



About 100 residents decided to come out on Sunday afternoon to see what the Norwood Trails Advisory Committee has been working on in the woods.

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New Year's hike nets almost 100

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

This year, the Norwood Trails Advisory Committee (NATC) kicked off the new year as it usually does, with a hike.

The hike's course included the area around Purgatory and Plantingfield Brooks, on the north end of the Norwood Country Club. NATC members advertised a short little one-mile hike through the woodlands. However, the small description of the event

drawed a very large crowd. Almost 100 residents showed up at the entrance to the Norwood Animal Shelter at 202 Boston Providence Hwy. NATC member Vic Babel said they were not expecting such a crowd.

"I'm shocked, I'm pleasantly shocked," Babel said. "Isn't there a Patriots game right now?"

Babel's wife Mary Wolfe said she was equally surprised at the turnout. "It's a really good turnout and a lot of these are people we haven't seen

hiking out here before," she said. "It's better than other New Year's Day Hikes."

Babel said he was excited to show the Town what they had to offer and to see residents' reactions to what the NATC has done so far. There are plans to expand the trail and if they can get the approvals, they hope to have an extension starting at the Animal Shelter and going to the rear of the Skating Club of Boston on University Avenue, and

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The Norwood Finance Commission met recently and discussed transportation issues with members of the School Department.

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FinCom considers special ed costs and transport

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Finance Commission (FinCom) met recently with school officials and discussed the ongoing requirements of new vans for special education transportation.

Norwood Public School District (NPS) Superintendent David Thomson and NPS Business Official Karin Sheridan went over the general budget expenditure to date. Sheridan said they are on a good track right now, but special education transportation is a focus.

"Due to increased numbers of students that we're transporting, we've had to hire more drivers and monitors, which hasn't been easy, but they've done a good job getting those in," she said. "Purchasing vans has not been easy and we've had to use outside contractors for some of the runs."

This was a sticking point for the group. Thomson said they've had funds set aside for purchasing new vans for almost three years now, but they just haven't had the opportunity to buy them, and now the maintenance routines on the NPS' current fleet is not only piling up, but getting more expensive as inflation takes its toll.

"The problem is we are now on our sixth order of vans; we order, we wait, they cancel," he said. "We have not gotten any of them for two-and-a-half years. We have old vans and we don't have enough of them, which is why we've had to hire outside contractors, which is

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ConCom approves Manny Boxes, talks community garden expansion

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Conservation Commission (ConCom) met recently and voted to recommend approval of a proposal from Eagle Scout candidate Liam MacLean for the installation of two "Manny Boxes" at Ellis Pond and the two ponds at Hawes Pool.

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then continuing down to Meadow Street near the I-95 exit to Neponset Street.

"We've been working on it for a while. This trail will eventually connect to Meadow Street if we can get the approvals," he said. "We got turned down from the Airport and the FAA, so now we're trying to figure out how to get around it. We're thinking we can get the Conservation Commission to take 20 or 30 yards from the river back to the Town. That's what we're hoping."

Babel said if they can gain public access through the Conservation Commission, they can complete the trail. "I still don't know why the FAA turned us down," he said. "But hopefully we can do that and this will go all the way down to Meadow Street!"

Trails Member Joseph Greeley said they're continuing to work on the trails and, if it's completed, would make for a five-mile trek one-way. He was also happy to see such interest from residents. "It's 60 degrees and sunny, what a day," he said.

Greeley and volunteers then started to lead the crowd down the trail. Resident Joe Barrett owns a percentage of the land on the trek, and therefore knew the waterways residents would have to cross to complete the hike.

The waterways do not have bridges. Greeley was very specific in saying the crossings were not bridges, but technically known as "temporary water crossings."

"Nobody but me will fall in the water, which is good," Greeley said before the hike. "We've already done all the troubleshooting."

Barrett and others stood in the water wearing waders to make sure no one fell in. No one did.

Everyone talked during the hike. Board of Selectman member Bob Donnelly discussed various issues with Energy Advocate Julie Barbour Issa. Masons representative Brian Palmateer helped his fellow Masons dole out fresh hot coffee and Conservation Agent Holly Jones stopped by to make sure everything was going to plan.

As the hike passed by the Norwood Country Club, several residents grabbed errant golf balls as souvenirs.

Greeley explained that the trails in that section of the woods are on Town-owned land, and that many sections have to be cleared because they have water and gas lines running through them. Access must be maintained so that repair crews can access the lines if there is a leak.

"Which works out for us," he said, noting that other sections of the trail had to be periodically cleared by the Trails Committee.

Residents Nora Glynn and her husband Bob said they came out because they had not been through this particular Town trail before.

"I just wanted to see what it was all about; I wanted to check out the trails and I'm also retired," she said. "I know Joe Greeley too, and it's a nice day and I wanted to see what it's about."

"It's a good way to start the year," Bob said.

Aly Lazarovich and Tricia Clifford said they were excited to check out the trails as well.

Residents Matthew Gal-

lant and Michelle Reid said they came out because they wanted to see what was behind the Norwood Animal Shelter, as not many have been back there.

"And the game will still be on when we get back," Galant said, while wearing a New England Patriots hoodie. "It's a nice day in January and just a nice way to start the new year."

"We haven't been through here before," Reid said. "I heard it's a newer trail and I'm very interested because I like the Skating Club of Boston. I want to see how the trail will connect to the land there."

Resident and Finance Commission Member Anne Haley said she was just excited to start something new for the Town.

"This is a good thing; we need to get our trails in shape and get more people out here," she said. "I've only been down here to see what's left of the Water Department Building to decide what to do with it years and years ago."

Residents Alexander Marher, Derek Marher and Erin Reavey said they came out because they wanted to get to know the Town. "This was our first time," Alexander said.

"We do a lot of hiking but we just didn't know this was here," Derek said.

"We're usually at the Blue Hills," Reavey said. "I can't wait. I usually go to Blue Hills but this is way closer to home."

"I've known about the Animal Shelter really but that's it," Alexander said.

To check out Norwood's trail maps, go to <https://bit.ly/3WZDng5>.

Norwood 2023: Looking back and ahead

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Another year has come and gone for the Town of Norwood, and while it might have seemed a bit quick for some, the Town was able to get a lot done.

First off, while the official groundbreaking for the new Norwood Hospital actually kicked off in November of 2021, the demolition didn't begin until around June of 2022, starting with the Lorusso Building and moving north from there. Most, if not all, of the complex has come down now and prep work for the new hospital has begun.

The Town celebrated its 150th anniversary of incorporation this year with a huge swath of events, including the first ever performance of the Boston Pops in Norwood over the summer. The Town also hosted dances, parties, concerts, commemorations, parades and other celebratory events to show what it means to be a Norwoodite.

The Town also signed off on a \$150 million rebuild of the Coakley Middle School, which is set to start accepting students in 2025 and to completely demolish the old building by 2026. The new school will be built in sections behind the old school while classes continue, and will, when completed, include grades 5 to 8 to help alleviate pressures on Norwood's growing elementary school population.

The Town also netted a new buyer for the Forbes Estate in Alexandria Real Estate Equities in 2021 and voted during Town Meeting this past spring to use the roughly \$9.6 million gained from the sale for budgetary stabilization. About \$6.2 million was put into an open space stabilization fund, \$2 million was put into override stabilization and \$1.9 was put in the general stabilization fund. These actions were designed to put the Town in a much better financial position, helping the Town to keep its bond rating up, thereby keeping the costs of borrowing lower than they would otherwise be.

The Town also voted at Town Meeting in the spring to create a new Life Sciences Development District, basically taking up almost all of the land formerly occupied by the Polaroid plant and the Forbes Hill Mansion. The new 158-acre zone, almost exclusively owned by Alexandria, will be geared towards new life sciences buildings and offices.

Moderna has already been approved for construction of a manufacturing and distribution warehouse for its COVID-19 vaccine at the location.

The Town is also still currently fighting to keep Norwood Fire Department Chief David Hayes in his position. Currently, he needs a special dispensation to stay in office past his 65th birthday, which is coming in February. The bid, which now in front of the Massachusetts State Legislature, would allow him to stay, is currently stalled. Officials and supporters of Hayes say residents should lobby their local lawmakers to keep Hayes in the job.

The annual Dancing with the Norwood Stars fundraiser

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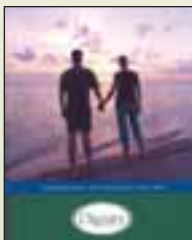
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The Board debated on whether it was right to send abutters notifications to Town Meeting members for all zoning variance and special permit applications.

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ZBA debates new rules, regs and procedures

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) met on Jan. 3 for about two-and-a-half hours and voted to continue a discussion over a new document detailing the rules, regulations and procedures of the Board. The next hearing on this matter has been scheduled for Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center.

Former Town Moderator David Hern acted as a de facto legal advisor during the discussion, a good deal of which revolved around cleaning up language. For example, several items referenced and paraphrased Massachusetts General Laws, such as the Open Meeting Law. Hern pointed out that language paraphrasing or quoting exact law could be problematic, since if the law changes, then the regulation is in conflict with the law.

Several other items impacting residents were also discussed, like that of abutter notification when an applicant is coming before the Board for a special permit or variance. Currently, the procedure is to give notice of projects to Town Meeting members in the district where the project is taking place (referenced in Section 5 of the ZBA Rules, Regulations and Procedures working draft).

“It does seem incredibly burdensome to have to give out physical mailings through the post office,” said Member Rachel Churchill.

Churchill asked why Town Meeting members couldn’t be notified through email, since most if not all members’ emails are recorded. “Or we could give

it up altogether, it’s not statutorily required, but I’m always in favor of folks knowing what’s going on in their area,” she said. “Town Meeting seems to always lean towards more notification, than less.”

Acting Town Planner Sarah Bouchard said it has been past practice and has been going on since before she came to the Town and said she could not find any regulation or procedure detailing the mailing practice.

“I did some research on this because I’ve never heard of it,” she said. “Is this a uniquely Norwood thing or is it done elsewhere? Is it common? I couldn’t find any records of any municipality with representative Town Meeting that notifies Town Meeting members in their district. It definitely is unusual. There are some pros and cons with it.”

Bouchard said it is a pro because Town Meeting members have a responsibility to be knowledgeable about what’s happening in their area and the Town already notifies parties of interest near a project and abutters within 300 feet.

On the other hand, she said, Town Meeting is a political body and it creates a risk of making an issue before the Board “more political and motivated by interests than it needs to be.”

“Particularly with the Zoning Board where most of this is residential, and these aren’t usually matters that impact an entire district,” she said.

Hern said he didn’t feel there was a great need for the extra notice.

“I’m a firm believer in the prerogatives and duties of Town

Meeting and I worked as moderator to guard those and encourage those, but I don’t know exactly what interest is served by notifying Town Meeting members who might live half a mile or a mile away from a site under application who are not directly affected by it and who aren’t in a position to represent their constituents on the matter,” he said. “Who knows what their constituents feel about it? Their constituents are far greater than the people who live in the actual neighborhood.”

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Petitioner **Ali Mccann of New Smyrna Beach, FL**
Ali Mccann of New Smyrna, FL

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OPINION

A grand 150th and trail considerations

Kudos to everyone involved in the Norwood 150th Celebration. It was a year of positive contributions from so many people to recognize Norwood's history, its people and its place in the Commonwealth. The activities were all wonderful, the highlight in this writer's opinion being the performance by the Boston Pops on the Norwood Town Common. This didn't occur by someone just making a couple of phone calls and sending a check. This was a concentrated effort over a number of years, and to have it finally come to fruition as part of the Town's historical celebration is such a triumph for everyone involved. Attendance at not just the Pops but at all the events and activities was fantastic, which is a testament to how residents here feel connected not to just the geography, but to their neighbors and friends of Norwood. To a vast majority, they don't just have a house or apartment in a town; they have a home in The Town, and what a difference that makes to the quality of lives here.

To ring in 2023, The hundred or so who showed up at the New Year's Day Norwood Trails Advisory Committee (NTAC) Walk is again testament to the willingness of volunteers to get involved to initiate change and residents willing and eager to explore the not so obvious beauty Norwood has to offer. Only a few years ago, there were virtually no trails for residents to utilize except for a couple of beaten down paths by a few diehards wanting to enjoy the great outdoors. That all changed when like-minded residents got together and started thinking outside the box. It's true that Norwood doesn't have huge swaths of land for residents to take advantage, but it does have pieces, like a puzzle, that a creative few thought could be cobbled together to create something a far greater portion of the population could enjoy.

At an October meeting of the Norwood Airport Commission (NAC), Mike Sheehan espoused a vision of the NTAC beautifully when requesting the use of airport owned land in an attempt to "... create almost like an emerald necklace kind of concept around the perimeter of the Town." The NTAC wanted to explore the possibility of linking two conservation areas: one located at the end of Meadow Street and the other next to the Skating Club of Boston on University Avenue. The potential path – which is, for the most part, inaccessible due to overgrowth – would stretch approximately two miles along the banks of the Neponset River and Purgatory Brook on land managed by the NAC but located outside the Airport's perimeter fence.

The NAC, appearing tepid in its enthusiasm for such land use during the October Meeting when the request was made, said they would explore the possibility and get back to NTAC. At the next meeting of the NAC, just over a month later, the NAC said that both MassDOT and the FAA found the land not compatible with airport use. Hmm... typically these two organizations take more than forever to render decisions, but were able to do so in this case in a month? Apparently, there was no official documentation of these conclusions, just a few phone calls, which makes this writer wonder if the NAC really went to bat for the NTAC or just paid lip service to a group really trying to make a difference. Subsequently the NTAC rescinded its request.

If the request by the NTAC was dismissed by the NAC arbitrarily, without serious consideration or effort, than that is a real shame. It is a grand plan by the NTAC to create that emerald necklace, utilizing land that just sits there doing nothing. Perhaps the Selectmen could request the NAC make a more concerted effort to see if the NTAC's idea is doable. True, the opinions of MassDOT and the FAA are important, given grants and other monies provided to the airport, but seriously, given land uses around other regional airports, how egregious is this request? Here is hoping the vision of the NTAC comes to fruition. It would be so nice.

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port and confidence in me over these many years. It has been an honor and privilege to have served as your Finance Commissioner. I will continue as your elected Town Meeting Member.

Judy Langone
Norwood

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more expensive. It's kind of like going to the store for sugar and it's not on the shelf, or it is on the shelf and someone grabs it before you."

Thomson said they are starting to look for different vans than the kind they usually use, but that's running into its own problems.

"To give you an idea of how convoluted this is, we found some GMC vans with 29,000 or 30,000 miles on them, so fairly new, but the person who would convert them into a student van is only authorized and certified to work on Ford vans," he said. "So you can imagine just how much fun we're having with this after two-and-a-half years."

Thomson said most municipalities in Massachusetts and probably beyond are dealing with this issue.

"Everybody's going through the same thing; basically Amazon buying up everything that will move packages," he said.

Sheridan said they are hoping a recent lead on new vans being available will come through.

"We got that order in so everybody cross your fingers that we get those vans," she said. "The unfortunate thing about that is they're costing \$40,000 each, so every time you put in a purchase order, for some reason the price goes higher. That's just the day we're living in."

Thomson and Sheridan also highlighted the increase in special education and English Language Learners (ELL). Special educa-

tion students are becoming a higher percentage of the school population, Thomson said, and that means that while the overall population of the district isn't changing drastically, the demographics of those they educate are and that's putting more strain on the special education transportation budget.

For special education, the population increased by 31 percent from 2018 to 2019, 12 percent from 2019 to 2020, 39 percent from 2020 to 2021 and 103 percent from 2021 to 2022. Currently, students with special education needs are 24 percent of the total school population. ELL students have gone from 11 percent of the student population in 2018 to 15 percent in 2022.

Thomson pointed out that increases in special education are in line with what other districts are seeing and FinCom member (and former School Committee member) Kellie Noumi said the ELL student increase is from students moving into the Town.

"They're all new kids; it wasn't like kids woke up one day and forgot English," she said.

FinCom Vice Chair and former School Committee Myev Bodenhofer also said that many former ELL students have reached proficiency and are no longer classified as such.

"They are no longer included in that count because they have achieved enough language skill," she said.

"We actually do a very very

good job, and something we should be proud of is how quickly we move these kids from being in a separate room with one teacher for four-plus hours a day to getting that population into in the general program," Thomson said.

The schools have increased staff from FY 22 from 17.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions for ELL to 21.5 FTE in FY23, 182 FTE for special education in FY22 to 192 in FY23 and 317 FTE general education positions in FY22 to 321 in FY23.

The pair also gave an update on the status of the current financial situation of the schools. Sheridan said the overall budget for NPS for the FY23 was \$52,801,033.

They have about 71 percent of their total budget allocated and encumbered for instructional services, about 5 percent for administrative costs, 2.74 percent for operations and maintenance, 8.19 percent for other school services and 13.39 percent for programs with other schools. She said so far, \$42.8 million has been encumbered with \$9.9 million expended so far. There is \$7,859 currently available in the budget.

"We've pretty much expended the budget to date," she said. "I want to indicate that there is not a need for concern that we've expended that because we still have an awful lot of special education circuit breaker to apply, and we don't usually apply that this early."

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Hern pointed out the Town already gives more notice than is required by giving notice to all parties within 300 feet of an application, not just to abutters of abutters within 300 feet, which is what the law requires.

"I don't feel a need to give notice to Town Meeting members at all because they don't have any authority on the matter," he added. "I feel the same way about elected officials too. They don't have any authority.

It's not within their jurisdiction. It's not in a warrant. If you don't like how the Zoning Bylaw works, bring an amendment in to Town Meeting. Anybody can do that."

Bouchard and the Board agreed to look into the matter further, to reference the statute for residents to look up and to keep the practice of notifying abutters within 300 feet.

Another sticking point discussed was of fee payment. Hern said he felt the language on the regulation document in Section 4, which states that digital or online payment would be the primary and preferred collection method, isn't necessary. According to Hern, a check is the standard way for people to pay for such things and if it generates extra paperwork, it could be handled by the Treasurer's Office, where that kind of pa-

perwork is handled on a daily basis (taxes payments, bills, fees etc.)

"Some people are not able to pay electronically," he pointed out. "I cannot pay electronically out of my clients' funds accounts where I'm holding money for clients."

He added that the Town does not accept American Express either. Bouchard said they make special dispensations for applicants who need to pay with a check or other physical means, but Hern said he felt moving the payment through the Treasurer's Office would be a valid compromise. He pointed out that for some residents (electronic payments) would increase both their inconvenience and their lag time. The Board and Bouchard said they would look into the feasibility of filtering those who wish to pay by physical means to the Treasurer's Office.

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How Do I Handle an Overpayment Notice from Social Security?

Dear Rusty: Things have gone good for me until now. I got a job and have enjoyed going back to work after being retired. But I just got some bad news - a letter from Social Security saying I owe them \$17,000 because when I went back to work, I earned more than allowed in 2021. They never mentioned that I told them I was going back to work! They now say they can't pay me benefits in 2022 because I am working. Good job SSA, since I told you when I went back to work! Anyway, I can't repay them all at once, I'm lucky to buy gas to get groceries. They list items for a waiver, but I am not sure what is best for me. I was planning on moving for health reasons, but if I paid them all at once I have nothing left for the move. I just started my research on how to handle this but hoped you would have some insight.

Signed: Un-retired Worker

Dear Un-retired Worker:

Sorry to hear of the Overpayment Notice you have received from Social Security. Here are my thoughts: The repayment options they offered you are probably a) remit the entire amount in full or b) have your SS benefits withheld until they recover what you owe, or c) ask for special payment terms because doing either of the above is a hardship

At this juncture, you can request a waiver of the Overpayment in either of two ways:

File form SSA-632, which essentially says you agree you've been overpaid but think you shouldn't be required to pay it back because it wasn't your fault (it was Social Security's fault because you notified them when you returned to work).

File form SSA-634, which essentially says you agree you've been overpaid and want to pay it back, but you can't afford to pay it back in the manner they've offered.

I suggest you start by filing SSA-632, mainly because you notified them in August of 2021 that you had returned to work and they, nevertheless, continued to pay you thus causing the overpayment themselves (see Section 3, question.12 of SSA-632). While I can't predict the probability of you having the entire



Russell Gloor
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

amount waived, I think there's a reasonably good chance they may provide you with some special accommodation because the overpayment was, indeed, a result of their own inaction after you notified them you had returned to work.

I suspect what happened is that they simply neglected to act after you notified them, and then when they received your 2021 earnings data from the IRS, they found you had earned more than the 2021 limit, causing them to issue the Overpayment Notice. But their lack of action shouldn't result in a financial hardship for you, which is why I suggest you seek a waiver. Be aware too that if your waiver request is denied you have the right to appeal that denial, including requesting a hearing by an independent Administrative Law Judge, or by the SS Appeals Council, or even in Federal court if desired.

In any event, while your case is pending, they shouldn't require you to repay them - they should temporarily suspend the repayment demand until your case is adjudicated.

Assuming you are still working full time, it's probable that your benefits are now suspended because your income is too high. FYI, you will later get credit for any months your benefits are suspended, which will result in your benefit amount increasing after you reach your full retirement age (FRA). Thus, you may be able to, over time, recover some of the SS benefits you've lost because of your earnings prior to reaching your full retirement age.

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The genesis of The Manny Box project was when Worcester Police Officer Manny Familia died in the spring of 2021 while attempting to save teenager Troy Love from drowning in a pond at the Green Hill Park in Worcester. Both perished during the incident.

Said MacLean, "His family created a foundation to make these boxes around ponds," he said. "I did this because I don't want a tragedy like that to happen in Norwood."

Manny Boxes contain a life jacket, 50 feet of rope and two foam safety rings (life preservers) with two other sections of 50-foot rope attached.

"I chose this project because I do not like to go swimming and am sometimes scared to go in the water," he said. "This equipment was supplied by the Manny Box Foundation in Worcester."

MacLean said he has heard that some residents have expressed concern in the past that the boxes could be stolen, so his plan is to anchor them into the ground to prevent that. Anchoring will also prevent them from getting blown over or moved. The boxes are about two feet tall and painted in high-visibility orange to alert residents of their presence. He added he would spray paint "Property of the Town of Norwood" on each box and each piece of safety equipment to further ensure they stay where they are until needed.

"I intend to have them ready by swimming season, late spring and early summer," he said. He added he will provide a sign on the outside of the box and instructions for the equipment on the inside.

"This is great, and these would be great for when it's icy as well in the winter if someone falls in," said ConCom member Carolyn Rocklen.

MacLean said he would be asking for donations to build and outfit the boxes. Reach out to the Conservation Commission at Conservation@norwoodma.gov for more information on how to reach out.

Rocklen asked that the Norwood Scouts help to main-

tain the boxes and make sure their contents are there and in good condition. Norwood Conservation Agent Holly Jones said the scouts and the Town should periodically inspect the boxes.

MacLean will need a few more approvals from the Norwood Fire Department and others before he can start putting the boxes in place.

The ConCom also discussed a proposal from the Norwood Community Garden group to expand the garden by two plots to the west of the current site, on the corner of Mylod and Washington Streets.

Jones said she joined Garden Manager Susan Clare the Sunday before the meeting to look at the proposed expansion. The concern at the last ConCom meeting was whether or not it would encroach on the Community Orchard, which is a separate Town endeavor for full public use. The Community Garden project allows residents to lease a plot to grow produce, while the orchard is a Town-funded project to allow anyone to pick fruits from the trees when they are in season.

Jones said there was no encroachment on the orchard from what she could see, but said there might need to be some adjustment on the mowed path that separates the two plots.

"But it didn't seem like that would be a hardship for anyone," she said.

Clare said she is getting the wait list started for this spring. The reason for the proposed expansion is that there are too many green thumbs in Norwood for the garden to accommodate.

"Most years I do have to leave people on that list for at least a year because we don't have enough plots," she said. "Because this garden is already set up, it's less expensive to expand this one than to launch a whole brand new one right away."

Clare pointed out they would need another garden manager. The plan would expand the number of gardeners from 72 to about 90 if approved.

"That's as far as we can go

as I see it without really encroaching on the orchard food forest, on all what the Norwood Trails Advisory Committee has done and all the beauty, wildlife and nature that's out there," she said. "I don't see this garden able to expand much more."

She would like to expand one row of about seven or eight plots for the first year and then the other seven or eight the next year to allow the garden management time to adjust.

"Then I can't see this garden getting much bigger, I certainly can't manage much more," she said. "I would then want to come back to you and talk about other options for growing food, herbs and native plants in Norwood. There's need for all three, and I'm not going to take charge of those either because I've finally come to my senses. I can't dance every dance, but I have a lot of experience now, and so, I think I'll bring the question back and see what the ConCom, other committees, and commissions are willing to do to encourage this."

Clare said the fencing around the garden has recently been damaged over the summer by deer during the drought and would also need to be replaced. She said there are other pieces of fence and other infrastructure that could be replaced as well, but because of the nature of the garden - the fact she takes \$25 from each gardener every season - they can't afford to pay for it themselves.

Jones said she recommends the ConCom pay for fence repair and for the expansion. The expansion for both years would come up to about \$2,200.

"It does look like we will have that," she said. "Even after that I think we'll have about \$15,000 remaining in our account for this fiscal year."

ConCom Chair Steve Washburn said he'd like to see the whole fencing replaced. Clare said she would come back with footage requirements and the ConCom would figure out how the Town would need to pay for the whole fence to be replaced in the future. The Board voted to approve the funds for fencing repairs and the expansion.

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Norwood Police asking for help identifying these two



Norwood Police Officer John Rooney and the Norwood Police Department (NPD) are asking residents if they have any information on these two individuals after a recent larceny at the local Planet Fitness. The NPD stated that as of the date of publication, officers are only looking for these two to ask questions. According to the police, the pair entered Planet Fitness at 418 Walpole St. on Dec. 24 last year around 8:30 a.m. and left around 10:50 a.m. Police also stated that the pair apparently used a truck to get to the location. Anyone with any information is asked to contact Officer Rooney at jrooney@norwoodma.gov.

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Shown here is the crowd at the Boston Pops concert on the Common from this past summer. In the center is former Town Accountant Thomas McQuiad, also passed in 2022.

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for the Norwood Circle of Hope returned in style this year after a two-year COVID hiatus, with resident Tracy Curran bringing home the top award. This year also marked the \$1 millionth dollar spent on helping Norwood families in Need by the Circle of Hope.

Looking ahead, Norwood has a lot on its plate in 2023.

Construction on the hospital should begin this year, as well as at the Coakley Middle School. Compass, the project management company, is working with Town officials to make sure the construction on the Coakley, slated for a June start date, has as little impact on local sports during that time as possible. Parking is also a concern for sporting events, as construction crews will need parking for their vehicles.

Also, the Town will need to officially hire a new Director of Community Planning and Economic Development. Acting Town Planner Sarah Bouchard is currently doing the job, taking over for Paul Halkiotis after he left for a position in Harwich.

The new Town Planner will have to also deal with a request from the owners of 250 Lenox St. to build yet even more apartments in Town. The developer, VPG Development, withdrew its application this fall saying they would like to continue to work with the Town to find a development that residents and Town officials would get behind. The new plan will come presumably this year.

Also on the horizon, albeit possibly a distant one, is some tweaking for the Downtown Mixed-Use Overlay District (MUOD) zoning. Currently, the regulations allow for a density of 32 units per acre on a stepped back scale (a building has to be stepped back from the street once it gets above two or

more stories), but Town officials said only one or two developers have taken advantage of this new zoning. Many have said it's simply not enough of an incentive and there has been talk repeatedly to revisit the issue, expanding the density to encourage more development of the Downtown.

Lastly, speaking of density, the Town is trying to come to grips with the 3A MBTA Communities Act Legislation. The new law requires that municipalities

with Commuter Rail stops plan for as of right multi-family zoning around at least one of those stops inclusive of 50 acres. For Norwood, that means the Town has to plan for about 2,000 units of available build-out capacity.

Some Town officials and members of the 3A subcommittee have repeatedly stated that it is extremely unlikely that a developer would purchase those lots and immediately develop them into 2,000 units. More likely the units would be built gradually in the coming decades.

Pre-K visits Senior Center



The Norwood Little Mustangs Pre-K class stopped by the Norwood Senior Center recently to spread some holiday cheer. The group came by to sing songs, talk with Norwood's seniors and help to bridge the gap between old and young before the end of 2022, personifying the Baby New Year and Father Time (the representation of the previous year). The Little Mustangs also took the opportunity to help the Senior Center fill up for its canned soup drive. Senior Center Executive Director Kerri McCarthy also recently thanked her staff and the residents for a wonderful year: "Special thanks to my staff for a great 2022 at the Norwood Senior Center, it was one of the busiest, most enjoyable years we have had and all their hard work is much appreciated."

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Congratulations to **Jim Horrigan**, recently named "Banker of the Year" by SEED.

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 Jim Horrigan, Senior Vice President, Commercial Lending | Dedham Savings
 Susan Murray, Executive Director | SEED
 Robert Nelson, Massachusetts District Director | US SBA

Dedham Bank's Jim Horrigan recognized as Banker of the Year

James Horrigan, Senior Vice President & Team Leader for Commercial Lending at Dedham Savings, has been named "Banker of the Year" by SEED (South Eastern Economic Development) Corporation, according to announcement by Douglas Shaw, Dedham Savings Commercial Lending Executive Vice President.

Stated Shaw, "We couldn't be more proud of Jim's impressive accomplishment. He has been key to our growth in the past several years, with his in-depth understanding of the local markets and strong relationships

throughout the business community, especially with SEED."

The award was presented at the recent SEED annual meeting in recognition of Horrigan's community lending activity in 2022. He closed the most SBA (Small Business Administration) 504 loans with SEED of all its member banks in 2022. On hand to present the award were: Mike Vlacich, SBA New England Regional Administrator; Robert Nelson, SBA Massachusetts District Director; Susan Murray, SEED Executive Director; and Lisa Holmes, SEED Se-

nior Vice President.

The SBA's 504 Loan Program provides long-term, fixed rate financing for major fixed assets that promote business growth and job creation. The financing supports growing small businesses with long-term financing to acquire, construct, or expand their business location or purchase machinery and equipment. 504 Loans are available through Certified Development Companies (CDCs), SBA's community-based partners who regulate nonprofits and promote economic development within their communities.

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Library Events

LIBRARY FILM SERIES: SAW IT IN 2022

Please join the Morrill Memorial Library for our film series to kick off the new year and beat the winter blues: the "Saw it in 2022" film series, exclusively featuring films from 2022. Did you miss any of these 2022 films? No worries, the library has you covered! All films in this series will start at 6:30 pm and will be shown in the library's Simoni Room. Please register on our website calendar, norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or by calling the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

Please register for each film separately. The full line-up includes: Wed. 1/11: Three Thousand Years of Longing, rated R, 108 mins. Thurs. 1/12: Amsterdam, rated R, 134 mins. Thurs. 1/19: Nope, rated R, 120 mins. Thurs. 1/26: The Banshees of Inisherin, rated R, 109 mins. Mon. 1/30: Bros, rated R, 115 mins.

VIRTUAL PROGRAM: DEMOCRACY TALKS—IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS

The Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with Watertown Free Public Library and other Massachusetts public libraries for a virtual program about immigrants' rights on Tuesday, January 10 at 7pm on Zoom.

On September 14, 2022, Governor Ron DeSantis (FL) routed approximately 50 asylum seekers from San Antonio, TX, to Martha's Vineyard, MA. Professor Sarah Sherman-Stokes, associate director of the Immigrants' Rights & Human Trafficking Clinic at Boston University School of Law, will share the legal implications of DeSantis's actions and current issues in asylum law and policy.

Registration is required for this virtual event. Sign up at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. Zoom access details will be sent out by the Watertown Free Public Library, the hosting institution, prior to the event.

"CALM YOUR MIND"

The Morrill Memorial Library is excited to bring an in-person mindfulness workshop called Calm your mind by instructor Emily Egan Bright on Monday January 23, from 6 pm to 6:45 pm. Emily will explain the concept of meditation and mindfulness followed by some techniques and exercises that will engage the participants. Emily holds a Bachelor of Psychology degree, and a Masters in Public Health. She has facilitated various group therapy sessions with an emphasis on psychoeducation, and positive psychology. She also has extensive experience in facilitating different types of mindfulness groups, learning from members/clients and from colleagues on helpful and enjoyable techniques. Emily works at Riverside Community Care, a local organization providing mental health services. This program is free and open to anyone 18 or older. Registration is required. Please visit the Morrill Memorial Library events calendar at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

AUTHORS TO SPEAK ABOUT RANSOMWARE AND CYBERCRIME

Join us for a fascinating virtual program on Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00 pm, as Pulitzer Prize finalist Renee Dudley and local Pulitzer Prize winner Daniel Golden discuss their latest book, The Ransomware Hunting Team. Urgent, uplifting, and entertaining, Renee Dudley and Daniel Golden's The Ransomware Hunting Team is a real-life technological thriller that illuminates a dangerous new era of cybercrime.

Scattered across the world, an elite team of code crackers is working tirelessly to thwart the defining cyber scourge of our time. You've probably never heard of them. But if you work for a school, a business, a hospital, or a municipal government, or simply cherish your digital data, you may be painfully familiar with the team's sworn enemy: ransomware. Again and again, an unlikely band of misfits, mostly self-taught and often struggling to make ends meet, have outwitted the underworld of hackers who lock computer networks and demand huge payments in return for the keys.

The Ransomware Hunting Team traces the adventures of these unassuming heroes and how they have used their skills to save millions of ransomware victims from paying billions of dollars to criminals. Working tirelessly from bedrooms and back offices, and refusing payment, they've rescued those whom the often hapless FBI has been unwilling or unable to help. Foremost among them is Michael Gillespie, a cancer survivor and cat lover who got his start cracking ransomware while working at a Nerds on Call store in the town of Normal, Illinois. Other teammates include the brilliant, reclusive Fabian Wosar, a high school dropout from Germany who enjoys bantering with the attackers he foils, and his protégé, the British computer science prodigy Sarah White. Together, they have established themselves as the most effective force against an escalating global threat. This book follows them as they put their health, personal relationships, and financial security on the line to navigate the technological and moral challenges of combating digital hostage taking.

This virtual program is offered in partnership between the Watertown Free Library, Morrill Memorial Library, and other MA libraries. To sign up for this Zoom program, please visit the library's website calendar, norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Norwood Library reference desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

NEXT SENSORY-FRIENDLY FRIDAY ON 27TH

The Morrill Memorial Library is offering an in-person sensory-friendly movie on the 4th Friday of the month for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Join us for our Sensory-friendly Friday Movie at the Library, a program specially designed for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This program will be held in-person in the Simoni Room on Friday January 27, 2023, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our January movie in the Sensory-friendly Friday series is the Disney hit Jungle Cruise rated PG 13. The Morrill Memorial Library and Lifeworks Inc of Norwood are excited to bring this program series to the Norwood community. We will be showing a movie in a sensory-friendly and inclusive environment on the last Friday of the month for adults with developmental disabilities. Registration is required. This event is recommended for attendees aged 18 and up. Please register at <https://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/> or call 781 769 0200 Ext 2.

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**FRIENDS
JANUARY MONTHLY
BALLROOM DANCE**

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging will be sponsoring their monthly Ballroom Dance, on Friday, January 20th at 7 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood. Music will be provided by The D B Band and the cost is \$12.00 per person for your Ballroom Dancing pleasure. Coffee, tea & desserts are served & there are also door prizes. We look forward to welcoming newcomers.

There is a Facebook page so you can check the status of events offered by the Friends: Friends Of The Norwood Council On Aging | Facebook

**MENTAL ILLNESS
SUPPORT GROUP
TO MEET**

The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at The

Grange, 28 Rockwood Road (Route 115) in Norfolk, MA from 7-9 pm. Mask if you will.

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

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

In any case, we will be ruled by the decision of the Norwood Public Schools. If they close on Thursday, we will cancel the meeting. For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

**PARKWAY CONCERT
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OPENINGS**

Parkway Concert Orchestra is a 50 piece community orchestra under the musical di-

rection of Thomas Kociela which performs classical and pops selections 4-6 times per year in multiple locations around the southwest suburbs of Boston. The orchestra rehearses on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 at First Congregational Church, 100 Winter Street, Norwood. The spring season begins on January 9, 2023, preparing for concerts on March 5 and May 7. There are openings for all positions with emphasis on violins, percussion and bass trombone. Experienced volunteer musicians are invited to contact us to attend open rehearsals on January 9 and 16. Please call 781-444-5041 or email parkwayconcertorchestra@gmail.com For more information about the orchestra, visit the orchestra's web site at www.parkwayconcertorchestra.org.

**VOLUNTEER MEALS ON
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HESSCO Elder Services is seeking volunteer Meals on Wheels drivers in South Norfolk County. Volunteers spend approximately one hour a week from 11 a.m. to noon delivering meals to homebound older adults. Learn more and complete a volunteer application at www.hessco.org/nutrition-volunteer-opportunities. For more information, call Lisa at 781-784-4944 or email lboockoff@hessco.org. As the Aging Services Access Point and Area Agency on Aging for South Norfolk County in Massachusetts, HESSCO is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping older adults and individuals living with a disability remain safe and independent at home for as long as possible. HESSCO serves the communities of Canton, Dedham, Foxboro, Medfield, Millis, Norfolk, Norwood, Plainville, Sharon, Walpole, Westwood, and Wrentham. Visit www.hessco.org for more information.

DEATHS

BONNER

Stephen of Norwood, December 25, 2022. Beloved husband of Marie (Hemmer) Bonner. Devoted father of MaryKate, Shannon, Matthew and the late Stephen Michael Bonner all of Norwood. Loving "Grampy" of Ava Grace Fogg. Brother of Philip Bonner of Sutton, MA, Terri Bonner of Attleboro, Ruth Pemberton and Patricia Bonner of East Freetown, MA. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Stephen was a proud member of Local 1952 D.C. 35, and coach of Norwood Youth Football. Visitation at the George F. Doherty & Sons Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home, 456 High St., DEDHAM, on Thursday, January 5, from 8:30 am-10:15 am, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Mary Church, Dedham at 10:30 am. Relatives and friends kindly invited. Interment private. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Stephen's memory to City Year Inc., P.O. Box 412755, Boston, MA 02241, or www.cityyear.org. For online guestbook, gfdoherty.com George F. Doherty & Sons Dedham 781 326 0500.

FEDERICO

Russell J. Federico, of Norwood, passed away on December 30, 2022. He was 104 years old. Born in Boston, Russell was a proud US Army Veteran of World War II. Russell was a kind man who everyone loved. He enjoyed fixing watches and jewelry and used his connections with the jewelers in Boston to help his family buy their diamonds. He loved his wife's cooking and enjoyed his sweets. He was a fan of western cowboy movies and for years he loved traveling to PA for summers and Easters to spend time with family. He was happiest surrounded by his family. Russell was the dear and devoted husband of the late Domenica (DiFrancesco). Loving father of Carol Federico of Franklin, Russell Federico, Donna Flynn and her husband Mike of Franklin, and the late Jean Rosata. Beloved "Grampy" of Temma, Tara, Chris, Derek, Carly and Corey and "Great-Grampy" of Brayden, Riley, Shaw, Cooper, Quinn, Kellen, Cade and Brody. He was the dear brother of the late Alfred and John Federico. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Russell's Funeral Mass will be held on his birthday, Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in East Walpole. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Following the mass, Russell will be laid to rest with his beloved Domenica at Highland Cemetery in Norwood. KRAWKORNACKFUNERALHOME.COM.

KING

Richard Terence King, 75, of Norwood, passed away December 27, 2022, surrounded by his family. Born November 2, 1947 to the late Hazen and Helen (O'Brien) King. Rick graduated from Randolph High School, Stonehill College and Boston College. He taught social studies in the Norwood Public School system for 38 years. In addition to teaching, Rick enjoyed watching his kids play sports, reminiscing about previous "adventures", and all things train related. Rick is survived by his loving children, Cynthia Gariepy and her husband Timothy of Norton, Richard "Tiger" King and his wife Chloe of N. Providence, Michael King of Norwood, Daniel King and his wife Chris-



Deaths

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Woman's Club steps up for vets



Norwood Veterans Agent Ted Mulvehill accepts a generous check from Phyllis Spiro president of the Norwood Woman's Club to help Norwood veterans in need.

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Monday, December 26

1300 911 - Disturbance Assisted Party Location/Address: Extra Space Storage - Washington St Unwanted party was entering the wrong storage unit due to dementia. Verbal arguments ensued, N667 reports advice was given to all parties.

1304 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Jack Madden Ford - Bos-Prov Hwy Report to be filed.

1439 911 - Death *Report Filed Location/Address: Rock St Caller reports a family member possibly passed away. FD notified. All agencies declined.

1723 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Short St Caller seeking a wellness check on her father. N663 spoke to that party he checks out fine. Caller did call back a few times yelling on the phone. N663 reports after speaking with the father he reports she does have some mental health issues. TLO of her name and number yield negative results.

1807 Phone - Citizens Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Tremont St Caller states for past 2 weeks car alarm goes off randomly, usually early morning hours. Notices that there is no activity at the home since Thanksgiving. N661 spoke to resident, states it's a car issue.

1808 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Vernon St Caller reports her neighbor is outside yelling and blocking vehicles in the driveway. Party did calm down the vehicle was moved and is not blocking anyone in, all parties advised.

2111 Phone - Assist Citizen Area Search Negative Location/Address: Bruce Rd Caller states there is a woman in her back yard yelling and screaming. Unable to see her but saw her shadow on security camera. N674 searched the area, nothing found.

2118 Phone - Assist Citizen *Protective Custody Location/Address: Vernon St Caller reports the woman across the street at 174 Vernon St is yelling and screaming at his downstairs neighbor. As a result N667 transports one female to station for PC. Starting miles, 62084.9 starting time, 21:43. Ending miles, 62085.8 ending time, 21:46.

2359 Phone - B & E Residence *Report Filed Location/Address: Jefferson Dr Caller reports his safe was stolen from his house. N665 and N661 respond. N665 spoke with calling party. Report to be filed.

Tuesday, December 27

1024 911 - Animal Complaint

Services Rendered Location/Address: Guild St Caller states that a dog has been barking for a couple of minutes sounding in distress. Dog was okay and stopped barking.

1245 Cellular - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Village Rd E Report of a cat sitting at her door, keeps hissing at her, it is not her cat.

1438 Cellular - Report Of Fight Area Search Negative Location/Address: 42 Block Parking Lot - Dean St Report W/F, black hair, bubble jacket, white van was punching a female, black car, in back parking lot, left towards Dean St. N663 remained in area a while in case they returned.

Wednesday, December 28

0036 911 - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reports a disturbance at 203 Norwest Drive. Officers report neighbor disturbance between 202 Norwest and 201 Norwest Drive. Residents were banging on each other's walls. Both parties advised.

1137 Phone - Animal Complaint Area Search Negative Location/Address: Nichols St Report injured dog on property, scrapes under chin, unknown if hit by a car or what happened. N.A.C.O. Deputy Officer and N669 sent. N669 reports no dog outside in area, no answer at #585.

1225 Phone - Animal Complaint Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Elliot Park - Washington St Caller reports her daughter is at the park with their dog, there is a male there with his dog and dog is off-leash. Caller's daughter would like to leave the park but is afraid because her dog wants to attack the other dog. N.A.C.O. Deputy Officer notified. N679 reports no people or dogs in area upon arrival.

1418 911 - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: Civic Center - Nahatan St Report party asked to use facility but will not give identification, asked to leave and he will not leave. N667 reports party uncooperative, given verbal warning not to return and sent on his way.

1504 Phone - Assist Fire Dept Transported To Hospital Location/Address: Sunrise Assisted Living - Saunders Rd NFD reports combative patient. NFD transported without incident.

1728 911 - Well Being Chk Police & Fire Notified/Respond Location/Address: Washington St Caller reports her husband has not moved in a long time. NFD notified and responded. Officer reports party

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was on the floor playing with his dogs.

1923 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Planet Fitness - Walpole St Employee requests assistance with an unwanted party. Individual verbally trespassed, left without further issue.

Thursday, December 29

0624 911 - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Davis Ave Caller reports ongoing noise issue with neighbor. Small gathering of people have been advised to keep the noise to a minimum, and agreed. Both units clear without incident.

0820 Phone - Citizens Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood Brake & Alignment - Cedar St Report landscaper at house next to business is blowing leaves onto his property. N663 spoke to them, they cleaned it up.

1353 911 - Well Being Chk *Report Filed Location/Address: Gay St Report of unattended toddler and dog outside. Parent arrived on scene shortly after officer's arrival.

1726 Phone - Well Being Chk Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Rock St Resident reports a female running up and down the hallway yelling. Party no longer on scene, no answer at her door. Officers spoke with caller.

1730 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Nichols St Caller seeking advice on a broken side mirror caused by a passing vehicle, no plate or description of vehicle. N661 spoke to that party she was advised of her options.

1813 Other - Warrant Service *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Prospect St As a result, N661 placed two parties under arrest. N665 transported one party back to station. N664 transported second party S/M 68288.6 at 1836, E/M 68289.8 at 1838. Arrest: Michaelidis, Andrew P Address: 201 Prospect St Norwood, Ma Age: 35 Charges: Warrant Arrest Drug, Possess Class A, Subsq.Off. Refer To P/C: 22-447-Ar P/C: Sakalis, Cynthia Tineo Address: 201 Prospect St Norwood, Ma Age: 53 Charges: Warrant Arrest Warrant Arrest Drug, Possess Class A

2123 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Rock St Caller reports upstairs neighbor is being loud. N669 spoke to the resident he was just watching a movie with a friend, noise not to loud. They were advised of the complaint.

Friday, December 30

1220 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Plantation Cir Resident upset with how another party cares for a dog. Party advised.

1238 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Jack Madden Ford - Bos-Prov Hwy Report wheels stolen.

1649 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Wilson St Caller reports snow blower stolen sometime in the last week.

1727 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Charlwell Nursing Home - Walpole St Caller reports a co worker is not wanted at work and would like him escorted off the property. N669 reports that party has left without incident.

1927 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Area Search Negative Location/Address: Cameron Rd + Forbes Ave Caller reports a few juveniles running around peoples yards and went up her driveway. N664 checked the area with negative results.

Saturday, December 31

0014 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Spoken To Location/Address: Overlook Dr Caller reports 6-7 middle school aged kids ringing door bells and running away. N663 spoke to the juveniles and a parent, all were advised.

0624 Cellular - Susp Activity Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Westwood Line - Nahatan St Caller reports male party walking carrying an axe. N674 reports party GOA

1150 Phone - Malicious Damage *Complaint/Summons Location/Address: Adams St Party reports four tires of his vehicle punctured.

1226 Phone - Susp Activity *Report Filed Location/Address: Napper Tandy's - Day St Employee reports finding a gift wrapped box of ammunition under the Christmas tree in the store.

1302 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: George Sullivan Bridge - Nichols St Motorist concerned for juvenile riding his bicycle on the bridge, foggy conditions. N665 located that seventh grader, father arrived on scene to give him a ride.

1740 911 - Pedestrian Accident *Report Filed Location/Address: Washington St + Dean St Caller reports party trying to cross the street was struck by a vehicle. FD notified.

Sunday, January 1

23-5 0019 Phone - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: Day St Caller requests assistance with un-

wanted female party yelling outside.

0102 Phone - Drunk Person *Report Filed Location/Address: Vernon St + Washington St Caller reports a intoxicated male party on the floor. Officers responded and party was placed in protective custody. Report filed.

0104 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Village Rd E Caller reports a loud gathering. Officers spoke with resident who agreed to keep the noise down.

0217 911 - ID: Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Albemarle Rd + Harrow Rd Caller reports loud noise coming from the area. Officers spoke with individuals on the street, all was in order.

0855 Phone - Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Prescott School (Acct# 1383d) - Richland Rd Caller reports a loose dog in the school area. N661 located that dog and the owner put him back on his leash.

0958 Phone - Assist Citizen Under Investigation Location/Address: Lenox St Caller seeking advice on a past assault, N674 spoke to that party and advised them to come into the station.

1254 Phone - Disturbance Area Search Negative Location/Address: Philbrick St Caller reports hearing a loud argument in the area but could not specify a location. Officers check the area and all is quiet.

1924 Other - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: David Ter

2050 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Granite St Caller reports she had a verbal argument with her husband. N667 confirms that was verbal in nature.

2103 Phone - Well Being Chk Area Search Negative Location/Address: University Ave Westwood received a call about a male possibly cutting his wrist before he got into his car and drove away. Norwood and Westwood search the area.

2116 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Minas Cafe Brazilian Steakhouse - Washington St Walk in reports a co worker yelled at her at work. N679 spoke to and advised that party.

2136 911 - Disturbance *Report Filed Location/Address: VFW 2452 - Dean St Caller reports they have a male party on the ground and he may have a weapon.

2319 911 - Motor Vehicle Accident *Report Filed Location/Address: Prospect St Caller reports MA PC 3HRG44 crashed into a pole. FD notified. NLD notified pole cracked in half. Center Auto Body tows that vehicle. Arrest: O'leary, Shannon Alexandra Address: 16 Cambridge Rd Norwood, Ma Age: 27 Charges: OUI-Liquor Or .08% Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle



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LOCKE



WILLIAM ANTHONY "Tony" of Norwood, passed away on December 30, 2022 at the age of 82. Beloved hus-

band of Florentine M. (Fleming) Locke. Devoted father of Florentine K. Locke-Overko and her partner Mark French and Kimberly J. Locke. Cherished grandfather of Korinna M. Locke, Esq. and her fiancée Ryan Quinn and Florentine Eva Overko. Loving son of the late E. Hilda (Berry) Locke and brother of Christine A. Portanova and her husband Paul, and the late Reginald A., Peter S., and Julian L. Locke. Treasured Uncle to Morgan, Sabrina, Peter, Christopher, Kevin, Sean, Julian, and Aaron. Tony was born in Swansea South Wales in the United Kingdom and immigrated to the United States in the mid-1950's. He joined the US Air Force and served during the Cuban Missile Crisis when he met and then married the love of his life and settled in Norwood to raise their family. He was a master mechanical tinkerer who could make any engine run and most of his professional life was centered around this skill. He was an avid fisherman, expert cribbage player, talented woodworker, outdoorsman, and nature lover that had a special connection to all animals, his beloved Westies and birds in particular. He served as a former president of the West

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Highland White Terrier Club of New England and was a member of many candlepin bowling teams in Norwood throughout the years. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. A funeral home service was held on Tuesday evening January 3, 2023. A military service and burial will be conducted at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the Salvation Army www.salvationarmyusa.org or to the Westie Foundation of America www.westiefoundation.org

REISS



Jean Dempsey, 74, of Sebastian, FL, died peacefully Thursday, December 22, 2022 with her family by her side. She was born in Boston, MA to the late John F. and Mary C. Dempsey on July 30, 1948.

Jean resided in Norwood, MA most of her life and moved to Sebastian, FL in May 2021 to be closer to her family. Jean graduated from Norwood High School and spent thirty years working at Norwood Hospital in various kitchen positions and also in the Transport Department. She enjoyed bowling, ceramics and latchwork. She will be remembered for her generosity and her cheery personality. She was predeceased by her husband, Harold J. Reiss, who passed away in 1991. She is survived by her sister, Patricia (Dempsey) Fisher of Norwood, MA and her husband, Anthony B. of Walpole, MA; sister, Eleanor M. Dempsey formerly of Norwood, MA; and her niece, Janine M. Fisher formerly of Westford, MA. A celebration of Jean's life will be held at The Promenade Assisted Senior Living Facility in Sebastian, FL in early January. Interment will be in the late spring at St. Joseph's Cemetery in West Roxbury, MA. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to the VNA/Hospice House, 910 37th St., Vero Beach, FL 32960. Anyone wishing to send the family a message or share a story is asked to visit Jean's memorial page at

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POIRIER



Robert R. Sr. of Walpole, entered onto rest December 30th, 2022. Beloved husband of Susan (O'Brien) and devoted father to Robert R. Jr. (Kimberly), Michael (Paula), Amy, and Kevin (Ryan Elizabeth). Cherished grandfather of Matthew, Sarah, and Jacob. Loving stepfather to Michael, James, and Joseph Russo. Loving brother to Don, Carol, Rich, and Evie. Beloved friend, cousin, and uncle to many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Robert was preceded in death by his devoted wife of 38 years, Virginia (Petrucci) Poirier, brothers Douglas and Donald the 1st, parents Evelyn and Ovelia, and many loved friends and family. Visitation with Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood MA, 4 to 8 pm on Thursday, January 5th. Funeral Mass Friday, January 6th, 11 am at Saint Catherine's of Siena in Norwood, followed by interment at Brookdale Cemetery, Dedham MA.

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