

## It's not easy being green...

But board wants Light Dept. to consider environmental options

Krystal Grow  
Staff Reporter

Green energy is the catch phrase of the year, and members of the Board of Selectmen want to study ways to take the trend and turn it into a solid plan to harness more renewable energy sources for the town.

Norwood Municipal Light Department Superintendent Malcolm McDonald told members of the board on Tuesday that Norwood Light had pursued the possibility of joining the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Renewable Energy Trust. But, after seeking advice from Town Council,

**Light Dept.**

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## A Peace Parade

A group of peaceful protesters stopped in Norwood on their march from Leverett, MA to Washington DC last week. Selectmen Chair Mike Lyons hosted the group for lunch before they headed into Walpole on their journey to the nation's capital to promote economic stability and world peace.

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## FinCom takes Schools to task on budget

New hires and budget shortfall spark debate

Krystal Grow  
Staff Reporter

The much delayed and long awaited showdown between the School Committee and the Finance Commission came to fruition Monday night, as members of each board vocalized their issues with school financing and debated ways to trim the budget by \$1.8 million for the upcoming fiscal year.

The FinCom has openly criticized the school committee's spending practices, particularly in the personnel and salary accounts, and questioned the hiring of 12 additional teachers after last year's town meeting as well as salary increases in a difficult economic climate.

"Salary increases to administration, most glaringly \$20,000 to the business manager and \$20,000 to the superintendent seem excessive to me," said FinCom Chairman Allan Howard. "The bottom line is that the school committee must reduce budget requests by \$1.8 million. That money has to come out of budgets, because there is no more

money available."

The Town Wide Budget Committee, which first made the recommendation to cut general government and school budgets, agreed to take \$3.4 million from free cash accounts to supplement lower than anticipated revenues, the most money used from that account in three of the last four years.

"You can go across the board in all the salaries and there is almost a million in increases at a time when we're in a fiscal crisis," said FinCom member Joe Greeley. "I'm sure they're justifiable, but when you look at the bigger picture the town of Norwood just can't afford it."

School Supt. John Moretti said that the salary increases come from a variety of factors, including a 1.9 percent increase from collective bargaining as well as "step increases" to 165 teachers at approximately \$1,200 per step.

"The School Committee has been very conscientious in collective bargaining," Moretti said, adding that the committee usually reserves about \$400,000 each year for contract negotiations with teachers unions. In their first pass of the budget, Moretti said he cut that number in half, and in light of the recent request

**Budget**

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## FinCom/PBCC sign off on high school project

Krystal Grow  
Staff Reporter

The Finance Commission and the Permanent Building Construction Committee are the latest town boards to give the new Norwood High School Project their stamp of approval. Town Manager John Carroll, Town Clerk and Accountant Bob Thornton, Architect Scott Dunlap and Norwood High School Principal George Usevich made their case to multiple boards packed into the FinCom room Monday night.

The power point presentation outlining site specifications, tax and financial details and potential benefits to the town and future students has already been presented to and approved by the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Committee of 21, but members of the FinCom had their first chance to take a crack at the plans.

With a keen eye on the monetary and fiscal effects of the proposal, FinCom members vocalized many of the concerns local homeowners are feeling in the wake of the \$79 million dollar project.

FinCom Chairman Allan Howard asked how property values could effect tax payments for local homeowners, which will rise an average of approximately \$150 per year over the length of the project.

Committee of 21 Chairman Tom McQuaid said that while fluctuating housing values would not have a drastic effect on the project costs, new growth in Norwood would actually reduce overall property taxes, easing some of the burden on homeowners.

Thornton said that Norwood's strong commercial property base would also help defray some of the cost to local residents. "We are lucky enough to have a large number of commercial tax payers to pick up a portion of the tax levy," he said. "In other towns that are mostly residential, they are paying huge property tax bills. Even with the new high school, we are still well below the rates surrounding towns are paying."

In light of the difficult economic times, many members of the public, as

**FinCom**

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# Private schools not as shaky

**Krystal Grow**  
Staff Reporter

In a time where local public schools are struggling to make ends meet and banking on an anticipated and unknown amount of state aid, local private schools are weathering the financial storm with far fewer question marks on the horizon.

Administrators from both St. Catherine of Siena and South Area Solomon Schechter school said that despite the tough times, their budget pictures remain relatively stable because the main factors they use to determine their costs and expenses never wildly fluctuate.

"In a recession, we have it a little easier because we always have a fixed budget with money coming from tuition," said St. Catherine of Siena Principal Gretchen Hawley. "Money isn't going to come falling from the sky. This is how we have always worked."

Private schools receive the bulk of their revenue from tuitions, which are often one of the first costs families choose to cut in times of financial trouble, but Father John Currie, a member of the Parish Financial Council said that private schools have a greater ability to help families that are willing to make the investment in education. "If we ever have a policy that says if we can't meet your need, you can't come here we should be shut down, because that goes completely against our mission," he said. "We will

go the extra mile to help those in need."

Harry Bloom, Director of Institutional Development for the South Area Solomon Schechter Day School said that some families view private education as a luxury, but some people have a different set of priorities and feel they are making an investment toward education," he said.

The Schechter school has seen a large jump in enrollment since moving to Norwood from Stoughton last year, and said the convenience factor as well as the quality of education has convinced many people from surrounding towns to invest in private education.

Enrollment numbers are a main factor in determining yearly budgets, and a large jump can both hurt and help schools depending on how many families need financial assistance and how much money has been raised through fundraising.

"We have many families who want to help and quietly provide for others," said Currie. "It all comes down to our mission and the feeling of community we have here."

Bloom agreed that while it is increasingly difficult to procure donations, people are still willing to contribute to private

education. "We raise funds as well as we can," he said, "but people continue to be generous and step up. It's a challenging year and we are working as hard as we can not to turn anyone away."

Hawley and Currie said they encourage people to consider private education even if they are having financial problems, because financial aid is available. "We gave out over \$120,000 in tuition assistance this year," Currie said. "We are always proactively raising and developing money for assistance to provide for families."

The self-sufficient nature of private schools allows them a certain degree of freedom, as they are not susceptible to the whims of state funding and government mandates, and can choose how and where to spend the money they raise.

"That kind of push and pull doesn't happen," Hawley said. "We're conscious of educational mandates and we meet them, but we would never get a mandate that would determine where the emphasis of our education lies. Our list of priorities are to keep things accessible for families and maintaining the integrity of our mission."

"We're not totally at the mercy of what the governor gives us," Bloom said. "We can create our own destiny to some extent. Not to say that we have all the answers. We have to work twice as hard and depend on the goodness of people's hearts."

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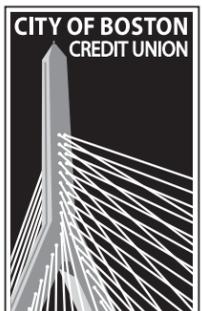
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# Rare race in April

## Holmwood challenges Brancato for 5 year term

**Krystal Grow**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Planning Board has continuity among members unrivaled by most town boards, and with a five year minimum term and a clear commitment among members, it's rare to see a vacant seat or a contested race. However, this year current Chairman and 15 year veteran Marco Brancato is up for reelection, and he has some competition.

Debbie Holmwood has been a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals as both a full and alternate member for nine years, and said that sometimes, "lifers" on local boards can hamper productivity as they settle into their seat. "I don't believe in career politicians," she said. "No matter what you do, if you do it for too long, you get stale."

Holmwood, who has lived in Norwood for 22 years and has been in real estate development since 1983, said she wanted to bring a fresh perspective and a new set of eyes to the board to review site plans and blueprints for potential developments in the town she calls home. "Everyone brings something new to the table," she said. "I don't want change for change sake, but I do believe everyone brings something new to the table."

Brancato said he is banking

on his experience to carry him through this year's election. "I'm going to run on my record," he said. "I have the experience, understanding and can compromise to reach a



Debbie Holmwood

Brancato said he has tried to take a more personal approach to his position on the planning board, actively seeking out abutters to find out their concerns with any given project in



Marco Brancato

common goal."

Over the past 35 years, Brancato has learned the building trade from multiple angles, earning licensure in HVAC, electrical and heating work, as well as a real estate license. He was also owner of the former Dandy Donuts, the popular local coffee shop on Washington Street. He has been a Norwood homeowner for 30 years. "I understand what residents are looking for, and I understand where developers are coming from," he said.

an attempt to settle, if not better understand how new and existing commercial and residential projects will affect local neighborhoods. "I stopped Ernie Boch Jr. from turning Neponset Street into a parking lot," he said. "I knocked on doors to save 10 houses. That's the kind of stuff I do."

Development along Route 1 has been a major part of the Planning Board's workload,

**Race**

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# Final list of submitted high school construction questions

1. Has enough thought been given to considering another location for the new school so that the old school could be sold, leased or utilized by the Town in another capacity?

2. In the event that the tax override is defeated, what course of action will be taken to meet the accreditation requirements for the high school?

3. What would be the rate per \$1,000 of assessed value for residents? For businesses? (Not the average).

4. Why would you destroy a building that has an assessed value of over \$10M?

5. Westwood High sits on 60 acres of land; why would you try to fit such a large school on only 20 acres? What is the impact on sports program?

6. What tax implications will be incurred, not only immediately but in the future? Can we get some actual numbers rather than percentages?

7. Does the population in Norwood warrant the need for a new and bigger school? And if so, do all students check out as Norwood residents?

8. If the construction of the new school goes through, how can we make sure that the students will not abuse or destroy whatever might be new at this point? As far as I hear, kids manage to do drugs and come to school under the influence at times, and our teachers are not able or willing to address the issue, either for fear or because they feel they are not sitters. Will we install cameras to attack this kind of behavior?

9. What about the residents who have chosen not to have any kids, or whose children are all grown up, is there an equitable way to distribute this future tax burden?

10. What about the economy, does it warrant this kind of project?

11. What route will all the big trucks take to bring materials to the high school? We live on Elliot St. which is an easy access from 1A to Nichols St. Is this street going to be a cut through to get to the high school or will other streets share the burden? There are a lot of little kids and elderly on this street and we all know that these trucks can't stop on a dime. With all the noise and pollution that these trucks will bring, it will not be a pleasant time. The street is in bad shape already. It would be a complete mess in a short time.

12. What will be the cost of busing the high school athletes to the various fields around town while the high school fields are not available? What will be the continued cost for the athletes, i.e. baseball, that will not be able to return to the high school for competition. Will the athletes' parents be responsible for the cost?

13. With the seniors hurting, prices and taxes going up, children applying to college, cost of food rising, if the override doesn't pass, why is there not an alternative plan?

14. Has it been considered to exempt senior citizens from the cost of a new high school? Many of them have paid for most of the schools now in existence. They are living on fixed incomes, which are being eroded by higher costs of food, electricity, water, etc.

15. When did the people of Norwood vote on building a new high school or renovating the current high school? It was not the vote for the \$6 million dollar override.

16. Our property taxes in Norwood go up regularly, now add to that the estimated average of \$150 per year for the proposed new Norwood High School for the next 24 years. My questions is, how is the average Norwood homeowner going to be able to tolerate all of these increases all the while our properties are decreasing in

value?

17. Is the money that the project is to receive monthly from the MSBA unaffected by the economy and shortages in operating budgets?

18. What is the projected additional cost of temporary relocation of sports venues, etc.?

19. Will there be an increase in the number of teachers, facility workers, etc.?

20. If the tax override passes will we see our real estate and excise taxes go up 2-1/2 percent? Are there any other taxes or fees increased also?

21. Who do we contact to oppose or agree with this override?

22. If you lease the use of the high school for another purpose or sell it, it could be saved. There is land behind Jr. High North and South. If you build behind South, the buses would make one run for several students in one family and save money (for example, 8th grade and 10th grade from one household).

23. Are my children's choices for college going to be limited because of a lack of accreditation?

24. We live near the high school (Victoria Circle area) and have a water problem like many of our neighbors. We are concerned that blasting, etc. for the new school will exacerbate the condition. Has this problem been considered? Some people in the area think the flow of water can be diverted behind the school down to a brook that is in the area. This situation is very important us.

25. Why didn't the Committee of "21" even consider successful remodels like Walpole, Canton, even Boston? Did they start with only acceptable solution — New School?

26. It is understandable that real estate taxes will rise due to Norwood's new high school and we do realize the need for a new building. In the meantime, the valuations of homes are declining because of our faltering economy and the drop in home sales. My question is: does the Town have any plans to reappraise Norwood homes? If not, what is the process of requesting a reappraisal for my home as, I'm sure, its valuation has dropped this past year.

27. Usually, with a debt exclusion override it's for 20 years. Why, when the presentation was made at the selectmen meeting and the school committee meeting, was the debt shown over 24 years not the usual 20 years. Where did the 24 years come from? Was this done just to show the debt to be slightly cheaper?

28. Will the question on the ballot have a fixed dollar amount? What happened to the six million we approved for building plans — last year's 2-1/2 override?

29. Will dollars allocated for the new high school be trackable? Put something in place similar to a plan vs. actual report showing dollars spent.

30. Will the memorial bricks from the walkway be restored and where to?

31. How much will it cost to demolish and remove the present school?

32. Why can't the new high school be located elsewhere???

33. What is Mr. Bonfatti's professional background/resume? Would you illuminate his qualifications? Does he have a contract with the town for the duration of the project or can he be reassigned by his company at any point in time?

34. Does the bidding process require that the Town of Norwood take the lowest bidder? Can any caveats be written into the contract that allows for penalties in the case of: malfeasance, non-performance or similar scenarios?

35. Given the fact that this volunteer

group is charged with significant responsibility for a project of this scale, if there is a punch list, do they have the authority to withhold payments until the list is completed in a satisfactory manner?

36. As the project will be under 780 CMR, Section 116, will there be an architect on site also overseeing the quality of construction to ensure that the design matches the application?

37. Will the existing desks/equipment/etc. be recycled in some fashion within the existing school system or auctioned off locally or on e-bay or offered to bid to the public?

38. Has it been pre-determined if the existing site is located on a large mass of rock, or other geologic residue which would effect the cost of excavating for the new footprint of the building?

39. Within town government will there be a specific person to forward comments or complaints to once the project has started? If any, who will that person be?

40. How will the funds the state will provide be distributed, on a periodic timetable/as needed/or on a pre-assigned basis? If the funds become liquid or non-available, can the state be held liable for misleading the taxpayers of Norwood?

41. Will there need to be an increase in staff?

42. By going green we assume that the costs to operate the building should be reduced — what kind of savings are anticipated — specifically? For example, 10 percent less than today's cost — 15 percent, etc.

43. Why have Norwood residents/taxpayers not received anything from the Town showing a line item cost comparison for renovating the existing school and campus versus a similar item for item cost estimate for an entirely new structure and grounds. Aren't they both available at this time?

44. Are the state reimbursement figures on which the project is based actual, real and confirmed so, or are they presumed, assumed and not confirmed but only supposed by our Norwood school officials and selectmen.

45. Has anyone on any of the committees talked with Tim Cahill? I have heard him say twice on radio that there is no money for building new schools, but that there is money for renovation.

46. If this goes through, can the town get the money in an escrow account so it isn't left holding the debt if the money should be withdrawn or cut back?

47. Is there any way to preserve the facade of the main building and go off the back or out back and use the building for offices/storage etc. When I worked for the state after the Consent Decree, the old ugly buildings became our offices and the clients lived/worked in renovated updated space. It's not really broken, probably stronger than what would be built today.

48. Once the existing high school is demolished (if indeed that is what is to happen), I am curious to know how the property facing Nichols Street (the front of the proposed new school) will be used. I do not recall seeing a plan for landscaping this area, which is now quite beautiful.

49. With the banks not loaning money at the current time. What happens if, the override vote is yes but the Town Treasury can't secure the funding for the project?

50. Is the current Norwood High structurally sound or not? I thought the state has certified it to be structurally sound. However, when I look at newnorwoodhighschool.com site and check under "Why a new school?" I saw

it has structural deficiencies. So, is the current high school structurally sound or not?

51. As a second opinion is there any way the committee may consider getting an estimate from a company other than SMMA, or Ai3 on fixing the 43 items on the NEASC list? There has to be other companies who specialize in renovating old building. Most people get two or three prices from different companies before doing any work on their homes.

52. Can it be proven by a state, or fed study the loss of a high school accreditation will result in the loss of property/home values in a Town?

53. Any idea on when the Committee of 21 will start to work on the Coakley Middle School which, if I remember correctly, was suffering from many of the same issues as the current high school, which was the original order by town meeting. The last estimate I thought I heard on the Coakley to fix it was \$11-12 million. Just wondering if the state gets involved again with the Coakley if it might say to tear this school down as well and build a new one?

54. What is going to happen to our athletes when we have no available fields to play on. Are there going to be buses for these athletes to travel every day to those fields? Are we as parents expected to leave our jobs to take our kids to practice every day? Are our athletic fees also going up? I understand that sacrifices have to be made, but why might the families of our town's athletes sacrifice the most?

55. Has anyone given a price for an addition onto the complete back of the existing school? If that could be done, at about the same price as the taxpayers will have to pay after the state money for the new building, there would be science and math labs and several other rooms. The rest of the old building could be renovated one room at a time later.

56. Given all the recent news articles and public awareness, why would Norwood school officials risk endangering our children by allowing this extremely expensive synthetic turf to be installed at NHS, knowing in advance what the potential medical dangers are for lead poisoning (particularly when the proposed high school field is to be used and overly used for so many sport activities)? Real grass is going "green;" synthetic turf is artificial and a potential health hazard.

57. In March of 2008, the MSBA announced favorably on a new high school for Norwood. This despite the report of The STV Group, an independent architectural and engineering firm hired by MSBA to assess and evaluate the conditions at NHS, found no serious problems. For example: Under the heading...Building Structure the comment was "No issues were noted." Another comment: "While the building appears to be 'tired' and uninspiring, it does not appear to be obsolete and in need of total replacement." Further: "The building is generally well organized and the classrooms mostly of appropriate size with good day lighting and views." Question: Why did all the powers that be completely ignore this STV Group report?

58. The 2004 override suggested \$12 million for the Middle School and \$18 million for NHS additions, renovations, etc. It was defeated. How did the Committee of 21 rationalize sidetracking the Middle School and determining that Norwood needed a new high school?

59. When was the last demographic study done reflecting where most of the high school students currently live and

**High School questions**

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# Letters to the Editor

## DISAPPOINTED WITH COMMON SENSE COMMITTEE

To the Editor,

I am writing regarding the Feb. 19 article, "Common Sense Wants Equal Time."

It is truly disheartening that this group of Norwood residents will not give up their empty arguments about a new Norwood High School.

The Common Sense Committee is seeking equal time to present their alternative plans. However, they have had months and months, if not years, to make this happen and, at this late date, have still presented nothing of substance. They make statements about renovation but, after all this time, have nothing to support that plan as more economical and more practical than building a new school.

The Committee of 21, on the other hand, has done extensive research, compiled hard data, and done its homework while working in conjunction with the state agency overseeing such projects. The state confirmed construction of a new school building will be less expensive than renovation and will better serve the students of Norwood.

The Common Sense Committee is clinging to an outmoded building at the expense of the students and citizens of this town. They are doing this town a huge disservice by refusing to embrace what most of this town already knows — we need a new school to keep our students competitive and our town a truly wonderful, family friendly place to live.

Patty Wilkinson  
Norwood

## PRIDE VERSUS EDUCATION

To the Editor:

Let pride be for the athletes and education for the students. If the money from the state, and the money the town contributes through increased taxes to be used for the new high school, was put into investing in more of a teaching staff, there would be much improvement in the quality of education. The student/teacher ratio would decrease resulting in more attention for the students, they could be better supervised and better counseled. Students could be more rounded to fit into modern society and cope with every day life. What's more, Norwood would probably have the best educated students in the region.

Pride, one of the seven deadly sins is what some are advocating as reason for a new high school and is just rooted in building materials and labor. Let pride be for the Irish and the

Celtics and education for the students. I hope the people in Norwood will do what is best for the future of the students.

Robert T. Sullivan Town Meeting Member District 1

## FREE SPEECH STILL EXISTS

To the Editor:

In response to the February 19th article entitled "Common Sense Wants Equal Time."

The First Amendment right to free speech has not been revoked. The Common Sense committee has every right to voice their opinion on the new Norwood High School project. No one is preventing them from doing so.

The subject of a new Norwood High School has been debated and discussed for over a decade now. The Committee of 21 discussed and researched every angle of what should be done with the existing high school. All information related to the new Norwood High School project has been made readily available and communicated very clearly via a number of media outlets.

Renovating the existing high school will cost \$80-plus million dollars and the taxpayers of Norwood would absorb the entire cost.

Does it make sense to renovate a building that is 83 years old vs. building a state of the art facility that retains several key architectural features of the current high school? Renovating would cause more disruption to students, staff and the community. In the end, a renovated Norwood high school would cost taxpayers significantly more for not the best product. Is this common sense? It is not.

We, the citizens of Norwood, are being given a gift from the state of Massachusetts in the form of the Model School program.

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The time to approve this project and move forward is upon us. This is common sense.

Suzanne Van Hoesen  
Norwood

## PROCESS HAS BEEN OPEN AND ORGANIZED

To the Editor:

I found Sean Dixon's comments about the high school project in last week's edition amusing because, in the 25 years I have lived in Norwood, there has never been a more organized and open public debate on an issue than has taken place in relation to this one.

Ironically, if any group has been engaged in a deliberate mis-information campaign during the last two years, it has been Mr. Dixon, Selectwoman Helen Donahue and other supporters of the in-aply named "Common Sense Committee."

Their track record speaks for itself. The group attempted to undermine the recommendations of the town-sponsored Committee of 21 by questioning the quality of its analysis and the objectivity of its volunteer members. They falsely accused town officials of mishandling the \$6 million voters allocated to fund the project's design. They attempted to circumvent the state's funding review process by lobbying the state treasurer and misleadingly arguing that a majority of the town's citizens oppose the project. They criticized school officials for refusing to install portable science labs at the high school despite the fact that the idea had been studied and rejected on the basis of cost, space and safety considerations. They argued that the high school project should be moved to the Coakley Middle School even though town engineers demonstrated that the site is too small. They complained

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## FinCom *continued from page 1*

well as elected and appointed officials want complete reassurance that the money the state has promised to pitch in for the project, a hefty \$43 million, is guaranteed.

"What kind of assurance do we have that the money is going to be there," Howard asked?

"You should feel pretty certain," said Project Manager Tim Bonfatti. "This was set up pretty well, you have a time tested building plan and you have a very good team of people working on this."

Bonfatti added that the MSBA has placed the money for Norwood into an account specifically reserved for the project, and will not be revoked or removed for any other purpose than building a new high school in Norwood.

Member Judith Langone, who also chairs the Town Wide Budget Subcommittee, wanted to make sure the project costs were stable before fully approving the plans.

Bonfatti said that while the numbers could change slightly as bids from general contractors come in at the end of the week, those numbers will help shape the final budget that will be presented to Town Meeting on

March 23. "Those bids represent 80 percent of the total costs," Bonfatti said. "Once we have that cost we will have a very strong budget to bring to Town Meeting."

Howard suggested that the current assessed value of the existing high school be added to the project cost, as the town would theoretically lose money by tearing down the building if it is still worth a substantial amount of money.

"That number is totally meaningless," Carroll said. "The only way that value could be used is if the building was put on the market, and the value we would get for it would be nowhere near what the assessed value is." Carroll added that in order for the building to be sold, an alternate site would need to be found for the high school, a prospect he said had already been studied ad nasueum.

FinCom member Joe Greeley, who saw the presentation at a recent meeting of the Committee of 21, said that while the facts were well organized and clear, one should not assume that the project would be easy to get through Town Meeting and April elections. "There is enough in this presen-

tation to make it as close to full disclosure as possible. Nothing is being glossed over, but to me, it's not a given that this is going to go through," he said. "We need more work on the financial reporting so the town knows we are keeping track of the project costs."

Langone, who admitted she had been skeptical of former proposals for the new high school in the past, said she was in favor of the plan and made the motion for the FinCom to approve the project and bring their recommendation forward to Town Meeting. "It's no secret that I've had misgivings in the past," she said, "but I see this as our third go around and I am totally comfortable with this. It's a beautiful building and it's perfect for the town."

The FinCom approved the project with a majority of three members voting in favor of the plans. Member John Hayes opposed, while the Chairman abstained from voting.

The Permanent Building Construction Committee, who have been working closely with the project manager and architect on the site plan specifics, unanimously approved the project.

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and Holmwood said that even though times are tough for local businesses, the board's duty was to protect homeowners while still trying to attract business, a task she said required careful balancing among board members. "It's a balancing act," she said. "You want to be business friendly, but you have to protect the neighborhood. My time on the ZBA stemmed from my interest as an abutter. When you're an abutter and you're upset about something, you have as much of a right to say something as Ernie Boch does."

While the Zoning and Planning Boards share some tasks,

Brancato said a proposed revision to local bylaws to essentially fuse the boards was one of the most important developments on the table this year. "We're two separate boards and we shouldn't be," he said. "We have a lot of resources and they should have our input. If Town Meeting approves the revision, the Planning Board and the ZBA will work hand in hand."

Both Holmwood and Brancato said that while it may not be the most glamorous or recognized board in town, they appreciate and understand the work under its purview, and were eager to be the watchdogs

of local development.

"Most people don't really understand what the Planning Board does," he said. "We don't march in parades and we're not on TV, but we're responsible for upholding the town's rules and regulations and to hear from neighbors and protect their interest."

"I'm not going to say I know everything, but I can learn," Holmwood said. "I always complain that people don't get involved so I thought I'd put my money where my mouth is."

Elections are scheduled for April 6.

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that the project would disrupt playing fields at the current Norwood High when individuals affiliated with the group have opposed past efforts to make the same fields more open and accessible to the public. Finally, they have continued to promote the idea of renovating the existing building in opposition to the advice of highly qualified experts who have said that approach makes no practical or financial sense.

Last week, Mr. Dixon continued with this spin-campaign by asserting that if Town Meet-

ing and Norwood voters refuse the state's offer to pay for more than 50 percent of the project, we can simply re-enter the process with another plan at a later date without losing our hard-fought priority position for the funding. That notion is another complete fantasy. The state treasurer has a big political stake in the Model School Program and his office has chosen Norwood High as its maiden project because it has all of the attributes necessary for success. It is ridiculous to argue that a rebuff of state support at this juncture would not

result in another community stepping into our place and taking the nearly \$44 million of state funds that already has been set aside for a new Norwood High.

The Common Sense Committee has been trying to obstruct the high school project through a calculated disinformation campaign from the outset. It is time supporters of the project stepped forward to confront the group for spewing nonsense rather than common sense.

Scott C. Sacco  
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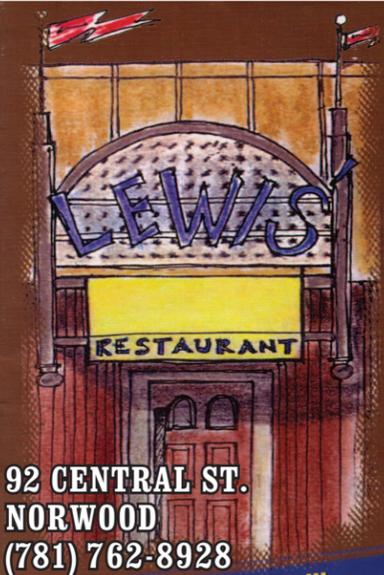
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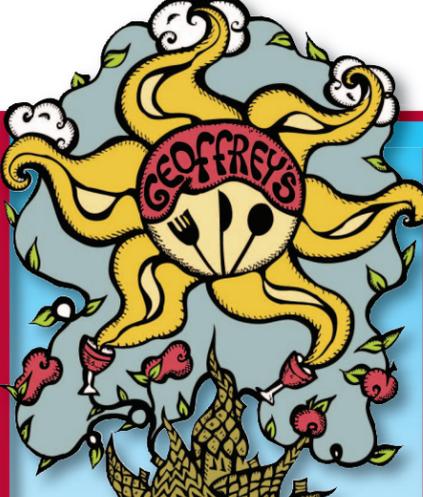
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sel, they had reservations about signing up in the immediate future.

Communities that join the trust are eligible for reimbursements for renewable energy projects, including solar panel installation on public and municipal buildings.

"If we were to join, it would cost us \$200,000 per year, and we would never be able to get out of it," McDonald said. "I think we would be better off keeping it in-house than appropriating that kind of money."

Chairman Mike Lyons said it was too early in discussions to write the prospect off completely.

"This is a work in progress, and I'm not ready to dismiss it yet," he said. "There is a lot more information that needs to be gathered before we make any decisions."

Selectman Bill Plasko agreed that joining the Renewable Energy Trust deserved further study before it was approved or denied by the board.

"I think this has a lot of potential, but if we're talking about a homegrown program, we need more information on how it is managed and funded," he said.

According to information on the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative website, Dedham Middle School received funding from the Renewable Energy Trust through their Green Schools initiative. Funding is also available to non-profit organizations, affordable housing projects and municipal projects that imple-

ment sustainable electric components in their plans.

Selectman Tom McQuaid said he knew of another town that was looking into joining the trust, and felt their judgment was a good indication that this may be a good deal for smaller towns.

"Belmont is seriously considering this, and they have some pretty sophisticated people on their committees," he said.

Plasko also asked Light Department officials if any progress had been made in removing excess utility poles in certain areas around Norwood, a question he has posed multiple times in the past.

Assistant Superintendent Jim Collins said that while he had been sending letters to Verizon asking them to remove their poles, nothing had been done.

McDonald said that there is a state law that requires telecommunications companies to remove double poles in residential neighborhoods, but that it was not strong enough to push the issue on Verizon.

"There is a law, but it has no teeth," he said.

Town Manager John Carroll said that many larger companies are short staffed when it comes to removing poles and overcompensate on installation services, neglecting the obsolete poles they have left behind.

"We're dealing with companies that have given things like this the short shrift," he said, "but I think the leverage we need is to deny any further

pole transfers until we see some progress."

Lyons agreed that something needed to be done to expedite progress and spark some action.

"I think that approach might be a little more immediate," he said. "That would get them to notice."

Broadband Division Manager Darryl Hanson told the board that he was working on new marketing plans to promote the broadband services offered by Norwood Light, as recent revenues have gone down, though increases in telephone and internet customers had made up for the loss.

"We're looking at the costs of the tiers of programming to see if we can add more channels for less money," he said. "We are also doing a lot of investigation into how we can maintain customers and finding out why past customers chose to switch."

Plasko said the broadband division needed a serious marketing overhaul to stay competitive before revenues continue to drop.

"I'm not comfortable that we're being aggressive enough," he said. "We need to drastically change how we market to turn this around before it's too late."

Plasko recommended that the Selectmen, as Electric Light Commissioners, meet privately with McDonald, Collins and Hanson to discuss future marketing campaigns.

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have reduced that number to \$90,000.

"So now, unlike this year where you had a \$400,000 surplus in that account, you only have \$90,000, which I suspect will be gone by Town Meeting," he said.

Salary accounts make up a majority of the school system's budget, and Moretti said he was prepared to make cuts this year, but also wanted to make investments in other areas to try and make up the costs and make more money in the future.

"We have an inherent problem here. Three of your elementary schools are not meeting AYP and a middle school in a third year of a reorganization, and we have a responsibility to address that," he said. "So I have to ask if you're willing to make an investment, or ignore it and exacerbate the problem."

Some of those investments, Moretti said, included taking over special education transportation, continuing to expand in house special education programs, and possibly taking over the Phoenix School technical education program.

In their preliminary pass of the budget in light of the \$1.8 million reduction request, the School Committee identified \$2.4 million in potential cuts, including eight elementary school teachers, two math specialists, a middle school general music instructor and two part time kindergarten music and art teachers. The committee also considered holding off on further reorganization of the middle school, a cut Chairman Samageddis said he was not in favor of.

"If we don't do this reorg, I don't think we're going to get

that building off warning status," he said. "If this list gets us to \$2.4 million and we could get back to \$1.8 the reorg would be the first thing we would put back."

After reviewing the School Committee's list of potential cutbacks, the FinCom was confident that despite the difficult choices, the school system would be able to meet the reduced budget number.

"We're certainly not ecstatic, but each of these items shows some creativity and that you're thinking outside the box," Greeley said. "I'm cautiously optimistic we'll be able to make some decisions by Town Meeting."

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# Sports

## At 'Whit's' end!

### Whitman-Hanson rallies to defeat boys' hoops in tourney game



Senior star Chris Johnson and the Mustangs were moving forward in the first half, but eventually fell to host Whitman-Hanson in a Division 2 South state preliminary tourney game on Monday. As part of a big turnaround to their program, the Mustangs made the postseason for the second consecutive season.

PHOTO BY ZALINA MCGUIRE

**Mike Stoller**  
Staff Reporter

Right now, it hurts, but somewhere down the road, the Norwood boys' basketball team will realize just how much it has accomplished.

"As freshmen, the seniors [on this year's team] won only five games," said Norwood head coach Rich Cormier, after his team fell to host Whitman-Hanson, 77-72, in a Division 2 South preliminary round state tourney game on Monday. "They've accomplished so much. It's just hard to see it when it ends this way."

After finishing with a 3-17 record in 2006-07, the Mustangs (11-10, 8-9 Bay State Conference) advanced to the postseason for the second consecutive winter, but, like last year, were unable to get past their first tourney game.

"We got off to a great start, we were shooting well in the first half, and continued to shoot well in the second half," said Cormier, whose troops led by a stunning 45-32 margin at the break. "But somewhere the tide turned, and we couldn't make a shot, and Whitman-Hanson couldn't miss a shot."

Many of those shots made by the hosts came courtesy of Noel James, who scored a game-high 28 points.

The Mustangs were playing under another unfortunate cir-

cumstance in the fourth quarter. Senior superstar Chris Johnson, who led Norwood with 21 points, had to leave the game with an injury after the first play of the frame in what was now a tightly contested affair.

Senior Matt Clifford, who finished with 17 points, kept the Mustangs in it with two huge three-pointers in the final stanza, but overall Norwood shot just 4-of-17 from the floor in the fourth quarter. Meanwhile, Whitman-Hanson helped its cause by shooting a remarkable 24-of-30 overall from the foul line.

"We didn't sink our emotion, we continued to battle and didn't give in, but we couldn't make [another] big shot," said Cormier. "I just feel bad for the seniors. It's unfortunate it had to end this way. ... It's heartbreaking."

The Mustangs were on fire in the first half. In addition to Johnson's and Clifford's contributions, Norwood got an outstanding effort from senior Mina Awad, who drained three three-pointers in the opening half, and played "solid defense," said Cormier. "He had a terrific night," added the coach. "He came up so big. He had just a remarkable game."

Also giving the Mustangs a boost was freshman phenom Sean O'Neil, who tossed in 14 points.

## Norwood's icemen jilt Milton in finale

### Postseason is now on the horizon

**Mike Stoller**  
Staff Reporter

Norwood boys' hockey coach Bill Clifford will be the first to tell you his squad has had its share of ups and downs this season, but among the "ups," last week's stunning 2-1 victory over Bay State Conference Herget Division winner Milton ranks as high as they come. At this writing, both teams were preparing for the Division 1 South state tourney scheduled to start this week.

Norwood entered as the ninth seed and was scheduled to play eighth-seed Marshfield.

"It's nice to go in on a winning note," said Clifford. "It gives us a boost in that [our guys] know they can play with anyone if they come to play, and they've proved it with some good wins."

Of course, the coach doesn't shy away from the fact that had his Mustangs (11-7-2, 9-5-2 BSC) won at least one of the two prior games they tied against somewhat weaker foes Wellesley and Dedham, they

would have shared a tie with Milton for the division crown. The Wildcats beat out Norwood for the title by just a point.

"We controlled our own destiny, and the ties hurt us," said Clifford. "You can't overlook or underestimate anyone on any week, and the same goes for the tournament. Every team needs to be treated equally."

But better to be beaten by a point in the division than to miss the state tourney by a

**Hockey**

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Senior standout Mike Verrochi and the Norwood boys' hockey team defeated Bay State Conference Herget Division leader Milton, 2-1, in the regular season finale. The ninth-seed Mustangs were scheduled to play eighth-seed Marshfield in the first round of the Division 1 South state tourney this week.

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# Bell tolls for fifth graders

Mike Stoller  
Staff Reporter

Playing the role of Larry Bird, Chris Bell drained a 14-foot jump shot with 6.5 seconds left as the Norwood fifth-grade basketball team edged Weston, 40-39, in the Mansfield Tournament championship game last weekend.

There were many lead changes in the game, after Weston took an early 7-0 advantage. Bell and David Saad kept the Norwood offense rolling. Saad scored a team-high 17 points, while Bell added 13.

With Norwood trailing, 21-16, late in the first half, Conor Riggles hit two big shots to bring the team within one at 21-20. After Weston extended its lead to four, Norwood's Cameron Ryan drove the lane for a deuce to cut the deficit to two at half-time.

Weston tallied the first four points of the second stanza to take a 28-22 lead.

But, after the surge, Norwood's tenacious defense took over with centers Joe Mazotta and Shane Ringler and forwards Jake Vail and Thomas White crashing the boards to hold Weston at bay. Strong defensive pressuring by guards Michael Flynn, Sam Cutler, and Dan Ugochukwu ultimately opened the floor for Saad and Bell to each score six points in the fourth quarter. Saad gave Norwood a 38-37 lead with 55 ticks remaining. Weston failed to score on its next chance, but stole the ball and converted a bucket with 20 seconds left to take a 39-38 lead.

Norwood called time out and then ran a play that Weston defended well, forcing Bell to shoot from the outside. After Bell canned his 14-footer, Norwood's defense swarmed Weston in the final seconds, causing a turnover and sealing the game at 40-39.

Richard Saad contributed to this story

# Eighth grade hoops are whooping it up

Mike Stoller  
Staff Reporter

Just who are these guys who have won five in a row, anyway? In the center, there's "The Rebounder" and "The Enforcer," at forward "The Shooter," "The Road Runner," "The Leaper," and "The Ball Handler," and at guard, "The Defender," "The Playmaker," "The Scorer," "The "Dribbler," and "The X-factor."

Meet, in that order, by name, Sean Regan and Giovanni Santos; Richard Saad, Adam Noepel, Daron English, and Daryon Calhoun; and Nick Pietrzak, Patrick O'Rourke, Chris Sales, Shaun Callahan, and Robert Wood. They combine to form the Norwood eighth grade boys' travel basketball team.

After starting the season slowly, losing three of its first

four games, the squad has won five in a row and seven of its last eight, its latest triumph a 47-34 win over Holliston this past Sunday. In its prior victory, Norwood defeated Easton, 58-43. Six of the last seven wins were league victories, while the other came against non-league foe St. Catherine's, of - you got it — Norwood.

With a packed house on hand, the town rivals went at it in a thrilling game with the gymnasium full of electricity, as hometown friends competed against each other.

With the addition of six new players this year, it took awhile for the players to get accustomed to playing with each other and learning the plays. But the team has grown under coaches Mike Bell and Joe Pietrzak. With hard work and proper adjustments to each player's talents, the players are responding and flourishing as a squad.

With one regular season game left, Norwood is tied for third out of 14 teams as it prepares for what it hopes to be a deep run in the playoffs.

Richard Saad contributed to this story.



Upon invitation from Boston College women's basketball coach Sylvia Crawley and the BC athletics department, fifty-plus students from St. Catherine of Siena School recently participated in a shootout at halftime during a BC basketball game at Conte Forum. Crawley recently spoke at St. Catherine's as part of the school's sports and enrichment program. Relaxing in the front row is BC mascot "Baldwin" the eagle.

COURTESY PHOTO



St. Catherine's School students and staff honored Boston College women's basketball coach Sylvia Crawley (not pictured) with a remembrance of her visit to SCS with framed pictures and signed "Thank You's" presented to BC mascot "Baldwin" the eagle with, from left, first graders Thomas Skerry, John Coughlin, and Kerry McMullan, and St. Catherine's Father Currie.

COURTESY PHOTO

## SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

The remaining date for Norwood girls Babe Ruth softball registration is March 5, in the Wall Room at the Civic Center from 6-7 p.m. The registration fee is \$120, plus a \$5 field user fee, for a total of \$125 for one player. For two players from the same family, the total cost is \$200.00. Please bring birth certificate. Anyone interested in coaching, can call Marlene Toti at (781) 762-6121.

## Calling all Coaches

The Norwood Record is looking to hear from all coaches and parents in Norwood about our local sports teams.

Have a tip or a story idea? Contact Mike Stoller at (781) 769-1725, or [mstoller@norwoodrecord.com](mailto:mstoller@norwoodrecord.com)

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## Hockey *continued from page 9*

point, which was the case last year for the Norwood juggernaut. This winter, the Mustangs long secured their ticket to the big dance with a pulsating 5-3 win over strong nemesis Walpole three weeks ago.

Last week's win over Milton saw the Mustangs pounce on a 2-0 lead in the first period. First, senior Matt Davenport scored his first varsity goal, when he picked up a rebound off a shot by sophomore Adam Kewriga and banked it to the low left side at the 10:36 mark.

Then, at 6:49, freshman Andrew Alty swung around the net, before finding sophomore Anthony Gaita, who one-timed it to the left corner from about five feet out.

After a scoreless second frame, Milton's Paul Curran cut the deficit in half with a goal assisted by Nick Bligh at 10:25

of the third.

Each team totaled 26 shots on goal, as Norwood's Cory Sennott and Milton's Nick Hailer both played well between the pipes. Clifford noted Sennott was particularly sharp during a Wildcats' power play in the second period, when the senior goalie flashed out his right pad at the last second to ward off a deflected shot from the point.

"He played very well," said the coach of his star goaltender. "He was pretty steady all night. He made the stops he had to make, which was good to see."

Clifford was just as glad to see his troops back in postseason play.

"I'm proud of the way they played all year," said the coach. "They've always bounced back, and I'm proud of them and the coaching staff."

## Board foregoes an increase in Rec Center rates

Krystal Grow  
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen put the brakes on a proposed increase in Recreation Center fees for out of town users Tuesday night with the intention of revisiting the issue after gathering more information on current rates and number of participants from Recreation Superintendent Jerry Miller.

Last week, Selectman Bill Plasko voiced his concerns on the topic, saying he had raised the issue before and had yet to see any information whatsoever.

"I dropped the ball on that one," Town Manager John Carroll said. "Mr. Miller got that information to me and I did not pass it on to you."

But Carroll was prepared this week as the board was presented with \$15,000 in total increased to user fees at the recreation center, a proposal Plasko was quick to cast a vote for.

"If Mr. Miller feels these rates are justified, I would make a motion to approve the rate increases as recommended," Plasko said.

While the motion failed for lack of support from fellow board members, it did spark debate as to how practical it would be to raise fees at the risk of losing Recreation Center users.

"It's difficult to vote on a \$15,000 increase," Selectman Tom McQuaid said. "If we're trying to raise revenues, is

\$15,000 really worth it?"

The majority of the increases would come in the form of an additional \$25 fee for out of town rec center users, which attend programs at the center in large numbers.

"Hopefully this would bring in the money we need, and we need revenues from those users desperately," Plasko said.

The current system allows non-residents to pay the same rates as local residents, but does not include access to town pools in the summer and other rec center programs.

In his monthly report to Selectmen last week, Miller said he was hesitant to raise fees any more than absolutely necessary, but agreed that in difficult times, tough decisions must be made to cover costs.

Miller said that rates for spring and summer activities and programs are already set, but the board could vote to change or increase rates for fall programming if the deemed it necessary.

Members of the board, however, were equally hesitant to make any changes without further information from Miller regarding actual numbers of users for individual programs and memberships.

"We have to have more detailed discussions," Plasko said, "but this is a clear recommendation we should take advantage of."

## Julian, Hennigan, and Silletti grapple at state tourney

Mike Stoller  
Staff Reporter

Norwood High star wrestlers Tom Julian, Matt Hennigan, and A. J. Silletti all competed at the Division 2 state tourney at Natick last Friday.

Julian, the senior captain, went 1-2, at 119 pounds. After dropping his first match to King Philip's Conner David, Julian bested North Andover's Brody

Kelley, 8-4, before falling in his final bout to Greg Bohenko of Westford Academy. Julian finished the campaign with a remarkable 29-6 ledger.

Hennigan, at 112 pounds, also posted a 1-2 record. The junior won his match by pinning his opponent from Oliver Ames in the fifth minute. He lost his next match to the No. 1 seed, Matt Bucu, of Greater Lawrence, before dropping his

final match to Chris Lacroix of Central Catholic. Hennigan closed the season with a stunning 20-12 mark.

Silletti, a junior, at 145 pounds, went 0-2, falling to Kyle Senechal of North Attleboro and Jeff IuLiano of Lincoln Sudbury. A newcomer to the Mustang program this season, Silletti finished the slate with an outstanding 19-11 record.

## High School questions *continued from page 4*

where future students might reside? That should be taken into account in discussions of a location for the high school.

60. Wouldn't an educational complex be more beneficial with the middle school and high school sharing an area? The middle school could utilize the new, state-of-the-art computer, science, math labs as well as updated theatre arts venues, library, and athletic facilities. Perhaps a connecting corridor could unite the two buildings. Resources could be shared as could the instructors providing higher level course selections to those eligible.

61. When the schools in Norwood were analyzed over 5 years ago, the school committee proclaimed that the middle school was also in need of upgrades/renovations. It also had overcrowding issues. The committee insisted that the use of modular classrooms would be temporary, and they would be eliminated in 5 years and a more permanent cure found. We're now dealing exclusively with the high school issue. Are we ignoring the deficits of the middle school? The educational complex idea would/could be a possible solution. Other towns have used this concept successfully.

### *The following questions were submitted to the Record by the Common Sense Committee.*

62. Why would the Chairman of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) ignore the written evaluations and recommendations of two independent consultants of their own choosing who stated that Norwood Senior High School is structurally sound but needs moderate to major renovation?

63. What is the exact rate and amount of interest on the \$35.5 million loan? Why did the length of time of the loan change from 20 years to 24 years? What tax effect will this have on homeowners? Businesses? Seniors who own their homes? (Some may have additional ex-

penses of a college education incurred after high school graduation, and there are more than 6,000 seniors here in Norwood out of a population of 28,000).

64. Why has the MSBA set a life expectancy of only 50 years for any new public school? NCSC believes schools should be built to last.

65. Why was a plan for renovation never seriously considered and never offered to voters? Why was the NHS 2004 Renovation Plan at a cost of \$18 million never reviewed for reconsideration as a comparison with the current proposed plan?

66. Where, and at what cost, are the permanent practice field and the baseball field that Norwood High School athletes now have, but will lose as the result of new construction, to be relocated? How much will it cost taxpayers to bus or transport these athletes for the next 50 years if these fields are built elsewhere? Are these fields not included in the reimbursable items by the state?

67. Will school and town officials come back to the taxpayers in a couple of years with an override to relocate these fields and to bus athletes? Will they come back again for an operational override?

68. What about the plans for the other Norwood schools that are over 50 years old? Are they to be replaced, renovated, or are they to be repaired? When are these other schools going to be attended to and for how much? Is there a 5 or 10-year master plan for the systematic maintenance of all our schools?

69. How much is the Owner's Project Manager (OPM) being paid?

70. How much was Norwood's former architectural firm Symmes, Maini & McKee paid for their feasibility study of Oct. 31, 2005 and their project report of January 2006 that are no longer needed?

71. Studies have shown that even with a high grade of synthetic turf, it still is not "going green." Isn't grass the only covering for a "green" football field? Isn't there a large problem with

the artificial/synthetic turf at Concord-Carlisle High School and other schools throughout the country? (See *The Boston Globe*, Jan. 19, 2009, page 1.)

72. Why is the gym located on the south side in the most recent architectural plans of a new school? Shouldn't most classrooms be located on the south side for natural sunlight?

73. According to the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) written report to Norwood school officials, the capacity for the existing school is 1,425 and the actual count is about 1,100. How can school and town officials say that Norwood High is overcrowded?

74. According to the MSBA, renovations receive 5 percent more in reimbursable state funds. Did they change their own rules?

75. In January 2009, town officials had all town-owned buildings re-assessed. Norwood High is assessed for over \$10.7 Million. The replacement value of the school building alone would be in the \$25-35 million range. Together with the cost of demolition (\$3.5 million in 2005) and hauling away the debris, the town would be destroying an extremely valuable asset. (The demolition contractor would keep all the valuable copper, steel girders, the antique bricks on the edifice, and all the other items of value for resale and profit). Why would Norwood taxpayers allow such a valuable architectural treasure to come under the wrecking ball and crane?

76. Why are school and town officials trying to squeeze such a large high school building on such a small piece of land causing high school students to lose two very important athletic fields? Have the concerns of the neighbors whose homes directly abut school property been addressed satisfactorily?

77. *PARADE Magazine* chose to include a photo of Norwood Senior High School in their national publication on Sept. 28, 2008. Did its editors believe the existing Norwood High was the most beautiful high school in America representing the ideal hometown high school?

# Senior News

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

## UPCOMING TRIPS

Forever Irish: Tuesday, Mar. 10 at Venus De Milo, Swansea featuring Andy Cooney and Celtic Angels Irish Dancers.

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

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

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

## OIL PAINTING

Oil painting with Bob McLoud will be on Friday, Feb. 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the arts and crafts room.

## FRIDAY MOVIES

Please check posters announcing Friday movies. We will be serving popcorn, cold drinks and coffee.

## BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Hellenic Health Care will be available at the senior center for blood pressure screening on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

## SHINE

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

## CRIBBAGE

The seniors meet every Monday at 1 p.m. in the senior center library to play cribbage. If you would like to join, arrive at the center early to be sure you get a table.

## INDOOR WALKING

Please come and join your friends Monday through Friday in the school gym anytime between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Please let the front desk know when you will be walking and sign in and out. We urge you not to walk alone.

# January Building Permits

12 Rockhill St. Christine B. Hanscombe  
52 Adams St. Mr. and Mrs.  
204 Rock St. Jean and Michael Sayers  
351 Buckminster Dr. Berkshire Property Advisors  
400 Engamore Ln. Berkshire Property Advisors  
150 Engamore Ln. Berkshire Property Advisors  
301 Engamore Ln. Berkshire Property Advisors  
14 Alandale Pkwy. Thomas H. Watson  
25 Warthin Cir. Chris and Amy Saralosky  
226 Vernon St. Kathy Coyne  
27 Dean St. Joseph and Nancy Kelly

115 Nichols St. Michael and Armenie Varadian  
6 Oliver St. D & R Realty  
75 Howard St. Brian Burns  
68 Ledgeview Dr. Robert Moynihan  
751 Lansdowne Way Berkshire Property Advisors  
201 Wickham Way Berkshire Property Advisors  
400 Engamore Ln. Berkshire Property Advisors  
200 Buckminster Dr. Berkshire Property Advisors  
600 Lansdowne Way Berkshire Property Advisors  
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453 Nahatan St. Paula Stanton  
6 Bay Colony Dr. Bharat Parikh  
18 Melville Ave. Linda and Ed Gardiner

418 Walpole St. Cedar Properties  
917 Washington St. D. Chris Bartucca-MEB Inc./Honey Dew  
917 Washington St.  
56 Highview St. Jose and Maria Amorim  
36 Highview St. James Lori  
136 Hill St. Chris Cavanaugh  
485 Nahatan St. Gary Schorer  
151 Boston Prov. Hgwy. Eysie Family, LLC

Remove and replace siding  
Paradise strip and reroof  
Remove and replace kitchen cabinets, countertops  
Renovate kitchen and baths  
Install wood pellet stove  
Frame and finish basement  
Replace existing deck  
Convert 3 family to 2 family;  
new electricity, complete remodel

Install vinyl siding  
Prefabricated single family, two story dwelling  
Bathroom and kitchen remodel  
Strip and reroof  
Renovate kitchen and baths  
Remove bearing wall, install LVL  
Strip and reroof  
Convert house back to 2 family.  
Install kitchen, change entrance

create 2 handicap bathrooms, add garage door

Demo front of building  
Insulate walls  
Replace 2 exteriors doors, apply vinyl siding  
Renovate kitchen, remove bearing wall  
Install pellet stove  
Remove and replace shed roof

# The Record Book

## VOTER REGISTRATION

The Board of Registrars wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that a special registration session has been set for April 6, from 4-8 p.m., at the Municipal Building, Room 32. The Annual Town Election is on Tuesday, March 17 and this is the final registration session prior to the Annual Town Election. Daily registration of voters will be conducted at the Town Clerk's office, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A mail-in registration form is now available at Norwood Morrill Memorial Library and the

Norwood Post Office. Qualifications to register to vote are that the applicants must be 18 years old on or before election day and must either be born in the United States or be a naturalized citizen.

## BALCH SCHOOL ITALIAN DINNER

The Annual Balch School Italian Dinner will be held on Friday, March 20, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., in the school cafeteria. For \$5 per person you will enjoy a hot and delicious pizza dinner, including salad, beverage, coffee/tea and your choice of assorted desserts. Soda

can be purchased for \$1 per can. Members of the 5th grade class will serve as the hosts for the evening and all proceeds from the event will go towards the 5th grade yearbook and end-of-year activities. Creative baskets, chock full of goodies, will be raffled-off.

## LENT BIBLE STUDY

A special six-week bible study for Lent will be offered Sunday mornings, beginning March 1, from 8:15-9:30 a.m., at the First Congregational Church (United Church of Christ) of Norwood. The study will focus on the different accounts of Holy Week presented in the four Gospels: Jesus' suffering, his trial and crucifixion and his resurrection. Each session will conclude with a brief time of meditation accompanied by the lighting and extinguishing of Lenten candles. For more information, call the church office at (781) 762-3320.

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Norwood Recreation Department's Spring and Summer Program Brochure is now available and registration for classes, sports clinics, summer playgrounds and more is underway. Register online at [www.norwoodrecreation.com](http://www.norwoodrecreation.com), or at the Civic Center, 165 Nahatan St.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
Norwood Hospital is holding its 32nd Annual Golf Classic on Mon-

day, June 1, at Walpole Country Club. The event includes lunch and then 18 holes of golf, with a new car going to the hole-in-one shooter on a designated Par 3 hole. Raffles will be featured throughout the day and appetizers, dinner and an awards ceremony will follow play, as well as silent and live auctions where bidders will take home items like Boston Red Sox tickets. Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor and/or enjoying a day of golf and activities while supporting Norwood Hospital may call Susan Dowling in Norwood Hospital's Development Office at (781) 278-6001.

## NORWOOD WOMEN'S CLUB

The Norwood Women's Club will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 12:30 p.m., at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church's Parish Hall, 24 Berwick St. The program will feature Margo Bik from Blackstone, MA. No Norwood residency is required to join or attend. For questions, call Trina Mallet at (781) 762-8173.

## SOBERCLUB/ SOBERFRIENDS NETWORK

A new support group is in development stage for alcoholics and addicts and will meet Monday, March 2 and Monday, Mar. 9, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, at the Morrill Memorial Public Library. The meetings are open to the public and are free of charge.

## TRIVIA NIGHT

The Norwood Diamond Club is holding an annual Trivia Night to benefit the Jack Crimmins Scholarship fund on Friday, Mar. 27, at 7 p.m., at the Norwood Elk's Lodge. There will be light refreshments, cash bar, raffles and a grand prize for the winning team. The cost is \$15 per person. Tables of 10 are \$150. For more information, contact Ed Hickey at (781) 551-0408, Tracey Black at (781) 762-9931, or Bill Marchant at (781) 762-5411.

## FOXWOODS TRIP

A trip to Foxwood's Casino is planned for Monday, March 9. If interested, call Fran Macaulay at (781) 686-4346. The cost is \$24 per person and proceeds benefit the Norwood American Legion.

## TUTORS NEEDED

Morrill Memorial Library will sponsor a training program for literacy volunteer tutors beginning on Saturday, March 7, at 9:30 a.m. The program will use the methods and materials of Literacy Volunteers of America and will focus on basic reading. The Basic Reading Workshop concentrates on the methods and materials needed to teach reading and writing skills to adult students. Topics covered will include language experience stories, phonics, sight words, lesson

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# Police Logs

**Tuesday Feb.17**

0510 911 - Medical emergency, transported to hospital. Location/address: 35 Centennial Dr. 8. Male party not feeling well. N662, NFD responded. NA2 transported.

1018 walk-in. Susp. activity, report filed. Location/address: 373 Railroad Ave.

1227 phone. Dispute, spoken to. Location/address: Caritas Health Club - 920 Washington St. Caller reports 2 men arguing very loudly down the gully by the tracks. Subjects located, no argument, just speaking loudly, sent on their way by officers.

1246 911. Larceny, spoken to. Location/address: IHop Internat House of Pa. - 1378 Bos.-Prov. Hwy. Tina reports 2 teens left store without paying bill. Officer spoke to teens, matter resolved, IHop satisfied.

1312 911. Medical emergency, Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/address: 95 Washington St. Possible stroke.

1317 phone. Unwanted party, spoken to. Location/address: Burger King Restaurant - 41 Bos.-Prov. Hwy. Patty has asked cook to leave kitchen, is refusing. Subject left prior to officers' arrival. Manager satisfied.

1447 phone. Larceny, Electic/Light Dpt. notify. Location/address: [nod 1840] Boch Honda - 279 Bos.-Prov. Hwy. Off. will file a report.

1559 911. Medical emergency, services rendered. Location/address: Ellis Nursing and Rehabilitation Center - 135 Ellis Ave., 112A. Patient (Webber) reports the other patient in room having trouble w/ oxygen tank. Dispatch called to nurse's station (Applegate section)-they will go check same.

1605 walk-in. Lost and found, services rendered. Location/address: 43 Block - Prospect Ave. Passing pedestrian finds bracelet on side of road. No identifying markings, desc. appears to be costume jewelry, silver, heart pendant w/ simulated diamonds, a key shaped pendant etched with the word "forever". Put in lost/found.

1834 phone. Warrant arrest, gone on arrival. Location/address: 32 Guild St. Caller reported Sean Conway getting into a white van. Party has active warrants. Vehicle last seen traveling South on Washington Street. Bolo. broadcast. Officers checked area, nothing found. Walpole notified. Walpole reported address in warrant checked, no one home.

1933 911. Medical emergency, Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/address: 99 Cameron Rd. Transport to hospital.

1934 phone. Sex offenses, report filed. Location/address: Golden Living Center (formerly Emerald Court - 460 Washington St. Caller reported past rape.

2041 911. Medical emergency, Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/address: 21 Woodbine Rd.

2049 phone. Noise complaint, unfounded. Location/address: 124 Wilson St. Report banging noise from cellar. Units searched home, no one there, N668 fixed "lifeline" button that did not work.

2138 phone. Medical emergency, Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/address: 154 Devon Rd.

2258 other. Be on the lookout, services rendered. Location: [can]. Canton teletype received, bolo, for well being check on subject that missed his dosage of anti-seizure

medication. Kardosz, Timothy, 39 y.o.a., 5'9", 160, blu. coat, blu. jeans, cane.

**Wednesday, Feb. 18**

0101 phone. Drunk person, report filed. Location/address: 2 Day St. Caller reports drunk male on his porch. N664, N661, N666 responded. N664 transported him to hospital for evaluation/ suicidal thoughts. N661 followed.

0129 walk-in. Harassment, report filed. Location/address: 79 Monroe St. Resident reports wife receiving sexual messages on cell phone. N662 to file report.

0647 911. Breaking and entering, report filed. Location/address: 45 Chapel Ct. 1. Caller reports she was away overnight and her apt. was broken into. N665 responded.

0707 phone. B & E of motor vehicle, report filed. Location/address: 53 Dean St. Caller reports 2 "gps" systems stolen from his vehicles over night. N679 sent.

0800 phone. Susp. vehicle, vehicle towed. Location/address: 10 Richland Rd. Caller reports suspicious vehicle parked in front of his home with what appears to be a boxed (range) in bed of truck. N677 responded. MA reg# 71yv31 (exp/non-renewable). Center Auto towed MA 71yv31.

0839 phone. Assist citizen, spoken to. Location/address: 1070 Pleasant St. Subject sent \$80.00 for a loan application and has not received load from Nigeria. Officers spoke to him and advised him.

0954 phone. Well being chk., services rendered. Location/address: Washington St. Caller concerned about female who was in his place of business and was very upset over a domestic situation. Last walking north on Wash. near Cottage, w/f, 25-20, white coat and dark pants. Bolo. and Off. n/n reports goa.

1023 911. Unwanted party, services rendered. Location/address: 21 Fourth St. Caller reports John Amicangioli is at his house trying to start a fight. Subject left prior to officers' arrival. No restraining order for that address. Checked other addresses, unable to locate.

1035 phone. Road hazard, services rendered. Location/address: Brook St. Motorist reports a bucket of paint spilled on the George Sullivan bridge and splashed on his car. DPW notified.

1044 walk-in. Susp. activity, report filed. Location/address: 18 George St. Caller in station with lottery scam, see report.

1101 phone. Warrant arrest, arrest(s) made. Location/address: Golden Living Center (formerly Emerald Court - 460 Washington St.) Attempt to serve warrant. Successful. Arrest: Ambrose, John. Address: 25 Hawk's Perch, Plymouth, MA. DOB: 11/01/1946. Charges: warrant arrest.

1232 phone. Well being chk., services rendered. Location/address: Washington St. Peace group marching into Norwood. Off. reports the group is orderly and off the road.

1335 phone. Restraining order served, arrest(s) made. Location/address: 169 Bond St. @ 329 Winter St. As a result of 209A violation, female brought to station under arrest from 190 Lenox St. Arrest: Bailey, Maryanne. Address: 146 Pemberton St., Walpole, MA. DOB: 09/11/1974. Charges: abuse prevention order, violate.

1509 phone. Well being chk., gone on arrival. Location/address: 7 Endicott St. @ 392 Walpole St. Caller reports w/male leaning against fence, blue jacket, blue cap, beard and cane.

1539 phone. Trespassing, report filed. Location/address: Eysie Complex - 990 Washington St. 12. Det. requests we check 990 Washington St. for Charles Ranck, he is not suppose to be there as a condition of his release. Also, letter of disinvite on file for the entire property. Det. requests documentation. See report.

1622 phone. Animal complaint, services rendered. Location/address: 40 St. Paul Ave. NACO responds and picks up the dog.

1745 phone. Larceny, report filed. Location/address: Shaws Supermarket - 134 Nahatan St. Caller reported theft of purse from above location.

1819 phone. Motor vehicle accident, papers exchanged. Location/address: 90 Laurel Rd. Caller reported past hit and run. Officer assisted paperwork exchange between parties.

1832 phone. Well being chk., services rendered. Location/address: 800 Neponset St. Caller requested well being check. Officer reported parties checked ok.

1850 other. Serve summons, other. Location/address: 39 Kathleen Ln. Not home, parent will get new address for service and recall P.D.

1902 phone. Alarm-burglar, accidental alarm. Location/address: Callahan School - 116 Garfield Ave. Rooms 116, 118, library, cafe. N665 reports basketball game in progress.

1904 walk-in. Vandalism, report filed. Location/address: 9 Douglas Ave. Caller reported door kicked in. Officer reported cellar door kicked in. No entry gained into house. Nothing missing.

1924 other. Restraining order served, legal service made. Location/address: 121 Wilson St. Ann Cutler. Not there. 2008 hrs- subject came into station and was served.

1927 cellular. Motor vehicle accident, complaint/summons. Location/address: 5 Hoyle St. @ 843 Washington St. NFD sent. N663 reports properly licensed subject came and took mv. N663 to: 1). File compl. app.(unlic) and report.; 2). Assisted exchange papers for mva. Summons: Degodoi, Reinaldo F. Address: 4 Oxford Rd., Norwood, MA. DOB: 06/04/1982. Charges: unlicensed operation of mv, stop/yield, fail to/one way street violation.

1948 911. Medical emergency, Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/address: 130 Gay St.

1952 911. Medical emergency, Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/

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

address: 293 Walpole St.

2051 phone. Juvenile offenses, gone on arrival. Location/address: Shaws Supermarket - 134 Nahatan St. Caller reported several teens in a black sedan harassing passers by. Officers checked area, nothing found.

**Thursday, Feb. 19**

0020 911. Medical emergency, transported to hospital. Location/address: 105 Edgehill Rd. Caller states her sister in need of ambulance. N669, NFD responded. Transported.

0204 initiated. Recovered mv, report filed. Location/address: Vegas Lounge - 38 Vanderbilt Ave. TN reg# MXQ010/sticker on vehicle comes back to resident from 211 Vernon St. After investigating and calling owner it was determined vehicle had been stolen out of driveway and Tennessee plates attached. Plate has been entered into LEAPS and vehicle recovered and returned to owner.

0232 initiated. Assist citizen, services rendered. Location/address: Neponset St. N669 gave courtesy transport to female walking to 310 Dean St.

0242 initiated. Susp. activity, services rendered. Location/address: Short St. N677 reports bus parked in lot with lights on. N677 shut lights and secured.

0632 phone. Missing person, report filed. Location/address: Community Living Program - 103 Winter St. Overnight shift supervisor reports female has not returned overnight.(Taira Harrison) entered into LEAPS.

0723 phone. Susp. activity, services rendered. Location/address: 53 Dean St. Caller of past b & e to mv's reports footprints in snow outside of her home in yard, by back fence, back door and driveway. N677 followed up with caller. Requesting extra checks at night.

0809 phone. Unwanted party, services rendered. Location/address: 484 Walpole St. 2. Girlfriend's brother is causing problems, would like him removed. Off. transported 2 to Rte. 128 train station. Off. also removed MA 87SW91 that were revoked.

0829 911. Medical emergency, Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/address: 62 Cedar St. Child having seizure.

0921 911. Medical emergency, Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/address: 45 Hampden Dr. Lifeline call.

0953 phone. Hit and run, report filed. Location/address: 58 Plymouth Dr. New hydrant installed by DPW has been hit, knocked over and broken, bumper still there.

1124 walk-in. Larceny, report filed. Location/address: 20 Berwick St. Woman in station to report her medication has been stolen by her sister.

1259 phone. Susp. activity, services rendered. Location/address: 9 Ellis Ave. @ 88 Washington St. Caller reports a man on foot in the area seems troubled. W/m, 30 black coat. Off. reports one man in the area waiting for a bus with a blue coat and he is ok.

1455 phone. Pedestrian accident, report filed. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - 800 Washington St. Person in ER claiming to have hit a pedestrian. Pedestrian is in ER being treated.

1459 phone. Road hazard, services rendered. Location/address: 2 Howard St. @ 481 Washington St. Caller reports dumpster blocking sidewalk. Officer spoke to 487 Washington St. business, he will move in a little more so as not to block sidewalk.

1504 phone. Well being chk., spoken to. Location/address: Riverside Community Care - 595 Pleas-

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ant St. H. Donahue reports w/male on river side of bridge. Called back to say he was walking in parking lot and is safe. Officer spoke to staff members they are familiar with him and brought him inside.

1618 phone. Susp. vehicle, services rendered. Location/address: 151 Cameron Rd. Sp. vehicle in the area. Male told the caller he just pulled over to work on his computer. Subject was leaving but may have parked up the street. No pi working, off. checked the area and reports goa.

1828 phone. Parking violation, services rendered. Location/address: 8 Adams St. Caller reports someone is parked in her spot. MA reg#457BWD will remain in street overnight.

1838 phone. Assist citizen, services rendered. Location/address: 94 Roosevelt Ave. Caller requested advice regarding a CHINS violation. Officer to file report.

1932 phone. Report of fire, Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/address: 226 Rock St. No fire found.

1946 phone. Kids gathering, group moved. Location/address: Town Pizza - 20 Broadway St. Caller reports group of kids gathered. Group moved.

1946 phone. Assist citizen, services rendered. Location/address: Washington St. Caller reported 34E bus displaying "call police" on placard. Officers stopped bus, driver reported problems with sign.

2046 phone. Missing person, services rendered. Location/address: Community Living Program - 103 Winter St. Taira Harrison returns home. See report. Missing person entry removed from NCIC.

2111 phone. Serve warrant, arrest(s) made. Location/address: Norwood Police Dept. - 137 Nahatan St. Walk in party turns himself in on outstanding warrants. Arrest: Bretti, Matthew J. Address: 28 Savin Ave., Norwood, MA. DOB: 06/21/1984. Charges: warrant arrest.

**Friday, Feb. 20**

0125 phone. Be on the lookout, services rendered. Bolo. to cars from Foxboro State Police for white male that fled accident on Rt. 95 @ Neponset St. off ramp for Norwood

on foot. Bolo. to cars if white male (Sean Thomas) 06-21-73 of Dedham found walking (fio).

0221 911. Medical emergency, transported to hospital. Location/address: 33 Hill St. Daughter requesting ambulance for mother not feeling well. N679,NFD responded.

0247 phone. Assist other agency, services rendered. Location/address: 141 Railroad Ave. B107. Stoughton officer requesting drive by of residence to check on vehicle that was involved in hit & run in their town @ MBTA lot. (MA reg# 81RE67 ), 2003 blue Ford Explorer. N677 sent. Unable to gain access. Stoughton P.D. notified. N662 made contact with party and will respond to Stoughton and speak with officer.

0339 initiated. Assist citizen, protective custody. Location/address: Norwood High School - 245 Nichols St. N677 flagged down by a father trying to get his daughter who left the house to return home. N677 located her in front of high school. N662 responded. Transported to home @ 31 West St. As a result, N677 states he is returning with female in protective custody. P/C: Austin, Julia M. Address: 31 West St., Norwood, MA. DOB: 04/30/1990. Charges: protective custody.

0355 initiated. Vandalism, report filed. Location/address: Prescott School - 66 Richland Rd. N679 reports small hole in window by door #19 as if rock had hit it.

1040 phone. Well being chk., spoken to. Location/address: 84 Highview St. Well being requested on the resident Casey from her mother. Off. responds and spoke with the resident who had her phone off and she will contact her mother.

1048 walk-in. Larceny, report filed. Location/address: 76 Hill St. Lost or stolen checks.

1054 phone. Assist citizen, services rendered. Location/address: 484 Walpole St. Request for officer to standby while belongings are picked up.

1159 phone. Susp. activity, spoken to. Location/address: Convenient Food Market - 1237 Washington St. Female acting very strange, just entered convenience store. Officer spoke to female.

1538 phone. Susp. activity, services rendered. Location/address: 116 Juniper Dr. Neighbor reports sp. vehicle driving up and down neighborhood. Tan van with NH tags is visiting at #141 and wasn't sure which house it was.

1958 phone. Assist other agency, services rendered. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - 800 Washington St. Maria at ER reporting that a male party, Robert Delorio, walked away, Section Twelve on him. N677, N666, N663 respond. Party back at hospital before P.D. arrival.

2010 phone. Domestic, services rendered. Location/address: 261 Dean St. Verbal argument as a male and female walk up the street. Officers report both subjects goa.

2317 phone. Assist other agency, services rendered. Location/address: 87 Dean St. Officers assist DSS. Subject not home.

2357 phone. Noise complaint, services rendered. Location/address: 308 Norwest Dr. Officers advised the residents at #2 and they will keep it down.

**Saturday, Feb. 21**

0126 phone. Domestic, report filed. Location/address: 949 Norwest Dr. Caller reports neighbors were in back yard fighting and took it inside slamming things in the house. N679, N663 responded. Female had left upon arrival. Officers spoke with male party who stated it was verbal only. N663 also spoke with female via phone and she confirmed same.

0505 911. Medical emergency, transported to hospital. Location/address: 42 Nahatan St. 21. Caller states she is having stomach pains. N664, NFD responded.

1014 phone. Report of gas leak, Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/address: 22 Short St. NFD sent. Inside home.

1051 911. Medical emergency, Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/address: 38 Lincoln St.

1102 initiated. Citizens complaint, state DPW/Norwood DPW no. Location/address: 1161 Washington St. @ 2 Atwood Ave. N663 report hp parking sign lying on sidewalk in front of Balch. DPW notified.

1301 911. Medical emergency, normal response. Location/address: Nails & Co - 111 Lenox St. 106. Call for person passing out in chair. N677 and ambulance sent.

1304 phone. Lockout, Fire Dept. notified/

respo. Location/address: 22 Dean St. 2. Child locked in room. NFD freed same.

1517 phone. Well being chk., spoken to. Location/address: 9 Endicott St. 5. Report sound of water running for most of the day. N679 spoke to resident, taking extended shower, all ok.

1527 phone. Assist other police depart., taken/referred to other. Location: Walpole Mall. Request help w/fight in parking lot near Old Country Buffet. Walpole handled same.

1811 911. Assist citizen, state DPW/Norwood DPW no. Location/address: 352 Washington St. Caller reports sewerage back up. DPW notified. N661 sent.

1826 phone. Assist other agency, gone on arrival. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - 800 Washington St. Lily from ER reporting a female left the hospital with an IV in her arm. No section 12 on her. White female red shirt, blue jeans, left on foot. N661, N663, N662 to check area. N661 reports unable to locate.

2005 phone. Animal complaint, spoken to. Location/address: 88 Nahatan St. Officer checks dog owner, says only out for 20 minutes.

2015 phone. Assist citizen, protective custody. Location/address: Chateau Restaurant - 404 Bos.-Prov. Hwy. As a result of call, one party placed in protective custody. P/C: Rose, Jason Brian. Address: 116 Normandy Cir., Norwood MA. DOB: 03/20/1984. Charges: protective custody, drug, possess class D.

2042 walk-in. Assist citizen, report filed. Location/address: 46 Orleans Rd. Walk in party reports vehicle egged.

2348 initiated. Complaint of m/v, complaint/summons. Location/address: Vernon Realty Trust - 20 Vernon St. N439 reports MA reg#975AA3 plates are revoked plates attached to a different vehicle plates are on vin# 1c4gt640xb630046. Negoshians to tow vehicle. Summons: Bartkovich, Derek J. Address: 575 Bay Rd., Taunton, MA. DOB: 06/14/1973. Charges: uninsured motor vehicle, attaching plates or permitting.

**Sunday, Feb. 22**

0115 phone. Noise complaint, spoken to. Location/address: Courtyard by Marriott - 300

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**CONNOLLY**

Rita C. (Petroni) of Norwood, formerly of East Walpole, Feb. 20. Beloved wife of Peter J. Connolly. Sister of Esther Petroni, Ninnette Grusheski and Betty Petroni of East Walpole and the late Sally and Lili Petroni. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Funeral arrangements by Ginley Funeral Home, Walpole.

**FLAHERTY**

Stephen J., 66, of Norwood, formerly of Dorchester, from cancer, Feb. 15. He was a retired employee of the MBTA and an Army veteran. Beloved husband for 40 years of Susan (Barrett) Flaherty. Devoted father of AnnMarie Flaherty of Norwood, Janine Gannon and her husband, Michael of Franklin and Carolyn Horton and her husband Gary of Franklin. Son of the late Matthew and Jeanne (Chase) Flaherty of Dorchester. Brother of Judy Dionisio and her husband Richard, of Braintree and Jean Walsh and her husband, Robert of Milton. Brother-in-law of Mary Ann Green and her husband Kenneth of West Roxbury and Joseph Barrett and his wife Christine of Norwood. Loving Papa to his five grandchildren: Michael, Caroline and Joey Gannon and Madison and Sophia Horton. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Stephen may be made to The Smile Train, 41 Madison Ave., 28th Floor, New York, NY 10010. Checks in memory of Stephen should be made payable to: The Smile Train. Funeral arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood.

**HAYDEN**

Louise G., 85, of Norwood, Feb. 21. Born in Boston, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Isabel (McQuaid) Mullaney, and wife of the late Thomas M. Hayden, who passed away in 1994. She was the loving mother of Thomas M. (Susan) Hayden, Jr., of Norwood. Loving grandmother of Thomas M. Hayden, III of Foxboro and Molly Hayden of Norwood. Cherished great-grandmother of Bryson T. and Faith C. Hayden, both of Foxboro. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Those who wish may make memorial contributions in memory of Louise to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. Funeral arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood.

**MEYER**

John F., 82, of Norwood, Feb. 16. World War II veteran, U.S. Navy. Beloved husband of C. Patricia (Coughlin). Devoted father of Cheryl A. DuBois and husband Donald of Lakeville, Patricia J. Meyer and husband David Wimmer of CO and Jacqueline Meyer of Norwood. Also survived by three grandchildren: Brielle, Addison and Sheridan. Brother of Shirley Praino of Norwood. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood, with full military honors. Funeral arrangements by Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood.

**PHANEUF**

Wayne C. Jr., 31, of Norwood, suddenly on Feb. 15. Beloved son of Wayne and Leslie Phaneuf of Norwood and loyal and loving brother of Scott and Michelle Phaneuf, both of Norwood. Wayne is also survived by a number of aunts,

uncles and cousins. At the request of the family, the service and burial will be private. Funeral arrangements by Holden-Dunn-Lawler, Westwood.

**WINER**

Milton N., of Norwood, Feb. 20. Beloved husband of Bernice (Greenberg) Winer. Devoted father of Phyllis (and Marc) Cullen of CA, Jeanne (and Leslie Haas) Winer of CO, Deborah (and Brian) Winer-Garrison of OR and David (and Carmel) Winer. Loving brother of the late Harvey Winer and Helen Star. Cherished grandfather of nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements by Stanetsky Memorial Chapel, Canton.

**Condolences extended to:**

Lynda Pennie on the death of her brother Brian J. Birks in Naples, FL, Jan. 21.

Patricia Reise and her husband Craig on the death of their father Joseph R. Deegan of Westwood, Feb. 15.

Judith F. Spector on the death of her mother Sophie (Zaman) Mintz of West Roxbury, formerly of Canton, Feb. 17.

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River Ridge Dr. Caller reported excessive noise in several rooms. Officers spoke to individuals, advised.

0541 phone. Susp. activity, services rendered. Location/address: 256 Ridgewood Dr. Caller reports that a man is ringing her door bell. Party is unknown to her. N679 and N663 responded. Officers on scene reported party lives on Ridgewood Dr., no answer at his residence. 679 transport to hospital for evaluation. Relatives notified, will pick up party at hospital.

0620 phone. Report of gas leak, Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/address: 96 Winter St. @ 49 Walpole St. Caller reported odor of gas. Officer reported slight odor near Beach St. Gas company notified.

1356 phone. Death at home, report filed. Location/address: 51 Brookview Cir. 66. NFD, M.E., C.P.A.C., funeral home all notified.

2107 phone. Domestic, protective custody. Location/address: 69 Valley Rd. Caller reports domestic between him and husband. N665, N661 respond. N661 reports no domestic, one male intoxicated pc'd. and left in care of his husband, see report. P/C: Delgizzi, James K. Address: 69 Valley Rd., Norwood, MA. DOB: 08/10/1971. Charges: protective custody.

2127 911. Medical emergency, confirmed accidental. Location/address: 46 Irving St.

2339 phone. Medical emergency, Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/address: 3 Bristol Dr. NFD notified. Transport to hospital.

**Monday, Feb. 23**

0534 phone. Noise complaint, other. Location/address: 58 Geraldine Dr. Caller reports dog outside making noise for sometime. N663 responded. No response on call and at the door. Animal control responded and removed the animal.

0716 phone - Assist other police depart services rendered Location/address: 46 Dean St A Connecticut State Police requested officer notify Gary Dowdre To call them. Officer reported no one living at above address by that name.

0748 walk-in - Restraining order violated, services rendered Location/address: 220 Nahatan St Walk-in reported violation of restraining order. Off Copponi reports no violation.

services rendered Location/address: 152 Ridgewood Dr Off Costa reports NFD transported one.

1010 phone - Medical emergency Fire Dept notified/respo Location/address: 12 Lynwood Dr

1052 phone - Medical emergency services rendered Location/address: Unos Restaraunts Corp. (warehouse) - 44 Industrial Way Eileen Donahue reports her husband Tom called in severe pain from work place. Mr Donahue not in Norwood today, business contacted him via phone. He is ok, doesn't know why she called.

1104 radio - Warrant arrest \*arrest(s)made Location/address: Norwood High School - 245 Nichols St Juvenile brought to station under arrest on DYS warrant. 02/23/2009 1226 DYS came to station and picked up same. Arrest: Hurley, Stephen J Address: 78 Spruce Rd Norwood, MA Dob: 04/05/1991 Charges: warrant arrest

1119 walk-in - Dog bite Location/address: Norwood Crossings - 211 Central St Mother in station with son who was bitten by dog while at

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**A CAPPELLA NIGHT**

If you were lucky enough to attend last year's Norwood High School's A Cappella Night, you heard some thrilling performances of a cappella Music — singing without accompaniment. Don't miss the fourth annual A Cappella Night on Saturday, March 7, at 7 p.m., in the Coakley Middle School auditorium, 1315 Washington St. The Norwood High School

all-female group, AcaBella, and all-male group, Sound FX, will perform songs by artists such as Rhianna, the Goo Goo Dolls and the Jackson 5. Special guest performers include the Chorallaries (MIT), VoiceMale (Brandeis), and the Jackson Jills (Tufts). The Chorallaries, MIT's oldest co-ed a cappella group, have performed in international competitions and include songs by Daniel Powter, Natasha Bedingfield and Frank Sinatra. VoiceMale is Brandeis University's premier all-male a cappella group, performing a mix of rock, pop, R&B, and oldies. The Jackson Jills, Tufts' oldest all-female a cappella group, have sung with the Boston Pops, and their songs range from Madonna to Sara Bareilles and the Black Eyed Peas. The guest groups will have CDs of their music available for sale. The public is invited to attend. Tickets are \$5, only available at the door. All admission benefits student programs in Norwood.

**NORWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE**

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



## The McGloin boys

(Above): Steven J McGloin has been promoted Private First Class. He just recently returned from Iraq. He is a 2001 graduate of Boston College High School. (Below): Jeffrey Michael McGloin graduated from the Whittemore School of Business at the University of New Hampshire. He is a graduate of Xaverian Brothers High School. Both are the sons of Michael J. McGloin of Canton and Gail M McGloin of Norwood, and grandsons of Victoria Holmes and the late Harold Holmes of Roslindale.



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