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## Hundreds attend Norwood's first Juneteenth Celebration

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The tradition of celebrating the day the last slaves in the United States learned they were free finally came to Norwood on Saturday, to the delight of hundreds.

Food trucks, dancers, popcorn machines, inflatable play spaces, drummers, bands, singers and more populated the Norwood Town Common to ring in the event.

Creative Artist and performer with Trend N Motion Simba Toure danced during the event in a traditional style. He said he's been dancing a long time.

"Since I was little boy," he said. "It was just one of

those things. When I was a kid my grandparents started me on the saxophone to keep me active. They knew how they grew up and they didn't want that for me. They said, 'Make all the noise in the house; make all the theater scenes, make it all.'

He said he performs with Trend N Motion five or six times every six months. He said the show is aimed at demonstrating to young people what it means to be fully physically involved in an art form.

"We do these kind of fully-immersive, interactive, educational and entertaining shows," he said. "I feel like I'm trying to provide a role model for young people to help keep arts alive. I feel like

technology is changing a lot of things and our generation was the first to have access to that. I feel like we're going to be the core of resistance and rebellion."

Toure said the dance and the drums and the performance allow him to step out of how he usually sees himself and become something more.

"I can do things I've never been able to do before," he said. "Because music is this kind of momentum and energy and so when I stumbled onto this medium it changed my life. It was actually outlawed at one time; my people kept this alive for me."

Residents Cindy Muzaki and Charlott Wasukira heard about the event from a fam-

ily member.

"Actually my cousin is the Resource Officer at the Middle School," Muzaki said, speaking of Juneteenth Organizer and Norwood Police Officer Geoffrey Baguma. "We grew up in Norwood and went to elementary school and high school. This is obviously a big celebration and means a lot to us. It's great to see so many people here. I hope it continues every year. It has to."

Resident Jua Robinson said events like these are rare and it's important to make as much noise about it as possible when they do take place so people take

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## ZBA denies 1223 Washington St., or did they?

Sheehan requests reconsideration

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

In what some may consider an unusual Norwood Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meeting on June 21, the Board voted 3-2 to deny granting variances to the proposed project at 1223 Washington St.

Proponent Matt MacDonald and his representing attorney David Hern presented a completely new plan to the ZBA on Tuesday, requesting required variances to build eight units on two floors instead of 12 units on three floors as originally proposed.

Chair Michael Sheehan said he felt the changes to the project were appropriate and responsive to concerns from the community. "When I got the second proposal I thought the process worked. People let you know their concerns, (12 units down to eight units) is a significant drop, and that tells me that the developer here isn't all about the money," Sheehan said.

However, in somewhat of a surprising twist, Sheehan, after an obvious, lengthy delay in casting his vote, opted to side with Ben-

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## Mazzola named School Chair

**Catherine Hurley**  
Staff Reporter

In its final meeting of the school year, the Norwood School Committee recognized students' achievements and discussed a variety of administrative issues ahead of summer break.

Superintendent Dr. David Thomson presented Jessica O'Toole, valedictorian of the class of 2022, with the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Academic Excellence Award. O'Toole, a three-sport athlete

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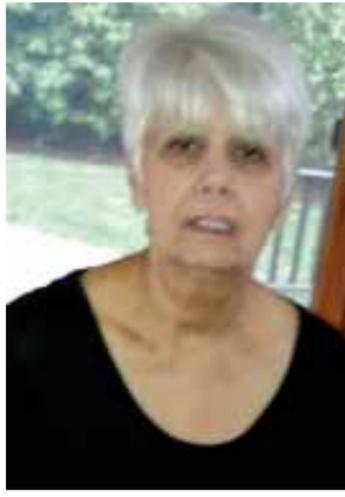
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OUR TOWN is seeing changes that many of our residents are not just questioning but are very concerned about. Residents feel that we are becoming a city of apartments. If those who manage Our Town are just going to do whatever the state says without standing up to the state, the Town of Norwood, as those of us know it, is not defending our beliefs as the great Town we have always been. Some change is always good, but too much unnecessary change is a disaster! Do you think today's elected leaders are thinking of making Our Town a city? I guess one doesn't care if one didn't know what Our Town was in the past.

**DISPATCH CENTER**

Removing the Dispatch Center from OUR TOWN's FD and PD is an issue that only a few voted on. A 4 to 1 vote to join SEMRECC, (Southeastern Mass. Regional Emergency Communications Center) will affect the lives of approx. 30,000 residents in Our Town alone, and hundreds of others from the local towns that smartly decided to operate their own dispatch, which



of course is absolutely sensible. The Townspeople had no say. Most residents I spoke with had no idea that the change was in the works. It should have been a Town vote for it affects every one of us. Reading up on the center in Foxboro where Norwood's calls will come from is very interesting. There are other towns involved for which the dispatchers are responsible. Some comments included 'we have no choice but to accept it.' Others have stated that errors are made in reaching the correct address and reaching a call location in a timely manner, which of course saves lives. Foxboro is not only responsible for the towns that joined 'the club,' but also for Gillette Stadium and the Xfinity Center. We had no choice. The decision has been made and we will have to abide by whatever the outcome, and the price. (Why are our bordering towns not joining 'the club?')

**AMBULANCE SERVICE**

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Town through no fault of our Fire Department. We are lucky to have other local towns take our calls as we take theirs when needed. My scanner is on 24/7 and what I hear is an explosion of ambulance calls for Our Town. Due to the fact that our hospital is still not operating after 2 long years, we must suffer the consequences. Our medics are constantly on the road to an out-of-town hospital. They should get a 'bonus' for every out of town call they make, paid to them by Steward! Last summer, many residents met at the park across from the Post Office. Professionals spoke about the loss of the NH and what it meant to patients. We were told some patients, not being treated quickly at the ER at NH, could quite possibly suffer negative consequences and possibly loss of life. Have you been told that your MD is no longer a member of Steward? Will we still be able to call on our neighboring towns (who have NOT joined SEMRECC) for help when an ambulance is needed, and will we still help those towns when they are in need?

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The Middle School Building Committee discussed upcoming budget deadlines for the Coakley School's replacement.

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# Cuts loom for Coakley replacement

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Middle School Building Committee (MSBC) met on June 13 and discussed the current stage of the replacement of the Coakley Middle School.

"We are still on schedule for all the other MSBA submissions for the CD (construction design) phase," said Ai3 Architects Principal Justin Thibeault. "We're aiming for 60 percent design this fall, 90 percent in January and out to bid in early March 2023, with construction starting spring of 2023 and occupancy of the building in the fall of 2025."

Thibeault said they have now completed the phase 2 geotech analysis, which is basically a look at the conditions of the grounds underneath the site by taking boring samples. He said they completed 10 borings throughout the prop-

erty.

"We have some additional hazardous materials testing for asbestos and contaminated materials around the foundation," he said.

The biggest upcoming issue for the new middle school is the final, nailed down price. At the last MSBC meeting, Ai3 and Compass discussed the current process they are using to estimate the total cost of the project. Readers may remember that Town Meeting allocated \$150 million in total. About \$46 million of that will be paid by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) through its capital project program that Norwood has been participating in.

The allocated \$150 million for the school's replacement may come up short of what is required. The MSBC is currently getting into the details of cost versus what was originally planned for, and the

Town may have to make cuts from the original plans. The MSBC was adamant on staying within the budget.

Thibeault said they are reconciling their original estimates soon and should have a final price, for both the Town and prospective contractors, in the coming weeks after a meeting on June 28.

"The outcome of that meeting will be an identified price of the project," he said. "We have an estimator, Compass has an estimator, and the reconciliation is when those two get together to make sure the scope is aligned. The outcome of that meeting will provide the true current costs of the project."

Norwood Facilities Man-

**Coakley Cuts**

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notice.

"This is an opportunity to be seen," he said. "For me, my family, and my community to celebrate this is a testament to the direction of diversity Norwood is headed in."

Robinson said his family always celebrated the holiday, even before it was made a national holiday.

"For us, it's just a great way to celebrate the culture," he said. "And the food is amazing. Oasis is awesome!"

Resident Kody Fraser said his friend is helping to run the event and he came from Walpole to check it out.

"The Walpole one is tomorrow, and I'm definitely going to check that out," he said. "I'm looking forward to seeing it all. I love this one too, it's got such a vibe to it, it's awesome. The Caribbean food over there, Oasis, they have amazing plantains and mac n' cheese. And the performances are really cool too."

Resident Brandon Goldsmith was working the table for his boss Damien Mahaffey, a Norwood native who came back to help out and get the word out about his company.

"He graduated Norwood High School in 1992 and went into business in real estate and he's been killing it the last 15 years and I'm his newest agent," he said. "I think this event is absolutely amazing. Progress is slow and steady, but having an event like this come to Norwood for the first time only speaks to the magnitude of what's going on."

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# OPINION

## Both sides displayed admirable sleights of hand

Tuesday night's Zoning Board of Appeals meeting was fun in that it was a classic shell game. Neither the Board nor the applicant wanted to let on that they knew which shell the pea was hidden under until all the bets were placed.

Have no doubt, Attorney David Hern and applicant Matt McDonald knew from the very first time the 12-unit apartment complex was filed requiring variances that it had little chance of being approved. They were savvy enough to understand that from the outset you ask for everything and, in a later magnanimous effort to assuage Board arguments, reduce your plan and come across as a caring developer, concerned about the quality of the lives of neighbors within the area. It's 'Property Development 101' taught in trade schools everywhere and at Trump University before its ultimate demise. For reference, please seek out the scene with Rodney Dangerfield having a discussion with Dr. Philip Barbay in the iconic movie "Back to School."

There is nothing shady or underhanded about this classic approach, though we think it was a bit disingenuous of Chair Michael Sheehan to gush about what a great gesture the applicants made in reducing the scope of the plan. He knew the hand the applicants had played and, at most, should have only recognized the changes and not theorized on the developer's motivations.

Is Sheehan wrong in supporting the revised plan? We don't think so. In fact, he played a shrewd hand by voting to deny which would have ended any hope of the developer, knowing full well his vote to approve was meaningless given how others had already voted. The new plan isn't unreasonable given the neighborhood in question and the valid issues related to outdated zoning codes in that area. However, we also strongly believe that the concerns of ZBA members Benjamin Beutel and Shannon Greenwell are valid and worthy of a legal opinion. At this address, like Beutel and Greenwell, we're not sure that the ZBA has the authority to overlook established guidelines simply because as Sheehan said, "We have to give some relief through zoning because if we don't grant this variance, we'll be basically taking the property owner's property," or when ZBA member Al Porro stated, "Yes, we do have strict rules and regulations, but reasonableness has to prevail."

Those statements by Sheehan and Porro are too broad and, if taken literally, suggest that the ZBA can basically do anything they want as long as they consider it reasonable. Well, we want to know who gets to define "reasonable?" We agree with Greenwell when she asked, "Does this Board have the tools to provide the solution or does that solution live somewhere else by changing the bylaws in a larger zoning effort?"

Should the ZBA reconsider their vote on July 19 and call for another hearing on the matter, we suggest that they have a legal opinion in hand defining their powers and authorities before doing so otherwise the new hearing will simply be a replay of the prior one, and that's not fair to either the developer or the neighbors.

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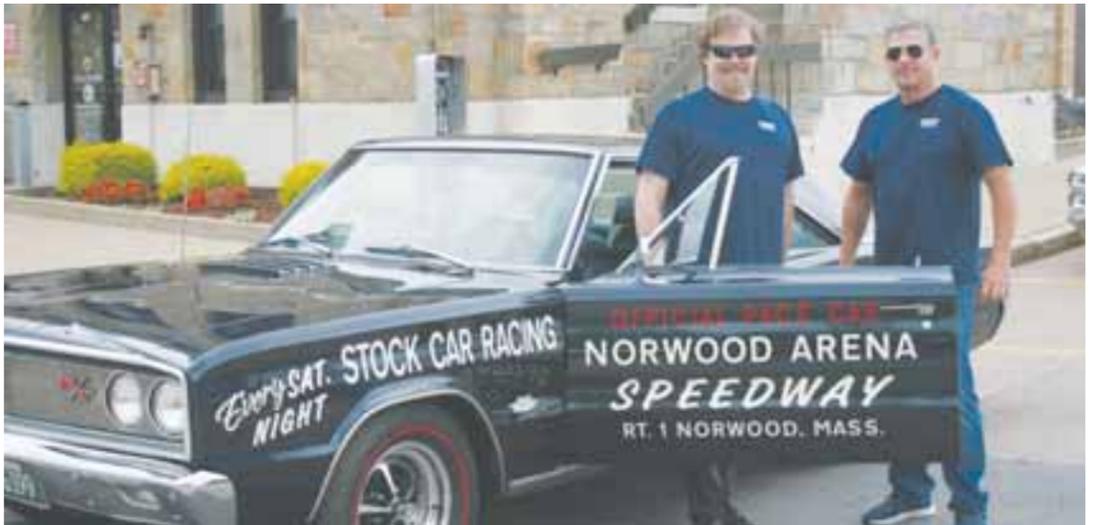
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## Norwood around Town



Above, the Norwood Historical Society hosted third graders from the Oldham Elementary School at the Fred Holland Day House on Friday. Below, The Norwood Civic Center hosted a classic car show for Father's Day and to remember the Norwood Speedway.

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vide a maternity unit for the birth of babies, a pediatric unit, and a unit for those who are in need of mental health services? If they don't, they are NOT a full-service hospital and will not provide what our communities need! The latest quote in the newspaper from Steward says that they will be a "State of the Art" hospital.

### THE GREATEST GIFT TO MANY

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### INCREDIBLE WORDS

As a musician, and after the passing of my beloved husband Nick, I came across a piece of music that touched my soul. Check it out with your Alexa. "I Will Never Pass This Way Again"....words/music, Ronnie Gaylord.....If Only!!

### TWENTY ONE YEARS AGO IN THE MONTH OF MAY

A large group attended the dedication of, JAKE, Our Town's fire dept. statue at Highland Cemetery twenty-one years ago. The beautiful scul-

ture stands tall and proud in honor of all Our Town's firefighters, past, present and future. I am so proud to know that my family has my dad's helmet and boots that were used as models for the magnificent piece. The years have flown by. We can never get these days back again. Thank You to Ret. Cap't George Geary and his team for your hard work and presentation of the sculpture of Jake. He will look over our loved ones for many years to come! Our Jake is our FD hero, along with the members of our police department. Thank you all for your service!

### CONGRATULATIONS ARE DEFINITELY IN ORDER

The new Superintendent/Director of the Norwood Board of Health position has been awarded to the terrific...Stacey Lane.... Thank you for everything you have done and have continued to do over many years of service to Our Town. Stacy, you certainly are one of our BEST!

### PROTESTS

Recently during one of the many protests that were being held all around our country, I saw a sign that was so large it took many to hold it. It stood well above the crowd and read..."Stop hating each other because you disagree."

### STATEMENT FROM AN "OUR TOWN'S" RESIDENT

I propose that at age 75 a freeze be put on senior taxes. For example, if I owe \$5000 at age 75, taxes will remain as such until I sell my home or pass away. We have several programs to help with taxes but many seniors are just above the limit and cannot apply for help. We have no additional income and feel we are being taxed out of our homes. The monies we might have in retirement accounts or funds has to last for the remainder of our lives. Our savings would be wiped out if a catastrophic illness should occur. Also...there is a 2-5 year wait list for senior housing, and limited housing for those of us 55 and older. HELP, and Thank You.

### THE EVIL ONES

How long are PUTIN and ASSAD, brothers by another mother, going to be allowed to continue their horror show on this earth?

*BYE GUYS,  
Stay Cool!*

*"The great enemy of the truth is very often not the lie, deliberate, contrived and dishonest, but the myth, persistent, persuasive and unrealistic."*

- JOHN F. KENNEDY

# Olbrys taking third Shot for Life

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The Shot for Life Challenge announced recently that graduating Norwood High School Senior and celebrated Mustangs wing Megan Olbrys will be taking her third Shot for Life Challenge (ASFL) this coming Aug. 7.

The ASFL started 10 years ago in Massachusetts as a basketball shooting competition and fundraiser, and the winner is officially named "The Best Shooter in Massachusetts." Funds raised during the event go to the Dr. Curry Research Laboratory at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

"I was selected sophomore year," she said. "It's based off of shooting ability and the type of person you are. I was selected then and I've been with this organization pretty much ever since."

Olbrys said the event seemed like a good way to help people, and said the people involved gave her a sense of community and belonging.

"I do it for the cause they're raising money for and the people I'm with while doing it," she said. "The owner, Mike Slonina, he's just an amazing person."



Megan Olbrys, middle, will be taking on her third Shot for Life Challenge this August.

PHOTO BY BETSY CULLEN

Olbrys added that using her athletic talent to help people directly in this way is very gratifying.

"Just knowing that playing the sport I love helps people, just makes it all worthwhile and I'm a part of their family," she said.

And Olbrys said she's gotten to go out and see directly what the funds are used for. According to the Massachusetts General Hospital website, Dr. William Curry works primarily with patients who have benign and malignant tumors of the brain. He

studied at Cornell University Medical College as well as Harvard College and works out of the Pappas Center for Neuro-oncology, the MGH Cranial Base Center and the Harris Chordoma Center.

"The way he is performing his work, the way he's attacking the cancer cells, I don't know the exact name for the whole process, but it's basically using your own antibodies to fight cancer," she said. "I really support that as opposed to putting other

Olbrys

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jamin Beutel and Shannon Greenwell in opposing granting the two variances. The unexpected vote by Sheehan seemed to contradict his voiced admiration for the new plan. Yet, there may have been a method to his madness.

As was made clear at the beginning of the hearing, for the project to receive the required variances, the vote needed to pass 4 to 1. It appeared that Sheehan did the math and figured his supporting the motion wouldn't meet the threshold of the 4 votes necessary for the project to move forward.

Sheehan then requested that the Board reconsider the vote at its upcoming July 19 meeting. The request did not require a vote, meaning the Board is under no requirement to reconsider the vote, merely to consider Sheehan's request on July 19.

"Under Robert's Rules of Order, any party voting on the prevailing side may move for reconsideration for our next meeting and I'm moving now for recon-

sideration at our next meeting to reconsider the variances at 1223 Washington St.," Sheehan said. "The discussion is just do we take it up again, and if that's a no then it fails."

Sheehan said his discussion request is not a public hearing, but the ZBA could call another public hearing to revote on the issue. Robert's Rules of Order is a manual of parliamentary procedure first published in 1876 by U.S. Army officer Henry Martyn Robert and is used in the United States to refer generically to parliamentary procedure.

The Board did unanimously approve a special permit for irregular 25-foot aisle width and a variance for multi-family use.

Attorney Hern, prior to the vote, presented the new plan for the property which essentially cut off the third floor of the building to reduce the unit count to eight and its height to meet zoning requirements. Hern also listed a number of quality of life improvements to the site, including a no-right-turn sign on the Concord



The Board voted to deny the reduced proposal for 1223 Washington St., but that doesn't mean it's completely off the table.

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Street egress to deter resident traffic away from the dead end street. The proposal also increased its parking ratio to one space per unit, nixing the need for a vote from the ZBA on that particular issue.

The reasoning behind the vote to not grant the variances, at least according to board members' discussion, is that of hardship. According to Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws (<https://bit.ly/3zOzaUa>), granting of zoning variances require the proponent to demonstrate that "owing to the circumstances relating to the soil conditions, shape or topography of such land or structures... enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance or by-law would involve substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioner or appellant and that desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good."

Essentially, the lot has to be irregularly-shaped, have bad soil or have irregular topographical features that make construction of something within the zoning regulations unduly expensive so as to make any proposal unfeasible. Both Benjamin Beutel and Shannon Greenwell said they

couldn't make that leap.

Said Beutel, "When I read the hardship requirement, I imagine a triangular lot," he said. "I'm curious in your experience how we should consider financial feasibility as a hardship?"

Sheehan responded. "We have to give some relief through zoning because if we don't grant this variance, we'll be basically taking the property owner's property," Sheehan said, "because nothing will be built there. All those issues you see today will probably worsen. History shows that the development of a vacant property brings up property values. Yes, it's not a triangular lot or an apple pie lot, which would make this a lot easier for everybody, but at the same time the zoning prohibits any development of that lot the way it's written. It just prohibits it. Strict compliance to the zoning would prohibit any development on that lot."

Greenwell said she felt for the proponent, but wasn't sure the ZBA had the power to grant a variance on these specific grounds.

"Yes, it's bad zoning, but does this Board have the tools to provide the solution or does that solution live somewhere else by

changing the bylaws in a larger zoning effort?" she asked. "That's where I'm struggling. I'm having a hard time with soil, with shape, I know you mentioned topography but that's my stumbling block at the moment. I think the project is great, I would rather have housing here than an empty lot, but I just don't know whether this is a tool that we have as a board to provide."

Member Al Porro said he felt granting the project would be within the board's purview, especially since these particular zoning bylaws for this area were made when South Norwood was a much different landscape than it is now.

"Yes, we do have strict rules and regulations, but reasonableness has to prevail," he said. "In today's conditions and where we are, when the General Business district was developed, Washington Street in South Norwood was an entirely different community and not as robust today. It has the opportunity to get even bigger, and I think we can participate in making it better in a project like this. That's my opinion, and that reasonableness is why we can make the rule changes that we need to."

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chemicals in your body.”

According to ASFL, they choose their candidates based on ability and are vetted to make sure they are “people of great character.” Participants all agree to spend a significant amount of time raising money during the process and then compete in the shooting competition, as well as other games and contests based around basketball.

“It’s super fun, I have such a great time doing it,” Olbrys said. “When you’re there and shooting, and you know it’s not always about who wins, you’re just surrounded by such great people and great players. You just win, automatically, just by doing that. That’s already a win for me.”

Olbrys said the competition pulls in athletes from across the state, and they’re usually players she’s met on the court in competition play. She said the sense of community and the collective goal of the fundraiser overshadow any lingering overly-competitive feelings from previous games.

“They get all different types of players,” she said. “I’ve played with all of them at some point.”

Olbrys said she can’t wait for this year’s competition, and added she’ll be sticking around to help out in later years.

“When you’re a part of this organization, you’re in it for life,” she said. “Mike says that when you’re a part of this family, you have them as a resource your entire life. And you feel that especially when you’re doing these kinds of events. There’s always people around you supporting you at all times.”

The Best Shooter competition is slated for Aug. 7 at the Starland Sportsplex in Hanover. For more information, go to: <https://bit.ly/3b2xCLN>.

# Coakley Cuts *continued from page 3*

ager Phil Riccardi asked about what the Board and the yet-to-be-chosen Construction Manager would have to do to keep the project within the approved Town Meeting budget. He felt they were advertising for a construction manager for a specific project with a budget that they then might change during the reconciliation process.

“Intuitively, to me it seems ass-backwards that we’re bringing on the Construction Manager At Risk to assume all the risk of this job and before they even get to look at the plans, we’re going to make cuts?” he asked.

Thibeault said that was completely possible, but Compass’ Bryan Jarvis pointed out that the Construction Manager won’t be taking on the entirety of the risk.

“It’s not coming on and

saying anything that goes wrong with the job is the construction manager’s fault, it’s coming on to assist in the design phase and they have risk when they put together the final construction management plan,” he said.

Thibeault added they need to get a reconciled estimate to the MSBA as quickly as possible.

“If we wait for a construction manager to come on board, it would just snowball and push everything back and we wouldn’t be starting construction next spring,” he said.

Member Alan Slater pointed out the estimates may not even be off by enough to make that much of a difference.

“They’re still being determined, and we’ll just have to see what the result is,” he said. “There may not be cuts, but then again I think if we do have to make some reductions it’s easier to do now than when it’s

all truly on paper.”

Thibeault said he also hopes that to be true, but that’s not what they’re seeing on other projects going through this process.

“Right now, my gut is that we probably will have to do a little bit of cutting, based on other projects we’re seeing in our office,” he said. “But to the extent of it? Unknown at this time honestly. But my gut is that we’ll have to do a little bit.”

Jarvis and Thibeault said new estimates will be determined at the 60 percent design phase and the following 90 percent and final design phases to stay on budget. Jarvis added that they will continuously perform value engineering – which is the process of looking at engineering processes and equipment to see if cheaper or more efficient methods or equipment are available – throughout the process.

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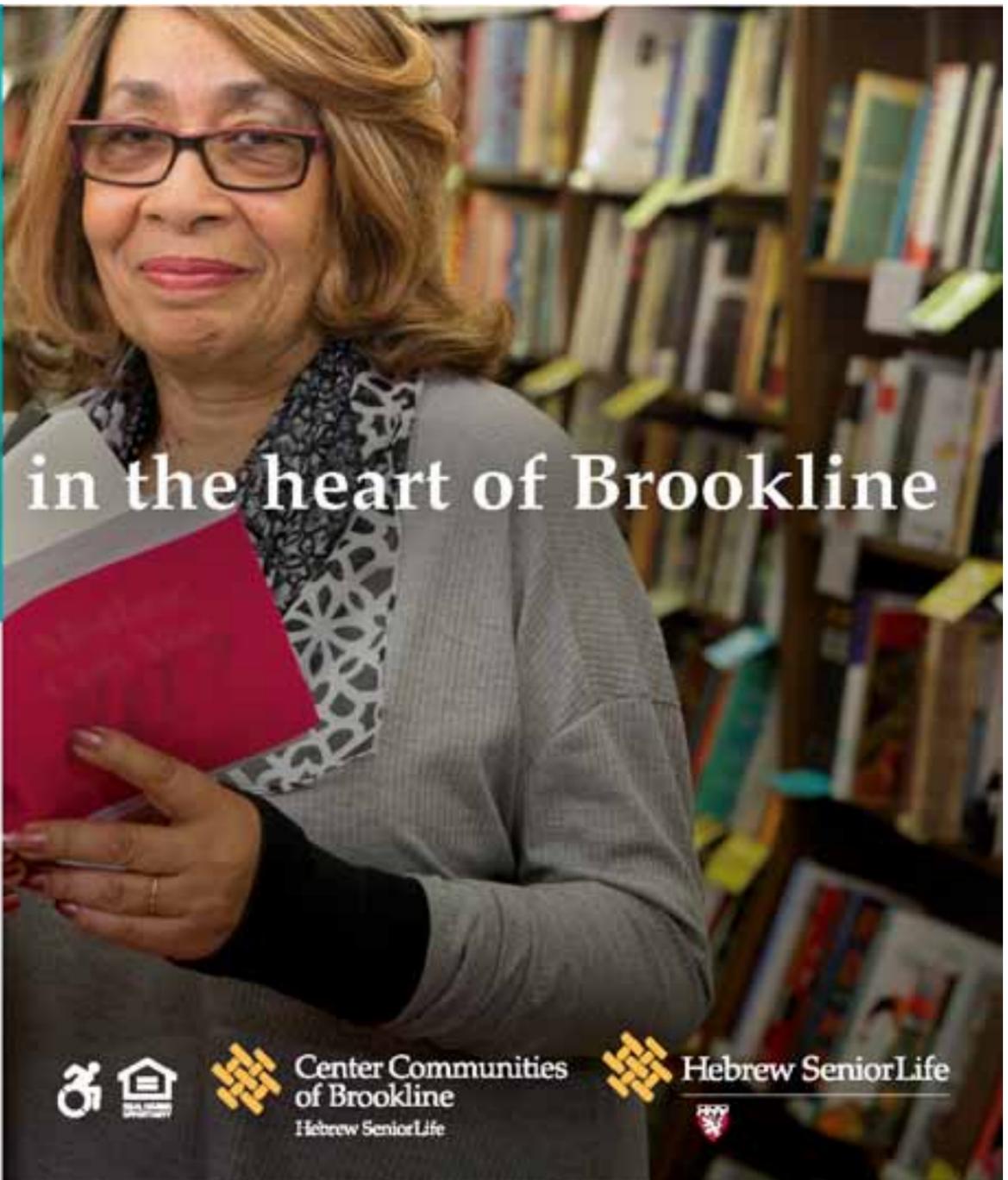
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## BLOOM

Stephen, age 86, of Norwood, and formerly of Newton and Brighton, died peacefully on June 19, 2022. Steve was an avid body builder and boxer during his youth, working out at the Huntington Ave. YMCA and winning several contests in the late 50's, including Mr. L Street, Mr. Union, and Massachusetts Champ of Boston YMCA that spawned a trophy room in his home. As a young man, Steve enlisted in the Army during the Korean War and was stationed at Fort Dix in Trenton, NJ, and then served in the infantry in Puerto Rico. When his service was complete, he met a beautiful brunette named Rosalie Rotman, who took his breath away. She has been the love of his life for over six decades and he told that to everyone he met. Steve worked as a television technician with RCA for nearly three decades, never missing a day of work and was also recognized as their top sales representative on numerous occasions. Steve's proudest accomplishments however, were his four children who were raised in Brighton. He wanted them to be the best they could be and taught them they could do anything through hard work, practice, and education. He was a terrific mentor and coach. He turned a small Brighton East Little League out of Cleveland Circle into a juggernaut in 1972 and transformed an inherited 1-11 team to a 11-1 record the following year. He went on to coach the league's All-Star team that made it to the regional finals. At season end, Steve rewarded his team with engraved trophies that he purchased out of his own pocket. 50 years later, his son Robert still proudly displays that trophy in his office. Steve was just as active with girls' softball, helping coach and jump start a league out of Oak Square in Brighton in the mid-seventies. As his kids grew older, he simply loved watching them play ball whether in a Mickey Mantle League game at Rogers Park, at Brighton High School or anywhere in the city that the Boston Latin School softball team would

play. His kids could always count on seeing the RCA truck roll up to the games and Dad standing on the side-lines proudly watching. Years later he would watch his younger daughter play tennis and perform in plays at Norwood High School. Steve is survived by his wife, Rosalie of 63 years, his four children, Robert Bloom and his wife, Lisa, of Walpole, Ellen Bridges and her husband, David, of Holliston, Dina Browne and her husband, John, of Dedham, and Pamela Levin and her husband, Josh, of Lenox. He also leaves behind his sister, Susan Neyman of Westford; as well as his eight grandchildren: Matthew, Michael, Erika, Billy, Meaghan, Nicole, Sawyer, and Raquel, that he loved dearly and relished in the opportunity to teach how to box, especially how to throw a left hook! We know Stephen will live long in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. A Graveside Service took place on Wednesday, June 22. The family sat Shiva immediately following. Memorial contributions can be made to the West Roxbury VA Medical Center, 1400 VFW Pkwy, West Roxbury, MA 02132. Levine Chapels, Brookline 617-277-8300 [www.levinechapel.com](http://www.levinechapel.com)

## CROWLEY



Eileen Margaret Crowley (nee Gallagher) of Norwood, MA, and, of late, Louisville, CO, passed away on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, following an acute illness. Born in Lowell, MA,

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Eileen was the second of eight children born to the late Margaret L. Gallagher (nee Dery) and Joseph A. Gallagher. She was educated at Notre Dame Academy in Tyngsboro, MA, following which Eileen earned her RN certification through Melrose-Wakefield Hospital in 1966. A dedicated nurse and patient advocate, Mrs. Crowley held positions at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital and later as Head Nurse of the surgical floor at Mass General Hospital in Boston, MA. She ultimately specialized in geriatric care, serving as the Director of Nursing at Park Marion in Brookline, MA, a private care facility, and later held executive positions, including Vice President of Quality, at Mariner Health Care and Landmark Health. Eileen was the consummate professional, being known throughout the industry as a fierce advocate for patient care. She specialized in bringing nursing facilities to code. The beloved wife of the late Robert T. Crowley of Norwood, MA, she is survived by her daughter, MaryAnne Miner, her son-in-law John Miner, and her two grandchildren, ShaeAnne and Gracie May Miner, all of Boulder, CO. She leaves three sisters: Patricia A. Sem of Hampstead, NH, Kathleen Roosa of York, ME, and Ruth Ann Murray of Bolton, MA; and four brothers: Robert J. Gallagher of Salisbury/Haverhill, MA, Joseph F. Gallagher of CA, Thomas F. Gallagher of NY, and Paul M. Gallagher, formerly of Dracut, MA. To sign an online register book or leave a memory, please visit, [GilloolyFuneralHome.com](http://GilloolyFuneralHome.com)

## CURTIS-CROWLEY

Sandra Marie, age 56, of Norwood, passed away at home after a brief illness, June 10, 2022. Daughter of the late Jean and Charles Curtis, sister of the late Ed and Rich Curtis. Survived by her loving husband, Ed Crowley; her sister, Debbie

Curtis-Gonsalves; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Sandra worked as a bus monitor at National Express Transit of Franklin and was an active member of the Neponset River rehabilitation and recovery center in Norwood. Funeral from the George F. Doherty & Sons Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home, 456 High St., DEDHAM. Interment private. Online guestbook at [gfdoherty.com](http://gfdoherty.com) George F. Doherty & Sons Dedham 781-326-0500.

## KELTER



Robert Daniel, Lieutenant Colonel United States Army (Retired), passed away peacefully on June 1st, 2022 at his home in Millersville, Maryland. He was 80 years old. Born December 5th, 1941 in Norwood, Massachusetts to George and Margaret Kelter, Bob was the fourth of nine children. He is preceded in death by his parents, his brothers George and John, and his sister Margaret. He is survived by his sister F. Ronda, brother Richard, and sisters Noreen, Deborah, & Patricia. Bob had a big smile and curly red hair during his youth. He met his wife of 55 years, Paula Black Kelter, in the second grade at St. Catherine of Siena in Norwood, Massachusetts. They dated during high school and college. Bob graduated from Mission Hill High School in Boston, Massachusetts in 1961. He drove an ambulance and worked at a pharmacy soda counter while earning a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in 1966. On July 9, 1966, Bob and Paula were married, surrounded by friends and family at St. Catherine of Siena. The couple honeymooned in Niagara Falls and took up residence back home in Norwood, Massachusetts. Bob's devotion and love of Paula was steadfast. Bob en-

tered active duty in the United States Army Medical Corps in October of 1966 and attended the Officer Basic course at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. His first duty assignment was at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In the early years of his career, he completed a 13-month tour to Da Nang, Vietnam serving with the 95th Evacuation Hospital. Eight moves took the couple and family to Fort Devens, Massachusetts; Fort Dix, New Jersey; Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas; Fort Campbell, Kentucky; back to Fort Devens, Massachusetts; the Army Reserve Center in Albany, New York; and their final duty station at Fort Meade, Maryland. After Bob retired from the Army, he began his second career as "Doctor Bob" serving customers at Park Pharmacy in Severna Park. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Severna Park Council for many years, and he also volunteered at SPAN (formerly the Severna Park Assistance Network) for 14 years, helping neighbors with emergency resources. These were just a few of the examples of his work supporting and serving others. Bob's first child, Christopher ("Chris") Kelter was born in 1968 during Bob's tour in Vietnam. Chris is married to Laura Freeman Kelter and they have two children, Avery and Emersyn. Both Avery and Emersyn work at Park Pharmacy, Bob's last official workplace. They live in Severna Park, Maryland. His second child, Andrea Kelter Snodgrass, was born in 1971 while the family was stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Andrea is married to Brad Snodgrass and they have two children, Mallory and Brett. They live in Arnold, Maryland. Bob thoroughly enjoyed family gatherings as a beloved brother, brother-in-law, and warm and funny uncle to 32 nieces and nephews. He spent time staying in touch with his large family and the network of friends made during those many Army moves. He dutifully took care of his home with a meticulous eye for detail. He enjoyed puzzles, reading on his kindle, and learned to text so that he could stay connected to those he loved, especially his grandchildren. He also enjoyed watching and supporting Boston

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## Ask The Doctor

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

## Ford Raptor

The Ford Raptor has been around for a few years. Our loaner was a 4x4 crew cab. Power comes from a high output 3.5 liter twin turbo V/6 via a 10 speed automatic with tow mode, which I did use towing the party boat. There is also a trailer back up assist. The Raptor has big tires and wheels, a 4:10 gear ratio that really gets the truck off the line. Towing the boat was barely noticeable. Our Raptor had a lot of options and equipment. The suspension has large Fox shocks, skid plate, and even Raptor side steps. The Raptor is a true multipurpose pick up for a daily driver, work truck, off road, or just sport driving. The exhaust sound is also adjustable from quiet to off road by a button on the steering wheel. Features include the remote start, heated seats and steering wheel, Raptor badges, and more. The ride is smoother than one would think but, the tires do make some noise on the road. The bottom line is the Raptor can be many things for the buyer who wants more than an everyday pick up.

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

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Public Hearing Notice  
Norwood Planning Board

Pursuant to Mass General Law CH 40A section 9 and the Norwood Zoning Bylaw sections 9.4 Mixed Use Overlay District and 10.4 Special Permits; the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday July 11, 2022 at 7:15 P.M. at the Norwood Senior, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood MA. This hybrid meeting will also be held to allow remote access, via GoToMeeting software by going to: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/718185669>. You can also dial in using your phone, United States: +1 (872) 240-3212 Access Code: 718-185-669.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to accept comments on renewing a Special Permit that was granted in April 2020 that has expired. The application was submitted by Lewis Colten, for the development of a multi-family residential dwelling located at 12-14 Day Street. The subject property is shown on the Norwood Assessor's Map as Map 2, Block 8 Lot 3. Plans and supporting materials of the proposed development are on file in the Planning Board Office and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

Robert Bamber, Clerk

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professional sports teams, particularly his beloved Boston Bruins. He will be laid to rest at Crownsville Veterans Cemetery in Crownsville, Maryland following a private funeral service. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to SPAN [www.spanhelps.org](http://www.spanhelps.org) (Serving People Across Neighborhoods) or The Knights of Columbus Council #3413. Please note "Robert Kelter Memorial Gift" in the memo line of checks or email the organization if you donate online so that the family may acknowledge your generosity.

**MULVEY**

Sheila M. (Sullivan), age 86, of Westwood, formerly of Arlington, MA, passed away June 14, 2022. Born September 9, 1935 in Boston to Edmund and Kathryn Sullivan nee Horrigan. Raised in Cambridge and Arlington alongside three brothers, Sheila graduated from Arlington High School and went on to graduate from Sargent College of Boston University in 1957 with a Bachelor of Science for Physical Education. Sheila spent many years as a Physical Education teacher and would later go to earn her degree in Gerontology. Following this, she became a director of an adult care center specialized for Alzheimer's patients and devoted her work to helping others. Sheila devoted her life to her family and spending time with them as her most proud accomplishment was being a mother, a grandmother, and a great-grandmother. Sheila will be remembered as a woman who

was genuine, always welcoming, and willing to share a conversation for hours. Throughout her life, Sheila enjoyed traveling, often times visiting beloved family members, baking and cooking, often with her home grown fruits and vegetables from her garden. Sheila is survived by her beloved husband of 62 years of marriage, George "Buzz" Mulvey; her loving children, Timothy Mulvey and his wife Robin of Elkton, SD, Kevin Mulvey and his wife Kelley of Phoenix, AZ, Kathryn Doyle and her husband James of West Roxbury, MA, and Patrick Mulvey of Millis, MA. She was the cherished grandmother of 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Funeral from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, NORWOOD. Interment will be held privately. [GilloolyFuneralHome.com](http://GilloolyFuneralHome.com)

**MURPHY**

DAVID C., a lifelong resident of Norwood passed away on June 15, 2022 at the age of 63. Son of the late Dennis J. and Dorothy A. (McDavitt) Murphy. Loving brother of Michael J. Murphy of Norwood, Sheila M. Easter of Norwood, Denise E. Allan of Middleboro, Deborah A. Pellegrine of Amesbury and the late Dennis J. Murphy Jr, Mark V. Murphy, Daniel T. Murphy, Maureen E. Martinho, Diane F. Murphy and Kathleen M. Grogan. Also survived by his dog "Boo" and many nieces and nephews. David attended Norwood Schools growing up and graduated from Norwood High School. He was a longtime

Mason for various Masonry Companies and was a former member of the Mason's Union. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA 02062. Interment at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168. [www.danafarber.org](http://www.danafarber.org) [www.kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com](http://www.kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com) Norwood, MA 781-762-0482.

**ZOPPO**

Jane Marie (Smith), age 95, of Norwood, passed away peacefully June 11, 2022. Born June 21, 1926 in Boston to William and Martha (Quigley) Smith. She was the beloved wife of the late William Joseph Zoppo. Jane is survived by her loving children, William A. Zoppo and his wife Sally of Needham, Susan Forbes and her husband Ray of Cadiz, KY, Elizabeth Zoppo of Walpole, Mary Jane Barry and her husband John of Walpole, David Zoppo and his wife Natalie of Medfield, Anne Topham and her husband Joseph of Nantucket; also survived by many adored grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Jane's memory to Xaverian Brothers High School, 800 Clapboardtree St., Westwood, MA 02090. Please reference The William & Jane Zoppo Memorial Scholarship. [GilloolyFuneralHome.com](http://GilloolyFuneralHome.com)

## Morrill Library Events

**JOB SEARCH SERIES**

In partnership with the Tewksbury Public Library, the Morrill Memorial Library will host a virtual job search help series throughout the summer, on Monday afternoons at 2:00pm on Zoom.

The Morrill Memorial Library is pleased to offer a series of virtual programs for job seekers this summer. June's programs include: "Franchising and Self-Employment as a Career Option," presented by franchise ownership coach Suzanne Gray on June 27.

The series will continue throughout July and August, in collaboration with the Tewksbury Public Library. Details about upcoming programs will be released at the beginning of each month. For more information on the series or the programs and presenters, or to register for programs, visit [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar); or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. Registration is required for each program.

**JOHN F. KENNEDY AND WORLD WAR II**

In partnership with Tewksbury Public Library, the Morrill Memorial Library hosts a virtual history program, "John F. Kennedy and World War II," Tuesday, June 28 at 2:00pm on Zoom.

Come hear the story of John F. Kennedy's patrol torpedo boat collision with a Japanese destroyer during World War II, and the crew's six-day struggle for survival. This program includes photographs and artifacts from the Kennedy Library archives, live commentary, and a question and answer period. Presented by Katherine Gilliland, Docent Manager at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum.

Registration for this program is required. Attendees can sign up to attend virtually via the Library calendar at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or by calling the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. Zoom details will come from the Tewksbury Public Library, the hosting institution.

**A BPL MURDER MYSTERY THE SULARI GENTILL**

In partnership with Tewksbury Public Library, the Morrill Memorial Library hosts a virtual author talk, "The Woman In The Library: A Murder Mystery set in the Boston Public Library," by novelist Sulari Gentill, Wednesday, June 29 at 7:00pm on Zoom.

The tranquility of the Boston Public Library's reading room is shattered by a woman's terrified scream. Security guards take charge immediately, instructing everyone inside to stay put until the threat is identified and contained. While they wait for the all-clear, four strangers who happened to sit at the same table pass the

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**Monday, June 13**

1122 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Brookview Cir Report family agreed mother-in-law would not drive until cleared by an upcoming Registry hearing and keys were taken away. Now another family member is arguing about that decision. N663 reports advised and will attempt to resolve with sister-in-law before hearing.

1908 911 - Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Chapel St Child reports kittens stuck in a propane tank. N679 reports tanks are sealed, nothing inside. Unfounded.

**Tuesday, June 14**

1109 Cellular - Disturbance Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Norwood Plaza - Nahatan St Report male, ponytail, black shirt, shorts, black MV, banging on window and yelling "give me my money" at party in blue MV. N679 reports spoke to caller, they left before officer's arrival

1419 Phone - Drunk Person \*Protective Custody Location/Address: Village Rd W Adult daughter reports her father has been drinking since last night. N666 places him in Protective Custody and transports to station.

1431 Phone - Trespassing Spoken To Location/Address: Venice Cafe - Washington St Owner reports 8 middle school aged kids cut through the alley which is his private property, they've all been spoken to several times and told not to do this, kids left Pond St. towards ball field. N662 spoke to caller, spoke to kids, kids understand liability, caller satisfied.

2034 911 - Animal Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Nichols St Resident spoken to about ongoing issue with his dog getting loose through a broken gate.

**Wednesday, June 15**

0903 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Willett School (Acct# 1384d) - Westover Pkwy Male party calls requesting police meet him at school while he talks to staff but refused to give reason. N665 located caller in parking lot, apparently issue with his child yesterday and wanted officer present when he spoke to staff. N665 reports he just showed up at the school, that is not allowed, he made appointment, left, matter resolved.

1112 Phone - Drug Law Violation \*Report Filed Location/Address: Morse St Caller reports finding what he thinks is Cocaine in common customer area of multi-office building. N662 confiscates same.

1910 911 - Missing Person Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reports his four year old son is missing. Child was located and returned to parent.

2314 911 - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: Winter St Caller reports a friend is over his house and she is refusing to leave. Female party refused to ID herself and has left for the night.

**Thursday, June 16**

0938 Initiated - Warrant Service \*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Nichols St As result

N667 returns with one male in custody. Arrest: Cobb, Adam J Address: 585 Nichols St Norwood, Ma Age: 34 Charges: Warrant Arrest Warrant Arrest

1722 Phone - Susp Person \*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Washington St Caller reports a blue caravan has been parked across her driveway blocking them in. Her husband went out to speak to him and states he seemed to be under the influence of something and there are pill bottles all over the front seat. Driver then took off on Washington St. heading towards Norwood Police Department Page: 35 Dispatch Log From: 06/13/2022 Thru: 06/20/2022 0600 - 0600 Printed: 06/21/2022 Norwood Center. N663, N669 responded to area and located van. As a result N663 returns to the station with one in custody. RI PC QP210 was towed by Don and Wallys. Arrest: Ayotte, Peter J Address: 15 Short St Apt. #1stfl Norwood, Ma Age: 56 Charges: Oui-Liquor Or .08%, 3rd Offense

1933 Initiated - Assist Other Agency Services Rendered Location/Address: Coakley Middle School (Acct# 1378d) - Washington St N679 reports two juveniles fighting with each other at the school of which the teachers had handled same upon arrival. N679 followed youth on a bike home to Concord Ave. Matter resolved.

**Friday, June 17**

0917 Phone - Missing Person \*Report Filed Location/Address: Sunrise Assisted Living - Saunders Rd Resident reported missing and last seen about 0820 HRS W/M 5FT 8 White Hair and using a walker. BOLO to cars and local towns. Several areas were searched. Video shows he was located near Prospect & Washington. Resident at 95 Prospect Ave located the man on his property @1026 HRS . NFD responds.

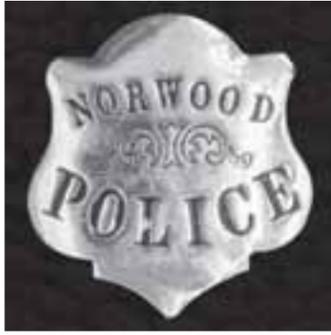
1121 Phone - Fraud \*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Citizens Bank - Nahatan St Worker reports female in to cash a check that has been altered. As a result one female transported. Arrest: Littlejohn-Allen, Jonasia Address: 644 East St Brockton, Ma Age: 21 Charges: Utter False Check

1433 Phone - ASSIST OTHER AGENCY SERVICES RENDERED Location/Address: NORWOOD POLICE DEPT. - NAHATAN ST Suicide prevention had a chat with 19 yr Male who was homicidal and suicidal. Possible IP address in Norwood MA. Metro Lab, Officer Conlin was unable to locate the addresses. Comcast and NJ original address. DEAFLEAD the contractor who took the car has no further information GDIT help desk at 911 unable to gather any information.

1724 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Express Pizza - Central St Employee upset with vehicles parking in his assigned spot. N679 was not able to make contact with the owner of that vehicle, calling party was advised.

2123 911 - Missing Person \*Report Filed Location/Address: Transformative Life Skills DbA - Engamore Ln Caller re-

# Police Logs



ports her brother is possibly missing, his mom last saw him at about 10:30 this morning. BOLO sent to the cars.

2139 Initiated - Motor Vehicle Stop \*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Broadway + Nahatan St MA PC 3VGH51 towed by Center Auto Body. N661 returns with one male party under arrest to the station. Refer To Arrest: 22-201-AR Arrest: Feeney, John Address: 119 Sixth St Norwood, Ma Age: 37 Charges: Oui-Liquor Or .08% Lights Violation, Mv

2231 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Buckingham Rd Caller seeking advice on a neighbor issue. N666 spoke to and advised that party of her options.

**Saturday, June 18**

0523 Phone - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Joy St Caller reports her son's girlfriend outside causing a disturbance outside. N667, N669 responded and spoke to both parties. Girlfriend was leaving and was

given a courtesy transport to Dunkin Donuts on Nahatan St. by N669. St.mileage:5193@5:44/ End. mil:5193.9 @ 5:47.

1413 Walk-In - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: 293 Block - Lenox St Party in lobby reports a white MV with heavy front end damage and pieces dragging on ground, female operator appeared to be bleeding from head, unknown direction of travel. N674 locates a bumper with MA PC plate 8ADS80 on it, car not in area. Call to plate owner number-phone number out of service, surrounding neighbors did not observe anything damaged. Attleboro PD to home. Also checked with Sturdy Hospital.

1430 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Harrow Rd + Devon Rd Report family in white car, unknown CT plates, tried to give him \$20.00 dollar bill, stating it was a Dubai tradition on their birthday.

2123 Phone - Malicious Damage Services Rendered Location/Address: Myrtle St Report front door egged. N664 reports 1 egg, no damage, checked area-kids are GOA, N664 to make extra checks for night.

2205 Phone - Well Being Chk Area Search Negative Location/Address: Day St + Central St Report W/M, bathrobe, slippers, walking towards Broadway, in middle of road.

**Sunday, June 16**

0245 Phone - Well Being Chk Transported To Hospital Location/Address: Jefferson Dr Caller reports 13 yr old male ran away from home and made suicidal statements. Last seen with no shirt, dark colored

pants and boots. Described as white, 5'3". Phone ping initiated. K9 requested then cancelled. NFD notified and responded. Party transported to BI Needham for a Section 12. 0825 Cellular - Well Being Chk Transported To Hospital Location/Address: Chipotle Mexican Grille Of Colorado - Bos-Prov Hwy Report fellow employee made statement that seemed to indicate suicidal ideation, no specific threat. NFD transported to hospital for voluntary evaluation.

0832 Walk-In - Larceny \*Report Filed Location/Address: Wilson St Party in lobby reports snow blower and other equipment stolen overnight.

1801 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Nichols St Report of loose dog. NACO responded. Contact made with owner who was notified this is the fifth response for this dog since May and further calls would result in NACO removing the animal.

2012 Phone - Susp Vehicle Spoken To Location/Address: Roosevelt Ave Caller reports MA PC 8CY836 has been parked in front of her house for 24 hours and is occupied by two females and one male, possible drug use. MA PC 4WV377 also reported to be frequently interacting with those parties. NFD notified and responded for drug use. Party declined medical attention. N669 reports those parties were dropped off by Boston Police last night at 122 Jefferson but no one was home so they slept in that vehicle. Parties will be staying inside 122 Jefferson tonight.

## For the Record

**PATRIOTIC ROSARY ON JULY 3RD**

There will be a Patriotic Rosary on Sunday, July 3 at 1 pm on the Norwood Town Common (please bring a chair). In case of rain, we will use St. Catherine of Siena Church. Join us as we pray the beautiful Patriotic Rosary for our country. We will pray for all the souls in each of our 50 states. We will also pray for our police and firefighters, our government officials, and our military, past and present, living and dead. Come and sing all of our favorite patriotic songs as we honor God and country and give thanks for our American way of life.

**READING FREDERICK DOUGLASS AT OLD PARISH CEMETERY**

The Old Parish Preservation Volunteers (OPPV) and Progress Norwood are sponsoring a public reading of Frederick Douglass's July, 1852 speech, "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" The event will take place on July 4, 2022, at 2:00 pm in the Old Parish Cemetery in Norwood at the grave site of abolitionist and Unitarian minister Rev. Edwin Thompson. This event is free and open to the public.

**JULY OLDIES DANCE**

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging are sponsoring a SPECIAL DANCE EVENT on Friday, July 8th with Popular Music from the 60's & 70's. The event will take place at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood with music provided by Dave Valerio and the cost is \$10.00 per person. Singles and couples are welcome to attend, as there will be lots of different dancing to swing music, twisting, line dancing etc. Coffee, tea & desserts will be provided along with door prizes.

We are looking forward to having a great Oldies night so come one, come all to have a ball!!! There is a Facebook page so you can check the status of events: Friends Of The Norwood Council On Aging | Facebook

**FRIENDS MONTHLY DANCE**

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging will be sponsoring their monthly dance on Friday, July 15, at 7 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood. Music will be provided by the DB Band and the cost is \$10.00 per person for your Ballroom Dancing pleasure. Coffee, tea & desserts are served & there

are also door prizes. We look forward to meeting & greeting 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

**NEW DATE FOR MENTAL HEALTH MEETING**

The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group will NOT hold its monthly meeting on the first Thursday of the month. Instead, the meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 19 at The Grange, 28 Rockwood Road (Route 115) in Norfolk, MA from 7-9 pm. Mask if you will.

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

We welcome all families in the South Norfolk Area who are dealing with mental illness and their loved ones. For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

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time in conversation, and friendships are struck. Each has their own reasons for being in the reading room that morning; it just happens that one is a murderer. A sharply thrilling read, *The Woman in the Library* is an unexpectedly twisty literary adventure that examines the complicated nature of friendship and shows us that words can be the most treacherous weapons of all.

Registration for this program is required. Attendees can sign up to attend virtually via the Library calendar at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or by calling the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. Zoom details will come from the Tewksbury Public Library, the hosting institution. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Morrill Memorial and Tewksbury Public Libraries.

## THE FASCINATING LIFE OF EDWARD HITCHCOCK

In partnership with Tewksbury Public Library, the Morrill Memorial Library hosts a virtual author talk, "The Fascinating Life & Legacy of Massachusetts Dinosaur Pioneer Edward Hitchcock," by Robert T. McMaster, Tuesday, July 5 at 7:00pm on Zoom.

Edward Hitchcock (1793-1864) was a geological pioneer. A native of Deerfield, Massachusetts, he was the first State Geologist of Massachusetts, the first American geologist to publicly embrace the theory of continental glaciation, and the first scientist to unearth evidence of dinosaurs in North America. McMaster's book, *All the Light Here Comes from Above: The Life and Legacy of Edward Hitchcock*, is the first biography ever written of Hitchcock, who was one of 19th-century America's most influential scientists.

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## LEARN WHY LUNG CANCER SCREENING IS IMPORTANT

Did you know that proper screening for high risk people has the potential to detect lung cancer at earlier stages when it has the best chance of being cured? On Wednesday, July 27 at 7:00 pm, join Hugh G. Auchincloss, M.D., M.P.H., Division of Thoracic Surgery at Mass General Brigham Newton-Wellesley, to learn about this safe, easy to perform screening that is remarkably effective at reducing the mortality from lung cancer. Find out more from Dr. Auchincloss and his colleagues in oncology, radiology, and pulmonology who are committed to raising awareness for the early detection of lung cancer and saving lives.

This program is sponsored by Newton Free Library, Newton's Health and Human Services and Senior Services departments, the Morrill Memorial Library and the Belmont Public Library.

Registration is required to attend this virtual program via Zoom. Please visit the Morrill Memorial Library's website to register, [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar).



Gauri Loomba, center, received the prestigious Student Development Council Award for Academic Growth at the last School Committee meeting of the school year.

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# School Committee *continued from page 1*

described by her guidance counselor as an "exceptional student and person," will attend Harvard University this fall.

Gauri Loomba, a four-year member and president of the Environmental Youth Coalition, received the National Student Development Council Award for Academic Growth. Loomba worked to help implement filtered water at Norwood High School and town-wide plastic bag ban.

Thomson and Director of Fine Arts Catherine Connor-Moen also congratulated the recipients of several sports and fine arts awards, which were presented to students throughout April and May.

Committee members also assumed their new roles last week. Members elected Anne Marie Mazzola to succeed Teresa Stewart as School Committee chair and elected David Hiltz to serve as vice chair. Mazzola and Stewart will continue to serve on the budget subcommittee, with Kate Sibbing-Dunn and Joan Giblin to serve on the policy subcommittee.

In other business, Thomson

introduced Dr. Charisse Taylor as the new Director of Strategic Initiatives. "Dr. Taylor has been dedicated to developing programs that transform school culture and increase student achievement," Thomson wrote in a press release announcing her hiring in May. "We look forward to seeing her bring this experience to her role as well as excitement around increasing family engagement and developing systems and processes for all of the initiatives happening within our schools."

"I hope to be out and about more this summer ... just being where kids and young people are," Taylor told the Committee on Wednesday. Thomson also announced the district is looking to hire 20 more employees to staff the extended day program next year, and the extended day waitlist will be published by the end of this week. A job fair, Thomson said, will be held in July to fill open positions, including for bus drivers and paraprofessionals.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Alexander Wyeth presented the opportunities for

summer learning available to students, including traditional summer school programs.

"We really thank the teachers for stepping up and doing this," Wyeth said of the summer school teachers. "It's been a long year. It's been a long three years. People are tired and, to be quite frank, it's been a challenge to get teachers to say 'yeah, I'll teach summer school!' and we're having some troubles finding teachers across the board for things that we want to do over the summer. But we do have some dedicated staff, and I thank them for stepping up and making learning continuous for kids."

Thomson described the summer resources this year as "interactive, adaptive and easy to find," compared to offerings five years ago.

The Committee also approved a three percent salary increase for Thomson heading into the next fiscal year.

Members closed the meeting by congratulating students and thanking Norwood's teachers for their work this year.

The School Committee will meet again on August 3.

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