 Phone - Malicious Damage *Report Filed Location/Address: Nahatan St Report car window broken since 0700 Hrs.

1801 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Village Rd E Judge Baker Children's Center request well-being check of two children after receiving anonymous report of drinking and drug use inside home. Officers spoke to grandmother who checked out OK, children in good health.

2047 Phone - Phone Harassment Services Rendered Location/Address: Adam And Eve - Bos-Prov Hwy Employee reports 15 harassing phone calls in the last 20 minutes. N664 spoke with Kings Point Police Department in Great Neck, NY who made contact with the caller. That individual was advised to cease calling.

2158 Phone - Loud Party Spoken To Location/Address: Buckingham Rd Loud music. Officer spoke to residents, agreed to end live music for the evening.

Sunday, August 1

0646 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Pleasant St + Nahatan St Caller reports a loose pit bull chased him and his dog. N.A.C.O. left message. N664 locates dog Pleasant/Rock and trans-

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ports him to station. 0905 Hrs- As A.C.O. was picking up dog(Buddy), owner from 192 Pleasant St. arrived and took same. A.C.O. to handle.

0940 Phone - Disturbance Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Mcdonalds - Broadway St Manager reports customer, who wants to complain, will not come into business and is sitting in his car blocking drive-thru yelling at her. N674 reports car left before officer's arrival, N663 cancelled.

1132 Cellular - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St Report male/female in some type of verbal argument then went in/out of alleyway. Units locate both subjects, spoken to, not arguing, just upset over something else, spoke to witness.

1229 Phone - Citizens Complaint No Action Required Location/Address: 109 Block - Central St Report male asked 2 females at table on the greenway for money and food. He is now on public bench in front of theater staring at them. N674 sent. N668 reports no response. N674 cancelled.

1329 Phone - Harassment Spoken To Location/Address: Gazebo - Town Common - Washington St Caller reports male party harassing females for money - N674 responding. N674 advised the male, spoke to calling parties, both understand the situation.

1509 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: David Ter Resident reports she has health issues and landlord will not fix the A/C. Advised.

1941 Walk-In - Civil Dispute Civil Matter Location/Address: Lane Dr Buyer of a property reports closing is tomorrow and the seller still has belongings inside. N667 advised of options.

2231 Phone - Disturbance Gone On Arrival Location/Address: St John Ave Resident concerned about the well being of occupants in a grey Sedan who may have been arguing. N666 states no vehicle matching description on scene, residents outside uncooperative.

2321 Phone - Susp Activity *Report Filed Location/Address: Pleasant St Caller reports ongoing suspicious activity within neighboring apartment.

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system to see if we could host a Regional Emergency Command Center, but the feasibility for us just wasn't there," said Chief Morrice. "And so then we started to look at other options. From my perspective and speaking from the chief's meetings that I've gone to, it has been put out there that the state is pushing departments in this direction. It has to do with grant money funding and lots of different avenues."

Morrice said this regional center gives all participating municipalities equal access to a lot of services and technologies they might not otherwise be able to utilize or be willing to afford.

One big advantage for the SEMRECC facility is that of expandable capacity. Verdone said, when asked what the limit on how many communities this particular facility could cover would be, he responded:

"We don't have one. You know 15 Tauntons versus 15 Dightons are very different

communities in terms of average call volume, but operationally? We could do most of the state if not the entire state. Politically though? That's not going to happen. There are almost 30 regional centers now."

Right now the center handles most, if not all the call traffic from Bristol County and Foxboro, with Norwood soon to follow.

Verdone said the new regional model increases efficiency and safety for all residents under its umbrella. He said, for instance, the way that mutual aid calls worked before was that each county would be assigned a choke point. In Bristol County, it was the Norton Dispatch Center.

"It was a great idea, but the Norton Dispatch Center had two people on duty," he said. "For example, before we took over operations for them, they had a tornado rip through Norton. So they were just slammed with calls. And also New Bedford got a fire at the

same time and they just didn't have the depth of staff to facilitate all that. If a tornado rolls through we have enough staff here to take care of everyone in that community. And then if Seekonk has a fire, we can also fulfill our mission there as well."

Verdone said there are 10 fully-operational dispatch and 911 positions at the center now, with six to eight generally being staffed at any given time.

"Then we staff up for stadium events, storms, basically anything we know is coming down the pike," he said. "Then if something really critical happens that we're not planning for, like something really bad happens, we can go up to our surge operation where we have administrative staff who are fully trained and certified and can come in and assist. We don't have to worry about if there's a space or not, they can just go in and start working."

Verdone said the first iteration of SEMRECC saw



Foxboro, Mansfield, Easton and Norton, and he said many more communities are working to connect into the region now.

"It really is the future of 911 communications," he said.

Verdone said modern dispatch first came to Massachusetts back in 1990. He said the dispatch showed the location of the phone number to the dispatcher, regardless of whether the caller was able to communicate effectively or not.

"When you think back to what life was like in 1990, I mean almost no one had a cell phone, and if you called 911, it was from your house," he said. "And so it made the most sense for the 911 dispatch to be in the community. Fast-forward to 2021, everybody's got a cell phone. I mean I have two cell phones. Children have cell phones. And so we have a tremendous opportunity for surge."

Verdone said as a dispatch center, they plan for a certain number of calls an hour during regular operations.

"But if someone has a fire?" he said. "Back in 1990, one person called 911 and said, 'hey, Joe's house is on fire.' 'Okay, we're on our way out.' No standards of care, no expectation of what that telecommunicator did. In fact it wasn't a telecommunicator. It was usually a cop or a civilian operator who would answer the phone and send help when needed. Now we are much more sophisticated."

Verdone said they have pre-arrival instructions for first responders, GPS location and more to use for when the surge hits the fan. He said he has a fully-trained doctor on staff, who he said they picked up after a recent disaster right here in Norwood.

"Dr Mike Valkanas. He was at Norwood Hospital before it sank into the abyss," Verdone said.

"He actually started as one of the paramedics on the intercept unit when he first came to the area, and then he

went to medical school and became a physician," Morrice said. "He's our medical director for over 10 area towns. He oversees our EMS systems, and he recently hooked up with Rob to be here."

Verdone said the next generation 911 services they have at the SEMRECC really speak to the specialization that's now put into dispatch as a profession. He said it dispatch used to be a way to earn some extra income for a retired officer or firefighter or other civilian. He said now, for SEMRECC at least, the hiring process is fairly rigorous and the job is much more demanding. That's because the next generation dispatch gives much more information to the responder than before.

"Next generation 911 has super advanced mapping, it's all IP based, and so we have a tremendous amount of capabilities," he said. "Nine-one-one is no longer a front desk operator at a police station. It's truly a profession. There's a tremendous standard of care now. When people call 911, they want service now, and this an extremely high-level standard of care."

Verdone said dispatchers are now required to be able to give out medical instructions, premedical instructions for medical calls, provide medication prescriptions over the phone or instruct callers on how to take their medications. They also have to be certified in CPR, and be ready to deliver a baby if necessary.

"You name it, we can do pretty much anything over the phone, and to a high degree of success," he said. "There's tons of training, and it's all things that should be available to any telecommunicator across the Commonwealth, but just isn't right now because of limited resources."



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