



Residents and officials gathered last week to discuss the fate of the Norwood Hospital and how it might return as a working, acute-care hospital.

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## Hospital likely to be sold outright Task Force coming together

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

About 120 residents attended the informational meeting on Thursday, Jan. 30, at the Norwood High School focusing on the reconstruction and, hopefully, sale of Norwood Hospital.

Currently, the site and the building are owned by Medical Properties Trust (MPT), Steward's old landlord. The hospital flooded in 2020 and the building was deemed a total loss. In the fall of 2023, work on the construction of the hospital stopped. It was later discovered that Steward had run out of money and, according to reporting from The Boston Globe and others this was due to dishonest business practices.

MPT took over the construction site in March of 2024 and is currently working on getting the building weather tight in anticipation of a new tenant.

Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said MPT has had good communication with the Town, and it is his understanding that MPT wants to find a buyer for the whole site and not an operator to pay them rent.

"MPT began communicating with us around October of (last) year and we appreciate they at least pick up the phone; it has been difficult to reach some of our partners in state government," he said, emphasizing that he

meant the governor's administration. "MPT has clearly stated they want to get a deal done on the property. They want to sell it and leave Massachusetts. Obviously, their goal is to make as much money as they can, and our goal is to get a hospital."

Town Meeting member Helen Abdallah-Donohue asked during the question-and-answer session if there was any way the Town could mandate that the property the hospital currently sits on remain a hospital. She also pointed out that the land used to be owned by the Town about 100 years ago.

"We gave them Linden Street," she said. "We gave up the right to walk through that property forever when people worked at the press and had to go to the schools. We have to take some positive action to put the pressure on."

Mazzucco said, as he has numerous times in the past, that the building sitting there now is constructed as a hospital. It has different configurations than an office building or a residential building, and it would be a substantial investment to reconfigure it to any other use.

"The building's value is as a hospital to anyone who's going to buy it and that's its value to us," he said. "To try to convert – from a building perspective – to any other building, it's never going to make financial sense for somebody to do that just based on the Building Code, what it's been designed for and what it's been designed to do. As for somebody com-



Congressman Stephen Lynch

ing in with some other kind of building or project for the property we would probably take it by eminent domain and try to sell it to a hospital operator for a cheap dime. I don't think that's going to happen, because if they're willing to take a \$100 million loss, they would probably just be willing to give it to us."

Mazzucco said the problem with eminent domain is that the Town or state would have to pay fair market value and then still have to find someone to run it. Congressman Stephen Lynch said it's going to be a waiting game, and if MPT drops the price significantly enough a buyer will step up. However, there are hurdles in the way. For example, Steward's hospital license expired, meaning a new operator – one from out of state that doesn't already have a hospital license (State Rep. John Rogers said this is

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From left to right: Spencer Lane, Jinna Han, Vadim Naumov and Evgenia Shiskova.

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## Skating Club of Boston, Norwood, mourns

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

Sixty-seven people lost their lives on January 29 after the deadliest aviation crash on U.S. soil in 20 years. Now, officials have reported recovering the bodies of all 67 victims of the crash between American Airlines Flight 5342 and a U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopter in Washington, D.C. Among the victims were 28 athletes, coaches and family members associated with U.S. Figure Skating.

Of those 28, six were from the Skating Club of Boston community, their main training and performance facility being located in Norwood. During Thursday's Norwood Hospital's informational meeting, Selectmen Chair Robert Donnelly offered condolences on behalf of the Town.

"On behalf of the community I want to extend condolences to the victims of yesterday's plane crash in Washington D.C.," he said. "As we now know, among the victims were two young skaters from the Boston Skating Club, their moms and two coaches from the club.

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## Elementary buildings need \$100 mil? SC mourns Jill Driscoll

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee met on Wednesday, Jan. 29, for almost three-and-a-half hours and discussed several major issues facing the schools' buildings, particularly the elementary schools.

Before business began in earnest, however, the Committee joined with about two dozen staff, faculty, students and parents to mourn the recent loss of Nurse Leader Jeanne "Jill" Driscoll, who passed away on Jan. 21 of this year.

Driscoll had been working in the Norwood Public Schools (NPS) since 1997 and became the Nurse Leader in 2012. All who spoke during the School Committee meeting said she was a force to be reckoned with.

"She was larger than life," said chair Anne Marie Mazzolla. "I made it a point when I came into the Savage to sneak by her

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why he believes Mass General Brigham would be perfect because they already have a license), would have to obtain one and would have to go through the arduous process of the state Department of Public Health's Determination of Need (DON).

Mazzucco did point out that this hospital was, before the flood, one of the few Steward hospitals making a profit, at least in 2019 and 2018.

Lynch said he feels the state is in a stronger position than MPT. Mazzucco said MPT is looking to recoup what it said was \$300 million, but Lynch said he feels they're willing to take a loss, or at least will be at some point soon. "It's really a bad position for them to be in to have a non-performing asset," he said. "How long do you keep your investors there losing money? There is pressure on them to make a deal. They won't get their \$300 million investment, they know that. They can wait us out, but I think it's the other way around."

Lynch said he felt the party was over for most if not all for-profit healthcare hospitals in the country. "That for-profit model is an anathema to Congress," he said. "We are done; we are done, we are so done giving Medicare money so people can buy yachts instead of providing healthcare. Even the Republicans don't go for that. We have unanimity; we agree on something in Congress, because remember, this was a 60-hospital network and it was present in a lot of red states, Texas, Oklahoma, etc.,

and their state legislatures are as mad as we are about this deal. Steward originally owned the building and the land it sits on, and then for \$800 million sold the land underneath to MPT, they took the money, put it in their pocket, bought some yachts, split it amongst themselves. What they were doing was taking the money we were giving them stating they needed money for Medicaid, Medicare, the state was putting money in, and they were using that to pay their rent rather than taking care of the people at Norwood Hospital."

Lynch said in general, he does not believe the for-profit healthcare model can survive. "That model does not work; you can't serve two masters," he said. "You can't say, 'Ok, I'm a hospital and I'm going to take care of patients,' and then say on the side, 'I'm going to take care of my investors and shareholders.' That does not work, because at the end of the day the shareholders get taken care of, and the patients get the raw end of the deal, especially when they don't have somebody advocating on their behalf, like a lot of older patients. We've got to get rid of MPT; we've got to clean house here and reunite the land and the hospital. We need one owner, not for profit, dedicated totally to taking care of the health of the people who come into their hospital and rely on their care. That has to be the formula. We can't do this for-profit healthcare anymore. That model does not work and I do not believe in it."

Mazzucco said the Town and the state delegation will be putting together a task force made up of representatives from the other 11 communities affected by Norwood Hospital's closure, as well as healthcare providers, labor leaders, emergency service providers, community leaders and more. He said they will need help from residents of all those communities to try to increase the urgency of the State's efforts of finding a new hospital owner and work with local entities to promote the fact that the hospital is up for sale.

"The task will fall on us to do the heavy lifting. We need to find a viable operator with the capital to reopen Norwood Hospital," Mazzucco said in a press release the following day. "We're going to put together a group with one purpose — to make this happen. Norwood's situation is different from that of Nashoba Valley or Carney Hospital. We have a project underway and we are trying to reopen a hospital rather than repurposing it. Rep. Stephen Lynch, state Sen. Michael Rush, and state Rep. John Rogers have been instrumental in getting us to this point."

For the full release on this initiative, go to <https://tinyurl.com/mr2naecc>

Mazzucco said there will be a website up soon for the Task Force. However, if you're interested in helping out, send Mazzucco an email at [Managers@norwoodma.gov](mailto:Managers@norwoodma.gov)

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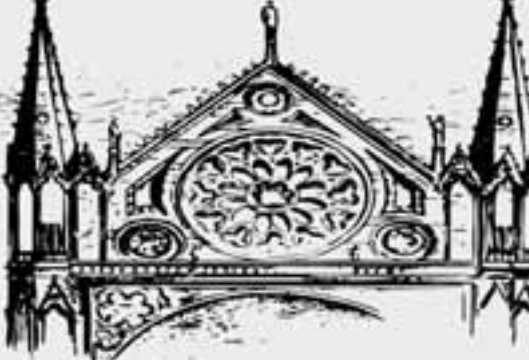
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Recreation Director Sam White at the Jan. 29, 2025 NAC meeting discussing the new park coming to the airport in May.

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# NAC approves sign for Tyler J. Lawrence Park

**Matthew MacDonald**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Airport Commission (NAC) held its regular monthly business meeting of the year on Wednesday, Jan. 29, and its first since November. It ran 25 minutes with three appointments.

The meeting's main appointment brought Sam White – newly-promoted permanent Recreation Director – before the Commission regarding preparations for the dedication of the nearly finished Tyler J. Lawrence Memorial Park in the observation area next to the Welch Building of the Norwood Memorial Airport.

Last May, CPA funding for the park was approved in dramatic fashion at the Annual Town Meeting after an emotional speech by Remy Lawrence – Tyler's mother – about her only son, who had been a 13-year-old Coakley Middle School student when he was shot multiple times and murdered while walking near his grandparents' home in the Mattapan neighborhood of Boston on Jan. 29, 2023 – two years to the day prior to White's NAC appearance.

Specifically, White was there to request approval for the sign that will greet guests upon arriving to the small playground area featuring an aeronautically-

themed tower and a scenic view of the Airport's runways, with the sky, conservation land, and the Blue Hills as a backdrop.

As White described it, he had met with Ms. Lawrence the previous week to review the dedication to appear on the park's sign, which will look familiar. "We kind of copycatted the Norwood Memorial Airport sign as it is now, just so it matches with the theme here," he explained.

The playground itself is without its rubber surface, which will have to wait until the spring to be poured. For now, wood chips

**Airport**

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## Selectman Bob Donnelly Announces for Reelection

Bob Donnelly, member and current Chair of Norwood's Board of Selectmen, has announced his candidacy for reelection to the Board. The municipal election will be held on Monday, April 7, 2025.



Bob has served Norwood in numerous roles over the course of his service to the Town. Prior to his election to the Board of Selectmen in 2022, Bob served on the Finance Commission, Budget Balancing Committee and Personnel Board. He chairs the Capital Outlay Committee and is a member of the Middle School Building Committee and the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. He is a 30-year plus member of Town Meeting.

As a member of the Board of Selectmen, Bob has led efforts to improve town services and promote new programs and initiatives. Bob advocated and proposed the development of a town Comprehensive Plan to gather community input and plan for the future development of the town's physical assets. He led the effort to pilot a curbside food composting pilot to divert food waste from our increasingly expensive trash removal service and introduce an environmentally sustainable approach to waste management. Bob is an advocate for transparency and accountability. Working with the Board and General Manager, he developed and led the implementation of the Town's formal performance feedback and review process for the General Manager.

Bob is a strong supporter of the Town's Community Preservation Committee's work. In 2023, he proposed that the Board approve a Community Preservation application to improve the Morse Hill Veterans' Memorial Park. As a result of his efforts, the corner of Mylod and Washington Street now possesses a beautiful park that serves as an enduring tribute to our veterans.

As Norwood and other towns in Norfolk County continue to absorb the impact of the closure of Norwood Hospital, Bob worked with his colleagues, the General Manager, the State Delegation and Congressman Stephen Lynch's office to urge the Commonwealth to restore acute care hospital services at the new Norwood Hospital.

Bob and his wife, Michelle St. Pierre, have lived in Norwood for 35 years. They are the proud parents of Erin Donnelly who, like her father, is a graduate of Norwood High School. Bob is an active community member, serving as chair of the Norwood Concert Committee, an organization that produces Summer Concerts on the Common as well as the Winter Concert series at Norwood High School. He volunteers at the Norwood Food Pantry and participates in trail construction and maintenance for the Trails Committee, as well as park clean-up activities on Earth Day.

Bob is a retired Human Resources professional with management experience in the public sector, the consumer products industry and healthcare. He graduated with a master's degree in public administration from Northeastern University.

According to Bob, "I ran for the Board of Selectmen in 2022 because I wanted local government to be more proactive and focus on getting things done for Norwood residents. We are getting things done in Norwood and I'm proud of the accomplishments the Board has achieved over the past 3 years and look forward to serving the community again for another term."

Like many municipalities in the Commonwealth, Norwood faces important operational and financial challenges over the coming years. Bob has proven that he has the experience, leadership qualities and communications skills to work with his Board colleagues and members of other boards and committees on the best ways to address these challenges.

Please consider giving Bob one of your two votes for Board of Selectmen on Monday, April 7.

To learn more about Bob Donnelly and his campaign, please visit his campaign website at [bobdonnelly4norwood.com](http://bobdonnelly4norwood.com), send an email to [bobdonnelly4norwood@gmail.com](mailto:bobdonnelly4norwood@gmail.com), or go to his campaign Facebook page at "Selectman Bob Donnelly."

## Planning approves 699 Washington

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Planning Board met recently and voted unanimously to approve the multiple waivers and special permit for the proposed project at 699 Washington St.

The plan calls for eight units of rental housing, with first-floor commercial space totaling about 1,600 square feet and basement commercial space of about 1,500 square feet. There would be 16 parking spaces for residents.

"It's not bringing 100 units to the Downtown, it's a fairly low-key, mixed-use development," said attorney representing the property owner Phil Macchi, of Macchi & Macchi. "It's not prime (basement office space), but there are people looking for fairly low-cost office space and this could fill

that niche and still be in the middle of Town."

The project required several waivers for a special permit to conform to the Downtown Mixed-Use Overlay District (MUOD), which included eight feet in the setback. Macchi said they are also requesting that less than 10 percent of the outdoor space be dedicated to outdoor amenity spaces, and Macchi said that is because the site is extremely small.

"The whole lot is less than a half-acre," he said. "Currently, it is paved edge-to-edge, we are removing some pavement and decreasing impervious (surface), I can't tell you how much, it's a really tight spot, but the landscaping plan shows you what we're doing. The goal is if you're looking from Washington Street, the back right corner has a seating area and the front right corner

has a seating area."

He added the front area will be converted into pervious material with gardening and benches for public amenities.

Macchi said the last waiver was for providing drainage calculations. He said Department of Public Works Director and Town Engineer Mark Ryan said since they were adding pervious surface, he was fine with them not submitting said calculations.

"We went over this with Mark Ryan and, again, we're not increasing, we're removing impervious, and he supports the waiver of the drainage calculations; he didn't think we needed them and he supports what we're doing on the site," Macchi said. "And (Assistant Director of Economic Development and former Conservation

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## THE MUSHER

"I'd never done more than twenty miles in a day and had never run more than eight dogs," Steve Craig told me as we sipped coffee on the ferry Malaspina, somewhere along Alaska's inside passage. "Two times that week I ran ten dogs for about twenty-five miles and then I'm running ten dogs for four hundred-plus miles on the Yukon Quest trail over eight days. I had no idea how tough it would be. I have never been so physically exhausted in my life. I pretty much fell asleep in the shower in Whitehorse.

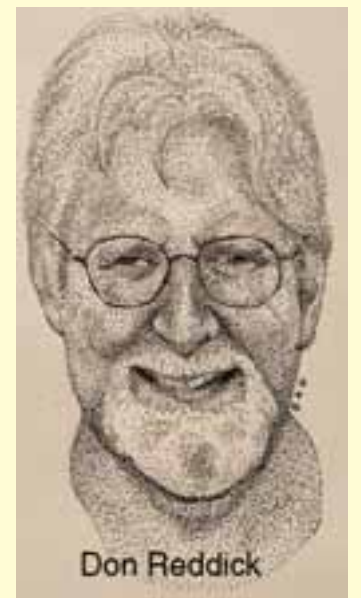
"The day into Pelly Farm was the toughest. Over sixty-five miles and twelve hours with a couple of rests. We had a good long stop about midway, in the sun, with the other teams. Later the dogs didn't want to go after several warm miles, so I gave them a break. Once the sun went down, they came to life. We cruised into the darkness. I had a good idea of when sixty miles were done and there was no sign of camp. I started to wonder if I had missed it somehow or where it was. It was well into the evening and there I was, from Victoria, behind ten dogs on a sled in the middle of total Yukon wilderness, in the dark, thirty-something below zero, alone and feeling quite alone, wondering if I was lost.

"For a while I was a bit uncomfortable. But then I thought, here I am, from Victoria, behind ten dogs on a sled in the middle of total

Yukon wilderness, in the dark, in the cold, the only sound that of the dogs running, really cruising in the cold of the night, a starry sky above. It became exhilarating. I gave my trust to the dogs to follow the right trail and reveled in the night travel. I had the dogs, had my sleeping bag. I wouldn't freeze to death. After sixty-six miles and over twelve hours on the trail I saw headlamps and the dogs pulled me into camp.

"Learning each dog as an individual was interesting. Some needed to be watched to keep them pulling, others were low maintenance. On and off the runners, weight on one runner then the other, or ride them both or running behind and pushing to help the dogs or pumping. Rarely could I stand on the back and just look around like a tourist. The dogs would let you know if you weren't working, too. They turn and look at you as if to say, 'Hello, you want to help, too?' It really is a team, and you may be the top dog, but you are still part of the team.

"The whole relationship with the dogs individually is a big part of the attraction of mushing for me. This trip had an extra challenge in that I didn't know the dogs and they didn't know me. We had to learn about each other as we went and that itself was an interesting experience. After three or four days I felt I knew them pretty well and by the end it was great to have some understanding of their individuality. Probably the biggest thing for me was that I got them to



Don Reddick

Whitehorse in good health. I find it interesting that mushing is a meeting of very individual people and dogs, who must come together and work as a very strong team. Mushing from Dawson to Whitehorse was a dream realized for me. It was physically exhausting but one of the best experiences of my life.

"It wasn't tougher than I imagined, because I didn't imagine. I had no idea. But I was looking to learn. I was a novice recreational musher. When it was over people asked me, 'Are you going to do the Quest? Are you a professional musher now?' Are you kidding? My answer was that I was a novice musher before the trip and now I was a much better novice musher. That's how I feel." Steve Craig leaned his chair back against the wall and smiled.

"Yeah, a dream realized."

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The current site at 699 Washington St. in Norwood Center.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

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Agent) Ilex Jones put that in their memo and so you don't have to just take my word for it." Macchi said many of these requirements were because they were trying to retain the building's structure as it is, as they want to apply for the Massachusetts Historic Registry. They, and the Norwood Historical Commission (NHC), believe it to be an historic building.

"We think this is the best project to come before the Board, because it is keeping the building intact and because it is neoclassical, and it is one of two buildings in Town that fit that description," said NHC member Cheryl Doyle. "It was built in 1916, and the fact they're trying to get it listed, and the fact that it is already on (the Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System) MACRIS (<https://mhc-macris.net>)... It's a long process and a lot of paperwork, but I think it's great. It fits in how Norwood wants to be."

NHC Vice Chair Toni Eosco said the building has been on MACRIS for 35 years. "We have known it's a notable building, and it was designed by William G. Upham, the same architect who designed Town Hall, the theater, the Masonic Temple and other buildings in Town," she said.

NHC Chair Judith Howard said she was also in favor of the project. "I think this is a lovely, lovely project and a plan to become an anchor in Norwood Center," she said.

Owner John Murphy said, "We're a small real estate firm, father/son type of thing, I grew up in Norwood and lived here for 35 years and I love this Town," he said. "This building is iconic; I actually opened my first bank account in this bank, and we think this building is a beautiful building and an iconic part of Norwood Center."

Planning Board member Ernie Paciorkowski pointed out the bank then was the Norfolk County Trust. "It was that then

First Bank and then Baybank and then Bank of America," he said. "I remember on the second floor there was a window and the phone operator would sit up there and when calls come into the bank they could look down."

"I've been telling everybody it was the president of the bank that used to sit up there," Murphy said with a laugh.

"No it was the phone operator in that window," Paciorkowski said.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the special permit required for the project, with the conditions that, for signage, the proponent come back to the Board for minor site plan review, and lastly a requirement that the bedrooms have windows. The Board also voted unanimously to approve the site plan review for the project.

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## About Social Security Benefits for Someone with Multiple Ex-spouses

**Dear Rusty:** If a financially well-off individual had multiple ex-spouses, could it happen that the multiple ex-spouses could each be collecting Social Security based on their own financial situation as compared to their rich ex-spouses? Thus, multiple payouts by SS? Just curious, because there are probably many people in this situation as a result of the ever-increasing number of people involved in multiple marriages that each lasted more than ten years.



**Russell Gloor**  
AMAC Certified Social  
Security Advisor

**Signed:**  
*Curious Ex-Spouse*

**Dear Curious Ex-Spouse:** A former spouse can only collect one SS benefit – either their own SS retirement amount, or an amount as an ex-spouse if the marriage lasted 10 years or more. And it is possible for multiple ex-spouses of a marriage to the same person to qualify for benefits from those unions, if each marriage lasted at least 10 years. But each ex-spouse can only qualify for one benefit payment – either their own earned SS benefit, or their benefit as an ex-spouse. In other words, someone with two (or more) ex-spouses might have their ex's collecting full benefits on their record, provided that each marriage lasted at least 10 years. But an ex-spouse can only get one benefit – their own SS retirement amount or an ex-spouse amount – whichever is higher).

It's possible, also, that an ex-spouse can collect benefits from a former

spouse at the same time as a current spouse is also collecting spouse benefits on the same record. And there is no detriment to either's amount because multiple spouses or ex-spouses are collecting on a one person's SS record (Social Security is, after all, a means for spouses, or ex-spouses, to avoid poverty). However, an ex-spouse's own SS retirement benefit (from their personal lifetime work record) must be less than any ex-spouse benefit they are entitled to from a former spouse. Essentially, if the "10-years-married" rule is satisfied, ex-spouses are subject to the same benefit rules as a current spouse.

You are correct that we see some cases like this these days, but each eligible ex-spouse can only get one benefit, and their ex-spouse benefit is always offset by any personal SS retirement benefit the ex-spouse may also be entitled to on their own lifetime work record.

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are down and orange construction fencing surrounds the site.

"We're just waiting for the guy to come out, button everything up, and make it all tidy," White said of a ladder that had been delayed, but which had arrived the previous week. At that point, the fence will come down and, as the weather gets warmer, the woodchips will be removed, the rubber will be poured, and an opening day in early to mid-May will be scheduled.

The dedication had been approved the night before at the Board of Selectmen meeting, so the Airport Commission was its final stop, and the vote was unanimous.

White also took the time to read it aloud:

"Tyler J. Lawrence was a loving, kind, and energetic boy with a great sense of humor and a bright, beautiful smile. He was the joy of his mother's life, and a cherished grandson. Tyler loved spending time with friends, playing basketball, and creating cherished memories with his grandparents – especially frequenting parks with his grandfather. This park is a tribute to Tyler's vibrant spirit, and the life he deserved to live. In his 13 years, Tyler brought joy to those around him and embodied the values of kindness, positivity, and love. May your visits here be filled with happiness, laughter, and love – honoring Tyler's legacy and the preciousness of his life."

The second appointment of the day had to do with the an-

nual request to hunt for deer on the Airport property located outside the perimeter fence in the woodlands between the 35 end of Runway 17/35 (near Neponset Street) and the 28 end of Runway 10/28 (near University Avenue).

Typically, this request is submitted in writing and perfunctorily approved. This time, however, one of the bow hunters – Michael O'Brien – was in attendance, and submitted the request on behalf of himself and seven others, leading to questions of curiosity from the newest member of the Commission – Dr. Michael Harper – and answers that went into some detail regarding the group's methods and underlying purpose: to regulate the deer herd population in the area.

As explained by Airport Manager Mark Raymond in response to a question by Harper, deer are an ongoing risk for aircraft using the Airport, with the most recent strike – in July, 2023 – also resulting in extensive, and expensive damage to the corporate jet that it collided with.

He added that the hunting is done under special depredation permits for wildlife control issued to the Airport by the state and federal government. "So what Mike and his companions do out there, you know, it's a big help to us because I've only got one other person on staff here."

In addition to regulating the

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deer herd by targeting a limited number of mature bucks and does to limit breeding, Raymond went on to add that the hunters "all work together as a group, so it's not a free-for-all out there." O'Brien had said as much already, noting that – when crossing paths with unauthorized hunters – "we kindly ask them to leave or produce a letter," while also letting them know how to apply for permission to hunt the property.

In addition to that, the group also maintains hunting stands, posts no trespassing signs, and picks up trash, while also keeping Raymond up to speed on what is going on in the woodlands.

O'Brien, who is a Norwood police officer, noted that his group intends to cut walkways into thicker growth areas this year in order to get at more deer, noting that the woodlands are "primarily the area that we really focus our hunting on, knowing that the deer can cause a lot of issues with the runways and the Airport. So we're trying to limit that down as much as possible."

NAC Chairman Michael Sheehan closed the appointment by stating his appreciation for the hunters and the service they provide. "It might sound cruel to some people, but it's so important for the Airport. Because that airplane strike was pretty significant, and it could cause deaths."

The NAC typically meets on the middle Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Welch Administration Building (111 Access Rd.). Check the Town website for more details.

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I ask that you remember them in your thoughts and prayers. We also extend our condolences to the Boston Skating Club Community for this unbearable loss."

Those lost from the Skating Club, located on University Avenue in Norwood, was 13-year-old skater Jinna Han, her mother Jina Han, 16-year-old skater Spencer Lane, his mother Cristine Lane, and coaches Evgenia Shishkova and Vadim Naumov.

Congressman Stephen Lynch also offered remarks at the hospital meeting. "We mourn the loss of the students, the coaches, the moms; you know sometimes life just breaks your heart and there is nothing you can do," he said. "Except, love them up. Show them as much love and comfort and condolence as you can."

Lane started skating three years ago after seeing Nathan Chen in the Olympics. His father told WCVB News that he trained at the Skating Club five days a week and completely committed himself to the sport.

"Spencer can only be described as a force of nature," his father Doug Lane said in a statement. "You simply could not stop him if he decided he wanted to do something. There is no better example of this

than his remarkable skating journey, which we are heartbroken to see end so soon. He truly loved it, and his ascent from basic Learn to Skate classes to U.S. Figure Skating's National Development Team in just a few short years was unprecedented. We are so grateful that his last week was filled with joy and surrounded by his beloved Skating Club of Boston and the U.S. Figure Skating family."

Jinna Han was said by her coaches to have "Olympic potential."

Shishkova and Naumov lived in Norwood since joining the Skating Club of Boston in 2017. They began competing together as a team in 1987 and won bronze at the 1991 European Championships in Sofia, Bulgaria. They placed fifth at the World Championships in Munich, Germany, that year as well, and competed in the Olympics the following year. They retired in 1998 from the International Skating Union and turned professional, winning the World Professional Championships that year. The pair married in St. Petersburg, Russia, in 1995 and have a son, Maxim Naumov, who flew out just days before they did. His parents had flown to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Wichita on Jan. 26 to see him compete.

Skating Club of Boston CEO

Doug Zeghibe said in a Jan. 30 press conference that Maxim Naumov placed fourth in his competition. "Which is a medaling spot," he said. "His time in Wichita concluded on Sunday with the men's event. He was actually on a plane on Monday. I came back with him. He had no reason to stay at the National Development Camp."

Zeghibe said the club is heartbroken, but said Norwood has been amazing in the aftermath. "I just want to say we deeply appreciate Norwood leadership, and other folks in Town have reached out to us and expressed their sympathy and support," he said. "It really means a lot to us to know that we are part of the community."

The Club had a private memorial for skaters and members after the crash. Media and the public were not allowed. Zeghibe said they are working to have an event later in the spring.

The Skating Club of Boston released a statement after the crash:

"Our sport and this Club have suffered a horrible loss with this tragedy," the statement read. "Skating is a tight-knit community where parents and kids come together six or seven days a week to train and work together. Everyone is like family."

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office, otherwise I would be there for an hour. She was just a magnetic personality, and you didn't really want to walk away; next conversation after conversation."

"I know how special she was and I just want to thank her for all she did for the school and our students," said member Katie Sibbing-Dunn.

Cleveland Nurse Eve Pallang said she was there to speak on behalf of the nursing staff. "We wanted to share some of our memories of Jill," she said. "She thought outside the box; she was a fixer. One example we thought of was when a nurse approached her about a kiddo who wasn't eating at school. Her creative solution actually made this kid eat. She was an advocate for public health, helping needy families connect with providers in the community for no cost care and getting vouchers for local urgent care facilities and dentists. During COVID-19, she single-handedly organized and ran the clinics for the entire Norwood community. She put her own needs aside to take care of us, her nurses."

Co-worker and friend Jodie Smith said Driscoll was a force for the students under her care. "She arranged for physicals, vaccinations, dental care and eye exams," she said. "During the COVID-19 pandemic, Jill was on the front lines working closely with the Norwood Board of Health setting up and manning the Norwood vaccination clinics. No one gave a better shot than Jill. Just ask my husband, he'll tell you. Jill also sought out scholarships for children to attend summer programs. Over the years, Jill also became the Nurse Leader and in this role she was a strong advocate for her nurses."

Smith said Driscoll was able to single-handedly bring in \$95,000 in grants for her nurses. She said Driscoll also was a regular face during community programs, including Norwood Day and the Norwood Circle of Hope.

"To recognize her services

to the staff, she was given the Norwood Teachers Association Honor Award from the Norfolk County Teachers Association," she said. "These are but a few things of what Jill did for all, whether it was for the child in need of glasses, the teacher in need of sick bank or the whole community through the Circle of Hope. I am proud to count Jill as a dear friend who will be greatly missed in so many ways."

The School Committee voted unanimously to name the student clinic in the new Coakley Middle School in her honor. The new clinic will be named the Jill Driscoll Student Wellness Center.

Regarding the Coakley, Norwood Facilities Manager Paul Riccardi stopped in to discuss recent repairs and the state of the buildings in the NPS. He said while there are always things that need work, the department is within its budget at this time.

"This is our fifth year (as a Town-wide department) and the work orders are not changing," he said. "Eighty percent are schools and 20 percent are Town administration and I think that's going to be a constant moving forward."

However, Riccardi did say there has been maintenance deferred and it's going to end up costing the Town much, much, more in the long run.

"There are issues in all of our elementary schools if you go back to the Town-wide School Building Study in 2015; there was \$44 million recommended to be spent in in the elementary schools," he said. "And that was really everything you wouldn't see, things behind the walls, HVAC, plumbing, electrical etc. That number, I bet, is approaching \$100 million in the 10 years since. That is a big issue. And to continue, the transformers and the switch gear in all the elementary schools are old. The Cleveland, they don't even make parts for it anymore. We are keeping them going by continuing to do LED lights everywhere."

Riccardi said the High School is the department's current highest repeat customer for moderate repairs.

"The High School, for example, is leading the way on tickets," he said. "It's the biggest school and has the most people go through it every day, and it's in its 13th year. We had to replace a 432-gallon hot water tank this year which supplied the locker rooms and the kitchen."

Riccardi did say there are some issues that are concerning to him in the present. "In terms of HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) costs, the building that scares me the most is the Coakley Middle School," he said. "The HVAC in that building was supposed to be replaced 16 years ago. We are literally down to bubble gum and duct tape holding it together. But, hopefully, we are going to make it to the finish line."

Riccardi was referring to the Coakley's replacement, currently under construction and slated to go into service next fall. The other building Riccardi said was giving him nightmares was the Savage Administration Building where, coincidentally, the School Committee was meeting.

"The Savage is older than the Coakley," he said. "There are issues." Riccardi said they need to replace the roof at the Savage, as well as at the Willett. "And we've got money in the capital budget for roofing, we'll have to move it up a year," he said. "But in terms of our actual budget, I think we're in really good shape, unless natural gas prices kill us."

Riccardi asked if everyone had seen their gas bills this month. "The prices are just going through the roof," he said. "So we got to figure that out."

**TOWN OF NORWOOD  
APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF MANAGER  
PUBLIC HEARING**

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for a Change of Manager from Michael Reardon to Dipakkumar Patel for Baystate Norwood, LLC dba Bay State Wine and Spirits, 426 Walpole Street, Norwood, Massachusetts under Chapter 138, §15 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Public hearing on this application will be held on **Tuesday, February 25th, 2025** at 6:45 PM. in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

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The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court  
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**CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE** Norfolk Probate and Family Court  
35 Shawmut Road  
Canton, MA 02021 (781) 830-1200



Estate of: Neil Francis Cronin  
Also known as: Neil F. Cronin, Neil Cronin  
Date of Death: 11/17/2023

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by:  
**Mary Elizabeth Cronin of Dedham, MA and Tricia Maureen Cronin of Dedham, MA** requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

**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 02/19/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**WITNESS, Hon. Lee M. Peterson, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: January 16, 2025  
Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

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**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION** Norfolk Probate and Family Court  
35 Shawmut Road  
Canton, MA 02021 (781) 830-1200

Estate of: Shirley M. Bogue  
Date of Death: 06/16/2023

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Stephen E. Bogue of West Roxbury, 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:  
**Stephen E. Bogue of West Roxbury, 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 03/05/2025. 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)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

**WITNESS, Hon. Lee M. Peterson, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: January 27, 2025  
Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

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Theresa A. Burke - Danforth March 9, 1973- January 21, 2025. It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Theresa Burke-Danforth, a beloved wife, daughter, sister, friend, and dedicated professional, who passed away suddenly on January 21, 2025. Theresa is survived by her loving husband, Richard H Danforth Jr., her siblings, Charlene Miconi, and her husband, Joseph, Danielle Antonetti, and her husband Christopher and Laurence M Burke Jr. all of North Attleboro. Her father and mother-in-law Richard and Rosemary Danforth of Barrington RI, brother-in-law Ryan Danforth of Warwick RI. Her cherished nieces and nephews Emily, Nicholas, Carl, Griffin, Lauren, Renée, Ashley, Emma, Matthew, Luke, Deanna and Aria. She was predeceased by her loving parents, Laurence and Joanne (O'Leary) Burke. Theresa was a proud member of the Norwood High School class of 1991. She went on to receive her bachelor's degree from Niagara University and a Master's degree in Psychology from Edinboro University. Theresa dedicated her life to helping others, building a remarkable 27-year career at Baystate Community Services. She began as an adolescent mentor and rose to the role of Vice President of Clinical and Mental Health Services. Throughout her career, Theresa's compassionate nature and leadership skills made a lasting impact on those she worked with. She had a rare ability to make everyone she met feel heard, valued, and understood, and her calming presence was felt by all who knew her. Outside of her professional life, Theresa had a deep love for nature and adventure. She cherished time spent hiking, camping, and kayaking with her family and friends, particularly in the beautiful landscapes of Maine and New Hampshire, her happy spots. She passed down her love for the outdoors to those close to her, creating countless cherished memories along the way. She and Rich enjoyed traveling to many destinations including Saba, Ire-

land, Canada, Aruba, and California. Most of their trips were centered around visiting friends and family as that is what meant most to Theresa. Theresa was also a passionate lover of animals, especially her dogs, who meant the world to her. Her bond with them was a testament to her nurturing spirit and her deep compassion for all living creatures. In addition to her love for nature and animals, Theresa was deeply committed to giving back to her community. She participated in the Jen's Friends Climb Against Cancer for many years, raising funds for cancer patients, and supported numerous causes close to her heart. Her generosity and selflessness knew no bounds, and her kindness touched the lives of many. Funeral from the Kraw Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St, Norwood MA. Interment at Highland Cemetery in Norwood. In lieu of flowers a donation may be made in her memory to Baystate Community Services where a fund will be set up in her honor. Donate - Bay State Community Services [www.baystatecs.org](http://www.baystatecs.org)

#### DRISCOLL



Jeanne "Jill" Stanley-Brown passed away peacefully at her home in Norwood, Massachusetts on January 21, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. She was 70 years old. Jill dedicated her life to the care and service of others, leaving an indelible mark on her community. Since 1997, she worked in the Norwood Public School system, initially as a school nurse and most recently as the Nurse Leader. She was tireless in her efforts and unwavering in her commitment to the children and families of Norwood. Jill was a true force of nature, an absolute go getter and a "get things done" kind of nurse. Before joining the Norwood schools, she worked at Boston Children's Hospital. Jill graduated from Manhattanville College in 1976 and earned her nursing degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1979. In 2015, she completed a Master's of Education in School Nursing from Cambridge College, further advancing her ability to serve her community. Jill is survived by her devoted husband of 38 years, Paul Driscoll; their four children, Sarah, Emily, Christopher, and David; and her two siblings, Beth and David. She was predeceased

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by her parents, Jeanne and Edward Stanley-Brown, who are laid to rest on Nantucket Island. Jill's legacy of compassion and service will continue to inspire all who knew her. May her memory bring comfort to those she touched throughout her remarkable life. A Private Interment of her ashes will take place in her beloved summer haven on Nantucket Island. She will be deeply missed by those lucky enough to have known her! Expressions of sympathy may be made in Jill's memory to the Norwood Circle Of Hope, P.O. Box 421 Norwood, Mass. 02062, or see [www.norwoodcoh.org](http://www.norwoodcoh.org)

#### DULAJ



GEZIM, of Norwood, passed away on January 24, 2025 at the age of 66. Beloved husband of Mirand (Caci) Dulaj. Devoted father of Ledia (Dulaj) Fonrose of Norwood and Migena Dulaj of Norwood. Dearest brother of Liljana, Sose, Viktor, Bukuroshe and Adelina. Cherished grandfather of Jeremiah and Gabriel. Adored son of Sade and Mbete (Mece) Dulaj. Funeral from the Kraw Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood, MA. Burial at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center 330 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215 <https://giving.bilh.org/bethisraeldeaconessmedicalcenter/>

#### GILBERT



Francis X., age 94, of Yarmouth, formerly of Norwood, Saturday, January 18. Born in Boston, he was the son of the late William and Mary (Daley) Gilbert. Francis was a graduate of Mission High School, and went on to earn his Bachelors Degree from Northeastern University.

Francis served in the United States Naval Reserves. He worked for many years in the Insurance Industry. Francis was a Member of the Norwood Knights of Columbus Council 252, and the Charles River Country Club. He served for many years as a lector at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. Francis was an avid golfer and a devoted Red Sox and Patriots fan. Francis was the beloved husband of Mary T. (McCarty) Gilbert, and the devoted father of Patricia and her husband Jack Livingstone of Cohasset, Thomas and his wife Kim of Clearwater Florida, James and his husband Michael Pollock of Windsor California, and Maureen and her husband John Shields of Hollis New Hampshire. He was the brother of Marie Fahey of Taunton and her late husband Walter, Walter and his wife Sheila of Falmouth, and the late William and his wife Mary, and John and his wife Claire. Francis was the proud grandfather of Alexander and Kyle Livingstone, Nicholas and Connor Gilbert, Erin and Jack Shields, and is survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral Arrangements were made with Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Catherine of Siena Parish, on Thursday, January 23. Interment was at Highland Cemetery, Norwood.

#### LEARY



MICHAEL A. of Walpole, formerly of Winthrop, passed away on January 25, 2025 at the age of 71. Beloved husband and

best friend of Cynthia F. (Conley) Leary who he married in 1985. Brother of Timothy Leary of Winthrop, Brian Leary of Boston, Christopher Leary of Winthrop, Tricia Canario of Melrose and the late Maureen Shanahan. Son of the late Arthur and Helen (Driscoll) Leary. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Michael was born in Winthrop and was a graduate of St. Domenic Savio High School class in 1971 in East Boston, MA. He then went on to graduate from the University of Notre Dame in 1975. Most of Mike's career was spent in IT project management, working for NYNEX, Digital Equipment Corp, and Fidelity Investments. Mike was a people person and will always be remembered for his kind, congenial manner. His love of his family and friends was seconded by his devotion to Notre Dame and Boston sports teams. Funeral from the Kraw Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood, MA. Burial at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the Alzheimer's Assoc. of MA 320 Nevada St. #201 Newton, MA 02460 or MGH Development Office c/o Memory Disorders 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540 Boston, MA 02114-1101.

#### LEWIS-FRANCIS

Terrion L., age 52, of Norwood, passed away at her home on Friday, January 17, 2025. Born in Manchester, Jamaica, West Indies, Terrion was the beloved daughter of Manley and Olive (Salmon) Lewis. She was a cherished sister to her three sisters and four brothers, whose lives she touched with her warmth, wisdom, and kindness. Terrion was the devoted wife of Glenn Francis, and the devoted mother of Noirret and Shelby Francis, all of Norwood. A loving and selfless mother, she dedicated much of her life to raising her daughters, prioritizing family above all else. She

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#### Public Hearing Notice Norwood Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on February 24, 2025 at 7:00 PM** regarding property located at **140 Morgan Drive (Map 16 Block 8 Lot 4), Norwood, MA 02062, in the Boston Providence Highway (BPH)**. 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:

<https://meet.google.com/mhu-ifvs-njz>  
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7:00 P.M.

This Application requests a **Special Permit** pursuant to the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 6.1.12 to reduce overall parking spaces below the required minimum in exchange for increased tractor trailer queuing lanes and proposed improvements to site circulation.

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

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Planning Board and may be requested by emailing [comdev@norwoodma.gov](mailto:comdev@norwoodma.gov) or by calling **781-762-1240 ext. 6064, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm**.

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# Deaths *continued from page 8*

left the workforce to be present for them-walking them to and from school, and creating lasting memories with trips to Disney World, Hershey park, Pennsylvania, Jamaica, and elsewhere. Last May, she attended Noirret's graduation in a wheelchair on a chilly day and was proud of her daughter's accomplishment. She leaves her best wishes with her other daughter, Shelby, who attends college now. Terrior worked for many years as a Supervisor at the CVS drugstore in Norwood, where she was known for her strong work ethic and ability to brighten the day of those around her. Outside of work, she had many pleasures-yard sales, antiques, arts and crafts, and evenings filled with long phone calls. She had a keen eye for hidden treasures and was captivated by the history behind old paintings and collectibles, always watching shows that discussed the histories of rare antique finds. Lastly, Terrior as a child, grew up in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. After immigrating to America she became a member of the Norwood Seventh-day Adventist Church and attended on Saturdays. She gave out hugs to her church members, Muslim friends, and others from different faiths. From the time that she was stricken to a hospital bed, whether in our out of hospitals, Christian television channels ran throughout the night for most of one year. Just because she could not attend church, it did not mean church did not come to her. Biblical sermons and prayers nourished her soul. Praise God. A Funeral Service was held in the Hyde Park Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 6 Webster Street, HYDE PARK on Friday January 31. Interment was at Cedar Grove Cemetery, Dorchester. Funeral arrangements were made with Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood.

## O'BRIEN



ALICE C. (McCarty) of Falmouth, formerly of Norwood and Walpole, passed away on January 29, 2025. Born in Boston, she was the daughter of the late Daniel and Helen (Kelly) McCarty of W. Roxbury and graduated from St. Thomas High School. Alice was an active member in her church including

volunteer work and supporting those in need. She was also a Hospice Caregiver for many years. She mostly enjoyed spending time near the ocean, especially with her children and grandchildren. She was a long-time resident of Norwood and Walpole and formerly married to the late Peter O'Brien of Foxborough. Alice was the beloved mother of Kevin and Kimberly O'Brien of Oxford, GA; Mark and Julie O'Brien of Charlotte, NC; Peter and Laura O'Brien of Walpole, MA; Diane and Rick Stillman of North Sandwich, NH; Karrell and Andy Bowles of Ft. Myers, FL; and Mary and Michael Hogan of Norfolk, MA. She was the sister of Mary Gilbert of Yarmouth, MA and the late Helene Dorion and Lorraine Ryan, Norwood, MA and Daniel McCarty of W. Roxbury, MA. She will also be missed by 12 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the wonderful staff at Ellis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Norwood for their compassionate care. Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2025, from 10 -11 am at the Kraw Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA 02062 followed by a burial at Highland Cemetery, Winter St. Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to Boston Children's Hospital 401 Park Drive, Suite 602 | Boston, MA 02115 [www.giving.childrenshospital.org/donate/honor-memorial-giving](http://www.giving.childrenshospital.org/donate/honor-memorial-giving)

## OGINSKI



ROGER J. of Walpole passed away on January 26, 2025 at the age of 79. Beloved husband of Anne E. (Durkin) Oginiski. Loving brother of Dorothy M. Young and her husband Joseph of Norwood, Michael S. Oginiski and his partner Frank Valdes of Westwood and the late Edward P. Oginiski and Jan P. Oginiski. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Son of the late Edward P. and Lillian R. (Gillespie) Oginiski. Roger was a longtime member of the Norwood Elks. Funeral from the Kraw Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood, MA 02062. Burial at St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury, MA.

# Morrill Library Events

## SENSORY-FRIENDLY ART CLASSES

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with Norwood-based Lifeworks Inc to bring a series of art classes called Sensory-friendly Art Classes for Adults to the library. The classes will be held weekly on Fridays continuing thru June 27 from 10:30 am to 11:45 am in the Simoni Room at the Morrill Memorial Library.

Join the art instructor Stephanie Enloe for sensory-friendly art classes for adults, a program specially designed for adults with all levels of cognitive abilities. The attendees will get a chance to create an art piece in a sensory-friendly and inclusive environment. The program is free and open to attendees aged 18+.

## MOVIE MATINEE MONDAYS

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to continue our Monday Movie Matinee, a film series. The series will run from January - April. The films will be shown on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Showtime at 1PM.

If you love movies and want to immerse yourself in unforgettable cinematic experiences, Morrill Memorial Library is the place to be! Join us on the 2nd and 4th Monday afternoons from January through April to enjoy an eclectic mix of movies. Movie dates are: 2/10, 2/24, 3/10, 3/24, 4/14, 4/28.

## A FRIENDLY PUZZLE FACE OFF

Love doing puzzles? Want to test your speed against others? Come join us for a friendly puzzle face-off against other teams on Saturday February 8, 2025 at 2:30pm - 4pm in the Simoni Room.

How does the race work? Up to 4 teams will compete, with a maximum of 4 people per team. Feel free to name your team! Families are welcome to come as a team; children aged 10+ will count as a team member. One puzzle per team. Puzzles will be 500 pieces and have same de-

sign. Race will kick off at 2:30pm and will end at 4pm. Please plan on arriving by 2:25pm at the latest so we can start on time. The team with the most completed puzzle by the end of the race will be the winner. Winners will receive a small prize, and of course, bragging rights!

This program is free and open to all, but please note that the difficulty level of the puzzle design is most suitable for tweens, teens and adults. Please let only one team member register for the whole team. You will be prompted to enter the number of participants in your team. Please do not register each member of your team separately.

## A SEED PACKING PARTY

Norwood Seed Library is having a seed packing party and you're invited! We need to stock the seed library with a wide variety of seeds to get ready for the upcoming planting season, so we figured we'd make it a social event. We will pack a variety of seeds, and have impromptu gardening conversations with our fellow seed packers.

You will get two opportunities to join the fun. The first session is on Saturday February 8th at 10am and the second session is on Thursday February 13th at 6:30pm. Each session is expected to last about 1-1.5 hours. Suitable for all ages.

## TRIVIA NIGHT

The Morrill Memorial Li-

brary is excited to challenge you to a fun night of trivia on Tuesday, February 11 starting at 7:00pm in the Simoni Room!

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

## NEW ENGLAND ROSE GARDENING TIPS

The Morrill Memorial Library is very excited to partner with the New England Rose Society to bring Rose Gardening Tips to our community on Saturday, February 15 from 11:00am to 1:00pm in the Simoni Room.

The New England Rose Society has a mission of promoting rose culture in every possible way. They believe rose gardening shouldn't be intimidating, and is accessible to all! At this meeting they'll discuss fertilizing strategies, pest and disease mitigation, and overwintering tips. The Society will host Master Rosarian Dave Cannistraro to talk about the rose gardens the Society tends in the greater Boston area. All members of the pub-

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## NORWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Norwood Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, The Wetlands Protection Act and the Norwood Bylaw XXV, including any amendments thereto on **Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 7:30 pm**. The meeting will be conducted in-person at the **Senior Center at 275 Prospect St.** and digitally using Google Meet. Public participation may be accessed through your computer, tablet or smartphone at the following link:

<https://meet.google.com/qxr-awkv-kuj> or dial:  
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The Commission will hear a Request for Determination of Applicability from Matt Donovan of Benesch on behalf of Keolis Commuter Services, in regards to vegetation management, control, and maintenance activities in the railroad right-of-way, and the confirmation of the boundaries of resource areas as depicted on the plans.

Project Location: Railroad Right-of-Way (ROW).

Carly Rocklen  
Conservation Planner

*Norwood Record: 02/06/25*



# Ask The Doctor

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

## EV9 Land

Manufacturers have plenty of electric cars, SUV's and yes pickup trucks. The more I drive electric vehicles the more I like them, yes you read correct. Just 2 years ago I would not recommend an electric vehicle. Both KIA and Hyundai are building both gas and electric and I will say that they build great vehicles for a great price. I spent a week in the **EV9 Land** top of the line extended range. Our loaner had all the options including AWD. This is a 3 row seat SUV. Range is a big concern on electric vehicles. The range varies on all electric vehicles from a low of 210 too 300 plus miles. Driving conditions and weather also play a big role in range. One factor a lot of car buyers don't know is the amount of both cash back, rebates and incentives. This SUV is easy to enter and exit and the 3rd row seats are not just 2 jump seats. **Base MSRP starts at \$56,395 up to mid \$70,000.** KIA has all the driver safety features as well as a long list of standard equipment. The square style and design makes for spacious interior. The bottom line is this and other electric vehicles are not for everyone however if an electric vehicle meets your requirements this could be for you. Just a note for future electric car ownership, I just installed a stage 2 charger at my home.

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, January 27**

0819 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Pleasant St Caller reports finding a loose Husky. Animal Control notified and responded.

0953 Phone - PD-Assist Public Report Follows Location/Address: Callahan School Principal of the school reporting that a 2nd grader brought a BB gun to school in a backpack. It was not used in the school. Spoke to the teacher and it was a toy gun and was not a threat. Spoke to parent over the phone and she has been advised as well. Report to follow.

1344 911 - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: DEAN ST Caller is having an ongoing problem with her upstairs neighbor. She states they are making all sorts of noises and banging things. On-going neighbor dispute. Attempted to speak to both parties but they were not receptive to officer advice.

1429 Phone - PD-Larceny/Forgery/Fraud Report Follows Location/Address: Ivy Cir Caller involved in a social security scam and has been giving \$1800 every month. Spoke to reporting party and he wishes for contact to be made with the involved in the morning. Report to follow.

1444 Phone - PD-Vandalism Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St Caller reporting she found graffiti on the side of the building she owns. Spoke to the reporting party and she states she has not been to the building in about a week. No video cameras present on property. Advised to call back if she needs anything further.

1530 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Shaw's Supermarket - Nahatan St Shaw's security - 2 males smoking marijuana in the parking lot. 1 male is described as a white male and a black male. Caller will wait for the officer out front. Parties are now believed to be inside the Shaw's store. Two of the parties work there and the other one has been sent on his way. Also spoke to the security guard and he has been advised.

1720 Phone - PD-Larceny/Forgery/Fraud Report Follows Location/Address: Shaw's Supermarket - Nahatan St Caller on the business line works with SHAWS. Reports there is a white female wearing all black with a grey backpack trying to steal products in reusable bags. Female is a known shoplifter and is currently in the back of the store. Cruisers off with two in-

involved parties. Negative WMS. Arrest: Sawyer, Sarah L Address: 8 Quail Ridge Rd N Truro, Ma Age: 40 Charges: Shoplifting By Asportation, 2nd Off. Default Warrant

**Tuesday, January 28**

0033 911 - PD-Motor Vehicle Collision Report Follows Location/Address: Washington St + Cottage St Arrest: Haugh, Christopher M Address: 100 Ashland St Abington, Ma Age: 39 Charges: License Suspended, Op MV With Slow, Fail To

1230 Walk-In - PD-Larceny/Forgery/Fraud Report Follows Location/Address: Fortune Drive Walk in reporting Verizon account opened in their name.

1242 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: - Day St Caller reports there are several needles by the curb. Needles disposed of.

1503 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Lansdowne Way Business line caller reporting a female party banging on doors. Officers dispatched for the same incident 30 minutes ago. Officers en route to speak with involved party again. Party spoke to and advised. Units clear.

1605 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: Lansdowne Way Business line caller reporting a female party banging on doors of other apartments. This is the 3rd time today. Parties was advised at length but has continued to do so. Party was advised to not continue that behavior for the rest of the day.

2038 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: - David Terrace Report of a male and female fighting. Neighbor is calling it in. Described as a black male with dreads and a black female Spoke to a few of the apartments that called in, seems to be a verbal argument in the hallway. Unable to identify where they reside. No issues on arrival. Units cleared.

**Wednesday, January 29**

1021 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Lansdowne Way Calling party reporting a female party with long black hair and a black dress banging on doors. In-house clinician en route. The involved party is speaking to the in-house clinician and they are speaking to Riverside to come up with a plan.

1024 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Spoken To Location/Address: Nahatan St Caller reports a white male in the vehicle

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nodding off. Male party checks out okay at this time. Waiting for medication from CVS. He is heading inside now for that medication.

1254 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: - Nahatan St One in custody. Arrest: Vilmont, Jonathan Address: 713 River St Hyde Park, Ma Age: 23 Charges: License Suspended, Op MV With Number Plate Violation Window Obstructed/Nontransparent

1317 Phone - PD-Larceny/Forgery/Fraud Spoke With Location/Address: Shaw's Supermarket - Nahatan St Management discovered a theft of about \$120 worth of meat from Shaw's on Monday. They have camera footage and would like to file a report. Possibly in relation to arrest that occurred on Monday at this location. Management then advised of their options.

1426 Initiated - PD-Warrant Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Nichols St Attempt to serve a warrant. Summons: English, Dawnessa Address: 4 Nichols St Norwood, Ma Age: 48 Charges: Straight Warrant

1501 Walk-In - PD-Larceny/Forgery/Fraud Report Follows Location/Address: Wickham Way Walk in reports her package was taken.

1522 Phone - PD-Mental Health Services Rendered Location/Address: Riverside Community Mental - Lenox St NWD676 to ride on board the ambulance with NFD.

1536 Walk-In - PD-Larceny/Forgery/Fraud Report Follows Location/Address: Engamore Lane Walk in reports someone used her social security number to open up an unemployment account.

**Thursday, January 30**

0032 Other - PD-Trespassing Vehicle Towed Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Motor vehicle towed from property

1052 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Spoke With Location/Address: McDonalds - Everett/Rte1 - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller on 911 reports refusing to leave driveway possible MA REG 19722 Ford Black SUV older looking white male. Officers spoke to the male party. He was upset that they put too much ice in his drink. He was advised and sent on way.

1105 Phone - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: Cleveland School - George Willett Pkwy Caller on the business line reporting that

one of their students were throwing things at the teachers.

1854 Phone - PD-Breaking & Entering Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St Party on business line report break-in to the laundry room of apartment. 677 reports spoke with all involved parties including landlord who does not want to pursue charges at this time. Cruisers are clear and returning.

2056 Phone - PD-Warrant Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Washington St 2 parties in custody. Arrest: Fauhiva, Christina Ceara Address: 244 Washington St Apt. #2 Norwood, Ma Age: 43 Charges: Default Warrant Arrest: Morales, William Jr Address: 244 Washington St Apt. #2 Norwood, Ma Age: 59 Charges: Straight Warrant Default Warrant Default Warrant

**Friday, January 31**

0259 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Vehicle Towed Location/Address: Windsor Gardens - Walpole St Negosian's Towing is towing a small school bus bearing MA111134

1229 Phone - PD-Assist Public Report Follows Location/Address: Savers - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller on the business line reporting that there was a bag of bullets donated yesterday. She would like to get rid of them. 674 has the items. He is returning. OF requested and assigned.

1351 Phone - PD-Assist Other Agency Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Depot - Railroad Ave Caller reports train gates are stuck down. Request to contact transit Transit is aware and en route. No ETA given. 674 providing a detour on Hill st down Central. DPW contacted to request signs and cones. DPW notified Transit came and fixed the issue. DPW was also on scene and cleared. 674 is clear.

**Saturday, February 1**

1030 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Morrill Memorial Library - Walpole St Caller reports a male party on the second floor was using profanities and acting odd. Party checks out ok. Library has no issue that he is there.

1141 911 - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Lansdowne Way 911 caller reports a white female with black hair is knocking on apartment doors asking for drugs. States it is an ongoing issue. Female was spoken to and stop knocking on doors. She was able to contact her ex-husband and he will be en route to help her get some food. Denies wanting any new services.

1314 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St Caller on the business line reporting some kind of disturbance at the listed address. He hears screaming which started about 5 minutes ago. It's going to be on the 3rd floor unit 5. No other information given. Units spoke with the female who states nothing is wrong.

She refused to speak with officers any more.

2254 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Services Rendered Location/Address: Wilson St + Olde Derby Rd MA REG 5DLV44 second car requested. Tow requested. Center auto en route Arrest: Cureton, Bryant Address: 19 Isabell Ave Holbrook, Ma Age: 19 Charges: Drug, Possess To Distrib Class D Drug, Possess To Distrib Class C Conspiracy To Violate Drug Law Arrest: Ihunwo, Chisom Enyinda Address: 50 Lillian St N Bldg House Randolph, Ma Age: 18 Charges: Drug, Possess To Distrib Class D Drug, Possess To Distrib Class C Conspiracy To Violate Drug Law

**Sunday, February 2**

0221 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Courtyard By Marriott - River Ridge Dr Caller reports there is a party in the room and in the hall. States there is a strong smell of marijuana. Was asked multiple times to quiet down. All parties are leaving the hotel. 661 standing by to make sure everyone leaves.

0328 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Village Rd E Arrest: Pugh, Anthony V Address: 905 Village Rd E Norwood, Ma Age: 37 Charges: Straight Warrant

0946 911 - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: Village Rd E 911-caller reports he was bailed this morning and at listed address to gather belongings. Requesting an escort.

1035 911 - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Dean St 911- neighbor upstairs, slamming, banging since 3:00am. Going on for approx 1 yr. Landlord not receptive to complaints, saying it is not a landlord issue. 663 states this is an ongoing issue Cleared, advised of options.

1415 Phone - PD-Shoplifting Report Follows Location/Address: Shaw's Supermarket - Nahatan St Caller on the business line reporting a shop lifting incident. 2 hours ago. Spoke with management, report to follow. OF assigned.

1452 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Spoken To Location/Address: Shaw's Supermarket - Nahatan St Caller reporting she witnessed a female party parked in front of the liquor store possibly drinking an alcoholic beverage. Stated she would like a check on the driver because there were 2 children in the backseat. Spoke to the RO, who stated the operator was a female that officers spoke with earlier. 677 spoke with the operator over the phone stating she was at her residence. Heading to her residence to speak with her. Made contact with the party, does not appear to be impaired. Both units clear.

1652 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Report Follows Location/Address: William Shyne Cir Caller on the business line requesting a HWC on her brother. Stated she has not heard from his since Wednesday. 67yo male.

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lic are welcome and encouraged to attend!

**BOARD GAME NIGHT FOR AGES 18+**

Join us for Board Games and fun! If you've been looking for a casual group of fellow board gamers, the Morrill Memorial Library is your spot. This Board Game Night for adults will be held on Wednesday, February 19 at 6:00 to 8:30 pm in the library's Simoni Room on the second floor.

Games will be provided, but feel free to bring any of your own! Please contact the library with any questions. This gathering is for people aged 18 and up.

**A MIGRANT FAMILY'S SEARCH FOR HOME**

The Morrill Memorial Library is partnering with Watertown Free Public Library and other Massachusetts public libraries to host a VIRTUAL discussion with WBUR journalist Simón Rios about his journey reporting on the plight of migrants in Massachusetts on Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00pm on Zoom.

Join WBUR journalist Simón Rios as he shares his journey reporting on the plight of migrants in Massachusetts amidst changing shelter policies and shifting political climate. Rios is an award-winning bilingual reporter. At WBUR he covers the ways Greater Boston is changing, with an eye on demographics, immigration, and inequality.

His most recent work is a 3-part series supported by the Pulitzer Center that follows one family's decision to flee Caribbean nations and migrate to the US. The stories reveal the challenges the Eduards face to find a home in Massachusetts. We'll listen to an 8-minute clip and hear from Rios about his reporting, with time for Q&A.

Sign up to receive the Zoom link to attend via [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar) or by calling 781-786-0200 x2. Registrants will receive a link to access the Zoom webinar via email from Watertown Free Public Library, the hosting institution. Note: This webinar will not be recorded.

**SENSORY-FRIENDLY MOVIES!**

The Morrill Memorial Library is offering an in-person sensory-friendly movie on the 2nd Thursday of the month for adults with different levels of cognitive abilities.

Join us for our Sensory-friendly Monthly Movie at the Library! This program will be held in-person in the Simoni Room on February 13, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our February movie in the Sensory-friendly Monthly Movie series is Disney's Inside Out 2, rated PG.

**SENSORY-FRIENDLY LEGO CLUB FOR ADULTS**

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with the L.E.A.D. program affiliated with Norwood High School to host a Sensory-friendly Lego Club for Adults. Our February Lego club meeting will be held in-person at the library on Thursday February 27, from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

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

**LIVES AND TIMES OF MARTIN AND CORETTA KING**

Celebrate Black History Month with the Morrill Memorial Library as we host Boston-based tour guide and award-winning educator, Joel Mackall, on Wednesday, February 26 at 6:30 pm in the library's Simoni Room.

Before they became icons of the civil rights movement, Martin and Coretta King built the foundation of their partnership in Boston. Learn about their journeys to the city—Martin as a theology student at Boston University and Coretta as a music scholar at the New England Conservatory. Explore their courtship, marriage, and the city's role in shaping their vision for justice and equality. This talk Celebrates their legacy as we honor their work and uncover a lesser-known chapter of their journey.

Artifacts from Joel's mobile Black history collection will be

on display before and after the talk - audience interaction is encouraged!

**THE JOY OF JOURNALING**

Morrill Memorial Library welcomes local author Jason Rubin, who will run a journaling workshop entitled "The Joy of Journaling," on Thursday, February 27 starting at 7:00pm in the Simoni Room.

In a world of overwhelming digital content and social media apps that contort ideas and imagination into bite-size nuggets that are rarely insightful and never private, journaling is a creative and therapeutic hobby that allows for deep expression and rewarding escape. In this 90-minute, single-session workshop, local author Jason Rubin will inspire attendees to express themselves in writing using this low-tech/high-reward means of self-communication and healing.

Learn the joy of journaling and become inspired to write by yourself, for yourself, as a gift to yourself! You'll also have an opportunity to write your first journal entry during the workshop.

Note: Participants should come to the workshop with a blank journal and pen or pencil, if possible. If this is a hardship, please let us know.

**LOCAL FOOD, CLIMATE CHAOS, & YOU**

Morrill Memorial Library welcomes back Kerry Kokkinogenis, Local Food Program Manager for the Sustainable Business Network of Massachusetts, to present "Local Food, Climate Chaos, and You" on Tuesday, February 25 starting at 7:00pm in the Simoni Room.

How can you impact climate chaos? Not all farming is created equal—especially in its impact on the local environment. Local farmers, fishers, and the food systems that support them are repairing much of the damage caused by industrial farming, industry, and other land use. In this talk, we will focus on hope and the many ways you can have a positive impact. We'll talk about how you can support the local food system through purchasing choices, conversations, and advocacy with local, state, and federal legislators. If you are feeling like things are out of control, this is a chance to find ways to make a difference.



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