



Lending a hand

Volunteers Winthrop Cottrell, Patrick Laverty and Henry Stampfl take a break.

Henry Stampfl of HPS Contracting loads a dump truck owned by Doug McDuff, owner/operator of Landscape America. The two lent their time and equipment to the Hennessey effort.

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Local tax options discussed

Selectmen favor hotel excise increase, not meals tax

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen voted 4-1 to recommend raising the Local Option Room Occupancy Excise Rate from 4 percent to 6 percent. An article will be put before town meeting recommending the adoption. The sole dissenting vote came from Selectman Jerry Kelleher.

“This hotel tax is a good way to raise money for the town,” Selectman Helen Abdallah-Donohue said. She added that most of the hotels in Norwood are part of large, national chains, and they can afford the increase in price.

Other members of the board shared this opinion. Selectman Michael Lyons added that hotels already pay a local option tax and this is simply increasing that amount.

However, the board was not as receptive to the idea of a local option sales tax on meals, especially after the recent raise in sales tax from 5 percent to 6.25 percent. If the local option sales tax was adopted, the sales tax on meals would increase to 7 percent.

“I am opposed to this on numerous levels,” Lyons said. “It is targeting one particular business... this is unfair on the highest level.”

Lyons mentioned the importance of the restaurant business- 10 percent of the jobs in the state are in the food industry, and 47 percent of meals eaten in Norwood are at restaurants. He described the Norwood restaurants as local businesses with local employees that serve local customers. He also pointed out that restaurants have the lowest profit margin and highest failure rates among businesses, and this tax cuts further into their profits.

Donohue agreed with Lyons, citing the number of jobs the restaurant industry provides to the town.

“This is a crucial time where we have to begin to help people out,” Donohue said. “I think it will be too hard on businesses at this time.”

However, not all members of the board were against the tax. Selectman Tom McQuaid was in favor of the tax increase.

Vandals strike Highland Cemetery

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Seven graves at Highland Cemetery were knocked over by an unknown vandal on Friday, August 7. The vandal, or vandals, was believed to have been doing donuts with a car or truck at the cemetery. Officer Terrance Connolly discovered the damaged site at approximately 1:40 am.

The damage was not limited to graves and headstones. The vandal also knocked over several trees, hit shrubbery, damaged three water spigots and crushed a few garbage cans. Gary Dunton, the foreman at the cemetery, has cleaned up the site since then, and the headstones are back in their proper place. However, the damage is still noticeable- the damaged metal garbage cans are still in the area, there are tire tracks heading towards the effected headstones and the damaged shrubbery



The grave of the late Anthony and Rosemary Daigle was chipped and damaged by vandals.

Vandals

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Taxes

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His kind of "Towne"

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

PROFILE OF THE WEEK

On July 16, Richard "Dick" Towne, a former member of Norwood's Police Department, celebrated his 100th birthday.

While he no longer lives in Norwood, his impact on the Police Department is still remembered today. Members of the department, including Police Chief Bartley King and Lieutenant Brian Murphy, visited him in Mashpee on his birthday to thank him for his service to the town.

This thanks included several letters of congratulations. They came from Chief King, General Manager John Carroll, the Board of Selectmen and fellow police officers. State Senator Marian Walsh also sent birthday greetings. In addition, he was



presented with a framed department photo taken in the 1960s, which included Officer Towne and several of his contemporaries.

Between 30 and 40 people were at Towne's home to celebrate his 100th birthday. All of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren visited. His two daughters, Judy Miller and Jeanne Lawson, live in Norwood. He has three grandchildren, Wendy, Jessica and Libby. He also has three great-grandchildren, Ezra, Brody and Sailor-Mae.

"He is a great family man," said John "Duffy" MacDonald, the husband of Judy Miller. "He loves his kids."

Judy added, "He's always been there for all of us. You couldn't ask for a better father."

Towne was appointed as a police officer on Aug. 19, 1941. Shortly after joining the force,

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Volunteers step up

Hennessey Field gets some needed attention

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

A group of volunteers spent approximately four hours last Saturday repaving Hennessey Field, a wooded park area located on Cross Street in Norwood. About 25 volunteers and family members were on site working to repave the area surrounding the field. Most of the volunteers worked as rakers, helping to clear out the path before repaving.

The field was repaved using money received from the Boch Fund. The Friends of Hennessey Field were given \$800 to make improvements at the site. The walkways in the field were installed about ten years ago, according to Patrick Laverty, of Friends of Hennessey Field, and they have not been repaved since. This has caused the walkways to erode.

The Friends of Hennessey Field were not alone in their endeavor to repave and improve the park. Town Manager John Carroll and Town Engineer Mark Ryan were essential to the process.

"We couldn't have done it without them," said Laverty. "They have been very supportive of this field."

Laverty also thanked Police Chief Bartley King for the safety and security at the site and Department of Public Works employees for their work on the field. Members of the DPW came to Hennessey Field the day before repaving to open up the walkway by clearing out weeds and grass surrounding it.

"It was a big help," Laverty said. "It was a very noticeable difference."

The field is used for a variety of activities, such as dog walking and biking. Multiple dogs were present the day of the repaving, including Laverty's dog Bear, while several others were on walks with their owners.

"It is such a beautiful place for people to come and enjoy," Laverty said.

The field was repaved using dense graded aggregate (DGA). Aggregate is a term used to describe a mixture of sand, gravel and crushed stone materials used for construction.

DGA is generally used below asphalt roads and parking lots.

Several contractors helped the group repave the site. Doug and Andrew McDuff of American Landscaping Company provided a pair of Bobcat skid steers for the site. Henry Stampfl provided his own backhoe and dump truck.

Joseph Bartucca of the Lorusso Corporation also stepped forward. The paving of the site was done by the Cisternelli Bros. Construction Company, and Laverty thanked owner Paul Cisternelli for helping with the repaving process.

The \$800 received from the Boch Fund represents the second grant the Friends of Hennessey Field has received in the past three years. The first came in 2006, when the group received \$500 to purchase and install a sign identifying the field. The organization raised \$300 on their own, and the town matched this \$800 raised with another \$800, to give them a total of \$1,600 for a new sign.

Richard "Dick" Towne *continued from page 2*

he enlisted in the Army and served in World War II from 1943 to 1945. After returning from the war, he resumed his work as a police officer and he stayed with the Norwood Police Department until his retirement on March 31, 1974. In addition to working as a police officer, Towne owned Towne's Express, a delivery company, for approximately 30 years.

Since his retirement, he has lived in Mashpee. He lived there with his wife of 63 years, Dorothy, until her death in 2002. He now lives alone, but family members visit often and help him with chores like shopping for groceries. Towne can no longer drive himself to stores - he gave up his driving license at the age of 98.

He retired three months before Chief King joined the department. Towne's 100th birthday represented the first time the two met.

"He was a joy to talk to," King said, adding that Towne was a very nice guy with a great spirit and forecast on life.

Murphy was also excited to see Towne doing so well, saying "it was a treat for both myself and Paul Bishop, the unofficial police department historians, to spend some time with Dick Towne and reminisce with Mr. Towne. He recalled all of

his great friends and the fine work they did over the years."

He was recognized for his work in a February 1954 article in the magazine True Detective. The article outlined how he helped apprehend Peter Makarewicz for the murder of a girl from South Norwood, Geraldine Annese.

In addition to solving crimes, Towne spent some of his time with the children of Norwood. He would let them ride in the police truck and demonstrated the police siren for them. He also told them all them about the gorilla that lived in his basement.

Obviously, Towne didn't own a gorilla, but he did have a large collection of plush gorilla toys. He still owns many of these gorillas.

"The gorilla theme has kept up," Miller said. "Whenever we saw a cute gorilla plush, we would buy it. He has a lot of them."

One of Towne's favorites is a large, human-sized gorilla plush.

"It sat in a chair in the living room for years," Miller said.

He no longer owns this large gorilla plush. As much as he loved it, Dorothy did not, and it ended up being donated to a church fair.

Towne was a member of the Norwood High School's Class

of 1927. This class was the first to graduate from the Nichols Street location.

"He outlived the high school," King said.

Towne had heard that the school was being taken down, and laughed when Lieutenant Brian Murphy told him "he was in better shape than the high school building."

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RFP options for OCC site determined

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

When the request for proposal (RFP) for 171 Nahatan Street goes out for bids in several weeks, bidders will be presented with two options. They will have the option to make a minimum bid of either \$66,045 or \$54,900 for the first year, depending on which option they choose.

Option one requires the bidder pay \$66,045 per year for the first five years. Starting in the sixth year, they will pay an additional 5 percent, bring their yearly payments to a little over \$69,000. If they opt to take option two, they will pay \$54,900 for the first year, and the amount paid increases by 5 percent every year. The Board of Selectmen made it clear that interested parties are only bidding on the first year price with the understanding that it will rise.

Assuming a minimum bid, the second option costs \$14,000 more than the first option, but the early payments are cheaper. All told, the net present value of both options is virtually equal to the town.

"This gives more flexibility to the lessees," Selectman Thomas McQuaid said, adding that in the current economic state, cheaper payments at the start of

the least might be beneficial to some organizations.

McQuaid also suggested that both options be present on the RFP, because it would give bidders the ability to choose what option better fits their needs.

Under Massachusetts General Law, Norwood is required to open up the location for bidding every ten years, meaning the Olde Colonial Cafe is in danger of losing its lease. However, Paul Angelo, the current lessee is allowed to apply bid for a new ten-year lease, and the OCC could potentially stay on that site.

The RFP going out to solicit bids requires the space be used for a full service restaurant. That is the only requirement outlined in the RFP. The lease will be for a ten-year period, though the tenant has the option to opt out of the lease if they give notice at least six months prior to the fifth year of the lease.

The tenant will be responsible for paying taxes to the town and maintaining the windows and all of the internal work of the building. The town will be responsible the external property and structure of the building.

The bid that is accepted is the one deemed to be in the best interest of the town, and price will be a major consideration.

Selectmen Meeting Notes

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen want immediate action regarding the buckling floor at the Senior Center.

At their August 11 meeting, they unanimously voted to allow Town Manager John Carroll to oversee a discussion of numerous committees to gather a con-

sensus as to whether repairing or replacing the floor would be appropriate. The Board of Selectmen did not determine whether they would prefer to see the floor replaced or removed at their meeting, only that action needs to be taken as quickly as possible.

A new restaurant will be tak-

Selectmen Notes
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Letters to the Editor

LIBRARY NEEDS OUR HELP

To the Editor:

I voted for the new high school; now we need to take care of us adults. After we graduate, it is the public library that educates us for the rest of our life.

Norwood's Morrill Memorial Library is in danger of losing state certification because of inadequate funding in our annual budget. State certification makes the Norwood library part of the Minuteman Library Network, and makes "my" library forty-two times as big as Morrill by itself. I can order any book in the network over the Web and get it within days. A few years ago I put Minuteman in my web browser's bookmarks where a link to an online bookstore used to be, and adopted a "try Minuteman first" policy, and instead of driving to Barnes and Noble we walk to the library. My wife calculates this is saving us \$500 a year.

Among the names on Morrill's walls are Carlyle, Franklin, and Asimov. Carlyle wrote: "The true University of these days is a Collection of Books." Franklin, who founded the first public library in America, wrote "This library... repair'd in some degree the loss of the learned education my father once intended for me." Asimov wrote "My real edu-

cation, the superstructure, the details, the true architecture, I got out of the public library."

Not on the wall is Anne Herbert, who wrote in 1980, "Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries."

Daniel P. B. Smith

NORWOOD DAY DATE A MISTAKE

(The following letter, originally addressed to the Norwood Day Committee and the Norwood Board of Selectmen was provided for publication.)

To the Editor:

To the committee for Norwood Day and the board of Selectmen,

I think your vote to go on with Norwood Day on Sept. 19th, a Jewish Holiday was a mistake and should be corrected. It's not too late. When I was younger in 1953, I worked at Modern Meat on Cottage St. next to Sam's Appliance, for Myer and his son Jason Denningberg. Yes, they were Jewish and on Good Friday they closed their store for the 3 hour devotion for Catholics. Also, Sam's appliance, Drefus and White and all the Jewish stores in Norwood did. It was in honor and respect for the Catholic religion. It was done year after year. If there was a hurricane you would think of

canceling and if it rains you will have to cancel it. If people don't come because of your vote you will look back and say you made a mistake. That's when it is too late. Now is the time to right a wrong.

We owe the Jewish community the same respect they give us. I will respect my Jewish friends and the Jewish community and not go to Norwood Day. I hope that everyone who reads this and feels the same way will do the same on September 19th.

Bill McCoy

FLOOR SCARES ME

(The following letter, originally addressed to Selectman Mike Lyons was provided for publication.)

To The Editor:

Dear Mr. Lyons:

I bought a house in Norwood four years ago after I had visited senior centers in all of the surrounding towns. This primary reason for my choice was your senior center. I have not been disappointed until now.

I have major concerns about the new floor in the big room. I am 82 years old. I "totter" on the flawed areas. A fall could cause numerous problems. We need to alleviate this problem permanently.

Mac Messina

COA addresses floor

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Council on Aging (COA) took time to address the malfunctioning floor at the Senior Center during and after their August 6 meeting.

"We are not very happy with the floor at all," said COA Chairman Anthony "Tony" Mastandrea. "Anyone who is happy with this floor belongs to the roller coaster club, and no one wants to be in the roller coaster club."

While the floor has proved to be frustrating, Mastandrea is pleased town officials are moving toward getting the problem fixed. The floating floor has been an ongoing problem since its installation, and town officials are considering replacing or repairing the floor. Last week, the Finance Committee stepped forward, saying they would authorize a reserve fund transfer to pay for replacing the floor.

"The Finance Committee is doing all they can, and we certainly appreciate it," Mastandrea said.

Senior Center Director Dor-

othy Vitale also addressed the floor during her Director's Report, mentioning that "a lot of people are asking us about the floor," and assured those present that she and the council have been working diligently to fix it.

The floor has already been repaired once. The expansion joints were replaced last fall, and the floor seemed to work properly after the repair. However, less than a year later, the buckling resumed.

The floating floor malfunctions due to high humidity levels. It is meant to operate between 34 and 54 percent humidity. But over the course of the summer, humidity has risen to over 70 percent, causing the floor to buckle and bubble, creating a tripping hazard. This proves to be even more dangerous because the floor is used as a dance space, and it buckled at the Friends of the COA dance held on June 17. The buckling is so bad in some areas that yellow caution tape has been set up to warn seniors using the room.

In order to counter the high humidity, Vitale had two com-

mercial size dehumidifiers brought in and had the air conditioner running 24/7. This helped somewhat, but did not prove to be a solution, she said. In addition, running the AC this much proved to be costly. As a result, the AC has been reprogrammed and no longer runs on the weekends.

"We wouldn't mind paying for that if it solved the problem, but it has not," Vitale said.

In addition, running the air conditioners 24/7 led to several seniors complaining. In a letter written to the Norwood Record, Bill McCoy, President of the Friends of the COA, wrote that some "seniors have to wear sweaters and coats to play Bingo because they're so cold from the air conditioning."

After the meeting, Mastandrea stated that he did not want the Permanent Building Construction Committee involved in future decisions regarding the floor. He was quick to point out that this was his personal opinion, and did not reflect the opinion of the COA, as a whole.

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Town stands ground on Quinn Bill funding

Chiefs of Police Association letter questions legality of towns cutting payments

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Attorney John M. "Jack" Collins, general counsel for the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, has called the Police Career Incentive Pay Program (PCIPP) cuts into question. PCIPP is better known as the Quinn Bill.

In a letter titled "Quinn Bill Payment Obligations" sent to police chiefs across the state, Collins argues that "despite language in some collective bargaining agreements that seem to authorize reductions, a municipal employer must continue to pay 100 percent of any Quinn Bill payments regardless of any reduction in state appropriations."

Collins cited the 1991 case of *Rooney v. Town of Yarmouth*, in which the Supreme Judicial Court ruled that payment in the full amount specified by the Quinn Bill must be made by the municipal employer- it is not contingent upon state reimbursement.

FinCom chairman Allan Howard has read Collin's argument several times over. He states that the town's contract with the police union does not require the town to come up with the money if the state reduces their funding of PCIPP. However, they are obligated to pay their 50 percent share, matching the funds appropriated by the state.

"All we know right now is that the contract- the agreement between the town and the police union- makes the town responsible for 50 percent [of PCIPP payments]," Howard said, affirming that this contract was signed and agreed upon by both parties.

FinCom member Judy Langone confirmed Howard's statements, adding that the town has no right to amend a contract agreement.

"Unless there is legal intervention, a contract is a con-

tract," Langone said.

While the contract apparently does not require them to pay the state's share if funding is cut, Howard expects that the police union will challenge this decision. Langone agreed that the contract would be tested in some way. Whether such an appeal will be successful is unknown at this time, thought the contract seems to protect Norwood.

"Since the wording that's in Norwood's contract has been in place for years, and since these contracts have been mutually accepted, it would appear that Norwood would be protected from picking up the state's share," FinCom member Joseph Greeley said, though he went on to add that "in today's legal world, anything's possible, but it would appear that Norwood may avoid the financial impact that some other cities and towns will feel, not just for this year, but possibly for years to come."

According to Police Patrolmen Association leader Officer David Eysie, the union is looking into an appeal, but no decision has been made yet. He could not comment further on the appeal process, but was disappointed with the cuts.

"It was given to us as a benefit, and now the state is not going to fulfill their promise," Eysie said, later adding "It's sad that it had to come down to cutting an educational incentive," because the town benefits greatly from having an educated police department.

According to Police Chief Bartley King, it does not appear this 50 percent number can be altered, and the cuts will affect most members of the department.

"It will be difficult for all personnel to take significant pay cuts," King said. "We'll all have to make adjustments, and we're hoping for the best."

As the name suggests,

PCIPP serves as an incentive for police officers to attain a degree. The Quinn Bill was passed in 1970, and it increases the salaries of officers with a college degree. They see a 10 percent, 20 percent or 25 percent increase, depending on whether they have an associate's degree, a bachelor's degree or a master's degree. This bonus is also used to calculate an officer's pension.

The reduction came as part of Governor Deval Patrick's state budget cuts. Funding for the Quinn Bill fell 80 percent statewide. The state appropriated \$10 million in PCIPP funding for FY 2010, a drop from \$50 million in FY 2009. According to Collins, if the state was to pay a 50 percent share statewide, the FY 2010 budget should have put aside between \$54 and \$58 million for the program.

Norwood is one of 254 communities in Massachusetts that adopted the Quinn Bill. Like so many others, Norwood has felt the effects caused by the Quinn Bill cuts. In fiscal year 2009, the town received \$308,143 in funding. This has been cut to \$56,307 for fiscal year 2010. This represents a nearly 82 percent drop.

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Animals need their space too

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

A family of foxes has made the Coakley Middle School their home this summer. According to Animal Control Officer Henry Cerqueira, a mother fox with two to three little ones have found their way to the school and taken up residence below the foundation of the modular classroom there. There are some holes in the back and sides of these classrooms, and the foxes have claimed this territory as their own.

Cerqueira expects that the foxes will not stay there much longer, especially as it gets closer to the new school year and the noises that accompany the season. Loud noises will

make the animals feel unwelcome, he said, adding that this is the key to getting the foxes to leave the area.

"Now that the band and cheerleaders are there practicing, the foxes should see all the commotion and leave," Cerqueira said.

Cerqueira also wants residents to resist assisting the little critters. The foxes must not be welcomed by surrounding neighbors and students.

"One of the worst things you can do is throw them food," Cerqueira said. "We have to keep the area clean."

He imagines that the foxes came from the woods near the Coakley Middle School. Because there are not many areas like that in Norwood, wildlife

would naturally be attracted to that space, he said.

Foxes aren't the only wildlife Cerqueira has investigated this summer. There have been numerous calls about skunks and raccoons. Summer is generally the busiest time of year, because the younger animals are starting to reach the age where they can fend for themselves.

One of Cerqueira's concerns is the increased rate of rabies in local raccoons. There have already been a few incidents in Norwood, and the number should increase during the fall.

Rabies epidemics tend to effect raccoons every few years as part of a cycle. When the raccoon population rises, the skunk population falls. After the population of raccoons hits a high point, rabies breaks out, drastically decreasing their population and this allows the skunk population to increase. A similar epidemic hits the

skunks, and the cycle repeats itself.

"It is a matter of controlling it," Cerqueira said. "It will never go away."

In order to counter potential raccoon appearances, he recommends eliminating excess birdseed around the house and not putting the garbage out until the morning of collection day, as raccoons tend to scavenge for food from trashcans.

A different concern deals with adoption and surrender rates. Due to the current economic climate, the number of adoptions has decreased. According to Cerqueira, the recent downturn has not caused people to abandon dogs at the shelter at a higher rate, people simply are not adopting.

Cats have not been as lucky. According to Janet Donohue, a member of Cat Action of Norwood and the Neponset Valley Humane Society Board of Directors, more cats are be-

ing surrendered.

"This has been our worst summer ever," Donohue said, saying they get emails and calls everyday from people looking to abandon or surrender their cats. She has taken in everything from young, six month old kittens to a 14-year-old cat.

This might be linked to the economy, Donohue said. People are looking to cut extra expenses, and the costs that come with owning a cat, such as veterinarian bills and cat food can be expensive. Depending on the veterinarian, it can cost anywhere from \$150 to \$400 to spay or neuter a cat.

In addition to the higher surrender rates, fewer cats are being adopted.

"Adoption rates have fallen tremendously," Donohue said. "It's been very, very bad. Calls are practically nonexistent."

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HS sports shifting and moving

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Some Norwood High School sports team will find themselves with a new home this fall. While not all teams are affected, several teams are being relocated due to construction and the demolition of the gymnasium.

"On paper, we have it all done," Norwood High School Athletic Director Brian McDonough said. "It looks pretty good."

The school's football teams have been heavily impacted by the construction. The junior varsity team will remain in Norwood, and their practices and home games will be at the Coakley Middle School. The varsity team will be playing their home games at the Westwood High School.

"We've been very fortunate

that they have been able to help us," McDonough said, saying that Westwood High School Athletic Director Karl Fogel has been very helpful.

McDonough added that Norwood High School helped Westwood's sports teams during the reconstruction of Westwood High School.

The football teams are among the few teams that will be bussed to their new locations, mainly due to their heavy gear, McDonough said. Most of the other teams have been relocated to other areas in Norwood, and will be walking or getting their own rides to games or practices. This is consistent with past practices at the school. Players on the high school's soccer teams, which play and practice at the Father Mac's fields, have been and continue to be responsible for getting themselves to that location.

Volleyball is the other team impacted by the changes. They normally play in the gym, but they will be at the Savage Center during the fall season. Another team moving there will be

the basketball team. Home games and practices will be split among the Savage Center and Coakley Middle School, depending on availability.

The field hockey team will also find themselves playing at a new location. Rather than play at the high school, they will be at the Oldham School.

Though several teams are moving, not all will be affected by construction. The soccer team will continue to play at the Father Mac's fields; cross country remains at the Oldham School and the golf team will play at the Norwood Country Club.

While swimming will continue to be off site, the swim team will also be moving. Rather than swim at Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical High School in Canton, they will join the varsity football team at Westwood High School.

McDonough acknowledged that there is a chance something might go wrong, but hopes for a smooth transition.

"We'll see how it works out when fall rolls around," he said.

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remain.

In addition, some of the headstones have visible damage. At the August 11 meeting of the Board of Selectmen, General Manager John Carroll confirmed that all those affected were notified and that the town would assume the cost.

One of the damaged grave-stones belongs to the late Anthony and Rosemary Daigle. Their daughter, Jeannine Daigle of Walpole, was visiting the gravesite on what would have been their wedding anniversary, only to discover that the grave had been knocked over and desecrated. Several pieces of the granite gravestone have been chipped off.

"I was in shock," Daigle said. "It's an abomination what happened."

Her sister, Renee Daigle, was also surprised by the unfortunate news.

"It's Highland Cemetery,

and nothing happens up there," she said.

However, according to Jeannine, Connolly thinks otherwise. In a phone call with her, Connolly told her this sort of thing happens all the time.

While Connolly could not be reached for comment to confirm this statement, Police Chief Bartley King was in agreement with Renee.

"This is a very unusual occurrence- a real aberration," King said, adding that the last time graves were damaged in such a fashion was a few years ago, when a drunk driver drove into the cemetery and hit a headstone.

Desecrating of a gravesite is a felony, King said, and described last Friday's vandalism as "willful and malicious destruction of property."

There is a "Police Take Notice" sign present at the cemetery, though some of the letters have worn down. The sign

is in reference to dog walking- which is not allowed at the site- and officers are required to check the cemetery several times during their shift.

"We regularly monitor the cemetery," King said. "That is how the damage was found."

The police department is trying to determine who the perpetrators are and is currently investigating the incident. They have interviewed all of the neighbors in the vicinity of the cemetery, specifically those living on Bellevue Avenue. In addition, they have increased their time spent at the cemetery.

"We certainly don't want a repeat of this," King said.

Chief King requests that anyone who has any information regarding Friday's vandalism incident to call the Police Station at 781-440-5100.

Taxes *continued from page 1*

"It is small on an individual basis, but it is huge for the town," he said, adding that the additional tax only reflects a 2 percent increase from the previous rate.

McQuaid predicts that most communities in the state will accept the tax, which he described as a very important revenue source.

Chairman Bill Plasko saw the points on both sides.

"We are struggling for revenue," he said, and added that accepting the tax increase would raise some funds to help offset state funding they expect to lose in the future due to budget cuts.

However, he also recognizes that the tax increase could hurt businesses. While he doesn't think it will stop people from going out to eat, he suggested that it will cause families to go out to eat less often.

Donohue made a motion to reject the proposed tax increase, but the motion failed to pass. Both Donohue and Lyons voted to reject the proposal. Rather, the board voted 4-1 to allow the budgeting subcommittee to see what that group's recommendation is.

Much like the Local Option Room Occupancy Excise Rate, the acceptance of a local option on meal taxes requires town meeting ratification.

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ing over at 20 Central Street. A Common Victualler License has been issued to Maksim Xhengo, owner of Mak's Roast Beef and Pizza, and it replaces Altin Duri's license for Steve's House of Pizza.

Virginia Nelson Tinkham, owner of the block of shops next to the lot in question, appeared at the public hearing and expressed concern over trash and parking in the area. Past owners of the restaurant site have allowed trash to build up and grease to overflow. Xhengo assured Tinkham that he would handle things differently.

"We cannot hold [Xhengo] accountable for the actions of previous tenants," Chairman Bill Plasko said.

A pair of appointments were

made at the August 11 Board of Selectmen meeting. Thomas Riolo will continue serving as a member of the Norfolk County Advisory Board. This is an annual appointment that commences on September 1 each year. In addition, the Board re-appointed Lee Leach to serve another three-year term on the Norwood Cultural Council.

The Board received a letter from the Zoning Board of Appeals requesting they fill two associate member vacancies on the board. This request came after the ZBA's August 4 meeting, when board member Harry Spence was unable to attend the meeting, and none of the three associate members were able to fill in.

Currently, there are no can-

didates on file for these positions, but The Board of Selectmen is willing to accept applications. In order to apply, one must send a letter of introduction and a resume to the Selectmen's office.

"Working with the Board of Appeals as an associate member can be a great way to have a voice in the future of the town," Selectman Helen Abdallah-Donohue said.

Finally, the Board unanimously voted to accepted a donation of a Bowflex machine for use in the Police and Fire Department's fitness room. The machine was donated by Charles McLaughlin.

"I've always wanted to get my abs straightened out, and that will do it," Carroll said.

Thieves attempt to rob The Dollar Tree

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

A pair of would-be thieves attempted to rob the Dollar Tree Store at 420 Walpole Street. Two young, clean-shaven black males wearing black shirts and pants approached store employees at 9:30 p.m. on Monday, August 10, demanding the pair hand over the money.

The thieves, armed with kitchen knives, failed to steal from the store due to some quick thinking by one of the employees, who feigned that she had to go back into the store, and once she did, locked the thieves out and called police. Both thieves quickly fled the

scene after that.

According to Police Chief Bartley King, officers "scoured the area" in an attempt to find the two responsible for the attempted robbery, but were unsuccessful that night. The Norwood Police Department received help from a Canton Police Department K9 officer, led by Officer Scott Brown. The dog tracked the thieves down Davis Street, through the woods to Windsor Gardens, at which point the scent was lost.

The police are continuing their investigating and hope to catch the two suspects soon. Anyone with information can contact the police station at 781-440-5100.

Police Logs

Tuesday, Aug. 4

0641 phone. Unwanted party, spoken to. Location/address: 32 Heaton Ave. Mother states son (Christopher Cardinale) is sleeping in his car in her driveway and wants him removed. N667, N665 responded. Spoken to and sent on his

way.

1025 phone. Be on the lookout, services rendered. PC walked away from Norwood Hospital. Simone Graham requests well being check on Sean Oldham. He was pc'd at 1 or 2 a.m. LSW tank style tee shirt, brown hair, crew cut style, jeans

short, sneakers.

1034 walk-in. Fraud, report filed. Location/address: 22 Dean St. Identity theft with utility service.

1053 phone. Warrant arrest, arrest(s) made. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - 800 Washington St. Warrant of apprehension. James McLoughlin 0954CR0177.

1209 phone. Assist citizen, spoken to. Location/address: Norwood Police Dept. - 137 Nahatan St. Cohasset resident in station to report fraudulent signatures by Norwood resident Stacey Lynn Grant & Chris Grant to obtain Sallie Mae loans. Sallie Mae needs log entry to process fraud on their end.

1225 phone. Fraud, report filed. Location/address: 22 Howard St.

1242 walk-in. Phone harassment, spoken to. Location/address: 62 Washington St. Man in station to report his mother is receiving harassing phone calls. Calls are from collection company who has her name as contact for her adult granddaughter. Officer called collection company. Hopefully this will resolve the problem.

1322 phone. Disturbance, spoken to. Location/address: Hannaford Market - 434 Walpole St. Anonymous caller reports w/ male kicking in car doors to mv in front of Hannaford's Market. W/ male, dk. tee shirt, white writing on same. Male located, kicking his own mv. Having a bad day, works at Hannaford's, manager talking to him.

1337 phone. Serve summons, services rendered. Location/address: 2601 Village Rd. W. Summons service negative at this time, Flowers. 1933 phone. Disturbance, arrest(s) made. Location/address: 76 Wedgewood Dr. After bail, NFD sent to lobby to check her for a diabetic reaction. NFD obtained refusal. Caller reported disturbance at above address. Officer reported one under arrest. Arrest: Narbut, Lynne M. Address: 25 Centennial Dr. 6, Norwood, MA. DOB: 01/03/1976. Charges: disorderly conduct.

1939 phone. Road hazard, gone on arrival. Location/address: Tremont St. Caller reported children in traffic. Officer checked area, no one found.

1942 phone. Noise complaint, gone on arrival. Location/address: 35 Tremont St. Loud car radio. Officer checked area, no problems

found. 1950 phone. Susp. activity, gone on arrival. Location/address: A & J Automotive/also Atlantic Gas Station - 1191 Washington St. Caller reported neighbor cutting trees on private property. Officer reported no trees being cut, only tree planted. 2045 phone. Liquor law violation, spoken to. Location/address: 10 Concord Ave. @ 1223 Washington St. Caller reported male party with open container. N661 reports there was a kid waiting for the bus, claimed beer can was not his and was not in possession of same upon officers arrival, he got on bus, N661 disposed of can. 2056 initiated. Warrant arrest, arrest(s) made. Location/address: McDonalds - 32 Broadway St. N663 reports subject known to him is inside restaurant and may have warrants. N663 places subject under arrest on 6 warrants and transports to station. Arrest: Bonner, Steven M. Address: homeless, MA. DOB: 12/31/1990. Charges: warrant arrest.

2100 phone. Neighbor disturbance, report filed. Location/address: A & J Automotive/also Atlantic Gas Station - 1191 Washington St. Neighbors arguing over trees being removed, property lines, letter of disinvite. N661 to file report, no proof of service for letter of disinvite.

2355 phone. Threats, report filed. Location/address: 25 Centennial Dr. Caller reported past threats. Officers on scene requested ambulance for evaluation. As a result, resident was transported on a Section 12.

Wednesday, Aug. 5

0443 phone. Assist citizen, services rendered. Location/address: 25 Centennial Dr. #6 - 137 Nahatan St. N667 transported resident (Lynn Narbut) to manager's apt. so she could be let in to her apt. N676 stoodby. Assisted and safely inside her home.

0739 initiated. Serve summons, legal service made. Location/address: 2601 Village Road W. Attempted service to Dwayne Flowers by MC5.

1519 walk-in. Warrant arrest, arrest(s) made. Location/address: Norwood Police Dept. - 137 Nahatan St. Warrant arrest for Bobby Johnson. Arrest: Johnson, Bobby Allen. Address: 47 William Shyne Cir., ap. 49, Norwood, MA.

DOB: 12/19/1961. Charges: warrant arrest.

1633 phone. Kids gathering, spoken to. Location/address: CVS Pharmacy - 136 Nahatan St. Caller reported several kids on skateboard. Officer spoke to kids, advised.

1652 initiated. Serve summons, gone on arrival. Location/address: 21 Savin Ave. Officer attempted to serve summons. No one home, will try later.

1718 walk-in. Larceny, report filed. Location/address: Coakley Middle School - 1315 Washington St. Caller reported theft from a locker. Report to follow.

1817 walk-in. Well being chk., services rendered. Location/address: Tremont St. Walk-in reported ongoing issue of unattended toddlers in traffic. Officer checked area, nothing found. Officer will make extra checks of area.

1835 initiated. Serve summons, legal service made. Location/address: 21 Savin Ave. Served in hand.

2303 phone. Disturbance, spoken to. Location/address: 25 Eisenhower Rd. Caller reported past neighbor dispute. Officer reported neighbor disagreement about a dog walking on private property. All parties are satisfied.

2305 phone. Assaults, report filed. Location/address: Jefferson Dr. Caller reported assault. Officer transported juvenile home starting 47269 @ 2313. Ending 47269 @ 2313. Report to follow.

Thursday, Aug. 6

0143 911. Medical emergency, services rendered. Location/address: Golden Living Center (formerly Emerald Court - 460 Washington St.) Fallon Ambulance requests assistance with unruly patient (Gordon McClay) N661, N664 responded and assisted. Transported by Fallon Ambulance to Norwood Hospital. Walk-in. Stolen bicycle, report filed. Location/address: Advanced Auto Parts - 961 Bos.-Prov. Hwy. Stolen bike. 2001 Mongoose Outer Limit, blue/silver blk. seat.

1826 phone. Well being chk., gone on arrival. Location/address: 8 Quail Run. Walpole P.D. requested well being check of children at above address. Walpole reported driver of pc MA 92SW91

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No fee is required. Please call 781-769-0200, ext. 110 if you are a backgammon enthusiast or would like to learn the game. We hope to hear from you!

ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help remove the Asian water chestnut plants that are invading Ellis Pond. Clean up day will be Saturday, Aug. 29, 9 a.m. at the Ellis Pond Dam, Walpole St. (across from Hannaford Plaza). Feel free to bring your own non-motorized boat, 5 gallon pails and friends. To volunteer or for more information, call Norwood Conservation Agent Al Goetz at 781-762-0781.

FALL BASEBALL LEAGUE

The Norwood Diamond Club will be sponsoring a Fall Baseball League for Babe Ruth age boys who played Babe Ruth baseball this year or will be eligible to play Babe Ruth in 2010 (players born between May 1, 1993, and April 30, 1997). The league is looking for both players and coaches. Each team will play 12 games over 6 weekends beginning in September. Games will be scheduled on Fri-

day nights, Saturdays, and Sundays. There is also a year-end cookout. In addition to the scheduled games, there will also be weekly baseball clinics. Please submit registration forms by Friday, August 21. The cost is \$125 per player (\$115 registration fee plus \$10 Town of Norwood field usage fee). Checks should be made payable to the Norwood Diamond Club. Registration forms are available at the Norwood Recreation Department, or contact: Ed Hickey 617-759-3472, Tracey Black 781-762-9931, or Bill Marchant 781-762-5411.

CRAFT VENDORS WANTED

Crafters are wanted for the Saturday, Oct. 17 craft fair at the Norwood Senior Center. The scheduled hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendor rates are \$35 per table and an additional \$8 for rental of a table. For an application and/or more information, call Evelyn Kuphal at 781-769-2169.

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THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELED indefinitely for Saturday, Aug. 15 (rain date Aug. 22), from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

SPORTS CLINIC AGES 3-6

The Norwood Recreation Department, in partnership with US Sports Institute, is offering "Sport Squirts" for ages 3-6, from Monday, Aug. 17 through Friday, Aug. 21, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Eliot Park. The program will introduce children to a variety of sports such as soccer, t-ball, basketball, hockey and more. Activities are fun and imaginative, promoting balance, movement skills,

hand-eye coordination and teamwork. Kids will love the professional coaches from around the world too. Cost is \$89.00 per child. Register online at www.norwoodrecreation.com or at the Civic Center, 165 Nahatan St.

NORWOOD ALUMNI BASEBALL GAME

The Norwood Diamond Club is bringing back the Alumni Baseball Game, Saturday, Aug. 15, 4 p.m., Balch Field. All interested former Norwood High and Norwood Legion players are invited to play. Cost is \$25 and includes a hat, shirt and cookout after the game. Please contact Ed Hickey 617-759-3472, Bill Marchant 781-762-5411, Tracey Black 781-762-9931 or Dave Hutchens 617-575-0441 to register to play.

SUNDAY CONCERTS ON THE COMMON

Everyone's favorite, The Olde Kids on the Block, takes to the gazebo on Aug. 16 and the Boston City Band keeps August swinging with cool music on Aug. 23. August closes with The Tom Nutile Big Band on Aug. 30. The 2009 series concludes with a finale on Sept. 6 featuring The Suburbanaires Big Band with show the whole family will enjoy. All performances are 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Walter J. Dempsey Bandstand on the Norwood Town Common. Please bring your own seating. For more information please call the Norwood Town Hall at 781-762-1240.

NORWOOD NUGGETS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Norwood Nuggets Youth Hockey is holding its premier Nuggets Rock the Links golf tourna-

ment On Friday, Aug. 28, 11:30 a.m., at the Hale Irwin-designed New England Country Club in Bellingham. All packages include a pre-tournament lunch and admission to the post-tournament dinner party at the Norwood Elks Club. Foursomes are still open for this Florida-style scramble, and sponsorship opportunities are also available at many different levels of donation. Can't make the tournament, then come to the Norwood Elks Club at 7 p.m. for dinner and dancing at the post-tournament party. Raffles, prizes, and silent auction throughout the evening as you enjoy great food, great music and great fun. All proceeds benefit Norwood Nuggets Youth Hockey. For more information on foursome registration, sponsorship opportunities and/or the post-tournament party, contact Christine Larson at 781-769-7347 or at larson74@earthlink.net.

Deaths

VITIELLO

Valerie A. (DiRocco), of Norwood, formerly of Somerville, Aug. 7. Beloved wife of Michael Vitiello, formerly of Medford. Loving daughter of Peter DiRocco of Somerville and the late Judith DiRocco. Dear sister of Peter and Stephen DiRocco. Also survived by several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by George L. Doherty Funeral Home, Somerville. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Valerie's memory to American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA. 01701.

Condolences extended to:

Deborah Holmwood on the death of her father Ronald T. Holmwood of West Roxbury, formerly of Wales Center and Buffalo,

NY, July 30.

Sheila M. Daley on the death of her mother-in-law Florence C. (Cantwell) Daley, 98, of Brighton.

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YOUNG AT HEART DANCE

The Friends of Norwood Council on Aging (COA) will hold their next dance, Friday, Aug. 21, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center.

Music by D.B. Band (Emanons). Hawaiian theme night, theme dress optional. Cost is \$10. Tickets on sale at the door. Call Anne with questions at 781-762-5625.

FOOT CLINIC

Dr. Cormier will be at the Senior Center on Tuesday, Aug. 25, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost is \$25. Please call for an appointment.

HISTORY TALK

The next history talk will be held on Thursday, Sept. 17, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

REMINISCENCE HOUR

The next reminiscent hour will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 9.

PROPOPE

The next PROPOPE meeting will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 19 at 1 p.m.

TRIAD

The next TRIAD meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 21.

GLEE CLUB

The next glee club rehearsal will be held on Monday, Aug. 17, from 10a.m. to 11 a.m.

MANICURES

A manicurist will be available on Tuesday, Aug. 25, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

OIL PAINTING

Oil painting with Bob McLoud will be on Friday, Aug. 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WAXING

Waxing services will be available on Friday, Aug. 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Prices are: brows, lip or chin, \$10; any two services, \$15; all three services, \$20.

DIABETES WORKSHOP

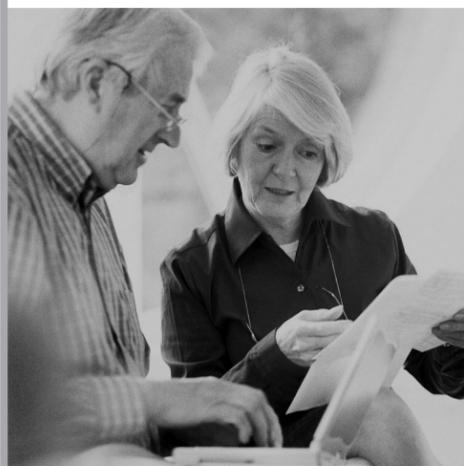
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may have slapped a child while driving in their town. Officer checked residence, no one home.

1910 walk-in. Larceny, report filed. Location/address: 22 Dean St. Caller reported items taken from home. Officer to file report.

1957 phone. Assist other police depart., services rendered. Location/address: 35 Monroe St. Rehoboth police requested notification for resident at above address. Party not at home.

2113 phone. Fireworks, spoken to. Location/address: Cedar St. Caller reported someone lighting fireworks in the area. Officers spoke with party, advised. 2205 phone. Susp. person, gone on arrival. Location/address: 28 Davis Ave. Caller reported two suspicious male parties on foot. Officers checked area, nothing found.

Friday, Aug., 7

0140 initiated. Vandalism, report filed. Location/address: Highland Cemetery - Cemetery St. N667 reports grave markers knocked over, water spigots damaged and water flowing from same, trash cans hit and run over. DPW notified water dept. Cemetery employee notified for other problems. 0148 initiated. Susp. vehicle, protective custody. Location/address: parking lot #416 - Lenox St. N665 checks on a couple in a car. As a result, female allowed to take car, N665 places male in protective custody and transports to family member on Vernon St. whom took custody for the night. N665 reports verbal argument only. P/C: McDonagh, Noel M. Address: 385 Nahatan St., Norwood, MA. DOB: 11/20/1977. Charges: protective custody.

0748 phone. Assist other agency, services rendered. Location/address: 2 Highview St. Log only-MA pc 691JH0 seized per court order.

0843 phone. Parking violation, services rendered. Location/address: 14 Mountain Ave. Caller reports mv's parking all day in neigh-

borhood under 2 hour parking signs All vehicles goa. 0855 radio. Radar assignment, arrest(s) made. Location/address: 38 Nahatan St. @ 1 West Border Rd. As a result, of mv stop, Center Auto towed MA 55DB83. Arrest made. See report. Arrest: Allison, Joseph G. II. Address: 185 Neponset St., Norwood, MA. DOB: 09/13/1978. Charges: warrant arrest.

0959 phone. Vandalism, report filed. Location/address: 410 Prospect St. Caller reports lawn damage overnight. 1023 911. Noise complaint, area search negative. Location/address: 20 Marlboro St. Caller reports dog sounds as if in distress on Westover Pkwy. Officer unable to locate. Caller did not wish to see officer.

1104 phone. Citizens complaint, spoken to. Location/address: 112 Cedar St. Caller requests officer to file complaint about Krayzee Horse that occurred last evening. Officer spoke to him of his concerns. Advised.

1328 phone. Animal complaint, taken/referred to other. Location/address: 47 Phillips Ave. Baby sitter at that address reports a dog jumped the fence and entered the yard. Was a little aggressive at first then calmed down, left yard towards 1A. NACO notified and handled. Owner arrived at same time and took dog home.

1430 phone. Vandalism, report filed. Location: Highland Cemetery.

1552 phone. Animal complaint, services rendered. Location/address: 425 Railroad Ave. Caller reports they found a dog who does not appear to be well. NACO notified. NACO removed dog. 1557 phone. Susp. activity, report filed. Location/address: Callahan School - 116 Garfield Ave. 3 youngsters in station reporting they found tables and chairs that say Callahan on them in the woods behind the school. Officer to speak to them. Report filed.

1642 walk-in. Confused person, report filed. Location/address: Norwood Police Dept. - 137 Nahatan St. Walk in party with female that was found walking on the ramp to 95 south. N664 to speak to party. Party is in Alzheimers file and husband was notified to come pick her up in the lobby. See report by officer. 1803 initiated. Assist citizen, services rendered. Location/address: Bellevue Ave. N668 doing canvas for damage that was done at the cemetery. N668 to check back later.

1958 initiated. Restraining order serv., services rendered. Location/address: 18 Press Ave. Order served in hand. 2009 phone. Animal complaint, services rendered. Location/address: 190 Sumner St. Loose dog. NACO notified. NACO removed dog.

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.

The Norwood Record

2010 phone. Kids gathering, group moved. Location/address: gazebo - Town Common - 566 Washington St. Kids gathering on gazebo. Kids moved. 2144 phone. Kids gathering, spoken to. Location/address: town cemetery - Winter St. Caller reports kids gathering in cemetery. N664, N661, N668 respond. N668 reports group of adults having prayer service over grave.

2211 phone. Complaint of m/v, could not locate. Location/address: town cemetery - Winter St. Caller reports red hatchback came racing out of cemetery on wrong side of the street and then went back towards cemetery. N661, N663 to check area.

Saturday, Aug. 8

0100 phone. Susp. activity, services rendered. Location/address: 143 Nahatan St. @ 60 Lenox St. Officers cab driver with a customer who was paying. Payment made. Customer placed in pc and turned over to friend at the scene. P/C: Pabian, Michael. Address: 33 Putnam Rd., Bedford, MA. DOB: 04/17/1987. Charges: protective custody.

1307 phone. Susp. vehicle, spoken to. Location/address: Oldham School - 165 Prospect St. Report tt unit w/engine running, no one around. N661 already spoke to operator, he is inside sleeper cab taking a nap, visiting relatives in neighborhood. 1355 phone. Report of fight, report filed. Location/address: 1194 Washington St. Report 2 girls

fighting in front of W.C.C. Thrift Shop. 1748 phone. Larceny, report filed. Location/address: 79 Casey St. 677 to 79 Casey St. for report of a larceny of a bicycle. See report.

Sunday, Aug. 9

0052 911. Medical emergency, report filed. Location/address: 14 Chapel St. Caller reported her hand was stuck in a fence. NFD transport to the hospital. Report to follow. 0105 911. Susp. activity, spoken to. Location/address: 738 Washington St. Caller reported three juveniles attempting to enter vehicles parked on the street. Officers checked area, questioned youths matching description. Nothing appeared disturbed. Youths checked ok, advised. 0118 911. Disturbance, gone on arrival. Location/address: 1236 Washington St. Caller reported verbal argument in parking lot. Officers checked area, nothing found.

1415 phone. Disturbance, spoken to. Location/address: 37 Granite St. Report neighbors yelling at her baby's father on front porch. N665 reports no fighting, no threats, spoke to all parties. 1717 phone. Assist citizen, services rendered. Location/address: 421 Winter St. Resident advise about property line issue re: new fence and trees hanging into her property.

1913 phone. Unwanted party, report filed. Location/address: 27 Chapel St.

2021 phone. Harassment, spoken to. Location/address: 51 Highland St. Caller reports neighbor

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child harassing her child. N665 dispatched. N665 reports 8 y/o teasing 6 y/o. All parents spoken to.

2153 phone. Susp. activity, services rendered. Location/address: 126 Plymouth Dr. Black male appears to be pushing on windows on the lower units. Officers spoke with the caller, subject goa. 2338 phone. Susp. activity, services rendered. Location/address: Nichols St. Caller from Nichols reports hearing a loud scream in the wooded area towards brook. Officers upon arrival report some kind of animal in the woods but the sound did stop.

Monday, Aug.

10 0958 phone. Assaults, report filed. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - 800 Washington St. Nurse claims an assault by psych patient. See report. Summons: MacPhail, Jamison C. Address: 9 Shawnlee Rd., Canton, MA. DOB: 04/22/1991. Charges: a & b, threat to commit crime.

1259 phone. Fraud, report filed. Location/address: 69 Willow St. Mrs. Nardelli believes her 15 y.o. son may have a computer fraud. He is involved in paint ball web sites.

1302 phone. Breaking and entering, spoken to. Location/address: 63 Austin St. 1. Woman came home and found front door open, she has gone through house first then called. Off. went through home with her, all in order, no forced entry. 1555 phone. Larceny, report filed. Location/address: 6 Tremont St. Party in lobby reports bank account compromised.

Seniors *continued from page 9*

Crafters are wanted for the Norwood Senior Center craft fair that will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17.

AFTERNOON DANCE

There will be an afternoon dance with John Rampino on Friday, Aug. 14, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$5.

ENTERTAINMENT

Enjoy entertainment from Dick Coffin on Thursday, Aug. 27, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$5.

SUMMER LUNCHES

Summer lunches will continue through Friday, Aug. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

CARILLON CONCERTS

Friday, Aug. 17: Daniel K. Kehoe, Simsbury, Connecticut.

SENIOR SHOWS

'Seniors at the Center' and 'Norwood Postcard' shows will be on alternate weeks with the following schedule: Monday, 2 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m.; Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

TRIPS

TWIN RIVERS: Tuesday, Aug. 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$5.

VENUS DE MILO: Tuesday, Sept. 22, John Davidson. Cost is \$63. Choice of chicken or fish.

GAMBLING GETAWAY: Sunday and Monday, Oct. 4 and 5. Cost is \$149 double; \$209 single.

FALL FOLIAGE TRAIN RIDE: Thursday, Oct. 1, Meredith to Livermore Falls, NH. Cost is \$99 per person, roast beef or roast turkey.

A TASTE OF ITALY: Tuesday, Oct. 20, Holiday Inn, Boxborough. Cost is \$69.

GOLDEN OLDIES: Tuesday, Nov. 3, Lantana's. Cost is \$43. Drive on your own.

FRIDAY MOVIES

So Proudly We Hail: Friday, Aug. 28, 1 p.m. Please check posters announcing Friday movies. We will be serving popcorn, cold drinks and coffee.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Hellenic Health Care will be available at the senior center for blood pressure screening on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

SHINE

The new SHINE counselor, Valeda, will be available for appointments on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon to answer any questions you may have re-

garding your health insurance. Please call for an appointment.

WHIST PARTY

The whist parties are held on the third Friday of every month.

CRIBBAGE

The seniors meet every Monday at 1 p.m. in the senior center library to play cribbage. If you would like to join, arrive at the center early to be sure you get a table.

INDOOR WALKING

Please come and join your friends Monday through Friday in the school gym anytime between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Please let the front desk know when you will be walking and sign in and out. We urge you not to walk alone.

MINI FIX-IT SHOP

Mike Bassile, Bunny Conrad and Bob Brown will be available on the second and fourth Monday of each month. This is a free service except for parts you may need to purchase. Please, no televisions.

ALTERATIONS AND MENDING

Bring your alterations to the senior center on the first Monday of each month between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Please attach your name and telephone number to each garment.

FITNESS ROOM

Come and exercise in our new fitness room. We currently have two treadmills, a recumbent bicycle and a recumbent elliptical machine.

SENIOR BOWLING

The Senior Bowling league meets every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the Norwood Sports Center. This is a mixed league and three strings are played for \$6.

SENIOR SUPPERS

Caritas Norwood Hospital offers a Senior Supper Program consisting of soup, entree and a drink in the cafeteria from Monday through Friday from 4:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$4.95.

WIDOWED SOCIAL GROUP

The Widowed Social Group meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Grace Episcopal Church, 150 Chapel St. For additional information, contact Rita Carpenito at 781-762-6018.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The Town of Norwood is seeking an energetic and qualified candidate for the position of **Community Development Program Coordinator**. The purpose of this position is to perform professional administrative work in the information development, eligibility review, processing and record keeping of all applications for deferred payment loans under the Town of Norwood's *Housing Rehabilitation Program* and performs related administrative duties on the *Washington Heights Infrastructure Project*. Both functions are funded by Norwood's CDBG Community Development Fund Grant.

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Basketball camps shine in summer

The Norwood Basketball Association just completed its second week of Mustang Basketball Camp at the Savage Center gymnasium. The two camps, split up by age, drew more than 100 participants in grades 1-9. A partnership between the NBA and the Norwood High basketball

program, the camps focused on the fundamentals of basketball, while also emphasizing equitable playing time in an organized and competitive environment.

"It was really great to get the participation of so many players," said NBA board member Paul Clifford. "The

kids had a blast, and I think everyone agreed it was a great camp."

Clifford and Willie Rodriguez ran the second week for younger campers, and worked with Norwood High boys basketball coach Rich Cormier and his assistant Tim Linehan to run the opening

week for older players. "It's been a great partnership with NHS, and it was no different this summer," said Clifford.

"It's a chance for the players and coaches to become more familiar with each other, and you can see how important it is."

The NBA is a non-profit or-

ganization with two unique basketball programs, intramural and travel, to benefit any and all children residing in Norwood and entering grades K-8. For more information, or to sign up, go to www.norwoodbasketball.com.

ROCKIES WIN TOWN CHAMPIONSHIP

With a season record of 12 and 5 and three wins in the playoffs, the Rockies claimed their championship. Every player contributed to the championship run.

Co-captain John Galvin finished the season with seven wins as a pitcher, two coming in the playoffs. He led the league with eight home runs and a .714 batting average and pitched a complete game in the town championship. In one game, he played every position in the field.

Co-Captain Ryan Stanton was a .500 hitter and played solid defense. He played short third base and had two victories on the mound. He was also the starting pitcher in the National League championship game.

The Iron Man Mark Travers can play any position and is one of the smartest boys to play the game. He was catcher, but also played second base, and had one win as a pitcher. As the number two hitter, he set the table for the heart of the order.

Chris Ciriello kept everyone

on their toes, coaches included. He made things happen on the base path and played third, short center field and had one win on the mound. His best play occurred in district play where he robbed a Walpole batter of a two-run homerun in a collision catch at the fence.

First baseman Jim Ferreira also played third and had a victory as a pitcher. Defensively, Jim was unmatched as the best first baseman in the league. He made the most of his opportunity to pitch and came away with a victory. His clutch hitting all continued through the end of the season with the game-winning hit in the national league championship game.

Cam Ryan played center field, pitcher and catcher, a challenge for a lefty. As the leadoff hitter, he lead the team in runs scored and proved himself to be an excellent hitter time and time again. He had three victories on the mound, with his most significant in the town National League



Pictured (L to R): Front row: Dimitri Thaxter, Brian Curley, Cam Ryan, Chris Ciriello, Jimmy Ferreira, Mark Travers. Middle row: Dan Curley, Mike Connors, John Galvin, Ryan Stanton, Paul Galvin, Ron Marshalsea. Back row: coaches; Charlie Doyle, Greg Arbogast, Dan Lambrecht, Scott Taylor, Jake Ryan.

championship game. He also had a clutch hit in the town championship knocking in the winning runs.

Brian Curley is considered

the team's unsung hero with his unselfish multiple positioning at first, second, catcher, third and outfield. He always came through with a timely hit or a defensive gem.

Dimitri Thaxter's potential is limitless. His fielding and hitting improved greatly and he got a four-run rally started with a lead-off line drive single in the bottom of the sixth inning of the National League championship game.

Dan Curley lead the team with his hustle, positive attitude and sportsmanship. He was one of the table setters and found any way to get on base. He played the outfield and second base and was rock solid at second and looks to have sowed up his chances to pitch next year.

Mike Connors came up big

with a couple of shoestring catches in the outfield and made a few terrific plays at second. He is a very good contact hitter and big things are expected from him next year.

Ronnie Marshalsea 'Bubba' played outfield and could be considered a ball magnet with the number of times he was hit by pitches. He made solid contact at the plate shown by his .387 average.

First on the field, last off the field Paul Galvin, played second, short, outfield and pitcher. He has great baseball instincts. He always came to the field with a smile on his face, and left with a dirty uniform and energy to burn. A first in Norwood Little League, Paul, combined with brother John pitched a no hitter. It truly was a season to remember.



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