

School Committee members have differing views on budget

Christopher Roberson
Staff Reporter



School Committee Member
Myev Bodenhofer

As they delve further into this year's budget season, School Committee Members Patrick McDonough and Myev Bodenhofer have different thoughts and predictions going forward.

McDonough said that as of Feb. 4, the budget deficit had been reduced from \$3.1 million to \$1.8 million. He said that number came from cuts that were approved during the Jan. 25 School Committee meeting and a \$1.4 million contribution from the town.

Therefore, McDonough said he does not see the need to utilize Proposition 2 1/2 this year.

"I don't think we need an override at this time, I really don't," he said, adding that enrollment has decreased in recent years. "We always find the money."

However, McDonough said he will still continue to do everything possible to protect teachers' jobs.

"My goal is to cut outside of the class-



School Committee Member
Patrick McDonough

room," he said.

During the committee's Jan. 25 meeting, McDonough made a motion to cut one vice principal at Coakley Middle School and Assistant Superintendent of Schools Dr. Alexander Wyeth.

"It was very shocking to see no central administrative positions on that sheet," he said of the list of cuts proposed by Superintendent of Schools James Hayden.

Prior to McDonough's motion, Wyeth said he would give up his job to save full-time employee positions.

"Let's put me on the list, I'll start looking for another job," he said during the meeting.

Looking back, McDonough said he did not appreciate Wyeth's comment and would continue to stand behind his motion, which the committee approved in a 3-2 vote.

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One of three sets of windows on the third floor of Town Hall, which were found to be leaking following a Nor'easter last month.

PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER ROBBERSON

PBCC cites obstacles with Town Hall window repairs

Christopher Roberson
Staff Reporter

Following the latest Nor'easter on Jan. 23-24, Theodore Callahan, a member of the Permanent Building Construction Committee (PBCC), was alarmed to find three leaking windows at Town Hall.

The windows are located on the north side of the building facing the parking lot.

"I want to really get this going, what I saw was not good, we've got to take care of that," he said during the Feb. 2 PBCC meeting. "I'm putting a priority on this."

Callahan said the windows' flashing needs to be replaced to prevent any additional water damage.

However, it will not be an easy task.

Callahan said the first problem is that the windows are all on the third floor – about 40 feet off the ground.

"Two of them are as high up as you can get," said Callahan, adding that the PBCC will earmark \$199,393 for the job.

Once the windows have been reached, the second obstacle will be to remove the giant stone lintels to uncover the flashing.

"This is not for the faint of heart, these are big pieces of stone," said Callahan, adding that special equipment will be needed.

However, he said Canton engineering firm Thompson & Lichtner would be a favorable choice for the job, as the company has done similar work for the town in the past.

In other news, Callahan provided an update on the Hawes Brook Bath House project. "We're stumbling along very nicely," he said, adding that the masons have completed their work and all the walls are up.

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Did anyone lose a class ring – 43 years ago?

Christopher Roberson
Staff Reporter

In 1975, while driving along Pulaski Boulevard in Bellingham in his 1968 Chevrolet Impala convertible, Donald Marquis, then of Woonsocket, R.I., saw something that caught his eye.

"I saw this blue sparkle on the side of the road – it was a ring from Norwood High," he said, adding that the initials M.T.B. were all that connected the class ring to its owner.

The ring, which Marquis said was from the prior year's graduating Class of 1974, had wandered 20 miles away from home.

"I was kind of excited about finding this thing," he said.

A search through the high school's 1974 yearbook by this newspaper

found one senior with matching initials: Michael T. Brennan, who at the time resided at 24 Yarmouth Rd. However, no additional contact information could be found, and we were unsuccessful finding him.

Although the stone had gone unscathed, the same could not be said for the ring itself.

"It must have been run over by some kind of vehicle, because it's slightly bent," said Marquis.

Marquis, who was 24 at the time he discovered the ring, said he intended to post it in the lost and found section of Bellingham's newspaper. However, he never got around to it and moved to Maine later that year, taking the ring with him.

Years later, Marquis thought about posting the ring on Facebook only to change his mind once again, this time for

security reasons and his continued desire to return the ring to its rightful owner.

"Anybody could call for it," said Marquis.

Now living in Vassalboro, Maine, Marquis said he recently came across the ring once again while sifting through a box of old pictures.

"It's been moved around half a dozen times," he said, adding that he would still like to return the ring to its owner, even if it is 43 years later. "I think it would be a great recovery for whoever lost it, if they are still alive. To lose a ring would be devastating, it's a symbol that they accomplished something – it's the memories."

Paula Pelaggi, secretary of the Norwood High School Alumni Association, said she was surprised to learn that



For the past 43 years, Donald Marquis has been looking for the owner of this class ring from Norwood High School.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DONALD MARQUIS

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Town and Country

Jackie Saber
Columnist

HI GUYS, SPECIAL SHOUTOUT!

Two of Our Town's young men, friends since their Oldham School days and both graduates of NHS class of '15, have something very American and honorable in common. PFC Mark L. Frey and PFC Brendan D. Trahon are serving in the U.S. Army, stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas, home of the 1st Cavalry Division. Mark and Brendon continue in the tradition of

their strong military families and both will be deployed to Kuwait for nine months. Our Town wishes both Mark and Brendan God Speed on their journey in life to save others! Be safe always!

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

LEAD (Learn, Explore, Achieve, Develop) is a program for NHS graduates to acquire skills that will be helpful to them as they walk the pathways of life. Three of the students are Nick Caramanica, Antonio DiCesare, and Katie Ryan.

The team takes over the Norwood Public Access TV studio and tapes a 'LEAD' talk show. They discuss their interests, hobbies, and present themselves as professionals. I love them all as they have terrific personalities, kindness, and respect for others. Good Luck to the two handsome guys, Nick, and Antonio, and to gorgeous Katie!!

THE POEM
Written by Emma Lazarus in 1883, 'Give me your tired
Saber
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Selectmen vote to put recreational marijuana on April ballot

Christopher Roberson
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously on Feb. 7 to have a ballot question included in the April 3 town election asking voters to approve a general and a zoning bylaw that would reject businesses in the town from selling recreational marijuana.

The board also voted unanimously to include the two bylaw proposals as articles on the Town Meeting warrant.

In a third unanimous decision, the board voted to put another article on the warrant that would implement a moratorium on the sale of recreational marijuana, which would not be lifted until December 2018 – six months beyond the moratorium that was recently passed by the state legislature.

Prior to the trio of votes, Selectman William Plasko said he had consulted with Town Counsel Brandon Moss, who Plasko said, favored the moratorium over the bylaws.

“He said that’s something the town should do to protect itself,” said Plasko.

Plasko said that Moss believed that legal issues could arise by putting the bylaws on both the ballot and the Town Meeting warrant.

“He has some concerns that this is being done without any clear direction from the state,” said Plasko. “The

bylaws are typically adopted at Town Meeting not on the ballot.”

However, he said that according to the language in the actual state act, a municipality must have a ballot question in order to opt out of recreational marijuana sales.

“It’s not clear what that’s supposed to mean, there’s no further explanation,” said Plasko.

Chairman Allan Howard said that time is of the essence.

“Now is the time to move forward on this,” he said. “If everything isn’t legally proper, so be it, we’ll deal with it.”

Howard also said that although the vape shop that Norwood has seems innocent enough, that may not be the case in the future if the sale of recreational marijuana is permitted in town.

Selectman Helen Abdullah-Donohue said she felt uneasy about favoring the bylaws, particularly since Moss advised against it.

“I’m reluctant to go against the advice of Town Counsel, we don’t take bylaw changes easily or passively,” she said, adding that the board should also garner public input.

Howard said that would not be a problem.

“You’re going to get a tremendous amount of public input from Town Meeting and from the voters,” he said.

Selectman Paul Bishop

thanked Plasko for the time he spent on the matter.

“He’s always been the Tom Brady of this team,” Bishop said of Plasko. “He’s not a three-hour-a-week selectman.”

In other news, Fire Chief Anthony Greeley and Police Chief William Brooks spoke about how their departments worked together during the apartment kitchen fire that broke out at 2:47 a.m. on Feb. 4 at 131 Norwest Dr.

“Given the time of night, our expectation was that people were in the apartment – and there were,” said Greeley, adding that two residents were unconscious when firefighters arrived. “They were overcome by the smoke.”

However, Greeley said his firefighters were quickly able to extinguish the blaze.

“It was what we call an offensive attack,” he said.

Once the residents were pulled from the building, six police officers jumped in to assist with CPR.

“It was about as high of an example of teamwork as you can get,” said Greeley, adding that it did not matter who was wearing which uniform. “It said Norwood on our shoulders.”

As a result of their joint efforts, Greeley said both victims are expected to recover.

He said that although the fire was certainly accidental, the cause remains under in-

Selectmen

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Legals

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF NORWOOD

The Town of Norwood hereby notifies all residents that the State Attorney General’s office has approved the following amendment to the Town By-Laws which was voted at the Special Town Meeting, October 24, 2016 namely:

Article 2. Council on Aging Bylaw. Amend Article XVIII of the By-Laws of the Town of Norwood, entitled “Council on Aging” by deleting in its entirety the existing Section 1 and by substituting a new Section 1, as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby established a Council on Aging consisting of five (5) members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, for terms of two (2) years each. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen, and the member so appointed shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term of that member’s predecessor. Members of the Council on Aging on the effective date of this amendment shall continue in their positions until their current terms expire. All successive terms shall be for two (2) years each

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

Thomas J. McQuaid
Town Clerk and Accountant

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OPINION

VICTORY

They did it again. The New England Patriots earned an unprecedented fifth Super Bowl win this past weekend. This of course will not be news to you unless you have just emerged from a cave somewhere in Western Massachusetts where you were hibernating for the winter.

We come here today not to just sing the team's praises. How could we possibly do that any better than others before us? Our modest mission is to extract lessons from the team's historic run.

In all walks of life, from small businesses to seats of political power, success is not easy to come by. There are daily distractions, setbacks, enemies, rules, and a fickle public to contend with. We promise to put the pom-poms down by the end of the week, but there are numerous ways this team's success illustrates strategies for dealing with all these impasses.

Leadership: Be decisive and consistent. Set a foundation that can be built upon, not buried under half-thought out innovations and "Hail Mary passes."

What doesn't kill you, makes you Superman: The Patriots suffered plenty in the wake of "Deflategate." We lost draft picks, cash, and four more games of Tom Brady. And yet, as this season went along, the adversity only made the team stronger, fiercer, and more focused. The controversy unified the fan base even more. It gave Brady a renewed source of inspiration and belly fire. The quarterback's absence allowed the team to learn a lot more about backup players who may, in due time, be the future of the team. As in Judo, the team took the blows of opponents and turned the energy against them.

Do your job: It is an over-hyped sound bite from Coach Belichick, but one that is truly prescient. Know your strengths and weaknesses. Apply your skills prudently. We all have a core competency, use it to full advantage.

No days off: We might not fully agree with the Coach's half-serious declaration from Tuesday's pep rally, but we get the message. Hands may not always need to get dirty, but no one was ever harmed by always keeping an eye open for new opportunities, inspiration, or ways to improve. Life and learning are not a 9-5, Monday-Friday gig.

There is also a lesson from another local sports team to be had, but one we hope others do not emulate. The Boston Bruins, in firing Coach Claude Julien, did so under the cover of the Super Bowl victory parade. Perhaps the timing was coincidental, but that is very unlikely. It certainly appears that the team learned something from politicians of the world: if bad news or a controversial idea must be made public, do so in a press release that goes out at 4:59 p.m. on a Friday (bonus points for the Friday before a long weekend). Distraction, the cynical might argue, is your friend.

Ah yes, it is a tried and true strategy for tamping down press interest and diluting public interest and scrutiny. Our advice to the Bruins and anyone else who relies on this tactic: it doesn't work. In an age of perpetual media and social media you can no longer hide problems and hope no one pays attention. Obscuring the firing under the cover of a massive celebration only underscores how bad things are for the Black and Gold. Be like Bill, not like Cam.

NHA IS PROUD OF ITS SERVICES

To the Editor:

In the Feb. 2 edition of the Norwood Record, a letter writer referred to the Norwood Housing Authority and its housing inventory. The letter noted with a capital NO that Norwood has no senior housing. The NHA owns and manages 406 units of Senior/Disabled housing in town for persons of low to moderate income. Two hundred and thirty-eight of those units were constructed between 1960 and 1972 with state funding, 72 units were built in 1980 on the former Shattuck School site with funding from the Federal government that was administered by the Commonwealth, and 96 units at Maguire Housing on Brookview Circle funded under President Carter's turnkey public housing program through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development in 1980. It is no exaggeration that thousands of seniors and disabled persons have lived in these apartments over the years, the vast majority of whom were Norwood residents before they moved in.

The NHA offers a local preference to persons who live or work in the town, and to those who are veterans of military service, as part of the application process. There are wait lists maintained for our developments and there are several hundred applicants on those lists constantly. Eligibility for these programs has income limits, which differ for each program, but are designed to serve persons with low to moderate income. The integrity of the wait lists are of utmost importance to the Norwood Housing Authority Board and to me and my staff. The inference that is voiced in the writer's letter about the "mentality is if you know someone..." is in no way the policy of our office. State and Federal regulations dictate the wait list operation and we follow those rules implicitly. Applicants are granted all priorities and preferences that they may be entitled to under those rules, but no more or less than

any other applicants are entitled to.

The writer states that "a waiting list is truly inappropriate for the quality of housing in Norwood." This is a baffling statement, as the wait list by its existence indicates the fact that our units are constantly fully occupied. Our staff works diligently to turn over apartments when someone moves out so it is available as soon as possible to the next person on the list in very good condition. We not only clean, paint, refinish floors, replace carpeting in our units but also have a program to update kitchens each year in some of those units that become vacant, to the best that our budgets allow. Over the past 15 years we have accomplished many improvements to our properties, including but not limited to: replacement of all roofs, renovations of community rooms and modernization of laundry facilities, expansion and modernization of the community facility at Willow Wood Terrace, expanded parking areas at Nahatan Village, heat and hot water boiler replacement at three of the four senior developments. We have improved the roadway and parking at Maguire Housing as well as constructed a green house and community gardens on that property for residents to use. New siding was installed on all the buildings at Maguire Housing and buildings were properly insulated to improve the living spaces. These improvements were made possible due to proper management and investments by the NHA, HUD and the Commonwealth and through partnering with the Town of Norwood in applications for CDBG grants. The NHA is a consistently rated a High Performing agency by HUD and the Mass. Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

The Commissioners and staff of the Norwood Housing Authority are extremely and justifiably proud of our agency and our properties. We care deeply for our residents and have resident coordination programs in place to assist our residents with

accessing community services such as home health assistance, medication management, Medicare choice assistance, transportation, money management, as well as social activities at all our sites to improve their quality of life. We work closely with the Town agencies such as the Senior Center, the Board of Health, the DPW, Building Department, both Police and Fire Departments, and receive great support in those partnerships from the Board of Selectmen and the General Manager. The NHA does not receive any direct financial support from the town. Our programs are funded by the rents received from our residents, which are based on their incomes, and HUD or DHCD.

I currently serve as the President of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, (NAHRO). In that role I have seen public housing operations in many different regions and states in our country. I am always proud of what we have here in Norwood and of the support that we receive from our local leaders. I also appreciate and struggle with the harsh reality that we do not have enough truly affordable housing in most communities in the country. It is shameful that the federal government and state governments have not had any building programs for over 25 years, particularly for seniors and persons with disabilities. The need is real, yet there are no easy answers to the lack of truly affordable housing when the real estate market is driving rents and home prices ever upward.

If you have questions about the Norwood Housing Authority I can be reached by email asmerritt@norwoodha.org or at the Administrative office at 40 William Shyne Circle, Norwood, MA 02062.

Stephen W. Merritt - Executive Director, on behalf of and in concurrence with the Commissioners of the Norwood Housing Authority, Chairman Kevin Flaherty, Patricia Griffin Starr, Judith Langone, Anne White Scoble, John Hayes.

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“The comment he made was unwarranted and does not befit the position that he holds,” said McDonough.

He also said his motion has not had any adverse effect on the superintendent search.

“Not one person has withdrawn their name,” he said.

However, Bodenhofer voted against McDonough’s motion, saying after the meeting that it was too early to be making cuts of that magnitude.

“I know that there’s a lot of moving parts,” she said, adding that cutting a middle school vice principal was not recommended by Principal Jackie Mann. “We have a long way to go in this budget cycle.”

Bodenhofer said that during

prior budget seasons, the district has lost a number of good teachers who took jobs elsewhere as they were falsely under the impression that their jobs in Norwood were in danger.

She said that before administrative positions were called into question, the committee was already tasked with a myriad of gut-wrenching decisions.

“There are some pretty awful cuts,” she said, calling attention to the possibility of losing the Athletic Program and elementary school reading specialists.

“What could be more fundamental to our mission than teaching kids how to read?” asked Bodenhofer, adding that the loss of the athletic program would be devastating as well. “If we cut the

athletic program, more kids would choose private school.”

Therefore, she said a better approach might be to consider partial program reductions as opposed to doing away with them altogether.

Bodenhofer said although an override will mostly likely be avoidable this year; it could become a real possibility in the next couple of years based on the current budget trends.

“We’ve looked at all possible revenue sources,” said Bodenhofer.

According to the district’s budget documents, Norwood’s school funding has increased by an average of 3.7 percent over the last three fiscal years.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUDGET ISSUES

To the Editor:

I feel compelled to respond to your Opinion Article as stated in last week’s paper. The editorial stated that the Norwood School Committee voted for budget cuts to incite the “terror card.” This could not be further from the truth. I ran for my position and stand on the fact that we should not be scaring people about our budget requests.

To be clear, the Assistant Superintendent did not “seemingly throw himself upon a sword.” In fact, he made a rude and unwarranted comment that does not befit his position. I have con-

tacted the co-chair of the ongoing Superintendent Search Committee and she has indicated to me that not one person has withdrawn their name from consideration due to the cut of the Assistant Superintendent position.

Further, this paper omitted the fact that we saved three full time teaching positions. These are teachers that will directly affect education of the children of Norwood. Finally, this paper has taken the stance that an override is necessary. I believe that not to be the case at this time. What is needed are people who are fiscally responsible, who can make the necessary cuts, work within their budgets, and continue to

provide a quality education for the children of Norwood.

Patrick J. McDonough
Norwood School Committee

Editor’s Note:

This newspaper did not state that the school committee made cuts to “incite the terror card,” though we did question if this was a motivation, which is not unprecedented with the school committee. Also, this newspaper did not state that an override “is necessary.” What was written is that the schools don’t have enough money to work with and an override or a possible redistribution of the town’s total funds should be considered.



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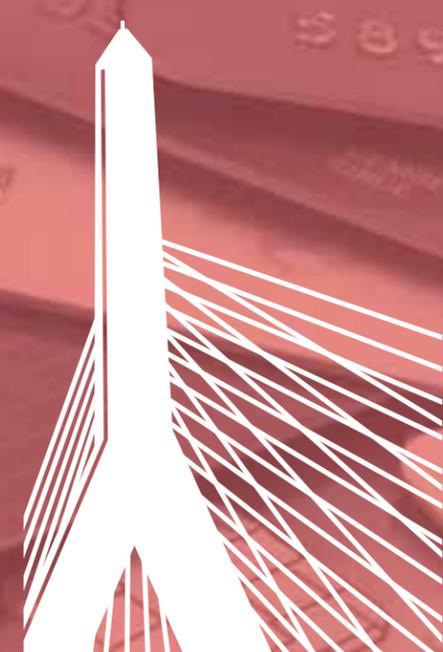
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Any current Town Meeting Member whose term is expiring on April 3, 2017 who did not file the required "intent to seek re-election form" with the office of the Town Clerk must do so by **Monday, February 13, 2017 at 5:00 PM.**

Anyone else interested in running for the office of Town Meeting Member must file nomination papers signed by at least ten (10) registered voters in their District. Last day for filing with the Board of Registrars is **Monday, February 13, 2017 at 5:00 PM.**

If you have any question, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 762-1240, ext. 152.

Nomination Papers

The Town Clerk's Office wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that nomination papers for the Annual Town Election to be held on Monday, April 3, 2017 are available in the Town Clerk's Office.

Requirements for filing nomination papers:

Major offices need 50 signatures of qualified voters.

Anyone wishing to run for Town Meeting Member who is not a candidate for re-election needs to obtain 10 signatures of qualified voters in their district.

The nomination papers must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office by **Monday, February 13, 2017 by 5:00 PM.**

Dog Licenses

The Town Clerk's Office would like to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that the 2017 Dog Licenses are now available.

All dogs three months old or over must be licensed. Licenses are issued on a calendar basis, January 1st through December 31st.

Fees are \$20 for both Male and Female dogs, \$15 for Spayed Females and Neutered Males. Certificate showing the dog was spayed or neutered must be shown. Rabies Certificate must also be shown.

The Town Clerk's office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

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Callahan said work is currently being done to secure the building's trusses and that the windows are also ready for installation.

However, he said there was a minor problem with the end load on one of the trusses on the side of building facing Washington Street, which required the structural engineer's attention.

"I don't want to describe this as a change, it's not a change," said Callahan, adding that he still expects the trusses to be completely installed by the end of the month.

Once the trusses are in, Callahan said roofing will be the next step.

"By Town Meeting, we should have something for people to look at," he said.

Callahan also said the continued use of Lull equipment has ripped up the ground, mak-

ing it difficult to walk around the site.

"To walk around there is quite risky," he said.

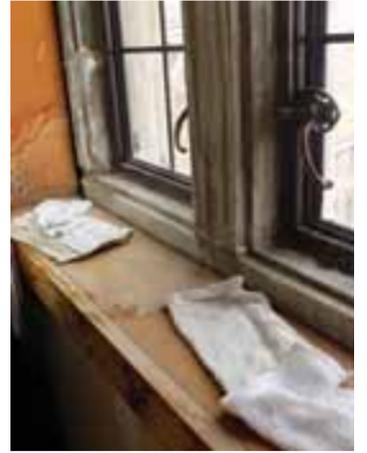
Chairman Francis Hopcroft announced that the PBCC will host a public hearing on March 15 at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center to discuss the three renovation proposals for St. Gabriel's Chapel.

Dale Gienapp, owner of Gienapp Design, the project's architect, is also expected to attend.

The first option would be to secure the building and leave it unoccupied. The second option would be to restore the chapel to its original state and the last option would call for a full-scale effort to bring the building up to code.

The project's current cost projection ranges between \$645,000 and \$1.5 million.

"I'll moderate it, I'm not



Towels have been placed on the inside of three Town Hall windows, which were found to be leaking after last month's Nor'easter.

PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER ROBERSON

expecting it to get out of hand," Hopcroft said of the hearing, adding that he is anticipating approximately 75 residents to attend. "I think we'll have a good outcome from this meeting."

The PBCC's next meeting will be on Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

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vestigation.

"It was a heck of a weekend," said Greeley.

Brooks said the other incident, which also required the Fire Department, involved a woman who was struck by an MBTA Commuter Rail train on the evening of Feb. 3 near the Guild Street Bridge.

Brooks said Officer Diego Silva was one of the first to arrive on the scene and rolled under the train to assess the woman's injuries.

Greeley's men were quick to follow.

"We had two guys under the train while it was running," he said.

However, despite being rushed to Norwood Hospital, the woman later died from the collision.

Bishop said he has come to recognize the two departments as one cohesive unit.

"I don't see it anymore as a Police Department or a Fire Department, I see it as one unit," he said.

Bishop also asked how firefighters recover emotionally after responding to a call in which there are severe injuries or fatalities.

Greeley said that in addition to outside services being available, he and Capt. George Morrice are also available to speak with firefighters following a traumatic call.

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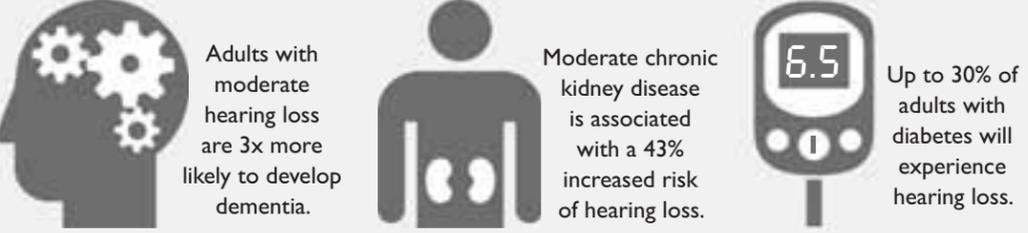
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The Norwood Zoning Board of Appeals voted on Feb. 7 to deny an asphalt plant at 973 University Ave. PHOTO BY AMANDA WEBSTER

Asphalt plant denied, for now

Amanda Webster
Staff Reporter

An appeal to overturn a building permit application was continued during Tuesday's Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

Property owner Joseph Federico Jr. requested a permit to allow his property at 973 University Avenue to be

used as a bituminous concrete manufacturing plant. The request was denied by Norwood's Building Inspector, Mark Chubet.

The property is located in a limited manufacturing district and, according to Chubet, the amount of manufacturing produced by the plant would violate the terms of the limited manufacturing zone. The plant would produce roughly 300 to 600 tons of concrete each day, according to Federico.

"You have a definition of light manufacturing that really kind of throws a bolt into everything, with very few qualifiers," said Dan Bailey,

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

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Marquis had kept the ring for so many years, adding that he certainly could have sold it or given it away.

However, she said there is still a very good chance of finding the ring's owner.

"The Class of '74 is a real tight-knit group," she said.

Anyone with information about the ring or its owner is encouraged to contact Marquis at (207) 660-5617.

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Sports

Coming off win at Natick, is Norwood in position for playoff push?

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

In arguably its most impressive win of the season, Norwood nipped Natick, 5-3, on Saturday as it embarks on an improbable postseason push.

“That was a big win for us,” Mustangs head coach Chuck Allen said. “We know mathematically we’re still in it, and the kids know that too.”

Besides the fact that the Redhawks are 8-5-2 and have the best record of any team Norwood has defeated this season, the Mustangs were most impressive in the evening tilt at Rodman Arena by climbing out of a 2-0 hole less than four minutes into the game.

“They never quit,” Allen said. “We played very disciplined again. We’ve been staying out of the box and it’s helping us a lot.”

Joe Spodercia scored the first of his two goals to cut the deficit in half by the end of the first period and Kyle McCue evened it out at 11:50 of the second period.

Spodercia’s second put the Mustangs on top by a goal at 5:54

of the third, but Natick would draw even.

Gifted a power play later on in the period, Norwood took advantage. Allen used his timeout to draw up a play, and just five seconds in to the man advantage, Ryan Johnson scored the go-ahead goal at 12:55 for the 4-3 lead.

Charlie Gover added an empty netter to secure the win.

Now 5-8-1, the Mustangs remain a bit behind the 8-ball in terms of getting to the postseason, with nine points still needed over their remaining six games.

However, upon closer examination, it may not be as tall a task as it appears on the surface.

Beginning with yesterday’s game vs. Newton North (4-7-4) – a game played after the Record’s deadline – Norwood will face teams with a losing record in five of its final six games.

The Mustangs host Milton (7-9-1) on Saturday at 8 p.m. at Rodman Arena, travel to Brockton (3-7-3) on Monday night at 8 p.m. and then to Brookline (2-12-1) on Wednesday at 6 p.m.



Norwood co-captain Charlie Gover, wearing No. 7 in white, has been among the top performers on a revamped Mustangs team this season. Through games played on Tuesday, Norwood has 11 points this season – 10 more than all of last year, when the team went 0-19-1.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

Norwood closes out its regular season against still-unbeaten Walpole (16-0-1) and King Philip (3-12-0) the following week.

The way Allen sees it, the Mustangs are already playing playoff hockey.

“Every game is a playoff game

for us right now,” he said. “We go into every game with that mentality.”

Setback vs. Wellesley

Wellesley easily knocked Norwood off its brief winning

streak last Wednesday, downing the Mustangs by a 5-1 margin.

The Mustangs only got on the board with 1:34 remaining in the game, on a Charlie Gover goal that came during a delayed penalty

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Margin for error is minimal as boys hoop enters home stretch

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter



Richie Watson follows through on a free throw attempt in Norwood’s loss last Friday night to the Natick Redhawks. Watson, who is the second-leading scorer on the Mustangs this season, was unavailable for much of the fourth quarter after fouling out.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

The prevailing feeling inside the gym was that Norwood High let one slip away against the Natick Redhawks on Friday night in a 66-54 loss.

“That’s a game we could have had,” Mustangs head coach JJ Oliver said afterwards, straight and to the point.

Things fared better for Norwood than the teams’ previous meeting in Natick on Jan. 6 – a 70-40 loss for the Mustangs – but given how well Norwood looked in spurts in the rematch, the result may have been tougher to swallow.

The Mustangs took a 13-12 lead into the second quarter, but suddenly went ice cold upon the clock reset. The Redhawks began to run away, opening the period on a 10-0 run, before Mike James an-

nounced his presence.

The senior guard, who is averaging 15.5 points per game for Norwood, finally made the team’s first field goal of the second quarter with 2:19 remaining.

James connected from 3 on the Mustangs’ next possession to get the Mustangs within two points, which occurred right before he created a turnover on the defensive side of the floor and turned the steal into a circus layup, tying the game at 22-22.

James, the Bay State Conference-Herget Division’s leading scorer, converted another coast-to-coast layup off a steal to close out the half with authority, turning Norwood’s 22-13 deficit into a 27-22 advantage. He finished with 26 points on Friday evening.

“Mike seems to do whatever is needed on a given

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night,” Oliver said. “He just continues to do great things for us.”

A 3-pointer for James extended the Mustangs’ lead to 30-24 in the opening minutes of the third quarter, their largest of the game.

Slowly but surely, things began to flip back in the Redhawks favor. Thanks to an edge in rebounding, Natick attempted six more field goals in the third quarter than Norwood, and also turned the ball over three fewer times. The Mustangs trailed, 42-35, after three.

One more time, James did his best to will Norwood back into the game. He connected on his first three shots from the floor in the fourth to make it a 45-41 deficit.

The Mustangs never got closer than three, however, thanks in large part to superb 3-point shooting from the Redhawks down the stretch. Natick went 4-for-6 from deep in the fourth quarter, in contrast with Norwood’s 1-for-5 performance.

The Redhawks did not ex-

cel from the free throw line in the fourth quarter, going just 5-for-15 to leave the door open a crack for the Mustangs. While Norwood’s percentage was better (10-for-20), the sheer number of misses from the line was enough to prevent the Mustangs from making one final push.

“It certainly would have helped to get a few more buckets with the clock stopped, but I don’t think the foul shooting plagued us too much tonight,” Oliver said, downplaying its affect on the game.

Each team left plenty of points on the line; Norwood was 15-for-33 overall from the line, while Natick was 10-for-22.

The Mustangs nearly pulled off a comeback for the ages on Tuesday night vs. the Newton North Tigers, pulling within three points after entering the fourth quarter trailing by 16.

The bid came up just short, as the Tigers prevailed in Newtonville, 56-49. Watson led the team with 21 points, while Mike King was



The Norwood Boys basketball team needs to step up play to make it to the playoffs this year.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

a beast on the glass with 13 rebounds.

Norwood is now 7-9 and needs to win three of its fi-

nal four games to qualify for the postseason for a second consecutive season. Its next opportunity to get one step

closer to that goal is on Friday night, when the Milton Wildcats come to down for a 6:30 p.m. tipoff.

Injuries highlight a hard loss for Norwood girls basketball against Newton North

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Ravaged by injuries, Norwood’s back is now firmly against the wall for a tournament berth after a 52-34 loss vs. Newton North on Tuesday night.

The Mustangs, 5-10, have lost six games in a row and must turn around and match that length of a winning streak to get back to the Division 2 South playoffs for a fourth consecutive season.

The degree of difficulty is massive for a Norwood team dealing with the loss of point guard Meghan Reen for the season with a torn ACL and center Ally Copponi now nursing a leg injury with no timetable for a return.

Still, Norwood head coach Amy Lepley can’t help but be impressed with her team’s compete level on a nightly basis, including the loss vs. the Tigers.

“That’s what we ask every single game,” Lepley said of her team showing up to play for each game. “Obviously, we’d love to be getting these wins, but these girls fight and they fight and they fight. They never give up.”

Newton North (12-1) had trouble pulling away from the Mustangs, and even trailed after the first quarter, 8-7.

Each time the Tigers appeared to be making their move to suck the drama out of the gym, Norwood had an answer.

Krista Bradley sank a 3-pointer with 2 seconds left in the first half to get Norwood within a possession heading into the break, a 20-17 deficit.

Newton North seemed to have it all figured out in the third quarter before a late Kaylin Reen 3 and a buzzer-beating jumper from Ali Giambanco kept the Mustangs within striking distance, the score 32-27 after three.

Norwood inched closer once more, trimming a nine-point Tigers lead to four thanks to some on-point free throw shooting to begin the fourth quarter.

It was at that point the clock finally struck midnight on the Mustangs, which surrendered a 16-2 run to end the game. Sayawni Lassiter led the Tigers with 19 points – 16 in the second half.

“She’s a really good player, she’s improved im-



Kaylin Reen awaits the fate of her jump shot as Krista Bradley tries to screen a Tigers opponent away from the ball.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

mensely in the last year,” Lepley said. “But we knew that coming in. She was definitely our focus, but that whole team is very athletic.”

Freshman Ali Giambanco paced Norwood with 11 points. Juniors Meg Giambanco and Kaylin Reen finished tied for second with nine points each in the losing effort.

Lepley has taken notice of the contributions of each Giambanco sister, both of

whom have taken on expanded roles as the season’s worn on due to injuries.

“Meg is someone who never played last year, so it’s interesting how she’s been a spark for us this year – and it’s been needed,” Lepley said. “And Ali, she’s a freshman, so obviously she has her ups and downs, but she’s been doing a great job recently of trying to take over that point guard role so we can get Kaylin [Reen] back to doing what she needs to

be doing.”

Kaylin Reen sank three 3-pointers for her nine points. Lepley is hoping that once Ali Giambanco feels comfortable enough in the point guard role, Reen can return to the shooting guard position and do what she does best: drain 3s.

Norwood’s first do-or-die game is tomorrow night vs. the Milton Wildcats (5-9) in Milton. The Mustangs won the team’s first matchup this season, 43-29 on Jan. 13 in Norwood.

Win No. 1 earned by Norwood wrestlers

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As of last weekend, every single wrestler on Norwood High's varsity team has won at least one match this season.

After last week's games vs. Wellesley and Natick, Norwood has just one game left in the regular season against a team with a winning record: Walpole (16-0-1) on Saturday, Feb. 18.

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Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

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The season winding down, opportunities were growing scarce for the Norwood High wrestling team to secure a win.

Not only is the wait over, but the Mustangs have someone they can proudly dedicate their 42-25 over Whitman-Hanson to.

"We want to dedicate the win to my dad, Bill McDermott Jr.," Norwood wrestling coach Billy McDermott said.

The second-year Mustangs wrestling coach said that his father, who is also known as "Junior" or "June Bug," has been battling ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

Combine that situation weighing on the coach's mind, with the team aware of the situation, and the timing was perfect for Saturday's triumph.

"Hard work and teamwork is what got this win," McDermott said.

Danny Barron, Sylvain Appolon, DeVaughn Carter, David Benjamin and Colin Plasko were among the wrestlers who entered the winner's circle for Norwood.

The quad meet at Whitman-Hanson High School also featuring Arlington and Coyle &

Cassidy/Bristol-Plymouth. The Mustangs fell to Arlington 65-12, but turned in a respectable performance vs. the Coyle co-op with a 48-33 loss.

Appolon, Carter, Kevin Curtis and Cordell Souther picked up wins vs. the Coyle co-op, while freshman Sean Wetherell picked up the first win of his career vs. Arlington.

McDermott said that with Wetherell's win, all members of the Norwood varsity have now won a varsity match this season.

"To me and coach Camp [John Campisano], that is promise for the future," McDermott said.

The Mustangs had their final regular season dual meet of the season on Tuesday night at Dedham High School, in an event held after the Record's deadline. Sectionals are coming up on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. at Natick High School, with the potential for Mustang wrestlers to still reach the state tournaments after that.

The Division 2 championships are on Friday, Feb. 17 and Saturday, Feb. 18 at Algonquin Regional High School in Northborough, and the MIAA all-state championships are on Friday, Feb. 24 at Reading High School.

call.

"I can't pinpoint what happened," Norwood head coach Chuck Allen said after the game, noting the team had a strong day of practice just 24 hours earlier. "It's just one of those things.

"It's just inexperience and trying to learn."

The first period began in a promising manner for the Mustangs, with the game scoreless through 15 minutes and even in terms of shots on goal, at 5-apiece.

The scoreboard remained blank over halfway into the second before the Raiders finally broke the deadlock on a Michael Siemering power play tally at 8:04. Bo Picking doubled Wellesley's lead at 9:54 of the second to take a 2-0 lead into the locker room.

At that point, the game remained within reach for Norwood, but not for much longer. Ryan Keator broke free and scored just 13 seconds into the third period, while Chris Carey continued to pour it on with the Raiders' fourth goal at 2:10 of the third.

Mustangs starting goaltender Austin Reardon, a sophomore, was replaced by freshman Joe Schaul for the remainder of the game. Schaul stopped six of the seven shots he faced, but couldn't prevent Tommy Lieberman from becoming Wellesley's fifth different goal scorer of the afternoon.

"I can't blame my goalie," Allen said of Reardon, adding the reason he pulled him was more to give him a breather; Reardon has started every game for Norwood this season.

Allen said he was able to take solace in Gover's goal in the final minutes, taking it as a sign that his team won't stop playing until the final whistle.

"We had some good shifts at the end, hung in there and got a goal," he said. "Hopefully we can take that momentum into the next game."

Allen's quote above foreshadowed the things to come vs. Natick – albeit not initially – and another line in the postgame interview proved to be a perfect setup for what the Mustangs needed to accomplish vs. the Redhawks.

"If you're not going to beat a good team... those are the teams you're going to play in the state tournament anyways," he said of a potential play-off appearance. "You've got to prove you can beat a good team."

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attorney for Federico.

Bailey said that the manufacturing of concrete has evolved with technology and is no longer the "loud, stinky process" that it is remembered as, which would make it suitable for a light manufacturing district.

Additionally, Chubet's report said that the proposed plant violated four additional areas of the zoning bylaws, including its location in an Area 3 district within the water resource protection overlay district. The Area 3 location prohibits facilities to store or transfer petroleum products as well as hazardous materials. Asphalt is a petroleum product and according to the Norwood bylaws, it is also considered to be a hazardous material.

"Based on the plot plan of the entire site and where the location of where your equipment is, it's not in Area Three. Area Three does touch the applicant's property, but it doesn't

touch where the construction is," said board member John Perry.

The board agreed that further investigation into the area three borders and construction plans would be beneficial.

"Actually looking at the site, I think it would be perfect for it," said board member Patrick Mulvehill of the proposed bituminous concrete plant.

Mulvehill went on to say that although he agreed that the site would be ideal for a concrete manufacturing plant, the applicant would need to prove why the building inspector was wrong in his five reasons for denying the permit request.

Bailey explained to the board that the bylaws provide a list of goods that are allowed to be manufactured in a light manufacturing zone and although bituminous concrete is absent from that list he felt such items on the list, such as pharmaceutical manufacturing, would be much more impactful than concrete.

"Obviously, it's neither

listed nor not listed. I would agree with your contention that it is not listed and that doesn't necessarily mean that it's prohibited, but by the same token the fact that it's not listed suggests to me that the drafter just didn't think that it had anything to do with the other items being listed as examples of items that were proper for a light manufacturing area," said Chairman Philip Riley.

"The light manufacturing bylaw is very broad and has a broad range of uses from candy to wood products to pharmaceuticals. It's not particularly well-drafted and my suggestion to the board in trying to deal with such a wide open bylaw is that you need to look at what the impacts would be of that manufacturing," said Bailey.

After some back and forth between Bailey and the board, it was agreed that it would be best to continue the hearing to a later date. The hearing was continued to March 7.

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“Conscientious Objector,” the award-winning documentary on which the 2016 Oscar-nominated film “Hacksaw Ridge” is based, will be shown at the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. This moving film tells the true story of Army Infantry Corporal Desmond Doss, a World War II medic who earned the Congressional Medal of Honor for saving over 75 lives in Okinawa while refusing to carry a gun or take a human life. To register for this special screening, please call 781-769- 0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

A DEMONSTRATION OF LAND- AND SEASCAPE PAINTING

Thursday, Feb. 16, at 6:30 p.m., the Norwood Art Association will present a demonstration of land- and seascape painting at the Simoni Room on the second floor of the Morrill Memorial Library on Walpole Street.

The artist of the month will be Karen Blackwood of Newburyport, Mass., who specializes in plein-air scenes in the California Impressionism tradition and has won multiple awards in prestigious national competitions. During the program, she will share some of the powerful techniques she uses to depict light and convey her emotional response to her subject matter. Refreshments will be provided, and the event is free to any adult or teen wishing to attend. One of Blackwood’s works will also be auctioned off to benefit Art Association activities, which include their popular Art in the Park event, held each June.

The Art Association welcomes new members. You need not be an artist and do not have to live in Norwood to join. Dues are just \$20 a year (\$21 when joining over the Internet) and may be paid at the meeting. For more information, go to the Norwood Art Association website at <https://norwoodartassociation.com>, check out their Facebook page, or email norwoodartassociation@gmail.com.

“LUNCH & LEARN” TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS AT THE LIBRARY

Looking for a painless way to improve your technology know-how? Tech Librarian Allison Palmgren is presenting a series of three monthly “Lunch & Learn” workshops on a variety of technology topics beginning Wednesday, Feb. 15 from noon-1 p.m. The first session, “Social Media Demystified,” will cover the definition of social media, how to protect your online privacy, and review the basics of Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Feel free to bring a bag lunch; dessert and beverages will be provided. The March 15 workshop, “Your Digital Library,” will focus on downloading eBooks and eAudiobooks from the library to your personal device. The topic for the April 12 workshop will be announced at a later date. To sign up for any of the Lunch & Learn workshops, please call 781-769- 0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by either the Reference or Information Desk.

LOVE AROUND THE WORLD

Indulge in some romantic travel this winter – right on Walpole Street! The Morrill Memorial Library is presenting a series of four film screenings in February and March about finding romance and adventure abroad, beginning with “Eat Pray Love” on Monday, Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m. Based on the inspiring memoir by Liz Gilbert, Julia Roberts’ character, newly divorced, embarks on a yearlong journey to Italy, India, and Bali, seeking self-discovery through food, meditation, and the prospect of finding true love. The series continues on Thursday, Feb. 23 with “Midnight in Paris,” starring Owen Wilson, Rachel McAdams, and Kathy Bates, in which a nostalgic screenwriter finds himself mysteriously going back to the 1920s every day at midnight while in Paris with his fiancée’s family. On Wednesday, March 1, see Diane Lane in “Under the Tuscan Sun” – a writer who impulsively buys an aging but charming villa in Tuscany and changes her life. The series concludes on Thursday, March 9 with “P.S. I Love You,” starring Hilary Swank and Harry Connick, Jr., about a young widow whose late husband arranged for her to travel to his hometown in Ireland and left her 10 messages intended to help her rediscover joy in life. To sign up for any or all of these films, please call 781-769-0200, x110, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or information Desk. All movies begin at 6:30 p.m., and popcorn is being donated by Regal Cinemas in Bellingham.



The charred remains of the apartment at 131 Norwest Dr. following a fire, which broke out at 2:47 a.m. on Feb. 4. Photo Courtesy of Norwood Fire Dept.

COURTESY PHOTO

Two people rescued

Two people were rescued in an early Saturday morning apartment fire in Norwood. The call came in at 2:47 a.m. from neighbors for a fire at 131 Norwest Dr., a garden-style apartment complex. Norwood Fire crews arrived within 4 minutes to find smoke issuing from the roof of the apartment unit. Firefighter’s forced entry to find heavy smoke with zero visibility throughout the apartment with fire located in the kitchen.

Engine company members knocked the fire down within minutes as Ladder Company

members initiated a Primary Search of the second floor. After fire extinguishment Engine 3 members conducted a primary search of the first floor and found two unconscious residents in the living room area of the apartment.

Both victims were removed to the front lawn area where Norwood Fire BLS and AIS ambulance crews attended to the unconscious and unresponsive individuals. EMT’s took one patient to Norwood Hospital and Paramedics took the other to Mass General. Norwood Hospital stabilized

patient one and eventually med-flighted that person to Mass General. Both victims are currently listed as serious but in stable condition. Fire crews conducted overhaul hitting hotspots and checking for fire extension and they cleared the scene within a few hours. Norwood Fire Investigators and the State Fire Marshall’s Office are investigating the cause of the fire. NFD Captain George Morrice estimates damage to be within the \$75,000 range. Westwood and Walpole Fire Departments assisted on scene, while Walpole also provided station coverage.

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PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ST. GABRIEL’S CHAPEL

The Permanent Building Construction Committee is holding a public hearing regarding St. Gabriel’s Chapel at the Senior Center from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on March 15, Located at 275 Prospect Street, Norwood.

CRAZYTOWN BY JOHNATHAN RAND

The Coakley Middle School Drama Club is proud to present Crazytown, by Johnathan Rand. Crazytown is a fun-filled evening of comedy all brought to you through the eyes of the kookiest news team on television. Take a tour of the most messed up town in America, from the police interrogation room where the nicest guy in town is issued a strange ultimatum, to the elementary school for a heated political debate on critical issues like tater tots. The whole play is sure to be an insanely good time for both the audience and our crazy-talented cast of actors. Come join in the fun as we welcome you to Crazytown. The play will be at Norwood High School on Friday, Feb. 10 at 5 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. Cost is \$5 at the door.

NPA-TV LAUNCHES NEW MOBILE SITE WITH LIVE STREAMING!

Norwood Public Access Television, Inc. is excited to announce that they are launching a new mobile site in 2017. The mobile site will allow users to watch live streams of all three NPA channels 24/7 and watch programs on demand. The mobile site provides viewers a new way to watch NPA-TV. Users can watch NPA-TV at anytime and anywhere and share links with family and friends. The power is in any mobile device. Users may access NPA-TV’s schedules and search NPA-TV’s library of programs. If a user finds a program they would like to watch, it can be requested and NPA-TV can make it available if it is not already available. NPA-TV is excited to provide new ways to experience all public access television has to offer. NPA-TV is proud to be your home for all things Norwood.

PEER ROLE MODELS ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the September 2017-2018 School year for Peer Role Models at the Willett Early Childhood Center. Openings are for 3 and 4-year-old children (must be 3 years old on or before Aug. 31,

2017). For more information please call the Willett Early Childhood Center at 781-440-5902 or visit our website for the preschool application at www.norwood.k12.ma.us

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BEAUFORD

Cheryl T. (Sparks) Of Norwood, formerly of Marietta, Ga., passed away peacefully on Feb. 2, 2017 following a long illness. Beloved daughter of Harold and Rita (Melanson) Sparks of E. Falmouth. Loving wife of the late Ronald Beauford. Devoted sister of Gary Sparks and his wife Betty of Norwood. Cherished aunt of Sean Sparks and his wife Amy of Norfolk and Scott Sparks and his wife Rachel of Millis. Dear great-aunt of Mackenzie and Walker Sparks. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions in memory of Cheryl T. Beauford may be made to the Neponset Valley Humane Society, PO Box 544, Norwood, MA 02062. Gillooly Funeral Home

BRENN

Robert F. Of Walpole, formerly of Dedham, passed away on Feb. 1, 2017 at the age of 73. Beloved husband of Joanne M. (Karchunes) Brenn. Devoted father of Laura Abrahamson and her husband Carl of Dedham, Kathryn McGowan of Norton, Linda Palacios and her husband Rafael of Walpole, Carol Hansbury of Walpole and Daniel Brenn and his wife Aimee of Franklin. Cherished grandfather of John, Casey, Brian, Melissa, Michelle, Alec, Katie and Mollie. Son of the late Frederick and Marion (Holland) Brenn. At the request of the family all services will be private. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., NORWOOD, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to Beacon Hospice, 182 N. Main St., Fall River, MA 02720. US Air Force Vietnam Veteran.

BROWN

James F. "Jim" US Army Vet Of Norwood passed away on Feb. 1, 2017 at the age of 55. Beloved husband of Deborah Anne Henry. Devoted father of Connor H. Brown and Nathan J. Brown both of Norwood. Brother of the late Judith Brown Cardinal. Brother in Law of Kathleen Henry of Norwood and Richard "Rick" Cardinal of Bourne. Loving Son of Charles and Virginia (Hakkila) Brown of Plymouth. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends. Jim was very active and enjoyed Computer Gaming and also had a love for Music especially singing. Funeral was from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. A funeral mass was at St. Catherine of Siena Church Norwood. Burial was at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers do-

PART TIME Laboratory Technician

Norwood based company seeks individual to work *Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays* (8:30 AM – 1:30 PM) to conduct quality control tests – company is willing to train. The ideal candidate must be a High School graduate with good communication and math skills, have an understanding of Windows, Excel and is able to work in a team environment.

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DEATHS

nations may be made in his name to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168. US Army Veteran. K r a w - KornackFuneralHome.com

DOWER

Jeannette (Blais) Of Walpole, Jan. 28, age 87. Beloved wife of the late Robert J. Devoted mother of Jeanine Reardon and her husband Bill of Easton, Doreen Dower of Walpole, and Lauren Finn of Attleboro. Cherished sister of Madeline Tomasello of Foxboro, Jackie Ober of Walpole, and the late Arline Abely and Alonzo Blais. Loving "Mere" of Jennifer, Bobby and Matthew and also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and friends. Visiting hours were held at the Alexander F. Thomas and Sons Funeral Home, 45 Common St., WALPOLE. Funeral services and interment will be private at family's request. Please in lieu of flowers, all donations can be made to: Walpole Food Pantry, 1303 Washington St., Walpole, 02081. For directions and guestbook, please visit

GIAMPA

Francesco Of Norwood passed away on Jan. 30, 2017 at the age of 74. Beloved husband of Concetta "Connie" (Serratore) Giampa. Devoted father of Dominic F. Giampa and his wife Cristiane of Norwood, Antonette Sheehan and her husband Michael of Norwood, Mary Jane Miraglia and her husband Peter of Hanover and Elizabeth Mulroy and her husband Jeffrey of Norwood. Brother of Elizabeth Michienzi and her late husband John of Norwood and the Late Maria Serratore and her husband Anthony of Norwood. Cherished grandfather of 11 grandchildren. Son of the late Dominic and Antonetta (Torchia) Giampa. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Francesco was a member of the Norwood Italian Social Club. Funeral was from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood. A funeral mass was at St. Catherine of Siena Church Norwood. Burial was at High-

land Cemetery Norwood. Donations may be made in his name to Mass. General Hospital, Center for Cancer Research, 55 Fruit Street Boston, MA 02114. Kraw-KornackFuneralHome.com

KAZIS

Argero (Prokos) Of Norwood passed away on Jan. 31, 2017. Beloved wife of Harilaos Kazis. Daughter of the late Yioannis & Panagiota Prokos. Loving mother of Louie Kazis and John Kazis & his wife Olga. Sister of Georgia Zois & her husband Anastasios. Cherished grandmother of Bobby Kazis & his wife Stacie , Alycia,Laki and Pamela Kazis. Great grandmother of Maria Kazis. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends here and in Greece. Funeral was at the St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church, 39 Belgrade Ave., Roslindale. Burial was in the Gardens at Gethsemane Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations in her memory may be made to the above named church.

O'DONNELL

Marie G. (Gulla), 90, of Norwood, Thursday, Feb. 2. Beloved wife of the late Robert J. O'Donnell. Mother of Anne M. Houle and her husband John of Florida, Brian F. O'Donnell and his wife Julie of North Reading and the late Paul O'Donnell and his surviving wife Linda P. O'Donnell of New Hampshire. Grandmother of Brian Houle of Hingham, John Houle of VA, Conor O'Donnell of NH, Robert, Margaret, and John O'Donnell of North Reading, and the late Erin O'Donnell. Great-grandmother of Forrest, Piper, Stella, and Lydia Houle. Sister of Arthur Gulla and his wife Lorraine of Norwood, Anthony Gulla and his wife Jane of Walpole, and the late Steven Gulla. Funeral was from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (Rt. 1A), NORWOOD. A Mass of Christian Burial was in St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood. Interment was at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Expressions of sympathy may be made in

Marie's memory to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, P. O. Box 650309 Dallas, TX 75265. Gillooly Funeral Home.

SCHRAMM

Susan Marie Of Foxboro, formerly of Norwood, passed away on Feb. 2, 2017 at the age of 58. Daughter of the late George Frederick Schramm and Barbara Ann (MacPhail) Schramm. Loving sister of George Frederick Schramm Jr. and his wife Irene M. of Attleboro and Paula Jean Stevens and her husband James of Plainville. Cherished aunt of Gregory, Daniel, Kevin, Jeffrey and Amanda. Also survived by many other family members and close friends. Susan was a 1976 graduate of Norwood High School and then went on to Graduate from Southeastern Mass. University and Suffolk Law. Susan was a Attorney for Finnegan, Underwood, Ryan and Tierney Law in Boston for many years. A funeral home service was held at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., NORWOOD, MA. At the request of the fam-

ily burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the American Heart Assoc., 20 Speen St., Floor 1, Framingham, MA 01701.

TROIANO

Mary A. (Lally) Of Norwood, passed away on Jan. 30, 2017 at the age of 82. Devoted mother of Michael J. Troiano and his wife Maria of Plymouth, Linda Troiano of Randolph, Nicholas Troiano and his wife Joanne of Walpole, William Troiano and his wife Patricia of Norwood and the late Mary Anne Troiano and Frances Ciardi. Sister of the late Michael and James Lally. Cherished grandmother of 14 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. Daughter of the late Michael and Mary (Reed) Lally. A funeral home service was held at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood. Burial was at New Westwood Cemetery, Westwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be in her name to Lung Cancer Alliance, 1700 K Street, Suite 660 Washington, DC 20006 or to the NFOSD, National Foundation of Swallowing Disorders, PO Box 3725 Carmel, CA 93921002E.

Legals

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF NORWOOD

The Town of Norwood hereby notifies all residents that the State Attorney General's office has approved the following amendment to the Norwood Zoning By-Laws which were voted in Articles 3 at the Special Town Meeting, October 24, 2016. These zoning changes to amend the Norwood Zoning By-Laws were as follows:

Article 3. To amend the Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Norwood as required by the Town's acceptance of the "Expedited Permitting Program" created by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 43D. (A complete copy of the by-law has been posted at the different locations listed below throughout the Town and is on file in the Town Clerk's Office).

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

Thomas J. McQuaid
Town Clerk and Accountant

Norwood Record, 2/2/17, 2/9/17

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Town's, Cathy Ranalli and her family wish to thank the many people for their continued generosity and prayers as her husband Jimmy battles a difficult medical condition. We love you Jimmy, and wish you a full recovery so that you can once again be on the green that you enjoy so much!

RETIRING

Our Town's John Hayes has announced that after 30 years on the FinCom he will retire on April 3, stating, "It has been an honor to serve the

Town of Norwood." John will continue working with the Housing Authority and as a District 2 TM member. He is a terrific person and did an incredible job for Our Town on the FinCom! His seat on the board will be hard to fill. Best of luck John, as you certainly do deserve the best!

Our Town's Business Manager for the Fire Department, Kathy Bane, retired in January after 31 years of incredible service. In a sense, Kathy was the CEO of all business related affairs of the NFD. Chief Greeley complimented Kathy on her endurance regarding the rigors of her position. Our Town wishes you the best of health and relaxation as you enjoy your well-deserved retirement Kathy!

DANCING WITH THE STARS

Again this year a group of terrific entrants will dance the night away in honor of The Circle of Hope. They all work very hard and give of their time for the incredible COH.

The Norwood Record

Here's a shout-out to my friend Nanci Kelleher, who is a contestant this year. Go get 'em Nanci! You've got what it takes! Good luck to all because the end result is what all have donated their time for.

ON THE RECORD

What do you think of the Madonna mouthy rant a few weeks back at a useless protest?

She said that she has thought an awful lot about 'blowing up' the White House.' Shouldn't she have been arrested? Anyone else would have been! These so-called singers and Hollywood people think they live above the law and above us. They have drivers, security people, and 'walls' around their estates; real world, huh?

BYE GUYS, Keep your kittens and cats in at night. It's cruel as it is much too cold for them to withstand the winter weather.

No one has been barred on account of his race from fighting or dying for America - there are no 'white' or 'colored' signs on the foxholes or graveyards of battle.

- John Fitzgerald Kennedy

SENIOR NEWS

ARTS & CRAFTS: Offered every first Thursday of each month at 11 a.m.

BINGO: Every Wednesday, from 12:45 p.m. to 3 p.m. \$5.00 to get started. We have begun a new game, for \$1.00 with a winner take all prize! You must be here by 12:45 p.m. to play the new game!

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC: Hellenic Health Care will be available for blood pressure screening on the first Wednesday of each month. Ellis Nursing Home will offer blood pressure screening on the second Wednesday of each month. The Walpole VNA will provide blood pressure screening on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. Kindred Care on the fifth.

BOOK CLUB: Our next Book Club will be meeting on Feb. 27.

BRIDGE: Our Bridge Club meets on Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. in the Library. The Tuesday group has been cancelled.

COMPUTER CLUB: The Computer Club meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

COUNCIL ON AGING: COA Board Meeting will be held on March 2 at 1 p.m. No meeting in February.

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

DIABETES WORKSHOP: Diabetes Workshop will be held on Feb. 23 at 11 a.m.

DIGITAL PHOTO ORGANIZATION & EDITING: The first and third Wednesday 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

EXCEL CLASSES: Excel classes have resumed. Please sign up.

FOOT DOCTOR: Dr. Michael Mitri is scheduled to begin service in February. \$35.00 charge.

FRIENDS EVENING DANCE: Feb. 17, 7 to 10 p.m. featuring the DB Band.

GLEE CLUB: Glee Club meets every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. New members are always welcome.

HANDCRAFTERS: Handcrafters meet every Monday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

LINE DANCE CLASSES: Held each Tuesday. Class will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. MAH JONG: Mah Jong players meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m.-noon. Learn to play Mah Jong -Thursday and Fridays at 1 p.m.

MASSAGE THERAPIST: Karen Tracy is here on the first Monday of each month. Please sign up at front desk. Massages are \$30.00 for half an hour.

NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB: The board of directors meet the first Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Senior Center. At 10:30am. The club membership meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks at 10:00am. This month's speaker is Alan Banks, a Park Ranger. Alan is in charge of all historical sites in Massachusetts.

SCRABBLE: Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. Come and join us for a game.

SHINE: Our SHINE Counselor, Carol, is here to help you with your medical insurance needs on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please call 781-762-1201 for an appointment.

TRIAD: Monday, Feb. 27, at 1 p.m. Mark Ryan DPW

WAXING: 9 a.m.-noon on Feb. 23.

WHIST: Whist players meet on Tuesdays at 12:45 p.m. in the library.

WHIST PARTY: Whist parties will be held on the fourth Friday of each month from 12:45 to 3 p.m. Musical Bingo Valentines Style-Friday, Feb. 10 at 1 p.m. Free Comedy Show-David Shikes-Friday, Feb.17 at 1 p.m. Free Mini-Bus Trips Tuesday, Feb.7- Walmart Tuesday, Feb. 14-Wegmans/Target Tuesday, Feb. 21 -Twin River *10 min Tuesday, Feb. 28- Showcase Cinema-TBD Nanci's Trip Corner

FOXWOODS: Friday, Feb. 24, 2017 Includes Buffet or \$10.00 Food Credit & \$10.00 Casino Slot Play. \$28.00 We need 50 people to sign up. If a snow storm Fox Tours will cancel.

BOSTON FLOWER SHOW: Friday, March 24, 2017 \$79.00

The 2017 Flower Show's special theme will be "Superheroes of the Garden," after attending this wonderful display of flowers, shrubs and plants. A delicious Luncheon is included at the Venezia Restaurant, Featuring courses of salad, entrees, pasta and dessert.

See Nanci for information and to sign up 781-762-1201 Ext 4

**Ask The Doctor**

Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns a 10-bay auto repair service center in Hyde Park and an 8-bay center in Middleboro. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.

Jeep is a 4-Letter Word

Jeep, off-road and snow is a marriage made in heaven, especially if your Jeep is the new Trailhawk. Jeep vehicles used to be basic transportation — hard riding, with no options and a lack of power and creature comforts. Well, this 2017 Grand Cherokee Trailhawk 4x4 is a mid-size luxury SUV powered by a 3.6 liter, V/6 engine via an 8-speed automatic transmission that puts the engine in an optimum RPM range under any speed or condition. Unlike some other SUVs, this Jeep has both a high and low range transfer case. Multi-adjustable air suspension lowers the height for ease of entry and can be raised for extra off-road clearance.

This new Jeep has many improvements and is not just a workhorse — it is truly a multipurpose vehicle. It's loaded with standard equipment usually optional on other models. The heated seating and steering wheel are a big plus, as is the 500-amp audio system with a large center display that makes all choices easy to read and access. Back-up camera and a FULL size spare tire are also standard. Big wheels and tires, under body skip plate, red tow hooks, black hood decal, fog lights, power folding mirrors, LED taillights and more round out the standard equipment list. And, like all manufacturers, there is also an option list to satisfy everyone's needs.

The new suspension has taken years to perfect and it is amazing in every way. The ride is no longer hard and bouncy. The power is ample — a Hemi is available for the performance minded. Base price: \$43,095 (destination fee: \$995). EPA: 18 city, 25 highway, 21 combined mpg. The Jeep name has been around for many years under different manufacturers and this is the best yet.

Boston's own Junior Damato, "The Auto Doctor" has agreed to field auto repair questions from *Bulletin* and *Record* readers. Please forward your questions to news@bulletinnewspapers.com and we will do our best to get your questions answered.

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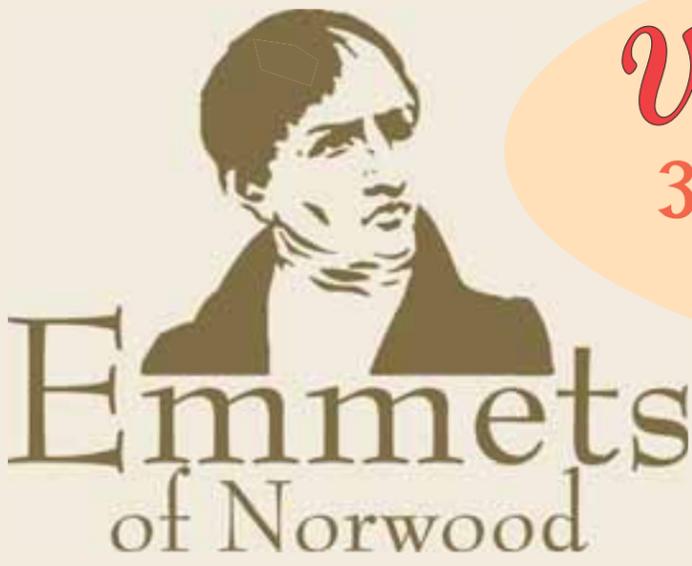
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