



The Selectmen approved a transfer of a Lodging House License for 16 Rosemary Street, as long as the owner, Jeff Morrill, notifies his tenants of street parking restrictions in the winter.

PHOTO BY SAM NICKERSON

Rooming house license approved

Selectmen warn of parking violations

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

It took Jeffrey Morrill of Hyde Park, who owns 16 Rosemary St. in Norwood, two appearances before the Board of Selectmen for a Lodging House License transfer. Morrill sought to have the license transferred from the previous owner to his corporation, 16 Rosemary Street LLC. He was granted the transfer on December 2.

But not before neighbors' concerns regarding parking had been addressed.

The building was owned by Joseph Glynn since 1992 and was also operated

as a lodging house during this period. Morrill said that he did not understand, at the time of the purchase, that he would have to go before the Board of Selectmen to have the license transferred. Morrill said he only learned of the process around a month ago.

When Selectman Bill Plasko asked if Morrill had any prior experience running such an establishment during the November 25 Selectmen's meeting, Morrill replied that while he has done property rentals, he does not have experience running a lodging house.

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Families gathered at the Gazebo on the Town Common on Nov. 30 for an afternoon of holiday cheer, punctuated by a visit from Santa Claus and the lighting of the Christmas lights.

Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue read "'Twas the Night Before Christmas" with the children of Norwood during the Holiday Extravaganza on Nov. 30.

PHOTOS BY PAUL ELDRIDGE

Norwood kicks off holiday season in style

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

Norwood kicked off the winter holiday season on Nov. 30 with one of the town's favorite traditions, the Norwood Holiday Extravaganza and tree lighting.

Sponsored by Norwood Bank, the Holiday Extravaganza packed children's activities and some of the town's favorite holiday traditions into one afternoon all along the downtown area. According to

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By J. Keith Motley, PhD, UMass Boston Chancellor

Yihra Peralta, a senior at the University of Massachusetts Boston, expects to graduate next spring with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. She tells us that after she had visited every college on her list of potential schools, UMass Boston was her first choice. Four years later, she remains proud of her decision to attend this university.

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Yihra's father, Eddie Peralta, tells us that he is proud of his daughter for following her ambitions to UMass Boston. He even says that he'd like to study here himself. The university's program offerings and location appealed to him from the start. Above all, he says, he is happy that Yihra has opportunities to participate in student life: She is active in our student-run Casa Latina organization and volunteers with Jumpstart, the early childhood education program, and Beacon Voyages for Service, whose members perform service projects the world over.

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The 'Circle Of Hope' will again light up Our Town's Common, Dec. 6 with luminaries; shining pathways of hope, love, good wishes, and blessed memory to those we have loved and lost. Prior to the event, The Norwood Theatre will air the original, "Miracle on 34th Street," at 3:30 p.m. The lighting ceremony will begin at 5 to 7 p.m. The glowing scene on the Common is beyond description! For more info, call 781.762.3549 or see Lee Kennedy at the Civic front desk. Don't miss it, the calmness, and serene beauty is a mental photo that one cannot forget!

IN MEMORY

Our Town's families and friends have recently lost loved ones. My heart goes out to the loving family members of 'Cathleen (Zajac) Pellegrine,' 'Michael Lovecchio,' and 'Dara D. O'Malley.' May God bless your families, Memory Eternal.

NORWOOD BANK

At a Selectmen's meeting, NB President, Christopher Dixon, announced the bank will donate 125 mature trees for planting in parks and athletic



Jackie Saber

fields, as well as the donation of 'street banners' for the light poles in the Center. The donation is in honor of the bank's 125th anniversary.

PEARL HARBOR

If only for a moment Sunday, Dec. 7, remember the heroes that we lost during the horrific bombing of Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, in 1941. Memories Eternal.

JUST A REMINDER

The signs along the sidewalk at the front entrance to the Willett School are very visible and are clearly written in English. They state that there is NO PARKING except

for the school bus, student drop off, and the all-important FIRE LANE. Why are cars parking there?

TOY'S FOR TOT'S

The collection box is in the lobby of the Fire and Police building. Bring a new, unwrapped gift and donate it, to be distributed by our Marines to needy children this Christmas season.

YES VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS, HE IS ST. NICHOLAS

St. Nicholas was born in Myra, 280 AD. He was a priest and then became a bishop. He gave away his money and other presents to the many he would help.

His gifts were given at night so that his identity would remain secret. A traditional story about St. Nicholas states that a poor father had no money to give to his three daughters on their wedding days. St. Nicholas dropped bags of gold into their stockings that they had left by the fire to dry. Hence, another tradition.

'Word of the Father, Now in Flesh Appearing, Oh Come Let us Adore Him'

A Blessed Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to all.

Apollo sold to church, liquor license to be acquired

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen granted the owners of the now shuttered Apollo Restaurant on Washington Street 90 days to take some action towards selling and transferring their liquor license during a Selectmen's meeting on Nov. 25.

The Apollo Restaurant, which had been open in Norwood for around 35 years, closed during the summer and the property has since been sold. The new owners, Heritage Baptist Church, intend to put a church into the location and according to the Apollo's attorney, Dean Plakias, have no interest in the liquor license, which was still valid at the time.

Plakias said that restaurant sales typically involve the sale of the liquor license as well, and there is no change of use involved. The purchase of the property by the church created what Plakias called an "unusual situation" for the Apollo Res-

taurant owners, who have had to secure a separate buyer for the license.

Because liquor licenses are valuable assets to the owners and the towns in which they are given out, state laws require that there be a timely transfer, so that the owners do not fail to provide the public with the services outlined in the license. As such, Plakias said, the Apollo Restaurant - which he said is unable to serve the public, as it is closed - had paid the renewal fee to have the license extended for next year.

Since that extension, the Apollo Restaurant owners have arranged for a sale of the license for "a modest amount of money," Plakias said.

Also in attendance at the hearing was attorney Philip Macchi, who represented 1200 Providence Highway LLC and their prospective tenant, Fuji Hibahi Inc., the business that is seeking to purchase the liquor license from the Apollo Restaurant. Macchi said that the buyers, currently located in the "Sal-

vation Army building," intend to open a new restaurant.

Pending the outcome of the hearing, Macchi said, he would be filing applications for the acquisition of the license and transfer of location the next day. The site plan for the restaurant had been approved by the Norwood Planning Board and the project was given a certificate of good standing. Macchi said that the owners want to be open for business by May 1, 2015.

Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue thanked Macchi for following the proper procedure and said she trusted him to get the necessary work done correctly. Because of the time needed to notify the public of the transfer and to work through the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, Selectman Bill Plasko felt that 90 days was an appropriate extension of time in order to finalize the transfers.

Attorney Plakias agreed and a motion to postpone for 90 days was accepted unanimously by the Board of Selectmen.

Selectmen hold off on Comcast digging request

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

Comcast has done substantial work on removing its lines from old poles around town, but the Selectmen are still reluctant to allow the company to install 766 feet of cable underground in the downtown area.

Comcast Permit Representative Manuel Furtado said that since his last meeting with the Selectmen on November 18, crews had removed 60 of the 150 pole locations where there were double poles. Furtado said that they had begun with backyard easement poles, since they had likely been there the longest.

During the December 2 Selectmen's meeting, Furtado said that of those 60 poles, 22 had already been done, 20 required full relocation and replacement of lines, and five poles were "standard" replacements, where the lines are simply transferred from the old poles to the new ones.

Furtado said that the difficulty lay in the fact that Norwood Light was not a part of the Pole Management System (PLM), a notification system maintained and operated by the major power companies that allows pole owners to see who else is licensed to their pole and when pole transfers have to be done.

Town General Manager John Carroll said that the Town has been notifying Comcast about upcoming pole transfers for "a long time," and nothing gets done.

Furtado said that the companies would be switching

over to a new system from the PLM and if the Town did not want to use the PLM, they could email him with any pole transfers that needed to be done.

Furtado also said he was unable to find alternatives to trenching along Cottage Street to bring power from the closest Comcast Pole on Broadway to a building on Central Street, where several tenants had entered into service contracts with Comcast.

"Either way, I still have to trench ... It ends up just as destructive either way I go," Furtado said of his options. Furtado added that the proposal offered the least impact to the Town, to the customers, and to traffic along Nahatan Street.

Furtado said he first approached Verizon, which services the building, but was not able to secure use of their pipe or manholes because of potential legal issues. Furtado also said that based on his examination of the site, Norwood Light Department utilizes electrical secondary pipe, which Comcast is not allowed to do.

Selectman Bill Plasko asked if it was because Comcast was aiming to use coaxial cable instead of fiber. Furtado said that Norwood Light also runs coaxial cable into the building - not fiber - but that they were "still not allowed in those electrical pipes."

Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue asked who from Norwood Light Furtado had met with regarding alternative methods of reaching the building. When Furtado was unable

to produce a name and said they could not use the pipe either way, Donohue said that it was very important to do so because of the burden put on the Town if trenching occurs.

"That's a very odd way to ask a town for something. 'We can't do anything that you want to do,'" said Donohue, who motioned to postpone for two weeks to allow Furtado to meet with Norwood Light.

"I hate to delay it but it is important if there's anyway at all of avoiding this digging," Plasko said. Furtado agreed and said that any digging would not likely happen until after the holidays anyway. The motion passed unanimously.

The Selectmen also postponed making a decision on whether to declare 5,565 square feet of Town land surplus, and thus eligible for abandonment and sale, at the request of attorney James Hilliard, who represents developers Richard and Robert Folsom.

The Board opted to consult Town Counsel on the issue, as there are utilities running underneath the land and it cannot be developed. And while the land is too small to count much towards the denominator side of the 40B law's 1.5 percent requirements, the Selectmen wanted to find out more about the value of keeping it or selling it.



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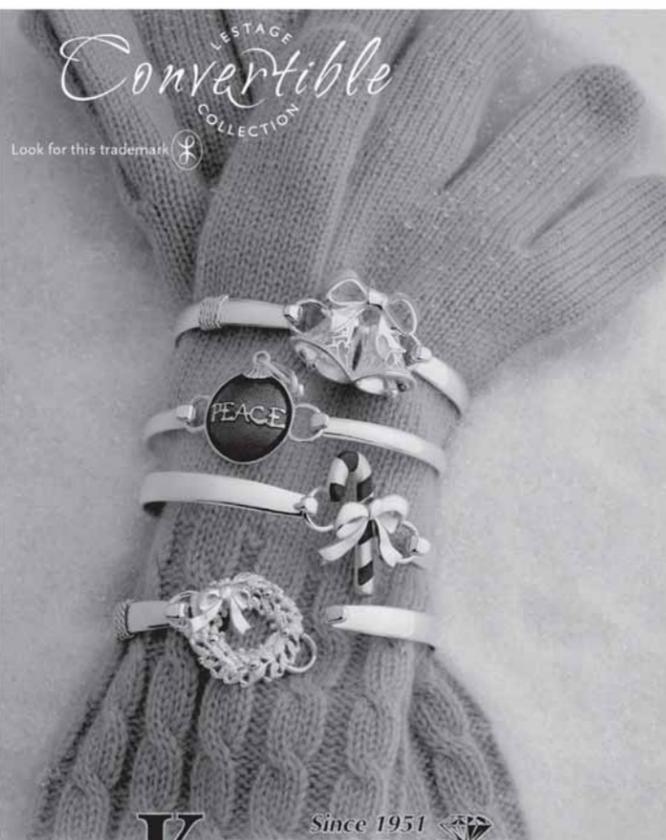
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Holiday Celebration

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Norwood Recreation Department Program Director Linda Berger, the Holiday Extravaganza has become part of Norwood's town identity.

"This event has been taking place for over 30 years and is a staple in our community," Berger said.

The afternoon began with the Reindeer Dash, a friendly run around the Town Gazebo for children aged 3-10 years old sponsored by Charles River Running, while the Norwood High School Spirit Club and Civic Center staff led a holiday craft time for children inside of the Civic Center. Berger said that the Reindeer Dash, now in its third year, had more participation than in any previous iteration. Participants in the Reindeer Dash all received a free pair of reindeer antlers to wear for the run.

Another big hit was the horse-drawn hayride, which carted children and families around Norwood Center. Assistant Town General Manager Bernie Cooper said that the hayrides were only possible due to support from the event's only sponsor, Norwood Bank.

"This is one of only a handful of community celebrations that features horse-drawn hayrides as opposed to tractor-drawn," Cooper said.

Another very popular event, the Farm Visits on the Town Common petting zoo, was featured for the second time in the event's history and was a smash hit. Berger said the petting zoo, along with the Reindeer Dash, have become highly anticipated "crowd pleasers."

Boston-area radio station 105.7 WROR provided holiday music during the course of the event, though there were some special live performances. The Norwood High School Madrigals and the St. Catherine of Siena Choir performed several favorite holiday vocal numbers, and local carrillonist Lee Leach of Norwood demonstrated his mastery of the unique instrument during the Extravaganza for a special treat.

While the annual parade, which began at 3:15 p.m., provided many photo opportunities on the Common, children were also invited to listen to holiday readings by Linda Rau and Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue. Rau read "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," while Donohue read "'Twas the Night Before Christmas," which she said she has been doing on the Bandstand since the tradition began.

"It is important to me because the story is a happy story which the little children can understand and enjoy. Some of them have heard it before. Most of them know 'Happy Christmas to all,'" Donohue said. "It is good to get the children on the bandstand so they can hear the story and see the pictures. It is good for the children to be with other children, enjoying the story."

At just before 4 p.m., the most anticipated guests, Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, arrived at the Bandstand to do the honor of lighting the holiday lights at the Town Common. Mr. and Mrs. Claus were also on hand for photographs after the lighting.

And similar to many community events in Norwood, organizers this year added a charitable component to the Holiday Extravaganza. Families were asked to bring nonperishable food items to donate to Norwood Abundant Table. Abundant Table is a volunteer-run nonprofit organization that provides weekly meals to people and families who are in need from Norwood, Dedham, Walpole, Westwood, Canton, and other nearby towns. The organization currently serves around 100 meals to those in need each week.

"We do hope the idea of giving back to the community in some way is a continued part of our annual event. Next year we are already busy making revisions and we have a wonderful, supportive community who we hope gets to come out and enjoy our event," Berger said. "If it serves more than those in our immediate community, that is a bonus for certain."

Berger said the entire Extravaganza would not have been possible without the help of many local volunteers.

"This event is certainly a team effort. We would like the opportunity to thank those who came out to help and be a part of the day, including Charlotte Walsh and Charles River Running Company, Norwood High Madrigals, St. Catherine's Choir, Linda Rau, Selectwoman Helen Abdallah Donohue, Norwood High Spirit Club, Norwood Amateur Radio Club, the REACT volunteers, David Cuddy, Master of Ceremonies, and Santa & Mrs. Claus and their merry elves," Berger said.

Cooper estimated that around 1,500 people participated in the events during the Holiday Extravaganza. Word of the Holiday Extravaganza has spread beyond Norwood borders to surrounding towns and has begun to attract families from all over.

"We love the lights and the story time," said Kathy, who brought her two children to the Holiday Extravaganza. "This is the second time (we've been to the event). (We) heard about it online ... they always do such a good job for the kids."

Donohue agreed with the sentiment that Norwood always does its best to support families, during the holiday season or not.

"Norwood does a good job for families all year long. We try to have the best schools, we try to have a good tax rate, we try to have the best public services, we try to have good water, electric and cable rates," Donohue said. "Our excellent Recreation Department helps so much to make holiday activities accessible and fun for families. That is why we are the crown jewel of the Commonwealth."

RYAN RESPONDS TO "NONSENSE"

To the Editor:

As an employee on the Engineering and Public Works Department for the past 15 years and a member of the Airport Commission since 2000, I am acutely aware that the critique of my performance, whether good or bad, is part of the job. However, when fellow Airport Commissioner, Mr. Paul Shaughnessy, writes such misleading nonsense to the editor of this paper, it is time for all the readers to understand that Mr. Paul Shaughnessy is not the "savior" of the airport as he believes.

Mr. Paul Shaughnessy claims that the commission meetings are held at noontime because Kevin Shaughnessy and I are on our lunch break and it is convenient for us. Sorry Paul, but you are wrong. When I began as a commissioner in 2000, meetings were held in the evening and were poorly attended. Other than the Airport Commissioners, the only attendees were our Airport Engineers and a representative from the Air Traffic control tower. We heard from the businesses on the airport that it was just not convenient for them to go home and come back for a night meeting. We then tried having the meetings at 4:00 pm. Again, barely anyone attended. A long-time airport user then suggested having the meetings at noontime so anyone that worked at the airport could easily attend. Since that suggestion, our meetings have been held at noontime and attendance is standing room only.

However, Mr. Paul Shaughnessy says that meetings in the evening will allow more public participation. We know all too well that Mr. Paul Shaughnessy does not like the noontime meetings because they are inconvenient for him. On two occasions, Mr. Paul Shaughnessy has approached me about moving the meetings because it interrupts his work schedule. Both times, I explained how we arrived at the present meeting time. After each explanation, he only response was it's hard for him to get here all the time. His "concern" about the meeting times were never about the public but, just what works for him.

Mr. Paul Shaughnessy seems to have an issue that

Kevin Shaughnessy and I are town employees, claiming that we are co-workers of the Airport Manager and Assistant Airport Manager. Well, if Mr. Paul Shaughnessy took a look at the organization of the town, he might, possibly, be able to figure out that we work for totally separate departments and are not be considered co-workers. Not sure of the smoking gun there Paul. But what really annoys Mr. Paul Shaughnessy is that I have made statements that the Airport Manager, Russ Maguire was doing an "excellent job". Well Paul, Russ Maguire is doing an excellent job. So much so, at the July 30th Commission meeting, Mr. Paul Shaughnessy voted to support the Airport Manager and Assistant Airport Manager for the wonderful job they do. I guess Mr. Paul Shaughnessy was "for it" before he was "against it".

Mr. Paul Shaughnessy seems to think that the airport was "dysfunctional" prior to his appointment. When you see Mr. Paul Shaughnessy, ask him: Is it dysfunctional that since 2000, we have worked with the FAA and MassDOT to secure \$9.2 million for airport improvement projects? Is it dysfunctional that our airport security program is a model to other General Aviation airports? Is it dysfunctional that our airport staff tirelessly works and coordinates efforts to open the airport far sooner than others after major snowstorms and flooding events? Is it dysfunctional that the Commission and Airport Manager have worked diligently in substantially reducing noise complaints? Is it dysfunctional that our airport generates more than \$51 million in total economic activity for the Commonwealth and is responsible, directly and indirectly, for 386 area jobs and nearly \$15 million in payroll? Is it dysfunctional that this airport's infrastructure is in great condition? Is it dysfunctional that Norwood Memorial Airport is #2 for economic activity out of the 30 airports in the Commonwealth? The answer to all of these is obviously, NO!

Mr. Paul Shaughnessy refers to the Commission spending "hundreds of thousands of your tax dollars" fighting businesses-this is totally false! Presently, we have an airport business that the Commission has unanimously approved their building project, fueling station proposal and permit to be a commercial entity on the airport. Now this business wants to become a fixed base operator. Our Rules and Regulations require submission of proper financial information about the company - this is standard practice industry wide. Until that information is presented, we cannot proceed further, so it's up to that company to present the required information. I then wonder what business Mr. Paul Shaughnessy could be talking about? Remember back in 2010 when two planes from a local airport business took off from

the airport after the runways were closed due to severe flooding? Remember that the Commission was concerned because this blatant disregard for safety threatened nearby neighborhoods? Well, that airport business took the Commission to court arguing that we had no authority to close a runway - its up to the pilot to make the decision if they can use the runway! What arrogance. Well, guess what? The judge hearing the case ruled in favor of the Commission. Just so happens, Mr. Paul Shaughnessy is a pilot for that airport business. I think we can all conclude there is a conflict here and maybe a little bit of sour grapes.

And finally, Mr. Paul Shaughnessy asks, "How many police, firefighters and teachers are not working in Norwood so we can pay outrageous legal bills of the Airport and defend abhorrent behavior over the years?" The answer Paul is zero. Going forward, I hope Mr. Paul Shaughnessy would spend more bettering the airport and less time creating divisions and misleading the public. You can be sure that Kevin Shaughnessy and I, as employees and Airport Commissioner's, will continue serving for the good of the airport but, more importantly, the Town of Norwood.

Mark Ryan
Norwood Airport
Commission

ILLEGAL AIRPORT ACTIONS COSTING TAXPAYERS BIG

To the Editor:

Norwood Airport is the largest piece of land in the town at over 600 acres. Each year the Airport runs a deficit of approximately \$200,000, not including the massive legal fees of the last seven years. This is not normal at airports throughout New England and the United States. The legal fees for the illegal actions of the airport are hidden deep in the Town budget. What illegal actions? The Norwood Airport Commission was found in violation of Federal Law in 2008 and had its Federal funding suspended for two years.

Weekly we read about the actions of the Airport Commission members as they continue the mismanagement of the largest resource in the town. It is easy to paint the new members of the Airport Commission as the reason for conflict on the Commission. The Board of Selectmen appointed 4 new Commission members in an attempt to fix the airport. This has resulted in criminal action against the chairman, after which he resigned. The criminal complaint was graciously dropped after Mr. Wynne apologized for his actions in the Norwood Town Hall, actions of which Mr. Mark Ryan witnessed and then denied. Actions by which this author was threatened with removal from the same Selectmen who appointed me to the

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Small Businesses Saturday a success in Norwood

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

Norwood's downtown was hustling and bustling on Nov. 29, as local merchants and customers participated in the local Small Business Saturday initiative.

Small Business Saturday was created in 2010 by American Express as a counterpart to shopping holiday Black Friday. While American Express still provides business interests wishing to participate in the event with resources, but many local communities are now taking the lead.

In Norwood, a number of small business owners, along with the Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce, began preparing months in advance for Small Business Saturday.

"We handed out promotional items to the merchants in the weeks leading up to it," Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce President Thomas O'Rourke said. "We also

partnered with Norwood Public Access on a video promotion that ran on TV for two weeks ... The town placed sandwich board throughout Norwood and we hung a banner over Washington Street, encouraging people to shop local."

O'Rourke said that many merchants reported steady foot traffic through their stores and throughout the downtown area on Nov. 29. The organizers would be doing a follow up to gather some sales data to compare with past years, he said.

As much as the businesses and organizers could prepare for the event, O'Rourke said the success of Small Business Saturday in Norwood was due to the shoppers themselves.

"Norwood has the qualities that this type of event resonates with," said Charles River Running owner Charlotte Walsh. "Norwood residents are extremely loyal to their downtown, very loyal to each other, they love their downtown."

"I think shoppers are becoming more aware the event and more conscious of how they spend their money ... Of course, Small Business Saturday is just one day. Our hope is to continually remind people to shop locally throughout the year," O'Rourke said.

Momentum around Small Business Saturday has also galvanized interest in reforming the Friends of Norwood Center nonprofit organization, and the rest of the community is stepping in to help as well. Recently, art students from Norwood High School created holiday decorations for windows and storefronts along Washington Street in order to liven up the area.

"We can rest on our laurels for a couple days, but I think we really need to have more residents and non-merchant participants in the Friends of Norwood Center. And we need to start planning for next year...really rally our resources here in Norwood," said Walsh.

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Selectman Paul Bishop echoed that sentiment, saying that there are licenses for very similar types of operations, but it was important for Morrill to understand the differences between them.

The Selectmen acknowledged on November 25 that they received word from Building Inspector Mark Chubet and Fire Prevention Officer Paul Butters that the property had passed all of its safety inspections.

It looked like the Selectmen were preparing to approve the license transfer on November 25, but residents who live close to the property spoke up about parking concerns, which prompted the continuance.

One resident, who said she lived across the street and around "two blocks up the road" from 16 Rosemary Street, said that there was not sufficient parking onsite for all of the tenants of the building. She said that cars belonging to the tenants have been parking "along the edge" of nearby property owned by her family.

Some of these cars, she said, were not registered or had flat tires, and sat for considerable amounts of time. The resident said that there was no sidewalk where the cars were parked and did not believe the cars were sitting on a public way. This resident said that parking had been an issue before, when the previous owner wanted to convert the building to condos.

Another resident said that

no one has ever ticketed those parked cars. The police have been called from time to time, they said, when the cars sit for prolonged periods of time.

On December 2, Selectman Michael Lyons said that a subsequent report by the safety officer Paul Murphy found that there were no cars parked at night on Rosemary Street lawns and that they do in fact ticket cars parked partially or fully in the street. Cars parked on the street in the winter would be ticketed.

Selectman Helen Donohue said that with 13 residents in the building and four parking spaces, the tenants have no right to park on anyone else's property. Morrill believed that seven of his tenants had cars. Donohue suggested that Morrill only rent to tenants without vehicles who can comply with property bylaws.

Town Manager John Carroll said that he had met with Town Engineer Mark Ryan and Murphy at the site and they agreed that cars parked on the grass on property up the street a couple houses were on a public way and were not on private property. There was a fence that the three believed delineated the property line from the public way. Donohue questioned whether this was the case.

According to Morrill, Murphy said that the cars could park there because there was no curb cut for the sidewalk. If the property was developed, Morrill would have to find other parking

arrangements for his tenants.

Selectman Allan Howard said that if Morrill was deriving income from people renting a property down the street, there should be enough parking for them at the house, regardless of whether it was public way or private property.

Selectman Paul Bishop requested that Morrill post somewhere in his building that parking on the property across the street was not allowed and would be ticketed, especially during the winter months.

Morrill said that in addition to the four spots in front of his property, there is a full driveway currently only used by the property manager that could potentially hold four or five cars. He estimated total parking accommodating around nine cars, though he could look into expanding that around the property.

Donohue said that stacked parking was a violation of town bylaws and that there would have to be an arrangement between the tenants regarding the order of who goes out first in the morning.

On November 25, Plasko said that while it may be a zoning issue, older properties with preexisting, nonconforming features, often end up being grandfathered in, "even if it's wrong."

The Selectman revoked the license to Glynn and unanimously approved a transfer to Morrill under the conditions that he take more discretion in renting to tenants who can comply with parking requirements.

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Collins to lead Light Department

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

During a Board of Selectmen meeting on Nov. 25, Town General Manager John Carroll announced that James Collins would be the new superintendent of the Norwood Municipal Light Department.

"I am very happy that he is the new superintendent of the Light Department," Carroll said. "He's waited a long time ... we do still mourn the passing of Mr. McDonald ... but now we have a worthy successor in Mr. Collins."

The appointment should not have come as much of a surprise, as Collins had already been at the helm of the Light Department for some months, serving as the acting superintendent during the illness and eventual passing of former superintendent Malcolm McDonald.

"It's so wonderful to have you as our superintendent and I wish you the very best in your long service to the town and thank you," Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue said during the Nov. 25 meeting.

Collins grew up and lived in Norwood for around 36 years, and currently resides nearby in East Walpole. He has been working with Norwood Light since he was a student at Northeastern University in 1973, when he took an assistant engi-

neer position for his student cop. Collins was hired on fulltime as an electrical engineer in 1976 and then was appointed to assistant superintendent in 1985, a role which he held until this most recent promotion.

Collins feels well-prepared for the job, due in part to his experience and training, but also because of the leadership of the predecessors under whom he worked. According to Collins, it begins with the ability to serve the customers.

"There were many things that I have learned from my predecessors, both from a technical standpoint and from a business perspective," Collins said. "The job requires a thorough knowledge of our electrical system, but also requires a thorough understanding of the utility business, such as setting rates, purchasing power, budgets, etc."

Collins also said he was prepared to work closely and consistently with his employees to provide fair and just leadership to Norwood Light.

"The job also requires managing people and my predecessors always stressed consistency with your decisions relevant to employees. This job requires a lot of time and effort and I look forward to performing the work to the best of my abilities," he said.

Collins' hiring comes at a busy time for Norwood Light, which will be undertaking sev-

eral large projects, including the replacement of transmission cables that bring power into town. The project was approved at the Special Town Meeting in November and comes with a price tag of around \$12 million, but Collins is not fazed by the tasks ahead.

"We will perform these projects in a professional manner, which will allow us to provide stable electric rates and reliable electric service," Collins said.

Collins also understands that the unique, public nature of the Norwood Municipal Light Department sometimes requires jumping through much different hoops than for-profit competitors like Comcast and Verizon. But it is this hybrid of a public official and business leader that Collins seems to relish.

"As with any utility, we are expected to make a profit and maintain a reliable electric system. Unlike a privately owned utility, all of our profit goes back to the Town and we have very dedicated employees whose goal is to serve the residents of Norwood," Collins said. "The Light Department employees take a lot of pride in being able to respond to emergencies and restore power to our customers during storms as quickly as possible. We also realize that we are accountable to the Board of Selectmen, in their capacity as Light Commissioners, so we need to meet the needs of our customers."

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** in **ROOM 12** of the **Municipal Office Building** on **December 16, 2014 at 7:30 pm** on the request of Mark and Christine Regan (Case #14-29) with respect to property located on **11 Brierwood Lane**, in a **S2- Single Residential District**.

The application requests:

This Application requests a Special Permit under Section 5.4.4 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow a 48' x 22' second story addition to a pre-existing, non conforming single family home, having less area, frontage and side yard, leaving 10.5' side yard where 20' is required.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be viewed during normal working hours, Monday – Thursday, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm.

BOARD OF APPEAL
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The application requests:

This Application request a **SPECIAL PERMIT** or **VARIANCE** under Section 6.2.21 and Section 6.2.15 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow (1) Principal wall sign 55 s.f. (CarMax); (1) Standing Sign 35' in height (CarMax);(1) Secondary wall sign, 55 s.f. (CarMax); (5) Non-advertising directional signs; and (2) Temporary banner signs (Now open) (Now Hiring, CarMax.com).

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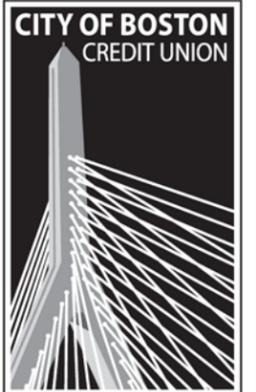
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St. Nick luncheon to honor all educators through Usevich

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

Hundreds of Norwood's most charitable residents will gather on Dec. 12 to raise money for cancer research and honor a beloved educator at the 23rd annual Friends of St. Nick luncheon.

Founded in 1992 to recognize individuals who give their time and effort to the Town of Norwood, the Friends of St. Nick has chosen Norwood High School principal George Usevich as its 2014 Person of the Year.

"He was so humbled by the whole honoring, he said 'it's not just about me, it's about educators across the board here in Norwood,'" said 19-year Friends of St. Nick Committee member Milissa Sansone. "(Despite) the fact that he's been involved in education for 50 plus years, he said he couldn't take all the credit and he wants us to recognize all the educators throughout the town. So that's what we'll do through him."

Sansone said that there would be several speakers, including Usevich's brother Stephen, and a video produced by Norwood Public Access Television with interviews of people whose lives were touched by Usevich.

"Different people will get up and make their speeches,

give him accolades. He never likes when people give him accolades, he's always working in the background, but he deserves it," Sansone said.

Usevich, who will be retiring at the end of this school year, has spent 50 of his 51 years in education working in Norwood. Usevich began teaching in Medway in 1964, moved to Norwood a year later, and has since served in many administrative positions before becoming principal in 1990. Prior to assuming the principal position, Usevich was an Administrative Assistant for Student Affairs and a Vice Principal.

A 1959 Norwood High School graduate, Usevich received his Bachelor's Degree from Bentley College and Master's degrees from Suffolk University and Boston College.

The Friends of St. Nick members each bring a nomination for the Person or People of the Year to the committee, Sansone said, and discuss all of the candidates as a group, using a democratic process to make their selection. According to Sansone, Usevich had been on their "top five" list for a number of years, and his upcoming retirement made him a very fitting selection. Sansone said that Usevich was "absolutely, hands down" a unanimous se-

lection by the group.

The Friends of St. Nick are expecting around 400-450 people to attend the luncheon this year, though they could fit up to 500 at the Tiffany's Ballroom at the Four Points Sheraton on Route 1 in Norwood. They believe it will be their biggest year since moving to that venue.

"I think we're going to have a banner year this year," said Sansone, who said that the luncheon usually raises an average of \$25,000-30,000 for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute each year. Overall, the group has raised nearly a half million dollars since the tradition began.

Robert Dempsey and William Gurley Jr. will serve as Masters of Ceremonies during the luncheon, which will also include raffles and live and silent auctions.

The idea for the Friends of St. Nick was borrowed from the Friends of St. Patrick in Walpole.

Sansone's husband Len - who began helping out with the Friends of St. Nick in their second year - said that many of the early members, including Dempsey, the Thornton family, Helen Donohue and others, regularly attended the Friends of St. Patrick events and felt that they should do something similar in Norwood. The committee now has 17 members.

"I've known these guys since I was a kid, so they just asked if I'd like to come out and help," Len Sansone said.

Sansone also mentioned that he had worked with the Marty Walsh Memorial Golf Tournament, in which many of the Friends of St. Nick have participated, which may have inspired "the Friends'" charity efforts.

For the Sansone's, the Friends of St. Nick has become a family affair, and that family has grown to include the whole town. They are constantly amazed by the generosity residents show each other.

"I think it must be in the water," Len said. "Every time there's a fundraiser, it's a sell out in Norwood. It's a good-sized town, but

everybody still knows everybody, goes to every fundraiser. It's been like that for years."

"Because everybody knows everybody, it's like one big family, and so if one person is affected by cancer, we're all affected by cancer," Milissa said.

"Everybody wants to help wipe out this terrible disease. This puts everybody in one category, one family, no matter how big or small, how old how young, how sick how not sick you are."

For more information or to buy a ticket to the luncheon, visit www.friendsofstnick.org.

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Sports

Mustangs edge Marauders in Thanksgiving grudge match



On Thanksgiving Day, Norwood beat Dedham 19-18 in a hard-fought contest. It was the 86th matchup between the two rivals and veteran Mustang players savored this particular victory as Dedham had the upper hand last year.

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Joe Leanos's 1-yard touchdown run with 17 seconds left gave Norwood a 19-18 victory over Dedham in the team's season finale on Thanksgiving.

There were two main objectives for the Mustangs on the morning: first, finish the season

strong, earning their fourth win in five games. A two-game losing streak to end the season would have undone some good that Norwood had accomplished in winning three straight, following the 0-6 start.

Secondly, the Mustangs wanted to regain control of the Thanksgiving rivalry with

Dedham after last year's 20-18 loss to the Marauders.

In the 86th meeting between the rivals, Norwood went 10 games up on Dedham, taking a 47-37-2 lead over their counterparts.

The back and forth game saw the Marauders take a 6-0 lead early on the Mustangs, af-

ter missing the extra point. Norwood would strike back with a Joe Mazzotta touchdown run before the half to take a 7-0 lead into the intermission.

Dedham came right back on its first drive of the second half, following up a good kick return, and retook the lead 12-7 but not before missing another extra

point. Norwood responded with a nearly eight minute drive of its own, re-taking the lead 13-12 on a Zac Punigore touchdown.

The Marauders again went ahead, this time 18-13, with

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First-ever alumni swim meet a success

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

A new Thanksgiving weekend tradition began this past weekend, as the Norwood Mustangs' swim team held its first alumni swim meet.

About 20 former Mustangs came to the event at Westwood High School, which serves as Norwood's home pool during the season, on Saturday. The meet was organized by current Mustangs' swim coach Jennifer Rodger, herself a Norwood High School alumna from the class of 2008.

"Being an alumna, wanting to grow the program and have

people get excited about swimming, I figured it would be a good way to welcome back alumni and share what our current team is doing," said Rodger, who just completed her first season as coach of the Mustangs.

Among the attendees were a pair of former Mustang swim coaches: Kim Goodwin, who retired after the 2013-14 season, and Allison Leichtman, who previously coached the team in 2006 and 2007. Former swimmer Frannie Keady, Norwood class of '77, swam after his niece, current Mustang swimmer Aislinn Keady, told him about the meet.

"I got an email from him [Keady] wanting to see if he could come," said Rodger. "Hopefully he'll come back next year, and bring some of his old classmates.

"They were able to swim against each other, which was fun," said Rodger of the generational battle between the Keady's.

The Metta sisters, five in total, attended the reunion as well. Olivia ('08) is the eldest, and remains the school's record holder in the 50 free and 100 fly stroke. Natalie and Emily ('10) comprise the older set of



Roughly 20 former Mustang swimmers came out for the first-ever alumni swim meet.

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Norwood Senior Aaron Cockrane, right, is knocked out of bounds by a Dedham defender.

PHOTO BY EAMONN GREALISH

roughly seven minutes to go in the game. After trading possessions again, Norwood embarked on its drive of the season, a 62-yard touchdown drive that began with just 3:01 to go in the game. Aided by a 29-yard catch

by Pungitore, Leanos was able to drive the Mustangs inside the red zone and score in the waning seconds. Dedham would have one more chance, including a nice kick return that gave them the ball on the Norwood

side of the field, but the Mustangs would escape with a 19-18 victory, and finish the season off with a 4-7 record. For more Norwood sports updates, be sure to follow me on Twitter, @JakeLevin477.

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twins, Evelyn and Alex ('13) being the younger. Emily has school records in the 100 breaststroke and 200 IM.

Recently retired Norwood High athletic director Brian McDonough also attended, but did not hop in the pool.

The format of the meet pitted current swimmers against the alumni, with no official victor being declared. Lengths of the races were on the shorter

side, with 25, 50 and 100-yard distances comprising the heats.

"We held our own for sure," Rodger said of her alumni side. "[We did] shorter distances, because most of the alumni hadn't swam in awhile. It was more of a fun day for everyone to come back and see old faces, and the current team was really excited to get back in the pool after the season wrapped up two weeks ago."

The coach swam her old races of choice, the 50- and 100-yard breaststrokes. She gladly jumped in to a few other heats where there were openings, she said.

Rodger hopes to continue the tradition over Thanksgiving weekend into next year and beyond. She had hoped for even more former Mustangs to come to the meet, but understands it was the inaugural event.

"It was the first one, so you can only grow from here," she said.



Members of the Norwood swim team past and present gather for a photo after the first annual alumni swim meet.

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Is bigger always better?

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Gillette Stadium. Home of the three-time (soon to be four?) Super Bowl champion New England Patriots, and of the zero-time (soon to be one?) MLS Cup champion New England Revolution.

Additionally, Gillette hosts numerous concerts throughout the year, ranging from Kenny Chesney to Bruce Springsteen to One Direction.

And also, the Massachusetts high school Super Bowls, which happen to be this Saturday.

One of these things is not like the other, am I right?

The capacity of Gillette Stadium is listed as 68,756. "The Razor," as it's sometimes informally called, has been sold out for every Patriots home game since its opening in 2002. Say what you will about the noise factor (or lack thereof) at Foxboro, but there is never an empty seat.

The 2013 Super Bowls held at Gillette sold 18,082 total tickets. Spread across six Super Bowls, that's a shade over 3,000 fans in the stands per contest. Some games had more, some games had less. But whether all 18,082 attended one game and no one attended the other five, or if it was indeed 3,000 at each game, the fact is Gillette Stadium is too large a venue for these games.

"I think it is too big a venue, because we just held the Eastern Mass Division 2, 3 and 5 finals here [in Brockton], and fans were astonished at what our capacity is," said Brockton High School athletic director Peter Caruso. "I know the MIAA is looking to get away from larger venues that are charging too much money."

Caruso heads a department whose football stadium holds a capacity of 8,000, and when factoring in extra people cramming around fences, can approach 10,000. This is an extreme case in Brockton, one of the largest high schools east of the Mississippi River, but even if the entire Brockton fan base traveled to Gillette (they've played in five Super Bowls dating back to 2004, so it's been done), that still fills the stadium to about one-seventh of its capacity.

Other powerhouse schools in the area, such as Boston College High School or Xaverian Brothers High School, have much smaller stadiums than Brockton. Xaverian (located in Westwood) holds 3,000, while BC High (Dorchester) holds 1,900. Here in Norwood, the capacity is 1,800.

Wahconah Regional High School, a Division 4 Super Bowl participant from the northwest corner of the state in Dalton, doesn't technically have a stadium. "It could comfortably sit 1,000 to 1,500 on both sides," said AD Matt Morrison, who said there are some smaller stands on each side of the

field. He added that there's a hill students will sit on to add to the numbers. He hoped about 1,000 fans would travel to Foxboro for Saturday's game.

"It's a more intimate atmosphere than Gillette," Caruso said of smaller stadiums.

Another factor is finding a central location that fits everyone in the state's travel needs. Foxboro is about 50 minutes from Worcester; by most accounts the geographical center of the state. Fitton Field, home of the Holy Cross Crusaders, holds 23,500 people. That would be pretty close to the ideal size for a Super Bowl stadium in Massachusetts, but I'm going in a different direction.

My proposal would be Harvard Stadium. It's a decent size larger than Fitton, at 30,323, true. But we're also talking about an iconic piece of architecture, one that takes after the Colosseum in Rome. Boston may not be the geographic center of the state, but it is the capital, which has to count for something along the lines of being the center.

Harvard Stadium is located on the outskirts of Boston, and also possesses its own MBTA subway station (aptly named 'Harvard.') There's an MBTA commuter rail track that accesses Gillette Stadium, but it tends to be more trouble than it's worth. The only stations that have direct access to the stop are South Station in Boston and T.F. Green Airport in Warwick, R.I.

I highly doubt Harvard would sell out for a Super Bowl, even the larger Division 1 or 2 affairs, but it would be much closer to capacity, much more aesthetically appealing than seeing all of the empty seats at Gillette, and very likely more cost-effective for the MIAA.

There's also the players' perspective. Caleb Blackmur, who graduated from Xaverian in 2011, won a championship with the Hawks in 2009. You might say he enjoyed his time on the same grounds stomped on by Tom Brady.

"I didn't touch the field, but even being on the sidelines was the coolest experience ever," said Blackmur.

No matter the level of competition, be it professional, college or high school, I'd say the players deserve a voice. But I'm also guessing being on the sidelines at Harvard wouldn't be so bad, either.

The high school lacrosse championships are already held at Harvard Stadium, and the high school hockey and basketball championships are held at the TD Garden.

I'm not saying bring the Olympics to Boston by any means, but I'm absolutely saying it's time for the high school Super Bowls to follow suit and get to the capital city.

COLLINS

William F. "Bill" formerly of Norwood, on Nov. 14. Navy Veteran World War II and a member of the VFW Post 10132 of Hobe Sound, Fla. Bill was a member of the Roman Catholic faith and attended St. Andrew Catholic Church in Stuart, Fla. He enjoyed golf immensely and was a member of the Martin County Golf Course, Florida. He married his high school sweetheart, the late Jean T. Collins (Carr) and they moved to Norwood and raised their five children. Bill was a teacher and had retired from Boston Trade High School after 30 years of teaching. He is survived by his daughter Cynthia Mohamet (Jim) of Stuart, Fla., Kathleen Roche (David) of Norfolk, Mass., Peter Collins (Patricia) of Shrewsbury, Mass., Susan Sorrento (Paul) of Norfolk, Mass. and Brian Collins of Boston. He also has seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife Jean T. Collins. Arrangements were held in Florida. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Treasure Coast Hospice 1201 SE Indian Street Stuart, FL 34997.

DYNAN

Marie R. (Butler), 90, of Norwood, on Nov. 23. Marie was a member of the Sweet

Adeline's Choral Group, member of the Norwood Senior Center, and she was a Gold Star Sister for her fallen brother, John A. Butler Jr. U.S. Marine Corp who passed away at the age of 20 years old during World War II. Beloved wife of the late Lawrence P. Dynan. Devoted mother of John L. Dynan and his wife Ann of Florida, Anne M. Dolan and her husband Fred of Holliston, William P. Dynan and his wife Laurene of Hanson, David R. Dynan and his wife Judy of Norwood, and Lawrence P. Dynan Jr. and his wife Caroline of Hanover. Sister of Thomas Butler and his wife Pat of Stoughton and the late John, Arthur and Edmund. Cherished grandmother of 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Daughter of the late John A. and Mary C. (Neville) Butler. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Burial will be at Mt. Benedict Cemetery, West Roxbury, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood, MA 02062.

DEATHS

FOLEY

Nora (Flynn), 80, of Norwood, suddenly, on Nov. 22. Born in Killarney, County Kerry, Ireland. Nora was the daughter of the late John and Margaret (McGuillicuddy) Flynn; the beloved wife of 56 years of John J. Foley of Norwood; the loving mother of Mary and her husband, Brian Hickey of Winchester, Margaret and her husband Gerry Murray of Dedham, the late Michael Foley and his wife, Margaret of Millis, Noreen Camelo of Melrose, the late John Foley and his wife, Jane of Mansfield, Eileen and her husband, John Roche of West Roxbury, Patrick and his wife, Stacey of Walpole; the cherished grandmother of Tommy John, Bridget, Siobhan, Maeve, Brendan, Ryan, John, Mairead, Liam, Morgan, Madison, Molly, Sinead, Devan, Erin, Maire, Kaleigh, Nora, Shaelin, Aislinn, Alison, Conor and Bria; the dear sister of Neilus, Joan, Francis, and May, all of Ireland, Dan of Pembroke and the late Theresa, Sean and Paddy; and the aunt of many nieces and nephews. Nora worked as a teacher's assistant for the Boston public schools for over 20 years prior to her retirement. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Burial will follow at Mt. Benedict Cemetery, West Roxbury.

KUPORATZ

Martin "Minty," 76, a lifelong resident of Norwood, on Nov. 22. Cousin of Paul A. Barker of Norwood, Mary-Alice Waldrop of Norwood, Julie Bartkewicz of Norwood, Ginger and Kathy both of Ohio. Minty was a 1957 graduate of Norwood High School and was inducted into the Norwood High School Sports Hall of Fame in 1992 for the sports of basketball and football. He was Norwood Man of

the Year 1999 with the St. Nick Award also Man of the Year 1982 for the Norwood Elks. He founded the Norwood Diamond's Club and was its first President. For more than 40 years he has coached approximately 1,500 athletes in football, baseball and basketball in Norwood and Walpole. Minty was an avid baseball card collector. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Martin Kuporatz Scholarship Fund C/O Norwood Diamond Club, P.O. Box 33, Norwood, MA 02062.

PAZNIOKAS

Nella L. (Smelstor), 94, a lifelong resident of Norwood, on Nov. 24. Beloved wife of the late Joseph J. Pazniokas. Devoted mother of Stephen J. Pazniokas and his wife Kathleen of Mansfield, Paul J. Pazniokas and his wife Pam Mondelli of New Jersey, Mary Pazniokas of Norwood, and Rita A. Pazniokas and her companion Robert Salie of Florida. Sister of the late Leon Smelstor and Joseph J. Smelstor Jr. Cherished grandmother of John Pazniokas and his wife Stephanie of Franklin, David Pazniokas and his wife Julia of Woburn, J. Isaac Snygg of Norwood, Rachel P. Snygg of Norwood, Francesca Pazniokas of New Jersey, and Emilia Pazniokas of New Jersey. Great-grandmother of Abigail, Nathaniel and Sarah. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Daughter of the late Joseph

J. and Lievoisie (Perednia) Smelstor. Nella was a former member of St. George Catholic Church Sodality in S. Norwood, Member of the Knights of Lithuania, and was one of the founding members of the Norwood Food Pantry. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood. Donations may be made in her name to the Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood, 150 Chapel St., Norwood, MA 02062 or the Morrill Memorial Library, 33 Walpole St., Norwood, MA 02062.

LEMBO

Jessica Marie of Norwood, 26, unexpectedly on Nov. 26. Born in Norwood, she was a graduate of Norwood High School, class of 2005 and attended Lasell College. Beloved daughter of Raffaele and Dilma (Madeira) Lembo; loving sister of Alessandro Lembo of Norwood; cherished granddaughter of Luigi and Grazia Lembo and the late Luiz and Dinora Madeira. She is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment will follow the Mass in Highland Cemetery, Norwood.

SIMSKI

Andrew B. formerly of Norwood, on Nov. 21. Andrew (Andy) was born on May 3, 1927 of the late parents, Benjamin Shimsky and Michelina (Minnie Abucevitch) Shimsky of Norwood and Vilna, Poland.

Deaths

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Cookie Walk: On Saturday, Dec. 13, beginning at 10 a.m., a wonderful selection of delicious homemade holiday treats will be on sale at the annual Grace Cookie Walk. Need a hostess gift, a gift for someone special or a treat for the family? Fill a box of homemade delights. Arrive early for the best selection! **NEW THIS YEAR:** In addition to our one day of cookie walking we will also offer cookie and/or candy platter orders, to be prepared and ready for pick up on Dec. 19 - 21. These will be decorative platters, assembled with cellophane and bows and perfect to bring to a party or to use at your own holiday gathering. **Christmas Shoppe:** Browse a bargain hunter's delight for Christmas gifts and treasures at the annual Christmas Shoppe. Hours: Friday, Dec. 12, from 6-9 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 13 from 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 14 from noon-6 p.m. Both new and gently used Christmas decorations and gift items at great prices! Grace Episcopal Church, located at 150 Chapel St. **ST. NICHOLAS VISIT:** St. Nicholas makes his annual visit to Grace Episcopal Church on Sunday, Dec. 7 at the 10 a.m. family service. This service reminds us of the real saint and bishop who embodied selfless giving and generosity during his lifetime. His presence during the service is a much-anticipated event by both the young and the young at heart. St. Nick's visit coincides with the second Sunday in Advent and Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at both the 8 and 10 a.m. services. St. Nicholas will continue his visit through coffee hour, which follows the 10 a.m. service. All are welcome. The church is located at 150 Chapel St.

THE CATMOBILE IS COMING

Which offers low cost spay/neuter for cats only, is coming to Petco in Norwood on Dec. 24. It is operated by the Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society and staffed by a licensed veterinarian and one veterinary technician. The package consists of spay/neuter, rabies vaccinations, exam, nail trim, and treatment for fleas and ear mites. Microchipping is available for \$20. Individually packaged take-home flea treatment is available for \$15 per dose. The spay package costs \$120 and the neuter package costs \$80. Feral cats cost \$35 and will be ear-tipped. Reservations are required and can be made online at www.catmobile.org or by calling 978-465-1940.

NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The NRMCM will be holding their December meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 9 in the Norwood Elks at 10 a.m. You will be asked to vote for new officers and board members, at this meeting, for running the organization in 2015 and 2016. Those elected will be sworn in at the January meeting. You don't have to be a Norwood resident to join, but you do have to be 60 or over, and be retired or semi-retired. Plenty of parking. Just show up and walk in, someone will greet you. Veteran's Agent, Ted Mulvehill, will be the guest speaker. Ted will update us on all things about and for veterans. The 12th annual Valentine's Day Dinner Dance will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 10, the second Tuesday of the month. Those interested in signing up may do so at the December meeting but the price and place of the event are still up in the air at the time of this writing. We hope to have all the information at the meeting.

GINGERBREAD FAIR AT FIRST BAPTIST

The First Baptist Church of Norwood will hold its annual Gingerbread Fair on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church's Parish Hall at 71 Bond St. Many have been getting together all year to create craft items, knitted and crocheted items, wood creations, etc. There will be lovely pieces of jewelry, a Christmas table with a wide selection of decorative items, toys, books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles. There will be a White Elephant Table featuring gently used items. Santa's Gift Shop is popular with the younger set where they can purchase gifts for their friends and family at bargain prices. The popular Cookie Walk will be in action again this year. Cookies are being baked by the dozens and customers can purchase an empty box and fill it with the cookies of their choice. Another feature to be repeated this year, especially for children, will include Gingerbread

House Decorating, where young artists (and adults) can create holiday masterpieces with the help of experienced confectioners. As in the past, there will be hourly drawings for small items. Arrive early and enjoy a breakfast of fresh-brewed coffee and a mouth-watering assortment of homemade breads and squares. These will be available all day. Stop by for a lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, grilled cheese sandwiches, delicious homemade soup, chips, soft drinks, and warm home-baked gingerbread with whipped cream - all available for on-site dining or "to go." A great way to plan to meet up with friends and sit down and enjoy a bite. There will be several items available on the Silent Auction this year. For starters, how do these items sound? Restaurant certificates, museum passes, a rocking horse, a basket of spode china, and much more. This is a fun way and a great place to start, or add to, your holiday shopping.

TEMPLE ALIYAH EVENTS

Join tots and parents at Temple Aliyah for Shalal-lom Shabbat on Friday, Dec. 5, at 5:30 p.m. Reconnect with family at the end of a busy week and make new friends at our musical Shabbat service and dinner. Enjoy singing, musical instruments, props and puppets, and a short tot-friendly service for children up to age 5, followed by a family-friendly dinner. Cost is \$13/adults, \$5/children age 5 or older, free for children under 5. Sign up at www.templealiyah.com/ShalalomShabbat. Future dates include 1/23, 2/6, 3/27 and 5/1. **PJ HAVDALAH PARTY:** Bring your young children ages 5 and under to a PJ Havdalah Party at Temple Aliyah on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. Pumpernickel Puppets will present "Peter Rabbit," and there will be a behind-the-scenes puppet demo. Kids come in their PJs and all enjoy pizza and ice cream sundaes. Free to everyone, but please RSVP at www.ganaliyah.com. Sponsored by Temple Tots and Gan Aliyah.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL MEETING

Will hold its monthly meeting in Cafeteria B of the Lorusso Building at Norwood Hospital at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 4. Mental illness is a label for a variety of diseases of the brain. Often it strikes in late adolescence, devastating the afflicted person and the family. The Alliance is composed of such families who find mutual support and join together to advocate for their loved ones. We welcome all families in the South Norfolk Area who are dealing with mental illness and their loved ones. In the event of inclement weather, decision on the meeting will follow the decision by the Norwood schools. For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

TAIL TRAIL PUB CRAWL FUNDRAISER

Join us for a pub crawl and fundraiser in Norwood center on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 2 to 5 p.m. Event will include a raffle and silent auction, and tickets are \$20. All proceeds will support the work of Labs4Rescue, a non-profit with local ties, and NEADS, a national non-profit organization headquartered in Princeton Mass. NEADS trains service dogs for deaf and disabled Americans, while Labs4Rescue provides a new life for rescued or displaced Labradors. Join the fun, and help support two great causes. Meet us at Limey's Pub at 2 p.m. Find us on Facebook by searching 'Norwood Pub Crawl', all donations and raffle donations are appreciated. To pre-purchase tickets, or for more information, email greeleyjoe@gmail.com, or call 617.908-4158 or 781.864-4658.

CHRISTMAS TREE CORRAL IS SET UP

Christmas is quickly approaching which means the Christmas tree corral is set up on the front lawn of Grace Episcopal Church! Join a Norwood Christmas tree-buying tradition, which has endured for almost 30 years. The Nova Scotia balsams range from \$20 (table top) to \$50 with many beautiful trees available in the \$25-\$35 range. Decorated wreaths are available for \$15 and undecorated for \$10. Come early for wreaths - they sell out quickly. Hours are (weather permitting) weekdays 3-9 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sundays noon-9 p.m. The church is located at 150 Chapel St.

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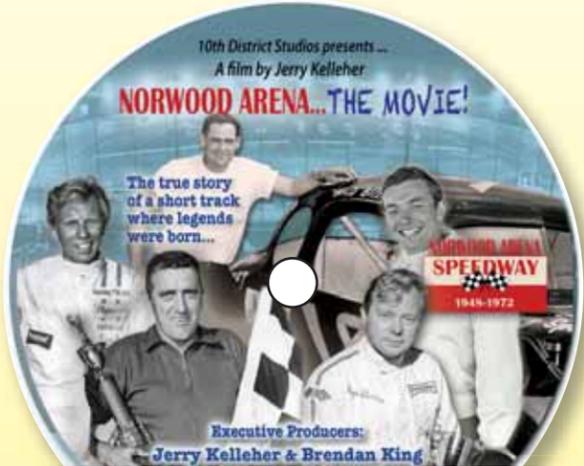
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Commission to help fix the problems. We are now once again faced with huge legal bills as the Commission again fights a business trying to compete with the monopoly fuel provider. It is the same people all over again that cannot work with businesses and think the airport is their own personal kingdom. What does all this have in common? Mark Ryan. According to many, he is in line to be our next Town Manager. He is, as you know, the Superintendent of the DPW and Town Engineer. He is an intelligent person with a huge responsibility in his full-time Town position. What does he have to do with the Airport and its mismanagement? He has been on the Airport Commission for years and overseen all the dysfunction. He was a key player in the conversion of Airport property to lease this valuable space to Verizon communications. Not only did he do the engineering work for the Verizon property, he then gave them a lease. He also spent your tax dollars to fix up the parcel for Verizon and two other adjacent landowners. We now have a massive traffic problem made much worse by the 80+ vehicles and workers using Access Road, creating bottle necks on Neponset Street and costing the Town, once again, hidden legal fees to defend his mismanagement. Does this sound like a good candidate for our next Town Manager?

We need help at the Airport. We can continue to throw stones and spend the taxpayers' money. We can continue to fight and embarrass ourselves and our Town. We need leadership and vision to fix our Airport. I am once again asking the Selectmen to become fully involved and replace

the entire Commission, if necessary, with dedicated people without personal agendas.

*Oulton Hues Jr.
Norwood Airport Commission*

NOTHING SMART ABOUT THIS ZONING

To the Editor:

There's nothing "good" about Norwood's 40R project. There is nothing "smart" about it either. You can't fit 40 smart cars in this parking plan, yet our Planning Board has already voted unanimously to approve this lemon along. Our Commonwealth does have lemon laws. Just ask Mr. Duffy's Lawyer. He's a smart guy. He wrote the Town's Bylaws and then presents a case to the town citing them. Can you say "conflict of interest"? While you're at it, just ask our own Town Council about things. They are working side by side on this matter. They both seem to be on the new mission to help our partner buy the "leased" property from the MBTA so he can have the option to sell our 40R! I guess giving the MBTA a helping hand with their bridge project makes things easy. It simply waits for five John Hancock's from the Planning Board and our fate is sealed. Our good Building Inspector can't save us, for we have opted to get Flim-Flammed with Hermitage Estates and surrender to 40R laws. I do indeed smell a rat. Maybe we can still retain the good services from our fantastic Board of Health. They may also get the Planning Board to address the issue that this is a hazardous waste site! The MBTA recognizes this fact in their own AUL documentation dated Oct.

1, 2003. It also states you can't build housing there. I had no problems finding that document. This mystery lease won't help Mr. Duffy if he does find it. That AUL doc SUPERCEDES any lease. It clearly states that. Mr. Duffy knows that. That is why he now wants to now buy the "leased" property. Like a lease, a purchase of property requires money to be exchanged. Why is our Town Council helping him?

I feel we should be able to name our 40R. After all, we are they ones who will pay the price for it. How's Carson City sound? That name does include cars, and tells what that puny piece of land will become with some help from "The T." Music please - "we've got trouble folks. Right here in Carson City. That's Trouble with a capital T. That rhymes with D, and that stands for Duffy." I've always liked that song from The Music Man. It does ring true.

How about The Opiate Estates? Who would wish to live in such a tiny apartment? Does this attract the type of resident that you would normally associate with housing? My crystal ball suggests that "Needlewood" will get a good shot in the arm with our 40R. It is Tailor made with a capital T for the role. This isn't based on a harsh opinion, rather it is based on our applicant's track record. Remember the flop house he ran over in the center? That's right folks, this is the same Mr. Duffy with a capital D. I checked with our police records department and found a very long list of problems there including Murder with a capital M. Remember the pledge to have a "full time staff" to monitor things? Now you know why it was made. Perhaps the Finley's will re-open Lennox Street so our fine Police Department can protect and serve us better. But where will the squad cars park when they arrive?

The towns' eyes should be focused on the Planning Board. I know mine are. We do have trouble in Carson City. That's trouble with a capital D.

*Kevin Pentowski District 7
Town Meeting Member*

RESPONSE TO QUESTIONING HIS INTEGRITY

To the Editor:

Over seven years ago I was appointed to the Norwood Airport Commission (NAC). Since this is a public commission there was a certain amount of criticism that I expected when I accepted the appointment. There have been many times when I have been tempted to respond to letters or articles in the local papers but I have understood that not everyone is going to agree with decisions that are made by the Norwood Airport Commission. However, I cannot let the personal attack in the recent letter to your paper written by Paul V. Shaughnessy go unanswered.

Mr. Paul Shaughnessy's assertion that I do not give of my time to serve on the NAC is insulting. First of all, the meetings are the least time-consuming aspect of being on the NAC. They are only once a month and typically last less than an hour. There has been a fair amount of reading required to get through all of the materials that we get from the Airport Manager and consulting engineers. There have been many construction projects over the years and I have tried to go to the airport (on my own time) to keep track of the progress. I have also taken vacation time to attend meetings in Boston at the Mass DOT as well as meetings at various other places. His claim that the NAC meetings are held at lunchtime to accommodate Mark Ryan and I is also false. When I first started, the NAC meetings were in the evening and I was fine with that. These meetings were not well attended and often took place with just the NAC members, the Airport Manager and Assistant Manager, the consulting engineer

and a representative from the airport tower in attendance. There were requests from businesses to change the meeting time to late afternoon (after work) so that they could attend the meetings. There were several meetings at this time slot and the attendance was marginally better. Eventually there was a request to have a meeting at lunchtime so that more businesses on the airport could attend. The NAC decided to try it out and it was a huge success with many more people in attendance at the noon meetings. This time slot is not convenient for me and I would absolutely prefer to have the meetings in the evening after 7 p.m. Now that the meetings are on NPA-TV (giving residents access), it would seem logical that we continue to try to serve the needs of the majority of businesses on the airport. It has been my practice to take time off during these meetings so that there is no question about my job and my time spent volunteering at the airport. On a few occasions I have missed airport meetings because of my job. However, this would be the case during the evenings as well because of the on-call requirements of my job. In the end, I am fine with whatever the majority of Commissioners decide.

Mr. Paul Shaughnessy has called into question my character and my integrity. On a personal note, I would like to say that I hope the way I have lived as a member of our community speaks for itself. I have been a Town Meeting Member for the last 10 years. I have coached and served on the board for various youth sports programs and charitable organizations that benefit our kids. This includes coaching Norwood teams in both girls and boys divisions in MetroWest Basketball. I have also coached other Norwood basketball teams in various summer and fall leagues. Also for many years I have spent large parts of my Saturdays during basketball season helping with intramural basketball. In addition I have coached Norwood softball in town and in the summer Hockamock League for many years. The various boards that I have served on have granted tens of thousands of dollars in college scholarships to our Norwood kids. This has been a source of great pride and I have enjoyed it immensely. Seeing our children succeed in sports and in their academic careers is a wonderful feeling.

I do not know Paul Shaughnessy, other than the little contact I have with him at meetings. I don't recall ever running into him at any event around town. He claims that I have a conflict of interest because I am an engineer for the Light Department. This is not true and I filed the necessary disclosure paperwork. Does this claim mean that Paul Shaughnessy thinks that a teacher, firefighter or police officer should be barred from serving on the NAC and other boards in Norwood? I think that the issues at Norwood Airport are all solvable and I think Mr. Paul Shaughnessy's recent behavior is counterproductive. There seems to be a mean spiritedness and general nastiness to his recent letter in this paper. It is my hope that this behavior will not continue at the NAC. It was not existent for my first seven years and has no place in public meetings.

I would like to ask my neighbors and friends in Norwood to consider the source when reading these personal attacks by several members of the NAC. There are also businesses trying to expand on the Airport that have been pushing forward an agenda of misinformation. The Airport is not losing money and has not in the years that I have been on the NAC. That includes costs for any court case we have had to defend. In closing, I can assure you that I will ALWAYS put the interests of the Town of Norwood first when making decisions as a member of the NAC.

*Kevin J. Shaughnessy
Norwood*

Deaths *continued from page 12*

Andy is survived by his loving companion of more than 30 years, Marilyn Galligan of Sagamore Beach and Lehigh Acres, Fla.; his three children, sons Daniel Simski and his wife Trisha of Sagamore Beach, James Simski and his wife Heather of Sagamore Beach, and his daughter Jeanne Doherty and late husband Matthew of Dedham; his twin sister, Mildred C. Sanborn and sister Rene McDermott both of Norwood. Predeceased brother and sisters: Frank B. Shumski of Norwood, Helen Grote of Norwood and Vero Beach, Fla. and Jane Olejarz of Norwood. Andrew leaves five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Andrew attended Norwood schools and joined the service at the age of 17. He is a veteran of World War II and the Korean War serving six years in the Merchant Marines and then two years in the Army. He was a member of the VFW, Elks, American Legion & Korean War Veterans Association. He was a skilled carpenter and became a builder of many fine homes, starting in Norwood and then Sagamore Beach. Cremation Service will be handled by Nickerson Bourne Funeral Home, Bourne, MA. A brief Military Service will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. at the Bourne National Cemetery, Bourne, MA. Family and Friends are welcomed to attend the service. In lieu of Flowers, Donations can be made to the Wounded Warriors Organization at "Wounded Warriors Project of Massachusetts, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KN 66675 or the organization of your choice.

SMALL

Mary K. (Brightbill), 76, of Norwood, on Nov. 2. Beloved wife of Franklin D. Small, and daughter of Lorenzo O. Brightbill Jr. and Mary

Smith Brightbill. Mary is also survived by a brother, L.O. (Buzz) Brightbill III and wife, Ruth Brightbill, a twin sister, Ann Brightbill Woodland and husband, Robert Woodland, and a sister Eleanor Brightbill Burdette, and husband H. Carter Burdette. She worked for Caritas Norwood Hospital for several years. After Mary retired she did volunteer work for Good Samaritan Hospice. Mary loved helping people

TROVATO

Salvatore, 84, of Norwood on Nov. 23. US Navy Honors. Korean Conflict US Navy Veteran. Beloved husband of Florence "Marie" (Graham) Trovato. Devoted father of Paul J. Trovato and his wife Mary of N. Attleboro, Richard Trovato and his wife Robin of Sudbury, Denise M. Trovato-Palombo of Walpole and Michael Trovato and his wife Brenda of Hyannis. Loving brother of Joseph Trovato and his wife Joan of Hingham and the late Thomas and John Trovato. Brother-in-law of Dorothy Trovato of Dedham and Beverly Rose King of Williamsburg, Va. Cherished grandfather of Julie Wallace, Peter Trovato, Joseph Palombo Jr., Matthew Trovato, Christopher Trovato, Jessica Trovato, Stephen Palombo, Kendall Trovato and Brendan Trovato. Great grandfather of Zackary Wallace and Kylie Wallace. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Son of the late Peter and Josephine (Frisone) Trovato. Salvatore was a 1948 graduate of Hyde Park High School and was the Past Grand Knight for the Norwood KofC Council #252. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Sail Cape Cod www.sailcapecod.org P.O. Box 1954 Hyannis, MA 02601.

Civic Center Events

CIVIC EVENTS IN DECEMBER CANDY SUSHI WORKSHOP: On Thursday, Dec. 4, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Res: \$35 per person Ages 5-9. Kids will manipulate rice crispy treats, gummies, fruit roll-ups, and other candies to make delectable sushi for post-meal enjoyment. Please note if your child has any food allergies. Advance registration is required.

PIZZA FACE: On Friday, Dec. 5, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Res: \$35 per person. Ages 5-9. Spend the afternoon making your own personalized pizza! Using many different toppings (that each participant will learn how to cut properly and safely). You will make your own individual-sized pizza and create a face to take it home to have for dinner. Please register in advance.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT: Children in grades 1-5 can get dropped off at the Civic and enjoy pizza dinner and juice from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5, (movie night). Pizza and juice

included. Fee is \$10 per participant and advance registration is required per night.

BEHN BASKETBALL CLINIC: Grades 1-5. Boys and girls have the chance to improve basketball skills and gain confidence. Players will learn technique, ball handling, passing, rebounding, defense and team play. On Monday, Dec. 29 from 9 a.m. to noon. Res: \$25 per person.

HOLIDAY GINGER-BREAD HOUSE DECORATING:

Come to the Norwood Recreation Department on Thursday, Dec. 11 from 3:30-5 p.m. and decorate your very own Gingerbread House. All materials provided, with staff available to help with your creations! Please

register on or before Monday, Dec. 8 so we can be sure to have ample supplies on hand. Res: \$5/ participant Non Resident: \$10/ participant.

CUTE AS A CUPCAKE: On Friday, Dec. 12, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Res: \$35 per person, for ages 5-9. Decorate some delicious cupcakes for you, your friends, and your family. Using frosting, candies and other fun decorations, you will learn how to decorate each cupcake in a fun and creative way- no two cupcakes will be the same.

TURTLE BREAD BAKING WORKSHOP: On Thursday, Dec. 18, from 3:30-5 p.m. Res: \$35 per person, for Ages 5-9. Baking, Art, Math and Science all rolled into one class! Spend the af-

ternoon baking some fresh homemade bread! You will learn how to make, knead and create a one-of-a kind bread loaf from scratch that will shape into a turtle.

PRESCHOOL PREP MINI SESSION: Come to the Norwood Recreation Department on Thursday from 9:15-11 a.m. Get your child ready for this drop-off program that includes fitness, crafts, snacks and stories. Parents will need to return in the event of a diaper change. Class meets in the Lydon Suite and Art Rooms Dates: 12/4, 12/11, 12/18 Instructed by Jen Gregory, for Ages: 2.5-3 years old \$56 per participant (4 weeks).

TOT FITNESS: For Ages: 18 months-5 years. Lydon

Room, Learn basic coordination skills, tumbling steps, stretch and strength of body through parachute activities and playground games to get your little one moving. Instructed by Jen Gregory. Monday, 9 to 9:45 a.m. Ages 18 months-2 years. TW07 Monday, 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. 2 year olds. TW08 Monday, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. 3-year-olds. TWO9 Monday, 11:15 a.m. to noon. 4 & 5 year olds TW10. Winter I Mini Fee: Res: \$32. NR: \$42.

DECEMBER CRAFTS: On Tuesday, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Winter I Mini Session: 12/2-12/23, 4 weeks Ages: 2.5-5 years Art Room. Snowmen, ornaments, cookie decorating and more! Instructed by Jen Gregory. Res: \$32 NR: \$42. Min/Max: 6/12.

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NORWOOD WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

Please join The Norwood Woman's Club on Dec. 9, at 12:30 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Hall at 24 Berwick St. We will be entertained by classical jazz guitarist Mr. Steve Marchera. He will play seasonal and holiday acoustic music. Any questions please call Trina Mallet at 781-762-8173.

NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB NEWS

The NRMCM will be holding their December meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 9 in the Norwood Elks at 10 a.m. You will be asked to vote for new officers and board members at this meeting for running the organization in 2015 and 2016. Those elected will be sworn in at the January meeting. You don't have to be a Norwood resident to join, but you do have to be 60 or over, and be retired or semi-retired. Plenty of parking. Just show up and walk in, someone will greet you. Veteran's Agent, Ted Mulvehill, will be the guest speaker. Ted will update us on all things about and for veterans.

NRMCM VALENTINE PARTY

The 12th annual Valentine's Day Dinner Dance will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 10, the second Tuesday of the month. Those interested in signing up may do so at the December meeting but the price and place of the event are still up in the air at the time of this writing. We hope to have all the information at the meeting

BALCH PANCAKE SANTA BREAKFAST

Will be holding its annual Pancake Santa Breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 8 to 11 a.m. This has been a Balch School tradition for many years. Please come and join us for a delicious breakfast, visit & photos with Santa, and take a chance on a raffle basket. We look forward to seeing you soon. Cost is \$7 which includes: cof-

fee/tea, milk/juice, pancakes, sausages, fruit, and pastry. Everyone is welcome!

ANNUAL EVERGREEN FAIRE

Come to the annual Evergreen Faire at the First Congregational Church in Norwood (United Church of Christ) on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.! This year's Faire will include handmade cards and jewelry, intricately carved wooden ornaments by local craftsman Ron Wiik, a large selection of glassware and collectibles at the Unique Boutique, handmade American Girl doll clothes, and a marvelous Silent Auction. As a special treat this year, violinist Anna Magee from the Parkway Orchestra will put everyone in the holiday mood as she serenades Faire-goers with Christmas music in Pingree Hall. We're pleased to report that this year's Silent Auction will once again feature gorgeous hand-carved wooden bowls made by local craftsman Ken Lindgren, as well as decorative glassware, lots of popular games and puzzles for the kids, and gift cards for local stores and restaurants including The Chateau and The Common Café and Patisserie. A catalog listing all the items in the Silent Auction can be picked up at the church office two weeks prior to the Faire. Bidding on auction items will close at 2 p.m. There will also be a Treasure Room full of great finds for everyone in the family; photos and cards by Bill St. Laurent; a wonderful selection of handmade quilts, crafts, and sweaters; a Country Store well stocked with our famous homemade apple pies, Finnish coffee bread, fudge, and other baked goodies, and new this year, healthy frozen meals-to-go. A luncheon featuring pizza, chili and hot dogs will be served from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. So come and enjoy the Evergreen Faire at the First Congregational Church, located at the corner of Route 1A and Winter Street in Norwood. For more information, please call (781)762-3320.

CHRISTMAS FAIR AT THE UNITED CHURCH OF NORWOOD

The United Church of Norwood's Christmas Fair will be held Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. The Fair will feature Holiday decorations, homemade baked goods and candy, an array of quilted items and handmade crafts. There will be numerous raffles including a beautiful Christmas quilt, a variety of themed raffles and a unique handcrafted bag and scarf from the Noonday Collection. Lunch will be served beginning at 11 a.m. The church is located at the corner of Washington and Nahatan streets in Norwood Center. Enter the hall from the Nahatan St. parking lot. Additional parking available behind the church and in the town lot.

THE FRIENDS OF ST. NICK 23RD ANNUAL LUNCHEON

The Friends of St. Nick are proud to announce our 2014 Persons of the Year on Dec. 12, at 11:30 a.m. George S. Usevich, a long time Norwood resident, educator and civic leader, George has served the community of Norwood for decades. With 50 years of unwavering dedication to the students of Norwood High School and our community, George S. Usevich exemplifies all that is good in our town. The Friends of St. Nick thank "GSU" for a career of caring, community involvement and service.

HELP LIGHT UP THE CIRCLE OF HOPE

The Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation invites you to help light up the Circle of Hope by purchasing a luminary to be lit on Saturday evening, Dec. 6 on the Town Common. Continuing a Norwood tradition begun 14 years ago, the members of the Circle of Hope Foundation call the luminaries a symbol of Life, Hope, the Season, and Remembrance of others. Last year more than 1,800 luminaries were lit on the town common. Luminaries can be purchased for \$5 each from any Foundation board member, by calling 781.762.3549, or by mailing your check and messages to The Circle of Hope Foun-

ation, 24 Myrtle St., Norwood MA 02062. The purchaser can designate a short message of life, hope, the season or remembrance to be written on their luminary. The candles will be lit beginning at 5 p.m. and the Foundation members hope that residents and friends will come out and be a part of the evening's events, which include the luminaries, music, entertainment and refreshments. Again this year the Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation is teaming with the Norwood Theatre to bring the original holiday classic, *Miracle on 34th Street*, on the big screen at the beautiful Norwood Theatre on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. Starring Natalie Wood, this movie tells the story of a young girl who doesn't believe in Santa Claus but has her beliefs and those of her mother challenged when a stranger named Kris fills in for a misbehaving Santa at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Kris quickly becomes a favorite with nearly everyone he meets helping to restore the Christmas spirit to believers and non-believers alike. The movie will let out just as the luminaries are lit on the common welcoming theater-goers to a sparkling site on the town common. All proceeds from the 3:30 showing of this classic will be generously donated to the Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation by the Norwood Theatre. Tickets are \$7 students and seniors, \$10 adults and are available at the Norwood Theatre box office. Encore showings will take place at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. The Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation is a non-profit organization established to support Norwood residents who need assistance due to a catastrophic medical occurrence. Last year the foundation gave more than \$100,000 to Norwood residents in need of assistance. The foundation was established in 1998 in memory of Michelle Kennedy, a young Norwood resident, who suffered with leukemia. During Michelle's battle the entire Norwood community, many of whom did not know Michelle, joined together and it is in that spirit that the Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation plans to continue. For more information or to purchase luminary please call (781) 762 - 3549.

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