

School Comm. seeks long-term plan Room named after Pentowski

Vinaya Saksena
Staff Reporter

The room where the School Committee holds its meetings will be named after a long-serving Committee member who recently passed away.

The idea of naming the room after the late Joseph "Mitch" Pentowski was brought up at the start of the School Committee's April 11 meeting. Committee member Eleanor Travers made the motion to name the room after Pentowski, and the Committee approved the motion unanimously.

"Mitch was a friend to all," said School Committee Chairman Paul Samargedlis shortly before the vote was taken. "He'll be missed."

Financial plan article proposed

The majority of the School Committee also voted in favor of seeking a "placeholder" for a Town Meeting article proposed by new member Susan McQuaid. The lone dissenting vote was cast by Eleanor Travers, who said she did not feel comfortable placing the article on the Town Meeting warrant without more information on how it would be enacted, which she did not feel could be generated in time.

McQuaid said she wanted to see two things enacted: a master plan for the town's public schools and a long-term finan-

cial plan for the local public sector - both public schools and town government. She said she saw it as a means of preventing the disagreements and finance-based panics seen in recent years.

"We need a multi-year plan for the town that's fair and equitable," McQuaid said.

McQuaid said her proposal would include auditing of the town's finances, and was intended to foster greater cooperation among town departments. She said she had drafted language that could be used in the Town Meeting article that would enact it.

McQuaid said she expected enactment of her proposal to cost the town no more than \$24,000. She suggested that it be funded out of free cash.

The other members of the School Committee - including Travers - said they liked McQuaid's proposal, though Travers expressed reservations about getting behind the proposal with so little time before Town Meeting articles are due for submission. Asked for his opinion, Superintendent of Schools James Hayden did not comment on the proposal at length, but expressed support for the idea.

"I think it's excellent," Hayden said.

"I think there's a momentum here that I don't want to lose,"

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Students in Diana Flemer's 10th grade Honors English class, shown with some of the paper butterflies they and other students made and mounted on the walls throughout Norwood High School as part of Operation Butterfly. The butterflies represent children killed during the Holocaust.

PHOTO BY VINAYA SAKSENA

Students artistically depict victims of Holocaust

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Anyone who has visited Norwood High School recently may have noticed a large number of large paper butterflies scattered on walls throughout the building.

What they may not realize is that, as of press time, each of those butterflies represents 735 children killed in Europe during the Holocaust. They were put up in the halls as part of Operation Butterfly, a project initiated by students in Diana Flemer's tenth-grade Honors English class to raise awareness about the issue after they read Holocaust survivor Eli Wiesel's book, 'Night', which is based on his family's experiences during World War II.

The students' project was

inspired by a similar one at the Holocaust Museum in Houston, Texas, which sought to collect 1.5 million butterflies - one for each child killed in the Holocaust. The use of the word "butterfly" and its likeness in both projects is a reference to "The Butterfly," a poem Pavel Friedman wrote about the bleak atmosphere of a Jewish ghetto where he lived, before being deported to the Theresienstadt concentration camp and eventually killed at the Auschwitz concentration camp.

Flemer said the project started modestly, with each student in the class making a butterfly. As word of the project spread, however, students from other classes began inquiring about contributing to the project, and before long, the Coakley Middle School and all of the

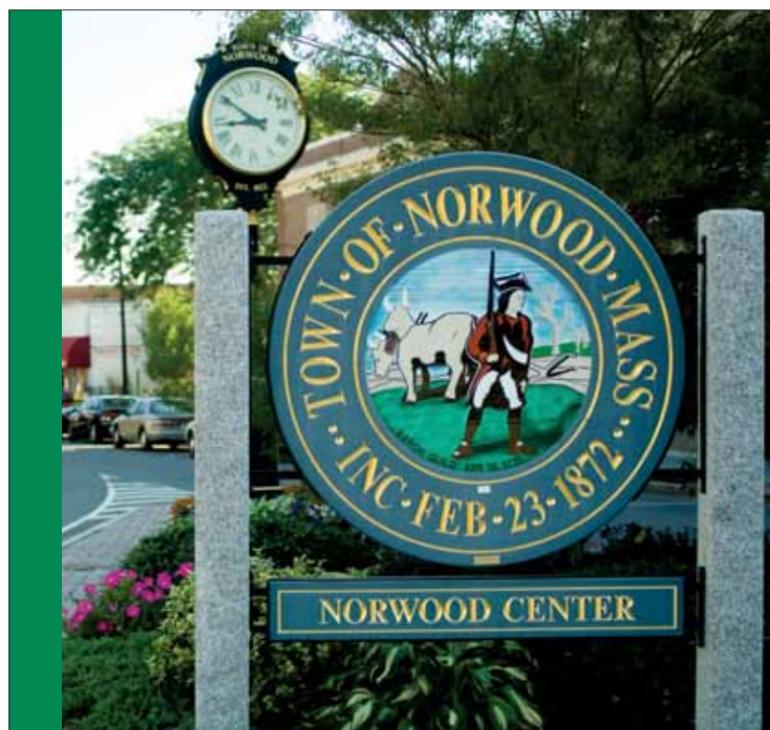
town's elementary schools had joined in.

"It's probably the elementary students that were most enthusiastic," said Bobby Malinn, one of Flemer's students. "They just kept sending butterflies in."

Originally, Flemer said, the plan was to create 1,500 butterflies to represent the child victims of the Holocaust. With other classes and schools joining in, however, the number of butterflies produced had reached 1,889 by April 5, and Flemer was hoping the number would grow to 2,500 by the end of the school year.

The students said Principal George Usevich had been very supportive of the project from the moment he heard about it. They said other students initially

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Town Hall estimate higher than expected

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Repairs to Norwood Town Hall could cost substantially more than expected, according to a consultant who has been helping the town figure out the project's logistics.

At a meeting of the Permanent Building Construction Committee (PBCC) last week, Compass Project Management President Tim Bonfatti told the Committee that proposed repairs and renovations to Town Hall could cost "just under three million." The number is substantially higher than the \$1.8 million estimate the PBCC had received previously.

When architect Dale Gienapp of Gienapp Design Associates gave a presentation on the matter to the Board of Selectmen last month, questions were asked as to whether the project could be expected to stay under the \$1.8 million threshold. At its April 5 meeting, the PBCC decided to discuss the matter further on April 12, after more information could be obtained.

Bonfatti told the PBCC last week that the aforementioned price included all of the work the Committee had discussed having performed on Town Hall's "towers and offices." He said the project could be done for a lower price if some of the minor portions of the work were not performed.

However, PBCC members

did not appear to feel comfortable cutting out too much of the project. PBCC member Ed McKenna, for example, said that while some of the proposed interior work was not totally essential, there were some portions of the project that should not be put off.

"We've obviously got to make the building weather-tight," McKenna said. "I think there's no question about that."

The PBCC has been considering what work should be done - and how - to address problems caused by lack of maintenance to Town Hall. Two of the foremost concerns town officials have had are the need to stabilize the building's bell tower, and eliminating leaks that occur in the building during rain. The portion of the building that includes Carroll's office was previously identified as being particularly afflicted by water-related problems.

Between Friday, April 6 and Monday, April 9, temporary work was performed on the bell tower in order to stabilize it until the permanent repairs can be performed. Bonfatti said the work had been completed with little difficulty, with the Department of Public Works and other involved parties ensuring that the work did not either cause or suffer any major traffic-related logistical difficulties.

The long-term repair work, for which the PBCC received the cost estimate last week, was expected to be funded via an article on next month's

Town Meeting. In recent weeks, however, the PBCC has been discussing whether or not to put the project off, for both logistical and financial reasons.

When the project was discussed with the selectmen last month, Gienapp and the PBCC had been planning to have an article placed on next month's Town Meeting warrant, with the project to be started in August. Following a suggestion made at that meeting, however, the Committee began considering whether or not to begin the process at a Special Town Meeting in the fall instead.

That alternate schedule, if used, would delay the project enough to ensure that much less of it would be conducted during winter months, when cold weather makes working with concrete, adhesives and other construction-related materials difficult. The delay would also mean that the project would not be considered at next month's Town Meeting, as a large amount of funds for the expansion of the Department of Public Works' headquarters are also being requested, and PBCC Chairman Ted Callahan had worried that Town Meeting would be unlikely to accept a second request of that kind.

No vote was taken on what to do about the Town Hall project, due in part to the fact that Callahan was absent for medical reasons. The PBCC currently plans to hold its next meeting on April 26 at 7:30 p.m.

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More concession stand money to be considered

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Additional funding for a concession stand at Norwood High School may be considered at next month's Town Meeting, as a result of a vote taken by the selectmen at their meeting Tuesday night.

The vote was taken after a presentation by Permanent Building Construction Committee (PBCC) Chairman Ted Callahan and Vice Chairman William Kinsman, plus Compass Project Management President Tim Bonfatti, whose company has been managing the construction of the new high school building. The three of them told the selectmen that they had come to the conclusion that a concession stand could not be built on the site for the amount that was amassed for the purpose via a previous Town Meeting vote and donations.

"It just can't be done for the \$250,000 that we have," Callahan said.

The PBCC wanted guidance from the selectmen on what to do next, according to Callahan. He and Bonfatti said they did not believe a concession stand of the quality desired by the town could be built for the amount provided.

The PBCC representatives said a modular unit could likely be built for that price. They acknowledged that this was not the route they thought appropriate for the high school, and the selectmen expressed agreement

with that thought.

Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue asked if the architecture firm working on the project could be asked to donate their services for the project, noting that they had already been paid substantially for the high school project. Bonfatti noted that the firm's services had already been discounted, and that his company was including the price of its own services in its work on the high school construction project.

The other option the PBCC members suggested was that Town Meeting appropriate an additional \$100,000 for the concession stand project, an amount they said would allow for construction of a facility that would meet the town's needs. However, this proposal drew a mixed reaction from the selectmen, who generally agreed about the need for a quality facility, but questioned why the project was costing so much.

"I'm floored," said Selectman Allan Howard. "I'm sorry. I just don't understand it."

Fellow selectmen William Plasko and Paul Bishop said they generally preferred the idea of a permanent facility, but also had concerns about the cost. Chairman Michael Lyons said he was also somewhat taken aback by the costs at first.

"But I stopped being surprised by the cost of municipal construction a long time ago," Lyons said.

"We all wanted to see a permanent structure," Kinsman

said. "We were all dismayed to see a structure that wasn't going to blend in with the [existing site], but we saw the numbers."

Town Manager John Carroll suggested that the amount available for the project be increased via a Town Meeting article that would amend the previous Town Meeting vote on the matter to include the additional funding needed. The selectmen voted unanimously to approve placement of such an article on the warrant.

Carroll also noted that a separate Town Meeting article to provide funding for repairs to Town Hall should be put off, since it appeared that starting the process at a special town meeting in the fall would make for a construction schedule that mostly avoided the winter months. Callahan said the PBCC would be putting forth a motion to postpone the article indefinitely at next month's Town Meeting.

Rain on the parade

During discussion of the town's upcoming Memorial Day parade, Howard expressed concern about the number of firefighters marching in one of the town's most recent parades. He noted that while the Police Department had four honor guard members in the parade, the Fire Department had six.

Howard said he was concerned about the cost of these extra honor guard members to

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OPINION

We don't get it either

Selectman Allan Howard, after being rendered speechless for a few seconds upon hearing what a new concession stand for the high school is now going to cost, uttered, "I'm just floored". Well Mr. Howard, you aren't alone as we are equally flummoxed at the numbers being tossed around for a hut to grill some hot dogs and warm a few buns.

Ok, admittedly the structure being proposed is more than a hut. It will have a kitchen and four bathrooms. However, it's not exactly a Steve Wynn inspired centerpiece either, though for the \$350,000 cost quoted by the PBCC at Tuesday's meeting it should be.

The PBCC explained to Selectmen that the \$250,000 approved by Town Meeting to build the concession stand was simply not enough, at least to build a unit most believe would appropriately meet the standards/aesthetics established by the new school, and that they would need another \$100,000 to make it happen.

Keep in mind; the school already owns the land and the utilities have already been run to the site of the proposed stand. So basically, the breakdown is \$300,000 to build the structure and another \$50,000 for "soft costs", like architec-

tural and engineering work. Are they kidding? The plan calls for a block built structure of roughly 800 square feet. To put it in perspective, a private contractor can build a 3,000 square foot home with three bedrooms, two baths and a two car garage on existing land for about \$200,000, maybe less in today's tough economic climate.

And here's the kicker. The \$350,000 the PBCC is seeking doesn't even include the kitchen fixtures. Now, for those unaware, it could cost anywhere up to \$50,000 to meet the Board of Health standards for grills, refrigeration, venting and such since everything needs to be stainless and meet strict food preparation codes. Where does this money come from?

No one should look to lay blame on the PBCC, particularly Ted Callahan who does wonderful work for the Town. He is simply working with the numbers being submitted from the architectural work already done on the project, which, by the way, Norwood has spent \$20,000 on to date.

Selectmen Chairman Mike Lyons made the comment after being informed of the costs, "I stopped being surprised by the cost of municipal construction a long time ago." Apparently, not only are people not

surprised anymore, but simply shrug their shoulders and blindly agree to whatever numbers are bandied about by engineering and construction firms, generated with a knowledge that cities and towns stopped scrutinizing hard costs years ago and will just raise fees and taxes to get projects done.

This newspaper has come to accept that since the Town has agreed to have a concession stand that it should be a permanent structure and should blend in architecturally with the new school. However, we still do not believe that bathrooms are necessary and think a very simple structure at minimal cost is the way to go.

Fifteen or even ten years ago Norwood's Town Meeting would have turned this project down flatly and told those in charge to figure out a way to get it done for a lot less. They used to flip nickels like manhole covers, and THAT's how Norwood became known as the Jewel of the Commonwealth; great services and low taxes. However, times have changed and the guess here, based on recent observations, is that this new generation of Town Meeting will approve the extra \$100,000 and contractors will make even more profits on the backs of Norwood taxpayers.

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FinCom, School Comm. jostle over article legalities

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An article allowing Norwood Public Schools (NPS) to use \$184,000 saved during the last fiscal year seems likely to appear on the warrant of next month's Special Town Meeting - one version of the article, anyway.

The School Committee and the Finance Commission submitted nearly identical articles for consideration at the meeting. In the end, it was the School Committee's version that made the cut, after the Fi-

the \$184,000 it had saved in Fiscal Year 2012 with the authorization of the town for a transfer from the stabilization fund. Samargedlis, however, said Ann Marie Ellis, the schools' Director of Finance and Operations, had questioned whether or not this would pass legal muster in the eyes of the state Department of Revenue (DOR).

As a result, the School Committee drafted its own article, which would let NPS borrow the funds from the town's stabilization fund, with the schools returning the funds to

School Committee did not trust Thornton's judgment.

"It's more of the same thing," Langone said. "It's underhanded and I'm tired of it."

At its meeting later that same evening, the School Committee decided against withdrawing its own article until the results of a Special Town Meeting-related discussion that would take place two days later. However, Committee members said they wanted to make it clear that they did not intend to

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"It's more of the same thing. It's underhanded and I'm tired of it."

Finance Commission Chairwoman Judith Langone

nance Commission withdrew theirs.

While town officials were considering the language of articles to be placed on the warrant last week, Finance Commission Chairwoman Judith Langone said she was withdrawing the article her committee had drafted. Earlier in the week, however, Langone and other members of the Finance Commission had expressed displeasure with the School Committee's article, as they felt it showed disrespect for Town Clerk and Treasurer Robert Thornton.

Thornton had previously told School Committee Chairman Paul Samargedlis that he believed the schools could use

the town once its previous savings had been certified as free cash. Samargedlis said the school system's concern was that the money had not yet been certified.

At its April 11 meeting, the Finance Commission decided to recommend its own article appropriating the funds for NPS on the condition that the School Committee did not end up having a duplicate article on the warrant. Langone and other members of the Commission expressed skepticism about the need for the School Committee's article, saying that there was no need for the transfer to be done in the manner the Committee had proposed, and that doing so suggested that the

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Vinaya Saksena
Staff Reporter

A local soldier who recently died while serving overseas will be remembered via a special sign in the neighborhood where he grew up, something Veterans Agent Ted Mulvehill hopes to do for other locals who died in combat.

Mulvehill said he hopes to erect a "memorial corner" in memory of U.S. Army Spc. Keith Benson, who died while

serving in Afghanistan earlier this year. If possible, Mulvehill said, it will be unveiled during the town's Memorial Day ceremony, for which preparations are currently underway.

According to Mulvehill, 54 memorial corners, featuring black metal signs with the soldier's name in gold lettering, exist for fallen Norwood soldiers throughout town. He said he wanted to put up signs for the remaining 48 soldiers - some of whom served as far

back as World War II - but in many cases had been unable to secure permission to do so, as many of the soldiers in question do not have surviving relatives in the area and their families had not requested memorial corners. Mulvehill hopes he can eventually have memorial corner signs created for every Norwood soldier killed in the line of duty.

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cause trouble by having a similar article to that of the Finance Commission up for consideration.

"I want to make it clear that we're not trying to double dip on the money," said School Committee member Eleanor Travers. "It would be great, but that's not our intent."

After Langone withdrew the Finance Commission's article on Friday, Samargedlis said he did not understand why the issue had become so contentious. He said the School Committee had not wanted to question the wisdom of any town officials, but was reluctant to go against the advice of its own financial manager.

"The goal has always [been] to get \$184,000 in funds for the schools' Fiscal Year 2013 budget," Samargedlis said. "At the end of the day,

all I care about is that the town gives us permission to use the \$184,000. And that's what the focus should be."

The Special Town Meeting is also expected to include an article that would authorize a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreement with the Allston-based Steel Art Company, which is looking to relocate to Norwood. Other articles considered for inclusion on the Special Town Meeting Warrant include authorization to take two pieces of land by eminent domain for expansion of the Department of Public Works' headquarters, revision of the town's Flood Plain Overlay District regulations and several street acceptances.

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McQuaid said.

"We haven't had momentum in years," Samargedlis joked.

New rules

During last week's meeting, Hayden also gave a short presentation to the School Committee outlining changes that Norwood Public Schools would have to make under state regulations adopted in June of last year. No action was taken on

the matter that night, but Hayden noted that Norwood would have to begin working on the required changes soon, as all Massachusetts schools will have to be in compliance with the new rules in the 2013-2014 school year.

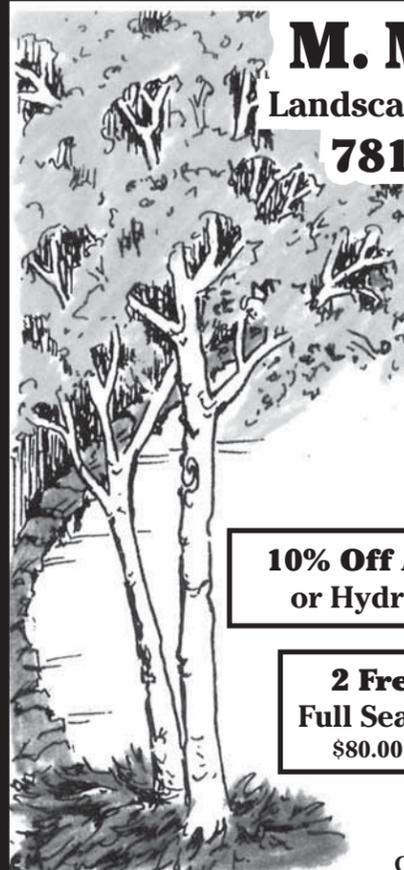
"The intent of this system is to have accountable reporting, allow people to see what good practice looks like, and reach for that," Hayden said.

According to information on the new regulations created by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, school districts are required to implement "district-determined measures" for "comparison of student learning, growth, and achievement." The Department said it had also provided guidelines for collective bargaining at the local level, intended to allow the new measures to be enforced.

The new regulations include statewide standards for both teachers and administrators, with teachers to be assessed via a system that includes four performance levels: exemplary, proficient, needs improvement and unsatisfactory. Hayden noted that the new evaluation process would include both announced and unannounced observations for teachers.

Hayden said the new evaluation system would include school-wide and teacher-developed assessments, something he noted the school system would have to begin working on soon. He also said Norwood Public Schools would be acting on a state recommendation that faculty develop team goals in addition to individual objectives.

"It's a lot to take in," Hayden said. "But it's our future."



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Will you be "Spending Saturday"?

Vinaya Saksena
Staff Reporter

The Friends of Norwood Center, along with businesses in that area, are hoping to see large numbers of people spending time and money in the area, and will hold the first in a series of events to encourage that trend this weekend.

Saturday, April 21 will be the first in a series of events dubbed Spending Saturdays, which will take place on the third Saturday of each month. This first edition of the event also doubles as an Earth Day event, with local non-profit Together Yes also playing a role.

On Saturday, patrons who spend their money at local businesses featured in the event will receive discounts, and will be able to enter a prize drawing.

Winners of that drawing will be announced during an Earth Day event to be held the following day from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the United Church in Norwood's common room.

These Spending Saturdays events are intended to encourage people to keep their spending money in Norwood by shopping locally while enjoying the general atmosphere of the town center. Downtown Manager Kim Weineck of the Friends of Norwood Center said she and the rest of the organization looked forward to seeing the results of the preparation they had done for the event.

"What's important to us is that you're spending your Saturday in Downtown Norwood," Weineck said. "There's a lot of possibility as to how you spend your Saturday in Norwood."

Weineck said each month's event will feature a few neighborhood businesses whose products or services tie into a monthly theme. In the case of this weekend's Earth Day-themed event, businesses that feature environmentally friendly or "green" products will be spotlighted. These businesses include Envy Boutique and Twice Is Nice, which sell organically produced and repurposed clothing, respectively, plus Babel's Paint and Decorating, which sells low-VOC paint.

Weineck noted, however, that she was still finalizing the list of featured businesses for this weekend at press time, and that more were likely to be added. Updated listings can be

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"They've earned that," Mulvehill said. "They've earned to be remembered in the town."

Helping the memorial corner cause, Mulvehill said, have been the local Elks, who have offered to fund replacements for worn out memorial corner signs. He said the Elks had also expressed an interest in funding signs for the remaining 48 soldiers whose former neighborhoods do not yet have any.

"It's a wonderful collaboration between the Elks and our department," Mulvehill said.

"They approached me. It was their idea. And, of course, I thought it was simply wonderful that they'd want to do that."

In addition to the memorial corner, a scholarship is being set up in Benson's memory. The scholarship is intended to help Norwood High School seniors looking to continue their education after high school.

Those interested in donating to the scholarship fund can do so through the Dedham Institute for Savings, 55 Elm St., Dedham, MA 02026. Donors are asked to make checks pay-

able to the Army Specialist Keith D. Benson Scholarship Fund.

According to Mulvehill, Benson, a combat medic, had acquired the nickname "Doc" amongst his comrades, a nickname he said would be incorporated onto Benson's memorial corner sign if his family wishes. He noted that the aforementioned nickname was given only to medical personnel who had done something to deserve the distinction.

"You've got to earn that," Mulvehill explained. "When they call you 'Doc,' it's the ultimate show of respect."



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wondered what the butterflies were for, but were on board once they learned what the project was about.

"The support we got for the project just keeps growing," said Honors English student Jessica Murphy. "Not only is it taking place in the classroom, but it's spread to other classrooms and what we do every day."

The students also created short bios on children killed in the Holocaust, which were posted along the Hall of Remembrance on the high school's third floor. One student, Melissa Neitlich, said the project had major personal significance for her, as her grandmother had survived life in a Nazi concentration camp.

Neitlich said her grandmother had been captured at the age of nine. Most of her grandmother's immediate family survived, except for an uncle who was burned in a crematorium. Neitlich said her grandmother rarely speaks about the experience.

Some of the butterflies made by students will eventually be sent to the Holocaust Museum in Houston. As for those that remain in the high school, Usevich said he hoped to keep them displayed for an extended period of time - at least until the end of the school year.

"It's been an exciting project for us," Usevich said. "I'm very pleased that they took a book they read in class and expanded on it in a beautiful activity. It's really taken off."

Flemer said those wishing to contribute to the project can send their materials to her at 245 Nichols St., Norwood, MA 02062. She asked that donors include their name and a brief



Students in Diana Flemer's 10th grade Honors English class created short bios of children killed in the Holocaust, including this one of Anne Frank, whose diaries were later immortalized in book form.

PHOTO BY VINAYA SAKSENA

note with their butterflies, so she can keep track of where they came from.

Flemer's students have set up a blog, where updates on the

progress of Operation Butterfly can be found. It is located at <http://operation-butterfly.tumblr.com>.

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the town, noting that it meant more overtime costs. He suggested that the departments' honor guards should have a maximum of four members each, particularly given the low turnout at recent parades.

Donohue, however, objected to this idea, saying the selectmen should not micro-manage the departments' handling of labor costs. Lyons said he understood Howard's concern, but did not agree with the proposal either. Bishop said he had no problem with how the departments managed their personnel costs, as long as they did not go over budget. Plasko noted that others volunteered to march in local parades, and did not get paid to do so.

In the end, the selectmen voted 3-2 in favor of limiting the size of the honor guards as Howard suggested. Lyons and Donohue cast the dissenting votes.

No to McQuaid proposal

The selectmen also quickly considered a Town Meeting article proposed by the School Committee that would create a financial plan for the town and the schools, which had been suggested by School Committee member Susan McQuaid the previous week. The selectmen voted unanimously against recommending the article for placement on the Town Meeting warrant, saying it left too many questions unanswered about the plan's costs and means of implementation.



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Town officials relieved by MBTA budget proposal

Vinaya Saksena
Staff Reporter

Although the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) has announced some planned service cuts, as well as fare increases, town officials are relieved at the proposal the Authority has put out overall.

In February, Assistant Town Manager Bernie Cooper and members of the Board of Selectmen had expressed concern about how the proposed bus and train service cuts would affect Norwood residents. After the MBTA released a revised proposal, which it appeared likely to act on, however, concerns about services waned among those officials, though fee increases announced by the MBTA did not go over well with them.

"There won't be any service cuts affecting the commuter rail or the bus line locally," Cooper said. "The proposed cuts in the bus line will not happen."

Cooper and other officials had previously expressed concern that service cuts may be made to both the commuter rail between Boston and Norwood and the Route 34/34E bus, which runs through Norwood and neighboring Walpole. Selectman Helen Abdallah

Donohue said she was particularly relieved that this route did not suffer the cuts it was previously expected to endure.

"This makes me very, very, very happy, because we have a large number of people who commute by bus to work in Norwood," Donohue said. "It's so necessary. These people work day and night, and they work Saturday and Sunday, as well as weekdays."

Michael Lyons, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, had previously expressed concern about proposed cuts to train service between Norwood and Boston. However, Cooper said he had since learned that these cuts were not in the plan the MBTA was currently talking about implementing. The one thing that bothered him was an across-the-board fare increase announced by the MBTA as part of its new proposal.

"Those are going to hurt a lot of people," Cooper said.

Donohue said that while she was not particularly happy about the fare increase, it was still lower than fares paid for public transportation in other states, according to literature on the subject from the MBTA that she had read. She said she only wished the increases could have been done in a way that would not have been such a financial shock to passengers.

"Maybe if they had a five cent increase every year, it wouldn't be so bad," Donohue said.

Cooper also acknowledged that the end result was not as bad as he expected, but said he did not believe that the MBTA's troubles - and the need for fare increases - were over yet.

"My guess is, we'll be looking at the same battle this time next year," Cooper said.

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found online at norwoodcenter.blogspot.com.

Additionally, this weekend's event will include a landscape painting workshop by Gallery 9 artist J.T. Harding, which will run from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at a cost of \$75 per student. Weineck said Gallery 9 will also be hosting a gallery show featuring work by students at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Weineck said she was already working on next month's event, which is likely to have a Mother's Day-related theme. And while she said it was too soon to offer specifics, she said she hoped Spending Saturdays could be a launching pad for bigger things in the months to come in terms of economic activity downtown.

"We're just excited about this event," Weineck said. "And I'm excited about what it can be developed into."

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Sports



The Norwood baseball team topped Dedham thanks to two first inning homers on Friday afternoon.

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Baseball falls to Brookline, tops Dedham

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

Entering his first season as manager, Kevin Igoe wanted the Norwood baseball team to consistently improve on a daily basis.

"I'm hoping, and my expectations are to win," he said prior to the season. And while the squad took a tough 2-1 loss at the hands of Brookline last week despite some stellar pitching from Sean Oneil, it was very clear to anyone in attendance that day that this baseball program has been, and will continue to be on the correct path for success this season.

"I want to try and help us get better as a team and also try and work with everyone individually to try and get better at whatever it is they do," Igoe had stated before the season.

Brookline's first run came in the second inning when their leadoff man reached second base on a throwing error. Then, two batters later and with two outs he was driven home by an RBI

double down the right field line. Norwood had a man reach second in the bottom half of the first inning but their offense was stymied all afternoon on what was a chilly day for baseball.

Both teams traded oppor-

tunities through the game and Brookline made it 2-0 in the sixth when they strung together a single to right, a stolen base, an infield single, a double steal of second and

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Head Coach Kevin Igoe discusses ground rules with the umpires and the Dedham head coach before last week's game.

PHOTO BY GIL HAYLON

Girls' Lax gets big rebound win

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

At 2-2, two weeks into the season, it's a bit unclear just what type of team this year's Norwood girls lacrosse team is.

They have had a couple losses where things unraveled quickly for them, a sign of a team unsure of how to handle adversity. But, on the other hand, both of the squad's victories have been dominating wins where experience and talent won out over any other factor on the field that day.

With the most recent victory coming in at 16-4 over Milton this past Wednesday, the team responded in resounding fashion to an ugly 18-6 loss last Wednesday that was followed by another alarming defeat to Newton North on Monday.

Head coach Caitlin Harrington quickly decided changes were in order. "After our hard loss on Monday against Newton North (15-9) we spent the entire practice restructuring our defense and working on slides," she

said.

The club responded with six different players getting on to the score sheet, an impressive offensive display from a talented team. Allison Ryan took over the game with five goals and three assists, Marykate Galvin had two goals and one assist, while Kacie Smith potted four goals. Kelsey Colbert had two goals of her own and added an assist. Sammy Hayes and Jenny O'Donnell both had a goal apiece and Brianna Saad also came away with a goal to round out the impressive scoring.

"We were able to stop Milton's transition from the top and shut them down," added Harrington on her team's bounce-back effort.

The key now for anyone involved or rooting for the program is to understand that it is still very early in the season, and most teams throughout the state are still trying to find their own identity as well.

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Boys' Tennis goes 1-1 for week

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

pleased that everyone was able to take at least one game," he said.

The Norwood boys' tennis team couldn't catch a break before beating Braintree on Friday.

The Mustangs dropped a 5-0 decision to Newton North this past Wednesday and are still searching for a level of success they haven't been able to achieve yet this season.

The fact that they played perennial power Newton North did not help matters either, and head coach John Churchill acknowledged as much.

"Today was, by far, our toughest match-up yet. The caliber of the team we played was such that I was

With a team looking to continue to improve and build upon some moral victories despite the overall losses, leadership from older players is key. Owen Smith has recently been one of those leaders for Churchill's squad.

"I was particularly impressed by Owen's effort," he said. "He faced his tougher opponent with a lot of courage, and he really dictated the points in the games he won. He is continuing to step up in his leadership role for the team."

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The boys' lacrosse team continued its hot start by beating Milton and Foxboro last week. Norwood topped Milton 13-6, and then beat Foxboro 6-3. Andy Alty notched 3 goals and 3 assists on the week, helping his team on the offensive end.

FILE PHOTO

Boys' Lacrosse continues hot stretch, sit at 5-1

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

The Norwood boys' lacrosse team is quickly becoming a serious threat this season. After beating Milton and Foxboro last week and weekend, the Mustang boys sat at 5-1 entering school vacation week.

With such a senior-stacked team, head coach Anthony Roman knew his team should be good, but he wasn't sure how they were going to show up and work entering the season. Now at 5-1, it's pretty clear that this senior class was in no mood to miss the postseason again this year.

"It's all about attitude and commitment and these kids have it," he said.

Here is a quick breakdown of the two previous wins for the Stangs.

Norwood-Milton, 13-6
Mike Murray - 2g, 1a
Patrick Clifford - 4g, 1a
Emmett McNamara -

3g, 3a
Andy Alty - 2g, 1a
Nick Nardelli - 17 saves, 1 assist

Entering halftime the scoreboard read 5-2, Norwood; entering the 4th it read 10-4, Norwood, as the Mustangs dominated almost wire to wire.

"We came out really sluggish, but were able to really pick it up in the 3rd quarter," said Roman. "We just couldn't figure out how to attack their zone in the first half. In the third we had success beating the zone with quick ball movement and good wing shooting from McNamara and Clifford," he added.

Norwood-Foxboro, 6-3

Andy Alty - 1g, 2a
Patrick Clifford - 2g
Nick Nardelli - 11 saves

At halftime Norwood led 4-1. Going into the fourth quarter it was 5-2, Norwood. As the score indicates it was a defensive battle for most of the game with both goalies playing well.

"We were able to get a

couple goals in transition to take an early lead and then leaned on Nardelli and the defense to bring home the win," said Roman.

Throughout this strong start to the season the defense and goaltending has been one of the biggest factors in Norwood's success, so it was no surprise that following a 13-goal outting, it was the defense that had to steal another game for the Mustangs.

"Our team defense was solid throughout, from the middies to the goalie, and that was the difference," Roman added.

Moving forward the biggest test for Norwood will be their ability avoid getting complacent after their strong start, and instead continue to push in the ever competitive Bay State Conference.

If they can do that, then postseason lacrosse could very well be returning to Norwood once the calendar hits May.

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Here is an overall breakdown of how the match with the Tigers played out:

1s: cc-Owen Smith(12) 3-6,2-6; Parker Swiston(12)

2s: cc-Liam Kelly(11) 1-6,0-6; Kris Lobovitch(11)

3s: Michael Breen(11) 0-6,1-6; Alex Lowenthan(10)

1d: Walter Aspinwall(11)/Nathan Jones(9) 1-6,0-6; Shelton Chochran(12)/Max McKee-Proctor(11)

2d: Ben Richwine(12)/Jason Najm(11) 1-6,0-6; Adam Goffstein(10)/Owen Grafe(9)

Moving forward, the main focal point for Churchill's team is improvement on a consistent basis.

"The upcoming Braintree match on Friday will be huge for us. I expect that everyone will be well-focused and ready," said a hopeful Churchill. "We all know that we will need to be at our best. This is the most reliable team I have had, from top to bottom, in terms of commitment to the team, and I think that that will lead to good things for us in the future."

The boys were able to capture their first win this past Friday against Braintree.

Norwood 4, Braintree 1

1s: Owen Smith(12) 4-6,5-7; Farris Muntasser(10) (L)

2s: Liam Kelly(11) 6-3,6-0; Dennis Luong(12) (W)

3s: Michael Breen(11) 6-1,6-3; Dan Tiamzon(11) (W)

1d: Walter Aspinwall(11)/Nathan Jones(9) 4-6,6-2,6-0; Luan Pham(11)/Nick Louie(11) (W)

2d: Ben Richwine(12)/Jason Najm(11) 6-2, 6-3; Chris Lu(12)/Matt Proulx(10) (W)

"We had a strong match today. Everyone played well," said Churchill. "Three matches were won in straight sets and 1st doubles was able to come back to win. Owen had a tough, close match up with a young talent."

It was good for our team to finally earn wins at doubles," Churchill continued. "Although Walter and Nathan got off to a slow start, they found their game and won 12 of the last 14 games. They had lost three 3-set matches previously, so it was nice to see them bounce back so well after the first set. Also, the doubles team of Ben Richwine and Jason Najm looked good at second doubles, winning both of their sets convincingly."

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The most important thing for any team, no matter what level they are playing at, is consistency. Whether it is high school, college or the pros, coaches will always emphasize a "full 48, 60 minutes or 9 full innings of consistency and effort." This Mustangs girls lacrosse team is no different.

"We are certainly progressing. But are we consistently playing at the level I'd like to see us playing at? Not yet," acknowledged Harrington.

Being in the Bay State

Conference, as has been reiterated throughout the fall and winter seasons with every team at Norwood High School, makes life much more difficult. Each school in the conference is equally matched in almost all aspects, and the biggest thing this team can do moving forward is learn to embrace the adversity and challenges that face them.

"We have faced some early challenges in our schedule so I'm looking forward to seeing how the girls react," said Harrington.

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third and, finally, another infield single that plated the second run. Norwood again had a runner reach second base in the bottom half of the inning when Mark Saulnier led off with a walk. Tom Munro then moved him over with an infield single but a fielder's choice and groundouts to second and first ended the rally quickly.

The Mustangs finally got on the board in the seventh though after Anthony Perriello drove in Norwood's first run on a sacrifice fly after a very good at-bat.

Norwood had one last chance in the bottom of the

ninth before Brookline sealed the win. After the leadoff man was hit by the first pitch of the inning, he was then bunted over to second. Unfortunately, a groundout and called third strike looking quickly erased any thoughts the Mustangs had of a walk-off victory.

The team did manage to get a win over over Dedham this past Friday though, a nice response to the tough defeat. O'Neil was dominating for Norwood but this time it was at the plate and not the mound as he went four for five with two triples and a home run.



The baseball team showed off some power against Dedham, after a disappointing loss to Brookline earlier in the week.

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Deaths

BROWN

George Campbell, Jr. 74, formerly of Norwood, on April 4. Beloved son of the late George Campbell, Sr. & Eleanor (MacEnroe) Brown. George was a member of the United States Marine Corps and served proudly in the 1950s. There is truth to the phrase, "Once a Marine, always a Marine", because this "is" the essence of George. He was remembered and highly respected by his peers within the Southern Massachusetts Automobile Industry from the 1960's to the present. Beloved husband of Susan C. (Hoadley) Brown. George is survived by his sons, George Scott Brown of California and Jeffrey Charles Brown of Hanover; his daughters, Wendy Evans and Tracey Cheves both of Rhode Island; and his former wife, Beverly Duke of Rhode Island; George's two stepsons, Michael J. Kent of New Hampshire and Christopher R. Kent of Kingston, and his ten grandchildren. He was the beloved brother of James T. Brown & his wife Sheila of Vermont and Marilyn Crawford & her late husband Bill of New Jersey. Funeral arrangements by the Shepherd Funeral Home, Kingston. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to The American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK; 73123-1718; or www.cancer.org.

ENGLER

Sidney M. of Norwood, on April 14. Beloved husband of Selma (Rosenthal) Engler. Loving father of Michelle Engler of Norwood, Paula & Norman Eskoz of Illinois and Meryl & Kenneth Hickey of Framingham. Proud Papa of

Lauren, Matthew & Alexander. Dear brother of Harold & Sylvia Engler of Framingham and brother-in-law of Ann Finer of West Roxbury. Survived by many nieces & nephews. Arrangements by the Schlossberg Solomon Memorial Chapel, Canton. Interment at Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701 or to the charity of choice.

ERIKSON

Aide (Haggman), formerly of Norwood, on April 10. Beloved wife of the late Joseph Erikson; loving mother of Kenneth Erikson and his wife Carolyn of Amherst, NH, Keith Erikson and his wife Deborah of Hollis, NH, and Diane Zaia and her husband John of Medfield, and the late David Erikson; cherished grandmother of Christopher Erikson and his wife Mariah of Kittery, ME, Cory Erikson of Kittery, ME, Lauren, Kevin and Darren Erikson all of Hollis, NH, Kim Salvia and her husband Jim of CA, and Gregory, Julie and Stephanie Zaia all of Medfield; proud great-grandmother of Calvin Erikson and Melanie Salvia. She was also survived by many dear friends. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (Rte.1A), Norwood. Interment will follow the service in Vine Lake Cemetery, Medfield. Memorial contributions in memory of Aide Erikson may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

JANAVICUS

Helen M. (Pogrelz) for-

merly of Norwood, on April 7. Beloved wife of the late Andrew Janavicius. Sister of the late Frieda Kelley. Aunt of David Jansen, Larry Jansen, Barbara Johnson, Ellen Richardson, Jane Hale and Susan Froeliger. Also survived by many great nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Ginley Funeral Home, Walpole. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood.

ORPHAN

William J., 88, of Norwood, on April 5. U.S. Air Force during World War II as a tail gunner on a B17. His plane was shot down over Germany and he was subsequently held as a P.O.W. in Krems, Austria for 18 months. Mr. Orphan was a firefighter with the Town of Norwood for over 40 years and served as a Captain when he retired in 1989. On April 23, 1978, he was appointed as a temporary Deputy Fire Chief for the Norwood Fire Department. He was an artist, photographer, painter and enthusiastic model airplane builder, flying them in competitions. He was an avid Red Sox and New England Patriots fan. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy Jean (Gorman) Orphan; loving father of Beverley Barzin and her husband Leon of Westwood, James Orphan and his wife Mae of Walpole, and William Orphan and his wife Margaret of Lakeville; devoted grandfather of Alexis and Margaux Barzin, Stephanie Orphan, and Jarred Orphan; brother of the late James, Peter, and George Orphan. He was also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment with military honors

will follow the Mass in Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Memorial contributions in memory of William J. Orphan may be made to the MSPCA-Angell, 350 South Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02130. Our family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the wonderful women of Vista Care Hospice of Southboro, MA and Atlantic Nursing and Homecare of Braintree for the wonderful care you gave our Dad. You gave him peace, kindness and love in his last days at home.

SULLIVAN

Timothy F. of Norwood, on April 9. World War II Veteran serving in Coast Guard on LST 760, participated in battle of Iowa Jima. Dedicated member of the Dedham American Legion Post 18 for 45 years, served as Commander of Post 18 and Awarded Legionaire of the year in 2003. Also held many posts at the State Level of the Legion. Member of Post 18 Color Guard which travelled to Russia, with Late Dorothy Hill to "promote peace and good will on earth" Tim spent his life living the objectives set by the American Legion charter: "to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism." Beloved husband of 64 years to the late Anne L. (Knowlton). Loving father of Timothy F. Sullivan and his wife Christine of Franklin, Christopher P. Sullivan of Pittsfield, Anne Marie Moomey and her husband Michael of Mansfield, and their children Timothy, Andrew and Emily, and the late Stephen G. Sullivan. Also survived by eight grandchildren, three great grandchildren, many friends, including Marion and Bill Turner and

Deborah Attardo, and several nieces and nephews. Beloved brother of the late Marie Donaghue, Francis and James Sullivan. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment in Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Donations in memory of Tim may be made to Charlestown Veterans History Project, c/o B. Durette, 6 Concord St., Charlestown, MA 02129.

WALSH

Barbara (Burlos), 79, of West Hyannisport and Norwood, on April 7. Beloved wife of 58 years to Donald, M. Walsh; her children, Michael Walsh and his wife, Julianne of Westwood, Mark Walsh and his wife, Ellen of Norwood, Kathleen (Kathy) Walsh of Mashpee, Deborah Capodilupo and her husband, Michael of Norwood; her grandchildren, Abigail, Aidan, Mairead, Ryan, Matthew, Luke, Patrick, Holly and Anthony; and her sister, Dorthea Travers and her husband, Stanley.. She was a gifted artist and lover of cats (Honey), golf, traveling, yard sales and "thrifts, Dave's diner, Castle Island, the New England Patriots and the Boston Red Sox. She was a former member of Olde Barnstable/Hyannis Golf Club and Cape Cod Art Association. She retired from the Polaroid Corporation. Funeral arrangements by the Doane, Beal & Ames Funeral Home, Hyannis. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. Barbara's family would like to extend a special thank you to Peg Holland and the people at Barnstable Senior Center Day Care.

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THE REC. DEPARTMENT AND MASSBIKE

On Sat. April 28, the Rec. Department and MassBike will offer an on-bike class for adults who want to get back into bicycling, improve cycling skills, and learn to ride more effectively and safely in traffic. Register online at bikenorwood.com/class or Rec. Department website for "One-Day Hits," class OD71. **REQUIRED:** Preregistration, \$45 fee, Norwood residents only, must bring helmet and a bike in working order. Class meets in Lydon Room, Rec. Department, 165 Nahatan then moves outside for practice riding. See page 10 of the blue Rec. Department program guide. Presented in partnership with the Norwood Bicycle Club and Together, Yes. This four-hour weekend session provides guided instruction with simple practice drills in a parking lot, easy-paced riding on local roadways for short distances, and group-discussion breaks along the way. Topics covered include bike and helmet fitting, starting and stopping your bike in traffic, shifting gears, scanning and yielding, choosing the correct lane position in the road, handling intersections, and more. Questions: Rec. Department at 781-762-0466, price@massbike.com or Dan at 781-762-4240.

RUMMAGE WHITE ELEPHANT

The First Baptist Church of Norwood is planning a Rummage and White Elephant Sale in the Parish House at 71 Bond Street for Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5. Doors will open on Friday evening at 7 p.m. and will close at 9 p.m. A large assortment of women's, men's and children's clothing in excellent condition will be for sale at very reasonable prices. Other items, such as decorative and household, will also be on sale. The doors will open again on Saturday at 10 a.m. All items will be on sale until 2 p.m. From 2 - 3 p.m., there will be a bag sale. All clothing that can fit into a 13-gallon bag will be sold for \$5 a bag. All clothing that will fit into a 30-gallon bag will be sold for \$10 per bag. White elephant items will be sold for half price. All purchases will be cash sales and all sales will be final. Anyone wishing to donate to the sale may drop off clean clothing in good repair on Sunday, April 22 from 12 to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. and Sunday, April 29 from 12 to 1 p.m. and from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Items may be dropped of in

the basement of the church, second room on the left. Enter from the parking lot at the Walpole Street entrance. We are not accepting any electronics or computer equipment.

CATMOBILE BRINGS LOW COST SPAY NEUTER SERVICES TO NORWOOD

On May 8, 22 and 30, the Catmobile will be parked at Petco 1210 Providence Highway, Norwood. Reservations are now being taken. For 3 dates only in the month of May. The Catmobile is operated by the Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society (MRFRS) and is staffed by a licensed veterinarian and two veterinary technicians. The Catmobile offers low cost spay neuter for cats only. The package consists of spay/neuter, rabies vaccinations, exam, nail trim, treatment for fleas and ear mites. Spay package costs \$100 and neuter package costs \$75. The package is available to anyone and there is no qualification process; however *reservations are required* and can be made online at www.catmobile.org or by calling 978-465-1940.

TEMPLE SHAARE TEFILAH

Temple Shaare Tefilah will have a dinner followed by an evening service on Friday, April 27. The dinner, costing \$9, will be at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Kabbalat Shabbat service at 8 p.m. Please call reservations in to the Temple office by Tuesday, April 24, Tel. 1-781-762-8670. Temple Shaare Tefilah is a Conservative, Egalitarian congregation located on Commerce Way in Norwood. For more information and directions see www.templeshaaretefilah.org.

4TH ANNUAL ST CATHERINE'S 5K WALK/RUN ROAD RACE

On June 2 at 5:30pm at the school parking lot on Railroad Ave. Walkers and runners of all ages welcome! Please sign up at www.scsroadrace.com. For more information, email us at scsroadrace@yahoo.com.

NORWOOD ART ASSOCIATION MEETING

This month's demonstrator for the Norwood Art Association meeting to be held at the Norwood Library in the Simoni Room is professional artist Eva Cincotta. The meeting takes place on Thursday, April 19 at 6:45 pm. She is a graduate of

the School of the Museum of Fine Arts and Tufts University. She is a full time artist and teacher and will critique 3 to 5 pieces of artwork brought in by the attending artists. News Release from: Inez Reardon, Publicity Chairman for the Norwood Art Association, Inc., 78 Norton Drive, Norwood, MA 02062. 781-762-6527 News release from Pub-

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Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail!)
Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.
Grateful thanks. —R.P.

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In gratitude for helping me. —R.P.



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licity Chairman for the Norwood Art Association.

COMMUNITY DAY ARTICLE 2

Be part of our Community Day "Rock the Ages" Concert Come join us on Saturday, May 5, for the second annual Community Day at the First Congregational Church in Norwood, and add your voice to our "Rock the Ages" concert!

What it's all about? We're looking for ten to twelve singers or vocal groups to perform in our "Rock the Ages" concert to celebrate Community Day and the closing of our 275th anniversary year. Performers may choose whatever type of song they prefer - cover songs, original songs, even karaoke if the backing track is supplied.

The concert will be held in Warner Chapel at 1 p.m. Time allowed for each performance slot will be approximately five minutes, including set-up. We will run until 2:15 pm. A PA system and microphones will be provided. A piano is available for accompaniment. The entire concert, including all perfor-

mances, will be filmed. (Signed release form required.) A DVD of the concert will be made for all performers. In addition, the DVD will be included as a valued artifact in our 275th Anniversary Time Capsule to be opened in 2062! Who benefits? All proceeds from Community Day will be donated to Meals on Wheels, the Abundant Table, and the Norwood Ecumenical Food Pantry. In addition, the following charitable organizations will participate in Community Day at the First Congregational Church: National Ministries, Pure Water, The Generic Ministry, Divorce Recovery, and Walk for Hunger. The First Congregational Church is located on the corner of Walpole and Winter Streets in Norwood. For more information on the Second Annual Community Day, please call the church office at 781-762-3320.

SENIOR ART SHOW

The outstanding artwork done by members of the Class of 2012 in Design and Visual Communications at Blue Hills Regional Technical

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School, 800 Randolph St. in Canton, will be on display for the public on Tuesday, May 1 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. All are welcome. This event is free. Light refreshments will be served. Questions, call 781-828-5800 x333.

NORWOOD SENIOR BABE RUTH BASEBALL SIGNUPS AND TRYOUTS

Norwood Senior Babe Ruth Baseball, ages 16-19, will hold signups and tryouts at the Willet Field on May 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please, come prepared to practice and bring an original or certified birth certificate and a check for \$150.00. A parent/guardian will also need to fill out a registration form. Any questions: please call George Lally at 781-762-1121 or email at georgebrl@norwoodlight.com.

FREE INFORMATIONAL SEMINAR

On Saturdays April 21 & May 12, at 1:00 PM "Your Life. Your Legacy. Plan to make it right." All members and their guests from the community are invited to attend a FREE presentation, "Your Life. Your Legacy. Plan to make it right," courtesy of GILLOOLY FUNERAL HOME. Planning for life's big events such as weddings, graduations and retirements is something most of us do automatically. Unfortunately, many of us put off - or don't even think about - planning ahead for funeral arrangements. Yet this is one of the greatest gifts you can give your family, for their peace of mind and yours. We believe that no one should be uninformed and unprepared on the day that they have lost a loved one. At this informative, no-obligation presentation, you'll hear people like you talk about their candid views of funeral planning. You'll hear why so many have made the wise decision to plan ahead. Why their loved ones have a sense of relief. And why they just plain feel good about knowing they've done

the right thing for their family members.

The atmosphere is relaxed, the discussion is candid, and refreshments will be served. All your questions on planning ahead will be answered, and you'll leave knowing the four simple steps to creating and sharing your final wishes with those you love. We know you'll find this Seminar to be time well spent. Join us on April 21 or May 12 at Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., Norwood at 1:00 PM. Space is limited, so please R.S.V.P. today to 781-762-0174 or to giloolyfuneralhome@gmail.com to reserve seats for yourself, your family and your friends.

IRISH DANCE FUNDRAISER FOR SOUTH NORFOLK COUNTY ARC

Once again, it is time for the popular Irish Dance to benefit South Norfolk County Arc. Held on Saturday, April 21 from 8:00 p.m. until midnight at Concannon's Village at 60 Lenox St. in Norwood, the event will feature Erin's Melody Band and dancers from the Harney Academy of Dance in Walpole. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Great raffle prizes will be available. Proceeds benefit South Norfolk County Arc programs and services for families affected by developmental disabilities.

This popular annual event has been planned and hosted by Pat and Nora Walsh for 28 years and is known throughout the area as a great way to celebrate Irish heritage and support a worthy cause at the same time. For more information about the Irish Dance or about programs and services for people affected by intellectual and developmental disabilities, call 781-762-4001 or visit our web site at www.sncarc.org.

PIZZA WARS II: THE REBELS RISE UP

Norwood Nuggets Youth Hockey is holding its second annual Pizza Wars competition at the Coakley Middle School Cafeteria on Saturday, April 21, 2012, 11:30a to 1:30p. Come sample cheese pizza from some of Norwood's best restaurants and pizza shops, including

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Stash's, Conrads, Dominos, Giorgio's, and Bertucci's then vote on the best tasting. Admission \$5.00, with all proceeds to support Norwood youth hockey.

NORWOOD BANK SHRED DAY

On April 21, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. in their parking lot. Shred day is back. Which is free and open to the public. You may bring up to TWO Boxes of paper content, including old bank statements, cancelled or unused checks, and other confidential documents. You will receive a recycled Norwood Bank grocery tote, along with coupons for special offers. For more information, stop by or visit us at www.norwoodbank.com

NORWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT HOCKEY TEAM.

Will be having their annual NFD vs. All Pro Bruins game, Sunday on May 6, at 1p.m. at Iorio Arena (2130 Providence Hwy, Walpole). With free souvenirs (while supplies last).

NORWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE THE LADIES OF DOWNTON ABBEY

Lassell College professors Jill Carey and Lynn Blake will analyze the historical influences on the recent PBS sensation with their illustrated lecture, "The Ladies of Downton Abbey: An Exploration of Fashion & Character." Their analysis will break down fashion trends on both sides of the Atlantic in the show's period, 1900-1920. They will also explore the creation of characters from three generations of Downton Abbey's Grantham family. The presentation will be preceded by the society's Annual Membership Meeting on Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. The program is free and open to the public. The Norwood Historical Society is located at 93 Day Street, Norwood. For more information please consult our website: www.norwoodhistoricalsociety.org.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY COMMITTEE TO HOLD FREE BABYSITTING COURSE

A free babysitting course sponsored by the Women's Community Committee (WCC) will be held at the Coakley Middle School, the week of April 30-May 4 for Norwood residents in grades 6, 7 and 8. Applications for registration are currently available at the Coakley Middle School, St. Catherine of Siena School, Morrill Memorial Library and the WCC Thrift Shop, 1194 Washington Street, Norwood during shop hours. Application deadline is April 13. Upon completion of the course, WCC Education Committee Chairman, Ruth Martowska will present each student with a certificate. For additional information, please call the Thrift Shop at 781-762-2991.

SCHOLARSHIP 25-CENTURY CLUB DINNER

The Norwood Scholarship Foundation is having there 25 Century Club Dinner on April 26, located at Brook Meadow Country Club at 100 Everendon Rd., Canton. Social Hour from 5:45 to 6:45 followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Amici Cantores, Student Art Exhibit the schools that are participating this year are Norwood High, Thurston Middle School, St. Catherine's School and Blue Hills Regional. There will be a silent auction that will take place throughout the evening. For more information please call Rosemary West (781) 762-0344.

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SECTION A - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID TOWN OF NORWOOD, MA

Sealed bids will be received up to 11:00 A.M.(Verizon time), May 10, 2012, in the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 for the following Public Project:

"Classroom Lighting Replacement - Oldham & Balch Schools"

The complete bid package may be obtained in the Purchasing Department during regular business hours. The bid must be filled out and signed as directed herein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed to the General Manager, endorsed with the name and address of the bidder, and marked, "Classroom Lighting - Schools, CONTRACT #NSD-12-02".

Bids will be valid only when accompanied by:

1. A Prime Contractor Certificate of Eligibility to bid a project of this size and nature issued by the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAM) and certified in electrical.
2. An updated statement (Form CQ3) summarizing the contractor's record for the period between the latest DCAM certification and the date of submittal of the Bid.
3. 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 payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the first year award.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Balch School, 1168 Washington Street, Norwood, MA, on April 26, 2012, at 3:15 P.M.

Bids shall be prepared, considered, and the contract awarded in accordance with all statutes governing such contracts (MGL Chapter 30 and Chapter 149 as amended). Every General Bid shall be on forms furnished by the Town. Bids submitted on other forms may be rejected. The award of the contract shall be made within 30 working days after the opening of General Bids, Saturdays, and Sundays excluded.

An award will not be made to a Contractor who is not properly equipped to undertake and complete the work. The right is reserved to waive any informality and to reject any or all bids or any part of any bid in accordance with the provisions of MGL as amended.

The Town of Norwood notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed or national origin in consideration for an award. As part of his obligation of remedial action under the foregoing section, the Contractor and Subcontractors shall maintain not less than 5% ratio of minority employee work hours to total work hours in each job category specified in Section 44F of Chapter 149 MGL.

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.

Wages are subject to minimum wage rates under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D inclusive, as most recently amended.

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. Questions can be addressed to Catherine Carney, Contract Administrator, Town of Norwood, at (781) 762-1240, Ext. 106 or 107. **Requests for specifications can be made by emailing to the following address: PBilotta@norwoodma.gov.**

BY: John J. Carroll, General Manager

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Legals

NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Public Hearing Notice

Pursuant to Mass. General Law 41, Section 81U and Section 4.7 of the Norwood Subdivision Rules and Regulations, the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 8:15 P.M. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, concerning the Maxwell Estates Subdivision, 21 Maxwell Avenue, Norwood, MA. (Map 19, Sheet 2, Parcel 7). The applicant/owner is the Sopp Family Trust, Linda Sopp Trustee, 42 Harrison Ave, Northampton, MA 01060. A copy of the subdivision plan and accompanying reports are on file in the office of the Planning Board and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

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TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** in **ROOM 12** of the **Municipal Office Building** on **May 8, 2012 at 7:15 PM** on the request of **Ghatts & Joseph Inc., (Case # 12-13)** with respect to property located on **707 Neponset Street**, in a **S-Single Residential District**.

The application requests:

A **SPECIAL PERMIT** under Section 5.2 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow an extension of existing non-conforming uses on an expanded building (retail convenience store-Sec. 3.15.D.4; gas station and motor vehicle repair service station, including inspection services-Sec.3.1.5.H.2); and a **SPECIAL PERMIT** under the Sections 6.2, 6.2.6, and 6.2.2.1 to allow installation of new signage, including electronically-activated signage.

A **VARIANCE** under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow construction of a canopy over fuel pumps, said canopy to have a front setback of 6 feet, 4 inches where 20 feet is required - Sec. 4.1.1. Together with such other relief as the Zoning Board of Appeal may deem necessary.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be viewed Monday - Thursday between 8:30 AM to 3 PM.

BOARD OF APPEAL

Patrick J. Mulvehill, Chairman; Barbara A. Kinter, Philip W. Riley, John R. Perry, Harry T. Spence

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BOOK CLUB

The Book Club is scheduled to meet on Monday, April 23 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, April 26 at 11:00 a.m.

GLEE CLUB

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

HISTORY TALK

The next History Talk will be on Thursday April 19, at 1:00 p.m. The subject will be Causes of World War II.

INDOOR WALKING

Monday through Friday 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the school gym.

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.

SCRABBLE

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

SHINE

Our SHINE Counselor, Carol, con-

tinues to assist you on Tuesdays from 10:00-2:00. Please call 781-762-1201 for an appointment.

TRIAD

Monday, April 23 at 1:00 p.m., Mark Ryan, from the Department of Public Works will be here to discuss the new Public Works Yard Project.

WAXING

Angela is here on the last Monday of the month, Monday, April 30th at 9:30 a.m.

WHIST

Whist players meet to play Whist on Tuesdays at 12:45 p.m., in the library.

WHIST PARTY

Please note whist parties will be held on the 4th Friday of each month from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Wii GAMES

We have a Wii Game Console available for anyone that would like to try it. It has bowling, tennis, golf, and other games. Just ask at the front desk.

DANCE

The Friends' next dance will be on April 20, from 7:00 to 10:30 p.m.

TRIPS

May 15: Luncheon and Show, Luciano's Wrentham. Drive on your own \$41.00 per person.

June 4-6: Cape Cod & Nantucket. Three-day/two night trip \$399.00 per person/Double.

June 14: Musical Salute to America Wrights Chicken Farm, RI. Lunch, Show, Transportation - \$56.00 per person.

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