



Hundreds came out for this year's Norwood Holiday Extravaganza.

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Ring in good cheer!

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Despite the cold weather, hundreds of residents came out on Saturday for the annual Norwood Holiday Extravaganza.

The day featured the tree lighting, the Holiday Parade, the Reindeer Dash Free Kids Run, horse drawn hayrides, a petting zoo, a reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas and a reading of The Grinch.

Residents Jackie and her daughter Nahal Muralla and friend Anna Ruggiero said this was their first time for the event.

"We heard there was going to be an event and we wanted to come out, you know like Norwood Day," said Anna.



"We thought it would be fun. We're really looking forward to petting the animals."

"It's amazing the Town puts this on," said Jackie.

Residents Marie Carreras and Annette Perez said it helped fill them with holiday cheer and this was also

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The Forbes Mansion is destined to be torn down and replaced with what the current highest bidder for the property is calling the "Patriot Place" of medical care.

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Forbes closure delayed for a second time

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The deal between the Town of Norwood and Dr. Roberto Feliz regarding the sale of the Forbes Hill property has once again been delayed for at least another week, according to Feliz.

"This project is such a mega project that, as expected, there are always wrinkles which appear unexpectedly," said Feliz. "My financing group/ lender at the last minute asked for a bit more time to close and be able to wire the funds into the town treasury."

Feliz has already put down \$500,000 as a deposit on the land for which he will pay \$13 million once the deal goes through. From there, he has proposed a "state-of-the-art" medical city at the Forbes Hill site. He has said previously he wants the \$250 million proposed project to be the "Patriot Place of medical facilities."

"We delayed closing for a few days to a week to allow my financing group/ lender to finish all their required paperwork," he said of the deal. "For this planned investment of \$250 million to \$300 million for Phase 1 of the devel-

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Madrigals going medieval on Christmas

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Parents Music Association (PMA) Norwood High School Madrigals will be bringing the group's unique musical stylings to the Norwood Elks at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6 at the annual Madrigal Banquet.

The group sings Renaissance and medieval era music, and will be singing and playing traditional songs for the banquet. The show will feature not only music but also food and a king, queen and court jester.

"It's always the week after Thanksgiving every year at the Elks," said PMA Choral Coordinator Patricia Souza. "It starts at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour and a family-style dinner, and then the kids perform a play, which varies every year, during the banquet while the guests are having dinner. After the play they come around and sing carols for the guests."

Souza said the Banquet has been a tradition of the Madrigals ever since they started the group 20 years ago.

"It was Cathy Moeen, the Fine Arts Director of the Schools, who was a teacher at the time and she started the group, and the Banquet just followed," Souza said. "It's just been great. This is my third year as Choral Coordinator and my daughter is a member and a senior at Norwood High School. On Thursday, we're all going to go and transform the Elks Function Hall into a King's Court, with banners and all kinds of decorations for the guests when they come on Friday. It's kind of like turning back time."

Souza said they'll have a procession carrying the Boar's



The Norwood High Madrigals will be performing at the Norwood Elks this coming weekend.

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Head through the hall.

"It's very authentic," she said. "The only thing that's different is we don't eat with our hands. The group sings songs from that period in time and they do carols for this event. They are all traditional songs... And we also sing the traditional Irish Blessing song to end the night. It's always a fun time and it's always entertaining for sure."

She added that while her favorite Christmas carol is not quite from the Renaissance or the Medieval Period, since it was written in 1818, it was close enough.

"My favorite carol has always been Silent Night, and they just performed it this weekend at the Gazebo during the Norwood Holiday Extravaganza," she said. "They'll be singing at the Norwood Circle of Hope Luminary Night as well."

Other upcoming events for

the Madrigals this holiday season include a performance at the Norwood High Winter Concert on Dec. 11 at the Norwood High School, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., a concert at the Day House on Dec. 15 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., and on Dec. 19 they will go around to perform at the local elementary schools and the Norwood Senior Center. Souza said this year they will be performing for the first time at the Elms Mansion in Newport, Rhode Island, on Dec. 21 at 6 p.m.

"It's a big deal," she said. "It's not easy to get in there and so everyone's really excited about it," she said.

Tickets for the Dec. 6 Banquet are \$35 and can be purchased (starting in November) from the Fine Arts Office at Norwood High School by calling (781) 352-3546 or emailing Catherine Connor-Moeen at cmoen@norwood.k12.ma.us

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Tax rate hearing delayed a week due to new information

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

Norwood residents will have to wait a week to learn the tax rate for FY 2020, as new information came to the Board of Assessors only hours before the Board of Selectmen's meeting on Tues., Dec. 3, where a presentation on the tax rates was to be given.

Timothy J. McDonough, chairman of the Board of Assessors, explained that the delay was caused by the state's late certification of the new growth figures.

"Two of the most of important things for the Board of Assessors are the property values and the new growth to help us to determine what the tax rate will be," he said. "New growth was certified a week ago Monday, and there's great news with that."

The delay will be worth the wait, as Norwood experienced "a tremendous amount of new growth," according to McDonough, due to development projects over the past fiscal year, including Moderna, Wendy's, BJ's gas station and the Avalon housing development.

Norwood went through a state-mandated assessment of every piece of residential and commercial property, which occurs once every ten years. While an average annual assessment nets the Town about \$950,000 a year, because of the additional scrutiny given to each property by assessing firm Vision, Norwood is expected to garner about \$1.2 million.

"In full fairness to the taxpayers, there's going to be some good news, which is a good thing because the growth came in higher," McDonough said. "We just had a change that came by today. But to have the exact numbers for your board to make a decision, my board would like to request a continuance for one week so that we could give you the final picture."

The Board approved the request by a 5-0 vote.

McDonough appreciated that residents were cooperative during the assessment period. Approximately 50 percent of homeowners let the assessors into their homes.

"That was very high, compared to most other towns," he said.

Chairman Paul Bishop noted that homeowners can lose benefits by not letting assessors gain entry.

"Under state law, if you deny admission to the house, then you lose your chance to appeal the assessed value," McDonough added. "That was an eyeopener, because this is only done every ten years."

The assessment period for property sales took place between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2018 to determine the present market value, he added.

"The state needs one full year of data to come up with the property values for each class," McDonough said. "(The state) wants us to be at 95 percent of fair market value."

A real estate appraisal is different from the property value because it takes the values of "what is sold in your neighborhood within six months within a mile."

"This one change this afternoon kind of skewed it to the favor of the taxpayers," McDonough added. "We think the taxpayers would be happy to have less of a burden coming."

"I think we'd all be in favor of that on this side of the table," Bishop agreed.

Selectman Allan Howard noted that the Campanelli apartment complex "sold at a substantial price." McDonough explained that the property is not assessed by that amount, but by the income that it would generate through rentals.

"If they have a lot of vacant units, that's going to skew their taxes," McDonough said.

Selectman Tom Maloney said that it depends on the investor's expected rate of return on the property as well.

"It's a roll of the dice," McDonough said, explaining that the tax ramifications might be better down the road for an investor.

Maloney added that the Town is not required to change the rate to take advantage of the full rate of new growth in FY 2020 and can bank some funds for the future.

"We need to be conservative on the numbers and what you're projecting, because it may come back to bite you," Selectman David Hajjar agreed. "If we have the ability to stay below the two and a half percent as protection, we'll have to have some room to maneuver, and that's important."

Hajjar asked McDonough that, in his presentation next week that he includes what the impact on the tax levy would be with and without the tax

override.

"It gives the people a little understanding of the combined effect," he said.

"We're fresh into this override, and the taxpayers obviously voted for it, and they're going to see an increase," McDonough said, agreeing to the presentation.

If there was no override, he said, there would be the usual 2.5 percent increase due to Proposition 2 1/2. The new growth equals about 2.5 percent, according to McDonough. The override is estimated at 8 percent.

One trend McDonough noted was that all property values were going up an average of six percent for homeowners, commercial properties and condominiums. Also, the property value for the average home in Norwood was assessed at \$452,725 last year. According to the new assessment, it would now be valued at \$481,312.

"It's an easy town to sell," he added, noting the quality of the roads and public services, particularly Norwood Light.

Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said the day's snowstorm was a case in point.

"We weathered the storm pretty well, with no power outages," he said. "DPW did a great job."

In other news, Howard announced that he will not be seeking reelection to the Board in April.



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OPINION

A few random thoughts...

Twenty seven years ago this week Paul DiModica, Ken Lawrence and Dennis Cawley had a crazy idea to start a new newspaper in Norwood calling it the Norwood Bulletin. At that time the newspaper of record was the Norwood Times, run by the venerable John Cook, assisted by his wife Joan. The Norwood Times was an institution in its service to this Town and Cook was a legend, not just within Norwood proper but in the local newspaper community. We just thought at the time that there were gaps in the coverage the Norwood Times was providing and thought we could fill those gaps. We must have done something right because, though under a different name, we have been publishing here for a lot of years. In 2005 we sold the Norwood Bulletin to a newspaper group out of Quincy. We insisted on just a 3 year non-compete agreement with the buyer, and promised/threatened them that if they didn't maintain the level of news reporting we had established, then we would return and compete against them. And that is exactly what happened. In 2008 we started the Norwood Record and have been doing business here since. Although we do publish a few newspapers in other locations, we will always consider Norwood home and want to thank you for your continued support...

In other business, Selectman Allan Howard announced on Tuesday evening that he would not be seeking reelection to his seat in April. Our opinion that Howard made the right decision in no way should be construed that his contributions to his beloved Town were anything but positive. The man lives and breathes Norwood and has been a noble representative. That being written, the transformation of Norwood in the last two decades has made it nearly impossible to administer by an elected board that doesn't have the energy and stamina to immerse itself in the minute details of constantly arising new challenges and opportunities. Each Selectman should be taking stock and asking whether or not they are meeting the escalating demands of an elected representative. If not, then the proper thing to do would be to step down and let younger, more dynamic folks take the reins. Norwood residents, more than most towns, are adverse to change and this has made it possible for incumbents to continually be reelected when, quite frankly, they shouldn't be...

On the front page this week we report that the sale of the Forbes property has been delayed for a second time. The buyer stated that investors need a little more time to complete their due diligence and that the deal should close within 7 to 10 days starting from Monday. And, for a deal of this magnitude, it isn't unreasonable to grant a second extension. However, as Town Manager Tony Mazzucco is quoted in the article, "...at some point we've got to decide if we want to continue working with one possible bidder or start the process over again. I think the Board will end up deciding in the next couple of weeks whether they want to keep going or, you know."

That kind of language suggests to this writer that Mazzucco isn't quite as confident as the buyer when it comes to this deal actually closing. Mazzucco appears to take comfort in the fact that the Town holds a non-refundable deposit of \$500k, which is certainly a good thing. However, every month that goes by tens of thousands are spent on maintaining the property, not to mention the expense of having to go back out to bid, etc... The nice thing about the current high bidder is that he wants to build a "medical city" which sounds a whole lot better than a city of apartments that most developers would be looking to build. If the Town decides to put the property out to bid again, the likelihood of hundreds of apartments being built on that property exponentially increases because that's what the land is best suited for, which would place Norwood right back into the awful position it was trying to avoid by purchasing it in the first place. No doubt, the best end to this story is for The Medical City of Norwood to come to fruition because if it doesn't then residents may need to head out of Town to deal with the ensuing headaches...

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Letters to the Editor

THE RIDE IS A QUALITY OPTION

To the Editor:

This message is in response to the letter published November 7, "Transportation for Disabled a Disgrace", and I hope it serves as good news for the letter writer.

The MBTA's The Ride program exists for the sole purpose of providing door-to-door transportation for people with disabilities. Maybe the easiest way to understand The Ride is to think of it as a bus service for the people with physical, mental or cognitive disabilities.

The Ride is not necessarily for low-income or elderly individuals. It is also not a charity. It satisfies a federal requirement under Title 11 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Since The Ride is designed to mirror regular bus service, it has nearly identical hours of operation, with services 365 days a year. Just as MBTA bus customers are not limited by their ultimate destination, so too Ride customers are not restricted. That is, Ride patrons may use the service to go to church, visit friends, take a trip to Fenway Park, etc., etc., etc.. Service requests or trips are also unlimited just like regular bus customers and both are a shared-ride service. Perhaps most importantly, like the MBTA's bus, rail and ferry service, the fares to use The Ride are heavily subsidized by taxpayers. As of today, fares start as low as \$3.35 and are capped at \$5.60.

The Ride provides service to customers who use wheelchairs as well as customers who do not use wheelchairs. In fact, approximately 25% of trips are performed in wheelchair vans and 75% in sedans. The Ride also offers short term eligibility

for individuals who find themselves temporarily disabled. The Ride has also begun partnerships with Uber and Lyft which may be an option for patrons who own a smart phone.

Sounds good? Let's get started. To apply for Ride Service as a Norwood resident, call The Ride at the MBT: (617-337-2727) or Google The Ride MBTA. The applicant must attend an in-person interview to determine eligibility. The main purpose of the interview is to confirm that the applicant cannot use regular transit services. All applicants and one guest or friend (if desired) will be picked up at their residence and driven to and from the interview for free in a Ride vehicle. Eligibility decisions are usually made quickly. Once eligible, a Ride consumer may bring with them a Personal Care Assistant (PCA) to assist them with their travel needs. While the patron pays the established fee, the PCA or friend rides for free (this is a great country).

For the writer's friends' who live in Franklin, they are encouraged to contact the Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA) toll free at (800-483-2500) or visit their website at www.gatra.org. GATRA is charged with the responsibility of providing door-to-door or curb-to-curb transportation for eligible individuals with disabilities similar to the MBTA in Franklin and surrounding communities.

So there you have it. No more excuses, time to get out of that house. The Ride is beckoning for your call. Happy Holidays.

Richie Armour
Norwood

THANKS TO THE NORWOOD WOMEN'S COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

To the Editor:

During these special holiday weeks, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the extraordinary Norwood Women's Community Committee. The WCC has generously partnered with the Friends of Mustang Media booster club to help fund some important activities related to the Norwood High School Media Program. For those who may not know - the Mustang Media students write, produce and broadcast a live daily news show NHS Update weekday mornings at 7:45 (aired on local cable and via livestream through Norwood Community Media), short films, the Mustang Magazine show, the Stampede sports podcast and much more.

The Friends of Mustang Media is very grateful the WCC recognizes the Mustang Media student programming value and contribution to our community and we would like to reciprocate our respect and acknowledgement in kind. Please patronize the legendary WCC thrift shop (established in 1927!) both by donating your gently used clothing and household items and by purchasing some wonderful bargains from their store. Thrift style is fashionable, environmentally friendly and the WCC invests their proceeds right back into the Norwood community! The WCC Thrift Shop is located at 1091 Washington Street and retail and donation hours are Wed 6:00PM-8:00PM, Thurs 9:30AM-3:00PM and Sat 9:30AM-12:30PM. Happy Holidays to all!

Regina Sisk
Friends of Mustang Media

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their first time out.

"This is our first time and my daughter is in the parade in the Recreation Department's Dance School," Carreras said. "I think it's really great. (Recreation Department Program Director) Catie Seastedt did a really good job."

"This is my first time here too," said Perez. "The kids love it, and that's the important thing."

Residents Matt Lane and his daughter Eliza said they've been coming for a very, very long time, at least in Eliza's perspective.

"We've been coming every year since she was born," said Matt, "so since 2011."

Eliza said she loves getting to ask Santa Claus for presents, and she said he comes through on her requests too.

"Last year I got them," she said laughing.

Matt Lane said he felt these kinds of events the Town so diligently puts to-

gether every year shows the kind of spirit he wants to see in a community.

"I think this is great, it makes this Town special," he said. "I think the Rec Department and the Town itself does such a great job doing events like this."

Residents Stasch and Jamie Pawlowski said, "The event showed up on Facebook and we ended up bringing the kids," said Stasch. "We are residents now, we moved here over the summer. We went to Norwood Day too. The Town is amazing, just having these types of community events." "We were just saying how great this community is," said Jamie.

Resident Alicia Pedersen said she's happy to be in a Town that does these types of things.

"The kids love seeing Santa Claus; we love coming together with the community and the baby animals at the

petting zoo definitely help," she said. "It speaks to how good this Town is, definitely."

Chris Reynolds of the Norwood Amateur Radio Club said his organization has been coordinating the tree lighting for a long time.

"It's probably decades," he said. "It's as long as I've been a member of the club, which is at least a thousand years. So, many years would definitely be accurate."

Reynolds said they provide communication for most of the event, including the tree lighting countdown.

"The switches are all over the place so they have to be thrown together, and we have a person at each location who throws the switch at the countdown. It's not as simple as the switches being all in the Town Hall."

Reynolds said the group has a monthly meeting in Willet Room of the Civic Center on the third Thursday of the month, unless it's a holiday.

Supporters of Morse House shown little consideration

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen met last week on Nov. 26, after the Record's holiday deadline, and discussed several issues.

One of the biggest was the codification of rules regarding public use of the Morse House, the final draft of which was approved unanimously by the Board. The regulations are designed to help provide the Town funds when the house is used to help maintain it and to address liability issues.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) states that a public building without an elevator cannot use more than the first floor. Selectman David Hajar said the Building Inspector can approach that again through an occupancy permit if the Town decides down the line to renovate the property. The current occupancy limit of the building is set now at 49 under the current regulations.

Hajar also said that he has discussed the possibility of a friends group for the Morse house, so that the community of South Norwood has a bit more influence on how the house is maintained, as well as be able to directly fund repairs to it.

"That was put in there at the request of the (South Norwood) community due to their longstanding involvement with the place. If the Board doesn't choose to include that, I'll under-

stand. To me, the most important thing is that we have a document that we can rely on when we're allowing groups or individuals to use that facility."

Selectmen Chair Paul Bishop said he was not opposed to taking out the Friends group language, or as he called it, the advisory committee.

"I don't have a problem with that myself because, right now, we are the advisory committee," he said. "Sometime in the very near future I hope we will have a facilities department with a facilities director who can keep a daily, weekly, monthly update on that building and keep an eye on it. So we really don't need an advisory committee."

Selectman Thomas Maloney pointed out that while they can take out a requirement that an advisory committee like a friends group be created, they can't stop residents from forming their own group to support the house.

"I think if you have a friends group, they're a 501c3 charity. They're entitled to exist and they don't report to anybody," he said. "They usually raise funds. I myself am a member of the Norwood Hoops Club for the Norwood High School Basketball program. We don't report to the athletic director at the school. We work with him and try to help him out and fulfill his requests

whenever possible. We can tell him to go fly a kite if we don't like his ideas."

The Board voted to exclude the provision requiring the formation of an advisory committee.

Selectmen Bill Plasko also

pointed out that a friends group and a town-sponsored/appointed advisory group would be two different things, and while he agreed that he would not stop residents from organizing a friends group, the Town would be more than

Morse

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LEGAL NOTICE – TOWN OF NORWOOD

The Town of Norwood hereby notifies all residents that the State Attorney General's office has approved the following amendments to the Town By-Laws which were voted at the Special Town Meeting, October 7, 2019 namely:

Article 14. To amend the General By-Laws as follows:
Article XXXIV – Rules of Procedure for Norwood Representative Town Meeting Section 6 (Speakers) Add "Speakers" paragraph to the end of Section 6.
Section 9 (Consent Agenda) Add "Consent Agenda" paragraph to the end of Section 9.
Section 11 Remove first sentence of Section 11 "Rules Committee" and replace the new "first sentence" as voted on by Town Meeting.

(Complete copies of this bylaw has been posted in the different locations listed below throughout the Town and are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.)

The above named article is posted in the following public places throughout the Town, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 32: District 1 & District 2 - Municipal Building (Town Hall); District 3 & District 5, Morrill Memorial Library; Murph's Place; District 4, Walgreens Pharmacy, Walpole Street; District 6 & District 7, Nick's Package Store; Pam's Market, Corner Pleasant & Rock Street; District 8, Shaws Market; CVS – Shaw's Market Plaza; District 9, Gulf Gas Station, Neponset Street.

Mary Lou Folan
Town Clerk

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BOARD OF APPEAL
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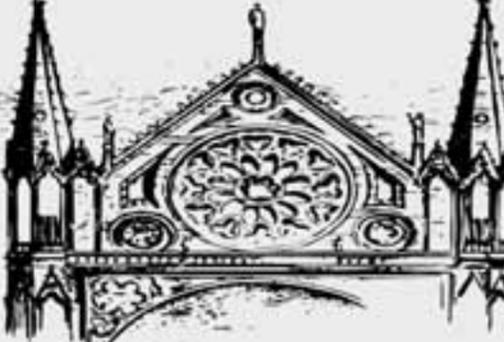
This Application requests a **SPECIAL PERMIT** under Section 5.7.3 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow : the reconstruction of a 3 family dwelling which will exceed the areas of the original structure and will be located other than the original footprint and a MGL40a S6 finding that the reconstruction will not be more detrimental than the existing structure or use.

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opment of the Medical City of Norwood there is mountain of paperwork to verify and sign.”

Feliz said he plans to close within seven to 10 days starting on Monday, Dec. 3. Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said the Town is hopeful the deal will continue.

“The Board (of Selectmen) will talk about it in the next couple of weeks,” said Mazzucco. “There’s never a hard date when you’re trying to sell a piece of property. However, at some point we’ve got to decide if we want to continue working with one possible bidder or start the process over again. I think the Board will end up deciding in the next couple of weeks whether they want to keep going or, you know.”

Selectman Thomas Maloney summed up the Town’s current position on the matter.

“We’re ready to close,” he

said. “We’re all ready to close now, it’s up to the buyer to get us to the closing table and so far he’s been unable to do so.”

Mazzucco said once the land is purchased then the permitting, Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals processes can start.

“That will proceed like any other project,” he said.

The \$13 million land purchase from the Town follows Norwood purchasing the land back in 2017. The developer’s plan called for constructing hundreds of new apartments, something the Town did not want, being concerned about a great influx of new units stressing municipal services beyond the limit. However, the Town did not have the 1.5 percent of its land dedicated to affordable housing (or 10 percent of its housing stock), meaning the developer would be allowed to build without

adhering to local zoning law.

The Town decided to purchase the land at Fall Town Meeting and then appointed a task force to figure out what to do with the property. It was decided the Town needed to sell the land, since the Forbes Mansion itself had been gutted and was not feasible to preserve. After a zoning overlay, three bids came in for the land and Feliz’s was the one the Town chose.

“We’re still hopeful,” said Maloney.

“But we also have \$500,000,” said Mazzucco.



DEATHS

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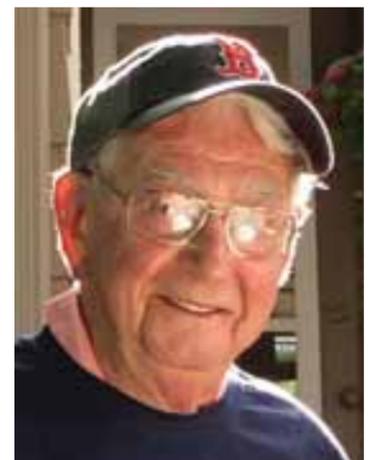
John Beamish, Age 91, retired Senior Advisor to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, passed away on November 17, 2019, in Norwood, MA. Born May 13, 1928 in Brooklyn, NY to Walter B. Lister, later Executive Editor of the Philadelphia Bulletin, and Dorothy Lister (née Krauss). Harvard College (A.B. 1950), Captain, U.S.M.C., Korea (1950-1952), University of Pennsylvania Law School (J.D.1955). In 1957, married Roessa Ormond; raised three children in Huntington, NY. In late 1950s, planner and legal draftsman of the revised Zoning Code of the City of New York, which curbed speculative land valuations and required setbacks for skyscrapers to improve urban sun and wind conditions. Then joined the Port Authority for over 30 years, managing the organization and planning division. In 1982, married Mildred “Bunny” (Boyd); after her death in 2003, moved to Fox Hill Village in Westwood, MA. Predeceased by brother Walter, son Kevin, Bunny, and Roessa. Survived by brother Peter Lister, daughters Andrea Hiotis (George) and Gaye Bok (Alexander), daughter-in-law Maria Lister, stepchildren Brook Boyd (Connie) and Beverly Jan Stengel (David), grandchildren Victoria Bacon (Eric), Kenzie Bok, Abigail Bok, Oliver Bok, and Owen Lister, stepgranddaughters Madelaine and Allison Boyd, four nieces, two nephews, and six great-grandchildren. Interment private, celebration at Fox Hill in January. Full obituary: www.sheehanfuneralhome.com/notices/John-Lister

MUCINSKAS

Frank Vytautas, Age 98, of Mashpee, MA passed away peacefully with his wife by his side on November 21. Frank married his bride, Anne Mary Sidlauskas, on May 11, 1947 at St George Lithuanian RC Church, Norwood, MA. He was predeceased by his sister, Mary Rudokas and his brother, Edmund Mucinkas. He is survived by his son, Paul Christopher Mucinkas and his wife Anne (Osborne) of Foxboro, MA., his grandchildren, Adam Paul Mucinkas and wife Kristen (Smatt) Mucinkas of Portland, CT, and Eric James Mucinkas of Foxboro, MA, and great-grandchildren, Sarah Anne, Johnathan Paul (deceased), and Mathew John Mucinkas of Portland, CT. Born October 13, 1921 in Norwood, MA to Veronica (Minkevitch) and Frank Paul Mucinkas. He graduated from Norwood HS 1940, and went on to military service in the Army, serving honorably in WWII with the 101st Parachute Maintenance Company, 17th Airborne Division. Frank served 18 months in the Army in England, France, Luxembourg, Holland, Germany and Belgium in the European Campaign, from December of 1944 to January of 1946, as a parachute rigger and repairman, a marksman- pistol 2nd Class Gunner, and sharpshooter. After serving in the Army, Frank worked as a carpenter, was a top salesman for Metropolitan Life Insurance, and ended his working career as an overhead door installer. After retirement, he worked for the local golf course. Frank will be remembered for his ready sense of humor, his love of his family, and his love of life. His love of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren was infectious. An avid gardener, reader, sports fan, polka dancer, fisherman, and golfer, Frank loved to swap stories with his friends and family, and always appreciated a good meal with good company. His flirtatious nature drew people to him and made them feel like they were family as soon as they met him - one even picked up a bit of Lithuanian talking to him. Frank will be buried with full military honors. Burial at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Connerly

Ave., Bourne, MA. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Frank’s name. For online guestbook and directions, please visit www.ccgfuneralhome.com

SERGI



NUNZIO D. of Norwood passed away on November 30, 2019 at the age of 99. Beloved husband of Lillian E. (McGonagle) Sergi and the late Margaret J. (Costello) Sergi. Devoted father of Margaret Sergi of Bellingham, William Sergi and his wife Rayme Sonia of Milton, James Sergi and his wife Vickie of Walpole, Richard Sergi and his wife Terry of Franklin, Brendan McGoff and his wife Jody of NC, John Sergi and his wife Patti of Attleboro, Shawna Shovelton and her husband Mark of Holbrook, Mark McGoff of Norwood, Kerry Kougis and her husband Michael of Norwood, Joseph Sergi and his wife Marianne Folan of Rowley and Timothy McGoff and his wife Debbie of Norwood. Brother of Joseph Sergi of Hopkinton and Mary Keefe and her husband Art of Duxbury. Cherished grandfather of 12 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Son of the late Dominic and Flavia Sergi. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Nunzio was a WWII US Army Air Force veteran serving from 1943-1946. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood. Burial at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to Compassionate Care Hospice 800 West Cummings Park, Suite #3100 Woburn, MA 01801.

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able to look over the building without a separate committee.

“Maybe down the road as we consider more about what the long-range future of this building is going to be, if we want to turn it over to some other group instead of ourselves and the Town administration running it, but that’s not something that we’re considering tonight,” he said.

Norwood Police Chief William Brooks gave an update on the current state of the department. He said the entire department is going through its regular fall firearms training session. He said the state has increased the round count of what it requires officers to shoot.

“Which increases our ammunition costs, but we’re dealing with that,” he said.

Brooks also said there has

been an uptick in opioid overdoses in the month of November, but overall they are down in the Town.

“We’re now at 19 overdoses for the year, but last year we were at 30,” he said. “So it’s still a significant decrease from where we were last year. Only two of those 19 were fatalities.”

Brooks also brought in new NPDP officers Jake Ryan and Rob Stanton. He said both of them are Norwood natives and recently obtained undergraduate degrees and graduated the Cape Cod Municipal Police Academy that Friday.

“They had their orientation yesterday and you’ll be seeing them on the streets tomorrow,” he said.

Finally, Brooks said this year the department is once again hosting its Toys for Tots cam-

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paigned at the Norwood Public Safety Building. He said unwrapped toys can be donated at any time at the box in the main hall, and if residents have any questions they should reach out to NPDP Detective Anthony Lopes.

“We’ve got a box right in the lobby and we’re emptying it constantly,” he said.

Norwood Fire Department Chief George Morrice also discussed November with the Board and highlighted some of the activities the department was involved in.

“As you’re aware, we did have a high-pressure gas line leak at the Avalon Bay, a mini excavator had accidentally hit the gas line,” he said.

Morrice said they oversaw the evacuation of the entire building before the leak was isolated and contained.

He also discussed a Garfield Avenue basement fire, a mutual aid two-alarm fire in Canton, a garage fire on Walnut Avenue, a mutual aid call to Dedham for a barn fire and a mutual aid call to Walpole for a gas line incident at a new apartment complex.

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LITTLE MUSTANGS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Norwood Public Schools is registering NOW for the School Year 2020-2021, 3 and 4 year old program. Applications available at the preschool office located at The James R. Savage Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood or call 781-440-5802 x3600.

“FUN NIGHT OUT” ART AUCTION

Join B’nai Tikvah, 1301 Washington Street, Canton, Saturday evening, December 14th for a “fun night out” Art Auction. The preview will take place at 7:00 p.m.; and the actual action starts at 8:00 p.m. Hors D’oeuvres, Desserts, Wine, and Beverages will be served. Admission is \$10 per person, or \$18 per couple. You may also choose to be a sponsor.... \$25 per person, which includes program listing and raffle for artwork. For further information please call the temple office at 781-828-5250 or email the office: bnaitikvahma.org.

HOLIDAY TOUR ON DECEMBER 8

The Spirit of the Season Holiday House Tour of Norwood & Westwood to support the Arts and the Athletes. December 8th noon to 4. Tour will begin at 31 Fulton St. Norwood, where guest will receive their program to begin their self guided tour of 3 homes in Westwood and 3 Homes in Norwood. To support the Norwood Backstage Boosters and the Westwood High School Boosters. Tickets may be purchased at thecauseandevents.com/holiday-house-tour/. or contact laurie@thecauseandevents.com.

DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

December 5 at 6 p.m. — Family caregivers are invited to receive expert support and guidance from dementia care professionals and also share stories and tips with other caregivers on similar journeys. Dinner will be served. Attendees are invited to bring their loved ones with memory loss to dine with the Life Enrichment team during this session. Call 781-725-2046 to RSVP.

TOYS FOR TOTS FUNDRAISER

Saturday, December 7th, Norwood V.F.W. Post 2452, 193 Dean Street, Norwood, 8:00 p.m. til Midnight. Please Bring an Unwrapped Non Violent NEW Toy for a Deprived TOT. Dancing & Music by “Tumblin Dice”. Surprise Appearance (early on), 50/50 Cash Raffle, Door Prize, CASH bar. Door Donation: \$5 with a Gift, \$10 without a Gift. Gifts will be collected at the event by U.S.M.C. Representative(s). Please call Trudy Wallace @ 617-510-5360/e-mail @ trudyawal@aol.com or Facebook for more information, questions, etc. All proceeds to go to Toys for Tots.

WOMANS CLUB MEETING

The Norwood Woman’s Club will hold a meeting on Tuesday, December 10 at 12:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 572 Nichols St., Norwood. The Just Peace Players will entertain us with stories of faith, hope and peace about women of the Greatest Generation. Members are requested to bring a donation for the Norwood Food Pantry. A light lunch will be served. We welcome potential members as guests. For more information contact Trina at 781-762-8173 or Nancy at 781-762-8892.

ROTARY CLUB COAT DRIVE IS ON NOW

Norwood Rotary Club is having its annual coat drive now through December 12. Drop-off sites will be at the High School, Senior center, Civic Center, Lustra Cleaners. Only new or gently used coats will be accepted. All coats will be donated to the Norwood Food Pantry.

ANNUAL WINTER SALE & SHOW

The Norwood Art Association’s ANNUAL WINTER SALE & SHOW will be held at the United Church of Norwood, 595 Washington Street, Norwood Center on Saturday, December 7 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. There will be original oil, watercolor, and acrylic paintings, as well as drawings and photo-



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DAR sponsors Scout demonstration

Recently seven Boy Scouts from Scouts BSA, Troop 3 Westwood demonstrated flag folding to an audience at the George H. Morse House in Norwood. The Boy Scouts narrated the 13 steps to fold an American flag properly, each step having symbolic importance. Present for the demonstration, besides their Scoutmaster Darren Valentine, were the families of these seven Boy Scouts.

The occasion was sponsored by the Aaron Guild Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to honor three High School Seniors from the area who were chosen as Good Citizens by their classmates and teachers.

The Good Citizen Award night took place at the

George H. Morse Historic House on Washington Street in Norwood. Each honoree received a pin and a flag that flew over the United States Capitol on Patriot's Day. Each honoree also received a certificate that reads that the flag was flown to honor Aaron Guild Chapter's Good Citizen, as well as a framed poster describing the Good Citizen Award.

DAR Chapter Chair Sunny O'Malley of Westwood made the presentations. The students were chosen for their leadership, patriotism, and service to the community. At graduation in June each honoree will receive a framed certificate and a check from the Aaron Guild Chapter.

The three deserving students are: Stephanie Spear from Norfolk County Agri-

cultural School, Priscilla Zhang from Norwood High School, and Matthew Ferraro from Walpole High School. Each student is involved in activities at their school as well as in their community.

For the holidays the Aaron Guild Chapter makes up ditty bags with toiletries and small gifts for West Roxbury Veterans Hospital patients. The gift bags for both men and women patients are delivered personally by the members at New Years.

The Aaron Guild Chapter is made up of members from the area towns of Norwood, Westwood, Walpole, Canton, Medfield, and Millis, as well as other communities and welcomes new members. Call Regent Linda Burr at 781-267-3910 for more information.



Nicholson named Principal

Dr. Jacob Conca '94 (Medway), Headmaster of Xaverian Brothers High School, has announced the appointment of Mr. Michael Nicholson (Norfolk) to the position of Principal. Mr. Nicholson has served as Assistant Principal for Student Life at Xaverian since July of 2018. According to Dr. Conca, "His vast experience in Xaverian education, his talent as an inspiring leader, and the respect afforded to him by students, parents, and colleagues alike, make him the best possible candidate for the principalship."

Mr. Nicholson is a graduate of St. Anselm College where he earned his Bachelor of Arts in Theology. He secured his Masters in Religious Education and Catholic School Leadership from Boston College, and is currently pursuing his Doctorate of Education in Interdisciplinary Leadership at Creighton University. His calling to Xaverian education began more than a decade ago during his time at Saint John's High School in Shrewsbury, another Xaverian Brothers Sponsored School. There he served as a teacher, coach, campus minister, Director of Campus Ministry, and ultimately as Saint John's Assistant Principal for Student Life. "I had the pleasure of working with Mike at Saint John's in my nine years as principal there," said Dr. Conca. "His talent as an exceptional educational leader was apparent then, and he has continued to impress in his work here at Xaverian."



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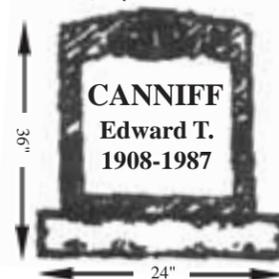
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GINGERBREAD FAIR AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The annual Gingerbread Fair will be held at First Baptist Church, 71 Bond Street, Norwood in the Carriage House and in the lower level of the church on Sat. Dec. 7th. The doors will be open from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Numerous items will be available for your bids on the Silent Auction tables. You may fill a box of homemade cookies, make wonderful jewelry selections, start shopping for Christmas decorations, find slightly used white elephant items and hundreds of books. There will be beautiful handmade mittens, hats, etc and handmade wooden crafts. The cooks will be preparing an appetizing lunch. This is such a great way to get started on your Christmas shopping. Come with friends and sit down for lunch or just some coffee and gingerbread.

LOCAL FIRM SPONSORS HOLIDAY POPS CONCERT

The Parkway Concert Orchestra will present its annual Holiday Pops Concert on Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 100 Winter Street, Norwood. This concert is sponsored by Folsom & May Funeral Home and the program is supported in part by a grant from the Norwood Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Donation is \$15; \$10 for seniors and students; and free for children under 12 years old. Doors will open at 3:30 p.m. Light refresh-

ments and free parking are included. For ticket reservations, please call 781-444-5041, and for more information, visit the orchestra's web site at www.ParkwayConcertOrchestra.org.

COME TO YOUR CHRISTMAS CONCERT!

A Christmas Holiday Concert is being held on Thursday, December 5, at 7:30 pm at The Norwood Theatre, Central Street. Tickets are \$15. General seating. Doors open at 6:45 pm. For tickets or more information, please call Toni Eosco at 781-769-7865 or Terry Drummy at 781-769-2746 for tickets.

HOLIDAY POPS CONCERTS!

Here are two opportunities to enjoy the Parkway Concert Orchestra's annual Holiday Pops Concert, on Sunday, December 8 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary's in East Walpole and on Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Norwood. Music Director Thomas Kociela conducts the 50 piece non-profit orchestra in classical and pops holiday favorites for the entire family, including selections from The Nutcracker, Alfred Reed's Russian Christmas Music, music from Frozen, and 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, as well as a sing-along. Sunday December 8: at 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Center Auditorium, 205 Washington Street, East Walpole. Proceeds from the concert support the Father Donald R. Delay Service Recognition Award program. Tickets will be on sale starting November 14, and are \$10 per person in advance, \$15 per person at the door, or \$80 for a table of 10. Call 508-668-4974 to reserve your tickets. Sunday December 15: at 4:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 100 Winter Street, Norwood. This concert is sponsored by Folsom & May Funeral Home and the program is supported in part by a

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MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group will hold its monthly meeting in the Willett Conference Room in the Lorusso Building at Norwood Hospital (800 Washington St., Norwood, MA) from 7-9 pm on Thursday, December 5. Note: this is the conference room beyond the Cafeteria. 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. In case of inclement weather, we will align with the Norwood schools. If they close, the meeting will be cancelled. For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

HELP LIGHT UP THE CIRCLE OF HOPE

The Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation invites you to help light up the Circle of Hope by purchasing a luminary to be lit on Saturday

evening, December 7 on the Town Common from 5 – 7 PM. Continuing a Norwood tradition begun 18 years ago, the members of the Circle of Hope Foundation say the luminaries are a symbol of Life, Hope, the Season, and Remembrance of others. Last year more than 1950 luminaries were lit on the town common. Luminaries can be purchased for \$5.00 each from any Foundation board member, by calling 781.762.3549, or by mailing your check and messages to The Circle of Hope Foundation, 24 Myrtle Street, Norwood MA 02062. Luminaries can also be purchased at the Norwood Civic Center and Murph's Place in Norwood. The purchaser can designate a short message of life, hope, the season or remembrance to be written on their luminary. The candles will be lit beginning at 5:00 pm and the Foundation members hope that residents and friends will come out and be a part of the evening's events which

include the luminaries, music, entertainment and refreshments. For more information or to purchase a luminary please call (781) 762 – 3549.

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The Fall Sustainability Series at the Morrill Memorial Library concludes on Monday, December 9 at 6:30 pm with a film screening and discussion of "The Altruism Revolution" by bestselling author and Buddhist monk Matthieu Ricard. Altruism is defined as a selfless devotion to people and causes other than one's self. But is it ever totally selfless? Medical and ethnographic research shows that practicing altruism promotes peace of mind and improved physical health. "The Altruism Revolution" delves deep into the human mind to explore this movement and find out what really drives us. To register for this event, presented by Together Yes, please visit our online events page at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call 781-769-0200, x110, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

SNEAK PREVIEW OF FILM ABOUT FRANK ALLEN, NORWOOD'S ONLY GOVERNOR

Did you know that one of Massachusetts's governors hailed from Norwood and lived in Oak View, the dollhouse museum at the corner of Fisher and Walpole Streets? Come to the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, December 16 at 6:30 pm for a special preview of Jerry Kelleher's new film about Frank G. Allen, "The Gentleman from Norwood: The Life and Times of Governor Frank G. Allen." Between 1910 and 1931, Allen served as Tax Assessor, Norwood Selectman, State Representative and Senator, Senator President, Lt. Governor,

and Governor of Massachusetts. This film brings to life the untold story of the Honorable Frank Gilman Allen, a significant yet overlooked figure in Norwood. DVDs of the film will be available for purchase that evening, along with "Norwood Arena: the Movie" and "The Banner Years of Hockey," the other two films by former selectman Kelleher. To register for this screening and discussion with the filmmaker, please visit our online events page at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call 781-769-0200, x110, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk. This event is sponsored by Norwood Light Broadband, Dempsey Insurance, Central Auto Team, and 10th District Studios.

King, Sugar Plum Fairies, and Chime Puppets. This dazzling ballet is set to Tchaikovsky's music and runs approximately 70 minutes. To sign up, please visit the library's online calendar page at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call us at 781-769-0200 x110, or visit the library's Reference or Information desk.

BOOK GROUP TO DISCUSS "THE BURGESS BOYS"

The Morrill Memorial Library's Turn the Page Book Group will meet again on Wednesday, December 18 at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to talk about "The Burgess Boys" by Elizabeth Strout. This month's discussion will be led by Patty Bailey and Head Children's Librarian, Kate Tighe. Haunted by the freak accident that killed their father, Jim and Bob Burgess escape to New York City from their hometown of Shirley Falls, Maine. But when their sister urgently calls them home, the Burgess brothers return to the landscape of their childhood where long-buried tensions surface in unexpected ways. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the Circulation Desk, and refreshments will be served. To sign up for either the morning or evening session, visit our events page at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call 781-769-0200, x110, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

SEE THE NUTCRACKER BALLET

The Boston Ballet is performing The Nutcracker this season, but you can experience the magic of this classic winter favorite right here at the Morrill Memorial Library in Norwood! On Thursday, December 19 at 6:30 pm we'll be screening a 1995 production of The Nutcracker, as performed by the Ballet of the Slovak National Theatre and the Sofia National Opera Orchestra. In this classic tale, Clara and Franz receive a Nutcracker as a gift from their uncle on the night before Christmas. This present sparks a magical dream and a night filled with amazing stories and characters like the Mouse

Legals

TOWN OF NORWOOD

ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL – PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** in **ROOM 12** of the **Municipal Office Building on December 17, 2019 at 7:15 PM** on the request of Michael Shields, (Case # 19-21) with respect to property located on **95 Nichols Street**, in a **G-General Residence District**.

The application requests:

This Application requests a VARIANCE under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow conversion of existing Single Family Dwelling to a Two Family Dwelling in a G District on a 14,999 sq. ft. lot, where 15,000 square feet are required per Table 4.1.1 of the Norwood Zoning By Laws. Pursuant to Section 4.1.1.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be viewed during normal working hours, Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

BOARD OF APPEAL

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This Application requests a SPECIAL PERMIT under Section 5.4.4 with 5.4.2 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow 70' of frontage (90' required), addition of second floor to increase floor area by more than 25%, side yard of 12.4' where 15' is required.

The Application requests a VARIANCE under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow 5.4.4 with 5.4.2 requesting 70' of frontage (90' required), addition of second floor to increase floor area by more than 25%, side yard of 12.4' where 15' is required. Together with any and all relief required by the Board pursuant to Section 5.4.4 with 5.4.2.

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LEGAL NOTICE – TOWN OF NORWOOD

The Town of Norwood hereby notifies all residents that the State Attorney General's office has approved the following amendments to the Norwood Zoning Bylaws (Article 4) and Zoning Map (Article 5) which were voted at the Special Town Meeting, October 7, 2019. The changes to amend the Norwood Zoning Bylaws and Zoning Map were as follows:

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by inserting after Section 3.5.2 thereof, the following new Section 3.6: Conversion of Certain Historic Residential Structures.

Article 5. That the Town amend the Official Zoning Map by changing the Zoning designation of two properties located on Railroad Avenue: (1) 145 Railroad Avenue, and (2) Town owned property currently leased to the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) to be included in the downtown Mixed Use Overlay District (MUOD).

(Complete copies of these bylaws have been posted in the different locations listed below throughout the Town and are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.)

The above named articles are posted in the following public places throughout the Town, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 32: District 1 & District 2, Municipal Building (Town Hall); District 3 & District 5, Morrill Memorial Library; Murph's Place; District 4, Walgreens Pharmacy, Walpole Street; District 6 & District 7, Nick's Package Store; Pam's Market Corner Pleasant & Rock Street; District 8, Shaws Market, CVS - Shaws Plaza; District 9, Gulf Gas Station, Neponset Street.

Mary Lou Folan
Town Clerk

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Norwood singers (L-R): Edd Lee, Gloria Lee, Mary Lynn Davis, Eileen Gibney, Elaine Benkoski, Christine Diaz.

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Singing in the holidays with the "Messiah"

Handel's Messiah remains one of the most beloved choral works, 277 years after its first performance in Dublin, Ireland. The Christmas season will see many performances, small to large in scale, by professional groups to community and church choirs, as well as the many Messiah-sings! This unique performance employs the version created in 1789 by another great composer, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, who assigned some of the choral parts to the soloists, and added flutes, clari-

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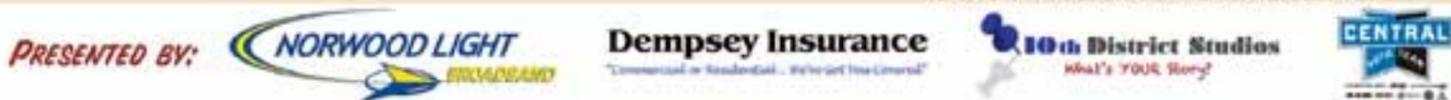
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