

Fire Dept. feels the pinch of injuries

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

On Tuesday night, Norwood Fire Chief Michael Howard gave the Board of Selectmen grim news about the department's budget and increased losses in personnel due to injury.

Howard said that the Fire Department is overspent in their dispatch, substitution and building accounts, and recently lost four workers due to injury, increasing financial woes and putting pressure on the already depleted workforce.

"Some drastic steps have been taken in our budgets," Howard said, citing a recent meeting with members of the board, but declining to make specific comments about the actions taken to redeem the department's manpower and funding.

According to Howard, the building account, now \$35,000 in the red, faces a deficit due to the lump sum contract payments the department owes and a large electric bill.

"Electricity is going to be the biggest hurdle," Howard said.

Of the four firefighters now out on sick leave, Howard said two were injured on the job while two were out due to illness. One officer was hurt while on the scene of a recent motor vehicle accident, while the other injured his leg at the fire station while responding to a call.

While the Fire Department is admittedly understaffed, Howard said he was in the process of hiring two new officers, but after the hiring process and the required training, the new recruits will not be ready until late April.

The longer the officers stay out on leave, the more money the department will spend to find substitutes to cover their shifts. Board member Jerry Kelleher asked Howard if other towns were facing similar difficulties with their personnel accounts, and what the general feeling was in other local public safety departments.

"Everybody is very worried," Howard said. "We're concerned for our personnel and their safety. We're trying to be as cautious as we can while maintaining an adequate level of service. It's

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Steven McGee receives a hot meal a day for lunch through the program provided by the Ellis Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility in Norwood. Program director Lisa Drummey is one of four drivers for Meals on Wheels.

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Keeping the meals rolling

Meals on Wheels serving for over 33 years

Jennifer Santos
Staff Reporter

Norwood Meals on Wheels Inc. has been serving seniors since 1975 and given the current challenging economic climate, is more committed than ever to taking care of homebound seniors and others who need nutritious meals.

The program began with Rev. Leonard Warner of the First Congregational Church in Norwood.

Warner saw a need in the community and asked members of his congregation to help establish a board. Soon after the program partnered with the Ellis Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility, where meals continue to be prepared and packaged each day.

The Norwood Meals on Wheels program currently serves between 30-40 seniors and shut-ins at any given time.

Program Director Lisa Drummey said she has seen a waiting list for recipients only once during the two-and-a-half years she has worked with the program.

"We don't have any age restrictions, participants really just have to demonstrate a need for the service," Drummey said. "Sometimes the needs of recipients are temporary, and they may be unable to cook because they are recovering from an operation or an illness, while others use the program for more long-term commitments."

The program operates on a volunteer basis with 28 people devoting their time and effort.

Recipients receive one meal per day, five days a week, with the exception of holidays and weather emergencies.

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Ann Cherrokas, 98, is another happy recipient. Cherrokas' daughter looks after her on the weekends, but during the week they encourage her to use the program.

Seniors back new high school

Presentation changes minds of local seniors

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

Seniors are commonly the largest voting group in most municipalities, a factor that many town officials have taken into account in their consideration of the new high school project and the pending votes this spring. Norwood's senior community is no exception to the rule, and could have a strong impact on a successful override vote in April.

Last week, Town Manager John Carroll, Town Clerk and Accountant Bob Thornton, Architect Scott Dunlap and Norwood High School Principal George Usevich brought their show to the Norwood Senior Center to lay out the plans to the town's largest voting demographic and were greeted with resounding and unexpected support.

The slightly modified presentation included expanded information on the search for alternate sites for the new building, a question many seniors had raised in an effort to save the existing school.

Thornton said that since 2004, the town studied 14 different options for a new school, the majority being renovation options that over time proved to be more costly and complicated than building a new school from scratch.

"All the add/reno price tags were very steep," Thornton said, poised with a backdrop of charts and graphs to illustrate the various costs and contributing factors that have led the town to their current \$79.1 million building project.

Thornton said that today, it would cost between \$94 and \$108 million to renovate the current building on Nichols Street.

"George Usevich likes to talk about the four A's at Norwood High School, but I like to think of it as the three B's for this project," Thornton said. "It's bigger, it's brand new, and it's the best value for the taxpayers."

Architect Scott Dunlap of Ai3 said the Massachusetts School Building Authority looked for model schools that would promote community involvement, and that his firm tried to design the building to allow easy access to local residents while also retaining the

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Crash course

Airplane mechanics explain inspection process

Krystal Grow
 Staff Reporter

With news of plane crashes as close as Buffalo, New York and as far away as Amsterdam, the skies are looking a lot less friendly these days.

In the past three months, at least three planes have gone down, some safely, as in the water landing in the Hudson River in mid January, and some deadly, as nine people were killed in an Amsterdam crash in February.

Fortunately, the crash record at Norwood Memorial Airport

is much better than the recent worldwide average, but widespread malfunctions often prompt investigation into just how major machinery is inspected and maintained, especially if that machine happens to be traveling hundreds of thousands of feet in the air.

Jim Peters of the Federal Aviation Administration said that major commercial aircraft are diligently inspected by the FAA, but that maintenance and inspections of private vehicles are the sole responsibility of the pilot. "There is a body of regulations that governs small planes," Peters said, "but the regulations that govern those crafts are not as extensive as the regulations for commercial crafts."

and private aircrafts must be in compliance with the FAA's standards to legally and safely operate, but that owners hold the burden of responsibility for the safety of their vehicles, which the FAA maintains and inspects commercial crafts and airlines on their own.

Essentially, Peters said the FAA sets the standard for all aircrafts, but it is up to private owners and operators to make sure those standards are met.

"The responsibility is on the owner to make sure they are in compliance," he said. "People can certainly be cited for not being in compliance, but you won't usually get a conscientious owner who would evade getting an aircraft in compli-

Peters said both commercial

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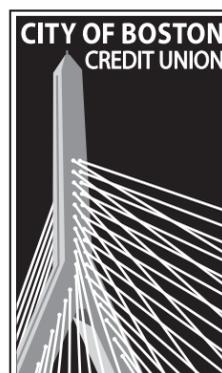
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Thank you to all who attended the open presentation on Monday night. We were impressed to see all the Committee of 21/Working Group's hard work on display, and were excited to hear the facts explained so clearly. Some key points we would like you to think about include:

- The MSBA independently studied Norwood's situation and determined that construction of a new Norwood Senior High School was the most fiscally responsible choice for our town.
- The MSBA will reimburse \$43.7 million of the \$79.1 million project cost. This money is already dedicated to Norwood and is held in the School Modernization Trust Fund. It is not subject to budget cuts.
- Norwood will pay \$35.4 million as its share of this project. This amount is less than any previously considered renovation or construction project.

Please consider the facts when you make your decision on April 6th. This is the right plan, the right value, and the right time.

Thank you,
 Sarah Quinn, Sarah Sullivan & Amy Sobchuk

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COA clamps down on open meeting rules

Council initiates policy to prevent "hostile" meetings

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

When Selectmen recommend police detail at the senior center, it's time for a policy change.

Last week, members of the Norwood Council on Aging issued a new policy regarding the open meeting practices in an attempt to quell some of the hostility that arises when local seniors take issue with the topics of discussion.

The monthly meetings follow a loose format, where seniors often stand up and respond to statements made by the board, which often leads to debates that have escalated to a level that has made the town's highest board take notice.

"There is a difference between an open meeting and a public meeting and everyone needs to understand that," said Senior Center Executive Director Dorothy Vitale, who is often the target when the discussion escalates to debate.

COA Chairman Fred Piccard told local seniors in attendance that the new policy would require advanced notice if a topic was to be raised by a member of the public during the meeting. No more raising of hands. No more points of order. Piccard said issues and topics would be addressed if they had a place on the agenda and were submitted to the board at least a week in advance.

"If you want to bring something up at a meeting, you have to write a letter stating what you want to discuss, and we will review it and place it on the agenda," Piccard said.

There was some applause from the crowd gathered in the

senior center function room after the announcement, but some seniors, including Friends of the Council on Aging President Bill McCoy, said the new measure would stifle discussion instead of preventing distraction.

"I do not agree with what went on here today," he said. "The school committee and finance commission all have public forums, and what we're doing here is wrong."

In September, the COA agreed to institute a public forum and give seniors a two minute window to address topics that were discussed at the meeting, but the policy was only honored for a few months before the meetings returned to their more informal and spontaneous line of discussion.

The Friends of the Council meetings are officially slated as public meetings, and McCoy often sparks the majority of discussion, but said he felt seniors should have the chance to voice their opinions during either meeting.

"This is going to alienate people from coming to the meetings," he said. "If the council has to meet at 12:30 (before the meeting) to hear people, that's what they need to do. You people built this place and you should have a say. Having to wait month to month to talk is wrong."

"Everyone knows how disruptive this has been," Vitale said. "We had a meeting in January that was extremely disruptive, and an authority figure should have been brought in. We're just asking that you ask for a spot in the agenda."

Members of the council and Friends board also discussed the merits of the proposal from

the school committee to take over operation of the commercial kitchen from the Phoenix Culinary School.

School Superintendent John Moretti recommended that the schools try and create an in-house culinary program in an effort to both reduce costs and provide funding to the senior center. According to Moretti, the schools could save \$180,000 each year, and would allow the senior center to keep revenues made from the sale of daily hot lunches.

McCoy, who has questioned the financial feasibility of the Phoenix program, said he was in favor of the proposal. "I think it's an excellent idea," he said. "Since last June, they have been using our kitchen and haven't paid a dime."

But some members of the senior community in attendance were hesitant to change the program, which they have been satisfied with since its inception in September.

"The Phoenix is running an excellent program in there," said Betty Mastandrea. "If the schools come in here they'll take it over and run it just like they run everything else."

Vitale defended the program, and said that Moretti's proposal was still in its formative stages and should not be taken as a solid plan.

"This proposal is very new, and the dollar amounts are preliminary. My plan was to implement this program, and my main goal was to provide hot

lunches for the seniors. The idea is to reconvene in May and see how we want to proceed."

"There should have been a

contract from the start," McCoy said. "This is ours. It doesn't belong to them."



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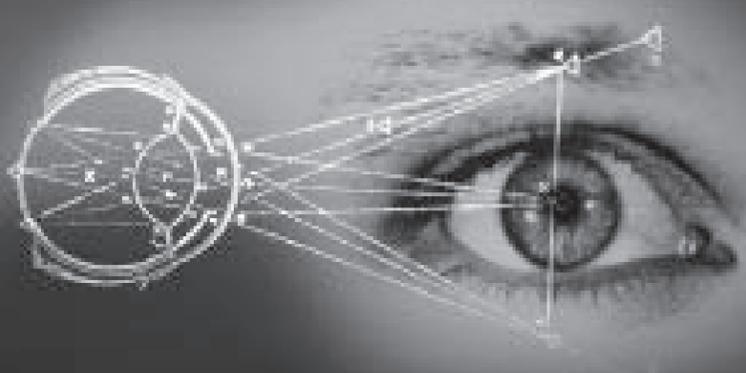


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Editorial

WHAT'S THE ANSWER?

Perhaps surprising to some, this newspaper took no pleasure in reporting that *The Daily Transcript* and *Norwood Bulletin* were vacating their local offices in South Norwood.

As most readers are aware, Paul DiModica and Dennis Cawley, owners of this newspaper, were actually the founders of *The Norwood Bulletin* and published it successfully from 1992 until the end of 2005 when it was sold to a newspaper group out of Quincy, MA. Since then, *The Norwood Bulletin*, along with about 180 other newspapers was acquired by Gatehouse Media, current owners of a publishing conglomerate suffering from an industry wide meltdown. Having lost 98 percent of its stock market value, it finds itself listed among a distinguished group of news publications either already extinct or heading in that direction. It is sad and, unfortunately, the worst is yet to come.

The latest news out of Wall Street is that *The New York Times*, publishers of, among other newspapers, *The Boston Globe*, is hemorrhaging money and is desperate to cut its losses. *The Boston Globe*, sold to the New York Times for about a billion dollars, is now valued under two hundred million and falling like a rock. Losing a million dollars a day, *The Globe* cannot continue to exist under its present circumstance and, in all likelihood, will either shut down or convert into an on-line, Internet news reporting publication only.

So what happened? How can such bedrocks of The Fourth Estate collapse? The Internet is what happened, and a poorly thought out vision of how The Web would generate oodles of new revenue from the same news already being paid for in print. News is a commodity, no different than oil, bread, oranges and beef. It has a value as determined by the market and it also has an associated cost to produce, born by the publishers in the business. If you give away the news in one venue, you dilute the value of the same news you charge for in another. And this is where the bean counters made a fatal mistake.

For example, the *Boston Herald* has both a print publication and an on-line version provided daily. The print version costs consumers money in the form of either a newsstand fee or a subscription. However, the very same news is provided on their website, bostonherald.com for free. So, except for a few of us older folks who appreciate putting our feet up while settled into a comfortable chair and with a hot cup of coffee absorbing world events, most have opted to find out what's going on while sitting at their computer screens, most likely multi-tasking at the same time. Obviously, the circulation revenue generated by their print sales plummeted.

And the spiral doesn't stop at circulation. The print advertisers, think auto dealerships, real estate companies, healthcare providers, etc...were expected to continue their spending ways in these same print publications. However, behind every advertiser is a businessman closely tracking the return on investment of their advertising dollars. And guess what? As print circulation started to decline so did the effectiveness of the advertisements. Businessmen started cutting back on their print advertising or stopped it altogether. Now, both circulation and advertising revenues are in the toilet.

The upside to this was supposed to be that those same advertisers would be willing to spend their money on websites like bostonherald.com, the logic being that huge amounts of readers would flock to the web to read the free news, increasing the value of on-line advertising. Just didn't work out that way. Industry stud-

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Letters to the Editor

NORWOOD HIGH-STICK WITH THE FACTS

To the Editor:

The pace is quickening in Norwood as we approach the April 6 local election and the high school vote. It's a difficult decision, but we have a rare opportunity that could benefit our community for years to come. Much has been said, and said again, and several people have told me they're not sure how to sort through all the information. My answer to them has been to keep it simple, and stick with the facts. In a nutshell, the offer on the table from the state enables Norwood to build a proven, award winning facility, with state of the art features. The state will partner with us, and provide more than \$44 million in local stimulus funds IF we adopt the model school plan. This concept means that the designs and layout are already completed, and would result in occupancy of the facility in September, 2011. The average taxpayer would be asked to pay an average over the life of the loan of \$150 per year, with a high of \$231 in 2012 trailing down to a low point of \$58 in the final year of the debt. The initial project bids are being evaluated, and they are favorable. This is due in large part to the economy, and the fact that high quality contractors are sharpening their pencils, resulting in favorable pricing for Norwood. There are many more facts available, and you can hear them all on Monday, March 23 at the Special Town Meeting. If the project is rejected, the offer from the state goes away, period. A yes vote will enable us to build a new facility to be proud of, and we can truly turn the corner into a new era for our community. In times like these, we need to make informed decisions, we need to stick with the facts, and we need to do what's right for the long term. This is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity, we need to leave the rhetoric behind, and let the facts be our guide. The facts are in, this project is the best option for us, and I ask you to vote yes to create an even brighter future for our community.

*Joe Greeley Norwood
Committee of 21*

CHANGED HER MIND ON NEW SCHOOL

To the Editor:

I have lived in Norwood for most of my life. I will admit, initially I was against building a new high school. I thought there must be a way to renovate the existing high school without tearing it down completely. I have listened to and read all the information that has been readily available to all residents from the engineers, architects, Committee of 21, MSBA, and the Norwood High School Working Group. I have also read articles and letters in the newspaper from the Common Sense Committee and listened to their concerns at last year's town meeting. I have come to the realization that building a new high school is the most economically sound and fiscally responsible thing to do.

As a member of the class of 1987, I was a student at Norwood High School when extensive renovations were done. As in most renovation projects, the building was not ready as planned. Instead of returning to the high school af-

ter our summer break, all of the students were sent to the Junior High North (currently the Savage Center.) Fortunately, the building was empty at the time and not home to the Senior Center, Administrative Offices, Extended Day, as well as other tenants who are currently there. The few months that we were supposed to be there stretched on. Disgruntled members of the Senior Class staged a walk-out, protesting the extensive delay in getting students back into Norwood High School. When we were able to return to the building close to the end of the school year, we were all disappointed. With the exception of a bigger library (which is now deemed too small) the building had relatively few changes.

I do not think a better plan has been brought to the table by those who are against a new high school. Renovations in the past have only served as band-aids to a building that needs so much more. Conspiracy theories and misinformation given out from a few of the opposed have not helped their campaign for renovations either. The MSBA has secured over one billion dollars for building projects. Over 43 million dollars has already been set aside for Norwood. Delaying the high school project will only hurt the taxpayers down the road. Sales tax revenues are on a steady decline, which means less money will be available for future projects. While we are in tough economic times right now, it is also a great time for the town to take advantage of low interest rates and the sluggish market for construction. It is a fact that we can build a brand new high school with less money than if we were to try and effectively renovate the existing building. The MSBA wants this to work. All eyes will be on this project to make sure everything is done properly. There is too much at stake for it not to be successful.

Families of all ages and stages in their lives are facing tough economic times right now. Higher taxes place a burden on all of us, however, our tax rate will still be lower than most family-friendly towns. I am fearful about the future of this town if we do not move ahead with this project. We will be perceived as a community that does not value education. Families will choose not to stay in or move to Norwood. The dynamics of this town will change for the worse. We have a unique opportunity with the Model School Program. Whether or not you have children in the school system, we all will benefit if we go forward with this project. I hope every homeowner who wants to protect their biggest investment will vote yes for this debt exclusion override.

Laura Tolman

SENIOR RENTS WILL NOT INCREASE

To the Editor:

As you know on April 6, the Town of Norwood will vote on a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion override to build a new Norwood High School. The existing building is substandard and has been threatened with loss of accreditation. The Massachusetts School Building Authority will provide \$43.7 million in funds for a new building. Our group, Pride in Norwood Schools, or PINS, sup-

ports this important project.

We have learned that some opposed to the construction of a new high school are informing the residents of senior housing their rent will increase if the Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion passes.

The truth is rent will not increase if the high school vote passes. It is completely false to claim that it will.

Your rent will continue to be based on your income and ability to pay as it has in the past, and not on the town tax rate. If you call the Norwood Housing Authority at 781 762 8115, they will confirm this point.

We hope that this will set the record straight so you know the truth when you vote. The facts are well documented and are available online at

www.newnorwoodhighschool.org. PINS encourages people to review the facts and support the construction of a new Norwood High School by voting YES on April 6.

Thank you,

*Sarah Quinn Co-Chair Pride
in Norwood Schools*

OUR VERY OWN STIMULUS PACKAGE

To the Editor:

How can Norwood live with itself if its voters turn away this "Stimulus Package" being offered by the state to help fund a new, state-of-the-art high school?

First and foremost, we are in jeopardy of losing accreditation. This is defined as "credibility" in my dictionary. Webster's defines "accredit" to mean, to authorize; certify, to believe in; an attribute. This means that we believe we already offer our students the best education with all the characteristics of quality. Well, this is being challenged as we face the reality of losing our high school's accreditation. As voters, it is our responsibility to authorize a new high school that meets the standards to which the state upholds. This is an opportunity to take money, that is a gift, and build a new school that will meet the requirements of education for our children so they can meet the challenges of their futures. Due to the limitations of space and up-to-date equipment, our teachers are restricted from performing certain science experiments and being able to teach in classroom space that is conducive to learning. Teachers' offices are in spaces that are smaller than closets. The music program cannot even hold a concert in its own high school because the space and environment is inadequate to appreciate the performances.

Our children travel to schools where they see what could be possible in Norwood. It would be an embarrassment to read the papers after April 6 to find that we couldn't meet our children's dreams. The cost of that would stay with Norwood longer than it will take to pay off the debt exclusion. We owe this to the children of Norwood. It is our responsibility to provide a solid public education. Private education is out of reach for many and for others it is a choice. As town citizens, we still owe all the students in Norwood an opportunity for the best. Our teachers are creative and brilliant but they too become stifled in the

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Search comes up short

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

Amidst the turmoil of budget deliberations and high school developments, members of the Norwood School Committee have also been seeking qualified candidates for a permanent superintendent, a search that has yielded no acceptable prospects for the system.

Members of the Superintendent Search Committee announced last week that after interviewing multiple candidates, none fit the criteria they felt necessary to lead the system through the challenges at hand.

The committee has expressed an interest in keeping current Superintendent John Moretti on for another year, but as an interim, Moretti is limited by how much he can make and how long he can stay. Committee Chairman Paul Samargedlis said he requested a waiver from the Department of Revenue to keep Moretti in Norwood, but has not received an answer.

"I spoke to the DOR and

School Committee not impressed by superintendent candidates

they told me we should have an answer by next week," Samargedlis said. "I would like to know we have leadership in place by Town Meeting."

With the proposed new high school project looming on the horizon, a difficult and dwindling budget and a major reorganization of the middle school in process, members of the committee agreed continuity in central administration was essential, but that there should be a plan B in place if the DOR and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education refuse to extend Moretti's time in Norwood.

"I hope we get the waiver, but we need to be proactive," said Vice Chair Bill Plasko, Jr.

Samargedlis said that if the DOE does not look favorably upon the request, they would have to continue searching for a permanent replacement.

"We have to play out the process," he said.

"We did an extensive search

for the superintendent position, and it was pretty sad," member Mark Joseph said. "Our responsibility is to make sure the schools are run effectively and with consistency."

"Now is not the time to bring a rookie in," Samargedlis said. "We were looking at candidates with no central administration experience and who had never been involved in a building project before, and we need people with those skills right now."

A candidate familiar with the complexities of a school building project is one of the essential skills the committee is searching for, and one that was in short supply in the last round of interviews.

The committee agreed to post the position again on March 15 if there is no response or a denial from the DOR.

"What if they don't come back with an answer?" **Candidates**

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Balanced budget confidence

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

Members of the Town-wide Budget Balancing Subcommittee took a final look at the bottom line for school and general government funds last week, and while town departments are still feeling the squeeze, local officials are confident that they will be able to make the necessary adjustments to balance the budget.

Town Manager John Carroll and Town Clerk/Accountant Bob Thornton said they had found ways to meet the committee's recommended cuts to the budget, and school offi-

cials said that while there was still work to be done, they too felt they could meet the \$1.8 million reduction.

Last week, members of the School Committee made a vote to make cuts from their budget, approving a solid \$1.2 million in cuts and still left with approximately \$600,000 to go.

Budget Subcommittee Chair Judith Langone said the general vote was a good start and a jumping off point for discussion. "As far as I'm concerned, that was a good vote you took, and our work is done on that," she said. "Our job tonight is to discuss capital projects."

Combined, the school and town are looking at a \$3.3 million capital project budget, which members of the committee scrutinized for cost savings and to reduce the \$2.7 million in borrowed funds.

Members of the School Committee are reviewing a list of capital projects that could be

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ance.”
 Flight Level Aviation is the largest charter service operating out of Norwood Memorial Airport, and offers inspection services from their maintenance facility on the airport grounds. Maintenance Director Glenn Juber said aircraft inspections require precision, technical knowledge and a solid grasp of FAA standards. “There are a lot of things that need to be inspected,” Juber said. “Each manufacturer has their own list of things to look for that are often more detailed than the federal standards.”

The mechanics at Flight Level Aviation conduct over 150 inspections each year, and at an average of two full days per plane, the process is extremely precise.

“This is an incredibly regulated industry,” he said. “When a plane comes in for an inspection, we run the engine to test its performance, then we take everything apart and start look-

ing for the defects.”
 The shop at Flight Level looked like a surgery room for airplanes, with bright white lights shining over the dissected innards of small aircrafts. At least five planes were parked in the hangar in various stages of the inspection process, but Juber said that rigid maintenance standards are necessary for the safety and longevity of the planes.

“Every time you inspect a plane, you inspect it based on how old it is,” he said, adding that most planes have an almost unlimited lifespan because of the manufacturer’s and FAA’s maintenance standards. Most last on average over 50 years.

“We joke sometimes that we take them apart to see how well they work,” he said. Joking aside, the mechanics at Flight Level Aviation take their work seriously, as their inspection process ensures the safety of aircrafts and their passengers.

“There’s a lot of pride in this

kind of work,” Juber said. “It’s different than your yearly car inspections. If you fail an inspection, you can’t drive, and the same is true with planes, but if something is wrong with an airplane, you really can’t pull over and fix it.”

Juber said the majority of plane crashes, like most malfunctions, are due to human error. “Most planes don’t crash because of mechanical failures,” he said, “they crash because of something stupid like running out of gas.”

Juber said that the amount of supervision and oversight offers another layer of protection to airplanes, as most mechanics work as apprentices for 3 to 5 years before becoming master mechanics, which he supervises, but the FAA is looking over Juber’s shoulder too. “There’s nothing shadowy about this process,” he said. “We all have standards to meet.”

Officials say town keeps up with police detail payments

Krystal Grow
 Staff Reporter

Norwood residents may have seen a recent Channel 7 news report stating that the town is owed over \$80,000 in police detail payments. But Town Manager John Carroll said the number presented in that report is slightly exaggerated.

“We always get paid,” he said. “We really chase people down for that money.”

According to a report by 7News reporter Hank Phillippi Ryan, multiple cities and towns in the Commonwealth are getting ripped off by large companies that fail to

pay their dues, but Carroll said the town is relentless in getting payment for their officers who work the extra time.

While the report claims that the town is waiting for \$84,533 from various companies, Carroll said the actual amount 90 days past due is closer to \$4,000.

“We bill in 30, 60 and 90 day segments,” he said. “In total, we have about \$60,000 in bills, but we’re only waiting for about \$4,000 that’s 90 days past due.”

The town is rarely left waiting for longer than 90 days, Carroll said, but would not offer the names of the

companies currently in debt to the town.

“These are all large private companies,” he said. “We don’t want to embarrass them.”

Norwood Police Spokesman Paul Bishop said that the company responsible for the \$4,000 payment was experiencing financial trouble, and not intentionally avoiding payment.

“We set up a payment plan with them because they came to us and said they were having trouble,” Bishop said.

Thomas O’Toole is the town’s lead detail officer, and explained the payment system and how the Channel 7 report muddled the numbers.

“We gave them the figures of our accounts past due over 30, 60 and 90 days, and the just added them up. The actual figure is not that high,” he said.

The town is currently carrying \$62,009 in bills overdue by 30 days, \$18,829 over 60 days and \$3,694 past due by 90 days. The actual total, O’Toole said, would be \$62,009 as 30 and 60 day past due amounts are included in the 90 day figure.

While the number is still considerably high, O’Toole said the town has ways of getting payments from companies who neglect their bills.

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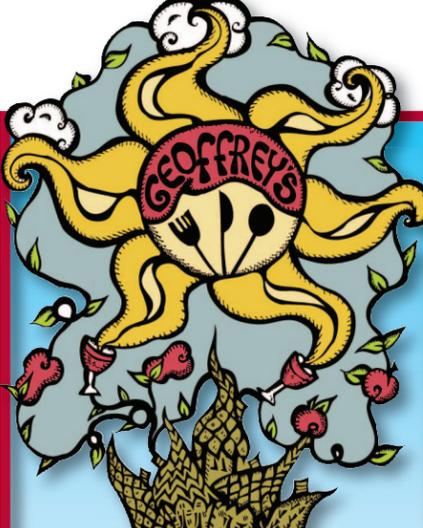
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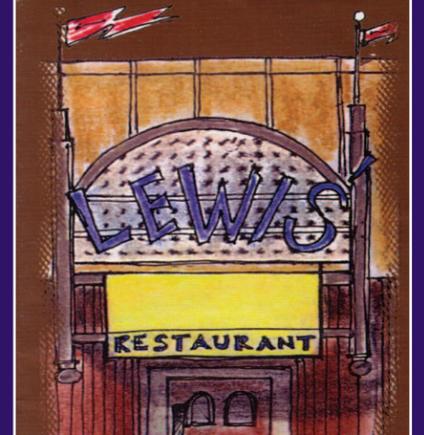
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Fire Chief *continued from page 1*

the same everywhere, but we have been more fortunate than most.”

Howard said the only saving grace at the fire department at this point are the steadily increasing revenues from ambulance and paramedic services, which brought in \$98,465 in February alone. The recent state mandate against ambulance diversions has worked in Norwood’s favor, as fewer ambulances are leaving town to travel to other hospitals.

“Norwood is number one in hospital diversions, and the new law has helped us tremendously,” Howard said.

The Fire Department also received a helping hand from

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O’Toole said the town sets the limit at 120 days past due before any action, legal or otherwise, is taken against the delinquent company.

“I pretty much hound the [heck] out of them,” he said, “but there are a number of things we can do. We can set up a payment plan or suspend their permits if they are permitted to work in town. We have had a few cases where we’ve referred the case to

Town Counsel for small claims action.”

The town does charge a 10 percent “administrative fee” for past due bills and to cover costs associated with filing fees for small claims court.

“The town is getting something out of it, because it costs us to file those papers and take legal action, so we’re really not making anything if we don’t,” he said.

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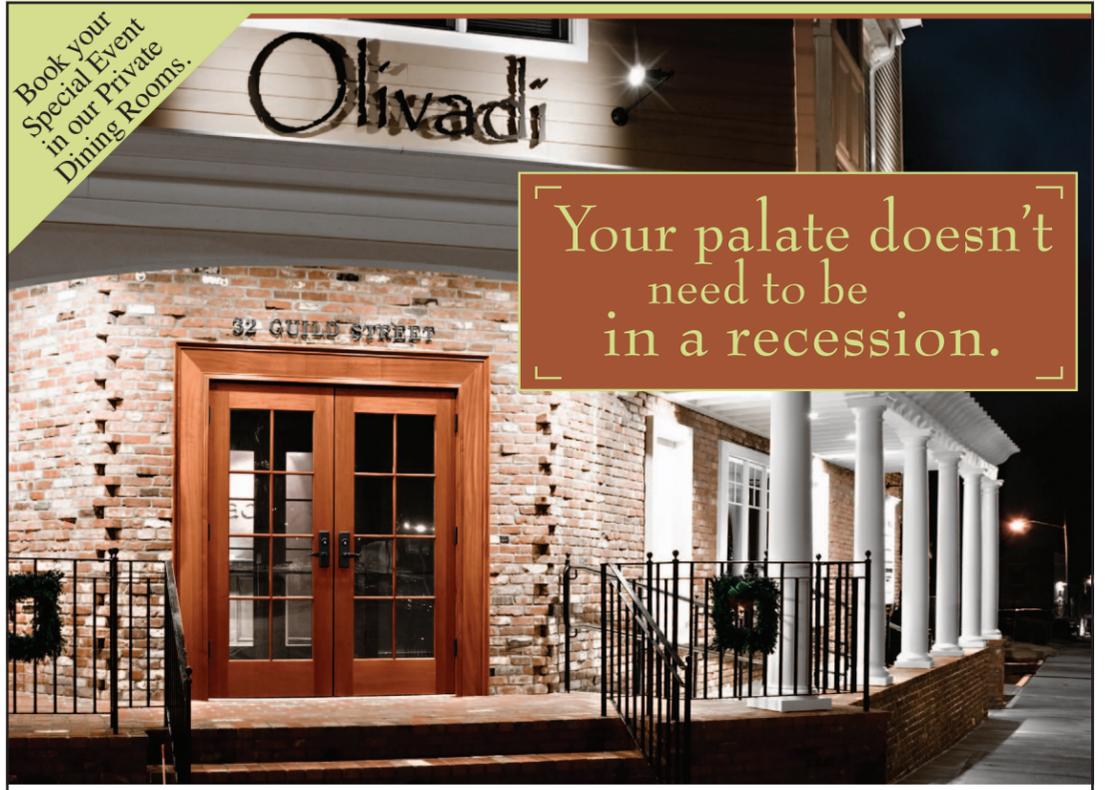
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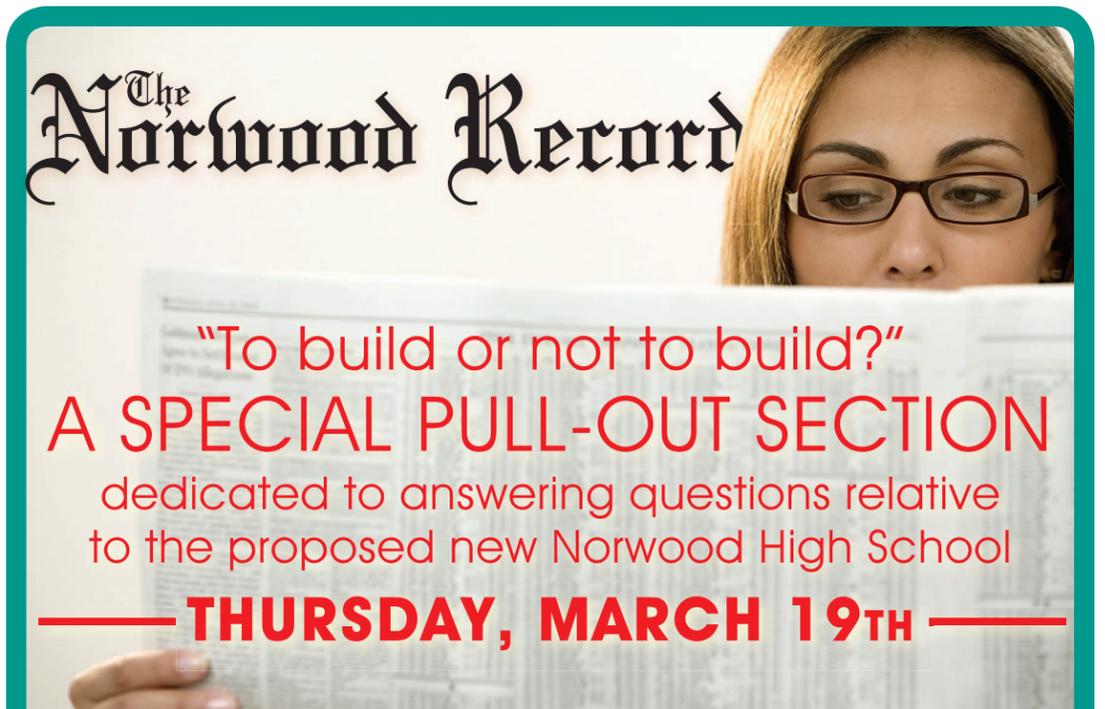
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Seniors back new high school *continued from page 1*

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Usevich brought the presentation home to local seniors by recounting his time in Norwood High School as a student, teacher and principal, and reflecting on the many years of service the old building has given to generations of students

while stressing the need to continue to provide for students of the future.

“I have spent 51 years in that building, but it’s a very different place that it was in the 50’s,” he said. “We remember blackboards and chalk dust, today we have Smart Boards. The delivery of curriculum has changed and expectations have changed, therefore, the building must change. That building has served us well, but we have to let go of the past. The bottom line is that it’s time for us to make it happen.”

Senior Gene Doherty asked if the working group had considered the possibility of cost overruns and change orders for unforeseen construction issues,

including the possibility of underground ledge that could effect the foundation of the new building.

“People should take comfort in knowing that we did geotechnical studies and over 15 borings and have a detailed understanding of those issues,” said Project Manager Tim Bonfatti. “The larger question is how we deal with unforeseen issues, but we have been working with the MSBA on contingencies and have tried to make sure we’ve covered them as best as we can.”

Frank McKeown, who chairs the Common Sense Committee, which opposed the demolition of the old building, asked if enough consideration had been given to independent assessments of the building.

“I have no problem with the new building, it seems great, but my main issue is the destruction of the high school,” he said. “I have an independent report here from a firm hired by the MSBA that says the school doesn’t need to be replaced.”

Dunlap said the document, written by the STV consulting firm, was a brief assessment of the school taken over a one day survey of the structure, and did not accurately reflect the larger structural issues in the 84 year old building.

“The MSBA did similar surveys on all public school buildings when they first formed, and STV has issued multiple documents saying not to look too deeply into those reports,” said Dunlap. “Our focus is on educational buildings, and some of our projects have been renovations, but complications and cost overruns are often much greater because of the many unknowns involved in renovations.”

After the first round of questions, most seniors had only positive comments for town officials, including Betty

Mastandrea, who called the presentation “excellent.”

“Now lets go get this high school built,” she said exuberantly.

Town Meeting member Frank Malacaria was equally enthusiastic.

“I went through that school, and sent my children there and it’s been a terrific experience, but it’s time to move on,” he said. “It’s a great project and this could be a great legacy we can leave to Norwood children.”

Some seniors left the pre-

sentation with a new perspective on the plans, and said they were leaning toward a “yes” vote in April.

“I was against it at first, but I’m changing my mind,” said John Howard. “There are a lot of good facts and figures, and the opposition hasn’t presented enough information otherwise. I don’t want this to get delayed anymore. We have to get this done.”

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BY: John J. Carroll
General Manager

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Balanced budget

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shared between the school and the town, including field improvements to help reduce their capital expenses.

The prospect of federal stimulus funds has placed another question mark in budget building, as some members were wary of earmarking money that is not pinned down in specifics.

School Superintendent John Moretti said he was anticipating approximately \$400,000 in stimulus funds, and intended to share a portion of it with the town.

“We feel that the budget balancing committee has been extremely equitable, so we’re trying to find projects that would benefit the town,” he said. “We have come up with a list of projects we could fund, but we haven’t finalized it yet.”

“We just don’t want to spend the money before we have it,” School Committee Chairman Paul Samargedlis said.

While the town is still suffering from depleted revenues, the committee was given an extra \$86,406 from the Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School budget, as the town’s projected costs for the upcoming school year were less than anticipated. Langone said she wanted to use that money to reduce the amount of money the town had to borrow in such difficult financial times.

After studying the capital project list item by item, and debating which items were necessary and which could be deferred, the committee voted to simply shift one project from the borrowing category and including it in the FY10 budget.

Improvements and repairs to the sidewalks and entryways at the Coakley Middle School, a project with a price tag of \$98,000, will be included in the town’s operating budget, a move that reduced the total borrowed amount to \$2.6 million.

“The board feels that they will be able to absorb that \$12,000 in their own budget,” said Assistant Town Manager Bernie Cooper.

The capital project list could still be modified depending on stimulus funds and the school department’s consideration of shared projects.

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“It is really about the people we serve and our volunteers because without them we would fail, they are our backbone,” Drummey said. Each meal is served hot, never frozen, and modified to meet the dietary and nutritional needs of each recipient. In addition to meat, vegetables and a beverage, each meal includes a dessert. Recipients also have an option of receiving an extra two meals per day at a cost of \$4.50.

Some recipients, such as Dorothy Gretskey, like to save their hot meal for dinner. Gretskey, though legally blind, said warming up her food later in the evening is “a piece of cake.”

“I love it, I have a hot meal for supper. I can’t see the stove so I just throw the food in the microwave,” she said.

The impact that the organization has on the people it reaches out to goes far beyond the wholesome meals it provides. Meals on Wheels volunteers often develop enduring friendships with their clients and provide safety checks to ensure their seniors are comfortable and healthy.

“You have to realize you’re bringing them more than a meal, sometimes you’re the only person they see for the entire day,” said Drummey.

“This is the best part about my day, it’s what separates me

from these four walls,” said client Steven McGee.

The age range for program participants ranges from the mid-fifties to a client who just turned 98 years old. On special occasions, the program can also assist an entire family.

“I once had a recipient who was going through chemotherapy, his wife had also broken both her arms in an accident, and they had two small children at home,” Drummey said. “Seeing the recipients makes you realize how blessed you are and to be able to give back is even more rewarding.”

Childcare for teachers?

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

Norwood teachers offer their time and talents for local youths, and soon the school department may be able to provide the same service for children of faculty members.

School Supt. John Moretti asked the School Committee Wednesday night for permission to begin researching the possibility of creating a child care program for Norwood teachers, a program he said could become a growing source of revenue for the school department.

"This program becomes very lucrative," Moretti said, adding that he implemented a similar program in Mansfield, where it proved to be successful.

School Committee member Courtney Rau, who worked with Moretti in Mansfield, said that in her experience offering child care to local teachers went beyond revenue gains and had a positive influence on staff and students in the district.

"It was wildly successful in Mansfield," she said. "People liked the convenience of it, and it was a draw for a lot of teachers and kept a lot of teachers in the system. It really worked nicely and I think we should research it further."

Rau said the program also opened unique internship opportunities to high school students interested in pursuing careers in childcare and education.

Moretti compared the proposed day care center to an interactive learning workshop for local students, and as a safe haven for local teachers trying to maintain full time family and professional responsibilities.

"We've done a survey and at least 28 teachers, with a total of 40 children, are interested in this program," he said. "Parents will know that their children are in a safe location close by, in the event that they have to stay late for staff meetings or even on professional development days."

Moretti said a number of teachers also expressed interest in working at the proposed center, and would seek transfers from their current positions to work at the day care.

According to early calculations, Moretti estimated a start-up cost of \$25,000, which would come from aid anticipated as part of the federal stimulus package. Tuition from all 40 students would generate about \$336,000 at an operational cost of \$225,000, which would net approximately \$81,000 in profit. Moretti said he also expects that the program would bring teachers back from maternity leaves and leaves of absence quicker, which could lead to further savings.

School Committee member Dick Kief questioned the school's potential liability and the insurance costs associated with running a day care center. He questioned how the program would function if it does not produce a profit in the first year.

"The day care center would be part of our curriculum for high school students as a learning lab, which is covered under our current policies," Moretti said.

The program would be run on a year-to-year basis, and Moretti said that if the initial enrollment was lower than expected, the committee could offer the program to custodial staff, teachers' aids and assistants and Title 1 staff.

"We will run it year-to-year, and if it isn't making a profit, we won't do it," he said.

Members of the committee overwhelmingly supported the prospect of creating an in-house day care center, but Kief said he wanted to make sure the proper research is done before the program moves forward.

"I can see the benefits, but there are still a lot of strings hanging out there," he said. "I'd like us to step slowly on this."

School Committee member Mark Joseph threw his full support behind the plan.

"I totally applaud this," he said. "You had a plan that worked and I think it could work here too."

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mittee member Dick Kief asked. "My concern is that this is the fourth or fifth time they've said we were going to hear about the waiver, and we've heard nothing."

School Committee member Eleanor Travers said reposting the position would be a "prudent step."

On the other end of the spectrum, Moretti reported to the board that there had been an overwhelmingly positive response and a strong pool of applicants for the newly created Deputy Superintendent position.

"I have reviewed about 28 resumes and you have six very strong candidates to choose from," Moretti said, but warned the committee that the process should start moving quickly.

"I would be very careful not to delay this process any further," he said. "You need to fast track this. Things are being well managed and I think in three weeks, you should be able to narrow it down to one."

While the committee was overwhelmingly unsatisfied with the superintendent candidates, who Samargedlis said were almost completely unqualified, he was happy to see interest in the deputy position and looked forward to reviewing their resumes.

"These people are very excited about working in Norwood. They are seeing it as a destination system," Moretti said. "There are a lot of things you are doing internally that excite people about this opportunity."

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SENIOR NEWS

Appointments must be made in advance for all clinics at the Senior Center. Call (781) 762-1201.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

There will be a St. Patrick's Day celebration on Friday, March 13, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. with entertainment by Jack Craig and a corned beef and cabbage luncheon on Tuesday, March 17.

OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING

The screening is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call for an appointment.

HISTORY TALK

A history talk will take place on Thursday, Mar. 19 at 1 p.m. The topic will be United States geography, including physical features of the U.S. and a map study with a video of National Parks. Study sheets are available in the café until Mar. 13.

PROPOPE

The next PROPOPE (prose, poetry and people) event will be Wednesday, March 18, at 1 p.m. A small group of amateur poets and philosophers will show off their creativity and interest and solve world problems.

TRIAD

The next TRIAD meeting will

be on Monday, March 16, from noon to 1 p.m.

OIL PAINTING

Join Bob McLeo for oil painting on Friday, March 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MANICURES

Registered manicurist Lauren Maunsell will be at the Senior Center on Wednesday, Mar. 25 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$10. Please call for an appointment.

YOUNG AT HEART DANCE

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging will hold their next dance on Friday, March 20, from 7-10:30 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center. Music Will be by Dave Valerio. Cost is \$10. Tickets on sale at the door. For questions, call Anne at (781) 762-5625.

TAX PREPARATION

Tax preparation has begun. If you are interested, call the Senior Center.

LYME DISEASE

There will be an educational workshop on Lyme disease sponsored by Gentiva Home Health of Quincy on Monday, March 13, at 1 p.m.

DEFERRED PAYMENT LOANS

The Norwood Department of

Planning and Economic Development will be hosting an information session for

Seniors

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tional session to inform residents about deferred payment loans. The loans are offered by the Town of Norwood to assist qualified homeowners improve their living conditions by repairing or replacing roofs, windows, wiring, siding, heating systems and more. The session will take place on Thursday, March 19, at 1 p.m.

UPCOMING TRIPS

Polynesian Fire: Tuesday, April 28, at Lombardo's. Cost is \$48.95 and includes a Hawaiian lei greeting, lunch, a 90-minute Hawaiian floor show, tax and gratuity.

Remembering the 50s with the Four Aces: Tuesday, May 12, at Luciano's at Lake Pearl, Wrentham. Cost is \$39 per person and includes a luncheon and show.

John Davidson: Tuesday, Sept. 22, at Venus De Milo, Swansea.

FRIDAY MOVIES

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, Dennis, will be available for appointments on every Thursday to answer any questions you may have regarding your health insurance. Please call ahead.

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.

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Deaths

CALLAGHAN

Martin Francis of East Falmouth, formerly of Norwood, Mar. 1. Beloved husband of Nancy (Perry) Callaghan. Father of Caitlin E. Callaghan of Marshfield and Neva M. Callaghan of East Falmouth. Brother of William Callaghan of Marshfield. Also survived by many cousins and his best friend, James Balfour of Walpole. Son of the late Martin F. & Mary (Lovell) Callaghan. Visiting hours and burial are omitted. Funeral arrangements by Chapman, Cole & Gleason, Falmouth.

FOLEY

Eugene F., 78, of Middleborough, formerly of Plymouth and Norwood, Feb. 26 at home surrounded by his family. Together, Gene and Rose owned and operated Foley Foodservice, a coffee and vending company based in Norwood. Mr. Foley was a former member of the Knights of Columbus, Jamaica Plain Council and the Order of Elks Lodge 10. Born in Boston on June 14, 1930. Mr. Foley was the oldest of four sons of the late Daniel and Dorothy (Merth) Foley. He was the loving husband of Rose (Doherty) Foley. Father of four sons, Eugene

F. Foley Jr. of Plymouth, Brian Foley and Kenneth Foley, both of Foxborough and Stephen Foley of Charlestown. Brother of Robert Foley of Dedham, Thomas Foley of Sharon and the late Daniel Foley. He was the proud grandfather of 9 grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Doctors Without Borders USA, P.O. Box 5030, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

GALANIS

Bessie "Sandra" A. (Couyou), 84, of Norwood, Mar. 5. Devoted wife of William Peter Galanis. Devoted mother of Peter and his wife Mary Ellen of Walpole, Michael of Delaware and Gregory and his wife Karen of FL. Also survived by 5 grandchildren. Daughter of the late Michael and Despina Couyou. Interment Westwood Cemetery, Westwood. Funeral arrangements by Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood.

IOANNILLI

Joseph M., 95, of Norwood, Mar. 6. Beloved husband of Caroline J. (Bilotta). Devoted father of Patricia A. Russo and her husband John and Marie V. Cox and her husband Jerry, both of

Norwood. Brother of Louise Petrucci of Dedham and the late Joseph, Angelo, Virgilio, Bruno, Gino, Anthony and Louise Ioannilli. Also survived by five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Funeral arrangements by Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood.

SOPP

Nellie (Nachas), 95, of Norwood, Feb. 28. Beloved wife of the late Henry E. Sopp. Devoted mother of Maryann Hourihan of Norwood, Carolyn Petrolini of CT and Linda Sopp of Northampton. Sister of Veronica FaFara of Westwood. Also survived by six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations made in her name to The Salvation Army, 1201 Providence Hwy., Route 1, Norwood, MA 02062. Funeral arrangements by Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood.

Condolences are extended to:

Joanne (Flood) Curran on the death of her daughter Joni M. Rienzo, 51, of Londonderry, NH, Mar. 6.

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environment in which they teach. The best will leave our system for better.

The feelings of being valued and proud would be exponential with a new school. Norwood is in the spotlight; NECN featured Norwood as being the first pilot program by the state to fund towns for new projects.

When was the last time you turned down money that was handed to you in order to do a good thing? Do charities turn away dollars? This is our only chance to make this happen. Let's be responsible and accountable. We have a brand new fire and police department. Let's complete the trilogy by providing Norwood with a new high school that can stand for another 50+ years. It's also environmentally savvy — a "Green School" — a renovation would never be able to accomplish that.

We must retain our real estate values. A new school will ensure that people will buy in Norwood, not be deterred. The tax base will increase for every dollar spent in the housing market. Let's band together as a town that is All-American. The economy is struggling but it will turn around. Let's put Norwood High School on the map as the polished diamond, no longer in the "rough."

Terry MacDonald

DISABLED NEED NEW SCHOOL

To the Editor:

I am writing to discuss the biggest reason I'm a supporter of the new High school for Norwood. As a parent of a severely disabled child who graduated from NHS, I have seen first hand what a disaster the current NHS is.

To begin with there are a very limited number of entrances that are usable by those in wheelchairs and even those are unsafe. In the winter, it's a long cold wet trek down the sidewalk in the back of

the building only to arrive at an uneven threshold that would not meet ADA standards. Because of the limited number of entrances, the staff did the best that they could, but in most cases the emergency plan for my child was for her to wait for the firemen to arrive to carry her out. Thank God nothing ever went wrong. This isn't just a problem for the students, I have seen parents and grandparents in wheelchairs also struggling.

Once you're in the building, it's even worse. The only handicap bathroom that really works is in the main hall in the front of the building. It was 10-15 minutes of travel roundtrip from most classes. To get to it requires a maze like trek through an elevator system that often wasn't working properly. Why on earth the cafeteria was put so far from the main classrooms and required an elevator ride I'll never understand. And why would they ever put so many glass doors in the way. I don't know how my daughter never managed to break one!

To the Common Sense Committee, I suggest that this is not a problem that can be addressed with cans of paint. Modern construction that meets modern safety and accessibility laws is the only way to solve these problems. I suggest you go get a wheelchair and try to get around the school. I'll lend you a nice fancy electric one if you want to try it. For once put others ahead of yourself and the desire to save a few bucks!

Seth Miller

LWV SUPPORTS SCHOOL

To The Editor:

The League of Women Voters works to advocate good laws and we know that government works by committees, on all levels. Our elected officials use the findings of these committees when they vote for or against pending legislation. It is the way good government

works!

In May 2004, the Town Meeting appointed the School Facilities Task Force, known to most of us as the Committee of 21, to find a solution to the inadequacies of the Norwood High School.

This committee met every week for 14 months and reported their findings to the Town Meeting. After looking at 14 options, they believed the way to go was an entirely new school built behind the old school. The town meeting subsequently voted to fund the money for an architect and planner and the Norwood voters passed an override giving their approval.

Again, this committee worked very hard to get approval for the Massachusetts School Building Authority to give us half of the cost of the new school. Norwood's Permanent Building Committee worked with them.

Now is the time to do your part. Listen to the presentations which will be on cable many times, read the details in the School Facilities Task Force Report book, a copy of which is in the library and at Town Hall.

Now is not the time to be unaware of the facts, not when the facts are available and given to you by your neighbors on the Committee of 21 and supported by your School Committee, your Finance Commission and your Selectmen. We all know that right now, our economy is not good. We all know that, but in this case, after all our hard work and with the best deal we will ever get to bring Norwood High into the 21st Century, we need to take a chance on the future and a new high school is part of that future.

Search for the truth, be an informed voter. Most of all, don't sit on the sidelines and let someone else's vote decide your future.

*Mary Anne Kenney,
President League of Women
Voters of Norwood*

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VOTER REGISTRATION

The Board of Registrars wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that a special registration session has been set for April 6 Annual Town Election. An evening special registration session will be held on Tuesday, March 17, from 4-8 p.m., at the Municipal Building, Room 32. This is the final registration session prior to the Annual Town Election. Daily registration of voters will be conducted at the Town Clerk's office, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A mail-in registration form is now available at Norwood Morrill Memorial Library and the Norwood Post Office. Qualifications to register to vote are that the applicants must be 18 years old on or before election day and must either be born in the United States or be a naturalized citizen.

FLAVORS OF NEPONSET VALLEY

The tenth annual Flavors of Neponset Valley, an elegant soiree of fine food and wine from regional restaurants, caterers, wineries and breweries, will be held on Thursday, March 26, from 5:30-9 p.m. at Christina's Function Facility, Foxboro. The event is sponsored by the Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are \$45 (\$55 at the door) and blocks of 10 are available for \$350 pre-paid. Purchase 10 tickets by March 18 and be entered into a drawing to win limo service to the gala. The drawing will be held on Thursday, March 19, at noon. Bid on restaurant gift certificates, baskets, wine, sports memorabilia and more at the Gala auction. Reservations are recommended and the dress code is "business attire." Tickets are available at www.nvcc.com, or call the Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce at (781) 769-1162.

NORWOOD ART ASSOCIATION

The Norwood Art Association (NAA) will hold its next meeting on Thursday, March 19, at 6:45 p.m., in the Simoni Room of the Norwood Library. The meeting will feature a watercolor demonstration by noted artist and teacher Nancy Howell, past president and current board member of the New England Watercolor Society. She leads painting workshops to Italy and throughout New England and her work is in private and corporate collections in the United States. Howell typically starts with a blank watercolor paper and creates a painting from scratch explaining her style, the art supplies she uses and answering questions from viewers. Anyone interested in learning more about painting in any medium would learn from this session. The event is free and open to the public.

FDR'S HOUSEKEEPER

Come to the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, March 26, at 7 p.m. to hear a "live" interview with Henrietta Nesbitt -the housekeeper throughout the four administrations of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Henrietta was hired by Eleanor Roosevelt without the professional experience previously required at the White House for menu planning and food preparation yet Henrietta was there during the hardships of the Great Depression,

World War II and the comings and goings of the Roosevelt family. Come and learn how Henrietta interpreted what the First Lady and the President required — not always was she in agreement with the First Family, the press, and even royalty. Beth Goldman stars as Henrietta Nesbit. Karol Bartlett stars as the Interviewer. Beth is a Librarian in Norwood and Karol is a librarian at the Morse Institute in Natick. This is the second project Beth and Karol have created and produced themselves. The Friends of the Library and the Norwood Arts Council (through the Massachusetts Cultural Council) are funding this presentation. The program is free and handicapped accessible. Register at the library or call (781) 769-0200.

NORWOOD'S WOMENS' CLUB

The Norwood Womens' Club will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 12:30 p.m., at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 24 Berwick St. The program will feature a performance about John Adams where "he" will share facts about his life and the historic times in which he lived. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome. For more information, call Trina Mallet at (781) 762-8173.

BABE RUTH SOFTBALL

The final registration for Norwood Girls' Babe Ruth Softball will be held on March 18, at the Wall Room of the Civic Center, from 6-7 p.m.

NORWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE Norwood Little League is having a registration on Thursday, March 12, at the Norwood Civic Center, from 5:30-8 p.m. There will be an additional registration date on Saturday, March 14, also at the Civic Center, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a \$25 late fee for those who do not register at one of these events.

PENNING THE PERSONAL ESSAY

Ever tried your hand at writing a personal essay or memoir-piece? Award-winning Irish author Aine Greaney will present a two-hour interactive lecture on writing the shorter personal essay on Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m., at the Morrill Memorial Library. In her program, "Long Story Short," Greaney will discuss how she created and published pieces based on her own experiences and memories, show slides of places in Ireland and the U.S. that inspired her writing, converse with the audience on the significance of geography in memoir writing and offer tips on how to create your own personal narrative. This free program is being funded by the Friends of the Library. It will be held in the Simoni Room of the library, which is handicapped accessible. Register by calling (781) 769-0200, ext. 223.

NORWOOD CHORAL AND INSTRUMENTAL CLASSICS

Norwood's award-winning music program offers two concerts in March at the Coakley Middle School. These concerts are part of the preparation for the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association evaluation performances. The Choral Classic will be Tuesday, March 17, at 7 p.m. The groups performing include the 5th

Grade Honor Chorus under the direction of Monique Lariviere; CMS Honor Chorus under the direction of Christopher Martin; and the NHS Women's Concert Choir, Concert Chorale, and Madrigal Choir under the direction of Ashley Nelson. The Instrumental Classic will be Thursday, March 19, at 7 p.m. The groups performing include: the fifth grade Honor Band under the direction of Elana Swardlick; CMS Festival Band and CMS Festival Orchestra under the direction of Craig Chisholm; and the NHS Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, and Orchestra under the direction of Steven Conant. The public is invited to attend. Admission is \$5. All admission fees benefit student programs in Norwood.

DIVORCE RECOVERY SERIES

The Divorce Recovery Series, an eight-week program covering the emotional stages of divorce and offering healing and support to those who are divorced or separated, will begin Wednesday, March 18, from 7-8:30 p.m. The cost is \$90. The group is led by a professional counselor specializing in divorce issues, and participants are welcome regardless of religious affiliation. Pre-registration is requested. To register, or for more information on the series, call the First Congregational Church of Norwood office at (781) 762-3320.

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 24 Berwick St., will be offering mid-week Lenten worship services each week throughout Lent on Wednesday afternoons at 2 p.m., and Thursday evenings, at 6:45 p.m. For more information, call the church office at (781) 762-9457.

A PASSION FOR FASHION

The Norwood Senior Prom's seventh Annual Fashion Show will take the stage at the Coakley Middle School on Thursday, Mar. 12, at 7 p.m. Senior students and faculty of Norwood High School will be modeling prom fashions by David's Bridals and Richard Lewis and MW Tux, while hostesses will greet you in gowns from Cache at the Atrium Mall and Chryssie's Bridals of Canton. During the intermission there will be tables showcasing even more fashions, accessories, florists, hair and nail salons. A partial list of the participants includes Allure Boutique, A Bella Mia, Yelenna's Beehive Florist, Elizabeth Grady Face First, Escada Hair and Beauty Spa, House of Style, Giovanna's of Westwood, Shear Illusions, and Salon Rouge. Each of these supporters will also be donating a door prize. The cost of the event is \$8 for students and \$10 for adults. If you purchase tickets in advance, the cost is \$5 for students and \$8 for adults. Advance tickets may be purchased by contacting Jill Driscoll at (781) 769-8029. Proceeds from the Fashion Show benefit the Post Prom Party.

BALCH SCHOOL ITALIAN DINNER

The annual Balch School Italian Dinner will be held on Friday, March 20, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., in the school cafeteria. For \$5 per person, you will enjoy a hot and deli-

cious pizza dinner, including salad, beverage, coffee/tea and your choice of assorted desserts. Soda can be purchased for \$1 per can. Members of the 5th grade class will serve as the hosts for the evening and all proceeds from the event will go towards the fifth grade yearbook and end-of-year activities. Creative baskets, chock full of goodies, will be raffled-off.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Norwood Hospital is holding its 32nd Annual Golf Classic on Monday, June 1, at Walpole Country Club. The event includes lunch and then 18 holes of golf, with a new car going to the hole-in-one shooter on a designated Par 3 hole. Raffles will be featured throughout the day and appetizers, dinner and an awards ceremony will follow play, as well as silent and live auctions

where bidders will take home items like Boston Red Sox tickets. Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor and/or enjoying a day of golf and activities while supporting Norwood Hospital, may call Susan Dowling in Norwood Hospital's Development Office at (781) 278-6001.

TRIVIA NIGHT

The Norwood Diamond Club is holding an annual Trivia Night to benefit the Jack Crimmins Scholarship fund on Friday, March 27, at 7 p.m., at the Norwood Elk's Lodge. There will be light refreshments, cash bar, raffles and a grand prize for the winning team. The cost is \$15 per person. Tables of 10 are \$150. For more information, con-

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SECTION A Request for Proposals Town of Norwood Tel: (781) 762-1240, Extension 107 • Fax: (781) 278-3015

Sealed proposals shall be received up to 11:00 A.M. (Verizon time), March 25, 2009, in the Purchasing Department, Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 for the following service:

"Owner's Project Manager (OPM) for Construction and Closeout Services for Norwood High School"

The Town of Norwood, Massachusetts through its Permanent Building Construction Committee, (PBCC), is currently seeking expressions of interest from qualified firms for professional services for the following scope of work:

Owner's Project Manager Services shall be associated with the construction and closeout of a new Norwood High School of approximately 227,500 sq. ft. The new building will replace the present 80 year-old facility and the project is estimated to cost in the range of \$66,500,000.00 +/- The construction work shall be conducted in accordance with design specifications provided by Architecture Involution, LLC (Ai3).

The Owner's Project Manager shall be required to be a professional architect or engineer currently registered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and shall have a minimum of five years proven experience in public bid school construction work. If not registered as an architect or professional engineer, the Project Director must be a person who has at least 7 years experience in the construction and supervision of construction and design of public buildings, with a particular emphasis on school buildings. Responsibilities and duties shall be as outlined in the attached Scope of Service and otherwise comply with the Massachusetts Construction Reform Legislation, Chapter 193 of the Acts of 2004. The individual or entity serving in this role must be engaged in the practice of providing project management services for building construction and supervision.

It should be of interest that this project will be designed in accordance with the High Performance Buildings Coalition Proposal dated August 27, 2004, and that the selected Architect is to be LEED certified.

Oversight of:

- **Construction Phase:** Construction phase shall begin with the contract award and ground breaking; follow through construction of the new building which is to occur behind the existing facility. Construction is to be concurrent with scheduled school operations with no disruptions anticipated. The work will be considered complete with the relocation of students and staff to the new building and the total removal of the old high school buildings including final restorative site work.

Interested parties are requested to submit responses to the attached. Please submit only that information which you feel is pertinent to the selection process. A DSB form is enclosed, which is to be completed and submitted.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Norwood Senior High School, 245 Nichols Street, Norwood, MA 02062 on March 16, 2009, at 11:00 A.M.

Statement of work and information packets shall be available at the Norwood Town Hall, in the Purchasing Department, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062. Contact Catherine Carney at (781) 762-1240, Ext. 107.

The proposal must be filled out and signed as directed therein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed as follows: Purchasing Department, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, P.O. Box 40, Norwood, MA 02062, endorsed with the name and address of the offerer, and marked "Proposal for Owner's Project Manager of Norwood Senior High School - CONTRACT #PBC-09-02". Proposer shall submit an original and ten (10) copies of his/her proposal. The fee is to be negotiated.

Proposals shall be prepared, considered, and the contract awarded in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 7.

The Town of Norwood shall have the right to reject any and all proposals or parts thereof, or items therein, and to waive any defect of irregularities as to form, therein in accordance with MGL.

The Town of Norwood notifies all participants that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex or national origin or handicapped status in consideration for an award.

BY: Permanent Building Construction Committee
Town of Norwood

Police Logs

Tuesday Mar. 3.

0709 initiated. Assist citizen, services rendered. Location/address: 366 Sumner St. N666 assisted wife in collecting firearms, no longer wanted. Returned to station.

0823 phone. Violation of town bylaw, services rendered. Location/address: 88 Mylod St. Snow being moved into the street and near the driveway. Off. spoke with both and the matter is resolved.

0925 phone. Violation of town bylaw, services rendered. Location/address: Washington St. Request to check the area of Wash. and Tremont for snow being pushed back onto the sidewalk. Off. reports all clear at this time and building owner is not around.

1156 911. Bomb threat, report filed. Location/address: Coakley Middle School - 1315 Washington St. Bomb threat. Students exiting the building NFD responds. See report from off.

1233 walk-in. Phone harassment, spoken to. Location/address: 110 Jefferson Dr. Reporter in station stating he received call that he won a Mercedes in Las Vegas. Needs to send a check. Has not done anything, advised.

1329 phone. Susp. activity, services rendered. Location/address: Bank of America (ATM) - 134 Nahatan St. Subject in station to report one of the ATM machines seems to be a fraud. Took his information, kept the card and did not give any money. Subject concerned about the ATM because it held his card. He also questioned if the ATM is legit. Off. was able to assure the customer it was and advised him to direct his debit card issue with Bank of America. Matter resolved.

1339 phone. - Medical emer-

gency. Location/address: Riverside Comm. Mental - 190 Lenox St. Riverside reports a walkaway from their facility. Vinny Nigro, w/m, 49 y.o., lsw. blue knit stocking cap, blue bomber jacket, very thin build. Officers report the subject fled on foot and then Returned. NFD responds and transports.

1555 walk-in. Assist citizen. Location/address: 286 Railroad Ave. Resident brings in bullets found in home he is cleaning out.

1558 phone. B & E of motor vehicle, report filed. Location/address: 82 Mylod St. Caller reports her car broken into and cd's taken over the weekend.

1600 911. Medical emergency, Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/address: 137 Sunnyside Rd.

1632 phone. Fraud, taken/referred to other. Location/address: 5 Jacobs Rd. Kimberly Breen reports someone has stolen her personal information and applied it all to a new SS number. N664 reports I.R.S. issue, information not compromised.

1715 phone. Animal complaint, taken/referred to other. Location/address: 37 Cameron Rd. Found stray cat. N.A.C.O. to call resident only.

1734 phone. Road hazard, services rendered. Location/address: Davco Air Conditioning - 930 Pleasant St. Caller reported deer in roadway. Officer moved deer out of area.

1937 phone. Road hazard, gone on arrival. Location/address: 300 Dean St. Caller reported plow pushing snow into sidewalk.

2022 phone. Noise complaint, services rendered. Location/address: Plympton Park - 165 Lenox St. Caller reported idling tractor trailer unit. Caller called back and reported truck has left prior to

officer's arrival.

2048 phone. Vandalism. Location/address: 15 Sturtevant Ave. Cable TV boxes on side of home damaged.

2048 911. 911 hang up, confirmed accidental. Location/address: 109A Olde Derby Rd. Abandoned 9-1-1, upon call back, stated niece or nephew got at phone.

2145 phone. Susp. activity, spoken to. Location/address: 37 Cottage St. Caller reported someone knocking on side door. Officer spoke with party on porch, friend of resident. Caller satisfied.

2215 walk-in. Dispute. Location/address: 14 Countryside Ln. Caller reported past verbal argument with family member. Family member will not let party back into the house. Officer spoke with parties. Reporting party back in the house.

Wednesday, Mar. 4

0819 phone. Larceny, report filed. Location/address: Mobil Gas - Wash./RR Av. - 499 Washington St. Manager reports a male stole cigarettes yesterday, returned today, admitted it to clerk and still did not pay for them.

0917 phone. Phone harassment, report filed. Location/address: 71 Winslow Ave. Phone harassment. Summons: Bowdre, Gary Mitchel. Address: 67 Whiting Drst. 1, Dorchester MA. DOB: 03/09/1976. Charges: telephone calls, annoying.

1550 walk-in. Larceny, report filed. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - 800 Washington St. Off. to file report.

1655 phone. Animal com-

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tact Ed Hickey at (781) 551-0408, Tracey Black at (781) 762-9931 or Bill Marchant at (781) 762-5411.

NORWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE

It is time to register for 2009 Norwood Little League. All girls born between 12/31/96 and 1/1/02, and boys born from 5/1/96 to 5/1/02, are eligible to play. In-person registration is Saturday, March 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Civic Center. Registration fees are \$125 first child, \$225 for two players (\$300 maximum cost per family). At registration, each family will pay an additional \$50 for raffle tickets and receive 10 tickets to be sold or used by the family. The family will keep all money collected and just turn in bottom of ticket to manager or any board member by opening day. An original birth certificate or certified copy and proof of Norwood residency must be shown at time of registration for new players.

CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

The March meeting of the Olde Colony Civil War Roundtable will be held on Thursday March 19, at 7 p.m. at the Endicott Estate, 656 East St., Dedham, (exit 14 off route 128). The speaker for the evening will be member Brian Murphy on "Sergeant Peter Hart, NYPD - The First Volunteer." The featured speaker will be Pulitzer Prize winning author (2007 biography) Debby Applegate, speaking on Henry Ward Beecher, the subject of her book "The Most Famous Man in America." A book sale will precede the program. A raffle drawing and refreshments will follow the speakers. The meeting is free and open to the public.

BUSINESS NETWORKING

BNI is a business and professional networking organization whose primary purpose is to exchange qualified business referrals. The Rainmakers meet at the Hampton Inn, 434 Providence Highway, Route 1 North on Thursdays at 7 a.m. The Rainmakers Chapter is made up of professionals from Westwood, Dedham, West Roxbury, Norwood, Walpole, Milton, Newton, and the surrounding communities and seeks other member businesses to which they can pass referrals. Only one person per profession is allowed in a chapter. More information is available at www.bnirainmakers.org.

LIBERTY TAX SERVICE OFFERS HELP

During the week of March 8-14, 2009, Liberty Tax Service of Norwood and Medway will offer free individual tax return preparation service along with e-filing to all our clients, new and old, who currently find themselves unemployed. If you find yourself unemployed at this time and need to get your taxes done, give us a call or just stop by one of our offices. In Norwood, they are located in the Hannaford Shopping Plaza, 442 Walpole St. The telephone number is (781) 769-5800. Clients will need to present proof of current unemployment status. This offer will apply only to those who are unemployed at the time of this offer. This offer will be limited to 2008 personal tax return forms only.

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plaint, taken/referred to other. Location/address: 125 Walpole St. @ 16 Rosemary St. Report dog w/leash hanging off running loose in street. Caller knocked at 125 Walpole St.-no answer-maybe from there as there is the other half of leash there. N666 and W.A.C.O. checked area-go.

1704 phone. Hit and run, report filed. Location/address: 13 Howard St. Report parked, unoccupied mv struck while in driveway. (driveway is multiple access for residents/companies). NFD notified.

1801 phone. Drunk driver, protective custody. Location/address: Nahatan St. Westwood received report of possible dk. driver(almost mva in Westwood, smell of alcoholic beverage), Westwood does not want mv, bolo. to cars for MA pc 3389KG, Dodge, grey. 1807 N666 locates parking lot Shurfine 448 Nahatan St., Don and Wally's tows same, N666 places subject in P.C. and transports to station. P/C: Shaw, Gary H. Address: 29 Youngs Rd., Westwood MA. DOB: 10/23/1956. Charges: protective custody.

1910 911. 911 hang up, services rendered. Location/address: Norwood Jr. High North - 275 Prospect St. Payphone, gym. N663 reports no one around phone, no one approached officer, all appears in order.

2013 walk-in. Repossession, services rendered. Location/address: 169 Lane Dr. MA co L92745. Entered tow file.

2104 911. Disturbance, report filed. Location/address: 631 Norwest Dr. Caller reports a loud argument coming from next apartment. It was a verbal dispute, N663 will file a report.

2145 911. Medical emergency, Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/address: 17 Royal Ct. The Fire Department was notified and responded. They will be transported.

2147 phone. Phone harassment, report filed. Location/address: 85 Walpole St.

2304 phone. Complaint of m/v, taken/referred to other. Location/address: 612 Walpole St. @ 100 Buckminster Dr. Walpole P.D. notified for erratic driver (marked lanes, pass on left over 2x yellow), Ford, super-duty, yellow light bar, blue over grey, 5 plus minutes ago, last scene crossing town line.

Thursday, Mar. 5
0145 911. Domestic, arrest(s) made. Location/address: 174 Gay St. Caller reports her boyfriend had beaten her and was still in front of house in gary van. N669, N664, N668, NFD responded. As a result, male party under arrest and transported to station by N669. Arrest: Verrochi, Kevin P. Address: 174 Gay St., Norwood MA. DOB: 12/01/1962. Charges: a & b with dangerous weapon, a & b.

1155 phone. Drug law violation, report filed. Location/address: Norwood High School - 245 Nichols St. Juvenile in possession of marijuana.

1308 phone. Vandalism, report filed. Location/address: U.T.I. Universal Technical Institute - 1 Upland Rd. Student reports his car tires flattened.

1314 911. Medical emergency, arrest(s) made. Location/address: Norwood High School - 245 Nichols St. School reports youth under the influence of something. Report filed. Juvenile protective custody. Age: 14. Charges: protective custody.

1323 phone. Vandalism, report filed. Location/address: U.T.I. Universal Technical Institute - 1 Upland Rd. Car keyed.

1523 phone. Assist citizen, gone on arrival. Location/address: Nahatan St. @ Norwest Dr. Caller reports a child wearing a black and blue jacket, crying for his mother. N677 to check area, goa.

1716 phone. Susp. activity, spoken to. Location/address: Stop & Shop - 1415 Bos.-Prov. Hwy. Caller reports two males selling stereo equipment out of a silver van. N665, N661 dispatched. N661 reports men advised to contact police station prior to peddling.

1835 walk-in. Missing person, services rendered. Location/address: 31 Winfield St. Walk-in reported missing juvenile Brandon Orozco. Bolo. broadcast to cars. Subject entered in LEAPS. Juvenile arrest. Age: 16. Charges: runaway child.

2035 phone. Assist other agency, services rendered. Location/address: 501 Buckminster Dr. T6. Caller requested well being check for the resident at the above address. Officer reported party was picked up by her sister. Reporting party notified.

2047 radio. Detective initiated, complaint/summons. Location/address: Neponset St. Detective requested arrest number for previous incident. Summons: Medina-Santana, Angel Ajeoban. Address: 476 Public St., apt. 3, Providence RI. DOB: 03/16/1984. Charges: RMV document, possessor/use false/stolen identify self, mv operator refuse license suspended, op mv with.

2328 phone. Vandalism, report filed. Location/address: 78 Roosevelt Ave. Off. will file a report.

Friday, Mar. 6

0059 911. Motor vehicle accident, arrest(s) made Location/address: 64 Westover Pkwy. Caller reports black p.u. truck went off road and is now in a ditch by water. N663, N669, N664 and NFD responded. Operator not with vehicle. Area searched and party located by N664. As a result, N663 returns with male party under arrest for "oui". Center Auto towed MA reg# (co)7821. Arrest: Heffernan, Steven P. Address: 141 Devon Rd., Norwood MA. DOB: 06/30/1982. Charges: oui liquor, 2nd offense, negligent operation of motor vehicle, leave scene of property damage.

0100 phone. Larceny, other. Location/address: Krayzee Horse Pub and Grill - 1112 Washington St. Caller states she was at "Krayzee Horse" Thursday night and lost her wallet. At this time she only wants a log entry and will come to station for a report after notifying credit card companies.

0747 phone. Well being chk., assisted party. Location/address: 5 Elliot St. @ 159 Walpole St. Caller reports elderly male yelling at her after he cut her off. N669 sent to speak with caller and check on elderly male.

0916 911. Hit and run, report filed. Location/address: 101 Wickham Way T6. Kumar Aditya reports his blk. Hyundai was hit overnight.

1131 911. Medical emergency, Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/address: 95 Chapel St. - 95 Chapel St. Request for ambulance. NFD handled.

1301 phone. Larceny, report filed. Location/address: 179 Albemarle Rd.

1304 phone. Medical emergency, services rendered. Location/address: Nahatan St. Subject fell and needs help getting up. NFD handles.

1439 phone. Assist citizen, taken/referred to other. Location/address: 611 Bahama Dr. A. Family found a puppy but have to go out. NACO notified.

1530 phone. Susp. activity, gone on arrival. Location/address: 2 Garfield Ave. @ 60 Mountain Ave. Caller reports a b/male waiting for what she believes to be a drug dealer, he is there every day at this time. Blue jacket with furry hood. Officer reports goa, spoke to caller.

1532 phone. Susp. activity, services rendered. Location/address: 47 Chapel St. - 47 Chapel St. Building owner reports a white male, black hat and coat jumped off the second floor fire escape and fled down Savin Ave. Officers spoke with the caller and found out the subject was visiting a friend and she is ok. It is unknown why he exited from the fire escape.

1640 initiated. Disturbance, report filed. Location/address: Hyde Park Savings Bank - 111 Lenox St. N488 on detail reports verbal domestic. Male and female leaving in a red car. Vehicle stopped in front of station. N665 to leave report.

2119 911. Assaults, report filed. Location/address: 157 Railroad Ave.

2230 phone. Serve warrant, no action required. Location/address: 264 Nahatan St. N491 attempts warrant service. N661, N666 assist. Party not at home.

2241 phone. Drunk person, protective custody. Location/address: 354 Railroad Ave. Norwood taxi reporting they dropped an intoxicated male party at the above address and he fell before he got in the house. NFD notified. See N677's report. P/C: Murphy, Michael J. Address: 354 Railroad Ave., Norwood MA. DOB: 02/04/1965. Charges: protective custody.

2257 phone. Noise complaint, area search negative. Location/address: St. James Ave. Caller reports group of kids yelling in the street. N669, N663 sent. goa.

Saturday, Mar. 7

1053 walk-in. Domestic, arrest(s) made. Location/address: 28 Monroe St. Party in station reporting a past assault. Arrest: Mahoney, Robert A. Address: 28 Monroe St., Norwood MA. DOB: 08/24/1978.

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Charges: a & b.
1105 phone. Assaults, spoken to. Location/address: Longwood Ter. @ E. Cross St. Caller reports kids horseplay in vehicle or may be assault. Bolo. to vehicles MA 78YF87 located and spoke to. No assaults, all persons fine.

1131 phone. Animal complaint, other. Location/address: 75 Walnut Ave. Lost dog. W.A.C.O notified.

1418 phone. Well being chk., spoken to. Location/address: 16 Folan Ave. Neighbor request well being check on child that had been outside and crying earlier. Officer spoke with child and parent, reports no problem all in order.

1437 phone. Noise complaint, unfounded. Location/address: Kerry Pl. Resident of Pellana Rd. reports loud music from trucks on Kerry Place.

2100 phone. Dispute, report filed. Location/address: Dunkin Donuts - 141 Nahatan St. Caller reports his daughter had issues with another employee. Off. will file a report.

2113 phone. Well being chk., services rendered. Location/address: 8 Geraldine Dr. Family members requested a check. Off. reports all in order and they were sleeping.

2127 phone. Lost and found, report filed. Location/address: Dunkin Donuts - 141 Nahatan St. Resident reports she lost her wallet with cash and cards. Off. will file a report.

2144 phone. Assaults, report filed. Location/address: 67 Redwood Dr. Resident at the hospital and reports her son's friend was assaulted at home. Subjects entered the home and hit the teen with a bat and fled. Officers responds to the hospital and home. Investigation at this time and report to be filed.

2205 phone. Vandalism, report filed. Location/address: 49 Bird Rd. Vehicle damaged and the resident is receiving harassing calls. Off. will file a report.

2333 phone. Noise complaint, services rendered. Location/address: Norwood Municipal Airport - 101 Access Rd. Caller reports loud music. Band practice will stop.

Sunday, Mar. 8

0034 phone. Shoplifting, arrest(s) made. Location/address: CVS Pharmacy - 136 Nahatan St. Caller reported shoplifting in progress. Officers on scene requested backup. Party bailed. Arrest: Bisesti, Terry. Address: 11 Elliot St., Sharon MA. DOB: 12/01/1990. Charges: shoplifting by concealing mdse.

0444 911. Dispute, report filed. Location/address: 248 Washington St. 2. Caller reported possible domestic in progress.

0803 initiated. Vandalism, services rendered. Location/address: 11 Belmont St. Resident to N666 reports house egged, 2300 hrs, 3/7/09, no damage, wanted log entry only.

1127 phone. Road hazard, spoken to. Location/address: 63 Elliot St. Report trash blocking public sidewalk. Tenant will clean it up, barrel day is Tues.

1352 911. Medical emergency, taken/referred to other. Location/address: 352 Washington St. Multiple 9-1-1 calls to Canton, Norwood receives 1 as back-up, insured Canton got same.

1512 phone. Citizens complaint, spoken to. Location/address: 53 Fisher St. @ 14 Kathleen Ln. Report kids playing basketball did not move for traffic. N670 observed them, they moved for another mv, spoke to them.

1701 phone. Assist citizen, report filed. Location/address: 306 Norwest Dr. Walk in party turns in ammunition. N661 to file report.

1945 phone. Assist citizen, services rendered. Location/address: 250 Buckminster Dr. Walk in party reports that his girlfriend and child have been missing since Wednesday. Made contact with girlfriend she and the children are okay. She left him. See N665's report.

2008 phone Assist citizen, services rendered. Location/address: 61 Brookview Cir. Caller reports noises coming from down stairs neighbor. Spoke to neighbor. Mat-

ter resolved.
2035 phone. Phone harassment, report filed. Location/address: 38 2nd St. Walk in party reports her father from out of state will not stop calling her. N664 spoke to party. See report.

2041 phone. Disturbance, services rendered. Location/address: 106 Westover Pkwy. See previous call and report filed by officer.

2154 phone. Complaint of m/v, normal response. Location/address: Sturtevant Ave. Caller reports taxi cab parked on the side walk.M/V tagged.

2318 phone. Assaults, arrest(s) made. Location/address: 470 Pleasant St. Walk in party reports her 15 year old daughter assaulted her. Victim declined medical treatment. Juvenile arrest. Age: 15. Charges: a & b.

2344 phone. Noise complaint, spoken to. Location/address: 240 Washington St. Caller reports her neighbors are making to much noise.

Monday, Mar. 9

0356 phone. Missing person, report filed. Location/address: Community Living Program - 103 Winter St. Caller reported Megan Goyea overdue. She may be staying at The Budget Inn in Westwood. Bolo. broadcast to cars and Westwood P.D. Officer located party in Westwood. Transport back to 103 Winter St.

0528 phone. Noise complaint, area search negative. Location/address: 130 Kerry Pl. Idling trucks. Officer reports trucks gone on arrival.

0735 phone. Road hazard, services rendered. Location/address: Railroad Ave. Caller reported railroad crossing gates down but no train in sight. Railroad notified.

0902 phone. Susp. activity, report filed. Location/address: 24 Adams St. Attempt to steal the vehicle overnight.

1342 911. Noise complaint, spoken to. Location/address: 240 Washington St. 3. Second floor reports loud music on third floor.

1617 phone. Mischief (kids), spoken to. Location: 146 Plymouth Dr. Report kids w/bb gun shooting at younger kids in complex.

N664 spoke to all parties,

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