



The Norwood Historical Society and Norwood Neighbors decked the halls as they hosted their Sixth Annual Holiday House Tour on Sunday, Dec. 11. The self-guided tour featured a variety of homes showcasing the history and beauty of Norwood. Decorations included Christmas trees, wreaths, lights, gingerbread houses and ornaments. Event organizer Debbie Holmwood said all proceeds from the event benefit the F. Holland Day House, located at 93 Day St. The tour began at the F. Holland Day House and concluded with a celebration featuring raffles, hors d'oeuvres, beverages and a silent auction at the Olde Colonial Café. Holmwood said she anticipated \$6,000 was raised from the day's festivities.

## Taxes to go up again this year

### Selectmen approve highest levy tax allocation allowed by law

**Daniel Kobialka**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen hosted a tax levy allocation public hearing Tuesday to determine whether to change the commercial, industry and property (CIP) tax rate for Fiscal Year 2012.

The Board accepted a motion unanimously to increase the CIP shift from 1.48 to 1.50. The CIP shift determines the tax levy percentage distributed to residents and commercial businesses, along with the resulting tax rates.

However, Selectmen approved the measure to minimize the impact on Norwood residents and businesses.

Norwood's tax levy will increase from \$54,674,078 last year to \$57,475,875 in 2012, an increase of just over five percent.

Residents will pay approximately 54.44 percent of this levy, while commercial, industrial and personal property taxes will cover the remaining 45.56 percent.

The shift increases the residential rate from \$10.10 per thousand in 2011 to \$10.58 per thousand next year. In addition, the commercial rate has changed from \$18.99 per thousand this year to \$20.29 in FY12.

The FY12 average single family home tax bill will increase by approximately \$200.49. The 50 percent shift represents the highest allowed by law.

The Board approved a 48 percent shift last year by a 3-1 vote. Selectman Bill Plasko opposed the measure, suggesting a 50 percent shift at the Dec. 2010 meeting.

Board of Assessors Chairman Paul Wanecek emphasized the town will experience a tax levy increase of just over five percent increase regardless of how the taxes are distributed.

"It is what it is. The tax levy will increase," Wanecek told the Board on Tuesday. "This hearing will just determine the distribution."

Selectman Allan Howard noted the Board must keep the best interests of residents and commercial businesses in

mind with its decision.

"I'm sure there are a lot of commercial businesses struggling nowadays, as are homeowners," Howard said.

Howard suggested keeping the 48 percent shift intact in FY12, but Wanecek noted keeping the shift intact would increase the tax burden on residents to approximately 55.05 percent.

Wanecek said increasing the tax levy rate to 49 or 50 percent would keep the FY12 tax levy distribution similar to last year's.

Plasko stressed he supported the 50 percent tax levy rate, noting the Board has generally tried to keep the same tax levy distribution between residents and commercial businesses annually.

"The Board did try to follow that philosophy of maintaining the same split between the two groups," Plasko said. "Making the shift change, in my belief, does not add an undue burden to the commercial base. I think it's wise we follow the practice that we've had for the last few years."

Selectman Paul Bishop praised

Wanecek and the Board of Assessors for their work following the hearing.

"This is an immense amount of work," Bishop said. "You put your heart and your soul into it."

In other business, Selectmen discussed options regarding an Ellis Wellfield pumping station during its meeting.

Plasko asked Director of Public Works Mark Ryan about the status of the building, and whether maintenance remained a viable option.

Ryan noted two major areas of the building's roof were collapsing, and nothing has been done with the building yet.

Plasko said the building may not be worth investing money into repairing and maintaining the location.

"The amount of money to save that building would be inefficient and wasteful," Plasko said.

Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue

**Selectmen**  
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The Norwood Planning Board hosted a public hearing for Norwood Gardens LLC at its Dec. 12 meeting. PHOTO BY DANIEL KOBIALKA

## Board considers parking reduction Norwood Gardens looking to expand apartment units

Daniel Kobialka  
 Staff Reporter

Attorney James Hilliard offered insight into Norwood Gardens LLC's plans to reduce the number of preexisting, nonconforming parking spaces at its 73-97 Hampden Dr. location to the Norwood Planning Board at a public hearing Monday.

Hilliard emphasized Norwood Gardens was requesting a special permit to reduce the number of parking spaces from 584 to 558, a loss of 4.5 percent.

The additional space would be used to accommodate the construction of a 12-unit apartment complex at the location. Hilliard noted the apartment complex would have required 12 parking spaces.

However, space could be reserved for additional parking if necessary.

"If there were an increased need for parking, we could set aside future parking," Hilliard

said.

Hilliard told the Board the need for the parking spaces may be minimal as 65 percent of Norwood Gardens residents were 65 years old and up. In addition, the location boasted a 97 percent occupancy rate.

Board member Ernie Paciorkowski said the apartments' tenants could move at any time.

"With any apartments, that could change on a monthly basis," Paciorkowski said. "That's not a constant."

Hilliard stressed Norwood Gardens, built almost 40 years ago, has always been an apartment complex with residents 65 years old and up.

"It's the nature of Norwood Gardens," Hilliard said. "It doesn't attract families. That has been the history of Norwood

Gardens."

Town Planner Steve Costello said the Planning Board can review changes and grant site plan approval, but the Zoning Board of Appeals would need to handle the reduction of preexisting, nonconforming parking spaces.

"I'm not sure that you have the ability to grant special permits for a nonconforming site development," Costello told the Board. "It's complicated."

Board member E. William Bamber suggested the group approach Town Counsel John Flynn before rendering any decision on the special permit.

"I don't feel we should be making any determination until we find out from Town Counsel," Bamber said.

Parking

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BY: John J. Carroll  
 General Manager

Norwood Record, 12/15/11

# Brancato calls it quits

**Daniel Kobialka**  
Staff Reporter



Marco Brancato

The Norwood Planning Board may operate as a four-member committee for the time being as Marco Brancato has resigned his position on the board.

Brancato submitted a resignation letter to Town Clerk Bob Thornton on Monday.

"I am grateful to the citizens of Norwood for having had the opportunity to serve on the Norwood Planning Board for the past 18 years," Brancato wrote in his resignation letter. "This organization has a significant and positive impact throughout the Town and I hold the highest regard for the Planning Board; especially for Steve Costello, Planning and Economic Development Director, and the entire Planning Department."

Brancato said he is relocating to a structured community in Hudson, Mass. after spending 30 years in Norwood. "There's a lot of people who

do a lot of things, but when it gets down to it, you don't really know your neighbors," Brancato said of wanting to make the move.

The resignation took effect immediately.

"I wish the Norwood Planning Board, the Planning Department and Town of Norwood only the best for the future, and regret any inconvenience my resignation will cause," Brancato wrote in his

resignation letter.

Brancato noted he thoroughly enjoyed his time with the Board, and it was not an easy decision to move.

However, Brancato said he had been considering moving for a few years.

The board operated with four members at its meeting Monday.

"It will probably be that way for a while," Costello said during the meeting.

Brancato said the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board will collaborate to find a suitable candidate to fill the vacancy he created.

Thornton informed the Selectmen about Brancato's resignation, and asked to contact Town Counsel John Flynn to confirm the legal process to be followed in filling the vacancy. The Selectmen approved the request unanimously at their Tuesday meeting.

Brancato's five-year term will end in April 2014.

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Hilliard disputed Costello's reasoning, noting he came before the Board so it could grant any special permit required because the group has the authority to approve the request.

"I don't think this is confusing," Hilliard told the Board. "I don't think this is complicated."

Hilliard said there is a need for approval so construction could begin.

"It's a perfect storm with respect to the need," Hilliard said.

Bamber emphasized waiting for Flynn's decision could provide the Board's best option.

"Let's get the decision first

before we jump into the fire," Bamber said.

The Board approved a motion unanimously to accept Norwood Gardens' site plan review.

In addition, the group accepted a second motion unanimously to send a letter to Flynn as to whether the Board can make a determination on the reduction of preexisting, nonconforming parking spaces. The motion included continuing the hearing on Jan. 9 at 7:15 p.m.

"I don't think what I'm getting is fair," Hilliard said prior to the Board's decision on the second motion.

## Legal

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## OPINION

# This is one dysfunctional group

It was tempting to use another "Shadow" metaphor in the title of this week's column in reference to the Norwood School Committee, but since the original Shadow has apparently decided to keep a much lower profile and not attend meetings, restraint was the order of the day. However, dysfunctional works, as does petty, underhanded and sneaky.

As residents are aware, Special Town Meeting (TM) recently voted to reduce the size of the Norwood School Committee from seven members to five. The group involved in preparing the article stated some excellent reasons behind their motivation for the change. The presentation to TM was well prepared and presented. So far, so good.

What wasn't made clear before, during and after the presentation was that the above referenced group included at least one, if not more current School Committee members. The inclusion of any School Committee members to the group is actually a good idea. The more inside perspectives any plan can have the better. Some School Committee members stood up during the discussion by TM and voiced their support for the article. Again, nothing wrong with that. All elected officials should act in the best interests of their constituents, and if they feel reduc-

ing the committee does that, than so be it.

Where the dysfunction comes in and demonstrates the lack of cooperation and respect School Committee members have for each other is that the one or more who worked behind the scenes to bring the article to Town Meeting never informed the other members of the Committee that they were doing so. In other words, their fellow members were sand-bagged. Committee Chairman Paul Samargedlis actually came out and said as much after TM concluded.

At the last School Committee meeting, Vice Chairman John Badger read a statement concerning the lack of communication and referenced the TM vote to reduce the size of their group.

"We have the capacity to be a pretty good School Committee if we can communicate better," Badger said. He said he was in favor of the article to reduce the size of the Committee, just not in the process of making it happen, obviously referencing some School Committee members' involvement without other members being aware of it. What Badger astutely did was bring forth the obvious disconnect some members have with the group as a whole and tried to bridge the divide. It was a thoughtful, well-intentioned attempt to make

nice, obviously needed if the group is to have any positive impact on schools and kids.

Of course, no good deed goes unpunished. Instead of accepting the olive branch put forth by Badger to put ill will behind them, Committee member James Gormley commented after the statement that "No School Committee member gives up his or her rights as a citizen", which could loosely be translated as "screw you." Nice Jim, real nice.

It may be true that the actions of a few School Committee members were within their rights and the letter of the law, but it is also true that any elected body is expected to work as a team. It would have been dignified for those supporting the measure to reduce the Committee to be open and forthright about it. Tell your teammates that this is what you believe and discuss it civilly, either publicly or privately. They deserved at least that much respect.

This School Committee is one messed up group. One can only hope they find it within themselves to play fairly, work as a unit and put their petty differences aside because Norwood schools deserve better than what they have been getting from this bunch. Badger made a professional gesture. Hopefully, others will follow suit.

## Letters to the Editor

### OWS NOT SELFISH

To the Editor:

Although columnist Jackie Saber is free to express her opinion, in my view she was inaccurate to malign the Occupy Wall Street/America movement as "selfish", "lawless" "mobs". With how out of control things have become, largely due to Wall Street and corporate greed, an "endless war" policy initiated by Obama's predecessor, bad political decisions or inactions by all parties, not to mention the imminent demise of the Middle Class, among many other factors, the only way to hopefully reverse the inequitable political influence of moneyed elites and the appalling canyon between the Haves and Have-Nots is for as many people as possible to take to the streets in protest.

The Citizens United decision, which allows unlimited corporate political donations, necessitated a response. The OWS movement is and always has been a peaceful protest. OWS wants less corruption by money in politics, more economic and social justice, less student loan debt among other things, and should be a wake up call for politicians who put the wants of the wealthy and corporate elites over the needs of the average Joe and Jane. Saber labels the OWS protesters as "selfish", but I would ar-

gue that the Tea Party (who Saber apparently supports) is even more so. The Occupiers protest on behalf of the underrepresented Have-Nots and forgotten Middle Class. If the Occupiers vote en masse or support candidates who are open to their agenda, some positive change can and should occur.

Brian Mich  
Norwood

### EDUCATION, NOT POLICE ACTION

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to your editorial "Is Norwood Really Needlewood?" You stated Norwood has a growing substance abuse problem and questioned whether the Norwood Police Department is doing enough the right way to curtail it. Chief King could have his budget doubled and it would not solve the substance abuse problem. The police can arrest drunk drivers but cannot prevent alcoholism; police can arrest drug addicts but cannot eradicate addiction. Automobile accidents are the leading cause of accidental deaths in the majority of our states but opiate overdoses are the leading cause of accidental death in the Commonwealth. It is an epidemic in all of Massachusetts, not just Norwood, and is a societal problem that requires education, preven-

tion and treatment. The Board of Selectmen and School Committee need to take the lead in this fight, not the police.

I was drowning in the darkness of addiction and Chief King and several of his officers intervened and saved my life seven years ago. I am now a licensed alcohol/drug counselor and work with addicts and their families. I have had the pleasure of working with several Norwood residents (and their families) who have an opiate addiction. These people are not "druggies" but are people who suffer from a chronic disease according to the American Medical Association. These are good people who come from good families and who live in a good town. They did not choose to suffer from addiction - addiction chose them.

Parents and teachers need to be educated on identifying signs of substance abuse. Parents also need to learn that there is no shame if their child has a substance abuse problem; the priority must be to get their child engaged in treatment as soon as possible. School officials and police officers should have a resource manual to help direct citizens to appropriate treatment facilities. I encourage everyone to look

Letters

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# Farmers Market Subcommittee announces first 2012 vendor

**Daniel Kobialka**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Farmers Market Subcommittee continued its planning for next year's weekly Town Common marketplace at its Dec. 7 meeting, announcing Ward's Berry Farm will participate.

"They are definitely aboard," Subcommittee Chairwoman Jean Taylor said, "and that's a good thing."

Ward's Berry Farm has offered fresh fruits and vegetables from its Sharon location for nearly two decades. The farm, run by brothers Jim and Bob Ward, specializes in homemade goods, artisan breads, gourmet cheeses, homemade jams and fruit baskets.

"They have a very good reputation," Taylor said.

Jim and Bob Ward could not be reached for comment on the Norwood Farmers Market.

Taylor emphasized the subcommittee remains focused on bringing additional vendors to the Norwood Farmers Market, and would like the marketplace to include a variety of goods.

Taylor said finding farmers who are willing to work together to be successful continues to be a key factor to the market's success.

"If the farmers make money and people show up, that's the bottom line," Taylor said.

The subcommittee will utilize a divide and conquer method to make next year's market a success as the subcommittee members have broken up into smaller groups to accomplish the group's goals.

Taylor said four members will focus their efforts on the market's setup, three will recruit farmers and vendors and at least one person will research the viability of accepting food stamps at the event.

Taylor noted the farmers market would continue Tuesdays next year at the Dec. 1 Downtown Steering Committee meeting. The market has been tentatively scheduled to begin June 17, and would run until Oct. 30.

The farmers market will extend its hours from noon to 6 p.m. next year. The market had operated from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

In addition, the subcommittee has contacted the Federation of Massachusetts Farmers Markets (MFM), a nonprofit organization committed to partnering with farmers, consumers, and communities to foster, improve and sustain farmers market in the Commonwealth while working to en-

hance regional farm viability, consumer nutrition and community social and economic development.

Taylor emphasized the group would like seven vendors in place for the Town Common farmers market. The town anticipates this year's vendors will relocate to Westwood next year following the Westwood Board of Selectmen's approval to welcome the vendors from the Norwood Farmers Market unanimously in October.

Taylor said the subcommittee will host its next meeting in the first week January, but members will continue to make headway in building next year's farmers market over the next several weeks.

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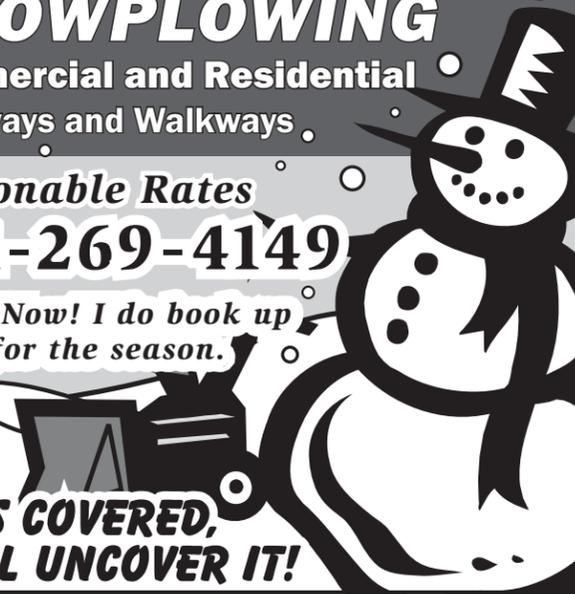
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requested the Board accept a motion to set up temporary beams and a tarp on the site while considering other options.

"I think we have to put some more thought into it," Donohue said.

Howard said he would not support hiring an outside contractor to complete work on the building.

"It is in substantial disrepair," Howard said.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Lyons said he felt more comfortable with Ryan and other experts determining the best course of action for the building.

Lyons suggested a motion to allow Ryan and other professionals to determine the building's future viability and to make the best long-term decision.

Donohue altered her motion, and the Board accepted it unanimously.

However, Donohue indicated Town Manager John Carroll may position the building to be sold to an outside party in the future.

"I don't want to set this

building up to be sold because it's in poor condition," Donohue said. "We have to look to the future."

Plasko emphasized no discussions to sell the building have taken place.

"No one ever suggested selling that building or that land away from the town," Plasko said.

Norwood Fire Chief Michael Howard delivered his monthly report of the Fire Department's activities, but also introduced three new firefighters to the Board.

Howard introduced Norwood residents Pat Moloney, Mike Chisholm and Joe O'Malley as the department's newest additions.

Moloney, a Norwood High School graduate in 1999, grew up in Norwood and is a licensed paramedic.

Chisholm also grew up in Norwood and is a 2007 graduate of Norwood High School and a licensed paramedic.

O'Malley, a second generation Norwood firefighter, is a 2009 graduate of Boston College High School and currently holds his EMT license.

O'Malley is the son of Norwood Firefighter Dara O'Malley.

Plasko noted the new additions join an experienced and well-trained department.

"We know you're joining a department that's served this town very well," Plasko said.

Assistant Town Manager Bernie Cooper submitted a list of eligible applicants and an official Notice of Employment for the Norwood Police Chief position to the Board.

Cooper noted Norwood Police Chief Bartley E. King Jr. will retire in April as mandated, and Carroll has put together a board including police chiefs from other communities to help with the process of finding a replacement.

"The process will be beginning soon," Cooper said. "Obviously, April is not that far away."

Bishop emphasized the critical role the Police Chief possesses in Norwood.

"It's very important we get the best possible candidate for Police Chief," Bishop said.

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at the [learn2cope.org](http://learn2cope.org) website to find a lot of good information about a cunning and baffling disease.

*Paul Pazniokas  
 South Boston*

### FORMERLY OF NORWOOD FIRST CONGREGATIONAL GIVES THANKS

*To the Editor:*

The members of the First Congregational Church in Norwood would like to thank the following businesses for contributing to the Silent Auction, which took place during the Evergreen Faire held at the church on Saturday, December 3. Contributing were: 204 Washington Street Restaurant, Big Y Supermarket, Boston Red Sox, Brookside Café, Ecotarium, Essentials Day Spa, Keldara Salon and Spa, Mug 'n Muffin Restaurant, New England Aquarium, Norwood Stop'n Shop, Roche Bros. Supermarket, Shaw's Supermarket, Southwick Zoo, Story Land, Sullivan Automotive, Texas Roadhouse, Walpole Footlighters, Zoo New England.

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*To The Editor:*

We would like to thank the Norwood Record for publishing our scholarship articles. We would also like to thank the following for their kindness, generosity, and do-

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### RESPONSE TO SABER

*To the Editor:*

I have to admit that Mrs. Saber's writing continues to disturb me greatly. I don't mind overly sweet and sticky compliments she discharges on many of the town's folks. Good for her, good for them!

I don't mind her political rumbling, even though it not only comes from the opposite to my end of political spectrum but also involves very aggressive vocabulary. She is entitled to her opinions and to the form in which she discharges them.

What I do mind, however, is that Mrs. Saber regularly delivers aggressive commentary coming from the extreme right that are not balanced by equally regularly delivered opinions coming from someone to the left of an ever drifting political center. Of course, readers can always write letters to the editor to clear up some of the insinuations, or defend those treated with vitriol of condemnation. But to properly respond to her writing the reader, like myself, would have to force himself or herself to read a column he or she might consider too hurtful to touch. The reader would have to do a lot of research to fight those freely disseminated gossips take from the unreliable

Internet sources Mrs. Saber relies on. Finally, the reader would have to have a lot of time, as responding to a convoluted text - mixture of licorice blessings and openly hateful scorn is much harder than writing the sort of "journal" Mrs. Saber delivers.

I am grateful to all those Norwood's citizens who in the past took upon themselves to do just that. Yet, as far as I know, nobody addressed the most disturbing, at least to me, aspect of Mrs. Saber writing - the fact that she mixes "reports" from town with her political opinions. Just reading her last layered article: compliments, attack, blessings, attack and so on might make readers emotionally unstable. Yet even more concerning is the fact that Mrs. Saber seems to use names of the people she mentions and/or compliments as a convoluted support for her political opinions. For instance: after reading Mrs. Saber's column from Nov. 23 one might assume that a Kindergarten teacher, a school principal, a firefighter, a retired firefighter, and the whole bunch of Kindergarten children support Mrs. Saber's disdain for the ACLU and Occupy Wall Street Movement. It is never put explicitly (if it were it would at least allow discussion), but it is insinuated just by association. And that leaves an impression that the whole great town of Norwood, from high school principal to Kindergarteners think like Mrs. Saber does. And that might result in many readers to the left of Grover Norquist feeling alone and alienated from the Norwood community.

I don't want Mrs. Saber to stop writing. It is great that she writes about Norwood. It is good that she expresses her political opinions and by doing so allows those who don't agree with her to have some insight into a Republican state of mind. I just wish that for the sake of ethical clarity, she separated those two kinds of writing from each other.

*Maria Hrabowski  
 Norwood*

# School Committee takes its time approving minutes

**Daniel Kobialka**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee focused on the "minute" details of its Nov. 9 meeting minutes to kick off its Dec. 7 meeting.

Committee member Dick Kief noted the group did not have the chance to agree with a recess proposed by Chairman Paul Samargedlis at the Nov. 9 gathering.

Samargedlis called the recess after a presentation by Norwood High School Principal George Usevich during the meeting. Samargedlis exited the meeting room, and was met by Vice Chairman John Badger and Norwood Public Schools Superintendent James Hayden in the hallway.

After a few minutes, Committee member Bill Plasko Jr., who had arrived following the meeting's Public Forum, joined the group in the hallway.

The group returned after roughly 20 minutes outside the room, and the meeting resumed.

Kief emphasized no vote was taken to go into recess Nov. 9.

"A recess occurred," Kief said at the Dec. 7 meeting. "The dialogue...is not part of the public record."

Committee member Courtney Rau, citing *Robert's Rules of Order*, noted a recess was incorrect procedure.

"For a proper recess, there would need to be a vote," Rau said.

The Committee accepted a motion unanimously to host a brief recess to clarify the minutes.

The group approved the Nov. 9 meeting minutes by a 5-1 vote following the recess. Kief voted against the approval.

In a statement during the School Committee Addenda, Badger emphasized the group needs to improve its communication.

Badger cited last month's Special Town Meeting article regarding the reduction of the Committee's membership from seven to five members as an example of the lack of

communication among the group's members.

"I was in favor of that article," Badger said, noting some Committee members knew about the article but chose to keep it from the membership, "but I was not in favor of the process."

Badger said transparency could play an important role in the Committee's future success.

"We're asked to be transparent to the community when we cannot be transparent to ourselves," Badger said. "We must function in a more cohesive fashion."

The Vice Chairman emphasized the Committee should attempt to develop norms around the group's activity.

"We have the capacity to be a pretty good School Committee if we can communicate better," Badger said.

Committee member James Gormley commented after the statement that, "No School Committee member gives up his or her rights as a citizen."

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# Sports



The boys' hockey team is ready to start the season off strong. According to head coach Bill Clifford, the team will play a game at Fenway Park this season.

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## Boys' Hockey preps for season, Frozen Fenway

**Kevin Stone**  
Staff Reporter

On Saturday, the Norwood boys' hockey team had a tune-up scrimmage against Marshfield at the Canton Ice Rink.

For those in attendance, it was extremely clear that neither team was treating this like a scrimmage. In one of the more physical hockey games you may see all year, the Mustangs had their final tune-up before embarking on the 2011-2012 season.

Norwood's offense dominated in the first period, while the second and final periods (each were roughly 40 minutes in length with running time), were a bit sloppier for the Mustangs as they were trying out a few different things.

At the end of the day, Norwood head coach Bill Clifford liked where his team was as the season approached.

"I think we're already competing hard, so that's always good to see early on," he said.

I thought in the first period today, we did some real good things. We moved the puck

well, played good defense and got some quality looks and finished them. Goaltending was solid, it was good all around."

Entering the season, Clifford said he feels his team should be able to compete every night in the tough Bay State Conference.

"I truly believe we can compete right up there at the top of the league," Clifford said. "The kids are really focused, they've been working hard. We just

need to make sure we come ready to play night in and night out. If you don't in this league, you won't be very successful."

That success and focus will ride solely on the shoulders of a senior-heavy team. With five scattered throughout the top three lines, and three senior defenseman, along with

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The Mustangs scrimmaged Marshfield on Saturday in a tune-up for the regular season.

PHOTO BY KEVIN STONE

## Girls' B-Ball begins new era

**Kevin Stone**  
Staff Reporter

This Friday, the Norwood girls' basketball program will begin a new era.

With former head coach Brian Meringer stepping down and new coach Alex LaDuz taking over, the Mustang girls will embark on the challenging task of trying to get used to a new system in such a short amount of time. The fact that they are competing in the Bay State Conference will add to that difficulty.

But DaLuz has credited his girls for their hard work so far this preseason, and said he feels like things are moving along nicely.

"We are a young team learning an entirely new system from a new coach," DaLuz said. "I have thrown a lot at them in the past few weeks and they have caught on better than I could have imagined."

I do not know how talented the league is, but I know these girls have been working extremely hard."

DaLuz's job will not be easy. He will have just one senior returning to the team this season. However, a young team being

able to learn from a new coach may have its benefits in the long run as far as game plans go.

Meghan O'Connor will be that lone senior this year for the Mustangs.

"She has had a tremendous preseason basketball wise and as a leader of this team," said DaLuz of his starting guard.

"She will shoulder a good amount of the scoring load from the backcourt. She scored 10 points in our scrimmage against Norton," DaLuz added.

Three of the four starters are juniors. Makenna Lane, Jessica Gorman and Kelly Duggan will start at point guard, small forward and center respectively.

Freshman Amy Duggan, Kelly's sister, will round out the starting five for Norwood.

Lane will be looked at to be more of a vocal leader on the floor, according to DaLuz. Gorman brings an instincts-first game to the floor with good shot selection and decision-making. Amy Duggan should be a force on the glass inside; while she is still young,

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## Gymnastics kicks off season

**Kevin Stone**  
Staff Reporter

Often overlooked, sports like gymnastics may not get nearly enough attention for the amount of athleticism involved in the different events.

The Norwood gymnastics team kicks off its season Dec. 20 when they have a date with Medfield and Brookline for a tri-meet.

Head coach Karen Broderick is looking forward to the upcoming season; it will be her tenth as coach.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing what this team can do

this year," said Broderick. "We have a lot of seasoned gymnasts this year, and we're also bringing on some new freshman talent, so that should be an exciting boost to the program."

Like every sport that Norwood competes in, the Bay State Conference always provides a tough challenge. Broderick's gymnastics team faces that same problem. Last year, improvement was made throughout the program, increasing the total team score average by almost five points by the end of the season.

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The wrestling team is gearing up for another season on the mat. This year, the team will be led by first year head coach Dan McQuade.

FILE PHOTO

## Wrestling ready to go with new coach

Kevin Stone  
Staff Reporter

Mustang Pride on the wrestling mat is about to get a whole new look this season.

With new head coach Dan McQuade taking over the reigns of the program, Norwood's future looks bright.

In the late '80s and into the early '90s McQuade led an extremely strong Xaverian squad for eight seasons. He had been away from the sport for a while, but is thrilled to be back in the ring for Norwood.

"When I saw this position opened up, I just kind of got the itch to get back into coaching again," he explained. "I'm looking forward to getting things going again and trying to impart some of my knowledge of the sport on to these kids and hopefully make them better."

McQuade will also be relying on his two senior and one junior captains to not only help his transition be smoother, but also hopes they will take over a leadership role that a new head coach might not be able to achieve based on lack of relationships with plenty of new

faces.

At 220 lbs, Quincy Wilson will be the biggest and most important veteran leader of the trio. His classmate Tyler Hutchens will be wrestling at 132 for Norwood, and junior Mark Saulnier will take to the mat at 195, hoping to anchor the Mustang squad.

Last year, lack of experience hurt Norwood a bit, and this year, with the program beginning to build, the key will be getting contributions throughout the line up.

So far, McQuade likes what he is seeing.

"They all seem to really enjoy the sport, and that's important," explained McQuade. "We've got a young team but they've been working hard in practice and that's all I can really ask of them at this point."

The problem with preseason in any sport becomes complacency. The natural feeling of wanting to go up against an opponent other than your teammate is often what causes problems with slow starts and sluggish play no matter what sport...wrestling is no different, and Norwood is in that same

boat.

When asked what he was looking forward to most about this Wednesday's opening match against Walpole. McQuade got right to the point.

"I'm just looking forward to seeing these kids get to try some of the things we've taught them against a real opponent, that's probably what I'm most excited about," chuckled the new head coach.

Overall, it is very apparent that McQuade, with all his experience, is truly relishing the opportunity to share his wide-ranging knowledge of the sport with his new team, and hopefully...it will lead to a successful season.

Despite being new to the Norwood family, he was well aware of what the first home match this week meant.

"I know the kids are real excited to open up their first season in the new gym," McQuade said. "Walpole...7:00 p.m...you really don't have to say much more to these guys to get them ready to go. They're fired up."

tions at a minimum. In a tough league, it is unclear right now where Norwood stands, but he made one thing perfectly clear: effort is a must.

"There may be nights where we don't come out on top because we may be a little less talented," he explained. "But...it will never be because we didn't work hard enough."

The season tips off Friday at 6:30 p.m. when the girls travel to Newton North.

## Gymnastics *continued from page 10*

Despite not finishing in the top half of the conference, Broderick has lofty goals set for her team this season.

"I hope we keep improving on a daily basis, that's most important," she said. "But, in terms of long term goals, I'd really like to see us try and move up and compete in the top tier of the league this season."

In a 10-meet season, the Mustangs should have enough experience to really start to turn things around.

"I think we have enough experience and leadership now that the rest of the girls should really want to compete and try to rack up some more wins this year," said Broderick. "I'm hoping the experience under our belt will help us out in some positive ways during the season."

Four returning seniors and a fifth transfer senior could be key components in Norwood's ability to compete and show maturity during the season.

This senior leadership and experience will come with its share of adversity. Broderick pointed to the lack of crispness in routines as something that needs to be a focal point this

season.

"I'd say the one thing we need to change the most is the way we present our routines," she said. "The cleaner your routine and the fewer mistakes you have, whether it's based on skill level or not, the better chance you're going to have at a higher score. Clean routines...those are the key words for the year."

So what events does Broderick feel should be her team's strongest this year?

"On the vault and with our floor routines, those two should definitely be our best. We have a lot of talent in both areas," she explained.

Overall, having seen 10 years worth of gymnasts come and go, Broderick said she feels this team is ready to take on their Bay State Conference rivals and other challenges they might face.

"Our senior quad-captains have worked extremely hard and are really trying to be good leaders and get the other girls as motivated as they are," she said. "I truly believe that this whole team wants to win and wants to perform well. This should be a great season for us."

## Boys' Hockey *continued from page 10*

a junior and senior goaltender backstopping them, the Mustangs seem poised to make a serious run at a league title this year.

As of this Monday's opening game in Hingham, the lines for Clifford were constructed as follows:

First line:  
Tyler Gover (Junior)  
Peter Kelly (Senior)  
Brendan Cathcart (Senior)

Second line:  
Mark Maggio (Senior)  
Jake Ranalli (Senior)  
Andrew Alty (Senior)

Third line:  
Connor Mahon (Senior)  
John Galvin (Sophomore)  
Mark Powers (Sophomore)

Fourth line:  
Mike Roy (Sophomore)  
Rouke Flynn (Junior)  
Dan Farrell (Freshman)

Fifth line:  
Anthony DelMonico (Junior.)  
Stephen Gross (Sophomore)  
Brendan Walsh (Sophomore)

Defense:  
Mike Murray (Senior)  
Kyle Dolan (Senior)  
Austin Glaser (Senior)  
Dan Wiseman (Junior)

Brendan Altieri (Junior)  
Rich Wilson (Junior) Emmert McNamara (Freshman)

Goaltenders:  
Jordan Davis (Junior)  
Pat Clifford (Senior)

Following the scrimmage, Clifford broke the news to the team that they will be partaking in the "Frozen Fenway" festivities in January, and will have the chance to skate at Fenway Park.

The locker room was buzzing after the news, and a very distinct excitement could be felt around the team.

With the puck dropping on this season and the thoughts of Fenway now dancing in their heads, do not be surprised in January or February if you happen to take a glance at the league standings and see the team in blue and gold sitting right in the thick of things.

In the words of Boston rock band the Dropkick Murphys in their classic song about the Bruins, "Time to Go":

"Drop the puck...it's time to go."

## Girls' B-Ball *continued from page 10*

DaLuz believes she has "limitless potential" and should help the team in many ways this season.

As is the case with any basketball team, the bench will be key in the success of the Mustangs this season.

Guard/Forward (Jr.) Shannon Reen, Guard (Jr.) Kaileen Spaulding, Guard/Forward (So.) Olivia Philbrook and Forward (Jr.) Liz Whitney should all be big contributors off the bench.

DaLuz calls Reen "the toughest player on the team," while Spaulding, Philbrook and Whitney will all have their own ways of contributing to the collective effort.

Forward (Jr.) Gianna Pugliano, Guard/Forward (Jr.) Arianna Woodley and Guard (Fr.) Julia Copponi will all add depth to the Mustangs squad as well.

DaLuz comes in to the upcoming season with expecta-

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# Police Logs

## Tuesday, December 6

0017 911 - Unwanted party services rendered. Location/address: Lenox St. Caller reports there is a male on the property that was Evicted. Spoke to male and he will gather his belongings at another time.

0048 phone - Drunk person spoken to. Location/address: Atwood Ave. Caller reports dk male in the back yard. N679 N669 spoke to male who was outside and was

not dk.

0211 phone - Breaking and entering \*report filed. Location/address: Boch New to You - Bos-Prov Hwy "Securitas" reports gate by construction site has been broken into. Pipes on ground. Request for officers to check lot with her. Officers report it appears there was a break through fence. N669 will talk to personell in morning. All surrounding lots checked by officers and tape @ FM Global reviewed with their security and N669.

0542 phone - Disturbance spoken to. Location/address: Neponset St. + Dean St. Caller reports disturbance between two people out walking, believes their dogs might be fighting. N663 sent, spoke with one party minor fight between dogs matter resolved prior to arrival.

0618 initiated - Breaking and entering \*report filed 669 speaking with workers on Morse St. construction site. Regarding pos-

sible b+e earlier in the night.

0727 phone - Kids gathering spoken to. Location/address: Peabody Rd. Caller reports kids hanging out smoking in front of her house and would like them moved. N679, N669 responded. 2 groups spoken to and advised.

1011 phone - Susp activity services rendered. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Norwood Hospital received a call that a resident from Medfield was coming to hospital for an evaluation with a Loaded shotgun. Officers dispatched. Further investigation, man is still in Medfield and wife has gone for warrant of apprehension.

1021 phone - Unwanted party \*report filed. Location/address: Town Hall - Washington St.

1436 phone - Drunk person \*protective custody. Location/address: CVS Pharmacy - Nahatan St.

1636 phone - Well being chk \*report filed. Location/address: Central St. + E Cottage St. Caller reports white female asking for help to all motorists who are stopping at stop sign.

2340 phone - Susp activity spoken to. Location/address: Sumner St. Report subject on neighbors roof then in yard. N666 reports son of resident checking on some roof work that was done earlier in the day. MA pc 91rm35.

spoke to her and caller, misunderstanding. Received 911 call for three parties harassing caller at Sons of Shephanie on Washington Street. Caller would not provide additional information and hung up on State Police 911 several times. 677, 664 responded to scene, found nothing. 667 reported operator of Jeep Commander was the caller for Son's of Shephanie.

2211 phone - Disturbance gone on arrival. Location/address: Washarama - Washington St. Report 3 males, bottles in their hands, swearing at each other, appear they may fight. Units checked area and surrounding streets-go, spoke to caller, verbal only.

in nature, no threats.

1017 phone - Death at home \*report filed. Location/address: Nichols St. NFD,m.e.,State Police,may funeral home all notified.

1341 phone - Susp activity \*report filed. Location/address: Prescott School - Richland Rd. Caller states beer cans all over footpath from school towards King Road. Reports some cans may be full. N661 sent and reports beer cans are in middle of thorn bush and unable to get at. DPW notified and to handle same.

1531 phone - B & e of motor vehicle area search negative. Location/address: Elliot St. Report car alarm sounded, back door to car found open, no one around. N665 spoke to caller, nothing taken.

2157 phone - Domestic \*arrest(s)made. Location/address: Johnson Ct. Caller reports that her boyfriend assaulted her. N661 N664 sent. One male placed under arrest. Arrest: Pagan, Jose Manuel Jr. Address: 12 Johnson Ct apt. #B Dob: 11/07/1969 Charges: a&b

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**Wednesday, December 7**

0216 initiated - Susp person spoken to. Location/address: Napper Tandy's - Day St. N667 speaking with party. (fio'd) all in order.

1331 phone - Susp person services rendered. Location/address: Winter St. + Lincoln St. Caller reports w/male walking with blue jeans only on. No shirt, no shoes and has shaving cream all over himself. Goa, male fully clothed, on cell phone in area.

1801 phone - Breaking and entering \*report filed. Location/address: Work Out World - Bos-Prov Hwy Report multiple lockers broken into within last 1 1/2 hrs.

2021 phone - Well being chk services rendered. Location/address: Oak Rd. + Highland St. Report male, using cane, jacket, jeans, carrying a bag, walking in middle of road. While units enroute, 2nd call states male entered a home, unk.#. Units checked the street just in case-no one around.

2126911 - Pedestrian accident \*report filed. Location/address: E Cottage St. Caller reported pedestrian struck by vehicle. Norwood Fire transport to the hospital.

2152 phone - Susp vehicle spoken to. Location/address: Sons of Shephanies - Washington St. Report that a female in a Jeep Commander stopped and asked for directions, then asked for directions to Police Dept, and is now sitting in the car in Norwood Plaza, facing the Police station. N667

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

Grateful thanks. —A.V.J.

**Thursday, December 8**

1031 phone - Larceny other. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Woman reports her wallet is missing while she was patient at Norwood Hospital. Incident all ready reported on 11/29/11 and report filed by Off K Riley.

1428 phone - Larceny \*report filed. Location/address: Vernon St. Snow blower missing from unlocked garage.

2029 phone - Well being chk services rendered. Location/address: Morse St. Caller states that there is a woman sleeping in the lobby. Female was transported to Pine Street in in Boston by N667.

**Friday, December 9**

1417 walk-in - Larceny \*report filed. Location/address: Coventry Ln.

1426 phone - Report of fight services rendered. Location/address: Keegan's Norwood Jewelers - Washington St. School age kids fighting. Appears kids may have been horsing around.

1607 phone - Larceny \*report filed. Location/address: Arnold Rd. Theft of storm drain cover.

1741 phone - Suicide / or threat \*report filed. Location/address: Hill St. Caller reports her mother is suicidal. Bolo put out to cars.

1826 phone - Mischief (kids) services rendered. Location/address: Pleasant St. Caller reports there is a kid in the woods with drugs. N677 N664 respond. No one found. Goa.

2014 phone - Mischief (kids) gone on arrival. Location/address: Whitewood Cir. Caller reports kids running around and swearing at the second house on left as you come in off of Dean Street. N666, N664 sent and report the call is unfounded.

2130 phone - Larceny \*arrest(s)made. Location/address: Cross St. Caller reports someone is trying to steal his vehicle. Multiple units respond. Male was located and placed under arrest. Arrest: Rossignoll, James Address: 11 Chauncy St. Dedham Dob: 11/09/1966 Charges: b&e vehicle/boat nighttime felony

2134 phone - B & e of motor vehicle \*report filed. Location/address: K St. Caller reports with in the past two hours his vehicles window was smashed and change was stolen. N669 sent.

**Saturday, December 10**

0046911 - Noise complaint spoken to. Location/address: Washington St. Caller reports loud party on street behind his house, possibly on Cameron Rd. N677, N669 responded. Officers located xmas party at 93 Cameron Rd. Spoke to homeowner and advised to quiet down.

0204911 - Domestic \*report filed. Location/address: 32 Guild Street Inc (rooms & Olivadi Rest.) - Guild St. Caller states her ex-boyfriend made threats to harm her. He has since left. N664 responded and states it was verbal

**Sunday, December 11**

0822 phone - Larceny \*report filed. Location/address: Norwood Town Taxi Inc. - Cottage St.

1450 911 - assist citizen assisted party. Location: Hoyle @ Washington Caller reports people yelling on Hoyle St. N677 and N664 sent. N667 reports kids playing in the backyard.

1501 phone - Illegal trash disposal services rendered. Location/address: Beacon St. + Walpole St. Needle on the ground.

**Monday, December 12**

0644 911 - Suicide / or threat \*report filed. Location/address: Railroad Ave. D ambulance for an unknown medical. Norwood Fire responded.

0932 phone - Larceny \*report filed. Location/address: Clay Chevy Inc - Pleasant St.

1026 phone - Larceny \*report filed. Location/address: Sumner St. Larceny of ladder.

1219 walk-in - Larceny \*report filed. Location/address: Dairy Fine - Fulton St. Woman lost her pocketbook last night at Dairy Fine and it has not turned up.

1335 phone - Larceny \*report filed. Location/address: Work Out World - Bos-Prov Hwy Larceny from locker (wallet).

1351 phone - Missing person \*report filed. Location/address: Winter St.

1653 phone - Animal complaint taken/referred to other. Location/address: Old Farm Rd. Report dog vs dog attack. N.A.C.O. handled same. N664 stood by with N.A.C.O. at 6 Driftwood Cr. while he investigated same.

1724 initiated - Trespassing \*arrest(s)made. Location/address: MBTA railroad tracks - Broadway N661 trying to stop a kid on the tracks. After a foot pursuit subject is placed under arrest and transported to station. Arrest: Cardinale, Christopher J. Address: 32 Heaton Ave apt. #1 Dob: 09/06/1990 Charges: railroad track, walk/ride on Resist arrest\*\* Warrant arrest

1858 phone - Shoplifting \*arrest(s)made. Location/address: Building 19 3/4 - Bos-Prov Hwy Report 2 shoplifters detained. As a result, N665 places both under arrest. N665 transport 1-s/m 122252 1924 hrs,e/m 12256 1930 hrs. N669 transports 1-s/m 56700 1923 hrs,e/m 56703 1928 hrs. Arrest: Grand-Pierre, Ginette Address: 85 Harvard St apt. #1 Hyde Park Dob: 02/17/1963 Charges: shoplifting by price tag tampering Arrest: Phillippe, Marie Address: 240 Weaver St. Mattapan Dob: 10/23/1969 Charges: shoplifting by price tag tampering.

# Deaths

## ABUCEVITCH

Edward W., 87, of Norwood, Dec. 6. US Navy World War II Veteran. Life member of Norwood K of C, Norwood VFW and Norwood ELKS. Beloved husband of 61 yrs to Carolina "Libby" (Libardoni) Abucevitch. Devoted father of Edward W. Jr. of TX, Robert J. and his wife Lynne of Wrentham, Paul F. of Norwood and Nancy E. Ceriani and her husband David of Attleboro. Brother of the late Steve, William, Benjamin, Ann McDonough, Frances Dunphy and Mildred O'Hern. Also survived by 2 grandchildren Jill and Jenna Abucevitch. Long-time friend of Lloyd Rutledge. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw - Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Internment was at Highland Cemetery. Donations may be made in his name to Steward Homecare and Hospice, 30 Perwal St., Westwood, MA. 02090.

## BRANCO

Antero DaRocha, 73, of Norwood, suddenly in Portugal, Nov. 25. Beloved husband of Perfeita Alves Branco. Devoted father of Lisa Branco of Norwood and Antero Branco and his wife Noelle Belhumeur of NY. Brother of Antonio and John DaRocha Branco both of Peabody. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Son of the late Joao and Maria Branco. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Internment was in Highland Cemetery.

## BURKE

Noreen Patricia, 51, of Norwood, Nov. 30. No stranger to physical hardship and medical challenges, Noreen was born with cystic fibrosis and later developed diabetes, yet she defied the odds of debilitating illness to sustain her life much longer than any would have expected. Fifty-one, though a short life by healthy standards, was an extraordinary milestone for someone with Noreen's physical disabilities. A recipient of a successful double lung transplant 17 years ago, she also underwent two kidney transplants in addition to a multitude of other

surgeries and procedures through the years. In 2011 she successfully battled colon cancer but was taken suddenly by an unexpected complication of emergency surgery. Truly an inspiration to friends, family and the medical community, Noreen lived life fully, bravely and without complaint. Each medical obstacle was merely a temporary setback in her drive to survive and cherish life. Extremely active in volunteer work, Noreen also enjoyed golfing, bowling, yoga, travel, reading and politics. She will be greatly missed by those whose lives she touched. She was the daughter of the late Francis J. and Catherine "Pat" (McCarthy) Burke and sister to the late Brian J. Burke of Roslindale. She is survived by brother Kevin M. Burke, his wife Maria and daughters Robin and Dorian of Milton, sister Diane F. Brosnan and her husband Daniel of Norwood, brother Dennis S. Burke and his wife Julianna of Andover, and a supportive extended family and great many wonderful friends. Funeral arrangements under the direction of the F.J. Higgins Funeral Home 4236 Washington St., Roslindale. Please send donations to either the Massachusetts Literacy Foundation or The First Tee Organization.

## CURRAN

Patrick "Paddy", 79, of Norwood, formerly of Connemara, Galway, Ireland, on Dec. 6. Paddy retired after many years with Masoneilan. Son of the late Coleman and Mary (Flaherty) Curran. Brother of Margaret Burke of Fort Pierce, FL, Michael of Colyn Bay, Wales, Martin of Stamford, CT, and Bartley of Norwood, and the late Bridget, Mary Corchran, James, Coleman, Noreen McGovern, Julia, Sean, Murty and Cait McGonigle. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, his good friends, Erik Anderson and Bob Robitaille, and was a friend of Bill W. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rte.1A). Internment was private. Donations in memory of Paddy may be made to Asera Care Hospice, 40 Washington Street, Suite 100,

Wellesley Hills, MA 02481.

## GROTE

Helen D. (Shimsky), 93, of Vero Beach, Florida, Sept. 30. She was the beloved wife of the late Raymond J. Grote to whom she was wed for 40 years. Born Dec. 15, 1917 in Norwood, she was a daughter of the late Benjamin and Minnie (Abucevitch) Shimsky. She grew up in Norwood, participated in numerous sports and was a graduate of the class of 1935 at Norwood High School. Prior to retirement and her move to Florida, Helen had been employed by the Factory Mutual Insurance Company, and previously worked as a waitress at the former Lord Fox restaurant in Foxboro. She was the sister of Andrew Simski of Sagamore Beach, Mildred Sanborn and Irene McDermott of Norwood and the late Frank Shumski, Jane Olejarz and Veronica Shimsky. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Thomas S. Lowther Funeral Home and Crematory, Vero Beach, FL. Interment was in Highland Cemetery.

## SHAGOURY

Alma K. (Koujian), of Norwood, Dec 10. Beloved wife of Paul B. Shagoury and dear mother of Stephen C. of Endicott, NY and P. Brian of Norwood. Loving grandmother of Abraham M and Sophia Shagoury. Sister of the late Alice DiBlossi, and Stephen and Harry Kouyoumjian. Funeral arrangements by the May Funeral Home, 85 Nichols St. Relatives and friends are invited to attend her funeral Thurs at 10 a.m. at the Epiphany Episcopal Church, 62 Front St, Walpole. Interment in Highland Cemetery.

## TOUHEY

Thomas M., 74, in Norwood Dec. 6. Late Army Veteran. Loving brother of Edward Touhey and his wife Laura of Walpole and Michael Touhey of South Boston. Dear Brother to the late Noreen Atkins and Mary Dicrose. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements under the direction of F.J. Higgins Funeral Home, 4236 Washington St., Roslindale.

# Legals

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#### INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for construction of Westover Area Sewer Rehabilitation will be received by the Town of Norwood, Massachusetts in the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 until 11:00 AM (Verizon Time), January 5, 2012 and at that time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work of this Contract includes furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, and incidentals required to perform rehabilitation of the existing sewer system in the Westover Parkway area, located in Norwood, Massachusetts. Sewer rehabilitation work includes but is not limited to the following: preparatory cleaning of existing sewers, sewer manholes and sewer services; installation of cured in place pipe lining in mainline sewer and service laterals; protruding tap removal; manhole rehabilitation; TV inspection; bypass pumping; and all related work and miscellaneous items as specified herein and as shown on the Drawings required to complete the contract.

The Contract Time shall be 240 Calendar Days commencing ten days following the Effective Date of the Agreement.

Contract Documents may be examined and/or obtained at the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Norwood, Massachusetts 02062, Tel. No. (781) 762-1240, extension 106 or 107.

Contract Documents are available for examination at Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc., One Cambridge Place, 50 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA 02139 and at F.W. Dodge Division, McGraw-Hill Information Systems Co., 24 Hartwell Ave., Lexington, MA.

A deposit of \$50.00 (check payable to the Town of Norwood) will be required for each set of the Contract Documents. A refund of the deposit will be made for such Documents returned in good condition within 30 days after the Bids are received.

Bidders requesting Contract Documents by mail shall include an additional non refundable check payable to the Town of Norwood in the amount of \$15 per set to cover costs of handling and mailing.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond, by a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts satisfactory to the awarding authority in favor of the Town of Norwood and equal to at least five percent (5%) of the total bid price must be submitted with the Bid. The successful bidder shall, within ten (10) days of notification of award furnish the Town a performance bond and a labor and materials bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the bid by a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts satisfactory to the awarding authority.

Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders.

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Workforce Development under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27H, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those tradespeople who may be employed for the proposed work under this Contract. Federal Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the United States Department of Labor under the Davis-Bacon Act also apply to this project.

The bidding and award of this Contract will be under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30, Section 39M.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids if deemed to be in its best interest.

The work under this Contract is funded in part by the Massachusetts Division of Water Pollution Abatement Trust (the "Trust").

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goals are applicable to the total dollars paid to the construction contract. The goals for this project are a minimum of **3.40 percent D/MBE participation and 3.80 percent D/WBE participation** by certified DBEs. The bidder shall submit completed DBE forms (EEO DEP 190 & EEO-DEP-191) with the bid. Failure to comply with the requirements of this paragraph may be deemed to render a proposal non-responsive. No waiver of any provision of this section will be granted unless approved by the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP).

This Project requires compliance with the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Diesel Retrofit Program by use of after-engine emission controls that are EPA certified, or their equivalent, on all of the off-road (non-registered) diesel vehicles/equipment, and vehicles greater than 50 brake horsepower, which will be used in the performance of the work.

A list of current plan holders can be obtained on-line at [www.norwoodma.gov](http://www.norwoodma.gov).

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to accept any part of a bid or the one deemed best for the Town.

By: John J. Carroll  
General Manager

Norwood Record, 12/15/11

# Religious Events

## ANGLICAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Anglican Church of the Redeemer will hold several special services for the Christmas season. On Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24 there will be a service at 8:00 p.m. at the church at 71 Bond Street. The service will be a candlelight service and will include traditional Christmas hymns, the celebration of Holy Communion, a Christmas message and a special Christmas blessing. On Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25 at 10:00 a.m., Redeemer will hold a service of Holy Eucharist to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. On Sunday, Jan. 1 at 8:00 a.m. there will be a service of lessons and carols, consisting of Bible readings, Christmas carols and a second Christmas message. On Sunday, Jan. 8, the church will hold a service recalling the Epiphany, the coming of the Magi, in witness to Christ's birth. The Anglican Church of the Redeemer is a member congregation of the Anglican Church in North America, which has its roots in the Church of England. The parish has two sites: one in Franklin and one in Norwood. "While we are a relatively new church in Norwood, we are part of an old, established tradition, part of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church," Pastor Bouffard explained. "We uphold the truth of the Christian faith as contained in the Holy Scriptures and handed down to us through the church from the Apostles." Information about the Church of the Redeemer is available by contacting The Rev. Alan Bouffard at 781-769-7940, or by visiting the parish website, [www.redeemeranglicanchurch.org](http://www.redeemeranglicanchurch.org).

## CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The First Congregational Church will hold its traditional Christmas Eve service of candles and carols on Saturday, Dec. 24, beginning at 5 p.m. This hour-long service has been celebrated for more than twenty years, and includes Christmas songs performed by the choir, and a Nativity pageant based on readings from the prophecy of Isaiah and the gospels according to Luke and Matthew. The First Congregational Church in Norwood, United Church of Christ, is an Open & Affirming congregation welcoming all. We are located at the corner of Route 1A and Winter Street. Our regular Sunday morning worship service is held at 10 a.m. and is followed by a fellowship hour. Church school classes and nursery care are provided during the service. Rev. John Hamilton is glad to extend pastoral support. For more information, please call the church office at 781-762-3320.

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## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 24 Berwick St., 781-762-9457 invites you to Sunday worship this Advent Season Dec. 18. Each Advent service includes a special Confession of Sins and Absolution for Advent, Lighting of the Advent Wreath, and hymns reflecting the coming of Christ to the world. Join us at 8:45 a.m. as we sing the liturgy from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship and enjoy hymns in the traditional nature. Three lessons will be read: from the prophets, the New Testament letters and the Gospels. A sermon will explain the lessons; leading us through the days of preparation for and the celebration of the Christ Child's birth. Following the prayers of the people, Holy Communion will be shared with all. At 11:15 a.m. we will follow the basic structure of Lutheran worship but in a contemporary music mode. Worship will include: spoken words of worship; a blend of contemporary, folk, multi-cultural and traditional hymns. Lessons from the prophets and the gospels will be read and will serve as the basis for the message from the pastor. Following the prayers of the people, Holy Communion will be shared with all. On Dec. 18, at the beginning of worship, we will continue our Advent preparation as we light the fourth candle on the wreath. Then we will hear the long-anticipated telling of the Christmas story by our Sunday School students. This is a story we know well but one that is retold annually in the lives of all Christians. On Saturday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve there will be three Candlelight worship services. At all of the services the Christmas Candle in the center of the Advent Wreath will be lit, "Silent Night" will be sung with congregation candle lighting, special music will be presented by Emmanuel's musicians and vocalists, Pastor Saling will present a message, and Holy Communion will be celebrated. At 5 and 7 p.m. there will be family worship services with a special story for children. The 7 p.m. service will follow the basic structure of Lutheran worship but in a con-

temporary music mode. At 10:30 p.m., the Formal Liturgy of the Angels will be held. This service is the highest liturgy of the season. On Sunday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day, we will have our traditional Christmas Day worship at 10 a.m. Please come as you are, a Christmas Story for all ages will be told, and Holy Communion will be celebrated in a Carol setting. Lessons and Carols will be sung at our services on Sunday, Jan. 1. These services will be held at 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. with a Fellowship Hour between the services. Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services. Epiphany and the Baptism of our Lord will be the highlight of our worship services at 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 8. There will be a procession of the Three Kings, we will hear the story of the Wise Men, the Christmas tree will remain lighted, Epiphany Carols will be sung, Pastor Saling will deliver a message and Holy Communion will be celebrated at both worship services. Sunday school will resume at 10 a.m.

## ORTHODOX CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Saint George Church of Norwood announces its Choir Christmas Concert on Dec. 18 at 4:00 p.m. The liturgical choir of the Orthodox Church will perform carols from the Western and Eastern traditions. Everyone is welcome to attend. Located at 6 Atwood Avenue, extra parking at the Balch School. On Saturday, Dec. 24, the Matins & Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of Christ, Christmas, begin at 5:00 p.m. All our services and information about the church can be found on-line at [www.StGeorgeNorwood.org](http://www.StGeorgeNorwood.org)

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORWOOD SCHEDULE

First Baptist Church of Norwood Sunday schedule is 10:30 a.m. in the main sanctuary. While the classrooms in the main church are undergoing renovations, classes will be held in the Parish House. The Senior Choir is looking for additional voices for the fall. Rehearsals are now on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish House. Most needed are altos and basses but singers are welcome for all parts. The director is Ann Fleck and she may be contacted at 508-668-4236. The weekly Bible Study now meets at 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. This year, the group is studying the Book of James. Anyone interested may call Ruth at 781-769-0425 for more information. A new program being offered at First Baptist Church this year, co-sponsored by the Anglican Church of the Redeemer, is the AWANA Club for children Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade. This will take place on Sunday afternoons in the Parish Hall from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. The First Baptist, located at 71 Bond Street, is one who welcomes all with the love of the Lord. For further information, call the church office on Tuesday or Wednesday at 781-762-1633 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

**NORWOOD ALUMNI CHOIR CONCERT**

The Norwood Alumni Choir will be performing their Annual Christmas Caroling Concert, on Friday Dec. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, located at 24 Berwick Street. This concert is perhaps their favorite performance of the year, as they sing holiday classics like "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen", "We Wish You a Merry Christmas", and "Silent Night" as well as familiar favorites like "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer!" An impressive group with local roots, the choir, directed by Norwood High's Director of Fine Arts, Catherine

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**MORSE HOUSE HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**

The George H. Morse Meeting House, Museum and Education Center, 1285 Washington Street, will be open for A Special Holiday Open House on Sunday, Dec. 18 from 1:00

to 4:00 p.m. Homemade refreshments will be served and there is no charge for admission. The Morse Committee will be accepting donations of non-perishable canned goods or food items to help our local food pantry this holiday season.

**NORWOOD YOUTH FOOTBALL POSITIONS OPEN**

Norwood Youth Football and Cheer Board & Commit-

tee positions available for the 2012 season. Please submit letter of interest to NYF&C, PO Box 124, Norwood, MA 02062 or email to [norwoodyouthfootballcheer@gmail.com](mailto:norwoodyouthfootballcheer@gmail.com) by Jan. 24. Any questions please call: 781-424-5935 or [norwoodyouthfootballcheer@gmail.com](mailto:norwoodyouthfootballcheer@gmail.com).

**FOOD PANTRY AND NORWOOD LIGHT PARTNER**

Norwood Light Broadband (NLB) is partnering with the

Ecumenical Food Pantry to raise funds to help Norwood residents in need this holiday season. NLB will donate \$50 to the Food Pantry for every customer who switches their Cable TV, Internet and/or Telephone service from Comcast or Verizon to the Town's Broadband network in December. NLB will also donate \$20.00 to the Food Pantry for every current NLB customer who upgrades their service. To find out how you can help this holiday season, call Norwood Light Broadband at 781-948-1120 or go to [www.norwoodlight.com](http://www.norwoodlight.com). You can also make a donation directly to the Food Pantry! [www.norwoofoodpantry.org](http://www.norwoofoodpantry.org).

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