



Several buildings at the Norwood Commerce Center have been shuttered for the last year after firefighters found multiple code violations at the complex.

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Norwood Commerce Center (NCC) tenants suing landlord for bad faith

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

About a dozen former tenants of the Norwood Commerce Center (NCC), also known as The Shops at Winsmith Mill, are suing their former landlord with allegations that the company acted in bad faith when granting its leases.

The lawsuit, filed in the Norfolk Superior Court, involves businesses that resided in the structures known as

Buildings 23-26, Building 32 and Building 46. Readers may remember 23-26, as it was shut down last year for numerous code violations after the Norwood Fire Department (NFD) responded to and extinguished a fire in the building. Later in November, a worker at Building 32 was injured when a freight elevator failed and he fell 15 feet down the shaft.

The NFD, along with the Town's Building Commissioner Matt Walsh, shut down

Buildings 23-26 and later, according to the lawsuit complaint, Building 32 and 46. Buildings 23-26 were shut down for containing an obstructed egress, no pull stations, having a fire load in excess of sprinkler capacity, unrated stairwells, improper compartmentalization, improper fuel storage, inadequate or broken water supply, unmarked sprinkler systems, having an unrated egress, propped

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The Space Center may have to resubmit documents showing where its wetlands are, despite most of them being surrounded by concrete.

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ConCom disagrees with Norwood Space Center on wetland locations

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Conservation Commission (ConCom) met with Norwood Space Center representative George Hailer to discuss an extension of the cur-

rent wetland locations, first codified in 2008.

In precise terms, the Space Center, located at 83 Morse St., is looking to extend the original Order of Resource Area Delineation (ORAD) that was issued on the property and the

adjoining wetlands in 2008. While Hailer said this is what he is looking for, he only came to the ConCom for an informal discussion and did not ask for an official extension at this

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David Hern

Hern stepping down after 18 years

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Town Moderator David Hern Jr. said at the October Town Meeting that he will not seek reelection come April's Municipal Election next year.

While Hern said he will still participate as an elected Town Meeting member, his decision not to seek reelection marks the first time he is not running for the office in 18 years. Readers may be forgiven for thinking that Hern is retiring from the position, as he has run unopposed for the last 18 years.

New Town Meeting members must be impressed when they first started dealing with Hern because he seems to recall the names of all 250 or so Town Meeting members when they stand to speak. He said it was no great magic trick.

"You know, they used to have seating charts in schools," he said with a laugh. "I would kid people when we meet in different locations, as we have in recent meetings, that 'I didn't recognize you, you moved to a different location!' But really, I think the difference is that when you're sitting in the body (of the membership) you don't get to see so many faces, because so many people are sitting in front of you or in back of you. When you're on the stage you see all the faces. Also, some people are frequent speakers, and some people I knew and I tried to keep track of."

The moderator position was not Hern's first foray into public service. He said his interest was sparked by his father, who worked as a political reporter.

"I just wanted to get involved, and I've always had an interest in government, in politics. I grew up in that," he said. "My father was a political reporter, and so I tagged along with him. He was at the State House a good part of his career. I accompanied him on some trips too that were related to his work and got to meet some people whose names we've read in the newspapers over the years and others who we've read about in history books.

Hern said the first public body he served on was the Norwood Conservation Commission, in 1982, for two years. He said it was a good, intensive experience as at that time the Town did not have a Conservation Agent, and all the commissioners needed to go out and perform their own inspections of projects and properties. He then took a break so as to volunteer at the Cleveland Parent Teachers Association while his kids were in school.

"I think I might have been president sometime along the way," he said. "And I tried to write the newsletter every month or so to let parents know what was going on and I was fairly active in my church."

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When carpooling doesn't mean what you think it mean



The Norwood Police Department (NPD) reported on the night of Dec. 5 receiving a call to the Edgehill Road area. Responding officers found a motor vehicle collision where the vehicle drove through a fence and into a property's swimming pool area. Somehow, the pool's cover held most of the weight of the Ford sedan. No injuries were reported and the NPD stated that the driver was able to extricate themselves from both the vehicle and the pool without incident.

PHOTO BY NORWOOD POLICE

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time.

Hailer said they went out to flag the area again and that, because of the nature of the wetlands in the area, the Neponset River, and exactly what kind of land it flows over, not much has changed.

"A big majority of this part of the Neponset River is concrete," he said. It's an already established, grandfathered-in pre-construction, which is exempt from a lot of wetlands regulations. But there are a couple of small areas, I believe less than 5 percent of the whole area, that could maybe change over time."

Hailer said the changes in the system are what he called "de minimis," which is a legal term meaning too little to matter. He said the parts of the wetlands that have changed over the years have not moved more than a couple of feet either way, and so he felt an extension of the currently-accepted ORAD was in order.

"Nothing really has changed, and part of the reason is a large majority of this map is concrete and so the concrete hasn't changed in 50 years and was done in 2008," he said.

Hailer said the extension of the ORAD will allow the redevelopment of the Space Center – basically the plan to add housing to the last building on the site to be developed – to go forward quicker.

Conservation Agent Holly Jones said she had some concerns.

"I didn't get my ruler out, but I am of the opinion that some of the changes in the delineation may be significant depending on where or what the proposed development is," she said. "I'm very sympathetic to

the idea that quite a bit of this area is actually concrete walls, and one of the things that was striking to me in comparing the old delineation and new delineation and survey is that the old delineation is inside some of those concrete walls down in the south portion of the site."

Jones said there are some areas where the new delineation didn't pick up areas in the river that the old one did, and at one point there is an area where there appears to be a fair bit of difference.

"Either because of drawing straight lines between the flags in the delineation or the way the survey was done, I'm not sure, but I'm sure all these differences are differences of nearly one or two feet," she said. "I definitely have some hesitation about extending the 2008 ORAD without additional review."

Hailer said since it took nine months to come to where they are now, he is hesitant to go through another process and file another ORAD with clients who may not want to wait for it.

"All this does is set a benchmark for an architect and or engineer to start their work," he said.

ConCom member Heather Miller said it looked like the old delineation is in the river, as opposed to the new delineation which is not actually in the river. She said she would be reluctant to use the old delineation.

"So, I guess I would be very hesitant to use the old delineation that is narrower and inside the bounds of the river, especially in an area with so much concrete where it looks like it's paved over," she said. "Protec-

tion of the resource areas that do exist is critical. When we think about climate resilience and flooding mitigation, we need to protect these areas as much as possible. Especially where it's a very developed property to begin with."

Hailer said he was unsure as to what the Commission wanted the Space Center to do.

"If the Commission believes we need to go back, then we'll go back and we'll reschedule everything, but you're asking, what, that we apply for notice of intent based on this most recent flagging and resource delineation?" he said. "Is that what the Commission wants us to do? What's the final result here?"

ConCom Chair Steven Washburn asked Hailer to hold his horses.

"We haven't really come to a final conclusion, have we?" he asked. "I think it would be quite clear if we had, and I don't really appreciate being pressured or rushed to deliver some final determination according to your schedule and apparent impatience, quite frankly."

Washburn added that he has looked at the maps with a ruler and a scale and he felt there are areas that deviate from each other depending on the map, in ranges of about 20 feet in some places.

"With my math I don't know how minimal that deviation is," he said.

Washburn said Hailer could submit a new, Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation or confirm the new delineation they had been discussing. Hailer said he would go back to his client and see what they wanted to do.



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Selectmen announce finalization of Forbes Hill sale

Board touts approx. \$10 million profit

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen announced at its regular meeting on Dec. 7 that the Town finally completed the sale of the Forbes Hill property, including the Forbes Hill Mansion.

Town Meeting members voted to purchase the property back in 2017 for \$13 million to prevent a developer from building affordable housing per the Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40B, which allows a developer to skirt local zoning requirements, regulations and approvals if a municipality does not have at least 1.5 percent of its land or 10 percent of its housing stock dedicated to affordable housing.

The expenditure of \$13 million by the Town on Forbes Hill originally was to thwart yet a third large multi unit housing development being forced on Norwood. The Town had already absorbed two large 40B developments and, some would argue, only one was necessary if Norwood had played its cards correctly at the time since either one of the developments would have put the Town over the 1.5 percent threshold (the Town was off by .03 percent at the time both developers filed, and so both developers were allowed to continue their 40B proposals).

"I'd just like the public to be aware, that the property known as Forbes Hill, after a long adventure and many twists and turns, has finally been sold to Alexandria (Real Estate Equities)," said Selectman Bill Plasko. "A developer of quote, 'biotech properties,' and the landlord for Moderna Pharmaceuticals and their complex up there at the old Polaroid property, and they'll be expanding into that property to some degree."

Plasko said Alexandria will be expanding into the Forbes Mansion area.

"The rest of the area will remain wooded for the future," he said. "We came out with a very handsome profit at the end of that whole long process, and so the Town no longer owns that property. It's now Alexandria's and what we like to refer to as Moderna, but, that's it. It's done."

The Town sold the property on its third attempt, as the first buyer could not come up with the funds and the second round was halted to due to one bidder suing the Town claiming a mistake in the bidding process.

"We have some stories to tell about it but we won't share here in mixed company," said Selectmen Chair Thomas Maloney. "There might be children watching."

Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said the property sold for \$22.5 million. Plasko said the

full accounting of the cost of owning the \$13 million property and paying debt service on the bond loan the Town took out to purchase the property has not yet been completed, but he said they're fairly sure of a "handsome profit," as he said earlier.

"We feel comfortable in saying the profit is about \$10 million," he said.

Mazzucco said any profit from the sale will flow directly into the Town's Free Cash budget line item, which Town Meeting members can vote to disperse to other departments or line items as those initiatives are presented.

"The remaining revenue is subject to Town Meeting's appropriation, and so it's not a staff decision or a Selectmen decision," Mazzucco said. "It will flow into Free Cash if Town Meeting chooses not to appropriate it. It would otherwise be subject to an appropriation at Town Meeting because it is considered revenue to the General Fund."

Selectman Helen Abdallah-Donohue said Mazzucco had said to her earlier that the money could be used as part of the upfront cost of building a new Coakley Middle School, should Town Meeting decide.

In other news, Town Planner Paul Halkiotis pitched Norwood's inclusion in a potential Shared Housing Services Organization (SHSO) with local towns in the region. Halkiotis said the SHSO would be able to handle many responsibilities the Town of Norwood is simply not able to adequately take care of at this point.

"Housing planning is a specialty area of planning, similar to transportation planning or economic development planning," he said. "Most planning directors, in positions like mine, don't have the technical expertise to do a lot of the different types of things that are required for housing planning."

Halkiotis said these have been tried successfully in several other regional areas around Massachusetts. He said they are looking to join a SHSO with Hopkinton, Bellingham, Medfield, Milton, Sharon, Randolph and Wrentham. He said he and planners from those communities have been working on this project for about three years.

"This is a more cost-effective way to do housing planning by pooling resources and not having to go hire a consultant at a higher rate to do this kind of specialty housing planning," he said. "These communities will share the cost of providing housing services to manage, promote, educate and advocate for affordable housing in our region. The specialized housing planners will work on things like monitor-

ing the types of housing compliance for our existing affordable housing in Town. There are requirements from the state and from (the Federal Office of Housing and Urban Development) HUD to verify income requirements for people who live in affordable housing. They will monitor our subsidized housing inventory annually, pursue innovative programs such as creating a first-time homebuyer program in Norwood, and identify ways to expand housing opportunities for people of all incomes and ages utilizing what we are proposing for Community Preservation funds."

Halkiotis said they currently have a \$10,000 Community Preservation Act (CPA) request with the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to fund the first year of this program.

The Board voted to table the issue until Jan. 18 so they could better understand how the SHSO would work for the Town. Plasko particularly said he was hesitant of giving up any kind of local control, despite Assistant Town Manager and former manager of a town that was involved in an SHSO Michael Rosen pointing out that all actions of the SHSO would come from local directives.

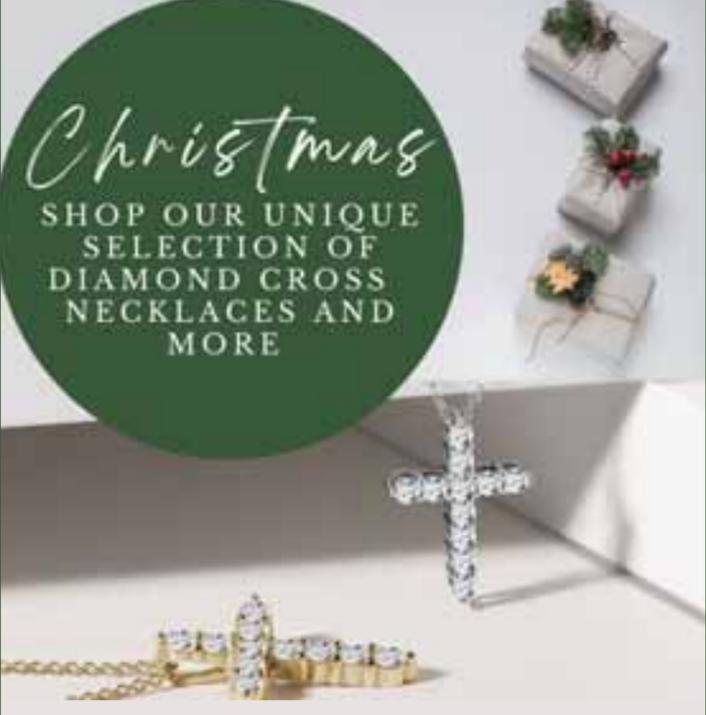
In other news, Mazzucco informed the Board that because of increases to the total number of registered voters, the number of Town Meeting members will soon have to increase from around 247 to 298.

The Board also voted to keep the yearly property tax increase at 1.71 percent.



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OPINION

The conclusion of Forbes Hill

The Forbes Hill sale is profitable, but by how much and at what cost?

On Tuesday evening the Board of Selectmen announced that the sale of the Forbes Hill property had finally concluded. And though the dollar amount of the sale is impressive, few would conclude, perhaps only certain Selectmen, that the sale of this property ends a 40B saga that shines a positive light on the last 10 years of Norwood business machinations. It does not; the profit made on the sale of Forbes Hill only mitigates the pain. And really, how much profit is actually being realized?

According to the limited details provided to date, the sale price of Forbes Hill was around \$22.5 million. So, if you subtract the \$13 mil the Town paid for the property, how does Selectman Plasko state "We feel comfortable in saying the profit is about \$10 million." Well, my excellence in 6th grade math tells me that without any other details, the profit is less than \$10mil. At best, the gross revenue on the sale is close to \$10 mil, but anyone who has ever filled out a business tax return knows that hardly tells the full story. How is the Town defining "profit?" This newspaper has already detailed that to date the costs of the debt service on the loan used to purchase the property along with the tax obligations and the ongoing maintenance expenses total in the millions. Rudimentary accounting requires that this money must come off the top of the \$10 mil gross.

When all is said and done, will Norwood recognize a profit on the sale of Forbes Hill? Most certainly it will. But it will not be anywhere near \$10 million dollars, even utilizing the most creative (hopefully legal) accounting practices. And this isn't even factoring in the costs of future TIFs the Town will no doubt be acquiescing to when Moderna owners come knocking regarding future expansions of their biomedical research. Tax Increment Financing (TIF) is a means by which towns like Norwood can achieve a level of community and economic development far beyond current expectations and, to date, Norwood has awarded these judiciously in this newspaper's opinion. The question, which is really difficult to answer, is do TIFs like these actually generate enough in added benefit to justify their initial costs? That far exceeds my 6th grade math. And, one would expect that when Moderna does come calling (again) it will most likely make sense to grant another one. But that is an added cost the Town needs to recognize when analyzing the overall profit generated by the sale of Forbes Hill. For sure, the Town of Norwood was already "on the map", but Moderna locating here has certainly raised Norwood's profile. Recognition and credit needs to be meted out to those involved in settling them here.

The unrecognized cost to the Town few want to discuss is the loss of yet another piece of its history. The Forbes Mansion was a significant part of Norwood's past, and many would argue that no amount of profit is worth the selling of one's soul. For one brief, shining moment the Forbes Hill Mansion was in Norwood's possession, to do with it what it pleased, and now it is gone. Granted, it would have been difficult to make a fiduciary argument that maintaining ownership was proper, but some things transcend dollars and (sense) cents. This newspaper does not purport that it was wrong to include the mansion in the sale, we're just wondering if a proper vetting regarding the viability of maintaining the rights to a significant piece of Norwood's lore actually took place. We know others are quite sure it didn't.

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WHERE IS THE OLD TOWN MANAGER WHEN WE NEED HIM?

To the Editor:

Hello, I am taking this time to drop a line to All concerned. I really think that the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen have too much power

when it comes to the lives of the people and their safety. The safety of the people should be everybody's concern and put to a vote on whether or not to keep 911 in the town or not. The people have the right to say about this since it's their safety and tax dollars. I feel like the Town Manager is not doing his job at all and does not have the

Town's best interests in mind. He would make a good sales person. He sold himself to the Town and I am sorry to say that the Board of Selectmen bought his story. He has no control over his employees. Where is John Carroll? He would never let this go on.

*John Collins
Norwood*

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He threw his hat back into the ring by winning a seat on Town Meeting in 1996 for District 1, and worked on a number of projects within committees. He was chair of the committee to figure out the placement of the new fire and police station after a storm flooded the building in 1998. He said he also worked on committees that dealt with the initiation of a demolition delay bylaw and the installation of automatic gas, water and sewer meter readers. Then, in the fall of 2003 he was elected to Interim Town Moderator. He said at that time Town Moderator Jack McCarthy took a job at the State House that prevented him from holding any kind of elected office.

Hern said serving as Moderator has been one big learning curve. What was so impressive to him was that at every turn there was someone from the Town, either in elected office or in most if not all the departments, that helped him understand something along the way he was having trouble wrapping his arms around so as to appropriately present to Town Meeting.

Of course, there have been times that have tested the patience of both he and TM members, including when members exceed their allotted time or become a bit feisty and he has to remind them of Town Meeting regulations.

"I've tried at times to gently nudge people back to the topic, or back towards the rules if need be," he said. "I've tried never to intentionally embarrass people. I know sometimes people may feel embarrassed by how something went, but I

never intentionally tried to embarrass anybody. I just tried to bring them back, starting gently, but sometimes I would have to be a little more forceful, but I think most of the people at Town Meeting are doing their best to do what they think is best for the Town."

Hern pointed out that all Town Meeting members are volunteering their time, and have been elected to that position. He said he's sometimes heard he lets people talk too much on a particular subject.

"Well, it's not a question of my letting people talk, it's a question of people raising their hands. They've got something to say or something to ask and this is the time to do it and they're entitled to," he said. "That's what they're their for; that's what they're elected to do, and that's what the folks at home expect is going to happen."

Hern added that he's had a lot of discussions with other Town Moderators at the Massachusetts Moderators Association about how long some Town Meetings can go on. He said it varies from town to town, as different municipalities have different issues and different ways of doing things, but feels Norwood wasn't taking too much unnecessary time when conducting its business. He did admit that often his expectations about how long a particular item will be debated for are completely wrong.

"With some of the bigger issues we can spend \$20 million in 10 minutes, but we might then argue for an hour about a \$2,000 expenditure" he said. "That's just part of the charm of Town Meeting I guess."

One net positive coming out of dealing with the pandemic has been the recent Town Meeting 101 classes the Town has started offering before Town Meeting. He said they allow new members to get a handle on how the session should go and what the appropriate rules and customs are within that body. He said he's happy the Town is also hosting informa-

tional sessions on the warrant articles before the meeting so that residents and Town Meeting members can better understand topics.

"I think that it's good for people to get information and have a better understanding of the issues before they come in, and I think it's worked pretty well so far. However, I also believe it's important that the actual debate takes place on the floor of Town Meeting, and not at some information session," he said. "And I think they've (session conductees) been careful about that too; they try to disseminate information without getting into debates and expressing views that they really should be expressing on the floor for the benefit of all the Town Meeting members and the folks watching at home, who they are representing."

Hern offered his services to any potential future Norwood Town Moderator, and is willing to give advice about the position if asked.

"I'll tell you two things; one, I'm happy to talk to any prospective candidate if that prospective candidate has any questions about the job or anything like that," he said. "Two, I'd certainly want to help my successor in any way I can; answer any questions and anything else that might be helpful. You're up there. It's like, you're it. I was fortunate that some of my good friends have been involved in Town affairs for enough years that they could explain things to me that I might not have understood. But a lot of it, you develop your own style and you've got to be guided by what you think is right."

Hern added he's not retiring from his attorney career just yet, which regularly puts him in front of the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen, and so he won't be completely out of public life.

"I'm retiring as moderator, I'm not retiring from my work or, hopefully, my participation in Town matters," he said.



The Father Mac's Pool, shown above, and the Hawes Pool both have serious issues that the Town needs to consider if they are to be a part of Norwood's future.

COURTESY PHOTO

Norwood pool forums "crucial" for public pools' future

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Town of Norwood will be hosting its first community forum to solicit feedback from residents about what the Town should do with its two public pools on Monday, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m.

Both the Hawes Pool and the Father McAleer Pool are aging, and the Town has been working behind the scenes for years to come up with a plan of action to rehabilitate or renovate the pools so they can further stand the test of time.

"We're a year into the process," said Recreation Department Superintendent

Travis Farley. "At the January Town Meeting we got approved for Community Preservation Act funding to do the pool analysis. For that contract, we went through a procurement process and awarded it to Kuth Ranieri Architects. They're working with us, and the Pool Committee is pretty well-rounded."

Farley said the Pool Committee has members including the Board of Selectmen, Capital Outlay Committee, Finance Commission and more in its ranks, and they have been working with Kuth Ranieri as the assessment has been underway.

The committee and Kuth Ranieri has been working diligently to come up with fixes for the issues facing the pools.

"We've got options to spend from \$500,000 to \$4 million," Farley said. "And that's why the community forum is so important because we would like to see what residents would like to see at the pools. Whether it be some major upgrades at Hawes, what they would like to see at Father Mac's, we're kind of looking at everything and then getting the community

Pool Forum

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feedback to see where we want to move forward at Town Meeting.”

Farley said the upgrades the Rec Department and the Pool Committee have been looking at have several price points, but he said they want to make sure every dollar they’re spending creates value for Norwood residents.

“We’re looking at everything right now,” he said. “At the Hawes we’re looking at water leakage and what we can do to improve the pool and fix the problem while with Father Mac’s we’re looking at what we want to do with that pool itself. Whether we want to make the upgrades to make the pool fully functional – because right now the bath house is falling apart. I like to use the term, ‘It’s reached its useful life,’ because it’s not (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessible and it’s really starting to decay.”

The January 2021 Town Meeting voted to spend \$80,000 to assess both pools and provide cost estimates on potential upgrades.

The meeting will be taking place both in person and on Zoom in a hybrid fashion, much like how the Board of Selectmen have been meeting recently. For more information, go to <https://bit.ly/3ExLTds>.

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open doors and having dead-end corridors.

“Any number of these violations would be cause to shut down the building, let alone the dozens that we’ve discovered on the property thus far,” then NFD Chief George Morrice said after the fire. “We are very fortunate that this fire was not more serious and did not happen when there were hundreds of vendors and patrons inside on a given weekend. Thankfully, our firefighters were able to quickly put out the fire despite the difficulties they experienced navigating their way through the building and getting enough hose up there.”

The plaintiff companies contend that the NCC’s failure to adhere to state and municipal codes directly caused the Town to shut down the NCC buildings, which then prevented the businesses from conducting business for well over a year now. The lawsuit contends that the NCC knew about the code violations, or at least should have known, and “represented to Plaintiffs that the leased premises were in a tenantable condition and available for Plaintiffs to use when their respective leases were executed. Plaintiffs would not have entered into commercial leases for space that, due to the presence of numerous code and regulatory violations, presented not only a safety risk to themselves, their employees and patrons, but also an accompany, major financial risk that their businesses would be inaccessible and effectively

closed as a result of those violations.”

The lawsuit also includes emails from tenants complaining, apparently in 2019, that apparent egresses marked “Exit” led to dead ends.

The lawsuit also contends that tenants were unable to access their businesses for over a year, and then were told they had to leave and that the NCC would discard personal property if it was not removed by a specific date.

In response to the initial claims before the lawsuit commenced in October, the lawsuit included an email as evidence, apparently from Pierce Atwood Attorney representing the NCC Jeffrey Francis. Francis claims that NCC’s leases made the NCC not liable for damages incurred by the loss of business at the Commerce Center.

“Over the years, your clients have entered into numerous leases and some of your clients also entered into lease extensions and/or new leases with NCL (Norwood Commerce LP), all of which specified that: (I) the Commerce Center is more than a century old; (II) each tenant accepted the Premises in ‘as is’ condition; and (iii) that tenant bears the responsibility to maintain the premises,” his email read.

The lease also states that

the lessor is not liable for repairs or “performing any other covenant hereunder by reason of any cause reasonably beyond the control of the Lessor, the Lessor shall not be liable to the Lessee.”

Francis contended that the Town of Norwood’s actions to shut down Buildings 23-26, Building 32 and Building 46 fall within the previous paragraph: a situation out of the NCC’s control. Francis also stated the Town stopped the NCC from repairing damaged or out-of-code areas of the three sites:

“Despite our sincere desire to quickly address the purported, unspecified code violations, until very recently the Town thwarted NCL’s efforts in this regard by refusing to issue certain building permits to permit the repair work to proceed,” his email read.

The plaintiffs are requesting damages to be decided by a jury, but Francis pointed to the fact that COVID-19 reduced business all over the country and he didn’t believe there could have been a substantial loss of business.

The original complaint was filed in October of 2021 and NCC’s legal team filed a motion to dismiss the case on Dec. 3, as the NCC’s legal response to the complaint.

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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 December 20, 2021 at 7:20 PM** on the request of Gale Associates, Inc. on behalf of the Norwood Public Schools with respect to property located at **245 Nichols Street, Norwood, MA 02062, in the Single Residential 2 (S2) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at Norwood Town Hall, Room 24, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062.

The Applicant requests a Special Permit under Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 6.5.1.6 [Lighting] to install athletic field lighting that exceeds 20’ in height.

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

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Planning Board and may be requested by emailing cped@norwoodma.gov or by calling 781-762-1240 ext. 6055, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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Norwood Public Schools
Seek Special Education Students

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The NPSD is also responsible for the evaluation of those students to determine if they are eligible for special education or related services under federal and state law.

The NPSD is also committed to identifying children before their third birthday in order to provide early intervention services for three and four-year-olds with disabilities. If you have questions or concerns regarding your child’s development and would like to have your child screened, please call Emily Caille at 781-440-3100 to set up an appointment.

If you suspect that your child may need an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education services from the NPSD you may request an evaluation, at no cost, through the NPSD Special Education Office. Please contact us at the following:

Norwood Public Schools
Student Services Department
781-440-5838

For the Record

NORWOOD FIRST NIGHT FEATURES DOZENS OF ACTIVITIES

On January 1, 2022, before the excitement of Norwood First Night has died down, Norwood's year-long 150th Anniversary celebration will kick off with two exciting events. Norwood's fourth annual New Year's Day walk will begin at 2 pm at the Willett School and follow Germany Brook to the Savage Center. At 7:30 pm, Norwood Theatre will present Comedy Night with Jimmy Cash, Mike Whitman, Corey Rodriques and Emily Ruskowski.

First Night itself will begin with a costumed road race, the 5K Family Fun Run, sponsored by Charles River Running and Castle Island Brewery. Costumes will be judged at the Civic Center at 1:30 pm, and the race will begin at 2pm.

At 3pm, a variety of fun activities will begin simultaneously at five downtown Norwood venues: Town Common (ice sculptures, skating on synthetic ice, and train rides); Civic Center (face painting, bubble wrap stomp, curious creatures, kids crafts, holiday lights, and teen pizza and games sponsored by Impact Norwood); Town Hall (mini golf, three musical performances, and a U.S. taekwondo exhibition); St. Catherine's (laser tag, three musical performances, and a Brazilian jiu jitsu exhibition); and the First Congregational Church (a band concert, two dance performances, and a magician). In addition, Norwood native and mezzo-soprano Grace Allendorff will perform in Memorial Hall, sponsored by the Norwood Historical Society at 7pm.

The traditional ball drop for the

new year will go off early at 10 pm at the Civic Center, with an earlier ball drop for the kids at 6pm.

Specific performers, room locations, venue addresses, recommended parking areas, and event times can be found on the town's anniversary website - <http://norwoodma150.gov> - with hard copies available where Norwood 150 tickets are sold. Norwood 150 merchandise and tickets for upcoming events (including the skating exhibition at Norwood's branch of the Skating Club of Boston on February 26 and the Norwood 150 Gala on February 23) are all available at the Norwood Memorial Library (33 Walpole Street), the Civic Center (165 Nahatan Street), the Senior Center (275 Prospect Street), and Town Hall. (566 Washington Street).

Following First Night, the first currently scheduled event will be held on Tuesday, January 18, from 7:00 to 8:30PM at the F. Holland Day House on Day Street when the Norwood Historical Society will sponsor a discussion of Patricia Fanning's book, *Norwood, A History*. Space is limited.

SPECIAL VOTER REGISTRATION FOR JANUARY ELECTION

The Board of Registrars wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that a special registration session has been set for the January 3, 2022 Special Town Election. An evening special registration session will be held at the Municipal Building, Room 32 on Tuesday December 14, 2021 from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

This is the FINAL REGISTRA-

TION SESSION prior to the Annual Town Election.

Daily registration of voters will be conducted at the Town Clerk's office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 P.M. A mail-in registration form is now available at Norwood Morrill Memorial Library and the Norwood Post Office.

You may also register to vote online at sec.state.ma.us

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

ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION

Anyone wishing to vote by absentee ballot for the upcoming Special Town Election, which will be held on Monday, January 3, 2022 please call the Town Clerk's office and we can mail you an Absentee Ballot Application. The Absentee Ballot Application is also on the Town of Norwood website under the Town Clerk's section.

WOMANS CLUB TO MEET

The Norwood Woman's Club will be meeting on Tuesday, December 14 at 12:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 572 Nichols St, Norwood. We will be entertained by Jill Sanford who will explore the works of Georgia O'Keefe, one of America's most innovative artists. The program is called ART FOR THE MIND. A light lunch will be served. Guests are welcomed. Any

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Norwood Circle of Hope Luminary Night lights up the Common



The Norwood Circle of Hope held its annual Luminary Night on Dec. 4. Residents came out to light candles for their loved ones, remember their stories and connect with others during the night. The night helps to raise money for the Circle's charitable efforts, which are aimed at helping Norwood families when they are in financial trouble due to medical or other issues. The charity was started about 20 years ago and has distributed almost \$1 million to residents during that time.

COURTESY PHOTOS



Library Events

MAKE YOUR OWN GIFT BOWS WORKSHOP

Just in time for holiday gift wrapping, join us on Thursday, December 16 at 2:00 pm or at 3:00 pm to learn how to make your own custom gift bows!

Learn how to make several classic and creative bows perfect for use as gift toppers, on wreaths, and with other holiday decorations. Bow styles will be created using ribbon, wire, and fabric, and Marg will demonstrate how to easily create your own fabric ribbons using larger fabric samples. Materials will be provided, or feel free to bring your own ribbon or fabric if you have material at home you love and have been waiting to use (if bringing your own fabric sample, please make sure it's at least 1/2 yard by 1 yard). The workshop will be led by Marg Corjay, an experienced floral designer and former floral shop owner, local textile artisan, and DIY craft maven.

Two sessions will be offered at 2:00 pm and at 3:00 pm. Both sessions will cover the same topics so sign up for either one. This workshop is intended for people ages 14 and up.

MAKE YOUR OWN CARDS WORKSHOP

Expert card maker and paper artist Betty Saccocia will lead two Make Your Own Cards workshops on Monday, December 20 at 4:00 pm and at 6:00 pm. The same techniques will be covered in both sessions so sign up for the time that works for you! Are you hoping to create a last-minute holiday card, or send a special one-of-a-kind message for New Year well wishes? Betty will guide you through crafting two unique designs with high-quality materials so you can create professional and personalized card designs. All materials will be provided in this free workshop for people ages 14 and up.

Space is limited for both events and registration is required. Please sign up by visiting the Morrill Memorial Library's website, norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, calling us at 781-769-0200 x2, or visiting the Reference Desk.

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questions please call Trina at 781-762-8173. Hope to see you there.

150th CELEBRATION TO BEGIN ON FIRST

On January 1, 2022, Norwood's First Night Celebration will kick off a year of celebrations of Norwood's 150th Anniversary. Starting at 3 pm on New Year's Eve, the First Night party will include a road race, dancers, magic, music, singers, and games. Complete details will be posted soon on the town's anniversary website - <http://norwoodma150.gov> - which will include a year's worth of exciting things to see and do on the special Events Calendar page.

Following First Night, the first currently scheduled event will be held on Tuesday, January 18, from

7:00 to 8:30 PM at the F. Holland Day House on Day Street when the Norwood Historical Society will sponsor a discussion of Patricia Fanning's book, *Norwood, A History*.

On February 10, 1872, a petition from "George B. Talbot and others, inhabitants of the southerly part of Dedham, praying to be set off as a town" was submitted to the Massachusetts Senate. Governor William B. Washburn signed the resulting act into law and Norwood was incorporated.

On Wednesday, February 23, Norwood will stage a Gala at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel, in recognition of that date of incorporation. Further details will be posted on the anniversary website as that date approaches.

On Saturday, February 26, just after the end of the Beijing Winter Olympics, the Skating Club of Boston, now located at 750 University Avenue in Norwood, will hold a skating event. Norwood residents

will be able to see Olympic caliber talent at a world-class facility at a special low price of \$10 per person, with proceeds going to help fund the events and activities of the Norwood 150th Anniversary.

The Events Calendar already includes lots of the other events scheduled for Norwood's exciting anniversary year - including musters, rallies, trivia contests, scavenger hunts, additional book discussions, historic walks and programs, and even a full-fledged documentary film by Norwood's own former selectman and noted documentarian, Jerry Kelleher.

Everyone is encouraged to monitor the Events Calendar and announcements on Norwood Community Media for the latest news on events and activities - and then make notes on the many available opportunities on their own personal calendars.

And anyone with questions or ideas is encouraged to send them to info@norwoodma150.gov.



Thank You Novenas For Favors or Prayers Answered

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin *(Never known to fail!)*

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.
Grateful thanks. —K.B.

St. Jude's Novena

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

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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 December 20, 2021 at 7:05 PM** on the request of Christopher Alphen, Esq. on behalf of EJB Realty Trust with respect to property located at **776 Boston Providence Turnpike, Norwood, MA 02062, in the Boston Providence Highway (BPH) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at Norwood Town Hall, Room 24, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062.

The Applicant proposes to use the parcel for motor vehicle sales and storage, and requests a Special Permit under the Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 3.5.1(H)(9) for that primary use. The Applicant also requests Site Plan review under Section 10.5 to reconstruct the parking lot to include installation of a drainage system and other site improvements.

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 Planning Board.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Planning Board and may be requested by emailing cped@norwoodma.gov or by calling 781-762-1240 ext. 6055, Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Norwood Record: 12/02/21, 12/09/21

BRETON

ELIZABETH A. (Breen) of Walpole formerly of New London, CT passed away on December 5, 2021 at the age of 90. Beloved wife of Joseph R. Breton. Devoted mother of Thomas R. Breton of Walpole, Peter R. Breton and his wife Dawn of Arlington, Andrew R. Breton of HI, AnnElise Shea and her husband David of Canton, Matthew R. Breton and his wife Erin of Revere and the late Mary Beth Breton. Sister of Eleanor Moynihan of W. Roxbury and the late Catherine, Margaret, Irene and Henry. Cherished grandmother of Duncan Shea, Marissa Shea, Russell Shea, Xander Shea, Alice Breton and Oz Breton. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Daughter of the late Henry and Margaret (Naughton) Breen. Elizabeth was a member of St. Timothy Parish, Norwood, MA. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, Thursday December 9, 2021 at 9:30am followed by a funeral mass at 10:30am at the Mary Immaculate of Lodes Church 270 Elliott St. Newton Upper Falls, MA. Visiting hours will be held on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 from 4-6pm. Burial will be at St. Francis Cemetery, Walpole, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to St. Timothy Parish 650 Nichols St. Norwood, MA 02062. Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home www.kraw-kornack.com Tel: 781-762-0482

COLLINS

James Francis Age 99, of Canton, formerly of Norwood, passed away December 1, 2021. Born March 8, 1922 in Waltham to James and Mary (Hart) Collins. He was the beloved husband of the late Virginia (Dole) Collins and predeceased by his daughter Mary Collins and son Brian S. Collins. James is survived by his loving children James F. Collins, Jr. married to Linda (Peterson) Collins; Maureen Ellen (Collins) Carroll married to Peter G. Carroll; Michael J. Collins married to Joan (McGowan) Collins; Christopher J. Collins married to Nancy (Babin) Collins. James is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren and many nephews and nieces. James was a World War II veteran as a Submariner out of Pearl Harbor. Visitation will be held Sunday, December 5, 2021 from 2pm to 6pm at Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, NORWOOD. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at

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St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Norwood at 11am on Monday, December 6, 2021 with Interment to follow at Calvary Cemetery in Waltham. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in James' memory to Hart Speech Foundation and the Matt Brown Foundation. GilloolyFuneralHome.com

FINGERSON



Linden Fingerson, 56, of Norwood, MA passed away November 16, 2021. Born January 5, 1965 in Dubuque, IA to Ronald and Dixie Fingerson. Linden completed grades one through eight in the Emporia State University Grade School program, Emporia, Kansas. A gifted musician, Linden took private piano lessons for ten years, then continued with flute. Linden completed high school at Whitewater High School, Whitewater, Wisconsin, receiving many recognitions for their musical talents. Linden earned a BA in Music, majoring in flute, at the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, graduating Summa Cum Laude. They then earned an MA in Performance Theory at New York University in New York City. Among Linden's musical talents, their voice has been described as having a peaceful quality, and their singing will be missed by many, particularly their Unitarian Universalist choirs. Most of Linden's professional life was spent working in the nonprofit sector. Linden was a warrior for justice. Their longing for justice ran deep. They volunteered countless hours at phone banks, going door to door, participating in gatherings and marching down streets. Linden made an extended family from their friends; they were a prolific connector of people. Linden had an incredible presence and elegant manner and engaged people wholly. Their intelligence was palpable, and available without imposition or judgement. Linden had an astounding knowledge of plants, herbs, and spices, and their cooking skills were revered. They shared their expertise at sewing and fabric techniques, beading/jewelry making, crocheting, and the finery of burlesque, with many. Linden is survived by their par-

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ents as well as their brothers Paul and Michael Fingerson. Memorial services are to be held in the Spring of 2022 at the Unitarian Church in Sharon, MA and at the Fourth Unitarian Society in Mohegan Lake, NY. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Linden's memory to Freedom for All Americans. GilloolyFuneralHome.com

MISKELL



Gail Lathlaen Miskell passed away peacefully after a prolonged series of illnesses on November 26th. Beloved and devoted wife of Thomas B. Miskell of Norwood, and loving mother of Thomas B. Miskell, Jr., Fr. Robert L.T. Miskell and Brian C. Miskell. She is also survived by her sister Carol Sue Yensco and her husband Andrew and by her niece Rebecca Bean, her husband Andrew and their two children. Gail was a 1971 Graduate of Ossining High School in New York, attended Muskingum College and received an Associate Degree from Katherine Gibbs School in New York City. In her teen years Gail was active in international Order of Rainbow rising to hold a N.Y. state office. The greatest joy of Gail's life was her career providing care for children in home settings, teaching nursery school and leading a volunteer program for children at Norwood Hospital. She also enjoyed volunteering and chairing church fairs at First Parish of Westwood for a number of years. A celebration of Gail's

Deaths

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WETLANDS REGULATION PROGRAM**

Notice of Public Hearing and Comment Period

Wetlands Protection Act Variance – M.G.L. c. 131 §40 and regulations at 310 CMR 10.00

401 Water Quality Certificate Variance – 33 U.S.C. 1341 and M.G.L. c. 21 §§ 26-53 and regulations at 314 CMR 9.00

Notice is hereby given that a request is being made of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to waive certain regulations by the Norwood Airport Commission (Airport). This request seeks a variance of the Wetlands Protection Act (MGL c. 131 §40) and the associated wetland regulations (310 CMR 10.00). Notice is also provided that the Airport seeks a 401 Water Quality Certification variance pursuant to the requirements of 314 CMR 9.00 for the discharge of dredged or fill material.

Applicant: Mark Ryan, Chair, Norwood Airport Commission

Project Location: Norwood Memorial Airport, 111 Access Road, Norwood, MA 02062

MassDEP Wetland File No.: 251-0528

MassDEP Water Quality Certification Transmittal No.: X288536

Public Hearing: MassDEP will hold a virtual public hearing via Zoom on **December 20, 2021 at 1 pm**. For cyber security purposes, advance registration is required. Please click the link below to register in advance for this meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZscceCqrz4pGNdg6jkIvVejW_0Y-W4b1nId

Public Comment Deadline: January 10, 2022

The Wetland and Water Quality Certificate variance request is for a project entitled: Taxiway C Realignment and Runway Safety Area Paving. The Variance request is being submitted for the realignment of a 1,350 foot long portion of Taxiway C at Norwood Memorial Airport to remove a direct connection from the apron area to Runway 17/35 in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) design criteria (Advisory Circular 150/5300-13A). The Airport is also proposing to pave the existing Runway Safety Areas associated with Runway 17/35 to increase useable runway and improve safety. The project also includes stormwater management improvements as well as off-site stormwater management mitigation. The project will result in the loss of wetland resource areas as a result of the realignment of Taxiway C consisting of 31,045 sf Bordering Vegetated Wetland, 123 sf Land Under Water (LUW), 8 linear feet of Inland Bank, 386,972 sf of Bordering Land Subject to Flooding (BLSF), and 86,484 sf of Riverfront Area (RFA). Permanent fill of approximately 4,399 cubic yards (cy) of Bordering Land Subject to Flooding (BLSF) will also occur associated with Taxiway C and the RSAs. The proposed ratio of replacement area to wetlands loss is two to one, and a total of 1.42 acres of wetland replication will be provided on Airport property in the form of removal of the existing Taxiway C and restoration of filled wetland and the daylighting of 110 linear feet of culverted perennial stream.

During the public comment period to solicit comments on the Project, MassDEP will conduct a public hearing on December 20, 2021 at 1 pm via Zoom (and will consider all additional written comments on these Variance applications received by January 10, 2022 (Public Comments Deadline.) Within ten days of the date of issuance of the Commissioner's decision on the Wetlands Variance, any person who submitted comments during the public comment period may, according to the procedures specified in 310 CMR 10.05 (7)(j), request an adjudicatory hearing on the decision. Within twenty one (21) days of issuance of the Commissioner's decision on the Water Quality Certification Variance, an adjudicatory hearing may be requested on the decision in accordance with the procedures specified in 314 CMR 9.10. Additional information regarding this application including copies may be obtained by contacting Alyssa Jacobs at 978-461-6271 or ajacobs@epsilonassocs.com. Project plans and documents are also available for review by appointment only at the address below. Individuals wishing to comment on the above referenced project are requested to submit written comments either by mail or by email to the addresses shown below by **January 10, 2022**.

David Hilgeman
Department of Environmental Protection
Wetlands and Waterways
One Winter Street, 5th Floor
Boston, MA 02108
Email: David.Hilgeman@mass.gov

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Obituary Policy

The The Norwood Record publishes obituaries from information supplied by funeral homes. Relatives and friends also may supplement information by e-mailing to news@norwoodrecord.com by Monday at 1 p.m. Photos also will be accepted.



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.

2021 Ford Ranger Super Crew

Ford has made big changes in building vehicles. This shows on the truck and SUV vehicles. Automobile building will be limited. The shift to trucks, SUV 's, and electric power is their main concern. The Ranger is not the small pick up that it used to be, to me it's the size of the full size pick up of years ago. The Ranger seats 4 with comfort and the 2.3 eco boost (turbo charged) 4 cylinder via a 10 speed automatic is a great package. I loaded a 600 lb tool and pulled my 3000 lb plus power boat with the truck to see how it handled the load with the 4 cylinder. I was amazed how it did, the Ranger suspension did not drop with either boat or tool box. The interior is well out fitted and designed, even heated seats and large multi function touch screen. Our Ranger had the XL option package along with the STX appearance package, tow package, and Ford Co-Pilot 360. Like most all vehicles the Ranger had all the modern safety features, even remote start. Side steps would make entry and exit a plus. Our Ranger EPA 20 city 24 highway base MSRP this Super Crew is \$31,075.00 options \$4935.00 destination \$1195.00. The bottom line this mid size truck can handle whatever you throw at it.

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

Monday, December 6

0735 - Susp Vehicle *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Moderna Tx. Inc. - Moderna Way N665 on a private Moderna detail reports suspicious vehicle MA REG 1ZFT18. One female in custody MA S09492914 Arrest: Crowley, Jacqueline Address: 42 Lyon St Apt. #31 Dorchester, Ma Age: 36 Charges: OUI-Drugs C90 S24(1)(A)(1) License Suspended, Op MV With (Criminal Subsq.Off.) C90 S23 MA PC 2JB979

0916 Phone - Illegal Trash Disposal Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Healthcare - Washington St Caller reports someone dumping trash in dumpster. N669 spoke to the person and they will return and remove their trash. Caller satisfied.

0921 Phone - Well Being Chk Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Rojo - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports male sleeping in MA PC 2NRX36 at pump #6. N666 spoke to caller, car has left.

1002 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: - Hillside Avenue Request check of resident who made a suicidal statement while on a teleconference call for a hearing about her license status. N678 spoke to the resident and states she is okay, made the remark out of frustration about her license situation.

1058 Phone - Assist Other Agency *Report Filed Location: Blue Hills SP Milton reports a Blue Hills ranger found packages with Norwood addresses. N664 went to pick up packages and will conduct an investigation.

1120 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Master Tile - Washington St Resident lost her Citizenship papers somewhere in the house. Request an entry.

2319 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: St John Ave Music turned down.

Tuesday, November 30

0630 Phone - Drunk Person

Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Morrill Memorial Library - Walpole St Library employee reporting an intoxicated party.

1359 Phone - Motor Vehicle Accident *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Garden Pkwy Single car accident. Male party placed under arrest. Arrest: Jacovoni, Arthur John Address: 3 Countryside Ln Walpole, Ma Age: 76 Charges: Marked Lanes Violation Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle OUI-Liquor Or .08%

1913 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Prospect Ave Father reports son was acting up, officers calmed him down and he left with his mother.

2110 Initiated - Warrant Service Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Neponset St Arrest: Katic, Peter Address: 118 Neponset St Norwood, Ma Age: 33 Charges: Warrant Arrest

1830 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Jacobsen Dr Caller reports he found an air soft gun in the yard. N663 secured that item and disposed of it.

2222 Radio - Malicious Damage *Report Filed Location/Address: Gazebo - Town Common - Washington St Graffiti found at this location and on a mailbox on St. George St.

Thursday, December 2

0117 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Hill St + Railroad Ave Caller reports people moving furniture to the elderly housing complex. Officers spoke with the individuals and they stated that they were done for the night.

0352 911 - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reports two suspicious persons outside his apartment. Officers responded and searched the area. GOA

1337 Phone - Civil Dispute Civil Matter Location/Address: Village Rd W Ex-roommate holding a package until a bill is paid. N666 spoke to both parties and are unwilling to cooperate. Both advised.

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911 - Motor Vehicle Accident *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Savers - Bos-Prov Hwy 2 car MVA- 1 car in front of Savers, 1 car in parking lot of 500 BOS-PROV Highway. Unkown injuries. NFD sent. Don & Wally's tows MA PC 785TG5. MC5 places one subject under arrest. N674 transports male party to the station. MC5 to also file MVA report. Refer To Arrest: 21-325-AR Arrest: Drost, John W Address: 12 St James Ave Apt. #1 Norwood, Ma Age: 67

Charges: OUI-Liquor Or .08%, 2nd Offense State Hwy—Traffic Violation * 720 Cmr S9.06 Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle C90 S24(2)(A) 1508 Phone - Assist Citizen Civil Matter Location/Address: Oxford Rd Caller reports landlord has been banging on door looking for past rent. N663 spoke to tenant and will speak to landlord.

1618 911 - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Minas Cafe Brazilian Steakhouse - Washington St Argument between customer and employee over item prices. All parties advised.

1723 Phone - Disturbance Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Cottage St Multiple parties appear to be having a loud argument in the street. Caller stated she waited to call and that the parties since left.

1740 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Dunkin Donuts - Nahatan St Unruly twelve year olds.

1835 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Norwest Dr Music turned down.

1849 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Village Rd W Caller reports a babysitter took her children from their Rhode Island residence without permission to the babysitter's residence. N663 stood by while the mother took custody of the children, car seats and house keys. Appears to be a misunderstanding.

1953 911 - Drunk Person *Protective Custody Location/Address: Cottage St Caller reports her son is intoxicated and causing issues. As a result, N674 placed that party into protective custody and transported him to the station.

Friday, December 3

0048 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Hill St Caller reports a white van circled the neighborhood, operator exited the vehicle with a large duffle bag, waved at her, and walk away from the vehicle.

0156 911 - Drunk Person Police & Fire Notified/Respond Location/Address: Washington

St Caller reports she thinks her friend is overdosing. NFD notified and responded. N669 reports no overdose, behavior caused by alcohol intoxication. Caller agreed to make sure party gets to bed.

0420 Phone - Noise Complaint Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Wickham Way Loud music coming from a vehicle.

1217 Other - Warrant Service *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Flanagan Pl N674,N664, using just N674, and a Dedham Officer attempt to serve a warrant. N674 places subject under arrest and transports back to Norwood PD. Refer To Arrest: 21-328-AR Arrest: Colby, Jarred M Address: 12 Flanagan Pl Dedham, Ma Age: 23 Charges: Warrant Arrest

1406 Phone - Civil Dispute Civil Matter Location/Address: Boch Hyundai - Dcd H Norwood - Bos-Prov Hwy Report after turning 2 cars in and buying a Hyundai, dealership will not complete paperwork and the plate transfer transaction over argument that they were to get a plow blade and not just the plow mount. N679 spoke to them and advised them.

1511 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Area Search Negative Location/Address: Daddy's Dairy/Datch Island Dairy - Central St Caller reports 6-7 juveniles playing in the street. N669 reports juveniles are no longer in the area.

1752 911 - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Healthcare - Washington St Resident in for rehab states they did not let him out on Wednesday. Staff notified and will go check on patient.

1902 911 - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Lenox St Report she went out earlier today and when she returned she thinks someone entered apartment and contaminated her food. She already to the hospital. E-mail left for N402.

2038 Phone - Citizens Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St + Oolah Ave Caller reports a flashing light in a window, not sure if it's some type of alarm system going off. N663 checked the area- it is a regular light bulb on the rear of home that is flickering.

Saturday, December 4

0017 911 - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Cedar St Caller reports verbal domestic with her mom/stepdad. N666 reports mother/stepdad talking loudly in basement, no argument, no issues to report.

0213 911 - Trespassing *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Adams St Caller reports exboyfriend knocking on door. Party placed under arrest by N663. Refer To Arrest: 21-329-AR Arrest: Cline, John S Address: 15 Short St Norwood, Ma Age: 71 Charges: Trespass

0818 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Pleasant St Caller reports landscape company is blowing leaves onto his property. N674 spoke to both parties and matter resolved.

0949 911 - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood Healthcare - Washington St Caller reports that the facility is draining his bank account. N664 spoke to caller, no problem. Subject was unhappy

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with level of care.

1119911 - Animal Complaint Naco/Waco Notified Location/Address: Walpole St + Berwick St Caller reports 2 white dogs in road. N.A.C.O notified and will meet party at the police station.

1602 911 - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Neponset St + Pleasant St Caller reports a party fell in the crosswalk. FD notified. Party refused medical. N666 gives that party a courtest transport home, S/M 52416, 1603 Hrs, E/M 52416, 1605 Hrs.

1933 911 - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports he ran into the restaurant to pick up food and came back to the vehicle and his son was gone. His son is autistic and non verbal. N674 located that child in Stop and Shop.

2031 911 - Animal Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Greenleaf Rd Caller reports animals attacking people outside. N662 spoke with caller and daughter. Caller has dementia and accessed the phone. No animals or other danger showing, care taker advised all is well.

2117 911 - Threats *Report Filed Location/Address: Village Road W Caller reports her ex boyfriend came to her apartment and threatened her and also showed a handgun. BOLO was sent over south district. Boston PD was also notified to check the residence of the suspect.

2250 Phone - Animal Complaint Naco/Waco Notified Location/Address: Monroe St Caller reports she found a loose dog. NACO notified and responded.

Sunday, December 5

0211 911 - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Caller states her boyfriend won't stop bothering her, then she stated never mind, he has stopped while she was speaking on the phone. N677,N679 responded for a well-being check but she did not answer call back or the door. Officers stated all was quiet.

1021 Phone - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: Sunrise Assisted Living - Saunders Rd Dispute with family over a care issue was resolved.

1432 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Area Search Negative Location/Address: Buckminster Dr + Wickham Way Caller reports 3 male juveniles on mountain bikes blocking street. N677 searched Walpole St and Windsor Commons, kids GOA.

1854 Phone - Report Of Fire Services Rendered Location/Address: Hill St + Railroad Ave Caller reports she can smell smoke coming from the railroad tracks. N664 searched the area no fire showing it is possibly a fire pit.

2058 Phone - Hit And Run *Report Filed Location/Address: Talbot Farm Rd Caller reports a dark color pickup truck caused property damage and left toward Neponset Street. BOLO to the cars and surrounding cities and towns.

2303 Phone - Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: David Ter Caller reports a dog barking for the last 3 hours. N664 could not raise the homeowner, the dog did quite down.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department

NORFOLK Division

Docket No. NO21P1987GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO
TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

In the matter of: **Christopher Michael Brown** RESPONDENT
Of: **Norwood, MA** Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Catherine W. Brown of Manchester, MA

in the above captioned matter alleging that **Christopher Michael Brown** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

Catherine W. Brown of Manchester, MA

Michael L. Brown of Manchester, MA

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00A.M. on the return date of 12/29/2021. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court

November 23, 2021

Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

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life was held at First Parish Church of Westwood on Thursday, December 9th. A Private interment at Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne occurred the following day. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Shriners Children Hospital, 51 Blossom Street, Boston, MA 02114 (Attn Development Dept).

To sign guestbook, visit website. Folsom Funeral Home www.folsomfuneral.com

MICHEL JOSEPHINE M. (Pungitore) of Norwood passed away on November 29, 2021 at the age of 86. Beloved wife of the late Philip "Phil" F. Michel Sr. Loving mother of Pamela A.



Konieczny and her husband Anthony of Norfolk, Paula A. Michel-Fanizzi of Norwood, Philip F. Michel Jr. and his partner Paula Calandrelli of Mystic, CT and Peter D. Michel and his wife Lindsey of St. Louis, MO. Cherished grandmother of Nicholas, Hailey, Mia, Philip, Dominic and Grace and survived by many nieces and nephews. Josephine was the daughter of the late Dominic Pungitore and Barbara (Michenzie) Pungitore-Diotalevi. She is sur-

vived by sisters Dorothy Hibbard of Boston, and Camilia and Daniel Neville of FL, the late Barbara and Joseph DiGiantomasso, and her late brother Dominic Pungitore survived by Patty Pungitore of Holbrook. Josephine was a generous, long-standing member of the Norwood community and proudly provided 42+ years of loving in-home day care for countless families throughout her career. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral

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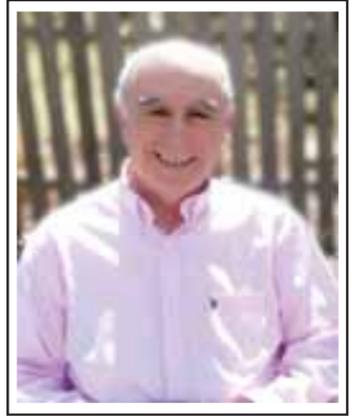
he title does not mean St. Matthew, who is referenced a lot at this time of year, as in “Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold Magi came from the East . . .” This is Matthew White, who for many of us is The Recycle Guy. Driving one of the large compactor trucks for Capitol Waste, he arises around 3:30 AM on most weekday mornings to do his long route throughout West Roxbury, Hyde Park, and other parts of the city, elevating the 96-gallon blue totems into his truck.

With his ever present sunglasses on and his baseball cap worn backward, he takes pride in contributing so much to our city (by saving on landfill volume) and by carrying so much back to be recycled. Many times the hydraulic extenders on both side of the expensive truck are not working, meaning that he has to jump out of the driver’s seat to position the large, blue totems on the mechanical lift.

Here’s comes the bad news: some people throw ANY-

THING into the recycle bin— all violating the directions on the toter. Such deposits have been done by careless, if not malicious, residents but what he needs help with these days preceding Christmas concerns well-intentioned people who place styrofoam into the blue totems. Such people are under the misconception that just because their television, video game, and so many other items delivered by UPS, Amazon, FedEx, post office, and DHL arrived in cardboard boxes with styrofoam bracing the contents against bumping, that the said Styrofoam must be “good.” Wrong, Styrofoam, whether in the form of peanuts or rectangular prisms, is mentioned first on the lid of the totem as not being recyclable. So don’t increase the volume on his trucks by not taking the time to remove the Styrofoam and breaking down the cardboard; plus, it has to be removed on the conveyor belts at the recycling facility in Charlestown.

Speaking of gumming up the works, don’t throw plastic bags into the recycle bin: they are to be excluded but can be



My Kind of Town/
Joe Galeota

recycled at Roche Brothers and Loew’s, among other places, where plastic bags are placed to be taken away to be recycled.

Here’s hoping that all the people working on recycling have a Merry Christmas, one devoid of styrofoam.

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