

## Rumors run rampant around hospital work stoppage



Though some workers could be observed, the Norwood Hospital site has seen at least a reduction in workers at the site in September.

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

There is currently no official word from Norwood Hospital's owner Steward Medical or its contractor Suffolk Construction on whether or not the work on the Norwood Hospital has stopped or significantly slowed.

In fact, at the time of publication, representatives from both entities have not returned repeated requests for comment over the entire month of September.

But several residents have stated they have seen a reduction in the workforce over at the construction site during that time. Rumors abound on this topic, especially on social media.

Currently, the rumor is a deal has been worked out and those

workers who were off the site will return (some, like the plumbers, continued working throughout the last month), but as of the date of publication no word has come back on this from Steward or Suffolk. On Wednesday morning, Oct. 4, about 20 or so construction personnel could be observed on the site working.

Norwood Selectman Bill Plasko said he's been keeping an eye on the hospital just about every day.

"The only thing I've heard that seems to be verified by a review of the daily activities of the site is that a lot of the subcontractors have left the job," he said of his personal observations. "Now I do not know the financial relationship of the contract, whether it's Suffolk not paying their subs or if the subs are working for Steward and they're not

paying them, or Steward's not paying Suffolk so they don't have any money, but it was also strange that the week they walked off seemed to be a week or 10 days just after they had paid the Town \$4 million for building permits."

Plasko said he has seen some workers on the site during his observation, but said he feels it has been a marked reduction in labor at the hospital.

"It seems to be the people doing electrical and plumbing, but all the people doing the site work seem to have disappeared," he said. "I don't see any of their trucks or bodies on the site. They don't talk to us (the Board of Selectmen), certainly they're a private business

**Hospital**

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## MASC chosen to search for Thomson replacement

### School Committee votes to keep Coakley name

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee met on Wednesday, Sept. 27 in a hybrid format and, after a bit of discussion, voted unanimously to keep the Philip O. Coakley Middle School's name.

The committee floated the idea of a name change earlier this year, offering to let residents submit alternative names for the new middle school under construction. Students would then have the opportunity to choose from the submitted names, ultimately to be approved by the School Committee. Several residents and former students of Philip O. Coakley voiced heavy opposition to the idea of changing the name, but the process got as far as naming the Philip O. Coakley Middle School, the Norwood Middle School and the Robert Fitzpatrick Middle School as finalists.

The School Committee held a forum the Tuesday before their meeting to hear one final time from residents. About 25 attendees came out to speak, only three were in favor of changing the name. School Committee members said during the Wednesday meeting that

they were happy to see so much interest in the Town's schools.

"There were comments made in support or opposition to the three top names," School Committee Chair Anne Marie Mazzola said. "It was nice to see lots of people come out and have very well thought out statements in support of the names that they thought appropriate."

Member Kate Sibbing-Dunn said she wants more residents to get involved in the schools, and hopes this renaming situation will lead to residents paying more attention to what goes on in the department.

"There are great things going on, with a lot of successes," she said. "We have some great students and great teachers, and we need our communities to be involved; we need our community to pay attention and be here when it matters."

Member Joan Giblin agreed.

"This is what we need at this point in time in this Town, engagement and dialogue," she said. "And so I just want to say thank you. I know that sometimes folks feel frustrated. I said this last night as well, that sometimes people feel like the

**School Committee**

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## Norwood forages for Edible Plants

**Ariane Komyati**  
Staff Reporter

Despite the damp and dreary weather, some Norwood residents were eager to partake in the "Wild Edible Plant Walk" at the Endean Meadows Conservation Land/Hawes Brook Recreational Area. The purpose of the tour was to educate others about identifying edible and medicinal plants found in the wild. The plant walk was led by Pam Kristan of the Boston Food Forest Coalition and Mark Negron, a food forest volunteer and Norwood resident.

The event took place on Saturday, Sept. 30 and was attended by 10 people, most of whom were Norwood residents. Attendees gathered at the Norwood Community Food Forest (20 Mylod St.) and wore boots due to the recent rain.

Kristan began the tour by asking attendees why they decided to join the edible plant walk. One person explained that they were excited to meet other people who are interested in foraging. A few people lived across the street from the com-

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Norwood residents came out on a rainy Saturday to learn how to forage and graze for food in the great outdoors around Endean Park.

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**HI GUYS,  
Boston Red Sox**

I was speaking with a group of friends, who like most of us are disappointed in the teams' lack of talent this year including the past couple of years. They seemed to agree with the words of one of the individuals....."We aren't winning because we couldn't cheat" Time for the manager to go? Absolutely!

**GOOD NEWS**

As a proud member of the Norwood Fire Department, Joe Mawn, has been deservedly promoted to the position of NFD Captain. Congratulations Joe!

**SOUP OR PASTA**

The national news has surprisingly reported that the Campbell's Soup Co. has purchased Rao's Specialty Foods'. It was stated that Campbell's will not change

any of the recipes. Do you believe that? Rao's pasta sauce is almost like my mom's was. In my opinion, their sauce is incredible as are many of their other recipes. Give them a try, you might like Them!

**"BURNED: PROTECTING THE PROTECTORS"**

As most of us know, it has been widely stated that firefighting is the most dangerous of professions. Besides the unknown dangers a firefighter faces when called to serve, they have faced a danger so severe it has cost many of our heroes their lives. Chemical companies are putting 'forever chemicals' in our firefighters protective gear. Due to the risks from PFAS, which is in ALL firefighting gear currently sold in the US, the Cleveland Clinic has secured rights to show a new documentary, "Burned: Protecting the Protectors." The documentary was shown October 4th at Norwood High, 7PM. Please attend if you couldn't attend I will post when it will be available in the future. The information is vital. My dad was a member of NFD, and as a child I remember how fearful I felt when I heard sirens, or when the phone rang at 4 in the AM telling my mom he was at the NH due to breathing issues from a fire call. Let's support our NFD any way that we can! I will be honest in stating that I do not like the present dispatch situation, but that, in NO way, has anything to do with my total support for our NFD! They are the best!!

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**Jackie Saber**

When some people use the word 'flats,' they think they are being purposely derogatory, it's just the opposite. Haha. The 'fabulous flats' was a place of peace and friendship. I know, because I was born there and remained there for a few years. We had an independent pharmacy, post office, a convenience store owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Wisemen, Brothers fabulous Bakery, Jennies pizza, Rose Ann's Pastry Shop, a post office, an incredible branch of the Morrill Library, which was located on the ground floor of our building, making it easy to love reading, three churches, a Temple, and many delicious ethnic food stores. South Norwood was special. Residents came LEGALLY from many countries. The newcomers sat in the Balch School daily listening to a teacher who spoke only English, a foreign language to them. They didn't get free lunches nor was ESL available. They were incredible individuals who succeeded through hard work, kindness and friendships. Those were good days!

**IN MEMORIAM**

I send my condolences to the family of Betty Curran. Betts was one of the best, as was her late husband, Joe. Together they made Norwood proud! MEMORY ETERNAL.

**WHAT HAS HAPPENED?** Why have the Covid shots only been available in the chain pharmacies and not yet available in our independent pharmacies? What's going on?

Kathy went to pick a cucumber from her garden, look what she found, wow! Almost 14"!

Bye, Jackie

"Music is a higher revelation than all wisdom and philosophy" - Beethoven

**LOVE AND HAPPINESS TO A GREAT PERSON**

Our Town's, Ann Benson has celebrated her 90th birthday! She was surprised with a birthday cake at the cookout with our firefighters. Ann was a very valuable member of the Friends of the COA for a long time. Much well deserted health and happiness to you Ann.! HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

**HERE WE GO AGAIN**

More apartment buildings because the state says so? We have enough buildings very near to our train stations. When are we going to stand up and say no more? When I was a little kid, this Town was green in so many places. It was beautiful. We had green pastures, a fabulous Norwood Center, and so much more. Apartment buildings did not crowd our view. Today South Norwood is called the 'flats.' I guess people don't know what that means. It was called the 'flats' because of the 3 and 4 deckers of flat apartments.



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The Norwood Fall Fest is back and bigger than ever, including its signature event, Trunk-or-Treat, shown above.

FILE PHOTO

# Fall Fest returning

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Town of Norwood takes Halloween very, very seriously.

Even Disney took notice, and though the movie they wanted to film here last year hasn't yet materialized, the filmmaker's ambition to turn Norwood into the next Salem seems to be happening regardless.

The Norwood Recreation Department is putting on a slew of Halloween-related

"This is our 12th year in a row doing Tunk-or-Treat, and we have hundreds of families signed up for that, which will be huge," she said. "That's probably one of our biggest events of the year."

Since the event started more than a decade ago, it has really grown, and Duffy Kidd said the department thought it could branch out to other events. Basically, the kids love dressing up in costume, and the more events they can have that let them do that – outside of the actual holiday



Residents are encouraged to get their costumes out early at several Fall Fest events this year.

FILE PHOTO

events this month, with at least one event every week, and the brand new scarecrow contest going on all month until Oct. 27.

"So instead of just a weekend, we're doing a month-long thing," Program Coordinator Marie Duffy Kidd said. "Just a bunch of activities we're throwing in there for the month of October while we can."

She said this is the third year of Fall Fest, but really, the tradition of pre-Halloween celebration in Norwood goes back a bit farther than that.

of course – Norwood Rec. wants to do.

"The weather's usually perfect," she said. "Watch, I'll jinx it. But it is usually perfect for Trunk-or-Treat and we just thought we'd try something new. So we did the Pumpkin Float, and we got such great feedback the last couple of years we got the Norwood Trails Advisory Committee involved as well. They're going to do a lantern walk this year and we've got goat yoga going on at Edean

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# NCC looking for grant applicants

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Cultural Council (NCC) is once again looking for more organizations centered around arts and culture to apply in this year's grant cycle.

The NCC is the local affiliate, essentially, of the Massachusetts Cultural Council and gives out thousands of dollars every year to local organizations. Organizer marypaz said this year, the NCC wants to branch out.

"What we're looking for basically are new applicants," she said. "Many organizations apply to us every year, like the school district for example, and that's no issue but we want to give money to more than just the schools as well, so we've been really trying to get people to apply."

Last year they had 38 total applications, with about 15 coming from the schools.

"Which is pretty good," marypaz said.

This year there is \$15,400 available for applicants. marypaz said they are looking specifically for creative programming for seniors, public and/or school programming regarding Norwood's specific cultural diversity, public art projects, and residents with unique talents to run workshops to share their art and/or craft. marypaz said they also want less traditional art and culture routes for the grant funding as well.

"What I've been trying to do is really encourage people in the fields of science or nature programs and things like that," she said. "This past grant cycle, Assistant Town Planner Holly Jones got some grants for workshops and that was helpful, and I've also told Progress Norwood about it because they have had some speakers in as well. You don't have to be a nonprofit to apply."

marypaz said for the senior performances, they want to provide something new for residents of the Norwood Senior Center.

"They get the same performance basically every time so we're trying to find them new people to come in and do music reviews, dancing, things like that," she said. "One of the board members was also looking to conduct workshops to educate folks on crafts and things like that too."

Last year, marypaz said the Norwood Art Association applied for and received funding for art workshops, for example.

"They're going to start those this fall I believe," she said.

The NCC needs to have the applicants be either from Norwood or serve Norwood. No exceptions.

"We sometimes get applications from other towns and we have to turn them down," she said. "And don't feel too bad for them, because a lot of times they're applying for a cultural grant in that town too!"

She said joining forces with other organizations – especially if you're an out-of-Town entity – is a great way to boost your chances of obtaining grant funds.

"That also makes for a much stronger application, when you have somebody else supporting you or two organizations working together on a program," she said. "We like to see that too. And if they're not based in Norwood, we ask them to collaborate with someone in Norwood. Like let's say you're a performer and you want to do something for seniors, we'd hook you up with the Norwood Senior Center. Also, the Massachusetts Cultural Council has statewide grants for this too."

Applications are due by Oct. 17. If you have any questions about applying, reach out to the NCC at [NorwoodCulturalCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:NorwoodCulturalCouncil@gmail.com). The NCC also has a list of priorities and requirements at <https://massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/norwood/>

The NCC has immediate openings on its Board as well, if you're interested in handing out the funds rather than trying to obtain them. If you are interested in cultural events and programs, shoot the group an email at the address above.

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## Letters to the Editor

### NAME CHANGING SHOULD BE DONE RARELY

To the Editor:

I expressed my feelings about the name change of Norwood Bank and did not receive anyone in agreement. I did not notice any other messages of dissatisfaction from any residents of Norwood. This was done during our celebration of 150 years. A true time of reflection.

Now the Coakley School is up for renaming. I do not understand how residents advocate name changing of our successfully established edifices/buildings. Where and why is it necessary to change a name? Did you change your name? Many residents have been the fortunate recipients of the actions and the name Coakley. It represents a good, decent and intelligent educator.

I've been "googling" around and have found the following information and believe it or not it's from the South. Denaming Policies developed since the summer of 2020. Chief among them is a stipulation that buildings should be renamed very rarely and only when necessary.

Removing a name designation is a serious and cannot be taken lightly or hastily. It should only occur under exceptional and narrow circumstances, "reads the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's name removal policy. The Board of Trustees established this policy in 2020. Shortly thereafter, UNC removed the names of four white su-

premacists from campus buildings.

Most universities begin the denaming process by offering students and other constituents to submit changes. Another example, when UNC removed the name of Charles Brantley Aycock, a former North Carolina governor who was a staunch supporter of segregation. Personally I don't think it's the ideal outcome, but I think it's a matter of politics.

I close with thanks for reading my view and encourage others to "think" about what's important to them.

Madeline Eysie  
Norwood

### THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE

To The Editor:

A special acknowledgement to all who helped spearhead the effort to keep the name of the Middle School in memory of Dr. Philip Oldham Coakley. If you spoke at a meeting or at the open forum, were in the audience supporting the cause, signed a petition, wrote a letter to the Norwood Record, sent an email, or personally contacted a member of the school committee, thank you. It was all done for a prominent, respected and beloved educator in our Town of Norwood.

George S. Usevich  
Retired Principal/Norwood High School

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and they don't have to talk to us. I personally don't have much confidence in Steward. I don't think they're very truthful or honest with us. They haven't said anything to us, or at least anything that's been related to me."

Plasko said one thing, however, with absolute confidence.

"Every day that it is delayed is harmful to everybody," he said.

The landlord of the hospital, Medical Properties Trust (MPT), infused Steward with an additional \$140 million loan in August, on top of the \$500 million it has already loaned the company and an equity investment of \$126 million, according to the Wall Street Journal. Later, MPT stated it sold \$105 million of the new \$140 mil-

lion loan to "an unnamed investment firm," again according to the Wall Street Journal.

This information comes as Steward has successfully petitioned the state to reduce services at the Norwood Hospital, cutting obstetrician services and sharply reducing the number of psychiatric/behavioral health beds from the old building's numbers. These types of reductions and cuts are not specific to Norwood, as earlier this year the company closed the Texas Vista Medical Center in San Antonio. The Easton Hospital in Pennsylvania was nearly closed down as well in 2020, but was saved when a nonprofit company bought the site. Closer to home, the Bay State Banner has

reported that Carney Hospital is in danger of closing as well.

Rumors have also been circulating the Norwood Hospital could be sold to another company, though nothing could be confirmed at the time of publication.

This is not the first time the hospital's rebuild has run into trouble. Readers may remember Steward and MPT sued their respective insurers over flood insurance denials. Zurich, the insurer, denied Steward's claim that the loss of the building was \$220 million, and tried to pin the insured losses at \$57 million based on how the water damaged the building. Steward and MPT lost the suit, but have recently asked the courts to reverse its decision, according to the Law360.

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before the float as well."

And that's real goat yoga by the way. Not just doing yoga in front of a goat – Duffy Kidd said they're using a company that has trained goats who will walk all over you, in a positive way.

"If you can believe it, it's pretty popular," she said. "We already have a bunch of people signed up for it. The goats will climb on your back for around 45 minutes, and for the last 15 minutes, you can just hang out with the goats and cuddle with them."

Duffy Kidd said the events are youth oriented certainly, but they are trying to include as many age groups as possible for the fest.

"We also wanted to be multi-generational, so we've got the Halloween Hop, a preschool event with tons of families that we're holding at

the Norwood Senior Center this year. We wanted to get the seniors involved as well. And we've got pumpkin decorating the next morning at the center with the seniors. We want to get as many people involved as we can and be as considerate for all involved."

For the Scarecrow contest, Duffy Kidd said this event is basically a work-from-home-kind of celebration.

"We wanted a kind of low maintenance thing that people could do from home," she said. "So one of our instructors said we should try it and we thought, 'Well we've never done that before.' That's just something easy anyone can do from home and send some pictures in."

The calendar of events this year is as follows. On Saturday, Oct. 7, a costume-

required pickleball tournament will kick off at the Savage Center at 8 a.m. The next day is the Pumpkin Float and Goat Yoga, with yoga kicking off at 11 a.m. and having classes at 12:15 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. as well. The Float and Lantern Walk will start at 6 p.m. and go until 8 p.m.

On Friday the 13th, the department is showing the film Hocus Pocus at 6 p.m. on the Norwood Town Common. On Saturday the 14th, Trunk-or-Treat will kick off at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Public Works Parking Lot. The Halloween Hop is Oct. 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center, with Pumpkin Decorating on Oct. 20 at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center and Oct. 26 at 3:30 p.m. at the Norwood Civic Center.

To sign up for any of these events, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2bpx6mvz>



A scene from the grand opening of the St. Gabriel Chapel at Highland Cemetery. The Historical Commission is looking to get the building and the cemetery on the National Historic Register.

FILE PHOTO

# Historical Commission looking to place more on National Register

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Historical Commission met last week and discussed two possible sites to submit for consideration on the National Historic Register.

First is the St. Gabriel Chapel/Highland Cemetery. Commission Chair Judith Howard said this won't be the first time the Town has tried to get this location on the list, and added that one of the two failed attempts was actually be-

cause the Register wanted more than what was proposed.

"Cram, Goodhue and Ferguson was the consultant who made the application, and it was returned, I believe, because they wanted to include not just the chapel but the entire cemetery as well. The cemetery has a few famous names in there, one being a previous governor, Governor Frank G. Allen."

Howard said the second application was returned because they needed more information on the

cemetery, the chapel and those interred within Highland's grounds.

"That makes me feel so good," said member Toni Eosco, noting that while the rejection is not great, it's a positive sign that the organization wanted more information.

To get on the register, Norwood has to go through the Massachusetts Historical Com-

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# Edible Plants *continued from page 1*

munity food forest and heard about the event from neighbors. One attendee wanted to teach their niece and nephew about wild edible plants.

Kristan explained that when eating wild plants, they do not have to be perfectly clean and washed. She said that it is rare to get ill from eating wild plants, unless you are eating large quantities of it. Some plants are only edible at a certain stage of growth. Kristan said people should just do what they feel comfortable with though, and related that she no longer forages for mushrooms, due to a negative experience she had eating an old mushroom that she had with wine sauce (the alcohol apparently had a bad reaction to the mushroom).

“One of the big places for wild food is edge habitats, where different habitats come together,” explained Kristan. An edge habitat is a floral community with different vegetation structure than the two adjoining habitats in nature. “Unfortunately, a lot of edge habitats are right next to roads. You don’t want to go there; you don’t want to eat the pollutants from the roads. But you don’t have to go far to get clean plants. If you’re on a slope, foraging up the slope is better than foraging down the slope,” said Kristan.

Edible plants spotted (and eaten) during the tour included

black walnuts, chicory root, plantain leaves, milkweed pods, rose hips, lamb’s quarters (also known as wild spinach), mulberries, pepperweed, goldenrod, curly dock, pokeweed, dandelion, and staghorn sumac. One attendee said that they were “ready for the Hunger Games” during the edible plant walk.

Staghorn sumac is at its prime when it is bright red and fuzzy. One foraging attendee noted that sumac is a common ingredient in Lebanese cooking. Kristan suggested adding dandelion flowers to pancake batter. Pepperweed is a member of the mustard family and has a bit of a spicy taste to it. Kristan stated that pepperweed tastes better when dried out. Rose hips and goldenrod can be used for tea. Foragers can begin harvesting rose hips in the fall – the longer the rose hips grow on the plant, the sweeter they taste. Chicory root is popular in coffee. Foraging for chicory root is usually done in the fall, along with other edible and medicinal roots like dandelion and valerian. The leaves, stalk and seeds of the curly dock plant are all edible. The leaves can be used in salads or put into soup. It is recommended to wash the really young leaves, since they contain a chemical which can numb your tongue.

During the edible plant walk, Kristan and Negron came

across some deadly nightshade, a poisonous perennial plant with oval leaves and purple bell shaped leaves. They explained that it is NOT edible.

Negron is passionate about regenerative work and is involved with the Norwood Community Food Forest, as well as food forests in Boston. “I’ve been partnering with the Town to create this type of activity. Norwood has at least one more food forest planned. This one [the Norwood Community Food Forest on Mylod St.] began about three years ago. The conservation commission and a few members of the community tried to start an apple orchard here [Endean Park] at the start. They planted 50 small saplings from Georgia that died pretty quickly. I convinced them to try the permaculture route - and that’s what it is now. The whole space has been evolving,” Negron stated.

For those who are interested in foraging, Negron recommended PictureThis, a plant identifier app that one can download on their smart phone. Kristan recommended a few foraging books, including the Edible Wild Plants, which is a Peterson Field Guide, The New Holistic Herbal by David Hoffman, and Stalking the Wild Asparagus by Euell Gibbons. When purchasing foraging books on Amazon, it is important to buy books by reputable authors, since some foraging



Residents learned which plants were safe to eat and which were not during the foraging walk.

PHOTO BY ARIANE KOMYATI

books on Amazon are AI generated and contain false information.

Endean Park is located off Washington Street and surrounds the Philip O. Coakley Middle School. It is a combination of recreational and conservation lands. Part of the land once belonged to the Bird family, who were owners of a paper making company in Walpole. Over the years, much of the land has been developed, including the middle school and athletic fields. Hawes Brook and the adjoining wetlands/marshy areas, comprise much

of the undeveloped land, along with the upland forest and open areas. The brook is a significant stream that flows under the nearby MBTA commuter rail tracks and eventually merges with the Neponset River.

The event was hosted by MEND - A Regenerative Movement and the Norwood Conservation Commission. MEND creates “a growing network of resilient ecosystems through the design, installation and maintenance.” For more information about MEND, visit [facebook.com/mendregeneration](http://facebook.com/mendregeneration).

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

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on October 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Michael Baulier, regarding property located at **101 Hill St. (Map 4 Block 19 Lot 22), Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **General Residence (G) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

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

This Application requests a **Special Permit** pursuant to Zoning Bylaw Section 5.4.4 [Nonconforming Structures] to reconstruct the third floor, resulting in an addition to the existing single-family residence that would create an increase in floor area that exceeds 25%.

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

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

*Norwood Record:*  
10/05/23, 10/12/23

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

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on October 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Shalini Baldeon on behalf of Avni Modern Event Space/Norwood Commerce Center, regarding property located at **61 Endicott Street (Map 8 Block 4D Lot 44), Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **Manufacturing (M) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

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This Application requests a **Special Permit** pursuant to Zoning Bylaw Section 3.1.5. D 6 to open an event space under the Commercial Recreation (Indoors) use.

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

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

*Norwood Record:*  
10/05/21, 10/12/23

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

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on October 24th, 2023 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Marina Bekker of Euphoria Health and Fitness, regarding property located at **61 Endicott St. (Map 8 Block 4D Lot 44), Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **Manufacturing (M) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

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This application requests a **Special Permit** under Zoning Bylaw Section 3.1.5 D6 for Commercial Recreation (Indoors) in the Manufacturing District.

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

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

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

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on October 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Joshua Ames representing Moderna, Inc., regarding property located at **1 Moderna Way (Map 14 Block 9 Lots 1& 1A and Map 14 Block 2 Lots 7, 7A, 7B, and 7C), Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **Life Science Development (LSDD) Zoning District and Water Resource Protection Overlay District (WRPOD)**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

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

This Application requests a **Special Permit** pursuant to Zoning Bylaw Sections 9.2.5 C and 9.2.5 G for storage of toxic or hazardous materials in the Water Resource Protection Overlay District (WRPOD).

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

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

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

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on October 24th, 2023 at 7:00 PM** on the request of David Hern Jr., Esq., on behalf of 1144 Properties LLC, regarding property located at **115 Norwood Park South (Map 15 Block 7 Lot 1), Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **Boston Providence Highway (BPH) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

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

This Application requests a **Special Permit** under Zoning Bylaw Section 5.2.2 to allow a change from one nonconforming use to another nonconforming use of medical or dental laboratory or clinic.

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

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

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# School Committee *continued from page 1*

process took forever, but we laid out the process in May. We're doing our best to make sure we are conduits to what people are thinking about so we know what's going on in the community and this is the way we do it as a board."

Sibbing-Dunn said she hopes residents understand the process undertaken.

"I'll speak for myself, but I want the community to understand that in addition to all the important work we do for our students, this is one of the obligations, things that the school committee is responsible for: making sure we do things in a certain way," she said; "by the book, for lack of better words. That is what we witnessed and we're glad to have people who care about the schools so much and we hope that continues as we continue to do this work and face the challenges that public schools face these days."

Mazzola also pointed out that despite the support for Dr. Philip O. Coakley, the family and friends of Robert Fitzpatrick also were fervent to recognize his service to Norwood.

"I would be remiss if I didn't mention that we did receive some very nice letters and emails in support of Robert Fitzpatrick with very many valid reasons as well," she

said. "So I think they we had very valid names that could have gone on the school."

Sibbing-Dunn added that there's still time to honor other residents through the school system.

"I think it's worth noting we have some potential conversations to be had in the future about honoring different individuals in different ways, but that's not for tonight," she said. "But as those opportunities arise we will definitely be keeping these names in mind."

In other news, member Teresa Stewart gave an update on the superintendent search, this after Superintendent of Schools David Thomson announced he will not be renewing his contract in June. She said they have chosen the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) to be the district's independent search consultant, and said school board members have been meeting beforehand to get up to speed on what the Norwood Public Schools should be doing to get the best candidates within the timeline.

"We have a workshop set up with MASC for next week, Oct. 5, to make sure we're all on the same page as a school committee on what comes next and what decisions we will need to make," she said.

Stewart said on the Oct. 11 meeting of the School Committee, members will likely have to vote on how they want to proceed and elect two of their members to join a Superintendent Search Committee.

"And then there are some decisions that will need to be made around community engagement forums, surveys and how we are going to create a search committee," she said. "I know there are some members of the community who have been reaching out to the committee and asking to be on the search committee. We will have more information to share on that process on Oct. 11."

Lastly, Thomson said the schools have received MCAS results and are going over them now, and said they should have an analysis of the data in an upcoming School Committee meeting.

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**GET IN ON THE HALLOWEEN HUNT!**

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to launch our first ever town-wide Halloween scavenger hunt called Halloween Hunt. We have over 20 partners that include the Town Hall, Norwood PD, Civic Center, and many area businesses. The Hunt is open throughout the month of October, from October 1st to October 31st.

There are four levels of challenges. Pumpkin (easy), Black Cat (moderate), Frankenstein's Monster (difficult), and Haunted House (very difficult). The Hunt cards are available at the library and on the library's website at <https://norwoodlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/monthlong-halloween-hunt-begins/>.

Find the answers to the challenges on your Halloween Hunt Card(s). Clues' locations vary, but every location is within the Town of Norwood. Hunt Cards must be fully completed and returned to the library by Tuesday, October 31 to be eligible to win a Grand Prize!

You may turn in your Hunt Cards directly to the library's Reference Desk, or by emailing a clear photo of the full card to: [humbreit@minlib.net](mailto:humbreit@minlib.net). If using Beanstack, you don't need to turn anything in; but please designate one member of your team to sign up with Beanstack and log your team's progress!

Every team that completes a Hunt Card will win a small prize by stopping at the Reference Desk (upon turning in your card, or until Friday, November 3 at the latest). Additionally, for every correct answer on your com-

# Morrill Library Events

pleted Hunt Card, you'll get 1 entry into our prize drawing at the end of the month. We have several prizes, so multiple participants will win!

Many thanks to Castle Island Brewing Company, Charles River Running, Napper Tandy's, Norwood Theatre, Old Parish Preservation Volunteers, and Taso's Euro Cafe for generously donating prizes, and for all of our partnering organizations throughout town. Find our full list of partners at [https://www.norwoodlibrary.org/halloween\\_hunt/](https://www.norwoodlibrary.org/halloween_hunt/)

Questions? Call 781-769-0200 ext. 2. Good luck and happy Halloween!

## THE GREAT BREWSTER JOURNAL OF 1891

Adventure back to 1891 and the Boston Harbor Islands on Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 pm, as the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands bring history to life. Our guide for the evening will be historian and author, Marguerite Krupp.

In 1891, four intrepid women from Lowell sailed to a remote island in Boston Harbor for a 17-day escape from New England's prim-and-proper society. Calling themselves the Scribe, the Aristocrat, the Acrobat, and the Autocrat, the women rusticated in a cottage on Great Brewster Island, reveling in the chance to shed their identities of wife, mother, and daughter. Relive their sojourn through their remarkable journal, filled with ob-

servations, illustrations, photographs, and poetry.

Registration is required for this Morrill Memorial Library event. Please visit our website to sign up at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. Copies of the book chronicling and preserving the women's tale on Great Brewster Island will be available for sale at the event. Thank you to NCM for helping us make this program available to a wider audience.

## PARKING FIGHT!: AN AUTHOR TALK WITH HENRY GRABAR

As part of the Norwood Sustainability Series, the Morrill Memorial Library is honored to host Henry Grabar, author of "Paved Paradise: How Parking Explains the World," on Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00pm in the Simoni Room.

Join us this evening to learn about how the pursuit of free parking came to dominate local politics, architecture, and the environment—and what we can do about it.

About the author: Henry Grabar is a journalist who writes about cities. He's a Loeb Fellow at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design and a staff writer at Slate. His work has also appeared in 99 Percent Invisible, Architect, The Atlantic, Decoder Ring, The Guardian, Harper's, The Wall Street Journal, and other publications. He has discussed these subjects on television and radio, and before audiences at New America, the National Press Foundation, and various conferences, libraries, and classrooms. He was the editor of The Future of Transportation anthology (Metropolis Books, 2019), and is the author of "Paved Paradise: How Parking Explains the World," which was published in May 2023 by Penguin Press.

Registration is required for this in-person event. Sign up at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

## THE CHANGING NATURE OF GENDER IN THE 21ST CENTURY

The Morrill Memorial Library is honored to host scholar Genny Beemyn for an in-person presentation called "The Changing Nature of Gender in the 21st Century" on Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00pm in the Simoni Room.

The last decade has seen a generational shift in how gender is lived and viewed. Refuting the common assumption that gender can be reduced to the binary of female and male, many members of Gen Z identify as nonbinary and are challenging society to recognize more than two genders. This presentation will discuss the development of these changes, why they are important, and how people can be supportive of this movement.

Presenter Genny Beemyn, Ph.D., is the director of the UMass Amherst Stonewall Center and the coordinator of Campus Pride's Trans Policy Clearinghouse. They have published and spoken extensively on the experiences and needs of trans college students, including writing some of the first articles on the topic. They have a Ph.D. in African American Studies and master's degrees in African American Studies, American Studies, and Higher Education Administration.

Registration is required for this in-person event. Sign up at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

## WEATHERING THE STORM: BIG STORM STORIES FROM NORWOOD AND BEYOND

In partnership with the Town of Norwood and as part of our Norwood Sustainability Series, the Morrill Memorial Library invites Norwood residents of all ages to join us for a coffeehouse-style storytelling event called "Weathering the Storm: Big Storm Stories from Norwood and Beyond," on Thursday, October 26 at 7:00pm in the Simoni Room of the

Library.

You've heard of the Moth Radio Story Hour—now, join us for the Morrill Memorial Library Storm Story Hour! Do you have a yarn to spin about your experience during the blizzard of 1978? The ice storms of 1998 or 2010? How about the Great Norwood Flood of 2020? We want to hear them all!

Join your neighbors and Town staff members to trade tales of adventure, woe, comradery, and probably way too much water and snow at this evening of storytelling, themed around the storms we have lived and maybe even worked through. Come prepared with a story of your own to share, or just come to listen and share a hot beverage. Light refreshments will be available. Assistant Director of Community Development Holly Jones, Chief William Brooks of the Norwood Police Department, and Town Engineer Mark Ryan will all be in attendance to talk about their experiences.

Registration is required for this in-person event; to register, sign up at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

Please indicate on your registration if you would like to share a story of your own so that we can gauge our timetable and organize our speaking order. One story per storyteller, please; and note that stories should be no longer than 5 minutes each to ensure everyone gets a chance to share! Please also note that, due to time constraints, we only have 15 slots available for storytellers, which will fill on a first-come, first-served basis. We will be in touch with all interested storytellers prior to the event to officially confirm our speakers' list.

This program is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, through its FY24 Festivals & Projects Grant Program. Mass Cultural Council funds reach every community in the Commonwealth. Its mission is to promote excellence, education, access and diversity in the arts, humanities and sciences, to improve the quality of life for all Massachusetts residents and contribute to the vitality of our communities and economy.

Notice is hereby given by Updown Towing and Recovery LLC at 558 Pleasant Street, Norwood MA, 02062 in pursuant to M.G.L. c.225, section 39A, that the following vehicles will be for sale at a private auction on October 24, 2023 at 9 am to satisfy the garage keeper's lien for the towing, storage and notice of sale:

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# 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 9<sup>th</sup> day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude. My Prayers were answered.  
*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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### Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION** Docket No. NO23P2625EA  
Estate of: Thomas Joseph Pickett Norfolk Probate and Family Court  
Also known as: Thomas J. Pickett 35 Shawmut Road  
Date of Death: 09/13/2021 Canton, MA 02021  
781-830-1200

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Thomas J. Pickett, Jr. of Norwood, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that:  
**Thomas J. Pickett, Jr. of Norwood, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 A.M. on the return day of 11/01/2023**. This is **NOT** a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
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WITNESS Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: September 25, 2023  
Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

Norwood Record: 10/05/2023



CARR



WILLIAM "Brien" of Norwood passed away suddenly on September 27, 2023 at the age of 63. Devoted son of Philomena "Phyllis" N. (Kennedy) Carr of Norwood and the late William "Billy" Joseph Carr. Loving brother of Lisa A. Carr of Norwood, Kevin A. Carr of Norwood, Cindy J. Keady and her husband Jim of Norwood, John F. Carr and his wife Sandra of Mansfield, Kelly Weber and her husband Brian of Walpole and Debbie M. Rockett and her hus-

band Mike of Mansfield. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. A funeral home service was held on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 10:30am. Burial will be private.

COLLINS



John Joseph Collins 76 of Norwood passed away peace-

fully on September 27, 2023 at Hebrew Senior Life in Boston. John was born in Newton and grew up in Jamaica Plain. He leaves his beloved wife of 54 years Mary (Skelly) Collins. He was the loving father of Lorie Collins of Norwood, Carol and her husband Joseph Hart of Norwood and Shawna and her husband Michael King of East Bridgewater. Cherished grandfather of Maxwell and Heather Hart and Lilly King. He was predeceased by his granddaughter Violet Hart and grandson Jason King. He had many nieces and nephews. He was the brother of Marie Nelson of West Roxbury and the late Richard Collins of Alton NH. John retired from Raytheon in 2006 and enjoyed traveling the world especially by cruise ship.

He also enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren. John was known by his family and friends as Jay and Grumpy. He was a Eucharistic Minister and usher at St. Timothy's Church. John was a Lifetime member of the Norwood Elks 1124 and he was also the Exalted Ruler in 1991. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Timothy's Church, Norwood on Thursday October 5. Interment was at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Funeral Arrangements were made with Gillooly Funeral Home 126 Walpole Street, Norwood.

GARRELS

Allen D., Sr., age 85, of Norwood, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Friday September 29, 2023. Born in Sioux City, Iowa

he was the son of the late William and Henrietta Garrels. Allen attended local schools, and was a United States Navy Veteran. He worked for over 25 years as a supervisor with Honeywell. Allen was the beloved husband of 58 years of Lois A. (Altobello) Garrels, and the devoted father of Allen D. Garrels, Jr. and his wife Paula of Brockton, Scott Garrels and his wife Stacie of Stoughton, Michael Garrels of Franklin, and Glenn Garrels of Lynwood NJ. He was the brother of Lavonne Boege of IA, and the late Larry Garrels and Donna Roberts. Allen was the proud grandfather of Eric, Andrew, Neala, Stephen, James, Leah, Emily, and Jake Garrels. Funeral Service in the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rt. 1A) NORWOOD on

Deaths

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OCTOBER MONTHLY BALLROOM DANCE

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging will be sponsoring their monthly Ballroom Dance, on Friday, October 20th from 7-10 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood.

Music will be provided by Dave Valerio and the cost is \$12.00 per person for your Ballroom Dancing pleasure. Coffee, tea, desserts & water are served & there are also door prizes. We look forward to welcoming newcomers. There is a Facebook page so you can check the status of events offered by the Friends: Friends Of The Norwood Council On Aging | Facebook

OLD PARISH PRESERVATION VOLUNTEERS FALL SEASON BEGINS

The non-profit organization, Old Parish Preservation Volunteers (OPPV) will be holding their first fall cemetery work day

of 2023 on Saturday, October 7, at Old Parish Cemetery, Norwood's original burial ground established in 1741, located off Washington Street near Railroad Avenue.

The aim of the OPPV is to properly clean stone grave markers, repair and reset broken stones, and document this historic site. With care and attention, the cemetery will continue to be a valuable historical and cultural resource for the town. Additional Saturday work days this fall include: October 14, October 21, October 28, and November 4.

The group will host a tour of the cemetery titled "The Children's Hour" on Saturday, October 21, at 2:00 pm. (Rain date Sunday, October 22 at 2). The Cemetery will also be open on November 11, Veterans Day,

from 1-3 pm.

Anyone interested in helping preserve this site can join the group working in the cemetery, or visit the group's web site: <https://www.oldparishpreservationvolunteers.com>

The cemetery is open to the public during the time volunteers are working.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET

The Norwood Woman's Club will be meeting on Tuesday October 10, at 12:30 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 572 Nichols St, Norwood Ma. Dan Clark "The Singing State Trooper" will entertain us. A light lunch will be served. Guests are welcomed. Yearly dues are now \$35.00 as the club is providing sandwiches. We are asking everyone to bring one item for the

Ecumenical Food Pantry to each meeting. Any questions, please call Trina at 781-762-8173. Hope to see you there.

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP TO MEET

The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 17 at The Grange, 28 Rockwood Road (Route 115) in Norfolk, MA from 7-9 pm. Mask if you will.

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

We welcome all families in the South Norfolk Area who are dealing with mental illness and their loved ones.

For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

CLASS OF 73' 50TH REUNION!

The Norwood High School Class of 1973 will be holding its 50th reunion on October 21, at the Norwood Elks Hall from 5 to 11pm. Local Radio DJ Scott Reiniche will be providing the tunes and there will be a buffet.

Tickets are \$50 per person. There is also going to be a Next Day Brunch at Mick Morgans, Route 1, near the Country Club/Hampton Inn from 9:30am to 12:30pm. The cost is \$24 per person.

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**Genesis GV70 AWD Prestige**

More and more electric vehicles are coming and here's one of the best for the money—it's a Genesis GV70 AWD Prestige. There is so much to say about this car that there is not enough room or time. From the outside design and style to the flawless paint finish to the high-end leather interior with spectacular design of the seats. Estimated driving range is 236 miles on a full charge. My commute is less than 30 miles a day, however I did plug it into a standard 110 outlet every night and got around 236 miles from a full charge. The GV70 is a fully loaded car and with the Prestige package (a \$6,800 option) there is nothing left behind (the silver paint option comes in at \$575). This car is in a class of cars that are double the MSRP of \$74,350. Power, performance, handling and ride are better than anyone could ask for. There is even a boost button on the steering wheel that gives you 10 seconds of even more power. I had the car for a week and parked it at the shop office entrance and every customer that walked by the car asked about it and could not believe it was a Genesis. Fit and finish was amazing, the dash layout is user friendly and easy to use. The car seats 5 adults. The Genesis is a well thought out car in every way and also has a great warranty. The optional silver paint really stands out. If you're looking for an electric car, the GV70 is a must look at.

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

**Monday, September 25**

1102 Phone - PD-Larceny/Forgery/Fraud Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Home Depot - Bos-Prov Hwy By the service desk, male party theft. White male, grey top, shorts, black hoodie. Report of echo battery, chainsaw. Security called back and stated male got into a grey SUV (no plates) possibly FLA plates left store. Merchandise was recovered. Arrest: Weir, Scott P Address: 203 Elm St Dedham, Ma Age: 41 Charges: Shoplifting \$250+ By Asportation c266 §30A Drug, Possess Class B Straight Warrant  
1433 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Gone on arrival Location/Address: Nahatan St Caller on the business line states there is a white Toyota with all the windows and doors open and a female party hanging out throwing up. States they are blocking traffic. Caller called back stated that the vehicle left and drove towards the Nahatan St rotary. Vehicle gone on arrival.

1803 Radio - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Rock St 911 caller reports yelling from apartment. Caller hears things being thrown around and a child crying. Spoke to male tenant, he is alone in his apartment. Denies making any noise and refuses to identify himself. All units clear.

**Tuesday, September 26**

1017 Phone - PD-Trespassing Spoke With Location/Address: Bond St + Morrill Rd Two juveniles trespassing on High school property. Two individuals have been identified and are being brought to Coakley Middle School.

1337 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Alandale Pkwy Call on the business line from Boston Health Care requesting a Section 12 on a 24 year old female party. Healthcare provider not on scene but on the phone in a virtual appointment. Caller stating individual will resist. All units clear. Fire to transport to BI Needham and has paperwork in hand.

1700 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Lansdowne Way Caller reporting ongoing issue with a barking dog from the above address. ACO has been notified.

1707 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: St Catherine Of Siena School - Nahatan St Caller reporting a lost and confused elderly female. Party in-

olved has been reunited with family, unit clear.

1711 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Rock St Neighbor reporting a male and female are screaming at each other all day. There is a child in the home and the child has been crying as well. Unknown what they are saying but this has been an issue in the past per the caller. Units spoke with both residents. All was quiet on arrival. Appears it might be a ongoing issue between tenants. Units will be clear.

1730 Walk-In - PD-Breaking & Entering Report Follows Location/Address: Florence Ave Walk in to the lobby reporting a B&E to M/V Unit clear, report to follow.

2253 Radio - Health & Welfare Check Report Follows Vicinity of: Washington St + Douglas Ave Checking on well being on a male party sitting on a brick wall on the corner. Fire Dept requested PC to the hospital, report to follow.

**Wednesday, September 27**

0833 Radio - PD-Parking Violation Citation/Warning Issued Location/Address: Peabody Rd High School Students parking where they are not supposed to. On-going issue. 3 Parking Citations issued. Will come back in two hours when time expires to check on remaining cars. 7 additional parking violations have been issued.

0908 911 - PD-Sudden Death Report Follows Location/Address: Roosevelt Ave Male party is unresponsive and is reporting a possible sudden. 911 caller requesting EMS and Police for a 62 Y/O M, she believes has passed away, sometime in the night. Family last spoke with male party last night around 1800.

1415 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Jefferson Dr Section 12 for 53 y/o f, party has possibility to be violent towards responders. Fire to transport to BI Needham. Party went without incident.

1501 Phone - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Washington St Caller on 911 reports her mother threw water at her following an argument they had about the calling party leaving the home. Calling party states her mother was attempting to walk out into the street and was concerned for her well being. Nothing physical in nature. Seeking advice on elderly mother with dementia. Will be

*Police Logs*



staying in house for night with daughter.

1530 Initiated - PD-Threats Report Follows Location/Address: Norwood High School - Nichols St Threats to commit a crime.

1738 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: - One Upland - Upland Woods Cir Calling party is the aunt of the teenage female who resides at the above location. She is requesting the PD because her niece has been harassed by the same girls who have now threatened to "put hands on her". Both units are clear.

**Thursday, September 28**

306 911 - PD-MVA Property Damage Report Follows Location/Address: Morse St + Pleasant St Cement truck into the bridge After multiple attempts of locating reps for the bridge it was determined to be an out of service line belonging to CSX. CSX yardmaster in Framingham contact who relayed the track supervisors phone number who was contacted and will contact Bridge supervisor and will update an eta.

1349 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Standish Dr Homeowner's daughter reports that there was a suspicious male that was knocking on her dad's door wanting to come in and kept asking to come in and look around wanted to speak to him about some bills from the town of Norwood. Homeowner states that he declined the entrance of the male party. The daughter states that her dad is not home at this time but she would like an officer to go by to make sure there has been no more suspicious activity while he is not home. Was able to make contact with the party knocking on doors. Party did state he knocked on the door regarding an energy program the town is running. States he has a few more doors in area that he has to knock on.

1356 Phone - PD-Assist Public Sent On Way Location/Address: - Washington St Female party needs police escort to

gather her belongings from her home. She will be in a Uhaul truck in the back of the building. Harassment order is in effect. Party does have paperwork stating that he can enter the residence with police presence. Party has been assisted and sent on her way.

1614 911 - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Engamore Ln Caller reports that him and his wife got into a fight and she took all of his identification. Nothing destroyed as of yet. Wife is returning home. Parties have been advised of resources.

1700 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Rock Ct Party in the lobby reporting her 24 yo daughter ran away. Looking to speak to an officer. Unit clear. Boston PD was contacted for a well being check. Party was advised.

1825 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location / Address: Buckminster Dr Call on the business line reporting his scooter was stolen off his patio. Realized it when he got home. Looking to have an officer take a report and states he may have a witness. RP called back reporting he found his scooter behind the apartments. Still wants an officer to respond as it is damaged. Scooter has been recovered. Appears to possibly have been juvenile who fled the scene approximately 30 mins. ago.

1831 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: TJ Maxx - Nahatan St Suspicious baggy with white stuff in it. 665 has the baggy and will be returning to HQ.

**Friday, September 29**

0101 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Village Rd E Broken window, from the outside. Nothing taken Looks like a rock was thrown through the window earlier this evening.

1016 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Hennessy Field - Pleasant St + Lenox Ave Animal Control is requesting a officer for assistance with a dog surrender At above address. Exchange conducted peacefully. All units clear.

2110 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Hazelwood Dr Caller reports group of 10 high school aged kids walking area and saw putting a mask on then knocking on neighbor door. Last seen heading towards Fortune Dr. Juveniles have spoken to and are in for the night.

2115 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Wedgewood Dr Party in lobby reporting a motor vehicle that comes in neighborhood and has multiple juveniles come up and take things out of car.

**Saturday, September 30**

1853 911 - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: Engamore Ln Female punched in the face. Caller is requesting an officer to get her dog back. Parties left in a BMW Spoke to party and has been advised. Parties in question are gone on arrival.

2149 Phone - PD-Disturbance

Gone on arrival Location/Address: Adam And Eve - Bos-Prov Hwy Report of underage juveniles causing a disturbance. Coming in and out of store. Juveniles were gone on arrival. Appears to be a high school prank.

2234 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Rock St Caller on business line reports a male party possibly living out of the car. Reports it shows up around 10pm every night and leaves at 6am every morning. States nobody leaves car during that time and enters a residence. Caller states It's a Silver Honda Odyssey. Party has been spoken and has been advised of complaint.

**Sunday, October 1**

1202 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood High School - Nichols St From HQ, requesting assistance when the teams switch the field. Possible player dispute. Units clear, parties were advised. They will call back if there are any issues.

1435 Phone - PD-Missing Person Report Follows Location/Address: Norwood Healthcare - Washington St Caller on the business line states that they had a patient run away around 1:30. Blue Jeans, Black T Shirt, Black hat, white grocery bag. Female party transported to BI Needham by NFD

1727 911 - PD-Vandalism Report Follows Location/Address: Jack Madden Ford - Bos-Prov Hwy 911 caller states went to pick up his car and noticed it has been vandalized. Caller states side mirror door are damaged. Owner of the vehicle is going to leave vehicle on site for repair, no employees on site to speak to, report to follow.

1804 911 - PD-Disturbance Peace Restored Location/Address: Codman Rd 911 caller states male party was urinating in the parking lot near the house and kids witnessed it. Description: 5'11 beard, black male - wearing T Jacket. Caller states no weapons. Caller reports that her son and the party involved are arguing. Caller reports they have a photo of the incident. Norwood 674 reports a verbal argument, which was taking his bathroom break in the area. Peace restored between the parties. Involved party trespassed from this address.

2015 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: - Wilson St Caller on the business line reporting an extremely loud party going on outside. Reports the residents will keep the noise down.

2054 Phone - PD-Assist Other Agency Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Oolah Ave Assist Norton PD with checking the address for a PC to arrest. Norwood 676 reports 1 in custody at this time. Norwood 674 transporting 1 party in custody back to the station. All units clear, 1 party transferred to Norton PD.

2330 911 - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Vicinity of: Railroad Ave Three loud explosions in the area of the depot Norwood 667 reports checking the area, unable to locate the cause of the explosions. All units clear

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

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**Estate of:** Jojhar Tamber  
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**Date of Death:** 11/18/2022

**Norfolk Division**

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate and, by Petition of **Petitioner Inderpal Singh of Norwood, MA**

**Inderpal Singh of Norwood, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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## Historical Commission

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mission first, and Howard said she's reached out to the group's representatives and the Massachusetts Commission got back to them with names they'd like to see more information on.

"He supplied three names, and one of the names was Forbes, for which I am absolutely thrilled," Howard said.

Howard also said one of their contacts at the Massachusetts Historical Commission is retiring and offered to be a second set of eyes on the application even after her retirement.

"She would basically review everything and give comments and suggestions," she said. "So we're still on the path to have an application for the National Register for St. Gabriel's Chapel and the Highland Cemetery."

Eosco asked if the Community Preservation Act (CPA) restoration would impact the St. Gabriel Chapel's eligibility. The chapel was restored fully in 2019 as the first CPA-funded project for the Town. Howard said the restoration project was done with the register application in mind, and fully complies with historical building standards and regulations.

Eosco added there were additions made to the cemetery parcel itself at times and Howard said they may have to go over those additions for consideration at the register.

Howard said the Norwood Historical Commission has about \$5,000 to put towards the application process, and hopefully they'll be able to hire a consultant to get the area recognized.

The group discussed trying to get the pumping station on Route 1 onto the register as well, and the commission is looking to get a feasibility study together to see if it can be restored and be used as an historic resource as a first step. The station sits just north of the Town's Animal Control building, just south of Central Buick and University Avenue.

Howard said they want to get the Conservation Department, the Norwood Trails Advisory Committee and the Sustainability Commission to get on board with the study.

"Probably next year, a combination of all these committees, if they agree, could come together for an application to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to get funds for a feasibility study," Howard said.

Howard said the building was built and design by William G. Upham, much like the original Norwood High School and more than 50 other public and private buildings throughout New England between 1911 and 1954.

"The thing about William G. Upham, I don't think he's gotten the respect he deserves," Howard said. "He's a nationally renowned architect and he grew up right here in Norwood."

"There's your historic value right there," said member Cheryl Doyle.

"He designed and had the station built as well as Memorial Town Hall, Norwood Theater, the Mason Building on Day Street and the old high school," Howard said. "He also designed buildings in Dartmouth, Andover and Exeter, as well as the tower at Yale University, Harkness Tower. So he is nationally known."

Howard related a story regarding the old Norwood High School, in which before it was torn down, a historic preservationist from Salem, Massachusetts, reached out to the Town because he was concerned that the Town was tearing down an Upham building and hoped to see it preserved. Howard said she agreed with him, but had to tell him the building was coming down anyway.

"And I told him, you see here in Norwood they don't realize the importance of history, in my view," she said.

For more information on the commission and the historical properties around Town, go to <https://tinyurl.com/4jmyj6nm>

## Norwood Public Schools awarded \$25,000 for Innovation Pathways

Superintendent David Thomson is pleased to announce that Norwood High School is one of 31 high schools in Massachusetts that was awarded grant funding to support its Innovation Pathway programs.

The \$25,000 grant, awarded by the Healey-Driscoll Administration, was announced on Friday, Sept. 22, and will be used to implement a Clean Energy Innovation Career Pathway and a Business and Finance Innovation Career Pathway at Norwood High School.

Norwood High School is one of six high schools in Massachusetts that will be part of the Clean Energy pilot. The six 2023-24 Clean Energy pilot schools will help meet the workforce needs of the Commonwealth's rapidly growing clean energy economy.

Norwood High School will use these funds to develop and

map out curricula, pursue partnerships with local businesses and higher education institutions, and explore internship possibilities, project opportunities, and more, with the goal of establishing these brand-new pathways for the 2024-25 school year.

Grant funding will also be used to purchase instructional supplies for the new curriculum, plan course sequencing and offerings, purchase marketing materials for the program and strengthen ties between Norwood middle and high schools in preparation for career education opportunities.

"On behalf of the entire district, I would like to thank the Healey-Driscoll Administration for this generous grant," said Superintendent David Thomson. "We are looking forward to beginning the work to offer this new program to our high school stu-

dents and provide them with the necessary skills they need to be successful in the workforce."

"This new Clean Energy Innovation Career Pathway will open doors for students to discover a future in the renewable energy sector by providing them with applied learning experiences and next-level internships right here in Massachusetts," said Governor Maura Healey.

With this planning expansion, the state projects offering career and technical education pathways at nearly 100 schools next year and anticipate enrolling the first class in a pipeline of future climate workforce leaders.

Norwood High School currently offers the Healthcare Innovation Pathway Program, which provides students the opportunity to get early exposure to careers in the healthcare industry.

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Friday October 6 at 11:00 AM, followed by interment at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Visiting Hours in the Funeral Home on Friday from 9-11 AM only. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Allen's name to the American Heart Association, 300 5th Avenue, Waltham, MA 02451.

### LaVita



Barbara Ann (Foley) of Norwood passed away on September 25, 2023 at the age of 90. She was born on July 10,

1933 to Matthew and Bridget (Lee) Foley. She grew up in Dorchester and graduated from Dorchester High School. She worked in various office jobs in the insurance industry and as a data entry clerk. Her proudest role was being a mother and grandmother. She lived for her children. She raised six children but was "Ma LaVita" to many more. Always opened her home to her children's friends growing up and loved to feed them. She will forever be known for her fried chicken and whoopie pies. She never missed a sporting event or school event for her children or grandchildren. She loved bingo and crocheting for the veterans and cancer patients. Always giving. Survived by her brother Joseph Foley of Quincy and her sister Margie Sykes of Westwood, her children, Joe and Carlene LaVita of Walpole, Michael and Jayne LaVita of Foxboro, Mark

LaVita of Attleboro, Donna and Dan McLaughlin of Dedham, Karen LaVita and Bill Hayden of Norwood and Jim LaVita of Norwood. Gram/Bada to Dan and Taylor, Jenna and Victor, Mark, Alicia and Chris, Matthew, Michael, Rocco, Jillian, Brian, Jimmy, Michael and Jonathan. She is also survived by 5 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents and her sisters Mary Geary, Kay Foley and Ann O'Neil. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. A funeral home service will be held on Thursday at 5:45pm. At the request of the family burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to Ascend Hospice 352 Belmont St. Worcester, MA 01604 or to the Norwood Senior Center 275 Prospect St. Norwood, MA 02062.

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