

## School board draws the line on cuts

Vinaya Saksena  
Staff Reporter

After weeks of attempting to meet a town request to cut over two million dollars from their budget, the School Committee decided last week to send the town a message: no more cuts.

The motion to cease attempting to make further cuts to the school budget was made during a March 7 meeting by School Committee member Courtney Rau, who said attempting to do so would only hurt students and the Committee members' sanity. The motion was approved by a 5-1 vote, with only Committee member James Gormley dissenting.

"We can't cut \$2.2 million from the budget," Rau said. "It's not do-able to run a school system of the caliber that we want."

"No one wants to continue with this," Gormley said of the evening's lengthy and difficult budget discussion. "But there's a part of me that says, 'that's our job.'"

Town officials had asked the School Committee to cut \$2.2 million from its \$37.2 million first pass budget, bringing the total to \$3.5 million - something Assistant Superintendent of Schools Alexander Wyeth said would basically "dismantle the school system." Of the \$2.2 million in requested cuts, the Committee had made \$1,618,515 in cuts when members decided last week that they could not cut anymore without adverse effects on school operations.

School Committee members expressed hope that the remaining \$591,485 in cuts the town had been expecting could be made up for via part of an unexpected surplus that the Town Wide Budget Balancing Committee was expected to discuss on Monday. Town Clerk and Accountant Robert Thornton had announced that the town had \$1 million in savings due to lower-than-expected costs for the town's Group Insurance Commission contribution and tuition at the Blue Hills Regional Technical School.

Thornton had suggested that the money be placed in the town's stabilization fund. School Committee members, however, said they would fight for a share of the funds, noting that fifty-five percent of the funds - or \$550,000 - would nearly compensate for the remaining cuts the town had requested.

Among the cuts made by the School Committee were the elimination of the Elementary Math Coordinator position and a pair of math teacher positions at the Coakley Middle School tasked with providing "additional remediation," amounting to cuts of \$78,995 and \$125,134, respectively. The Committee also decided to eliminate the positions of three teachers running a String/Instrumental Program serving 392 students at the elementary level, thus cutting an additional \$209,405.

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Members of the Budget Balancing Committee found themselves greeted by an unusually large crowd as they gathered to discuss the transfer of unused money into the town's stabilization fund on Monday. Much of the crowd, which included many students, wanted the funds used to restore school programs.

PHOTO BY VINAYA SAKSENA

## Uneasy compromises made to deal with shortfalls

Vinaya Saksena  
Staff Reporter

With local students and parents filling the room and a portion of the hall outside, the Budget Balancing Committee reached a compromise on a monetary request from the school district on Monday, though much of the crowd was clearly disappointed with the result.

At their meeting the previous week, the School Committee voted to end their attempts to reduce their budget any further, saying that doing so would not allow them to run a school system of the quality they wanted. The Committee had made \$1,618,515 in cuts over their first pass budget,

falling \$591,485 short of the amount of cuts that had been requested by the town.

Before that meeting took place, Town Clerk and Accountant Robert Thornton had announced that the town had roughly \$1 million in savings due to lower-than-expected costs for its Group Insurance Commission contribution and tuition at the Blue Hills Regional Technical School. And while Thornton had wanted the money transferred to the town's stabilization fund, members of the School Committee had been hoping that at least some of the money could be used to negate the need for cuts in the schools.

When the Budget Balancing Committee - which includes members of the School Commit-

tee, Finance Commission and Board of Selectmen - met to discuss the matter on Monday, Selectman Michael Lyons spoke in support of the School Committee's request for additional funding, saying it did not make sense to put additional money in the stabilization fund while cutting programs. Other members of the Budget Balancing Committee, including Thornton, were less sympathetic, questioning whether the School Committee had in fact done all it could to reduce its budget.

"I didn't see one legitimate cut out of administration," said Alan Slater, a Finance Commission representative. "Not

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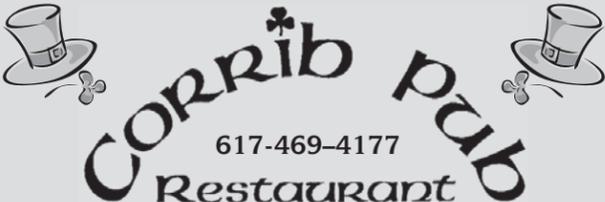


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one.” Superintendent of Schools James Hayden, also a member of the Budget Balancing Committee, disputed this claim. He noted, for example, that the school district had been functioning without a technology director, and that he himself had been attempting to cover the resulting workload.

Thornton also questioned claims made by the School Committee about their budget. In particular, he took issue with claims that town requests for budgetary reductions really amounted to cuts, as the reductions were from the first pass budget, which was higher than the budget for the current fiscal year.

“There’s a misperception out there that there are cuts going on,” Thornton said. “It’s simply not true.”

Town Manager John Carroll expressed disagreement with Thornton on several occasions, questioning why stabilization money should not be used to avoid cutting the school budget further. He also took issue with some of Slater’s comments regarding management of the school budget, drawing applause from the large crowd with one particular remark.

“I don’t want the schools telling me what to cut,” Carroll said. “And we shouldn’t tell them what to cut.”

Heated discussion of the

matter continued for some time with few signs of agreement. School Committee Chairman Paul Samargedlis said a 55/45 percent split of the surplus funds was the least he would accept, and that he would like more in order to restore programs that had already been cut - such as an elementary-level instrumental music program - if possible. Slater cautioned him that even if the requested funds were provided this year, there was no guarantee that such generosity on the town’s part would be possible in the future.

Carroll put forth a compromise motion, in which half of the surplus funds would be placed in the stabilization fund as Thornton had wanted, while the other half would be divided among the schools and the town, with the parties receiving fifty-five percent and forty-five percent, respectively. The motion narrowly passed, with Carroll, Thornton, Slater, Selectman Allan Howard and Finance Commission Chairwoman Judith Langone voting in favor of it. Hayden, Samargedlis, Lyons and School Committee member James Gormley cast the dissenting votes, on the grounds that it did not do enough for the schools in their view.

Slater suggested that the school district could use circuit breaker funds or seek funding at a Special Town Meeting to make up for the difference between their request and the amount re-

ceived. Samargedlis noted that circuit breaker funds would likely have to be used to cover special education costs if more out-of-district placements were needed, as contingency funds for that purpose had already been eliminated in order to reduce the school budget.

Many of those who showed up to the meeting were students, who hoped to ensure that programs valuable to them would not be cut. Norwood High School student Elizabeth Ruggiero was one of several who had been circulating petitions to that effect.

“There are a lot of petitions for Latin,” Ruggiero said. “People are going around wearing togas to protest” cuts to the program.

Twin sisters Meagan and Ashley McGinnes, both of whom are now attending Ithaca College, were also present to support their former school, and specifically its theater program. Ashley said she had been “super shy” prior to high school, and that participating in the program had played a large part in her coming out of her shell.

“Everything [I was] involved in are the programs that are going to be affected,” Meagan McGinnes said. “And I would not be the person that I am today without those programs.”

## Reed Timmer talks up a storm in Norwood

**Vinaya Saksena**  
*Staff Reporter*

A famous television personality known for chasing some of the world’s most dangerous storms came to Norwood last week to get students excited about chasing knowledge.

Discovery Education Chief Meteorologist Reed Timmer addressed a crowd of students at the Coakley Middle School on Friday, giving a speech and video presentation about his storm-chasing career. The following day, he addressed a gathering of teachers from around Massachusetts and other nearby states, in an event intended to give teachers pointers on getting students interested in math and science.

Timmer told the students the importance of curiosity, reasoning and critical thinking skills in his field, adding that students should develop these skills even if they don’t hope to end up in the same profession. He later told the Norwood Record that the students appeared to have done a lot of this on their own already, noting that he was aware of and impressed by the fact that several students had recently advanced to a state-level history competition and that another student he met there had shown an interest in pursuing a journalism career - and had

already developed some of the skills necessary to do so.

“It was great,” Timmer said. “They seemed really interested. You could definitely tell it was a talented group of students.”

The following morning, Timmer gave a similar presentation to an auditorium full of teachers at Norwood High School, as part of an interactive event titled “Day of Discovery.” The event was focused on ways

nitely,” Timmer said of the effort. “A lot of times, when I was in school, mathematics seemed kind of [boring]. But if I knew about how it can be applied, I think it could be much more exciting.”

Timmer said he made his first recorded attempt at storm-watching at the age of thirteen, when he attempted to videotape a storm with the family video camera, only to have the cam-



*Discovery Education Chief Meteorologist Reed Timmer speaks with students Alexander Smit Sibinga and Anthony Petruzzelli at the Coakley Middle School after a presentation on Friday, March 9.*

*Courtesy Photo*

to integrate digital technologies in the classroom, and specifically how technology can be used to get students more interested in science, technology and engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education.

“It’s very fulfilling, defi-

era damaged by a golf ball-sized piece of hail. Having since acquired the education and training necessary for the job, he said

**Reed Timmer**  
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# Selectmen set rules for ball field Plasko arrives home to recover

**Vinaya Saksena**  
Staff Reporter

Several weeks after first discussing the matter, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously on Tuesday to authorize new parking regulations for a local ball field that had been a favorite spot for those looking to avoid parking fees at a nearby train stop, while also getting an encouraging update on the health of a Board member who could not be present that night.

Absent from the selectmen's regular meeting Tuesday night were Board members Helen Abdallah Donohue and William Plasko, the latter of whom had been hospitalized in late February after suffering a heart attack in Connecticut. On Tuesday, fellow selectman Allan Howard reported that Plasko had arrived home earlier that day, and appeared to be well on his way to recovery.

"I'd just like to give him a hearty welcome home and hope he continues on his recovery," Howard said. "Glad to have you back, Bill."

During a presentation earlier in the meeting, Fire Chief Michael Howard said he was also glad to hear that Plasko was "on the mend."

"We are too," said Board Chairman Michael Lyons.

During his weekly report to the selectmen, Town Manager

John Carroll told the Board that he had prepared parking rules for Murphy Field, as they had requested during their Feb. 21 meeting. The Board members present quickly approved the rules by a unanimous vote.

Under the new rules, parking in spaces at the field will have a four-hour limit, and the spaces will be for recreational use only. At the Board's Feb. 21 meeting, Selectman Paul Bishop had expressed concerns about train passengers parking in the small number of spots available near the field, asking that signs be put up indicating limits on parking, so that those involved in youth baseball games would not be left without parking spaces.

At the time, Donohue said she shared this concern, but wondered if signage was necessary, given that the field was town property and that unauthorized parking would technically amount to trespassing. Carroll told her there were no signs indicating that parking was not allowed there, something Plasko had noted made it difficult to enforce a "no trespassing" rule.

### Reserve fund requests

Fire Chief Michael Howard showed up to give his monthly report to the selectmen, while also making a pair of funding requests. The chief requested reserve fund transfers of

\$10,000 and \$25,000 to his department's Medical Services and Incidentals and Vehicle Maintenance accounts, respectively.

The first sum was requested as a result of a firefighter being injured on the job in Fiscal Year 2011, and would go towards the resulting medical expenses. Chief Howard noted that although the firefighter's surgery had taken place in the previous fiscal year, the final bill had not been received until sometime in the last thirty days.

The larger sum was intended to cover vehicle maintenance costs, of which \$16,600 had been incurred in February alone. Chief Howard said he expected to have additional funds available after May 1, but that he needed to pay some maintenance-related bills immediately, and could not wait for those funds to be available, as the Vehicle Maintenance account was currently empty.

When asked if he could instead transfer funds from another Incidentals account, Chief Howard said there were not sufficient funds left in any of the accounts to cover the cost. The selectmen voted unanimously to approve both requests and send them to the Finance Commission for review.

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**SPECIAL KIDS NEED BETTER REPRESENTATION**

To the Editor:

As the election to the School Committee comes closer, I, the parent of a child with disability, have graver concerns about the makeup of this Committee than those expressed in the last week's editorial.

As long as I can remember, there has never been a parent of a child with a disability among members. There were educators (although from different towns) or teacher's aides (although retired). There were business people. There were activists. But the parents of children with disabilities were missing. Yet 16 percent of the students' population consists of children on Individualized Educational Plans. So it would be only fair if one of the six or seven members could be someone who understands the complexity, diversity, and necessity of a high quality special education.

Unfortunately, the parents of children with disabilities have very little time and are

mostly too exhausted emotionally and physically to survive the School Committee's harrowing meetings. But there was and still is a price to pay for such an abdication of community involvement. The lack of a member who would not only understand serious needs of special education but is brave enough to express his opinion when it mostly mattered, leads to many unfortunate developments in special education.

Since it is too late now to convince any parent to add his or her name to a list of candidates for this School Committee, something else must be done to assure that the Committee is responsive to the needs of children with disabilities. I am not sure if Norwood SEPAC, the advisory organization of parents of children with disabilities, could take an active role in the process by screening all the candidates' knowledge of special education laws and, even more importantly, assess their attitudes toward quality special education. If SEPAC, for some reason, cannot participate in the process, then special education parents would have to find another venue to learn who among the candidates can best protect the rights to the Free and Appropriate Public Education for children with special needs. In these trying times of budget cuts, assuring proper education might become more difficult and, at the same time, much more important.

After spending 17 years dealing with my son's special education in different settings - private school, public school,

collaborative - I came to the conclusion that it is the School Committee which, in the end, has most responsibility in determining my son's future. Despite appearances to the contrary, it is not the Superintendent, not the Director of Student Services, not the teachers and not the principals of schools. It is the makeup, experience (or lack of it), knowledge (or lack of it), courage (or lack of it), or positive (or negative) attitudes of members of this body that count most. That is why the parents of children for whom a lifetime of high quality special education is crucial for reaching their potential have to find a way to become very involved in choosing the best candidates.

Maria Hrabowski  
 Norwood

**THANKS TO FRIENDS OF NOREEN**

To the Editor:

Diane Brosnan, sister of Noreen P. Burke ("Nora"), would like to thank all Noreen's wonderful friends for their continued support and love during this difficult time. A special thank you to Noreen's friends, Deb Walton, Linda Howell, Janis McMorrow, Kathy Cohan, MariIn DeBesse, Annie Brady and Lynn Ouellette (all nurses), for caring for Noreen and keeping me upbeat by sharing happy memories during Noreen's hospitalization. Thank you also to the nurses in the intensive care and palliative care units at the Brigham & Woman's Hospital.

Diane Brosnan

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# Radon screening project starting next week

**Vinaya Saksena**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Health Department is working with students from a respected nearby college to check homes for the presence of a dangerous substance often found in the area.

Health Director Sigalle Reiss recently announced that her department will conduct free radon screening tests in a small number of homes whose residents have volunteered to participate in the effort. Helping out will be students from Boston University's School of Public Health, which had been looking for places where students could perform such work.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), radon is a tasteless, odorless gas, exposure to which can cause cancer. Reiss noted that,

despite the dangers of radon, few people tend to do much about it.

"Most people only test when their house is up for sale," Reiss said. "Radon is very prevalent in this area of New England, because of all the granite."

Reiss said the Boston University students will collect the radon test samples for the town and eventually put a map together showing the concentrations of radon found in various areas of town. And while the results will not be published in any formal analysis of radon levels in town, she said it would probably help the town determine what areas have the highest radon concentrations.

"There might be no correlation with geography, or there might," Reiss said. "That's what we're trying to find out."

On Monday, Reiss said her

department was scheduling tests at individual homes, which would begin on March 18. She said the samples would be collected after four days, and would be sent to a lab at Kansas State University for testing.

Reiss said the town had been looking for at least twenty households to participate, and was happy to report that they were able to secure more than enough volunteers. She said those who wanted to have a test performed at their home but were not able to be part of this project could contact her department by phone or by sending an email to [health@norwoodma.gov](mailto:health@norwoodma.gov).

"We got an overwhelming response," she said. "If you didn't get in, you can easily do it that way."

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aspiring meteorologists should do the same before attempting to chase a storm. Mathematically speaking, he said knowledge of calculus and differential equations proved particularly valuable.

"There's this dichotomy, because they [tornados] are scientifically and visually beautiful," Timmer said. "But they cause so much damage."

Both of Timmer's appearances were videotaped for a short documentary by Coakley Middle School eighth grader Anthony Zona, who also grabbed footage from the various workshops offered to teachers on Saturday. Zona said the results of his work would be aired on an upcoming episode of the local public access show "What's Cooking at Coakley."

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Contract #NAC-12-03**

The sealed bid proposals will be received until 11:00 A.M., (Verizon Time) April 12, 2012, at the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Norwood, Massachusetts 02062, and at that time they will be publicly opened and read.

Bid documents will be made available beginning March 14, 2012. A pre-bid conference will be held on March 28, 2012, at 11:00 A.M., in the airport conference room (Airport Manager's Office), 125 Access Road, Norwood, MA 02062. Prospective bidders may contact Mr. Russ Maguire, Airport Manager, at 781-255-5615, to arrange a site visit if they are not able to attend the pre-bid conference.

A certified check or bid bond in an amount not less than 5% of the bid price for the Contract work will be required from each bidder. The bid security, made payable to Town of Norwood, shall be as described under INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS.

A performance bond and payment bond in the amount of 100% of the award amount shall be submitted by the successful bidder within 10 calendar days of the award.

The Instruction to Bidders, Bid Proposal, Contract Documents, Drawings, and Specifications may be examined at the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Norwood, MA 02062, (781) 762-1240; and Dubois & King, Inc., 18 Constitution Drive, Suite 8, Bedford, NH 03110 (603) 883-0463.

Drawings and Specifications may only be obtained from the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Norwood, MA 02062, (781) 762-1240, Extension 106 or 107.

When copies of Drawings and Specifications are taken out, a deposit of \$100.00 (check only) will be required for each complete set of Drawings and Specifications. Check shall be made payable to the Town of Norwood. This deposit will be refunded in full upon the return of the complete set of drawings and specifications in good condition to the Contract Administrator, Town of Norwood, at the bid opening, or within thirty (30) calendar days thereafter. No refund will be made for documents received after this period. Requests to mail copies of drawings and specifications will be honored only upon receipt, for each set, of an additional \$20.00 mailing fee (separate check made payable to the Town of Norwood) which is non-returnable. A planholder's list can be obtained at the Town's website at [www.norwoodma.gov](http://www.norwoodma.gov).

The proposed development to be accomplished under this Contract will be subject to the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) requirements of 41 CFR Part 60 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act; the Commonwealth of Massachusetts EEO, Anti-Discrimination and Affirmative Action Programs; and the Town of Norwood Affirmative Action Plan and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Plan set aside for this work.

All Federal, State and local DBE/MBE/WBE forms and documentation including Letters of Intent must be submitted with the bid. SOMWBA Certification of DBE's is a requirement. Assurance and/or Certification statements of the Bidder as provided in the bid documents must be executed (signed) and submitted at the time of the bid opening. These certifications are intended to satisfy the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Massachusetts Department of Transportation - Aeronautics Division (MassDOT), and Town laws relative to the non-segregation, non-discrimination, and DBE practices.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Orders No. 11246, 10925, 11114 and any amendments or supplements to those Executive Orders to ensure equal employment opportunity. Bidders will be expected to comply with DBE requirements of 49CFR part 23. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the contract documents.

Attention of bidders, is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment, the minimum wage rates to be paid under this contract and to procedures under the appropriate sections, as amended, of the General Laws of Massachusetts and the Federal Government.

**The successful bidder shall be required to submit documentation that all employees to be employed in the work subject to this bid have successfully completed a course in construction safety and health approved by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration that is at least 10 hours in duration.** Any employee found on a worksite subject to this section without documentation of successful completion of a course in construction safety and health approved by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration that is at least 10 hours in duration shall be subject to immediate removal.

The Norwood Memorial Airport Commission reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids, or to accept any other than the lowest bidder, should it be deemed to be in the best interest of the Commission to do so.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within ninety (90) days after actual date of the bid opening.

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*Norwood Record, 3/15/12*

**OPINION****There are no winners here**

Despite the jubilation expressed by many over the court's recent decision that cities and towns are not obligated to fully fund the Quinn Bill after the state decided to renege on its obligations, in reality, no one is a winner here.

The whole idea of the Quinn Bill, enacted in the 70s, was to encourage police officers to pursue higher education by rewarding them with a 10 percent bonus for an associate's degree, 20 percent for a bachelor's degree, and 25 percent for a master's. Everyone is eligible, from patrolmen to chiefs. Communities would front the money and were supposed to be reimbursed by the state for half. Well, the Massachusetts Legislature screwed its constituency again by gutting their funding in 2009, leaving municipalities holding the bag.

What should not be lost on anyone is that police officers and town governments like Norwood are not the bad guys. The bad guys here are your state reps and state sena-

tors and governor, who continually misallocate and abuse taxpayers' money by not having the guts to cut off wasteful spending.

Times have certainly changed, and an argument can be made that justifying the funding of the bill 40 years ago was much easier to do than it is today, but to cut off a significant piece of a policeman's paycheck without reasonable warning is just wrong. If the MA legislature had its act together, which everyone knows it doesn't, it would have studied programs funded by the state and determined which ones weren't still fundamentally relevant and given plenty of warning to those most effected to get ready for the big changes that are coming. But, as usual, they didn't and just lopped off funding for the bill without any warning at all.

So, with reality in hand, what are Norwood's obligations to its police force? Legally speaking, the only obligation Norwood has is to continue to fund its 50% share of

the bill. This newspaper wrote a couple of years ago that the town should consider coming up with a way to mitigate the loss of their officers' paychecks for a year or two, until a new contract could be negotiated, giving unions a chance to try and make their membership whole. Rightly or wrongly, it didn't happen.

Unlike some who believe taxpayers are winners in the recent court decision, this newspaper doesn't agree. Taxpayers won't be receiving a reduction in their state taxes because Massachusetts decided to screw law enforcement without warning, their tax dollars will just be spent somewhere else. In Norwood's case, there should be little doubt that the contract negotiations going on right now between the town and its police unions directly reflect the recent decision by the state's courts, and taxpayers will ultimately be saddled with making their officers whole. And in this case, that isn't such a bad thing.

**SENIOR NEWS****AFTERNOON DANCE**

This month's dance will be held on Friday, March 9th at 1:30 p.m. Music will be provided by John Rampino. Invite your friends!

**ALTERATIONS  
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Bring your alterations to the Senior Center on the first Monday of each month between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Please attach your name and telephone number to each garment.

**BASIC COMPUTER COURSE**

A six-part basic computer course is frequently offered to those who wish to learn how to use a computer. Sign up at the front desk.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC**

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**BOCCE and HORSESHOES**

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**BOOK CLUB**

The Book Club is scheduled to meet on Monday, March 19 at 10:00 a.m.

**COMPUTER CLUB**

The Computer Club meets each Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in the library/computer room. Computer users at all levels are invited to attend.

**CRIBBAGE**

Our seniors meet every Monday at 12:45 p.m. to play cribbage.

**DIABETES WORKSHOP**

The next workshop is scheduled for Thursday, March 22 at 11:00 a.m.

**GLEE CLUB**

The Glee Club meets on Tuesday mornings at 11:15 a.m.

**GLEE CLUB SHOW**

The Glee Club will be presenting a St. Patrick's Day performance on Friday, March 16th at 1:30 p.m.

**INDOOR WALKING**

Monday through Friday 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the School Gym.

**LEGAL CLINIC**

March 21st, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Attorney Frederick Pellegrini will hold 30-minute ses-

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# Chief, union leaders say Quinn Bill ruling will hurt

**Vinaya Saksena**  
Staff Reporter

A recent decision by the state's Supreme Judicial Court indicating that cities and towns do not have to provide police officers with a benefit previously provided by the state has provoked very different reactions from police union and municipal leaders.

Town Manager John Carroll has hailed the decision as a victory for local taxpayers. Union officials representing their fellow police officers, however, were not happy with the result, saying it would hurt dedicated officers financially.

The Quinn Bill, adopted by most municipalities in Massachusetts, was intended to give

officers an incentive to further their education by boosting the salaries of those who held advanced degrees. Amid tightening budgetary constraints, however, the state eventually stopped providing its half of the funds for the incentive, leaving only the half covered by each municipality. When the City of Boston pointed out to its officers that they would only be receiving the portion the city had been covering, the unions representing those officers sued, though the Supreme Judicial Court ultimately ruled in the city's favor.

"It's a favorable decision for the Norwood taxpayer," Carroll said Monday. "Obviously, it's a decision that's going to save them a lot of money."

"I don't think the police officers are going to be happy about

it," he added.

Representatives of both of the affected police unions expressed disappointment with the decision, saying it would hurt officers financially and possibly result in a higher turnover rate for the Norwood Police Department. Patrolman Gregory Gamel, President of the Norwood Police Patrolmen's Association, said he felt the value of an officer's degree should be reflected in pay the same way it would be in other professions.

"We're disappointed that the Supreme Court ruled against it," said Patrolman Gregory Gamel, President of the Norwood Police Patrolmen's Union. "Walking in

**Quinn Bill**

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## School cuts *continued from page 1*

Superintendent of Schools James Hayden had also presented the School Committee with a list of over a million dollars in possible personnel cuts that administrators had identified as the least harmful the Committee could make in their schools. The School Committee had marked several of those proposed cuts for further consideration, but did not make any additional cuts from that list last week.

The School Committee decided not to replace a Norwood High School custodian retiring in October, eliminating \$40,000 from the budget, while \$14,420 in elementary and middle school intramural stipends were also eliminated from the budget. High school principal George Usevich strongly urged the

Committee not to make some of the staffing cuts being considered at his school.

Those cuts considered at the high school included elimination of a health teacher and a physical education teacher, but the School Committee decided against making these cuts, as doing so would have resulted in class sizes of between forty-five and fifty students in those subjects. In the end, the Committee cut three teaching positions from the high school: learning center, Latin and English teachers.

The School Committee also considered two somewhat unusual means of reducing the budget, though ultimately neither of these was successful. Committee member Richard Kief made a motion to cut the remaining \$591,485 the town

had requested, while leaving it up to Hayden where and how to make those cuts. The motion failed to pass.

School Committee member John Badger, meanwhile, made a motion to eliminate extracurricular activities at the high school and middle school levels. However, no other Committee member decided to second the motion, with other members saying they would likely come to regret it if the funds could not be restored by securing some of the surplus funding to be discussed Monday night.

"I don't think we can put things out there that we're not willing to live with," Gormley said.

"This isn't theater," Chairman Paul Samargedlis added.

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sions, to answer your legal questions. Sign up at the front desk.

### LINE DANCING WITH DAVE VALERIO

The afternoon line dance will be held on Friday, March 30, at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.00. Sign up at the front desk.

### MEDICATION MANAGEMENT CLINIC

The VNA Care Network will be here on Thursday, March 22nd, from 10:00 - 1:00 p.m. Sign up at the front desk for a personal consultation.

### MINI FIX-IT SHOP

The workshop will be open from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Please, no televisions.

### NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB

The Board of Directors meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Senior Center. The Club Membership meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks Lodge at 10:00 a.m.

### PROPOPE

The Propope group will meet on Wednesday, March 21, at 1:00 p.m.

### SCRABBLE

Our Scrabble players meet in the library every Thursday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. Come and join them for a game.

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Monday, March 19 at 1:00 p.m., Retiring Police Chief, Bart King will be the speaker.

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For these purposes, the polls will be open at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon and shall be kept open until 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon when they may be closed.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in ten public places in this Town seven days at least before the time and day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Norwood this sixth day of March, 2012.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Heb. Abdallah Donohue

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Allan Howard  
Selectmen of Norwood

Norwood Record, 3/15/12

# Two residents severely injured

**Vinaya Saksena**  
Staff Reporter

Two young Norwood people were seriously injured last week when a car hit them on Washington Street, while a third pedestrian received minor injuries, according to the Norwood Police Department.

Police confirmed that the victims hospitalized as a result of the accident were Norwood residents Katie Brannelly and Dominic Rossi. Police also confirmed that it was Rossi who pushed a third victim- a 24-year-old Attleboro woman, whose name they did not give- out of the car's path, likely preventing her from suffering similar injuries.

According to Norwood Fire Department spokesman George Morrice, a call was received reporting the accident at 11:11 p.m. on Thursday, March 8. Arriving within three minutes, firefighters and paramedics found three vic-

tims being attended to by Norwood Police personnel.

Morrice said paramedics treated a female in her early 20s, for "significant head and lower extremity trauma" and a male patient, who was also unconscious and unresponsive, for "significant head trauma." Police Chief Bartley King said that while their injuries were serious, both were "alive and recovering."

The third patient "was ambulatory on scene and had minor injuries," Morrice said. Both other patients were transported to Norwood Hospital, eleven minutes after rescue crews had arrived, Morrice said. A Med Flight helicopter had been requested to transport them to a hospital in Boston, but could not be used because of strong winds.

The Norwood Police Department said they were investigating the accident in cooperation with the State Police. King said

the driver of the car, a 24-year-old Rhode Island woman, had told police she had not consumed alcoholic beverages that evening, a statement he said appeared to be true. He said the driver also denied being distracted at the time of the accident.

At the Board of Selectmen's meeting on Tuesday, Chairman Michael Lyons said he did not want to place blame on anyone, but was concerned about the number of distracted drivers and pedestrians he routinely saw around Washington Street, and implored parents to warn their children about the dangers of distracted driving.

"It's very troubling how many distractions we seem to have," Lyons said. "And when you're driving a car, it's inexcusable."

"Dominic is a hero for doing that," Selectman Allan Howard said. "I pray that those [people] who were hurt so bad will recover."

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there with a college education is the same as in any job, I would think."

"The superior officers are disappointed in the decision," agreed Lieutenant Kevin McDonough, President of the Norwood Police Superior Officers, Local 438. "Many officers, over the years, have sacrificed time to go back to school. College is not cheap nowadays."

"Chances are, down the road, younger officers won't want to come here," Gamel added. "So I think it could hurt us in the long run."

Police Chief Bartley King expressed sympathy with the officers Tuesday, noting the financial impact it had on them. He said the decision had severely affected morale in his department, but commended the offic-

ers for remaining committed to serving the town. Like Gamel, he expressed concern that the decision could affect recruitment efforts, since higher education has helped officers hone critical thinking, leadership and other valued skills.

"It helps us to develop future leaders," King said. "So this is a setback. I'm disappointed as well."

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# Sports



Goaltender Jordan Davis has been the backstop of the Mustangs' postseason run, which ended last week with a 1-0 loss to Natick.

PHOTO BY ZALINA MCGUIRE

## Boys' Hockey falls to Natick in D-1 South semifinals

**Kevin Stone**  
Staff Reporter

They say all good things must come to an end.

While this notion is one that we are all aware of, we are never truly ready for the "end" to come no matter what the situation.

The Norwood boys' hockey team has faced a lot of adversity over the last year or so, and entered this past Thursday's Division One South semifinal game against Natick on a three-game winning streak, a streak that started with a 3-1 victory over Natick in the last week of the season.

The problem for Norwood, is that they were facing a Natick team that was playing with the same, if not more, emotion than they were playing with, since they lost senior Justin Bailey shockingly during the season. It seemed as if either Natick or Norwood was a team of fate is season.

Turns out that fate only had one goal in store for both teams down in Bourne's Gallo Arena, and that lone goal belonged to

Natick.

The Red and Blue took down the Mustangs 1-0, and in doing so ended the Norwood season a game shy of the D1 South championship (won by Milton 3-1 over Natick three days later in the same arena).

"Those kids gave it everything they had," said a dejected head coach Bill Clifford following the loss. "These kids worked so hard all season and competed just about each and every night. Tonight we got a lot of pucks to the net blocked that usually get through and then they had the one bounce that went their way. That's hockey."

Norwood came out fast and began by dominating time of possession to open the game, using a strong cycle game to keep the puck in Natick's zone. Roughly three minutes into the game Norwood had a golden chance to take a 1-0 lead with a wide open Mark Powers in the slot, but the puck just rolled off of his stick. The teams traded penalties through out the period but neither could convert on the power play. Goalie Jordan

Davis was big early on for Norwood when Natick did get a few chances, but the first period belonged mainly to the 'Stangs despite a 0-0 score.

While most didn't know at the time, a Norwood charging call just about four minutes into the second period, a call that was extremely questionable based on the nature of the hit and where it was, ultimately did the Mustangs in as Natick capitalized immediately off the draw just two seconds after the call for the 1-0 lead.

With 4:06 to play in the period Natick's goaltender Derek Kwok had two point blank robberies of Norwood players to keep the score, 1-0. The teams went to the second intermission with the same 1-0 score but Norwood was still carrying the majority of the play.

Physicality was a staple of the game for both teams and began to really pick up in the third period. Norwood played like a desperate team from the opening whistle but could never

**Boys' Hockey**

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## Swim team facing dilemma

**Kevin Stone**  
Staff Reporter

Recently, a subcommittee proposed that the MIAA move all high school swimming to the winter season in three years. This has caused much uproar for many reasons. It also has a huge effect on towns like Norwood who do not have their own pool. Not only will the high school swim program most likely come to an end but there will be such a trickle down effect that the Winter Stingrays will also be effected greatly.

For example, in the winter season, the Westwood High School boys' team, girls' team and recreation team will all need practice time. Ditto for Dedham (the Dedham HS girls' team), the Xaverian Bros. Boys' team and rec. team, and Blue Hills (Blue Hills Co-ed team), Walpole HS girls and boys, Canton HS girls' team, Thayer Academy and Walpole's rec team. Conceivably there will not be any pool time for the Norwood recreation team to practice and hold meets.

Head coach Kim Goodwin is trying to let her voice, along with other coaches, be heard by any means necessary.

"I am expressing my thoughts via the media, with email exchanges with other coaches and Brian McDonough's office. I am asking our booster club,

NAC, and the rec. team to convey their worries, etc. to the MIAA," she explained in a recent email.

"I (along with several other high school coaches) am very disappointed that a subcommittee would be making a proposal that will ultimately lead to several high schools not being able to continue to have a swim program. I think it is an easy fix for some to suggest that fall programs can just move into the winter season (these may be coaches, etc. who have pools in their own towns and, thus, are given priority for practice time). If a town does not have a pool, this is pretty much an impossible solution. Right now our recreation team, the Norwood Stingrays, gets maybe 2 hours per week (unless they swim on weekends) because all the boys' high school teams the co-ed teams, the private school swim teams, and other girls' teams, as well as, the age group/rec town teams swim in the winter. If Norwood High School is forced into the winter, we would be competing with our own town's age group/rec team for the scarce hours available in neighboring town pools."

To the uninformed, this seems like it is a fair solution, but it is in fact very unfair to almost all high school swimmers affected, according to

**Swim**

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A move to the winter season could cause significant problems for towns like Norwood who do not have their own pool. Rec teams and younger swimmers could also face significant problems finding pool time.

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Goodwin. If the proposal of this subcommittee is put fourth, not only will the boys of many towns not be able to swim on a high school team, but neither will the girls.

“Initially, I didn’t even think of the trickle down effect of having one season for swimming,” added Goodwin. “Teams like Xaverian, who use Dedham’s pool in the winter, and/or Thayer Academy, who rent time at Blue Hills in Canton, may very well lose their pool time because host towns who now swim in the fall such as Dedham, will push these teams out so that they can have pool time. Two teams cannot have back to back practices in the winter because of the age group teams coming in (we swim at 9:30 at night the last two weeks of the fall season because there is an overlap with the rec winter season. So Westwood’s rec team takes over our afternoon practice times at Westwood and we get bumped or have to share pool time with Westwood girls’.)”

The other problem is that many pools used for high school swimming are college pools or community pools and must offer lap and open swim times to

their communities too. College swim season is mostly in the winter as well.

If the subcommittee is proposing one season so the swim teams can be aligned with the other sports, they are forgetting that, most likely, the reason these squads have two seasons is because they are the only sport, with the exception of hockey, where the facilities needed are usually not at the school or even in the same town, so there is a viable reason for two swim seasons.

Perhaps the biggest effect will be on people who aren’t even competing in the swim events, something that Goodwin is also focused on.

“Coaches who coach both seasons will now have to choose teams and they will lose income for that one season; swim officials (many who are retired and rely on this part-time income) would lose income; pools will be without the fall revenue; recreation swims, swim lessons and open lap swim programs from town pools may be cut or limited to make space for high school town teams. This effects so many more people than just the kids. It’s a big issue.”



While the team was disappointed with the loss, it was clearly a very successful season for the Mustangs.

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solve the red and blue goaltender. In the final minute Norwood pulled Davis and frantically peppered the Natick net with several beautiful scoring chances, but this was clearly Natick’s night.

Despite the loss, an outright Bay State Herget title and a trip to the semifinals of the D1 tournament is as successful a season as anyone in Norwood could have hoped for, aside from winning a state title.

The squad finishes with a 15-4-4 record, 11-1-4 in the Bay State Conference. Clifford was able to find the silver lining immediately following the game despite the clear disappointment and shock on his players’ faces.

“I honestly couldn’t be any prouder of this group of kids,” he said. “We had an unbelievable group of seniors who all led by example. We just came up one goal short tonight, but overall this was a terrific season and I’m definitely going to miss this team as it’s constructed right now.”

The Norwood boys hockey team made a statement with their play on the ice this season not only in the conference but across the state as well. The entire town can proudly say they were part of a terrific season of Norwood Hockey in which pride and a commitment to each other were the focal points.

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The cheerleading squad had a historic season, which included a trip to Florida to compete in a national competition. They will be honored at the State House during April vacation for their state championship.

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## Norwood Cheerleading wraps up terrific season

**Kevin Stone**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood cheering team had one of its most successful seasons in team history this year, which was capped off by a state championship and trip to Florida for Nationals and the World Championships.

The experience was a once in a lifetime one for all who were involved, but when it was over, the season was not. Recently, the squad wrapped up its season at its final competition, making the town of Norwood proud as they had done all season, despite facing some adversity.

The team, which was hampered by injuries took part in the South Regionals on March 4 and had an impressive second place finish in their division. The team then moved on to states this past

Sunday, March 1, where they placed 4th overall.

“We had some injuries and other conflicts so we had to compete with 16 instead of 20,” explained head coach Lisa Verrochi of her team’s late season dilemma. “The kids had to rally to overcome these obstacles. They were very tired after our Florida trip, but we knew that we had to complete our season despite the fatigue. They worked very hard to make all the changes necessary to compete with 16 cheerleaders. And I’m very proud of their effort and commitment.”

With the season now over, the team also handed out some team awards to cap off their amazing season.

The MVP of the team this season was Scott McGowan. Verrochi named Ashley

Holmes Unsung Hero, while the most improved cheerleader award on the team this year was given to Nikki Verrochi.

Overall, in a sport where credit is often given far less than it is deserved, the 2012 Norwood cheerleading team deserves a great deal of recognition not only for its hard work but more importantly the way it represented the town of Norwood with grace and dignity. Nothing says “we are here for the long haul” like a state championship.

The Norwood squad was also recently invited to the State House by State Representative John Rogers. The team will visit the State House during April vacation and be honored as state champions.

## Middle School wrestlers dominate

This past Saturday, the Norwood Coakley Middle School Wrestling Team went to The Baystate League Middle School Wrestling Tournament in Braintree. Six wrestlers attended the tournament and six wrestlers came home with trophies. Though we had a short season, just starting in January, where other towns started in November, our wrestlers didn’t show any sign of not having practiced as long as the other teams. This became evident when they each got on the mat and showed their opponents what they had. They all worked so hard at practice and I

was very proud. It was nice to see the sportsmanship throughout the tournament and what the wrestlers have been able to accomplish in such a short period of time. Winners in their individual weight classes are, 1st place - Hayden Dillow (grade 6), 2nd place - Collin Plasko (grade 6), 3rd place winners - Ian Ryan (grade 6), David Benjamin (grade 6), Mike Kirland (grade 6) and Yevgeniy Semenv (grade 7). Congratulations and thanks for a great season!

-Coach Brendan Gearty

# Youth football a nationwide success

**Kevin Stone**  
Staff Reporter

Back around the end of November, some Norwood youngsters participated in a nationwide youth football tournament and did the Mustang city proud.

It all started after the 2011 American Youth Football season ended in mid-November. Eighth grade boys on the “A” team were then nominated by their coaches to participate in a tryout for the Mass. All-Star football team sponsored by FBU (Football University), which is a national training company for football players of all ages.

Their local affiliate is Athletic Republic on Vanderbilt Avenue in Norwood. The boys would then play with a national tournament that started in a New England regional round, then US East Coast, followed by the National Championship in San Antonio, Texas against winners of other regions from around the country. The set-up is extremely similar to the Little League World Series tournament.

The tryouts were held in mid-November at Westwood High School, where 93 of the best 8th grade Massachusetts players tried out. Of those 93 only 35 were chosen to be on the team. The four Norwood boys who made the team were: Joseph Mazzotta (LB/RB), Joseph Leanos (LB/K), Craig Crossley (WR/LB) and Darren Wagner (RB).

One of the more important things to recognize here is that the team got together and only had a week and a half to practice before their first game, something that is obviously very rare in sports, but also difficult given the amount of time it takes to build camaraderie with new teammates, and especially at that age.

They were coached by an all-star coaching staff, most notably co-head coaches Tim Walsh (North Plymouth), Bill Crabtree (Norfolk), Tank Nardelli (Norwood, line coach), PJ Vand Rydt (Westwood, state director FBU), and Cheryl Nardelli, who was the team mother and secretary.

Their first two games were the weekend of Dec. 3 and 4th 2011 in the New England bracket where they cruised with ease, beating New Hampshire, 42-0, and then Connecticut, 34-6, to move on to the East Coast Championship against the Mid-Atlantic bracket winner, which was

Maryland. By virtue of a coin flip, Maryland had to come here to play the Massachusetts team on their home turf in Westwood, a clear advantage that the Massachusetts squad was able to take advantage of. They won a hard fought battle with relative ease, 32-14, to move on to the National Championship held in San Antonio Texas the first week of January 2012.

There were five teams in the final tournament that played in San Antonio. They were Massachusetts, Texas, Central Florida, Kentucky and Oregon. Those squads all competed leading up to the Championship Game. That game was played in the historic Alamo Dome right after one of the premiere college football scouting tools, the All-American US Army Bowl on Jan. 7, 2012.

By a random drawing the Mass. team drew Texas in their first game, played on Thursday night Jan. 5. Being in football country and playing the host state, Massachusetts actually played very well and hung with the hosts, as they were beating them 7-6 in the third quarter but, unfortunately, a costly turnover and several dubious penalty calls killed any chances of winning the game. Texas went on to win the game 12-7. Mass. also played Kentucky in the consolation game on Sat. Jan. 7 and lost that game as well, 32-16.

“In all it was a great achievement to get as far as they did,” said Joseph’s father, Dom Mazzotta, in a recent email. “The Norwood boys played their hearts out in helping the team make it to the National Championship Tournament.”

These types of trips are obviously a great experience for 13 and 14 year olds and this one was no different.

“The experience for the boys and the team is one they will never forget as they bonded together and made new friends, some who they will be playing in the future as rivals,” added Mazzotta. “Norwood boys bonded really well and made new friends with the Walpole players on the team, such as Steven Cuqua, who played excellent as one of the featured running backs,” said Mazzotta.

Overall, some young boys from Norwood and surrounding areas have now added to and made the entire country aware of just what Mustang pride on the football field is all about.

**BUNKER**

Phyllis Pauline, 83, a long-time Norwood resident and graduate of Norwood High School, on Feb. 23. She worked as a nurse at Roslindale General Hospital. She lived with her first husband, the late Rocky Chiofar and raised her five children on Cameron Road. She moved with her second husband, the late Robert Bunker to Vernon Street. They both later retired to Florida. Beloved mother of Paula Nasuti of Apopka, FL, the late Rose Marie Flint of Wethersfield Ct,

Rocky Chiofar Jr of Apopka, FL, Paul Chiofar of Sharon, MA and Cynthia Saxton of Springfield, MO. She also leaves 11 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. A private memorial service will be held in Springfield, MO.

**DOUGHERTY**

Evelyn J. lifelong Norwood resident, on March 7. Beloved daughter to the late John & Agnes Dougherty, stepmother,

Ann Dougherty, and cousin Louise Dougherty Donohue. She is survived by cousin Margaret Dougherty Loup, her husband Ben, their children, and numerous friends. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment will follow the Mass in Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Memorial contributions in memory of Evelyn J. Dougherty may be made to St. Catherine of Siena Church or the Norwood Senior Center.

Rodowsky, Jr. and Karen Edie; his brother John Hildebrandt; and his grandchildren Katie and Megan Holian. George was born and raised in Providence, RI. He was the son of the late Burton and Helen Sullivan Hildebrandt. In lieu of flowers the family request that memorials be made to Friends of Caroline Hospice, 1110 13th Street, Port Royal, SC 299365 Funeral arrangements by the Copeland Funeral Service.

**HOFFMAN**

Ellen, 85, a long-time resident of Norwood, on March 5. Born in Boston to the late R. Earl Hoffman and Marguerite E. (Stripp). Miss Hoffman was a graduate of Norwood High School, Class of 1943. An active member of the First Congregational Church of

Norwood for 60 years, she sang in the choir, was part of Friendly Service, served on their boards and committees and was with the Shuttlers. She was also there at the beginning of Norwood's Meals on Wheels. She is survived by many loving cousins. A memorial service was held at the First Congregational Church of Norwood. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers donations in her memory may be made to the First Congregational Church of Norwood Memorial Fund.

**Condolences Extended To:**

Peter B. Morrison, and his wife Elizabeth, on the loss of his father David N. Morrison of Walpole, on March 9.

John L. Russo and his wife Rita on the loss of his mother, Pindira (D'Amico) Russo of Dedham, on March 3.

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**HILDEBRANDT**

George, 77, formerly of Norwood. United States Army during the Korean War. Beloved husband of Eunice K. Hildebrandt. He will be greatly missed by his children, Jim Hildebrandt and Lyn Holian; his stepchildren Robert

# Library Events

**FRIENDS**

**WELCOME CANALE**

Welcome local author and guest speaker Suzie Canale on Wednesday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Canale is the author of the children's book The Land of Chocolate Cosmos and, most recently, The Popcorn Hydrangea of Poppingtom, published earlier this year! She is currently at work on further books, which, like the originals, elegantly mesh fun and exciting stories with valuable messages about the importance of protecting the environment. We hope you will be able to join us for this fun and informative night. For more information and to register, please call the library at 781-769-0200. Ms. Canale will be speaking in the Library's Simoni Room.

category is open to adults, age 18 and over, who are residents of the town.

Anyone interested in entering the contest may stop by the Norwood Library for details and the entry form or find them online at [www.norwoodlibrary.org](http://www.norwoodlibrary.org). Each submission MUST include the entry form and may not exceed 1,000 words. To qualify, essays must be submitted between March 1-31 by email to [nling@minlib.net](mailto:nling@minlib.net) or to the library's Outreach Department. Three prizes will be awarded in each category, student and adult. The first, second and third prizes are \$50, \$30 and \$20 gift cards to Barnes & Noble. Winners will be announced on Monday, April 30, 2012.

The library wishes to express its appreciation to the Andrew and Ernest J. Boch Memorial Fund for its generous donation to this contest. We encourage our library users to give it a try.

**LIFE COACHING SEMINAR AT THE LIBRARY**

Is your life totally working for you? Or is it sometimes off-balance, overwhelming and out of control? If you could use some direction in this area, come to a free workshop at the Morrill Me-

morial Library on Thursday, March 22 at 7 p.m. called "Coaching for Life" with Teresa Goodsell.

Coaching for Life is all about helping you find your way: figuring out what got you stalled and why, and identifying the specific, manageable steps that will get you back on track. Teresa Goodsell, Walpole resident and Certified Life and Career Coach, can help you clarify and achieve your goals and create a life of meaning and joy.

Register for this program at the library Reference or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222. The library is accessible to the physically challenged.

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## Legals

### LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF NORWOOD

The Town of Norwood hereby notifies all residents that the State Attorney General's office has approved an amendment to the Norwood Zoning Map which was voted in Article 1 at the Special Town Meeting, November 14, 2011. The zoning change to amend the Norwood Zoning Map is as follows:

**Article 1.** That the Town vote to amend the Norwood Zoning Map by rezoning a certain parcel of land located on the easterly side of Boston Providence Highway, said parcel containing approximately 24 acres and having an address of 205 Carnegie Row from Limited Manufacturing District (LM) to Highway Business District (HB) in accordance with the legal description and a plan entitled "Zoning Change Plan of Land in Norwood, Mass. Dated September 21, 2011 Plan drawn by Norwood Engineering Co., Inc." (A complete copy of this Zoning Map amendment is on file in the Town Clerk's Office).

The above named article is posted in the following public places throughout the Town, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 32: District 1, Municipal Building; District 2, Norwood News and Bookstore; District 3, Morrill Memorial Library; District 4, Hannaford Market, Rite-Aid Pharmacy, Walpole Street; District 5, Murph's Place; District 6, South End Hardware; District 7, Pam's Market; District 8, Shaws Market, CVS - Shaws Plaza; District 9, Neponset St. Gulf Gas Station.

Robert M. Thornton  
Town Clerk and Accountant

*Norwood Record, 3/15/12, 3/22/12*

### LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF NORWOOD

The Town of Norwood hereby notifies all residents that the State Attorney General's office has approved a certain amendment to the Town By-Laws which were voted at the Special Town Meeting, November 14, 2011, namely:

**Article 3.** That the town vote to amend the Town Bylaws pursuant to MGL, Chapter 41, Section 2 by adopting the following new bylaw:

ARTICLE XXXXI -

Section 1. The Norwood School Committee shall consist of five members, pursuant to the transitional steps set forth in Section 2 of this bylaw.

Section 2. In the municipal election of 2012, there shall be only one seat on the Norwood School Committee filled for a three year term (in addition to any partial terms created by resignation or otherwise). In the municipal election of 2013, there shall be only two seats on the Norwood School Committee filled for three-year terms (in addition to any partial terms created by resignation or otherwise).

The above named article is posted in the following public places throughout the Town, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 32: District 1 & District 2 - Municipal Building; Norwood News and Bookstore; District 3 & District 5, Morrill Memorial Library; Murph's Place; District 4, Rite-Aid Pharmacy, Walpole Street; Hannaford Market; District 6 & District 7, South End Hardware; Pam's Market; District 8, Shaws Market; CVS - Shaw's Market Plaza; District 9, Neponset St. Gulf Gas Station.

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0825 phone - Unwanted party services rendered Location/address: Westwood Automotive - Pleasant St 5 ft 10 thin 28 yrs old. Owner reports items may be missing and ex employee coming back at nine. Keep the peace as former employee returns over missing items. Nothing missing at this time, matter resolved.

1110 phone - Warrant arrest Location/address: Nichols St Detectives request a transport for one under arrest on warrants. Arrest: Cathcart, Kelsey Address: 41 Nichols St Norwood Dob: 11/18/1991 Charges: warrant arrest Warrant arrest Drug, possess class a

1803 phone - Domestic Location/address: Beech St. Report male/female yelling and using profanities.

0013 phone - Loud party Location/address: Wilson St Caller reports loud party going on corner of Wilson & Morningside. As a result, n677 returned with 1 in protective custody. N662 transported 1 female to canton and left in custody of family

0058 911 - Noise complaint spoken to Location/address: West St Caller reports tenants on 1st floor blaring music. (delay) N679, n665 responded. Spoken to and advised.

0927 phone - Domestic Location/address: Lansdowne Way Report domestic and assault. N661 places 1 subject under arrest and transports to station s/m 69821 0955 hrs, e/m 69824 1003 hrs. Arrest: Cook, Amber L Address: 601 Lansdowne Way Apt. #205 Norwood Dob: 04/27/1985 Charges: a&b

1030 phone - Unwanted party services rendered Location/address: Savin Ave Report uncle at home demanding money and will not leave. N665 spoke to uncle and sent him on his way. Units checked area for a female involved in incident that has a warrant unable to locate.

1354 phone - Disturbance group moved Location/address: Norwood Civic Center - Nahatan St Units keep the peace as a basketball game ends. Staff received

information that there was an altercation earlier between the kids. 1858 phone - Well being chk spoken to Location/address: Olde Derby Rd Report male yelling in hallway, now back in apt. Still yelling. N661 reports spoke to couple, just talking loudly, they will keep it down.

2141 phone - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Norwood Airport Inc - Access Rd 2 pilots report they are locked inside the airport grounds. N665 located them and courtesy transported to Hampton Inn.

2311 phone - Report of fight area search negative Location/address: Sturtevant Ave Report a family is outside and in a fist fight, some people getting in cars and leaving the area at this time. N662 spoke to the remaining people, all the brothers and sisters involved had left area before officers arrival.

2356 phone - Assist other agency Location/address: Sturtevant Ave Request check of probationer, alarm indicating he is out of range, but may be just on the front porch of home. party not at home. Officers located party nearby. Probation Department issued warrant. Party placed under arrest. Arrest: Benedict, John A Address: 34 Sturtevant Ave Apt. #1 Norwood Dob: 11/11/1971 Charges: warrant arrest: violation of probation Protective custody Threat to commit crime Witness, intimidate

### Sunday March 11

0003 phone - Domestic Location/address: Residence Inn by Marriott - Norwood Pk S Est in lobby with swollen eye, language barrier. NFD sent. Arrest: Zarembo, Zbigniew Dob: 05/06/1955 Charges: a&b

0259 phone - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Jefferson Dr Caller reported teenage daughter snuck out. Officers checked area, unable to locate party. Mother did not want to file a missing person report at this time. Officer located party, return to her house.

0317 911 - Disturbance taken to family/guardian Location/address: Forrest Ave Caller reported possible intruder. Officers reported

boyfriend of family member snuck into house. Party transported back to his parents house as 12 Laurel Dr. Officers spoke with parents, advised.

0456 911 - Drunk person Location/address: Juniper Dr Caller reports drunk person knocking on his door asking to stay the night. One placed in protective custody

1817 initiated - Motor vehicle stop Location/address: Access Rd + Bos-Prov Hwy As a result of stopping ma pc 686st8, n669 places subject Under arrest and transported to station. N677 reports Passenger allowed to remain with mv, it is off the road, Properly licensed person enroute to take car, passenger Cannot drive a standard. Arrest: Tirado, Gabriel G Address: 108 Standard St Mattapan Dob: 02/27/1967 Charges: warrant arrest

### Monday March 12

0941 walk-in - Neighbor disturbance civil matter Location/address: Saunders Rd Party states having issues with landlord. N664 responded and Spoke with party, civil matter.

1421 phone - Susp person spoken to Location/address: Azalea Dr Report male subject at door asking to check water levels but A confirmation call to norwood dpw indicated no one in the area. N667 checked neighborhood-go. Dispatch eventually confirms with DPW that it was them, caller notified.

1515 walk-in - Threats Location/address: Tractel Inc - Morgan Dr Employee in lobby reports he was threatened by another employee.

1527 phone - Citizens complaint spoken to Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Patient reports he is being held against his will and keeps calling 9-1-1. Dispatch call to nurse's station, they will check on him. N667 confirmed all ok, spoke to staff.

1611 phone - Kids gathering gone on arrival Location/address: Town Hall - Washington St Report 8-10 kids on bicycles, using the grass strip as a launching ramp to make jumps.

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Thursday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m., presented by Stefan G. Meyer, Ph.D.

Dr. Meyer maintains that this system, based on the common playing card symbols familiar to us from games such as poker, bridge and solitaire, constitutes a path of self-knowledge that is practical and easy to understand. From the moment of our birth, we set out on a path that is already charted by the cards. We just need to know where to look and how to interpret the symbolic language of the cards in order to see them operating in our day-to-day lives. The Ancient Science of the Cards is not a psychic science, channeling or fortune telling, and it is distinct from astrology, numerology and tarot. Ultimately, the cards offer us a path of transformation, an opportunity to become what we truly want to be in life.

Sign up for this intriguing program at the library Reference or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222. The library is

accessible to those with disabilities.

### STEPHEN PULEO GUEST AT FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

On Monday April 9 at 7:30 p.m. The Friends of the Morrill Memorial Library will present an evening with the local author Stephen Puleo. Puleo will discuss his latest book, "A City So Grand: The Rise of an American Metropolis, Boston 1850-1900." Published in 2010, this lively and very readable history of Boston in the second half of the 19th century covers a myriad of events. The Civil War, the abolitionists, new immigrants, the filling in of the Back Bay, medical advances, the 1872 Great Fire, and the opening of America's first subway station (Park Street) in 1897 propel the city rapidly forward. By 1900 Boston had been transformed into one of America's leading cities.

This program is partially funded by a generous grant from the Norwood Cultural Council.

The program is in the library's Simoni Room. A copy of the book "A City so Grand" will be available for purchase. Registration is required at 781-769-0200 x100.

### ACTOR STEPHEN COLLINS BRINGS SHAKESPEARE TO THE LIBRARY

Critically acclaimed actor and historian Stephen Collins will return to the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. to make William Shakespeare's words come alive in a one-man performance entitled "Shake-Scene."

Stephen Collins has delighted audiences at the Morrill Memorial Library in two other dramatic performances within the past few years: "The Theater of the 1930s, '40s and '50s" and "A Little Bit of This, A Little Bit of That." Sign up at the library Reference or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222. The library is accessible to the physically challenged.

**TEMPLE SHAARE TEFILAH WILL HAVE A DINNER**

Temple Shaare Tefilah will have a dinner followed by an evening service on Friday, March 23. The dinner, costing \$9, will be at 6:30 PM, followed by the Kabbalat Shabbat service at 8 PM. Please call reservations in to the Temple office by Monday, March 19 at 781-762-8670.

Temple Shaare Tefilah is a Conservative, Egalitarian congregation located on Commerce Way in Norwood. For more information and directions see [www.templeshaaretefilah.org](http://www.templeshaaretefilah.org).

**THE 4TH ANNUAL JOURNEY FORWARD CELEBRITY CASINO NIGHT**

On Tuesday, March 27, at Kings Dedham from 6 to 11 pm. The event is sponsored by Arbella Insurance and will be emceed by Christopher Knight who is best known for his role as Peter Brady on "The Brady

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Bunch." Jermaine Wiggins (former Patriot TE), Mickey O'Keefe (The Fighter), Erica McDermott (The Fighter), and Paul Sullivan (Sullivan Tire) will also be in the house to support Journey Forward.

It will be a red carpet event with plenty of gaming, bowling, and a LIVE Vegas Show featuring Elvis and Marilyn Monroe impersonators. The event is 21 plus and tickets can be purchased on Journey Forward's website [www.journey-forward.org](http://www.journey-forward.org).

All proceeds will go to Journey Forward, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to bettering the lives of those who have suffered a Spinal Cord Injury through an intense exercise program.

**WINE TASTING AND SOCIAL FUNDRAISER**

On Thursday April 5, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. The Norwood High Athletic Boosters Club is sponsoring a Wine Tasting and Social at the OCC, 171 Nahatan St. in Norwood. The event will feature wine, a light buffet and raffles. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased by contacting Nora Glynn at [noragym@norwoodlight.com](mailto:noragym@norwoodlight.com) or Candie O'Brien at [seancandio@norwoodlight.com](mailto:seancandio@norwoodlight.com) or any NHS Booster Club member. Tickets are available at the door. For further information call 781-551-8585. All proceeds benefits the student athletes at Norwood High School.

**THE CALLAHAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE**

On March 17, from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. To benefit the Callahan PTA. Bring any returnable bottles and cans to the Callahan School parking lot located on the south side of the school building. Callahan 5th graders and families will be there to accept and sort donations of cans and bottles. Callahan Elementary School

**THE NORWOOD WOMAN'S CLUB**

The Norwood Woman's Club will have their next meeting on April 10, at 12:30 p.m.. Our program will feature Judith A. Swack who will show us how to de-stress our lives. We meet at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Parish Hall at 24 Berwick St., Norwood. A light lunch will be served. We welcome new members. You need

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not be a resident of Norwood to join. For more information please call Trina at 781-762-8173.

## JASON ROBERTS CHALLENGER LEAGUE PLAYER REGISTRATION

The Jason Roberts Challenger League, a baseball program for special needs children throughout Boston and surrounding towns, is currently accepting player registrations for the 2012 season.

Games are played at the Jason Roberts Field at the Ohrenberger School (West Roxbury), Monday through Thursday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Parents may access registration information at [www.jasonrobertschallengerleague.com](http://www.jasonrobertschallengerleague.com) or request a form by calling Bill Hubbard, Director at 617-364-9249 or emailing [bhjrcl@aol.com](mailto:bhjrcl@aol.com). The registration deadline is March 15, 2012.

Participants learn not only the fundamentals of baseball, but also how it feels to be just like other children - pulling together as a team, being cheered and earning awards for their achievements.

Opening day ceremonies for this season will take place on Monday, April 30, at 5:45 p.m.

## THE JASON ROBERTS CHALLENGER LEAGUE NEEDS BUDDIES

The Jason Roberts Challenger League is presently seeking young adults to serve as Buddies for special needs children for the upcoming 2012 season. Games are played at the Jason Roberts Field at the Ohrenberger School (West Roxbury), Monday through Thursday from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. We ask that buddies try to attend at least two games a week.

Opening day ceremonies for this season will take place on Monday, April 30, at 5:45 p.m. It is important that all buddies try to attend.

This is an excellent opportunity for community service and certificates are given out to all buddies at the end of the season. Players learn not only the fundamentals of baseball, but also how it feels to be just like other children - pulling together as a team, being cheered and earning awards for their achievements. The most fundamental goal of the Jason Roberts Challenger League is to give everyone a chance to play, regardless of limitations.

For more information, call Bill Hubbard, Director at 617-364-9249, via email at [bhjrcl@aol.com](mailto:bhjrcl@aol.com) or check out our website: [www.jasonrobertschallengerleague.com](http://www.jasonrobertschallengerleague.com). Click on TV Interviews to check out games recorded in the past.

## EXERCISE FOR PARKINSON'S

The Norwood Council on Aging honors Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month by initiating a new exercise class for those with Parkinson's their partners and caregivers. An introductory demonstration and participatory class will be held on Thursday April 5, at 2pm at the Norwood Senior Center 275 Prospect Street, Norwood.

The program will consist of gentle exercise, stretching, dance, yoga and other mind/body disciplines. Studies have shown that gentle rhythmical exercise is as beneficial for people with Parkinson's as it is for the general population. People who keep moving are known to enjoy life, and to have an easier time conducting activities of their daily living.

Judith Potts, a weekly instructor at the Center, is certified to teach aerobics, yoga, tai chi and is a personal trainer specializing in programs for active aging will conduct the program. As with any exercise program, participants are urged to contact their health care providers to obtain permission to participate and to be aware of personal cautions and limitations. It is also recommended

that they wear comfortable clothing and supportive foot wear.

For further information or to sign up for this introductory demonstration please contact Dorothy Ann Vital, Executive Director at 781-762-1201 Ext 1

## ANNUAL DIAMOND CLUB TRIVIA

On Friday, March 23, at 7p.m. Located at the Norwood Elk's Norwood Diamond Club Trivia Night. Proceeds benefit Jack Crimmins Scholarship. \$15 per person, \$150 tables of 8-10 Light refreshments, raffles, grand prize, cash bar. Contact Ed Hickey at 781-551-0408, Tracey Black at 781-762-9931, Mike Cawley at 781-414-2154, Bill Marchant at 781-762-5411.

## NORWOOD IRISH MUSIC CLUB DANCE

On Mar. 24 at Workman's Hall, 99 Wilson St., Norwood, from 8:00-11:30 p.m. Music provided by Erin's Melody Band. Refreshments will be served. \$10.00 per person. All are welcome.

## SHARING HOPE IN PARKINSON'S DISEASE

On Tuesday, March 20, at 10:00 a.m. as part of the Healthy Breakfast Series at Victoria Haven Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center located at 137 Nichols St., Norwood. Join the discussion to learn more about Parkinson's; where to find help, support and more information. A continental breakfast will be provided. This event is free and open to the public. Parking is available. For questions or more information, please call Kimberly at 781-762-0858 or email [kciardi@rehabassociates.com](mailto:kciardi@rehabassociates.com).

## TOUCH A TRUCK

On Saturday, March 24, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Municipal Lot. Here is your chance to climb on, check out and act like you drive big trucks! Norwood Police, Fire, Airport and DPW vehicles will be on hand for your enjoyment.

## SUMMER CAMP FAIR

On Saturday, March 24, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Meet our terrific summer staff. Learn about the programs and clinics that are happening in the Norwood Recreation Department this summer. The event will be held outdoors, unless there is inclement weather. Come by and try some crafts!

## QUAKE AND BAKE VOLCANO PARTY

On Saturday, March 24, from 2 to 4 p.m., Civic Gymnasium. Come and create everything volcano! Lava cake, volcano hat, and make a Mentos volcano eruption. Ages 4-10. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. \$15 per person.

## LAST MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE OF THE YEAR

On Friday, March 16, from 7-9:40 p.m. \$5 per person. Must bring Norwood School ID.

## BULLYPROOFING

On Thursday, March 15. Be preventative and proactive so children can avoid being bullied and learn how to stop it. Ages 7-10. \$38 per person.

## BLAST

On Thursday, March 15, from 3-6:00 p.m. Learn basics of infant and child care, how to react to medical emergencies and run your own babysitting service. Bring a snack and a drink. Ages 11-13. \$48 per person.

## PARENTS NIGHT OUT

On Friday, March 30, from 6:15-9:15 p.m. Drop off your child at the Civic for an evening of arts/crafts and group games. Pizza Dinner included. Must be ages 7-11. Pre-registration required to attend this program. \$7 per person.

## CPR CERTIFICATION

On Tuesday, March 20, from 6-9:30 p.m. \$45 per person.

## SPRING EGG HUNT

Search for candy and toy filled eggs. A special visit from our guest of honor. Tots to Grade 2 welcome. \$3 per person and 5 sealed, filled eggs. Saturday, April 2, 10 a.m., Willett School field.

## NEW! FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT

A new event for our older friends. Grades 3-5. Saturday, April 7 at 8 p.m. \$5 per person.

## EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Start your spring-cleaning at the Hawes Pool conservation area to help Norwood Go Green! After, enjoy a BBQ lunch. Great opportunity to get your PINS points! Youth, Grades 4-8, on Saturday, April 7 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

## SUMMER PLAYGROUND STAFF AND SUBS

Applications are now being accepted at the Norwood Recreation Department front desk and will be accepted through March 24. Summer employment is eight weeks, June 25-August 17. To register for any of the programs above, please contact the Norwood Recreation Department at 781-762-0466.

## EYE CARE SPECIALISTS - GIVING KIDS IN NEED THE CHANCE TO READ

Beginning March 1 through March 30. Eye Care Specialists will hold its first annual Book Drive. Seeking donations for new or gently used books, geared towards children of school age; Eye Care Specialists is hoping to promote awareness of the benefits from reading, while helping a school in need. If you would like to help by donating books, Eye Care Specialists will be accepting donations Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in their Norwood Office, located at 825 Washington Street, Suite #230 (directly across from Norwood Hospital in the Guild Building).

## NORFOLK ADULT DAY HEALTH CENTER MONTHLY SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS

On the Last Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Located at the Norfolk Adult Day Health Center, 595 Pleasant St., Norwood. Are you a caregiver? Feeling the stress? Worried about how to pay for everything? Don't know what to do next? All caregiver support meetings are free and open to the public. For more information or to RSVP, please call 781-769-4495. To learn more about care giving resources, visit [www.communityvna.com](http://www.communityvna.com) or call 800-220-0110. Norfolk Adult Day Health Center is a program of Community VNA in Attleboro.

## 5TH ANNUAL NORWOOD BASKETBALL TRAVEL BANQUET!

The boys and girls 4th-8th grade travel teams will be honored at the 5th Annual Banquet on Sunday, March 25 at Christian's in Foxboro. Players are free with one parent or guardian ticket (first ticket \$20.00, second \$15.00). The event will run from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Enjoy an evening of dinner, dessert, awards, player raffles and much more. To donate silent auction items contact Bill Butts at [wjbutts@verizon.net](mailto:wjbutts@verizon.net) or to sponsor a table please contact Marie Reen at [marierreen@aol.com](mailto:marierreen@aol.com).

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