

# Norwood loses first round in Forbes Hill fight

**Sam Nickerson**  
Staff Reporter

The State Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) rejected the Town's argument for denying the Forbes Hill 40B project in a letter dated Dec. 3.

"In summary, DHCD agrees with the Application that the Board has not met its burden of proof in asserting that it has met the General Land Area Minimum ... the Board has not sufficiently supported the Town's total amount of developable land and the amount of land that is directly associated with SHI Eligible Housing units," the letter read.

On Oct. 6, the Zoning Board of Ap-

peals (ZBA) denied the Davis Marcus Partner's application for a comprehensive permit to build a XXX-unit 40B residential development off of Rt. 1A - called Forbes Hill - based on the grounds that the Town had reached its affordable housing requirements set forth in the state 40B laws.

According to the ZBA, the Town had reached the 1.5 percent minimum of land area in the Town that must be dedicated to affordable housing. This information was based on data gathered by the Town's 1.5 percent task force and other officials, stating that the Town was likely at 1.51 percent, or

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Santa Claus was on hand at the Norwood Circle of Hope's Luminary Night celebration and fundraiser on the Town Common on Dec. 5.

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# Officers show restraint in dealing with robbery suspect

**Sam Nickerson**  
Staff Reporter

Thanks to help from an alert citizen, the Norwood Police Department is working to close a case regarding a robbery on Dec. 3.

At around 10 p.m. that evening, two men robbed a 24-year-old woman - taking her cell phone and wallet - after striking her with what appeared to be a gun between Washington Street and Press Avenue.

While police were arriving, a citizen who witnessed the robbery take place pursued the suspects and confronted one of them until Officer Diego Silva arrived. Chief of Police Bill Brooks commended the man who wit-



Norwood Police officer Diego Silva showed restraint and professionalism when confronting an armed robber. The suspect refused to show his hands but Silva, firearm drawn, was able to avoid use of force.

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# Residents remember loved ones on annual Luminary Night

**Sam Nickerson**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Circle of Hope's annual Luminary Night fundraiser on the Town Common was both solemn and celebratory in its second best year to date.

According to the Circle of Hope secretary and founding member Lee Kennedy, residents lit around 1,780 bags - close to the highest ever total of over 1,800 from a few years ago - to honor loved ones, remember those who had passed, and wish others well this holiday season. Bags were sold for \$5.

"I think Luminary Night kicks off the Christmas Season in a very personal way, allowing people to put their thoughts and memories out in public instead of just

carrying them in their hearts," Kennedy said. "It also gives everyone a chance to find out a little more about other people in Norwood and makes this a community night."

For the Howe family, Luminary Night provided a chance for them to do both.

Jeff Howe said he and his wife Marion, who moved to Norwood around two years ago, had lost two members of their family in 2015. They had seen Luminary Night last year and opted to participate this year, lighting luminaries for a father and a brother. Marion, holding their young son Lucas, said she could see Luminary Night becoming a tradition for their family.

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# Pro-life group barred from future Norwood Day celebrations

**Sam Nickerson**  
Staff Reporter

Norwood Day organizers have made the decision to no longer allow a pro-life group to participate in the annual event, after receiving numerous complaints about the group's conduct.

According to Recreation Department Director and Norwood Day Committee member Gerry Miller, the committee sent the 40 Days for Life - Boston Chapter, a three-year participant, a letter saying it could not be a part of Norwood Day anymore.

Miller said parents complained that young children were given graphic information and literature about abortion by 40 Days for Life members. Parents complained, saying it was a discussion they would rather

have in the home.

"This is a family type day, and every single one of (the parents who complained) were not concerned with the message given out, most said they were pro life anyways, just the method it sent out to the kids," Miller said.

This isn't the first time 40 Days for Life has been in hot water with Norwood Day organizers. Two years ago, another set of parents complained that their young daughters were being approached given fetus dolls.

"They came to us said and this is something where we'd (parents) like to have a conversation about in a few years," Miller said.

At that time, Miller said organizers met with 40 Days for Life representatives and all parties agreed the organization

would "tone it down a little" and could still get its message out without such methods.

In response to the recent de- invitation from the Norwood Day Committee, 40 Days for Life 's legal counsel - Robert Joyce of Newton - said the matter could be a First Amendment issue.

"Norwood's actions appear to violate free speech rights protected by our Constitution," 40 Days for Life organizer Rita Russo said. "We have not yet had a response from the Town."

During the Dec. 1 Board of Selectmen meeting, Mike Lyons said it wasn't a "free speech issue, they refused to follow guidelines. That's the reason they're not invited back."

Lyons said the group showed

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nessed the incident, but was cautious to encourage residents to do the same.

"In general, we encourage witnesses to call police rather than confront offenders, particularly where a violent crime has occurred, but I don't want to criticize this gentleman," Brooks said. "He pitched in and helped out a fellow citizen, and us. He ran after the assailant and confronted him telling him to give back what he had taken."

When confronted by Silva, the suspect - Chaz Moon, 21, of Dorchester - put his hands into his sweatshirt pocket and refused to show them. Silva, gun drawn, kept Moon from fleeing while Moon allegedly asked repeatedly if Silva was going to shoot him.

Brooks said the Department has received calls commending the restraint Silva used in such a dangerous situation. Brooks detailed the Department's use of

force and said Silva could have been justified in discharging his firearm.

"Our use of force policy directs that officers use only that level of force that is necessary, so officers must use their judgment and training on a case by case basis to use only necessary force and no more," Brooks said. "In this case, an officer in Officer Silva's situation may have been justified in firing had he believed the offender was reaching for a weapon and that firing was the only way to protect himself."

Silva, with the help of Lt. Michael Benedetti, was eventually able to cuff Moon without incident. A search of Moon's person turned up the victim's possessions and a pellet gun.

The investigation remains open, as Officer Anthony Lopes conducted a search for the second suspect, with the help of Westwood and Walpole Police,

as well as the Massachusetts State Police K-9 and helicopter units, but were unsuccessful in locating the suspect. Witnesses described the second suspect as a black male.

According to Brooks, officers in Norwood are trained extensively in use of force policy and attend training at regional in-service academy days. The Department also provides firearms training indoors and outdoors, and participates in "shoot - don't shoot" simulations.

"It could be that our level of training played a role here," Brooks said of handling Moon after the robbery. "During a recent firearms training evolution, the instructor emphasized that a high level of training leads to proficiency, which leads to confidence, and an officer's confidence in his or her ability allows him to hold back longer and perhaps fire fewer rounds if shots must be fired at all."

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# BOS and ZBA to appeal first 1.5 decision



The Board of Selectmen and the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) announced they would appeal the Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) decision against the Town's 1.5 percent position. DHCD found in favor of 40B developer Marcus Davis Partners on Dec. 3, saying it did not believe Norwood had reached the 1.5 percent and that the ZBA was incorrect in denying Marcus Davis Partners' Forbes Hill comprehensive permit application on Oct. 6.

On Dec. 8, the Board of Selectmen and Zoning Board of Appeals issued a joint statement announcing their decision to appeal the state Department of Housing and Community Development's decision against the Town and in favor of the Davis Marcus Partners' 40B development, Forbes Hill. The appeal will go before the state's Housing Appeals Committee. The joint statement is printed in its entirety below:

On Dec. 3, the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) issued a

decision on the Zoning Board of Appeals' ("Board") assertion that the Town has met the 1.5 percent General Land Area Minimum under the Massachusetts Affordable Housing law and regulations. DHCD decided that in its opinion, the Town has not met the 1.5 percent standard.

The Town disputes DHCD's opinion, and asserts that its conclusion is based in part on errors presented by the Forbes Hill Comprehensive permit applicant, Davis Marcus Partners ("Applicant"). DHCD did not

allow the Town to present a rebuttal of the Applicant's submittal, and DHCD failed to give the Town any benefit of the doubt when analyzing the documents submitted. It simply accepted the Applicant's arguments and representations.

Tonight, the Zoning Board

**BOS and ZBA**

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# Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor:

To the Norwood Community:

Santa made his annual "pre-holiday" stop in Norwood this past Sunday at the Walter J. Dempsey Memorial Bandstand, as he has done for many years past.

Santa, as always, was at his jovial best and led the crowd in our traditional countdown to the lighting of the Town Common. But Santa and Mrs. Claus were only our most visible helpers that day. A great deal of activity went on behind the scenes, both in preparation for and on the day of the event, involving a number of people whose contributions generally go unheralded. It is these people that we would like to acknowledge and thank in this letter:

First, our Sponsors: the Norwood Bank (and to President Chris Dixon and the Board of Directors), the Norwood Women's Club, and the Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging. Your donations made Santa's visit possible.

Our Guest Performers: The Norwood High School's Madrigal choir, under the direction of Jen Hartnett; the Norwood High School Mustang Marching Band, under the direction of Steve Conant.

Selectwoman Helen Abdallah Donohue, who led the reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas;" Linda Rau, who led the reading of "The Grinch;" and Lee Leach, town carillonneur, who played Christmas Carols from the carillon in Memorial Tower.

Master-of-Ceremonies David Cuddy at the Bandstand, who kept the entire program on the Common moving on schedule, and Brandon Randall and Mike Allen, our logistics and sound system experts on the Common.

Charlotte Walsh and Jim Henry of Charles River Running, who organized and directed the Reindeer Run on the

Common.

Debbie Holmwood and Jerry Cole, who played starring (if anonymous) roles.

All of the Norwood High School student volunteers from SADD, the Friendship Club and the Spirit Club who supported our crafts activities at the Civic Center, and Mary Taggart, who helped bring order to the pandemonium, and our Recreation staff that organized it all.

Our friends at the Abundant Table, who spread holiday cheer as our Snowman and Reindeer at the Civic Center and on the Common.

The dedicated Volunteers from the Norwood Amateur Radio Club and the Norfolk County React Team, who provided support for our horse-drawn hayrides and communications for the overall event.

Our thanks as well to the staffs of the Public Works and Electric Light Departments, who insured that the Common was ready for the festivities and the tree lighting; to the Police Department, who quietly and unobtrusively provided traffic control and security; and to the Fire Department, who escorted Santa from his landing spot atop the Old Guild School to the Common.

And finally, thank you to the Board of Selectmen and to the Finance Commission for your support. We could not go forward without it!

Very truly yours,

Linda Berger, Recreation Program Director  
Bernard Cooper, Assistant General Manager  
cc: Santa Claus

## A WARM GLOW TO LIFT THE SPIRITS

To the Editor:

Tuesday, Dec. 2, became a somber day in our country and in our hometown. The news from San Bernardino was grim, as was the emergency hospitalization of my friend and classmate Olga Abdallah. All day long I prayed for universal peace, strength for our country,

and healing for Ollie and her family. Everyone I know had the same prayer on that dark day. For over two weeks white lights adorn tall and short trees spreading across the front lawn of the Balch School on Washington Street. This vibrant display, created by our Norwood Electric Department, continues the flow of Christmas appeal from Norwood Center, and is so very nice. With great thanks to them all. John Carroll and Olga envisioned this bright spot. Their efforts, along with that of the South Norwood Committee, is what our town now enjoys. Only a sincere thank you will do. The lights are on. A warm glow to herald the miracle of Christmas. A promise to uplift the weary and dispel darkness. A dazzling reflection to illuminate and surround us with hope, as we heal our country and our hearts.

Regina Jennings Noonan  
Norwood

## WE ARE IN THIS FIGHT TOGETHER

To the Editor:

As a member of the Board of Selectmen I feel compelled to respond to the Norwood Record's Opinion piece of Dec. 3, 2015. These are my private thoughts and are not meant to represent a formal response from the Board of Selectmen.

The Opinion piece was about a recent attempt by a vociferous group of residents to provide additional funding to help the town in its legal action against the developer of the proposed Forbes Hill 40B development. You wrote, "Refusing to accept the money only continues to perpetuate the belief among some that Selectmen just think they are smarter than everyone else..." and that, "Accepting the money would have sent a message that all of Norwood is in this fight together."

I have trouble understanding these statements when you wrote just before them, "the sound and logical reasons the Selectmen stated why they didn't want to accept the additional funds to assist in their legal efforts..."

Let's review. The Selectmen did not refuse additional funding to fight this case. In fact, at this same town meeting we had sought and received additional

funding for this purpose under a different town meeting article. We secured the Finance Commission's support of these funds and commitment to provide whatever additional funding might be needed in the future for this purpose and town meeting approved these actions. Each Selectman in their own words stated that they would use additional funds for assistance in this battle if we deemed it helpful or necessary. So we had already secured funds for what some town meeting members tried to change the intent under this article to be on the floor of town meeting.

The real motive behind the article that Selectmen opposed was a small vociferous group telling the Selectmen how to spend the funds and who to use to defend this town. The lead petitioner stated it had to be this way and if we didn't do so we would be guilty of malfeasance in office.

We may not make all the right decisions, but we are the ones who have been chosen by the voters to make those decisions in the town's best interest. Someone has to be in charge. That needs to be those elected to do so.

As for your statement that the Selectmen are perpetuating the belief that we think we are smarter than everyone else, I believe a careful review will show this is anything but true. From the beginning this Board has kept an open mind and sought input and help from numerous individuals, professionals and other sources. On each and every issue around this matter we have not accepted one answer, but rather have asked questions over and over again to become confident that we were exhausting all avenues to insure we have received the best advice and answers so that we could make the soundest decisions for the community.

There have been many ridiculous and unfounded statements about people's integrity and ulterior motives that have caused animosities that have unfortunately overshadowed the real issues and facts. However, through it all the Selectmen have stayed focused on dealing with those issues. We may not have paid enough attention to the public relations, but that's because we were more concerned about expending our energy on doing the best and most complete job we could for the community.

For those who have criticized the Board's handling of this matter, I believe they have not listened to what we have said, or acknowledge what we have done to consider every point they have asked us to consider.

A few examples, as there are too many to list all here. We

were asked to look at units in town that we were not getting credit for on our Subsidized Housing Inventory. We had questions if we could get that credit but did not take the opinion "we knew it all," we submitted a request with the State. Most were denied as we thought they would be, but we did pick up six units. This was not accomplished because we ignored this outside citizen input, but because we pursued it.

We asked for and received some help from a former concerned citizen on locating the elusive DDS housing units. This helped us get started in making the most detailed claim for these units any community has made to date. It now has withstood the initial test of its validity. We did this work dismissing some of the detail the citizen wanted used because it did not meet the requirements of the regulations; but we got to where we are because we were willing to ask for assistance. We were not sitting in an ivory tower thinking we had all the answers.

When approached by a member of the Conservation Commission about his interpretation of the law he thought would yield us hundreds of acres, we did not just tell him he was wrong although that was our initial reading of the regulations. We checked the Town's records, we verified State records, we reviewed previous HAC decisions around similar claims by other towns, and sought detailed explanation from our attorney who specializes in conservation and environmental matters to make certain if there was any part of his interpretation we could use to our benefit we did so. Unfortunately, there was no help here, but we examined the possibility fully.

During the 1.5 percent task force review we had input that we were not counting enough acres at the Upland Woods development. While there was initial disagreement, we always kept thinking about the input we received and reevaluated it to the point we did add back some land area based on this input from a citizen and a member of the conservation commission. We did not ignore this input.

The 1.5 percent task force purpose itself was misunderstood. It was never intended to do a full review of the towns' position, but when the majority of resident representatives thought this was necessary we reluctantly allowed it to do so to see if we could discover anything that could be helpful. We mostly wanted to show as much transparency as possible to the residents critical of the process. The committee submitted a re-

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port to the Selectmen that confirmed the towns' position was accurate.

With regards to not hiring a person some residents call "the most qualified expert," and seem to claim hiring him is the only way we can win this case, I reviewed his background. I spoke to him, I reviewed his past performance at the Housing Appeals Committee, where his credibility has been challenged in their decisions, I spoke to attorneys and others in the housing field who have knowledge of his work in this area and determined that he is not someone I want representing the town of Norwood. Again, I gave the matter full review, I did not out of hand dismiss the residents' views.

The Selectmen have tried to make it clear we have a claim that claims we have reached the 1.5 percent by the slimmest of margins and that the regulations have vagaries that allow the agencies that get to review our claim, agencies with a bias toward the development of this housing, the latitude to make rulings against us. We have a claim that we believe is honest and defensible. The question is, is it winnable. We are taking our best shot. We are in this fight together, we always have been.

*William J. Plasko  
Norwood*

## IS THIS THEIR VISION?

*To the Editor:*

In a quick decision, the Commonwealth's Department of Housing and Community Development agreed with applicant David Marcus Partners (Davis/Forbes Hill) that Norwood "has not met its burden of proof in asserting that it has met the General Land Area Minimum" pertaining to the 1.5 percent statutory minimum for "affordable housing." The Town had two years prior to the Sept. 4, 2015 Safe Harbor deadline to properly validate the accuracy of its own records.

According to DHCD, the applicant and the Town submitted "conflicting" documentation indicating the Zoning Board "has not sufficiently supported the Town's total amount of developable land," and "the amount of land that is directly associated with SHI (Subsidized Housing Inventory) Eligible Housing units, which is of particular significance given the close margin within which the Board purportedly meets the 1.5 percent minimum." If the Town appeals this decision to the State's Housing Appeals Court, what do you think the result will be?

It is interesting the Board of Selectmen, through its "yellow" sheet and supplemental "green," sheet, not only rejected Article 16 at Special Town Meeting petitioned by 137 residents to provide assistance to Town Counsel and obtain technical assistance, but it also felt the need to thwart residents' concerns about the "affordable housing" issue for years.

If one travels on Prospect or Nahatan streets, one can see several three and four-story apartment buildings being built by Campanelli in close proximity to the Oldham School. Now with this decision from DHCD, Davis will be able to build 300 units. When one adds up the total number of one, two and three-bedroom apartment units in the Oldham/Upland neighborhood, it will be close to 600.

The impact, of course, will be detrimental to our densely populated town as the woods and land are destroyed to make way for all this new construction. It will cause a financial strain on taxpayers. What effect will all this have on our schools, police, fire and other town services? To those experiencing traffic problems, it will only get worse. Is this the vision Town Officials have for the Town and its future?

*Judith Howard  
TMM - District 3*

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*To the Editor:*

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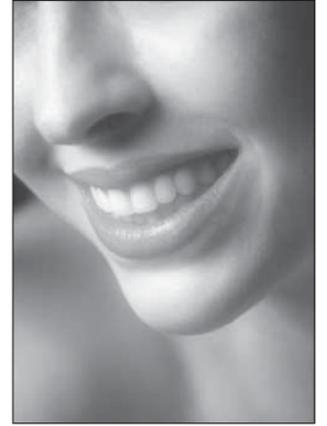
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of Appeals has voted to appeal the DHCD decision to the Massachusetts Housing Appeals Committee (“HAC”). The Board of Selectmen supports that decision and has voted to provide the necessary funding and support for that appeal. Town Counsel will file the required appeal documents within the next two weeks, and the proceeding is expected to go into next spring.

As we stated at the Oct. 6 meeting when we voted to assert that Norwood was at the 1.5 percent threshold, we understand that we meet this requirement by a thin margin. However, to date, no analysis of the Applicant’s submission, or DHCD’s response, has convincingly demonstrated to us that Norwood is not at 1.5 percent. The HAC will make that ultimate determination, and we look forward to Town Counsel presenting our case. The Board of Appeals and the Board of Selectmen believe strongly in the Town’s position and we will continue to work together on behalf of the Town of Norwood and to take every action we deem necessary in support of our position.

# DHCD Decision

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61.56 acres out of 4,066.49 acres of developable land.

ZBA Chairman Philip Riley said he was surprised that DHCD took the applicant’s objections “blindly” as its opinion, but felt the decision itself was far from surprising.

“Given the lay of the land and what frequently happens at the state level at these things, I don’t think it comes with an astonishing surprise. They’re a tough group,” Riley said of DHCD.

The Forbes Hill Developers cited different numbers and claimed Norwood was only at 1.36 percent of land area dedi-

such land, and took issues with the Town’s calculations regarding bodies of water and roadways. The latter included disputes over private roads and railroads classified as right-of-ways. The developers also took issue with the Town’s “pro rata calculation of land area for group home units for which it could not identify the location.”

In siding with the Marcus Davis Partners, DHCD said the “areas of disagreement included are numerous and the Board claims that they have achieved the safe harbor by a very slight percentage (1.5 percent).”

Specifically, DHCD took

particular rules about what information is necessary or not.”

On Dec. 8, a joint meeting of the Selectmen and ZBA announced they would appeal the decision to the Housing Appeals Committee, citing issues with the developer’s arguments.

The Selectmen pledged financial support to allow Town Counsel to continue the litigation process. The decision will be filed with the state within the required two weeks.

Other Town officials, including Town Planner Paul Halkiotis and Selectman Bill Plasko, said they anticipated the matter would end up before the Housing Appeals Commit-

*“Given the lay of the land and what frequently happens at the state level at these things, I don’t think it comes with an astonishing surprise. They’re a tough group.”*

**- Philip Riley**

cated to affordable housing. The developers also said the Town’s information lacked specifics regarding what is Town-owned land or current use of

issue with the amount of documentation provided by the Town supporting the amount of land to be excluded, saying more would be needed to prove the calculation. It also questioned the methodology used to reach the Town’s calculations for acreage.

Riley supported the Town’s position, and said the decision was an opportunity to present its case in more detail.

“I still think the numbers are fairly solid,” Riley said. “What DHCD basically did was to say, ‘we’d like more information about this, that and the other thing,’ despite the fact that I don’t think they have any

tee and that DHCD’s decision was not the end, but the first step.

“This was totally expected,” Plasko said, citing the “level of review” and the “bias of the agency in these matters.”

Plasko said if the Town decides to move on with an appeal - which he said is “most likely,” in his opinion - they basically begin the fight anew and present their arguments again.

“We now know much more about the other side’s challenges and are examining them,” Plasko said. “We always knew we had a defensible position, but that it was uncertain if we have a winnable position.”

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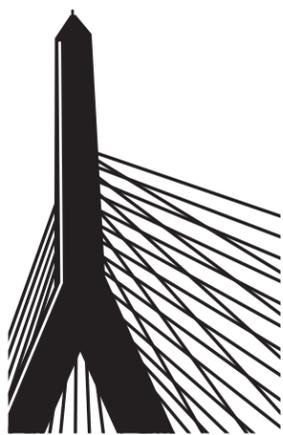
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# Norwood Day Complaints *continued from page 2*

a history of “aggressively moving beyond the confines of their setup” at Norwood Day that all groups are required to operate within. He said that in years past, when organizations were approaching attendees and handing out literature in the street, they were reprimanded or told they could not return to Norwood Day in the future.

“I fear for the future of Norwood Day because of this kind of stuff that gets very contentious,” Town General Manager John Carroll said. “What should be a fun day turns out to one where people are getting mad at one another.”

Selectman Bill Plasko said the Town could not discriminate who participates in public events as long as they follow the rules and guidelines that are set.

Miller said Norwood Day organizers had no problem with the group’s message being dis-

played at their booth, but were upset at the “method, not the message.” Miller said he would be willing to sit and meet with the group again, but said the group has shown a history of being told it cannot do one thing and instead proceeds with another inappropriate action.

Russo said her group is hopeful that the matter can be solved without further legal action.

“We are hopeful that, through courteous and professional dialogue, a satisfactory resolution might be achieved,” she said.

The Norwood Day Committee has also received a complaint from Lorraine Rochon, insisting that the Barn Babies feature violated animal rights. Miller said the committee checked with both Barn Babies and the MSPCA, and found no such violations.



Members of the Norwood Circle of Hope pose with Santa Claus during Luminary Night. Lee Kennedy, second from the left, helped found the organization after her family dealt with a catastrophic medical event.

PHOTO BY PAUL ELDRIDGE

# Luminary Night *continued from page 1*

“I feel like it’s a really good chance to come out and become part of the community,” Marion Howe said.

“2015, we’re going to be happy to see it go,” Jeff Howe said. “You do find yourself getting busy with life, and we don’t do as much as we should with the community. We have been making more of an effort this year.”

Also in attendance that night for the sixth or seventh year was

the Begley family, with son Dylan, age 8, who said it was a “simple ceremony, but a nice one” to honor Dylan’s grandparents who had passed away.

Janet and Dan Ferrara came from Walpole to light several bags, which they decorated with red bows, for Janet’s parents, her brother and aunt and uncle, among others.

“It’s a great fundraiser. It’s a great way to honor people that are alive and that have passed,” Janet Ferrara, a former Norwood resident, said.

Darleen and Ronald Blood, who are longtime supporters of the Circle of Hope, brought their grandson Roland, age 4, of Hudson to experience the event. Darleen’s bag honored her late brother.

“We support the Circle of Hope. We feel very positive about the people that are helped,” Ronald Blood said. “People help-

ing people in need right here...It promotes town spirit.”

According to Kennedy, the event’s first year started with 100 luminaries and if the number of luminaries is any indication, Luminary Night is indeed promoting town spirit.

“This is also a way for the residents of Norwood to help out those less fortunate who are financially aided by the Circle of Hope,” Kennedy said.

The Circle of Hope nonprofit organization was founded in 1998 in memory of Michelle Kennedy, a Norwood resident who battled with leukemia. The Kennedy family was inspired by the support from Norwood neighbors. Since then, the organization has drawn together Norwood residents to provide local families who find themselves in need due to a medical catastrophe. All Circle of Hope board members are volunteers.

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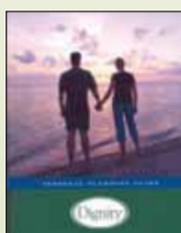
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# Sports

## Girls hoops poised for 2015-16 start

**Jake Levin**  
Staff Reporter

Norwood girls basketball has made the post-season in consecutive years, but two single-digit losses in the first round have kept them from advancing further.

Next Tuesday, the girls will embark on their quest for a third straight trip to the tournament, with Amy Lepley now steering the ship as the head coach.

Lepley takes over for Alex DaLuz, who returned to his alma mater, Seekonk High School, to take over the boys program there. The Mustangs went 29-17 combined over the past two seasons, during which time Lepley was the girls' junior varsity head coach. Norwood fell on the road to Sharon in the 2014 first round, 47-45, and lost at home to Hingham in their first round game last year, 53-50.

With 12 players returning from last season's 16-7 campaign, the cards are in play for the Mustangs to not only

get back to the postseason, but to host a home game again and potentially go on a deep tournament run.

"Our biggest strength is that these girls have been playing together, most of them, since they were little," said Lepley. "I really couldn't have stepped into a better team, just because they're so fun to be around."

Norwood's captains are seniors Hannah Benson and Maura O'Neill, as well as junior Meghan Reen. The season is set to begin just weeks after Reen gave her verbal commitment to Assumption College in Worcester, which is perfect timing according to Lepley.

"I think it's huge," Lepley said, citing experience from her own playing days at Bishop Feehan before committing to another school in Worcester: Holy Cross. "Going through it myself, I was talking to her a little bit, and from what she told me she just knew that she wanted to go there, nothing was going to change her mind. So at that

point, it's just better to get it off your plate so that she can really just focus on having a great season for us."

Reen, a point guard, was a jack of all trades for the Mustangs a season ago, leading the team in four of the five major statistical categories: scoring, rebounding, assists and steals (Ally Copponi, who also returns, led in blocks, with 1.3 per game). Reen averaged 16 points per game (PPG) to go along with 5.8 rebounds, 5.5 assists and 5.1 steals per contest.

Lepley believes that her team's experience will lead to a potent offense, even with some tweaks from the previous system installed by DaLuz. Versatility of several players will help that.

"Our offense looks pretty good, we're running a lot of ball screens this year," said Lepley, praising O'Neill as someone who could play every position from point guard to center. "We're trying to get in transition as much as possible. Running different sets,



Meghan Reen, one of three captains on this year's team, gave her verbal commitment to play basketball at Assumption College on Nov. 28.

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but always coming back to our main set. So if something breaks down, we always have something to fall back on. The biggest thing is we're very small, but we're very versatile. I think that our offense allows us to exploit that

versatility, and really anybody can play any different position."

Another key offensive weapon for the Mustangs is Meghan Reen's younger sis-

**Girls Hoops**

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## Boys hoops seeks winning ways with new squad, returning vets



Mustangs' boys basketball head coach Rich Cormier on the sidelines during a game last season. Norwood opens its season Friday night in Milton at 6:30 p.m.

FILE PHOTO

**Jake Levin**  
Staff Reporter

Tip-off is tomorrow for the Norwood boys basketball team, which is eager to turn the page on last season's 5-15 campaign.

For head coach Rich Cormier, it'll be his 11th season with the Mustangs basketball program, his ninth as the top signal caller.

So when it comes to preparations for Friday night's game at Milton High School, Cormier is well-versed in knowing that the beginning of the season can be a very stressful, cramming experience for the team. He didn't hide the fact that his team still has some work to do to get ready for the Wildcats.

"A lot," he said. "Even with the relative amount of experience we have, we also have a lot of guys that play

other sports. Which is a good thing, but it still means when we get back on the court there's a lot of re-learning that needs to happen; we also have to integrate the new players into our team, and into what we do. We're also breaking some bad habits that maybe they picked up in the off-season. And then this year, we're also going to be doing some things slightly different based on the personnel that we have. So there's always an overwhelming amount of things to do in the first week, week and a half of the season."

Nine players return from last year's team, while Cormier will be integrating six new players for a total of 15 on the roster, the maximum amount allowed.

"We just felt that there were 15 players that deserved it," said Cormier, a year after beginning the sea-

son with a 12-man unit. "To be honest, there could have been other players that deserved it, based on their attitude and work ethic, but we're limited to 15."

Cormier said that he hasn't yet settled on a starting lineup for Friday, but one player who is certain to be out there is senior captain Chris Bell, a point guard who has played every game for the Mustangs since his freshman year. Bell finished second on the team in scoring last season, behind only Kevin Perry, by averaging 11.7 points per game (PPG). Bell also led the team in defensive rebounding, assists and steals per game in '14-15.

After initially hurting his shoulder in the summer

**boys hoops**

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of 2014, Bell suffered another shoulder injury this fall, in the same exact spot as before. Monday was the first time he was able to practice with contact, but expect him to be good to go against Milton.

Even beyond Bell, experience is definitely one of Norwood's strengths. But, as Cormier points out, not a lot of that experience includes winning.

"We haven't had great success, and I think last year in particular was a huge disappointment," said Cormier. "I don't think it was overly surprising two years ago with a team that had seven sophomores on it that we struggled. I think the expectation, I know certainly my expectation, was higher than five wins [last year]. What it came down to, I think above all else, was that guys just didn't really put in the time in the off-

season to improve, so we were largely the same team. And where so many of them were lucky enough to have their senior year remaining, they've learned that lesson and took it to heart, and the guys have worked really, really hard this off-season. And part of that is great because it improves your skills, but it also really improves the camaraderie on the team and togetherness.

"You can kind of see a renewed sense of urgency and determination."

Norwood will face Milton on Friday night, with whom the Mustangs split the season series at 1-1 a season ago, at 6:30 p.m.

The rest of the opening week includes a trip to Braintree to face Archbishop Williams on Sunday at 1 p.m., and the Mustangs first home game will be on Tuesday night, when they'll host the Brookline Warriors at 6:30 p.m.



Chris Bell, above, will be one of the captains of the latest iteration of the Norwood High boys basketball team.

FILE PHOTO

## Boys prep for season with scrimmage against Newton South



The Norwood Boys Basketball team had one final rehearsal before the 2015-2016 season opener on Dec. 11 against Milton at Milton High School. On Dec. 8, the Mustangs took on Newton South in a scrimmage, a matchup in which coach Rich Cormier was able to try different schemes and lineups. Overall, Cormier felt the scrimmage was a positive experience, and the Mustangs simulated a real game during the first half. Above, the Norwood Mustangs boys basketball team took to the free throw line in a game from last season.

FILE PHOTO

**Jake Levin**  
Staff Reporter

Before the games count for real, Norwood boys basketball had one final tune-up on Tuesday night in a scrimmage vs. the Newton South Lions.

While keeping in mind that it was indeed a scrimmage, Mustangs head coach Rich Cormier came away feeling better about his team than he did after their scrimmage vs. Plymouth North last Friday night—especially considering the opponent in Newton South.

"Overall, more positives than negatives," said Cormier after the exhibition contest, played at Norwood High School. "I thought we battled really well against a really strong and physical team."

The Lions, who play in the Dual County League, went 14-8 last season and drew the No. 11 seed, falling to the eventual state champion, the No. 3 Catholic Memorial Knights, in the Div. 1 South quarterfinals.

"The Bay State League is a strong and physical league, as you know," said Cormier, adding of other teams in Norwood's home conference that "they might be as strong as Newton South, but that was one of the stronger and physical teams that I can remember. I thought our guys did a really, really good job."

Taking advantage of being able to try different things out in scrimmages, Cormier played the first half as though it were a real game, and had the Mustangs

down just one at the break, 19-18.

"They [Newton South] being a Division 1 school gives us a good challenge heading into a schedule with predominantly Division 1 teams," added Cormier.

The Mustangs and Lions have met in the preseason for the last several seasons, as Cormier and Newton South head coach Joe Killilea have a connection from working together in summer leagues.

Now that the scrimmages are in the books, Cormier is able to gauge fairly accurately where his team stands. He said that no one has necessarily wowed him in the preseason, for better or for worse, but that's not necessarily a bad thing in that he seems to know exactly where his team stands.

"This is a year where we do have a lot of experience, so I think guys have definitely improved, but I don't know that anyone's really come out of left field or really impressed us one way or the other," he said. "We have a pretty good handle on the guys we have."

"It's starting to come together," concluded Cormier.

On Wednesday night, the Mustangs named one-possibly two-more captains to accompany Chris Bell, in an event held after the Record's deadline. As of deadline, Cormier said that a decision was yet to be made on who, or how many players, would be nominated, saying he'd yet to conduct all of his individual meetings with his team.

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Maura O'Neill, wearing No. 5 for Norwood, was one of just two Mustangs players to average double-figures in scoring a year ago (10.2 PPG), behind only Meghan Reen's team-leading 16 PPG.

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ter, Kaylin, a lethal three-point shooter. The younger Reen, who is now a sophomore, was Norwood's third-leading scorer in 2014-15 as a freshman, averaging 8 PPG on just a tick under 40 percent shooting from beyond the arc (55-for-138, 39.8 percent).

Defensively, look for Norwood to play almost exclusively a man-to-man scheme, eschewing a zone as much as possible.

"We're going to play man-to-man as much as possible this year," said Lepley, hoping for an aggressive unit that doesn't neglect help defense. "We're really stressing getting in peoples passing lanes, really being aggressive, and then obviously focusing on the help side in the back."

The overall lack of size on the team is of slight concern to Lepley, who says one area her team will really need to focus on is rebounding.

"Rebounding is going to be a big thing for us, something that we're going to need to focus on," she said. "Just boxing out away from the basket, because we want to run, but before we can run, we need to get the rebound."

While it may be juxtaposition to consider a captain an unsung hero, Lepley believes that's what she has with Benson. Also a captain in field hockey and lacrosse, like O'Neill, Benson was the Mustangs' seventh-leading scorer last winter, averaging 4.7 PPG.

"Hannah Benson is probably one of those kids that probably doesn't get the recognition she deserves," said

Lepley, prefacing her statement by saying Benson was indeed one of the top players from last year. "She does everything for us. She is a 5-foot-5 guard, probably 6-foot-4 at heart. She just will battle with anybody; she's probably one of our toughest players."

Originally, Norwood was set to open its season on Friday night at home vs. Milton. Instead, that game has been pushed all the way back to Feb. 23, which will be the Mustangs' regular season finale.

Norwood will now open on Tuesday night at Brookline at 6:30 p.m., taking on the Warriors in a Bay State Conference cross-division matchup to begin the season.

"Obviously, everyone wants to start with a win," said Lepley on the important of opening night. "I think they [Brookline] are a top team, so we're going to have to bring our A-game, but I think that's going to be the case every single night. The Bay State Conference is one of the best conferences in Massachusetts in my opinion, especially this year, it's going to be really tough.

Just starting out with a win will be huge for their confidence, and our confidence as a program."

The Mustangs will play their first home game on Tuesday, Dec. 23 vs. the Dedham Marauders at 6:30 p.m. It's the only home contest for Norwood before the calendar flips to 2016; they'll finally get another home game on Jan. 12 vs. the Weymouth Wildcats.

After such a harrowing road stretch to begin the season, the Mustangs will play six of their final 10 games at home. And two of the road games will be just seven minutes down Nahatan Street, at Westwood High School in the annual Westwood Tournament over February Vacation.

Lepley is hoping to not only make the tournament with this year's team, but to go deep into it.

"These seniors deserve an awesome senior year," said Lepley. "To be able to get them to the tournament, and make a run in the tournament, nothing would make me happier, because they deserve it."

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The Norwood Historical Society held its 10th annual Holiday House Tour on Dec. 6. It's headquarters, the F. Holland Day House, showcased a special 12 Days of Christmas exhibit featuring artifacts from the Society's collection.

COURTESY PHOTO

# Holiday House Tour draws hundreds and raises money

**Sam Nickerson**

Staff Reporter

The stars seemed to be aligned for the Norwood Historical Society's 10th annual Holiday House Tour, as tour-goers enjoyed mild weather and homeowners went the extra mile in decorating their homes.

The event, which took place on Dec. 6, featured five older homes in Norwood - fully decorated for the holidays - special showcases at the Historical Society's headquarters at the F. Holland Day House and a successful fundraiser at the Masonic Lodge.

According to Norwood Historical Society president Bryan Burns, the ticket sales and donations totaled over \$5,000 and raffle earnings are still being tallied up. Burns has said the event is the Historical Society's largest fundraiser each year.

"We heard great feedback from participants about each stop of the tour, from our interactive '12 Days of Christmas' decoration at the Day House to the warm hospitality and beautiful decor of our private homes," Burns said. "I'm also

very pleased with how things came together for our after-party at the Masonic Temple."

At the Day House - a 19th century mansion once home to famed photographer Fred Holland Day - the Norwood Historical Society prepared an exhibit of artifacts themed around the 12 Days of Christmas, such as eight family portraits, 10 top hats, and five spinning wheels.

Burns said the festivities were helped along by donations from To Beirut, The Common Café, Roche Bros., Hannaford and Boston Beer. There was also a performance by Norwood Alumni Choir Amici Cantores. Burns also spoke highly of the Day House's neighbors and party hosts.

"The members of the Orient Lodge were great to work with, and we look forward to finding new ways to work with them, as neighbors on Day Street," Burns said.

The Orient Lodge - the Masons' home now on Day Street - was established in 1861 and its current home was built in 1916 with Greek architectural leanings.

Also on the tour was the George H. Morse House on Washington Street. It was built in 1868, four years before Norwood would become a town.

"It was very busy," Morse House member Dale Day said. "It started off a bit slow, but got very, very busy. Everyone seemed to be really pleased with it overall."

The Morse House featured a red, white and blue living room with a special red, white and blue Christmas tree in honor of veterans. According to Day, the Rotary Club helped with decorations in the breakfast room.

The tour also featured Linda

Rau's 1913 Walnut Avenue home. Built originally for the Prendergasts who lived there until 1976, the home has undergone several renovations, but retains its historic charm. This year, Rau decorated the home with her Father Christmas collection, and said her favorite places are the porch and the "heart" of the home, the kitchen.

Another stop on the tour was Bill and Marie O'Connor's Rosemary Street Colonial, which dates back to at least 1917. Once part of the old Chickering Farm, the house was built for former Norwood High School Principal George Allan, and his family lived there until 1965. The property also underwent some modernization, including Marie's favorite spot, the three-season porch.

"I think we had about 150 people," Marie O'Connor said. This was the first year the property has been on the tour.

O'Connor had help decorating the house from friend Dolly Parker and daughter Katie. The O'Connor's had several decorated trees, including a seven and a half-foot tree in the living room, a six-foot "snowman tree" on the porch and a smaller tree decorated with gold ribbon and poinsettias. There was also a tea table decorated with gingerbread by the O'Connor's granddaughter. The dining room table was decorated with gold Christmas ware and Marie served cookies and mulled apple cider.

"It really brings a Christmas spirit to the town and the money goes to the NHS to keep the traditions going day house going," Marie O'Connor said. "I just think it's something that well worth it. It was nice to meet to meet people from the town that I would have never met."

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# Boch's Summer Bash drew many but netted Trump only \$2,700

Sam Nickerson  
Staff Reporter

Presidential candidate Donald Trump told the media his Aug. 28 appearance at Ernie Boch, Jr.'s Summer Bash in Norwood this summer was not a fundraiser. He said the funds collected at the door were going to

which featured a rock and roll band, New England-themed catering by Ambrosia Events & Catering, patriotic cocktails and other attractions for guests - "almost to the dollar."

In addition to the bills for the event, the state Department of Revenue assesses a 6.25 percent sales tax on admissions for one-

were there for the spectacle, which, between Trump's speech, the media fanfare and the event itself, he feels was absolutely delivered.

"I think it was extremely successful," Boch said.

Boch said he was among those at the event who were swayed by Trump's positions

*"Sure, I'm voting for him."*

- Ernie Boch Jr.

cover the cost of the event - an event Boch also said he was paying for.

"This is not a fundraiser," Trump said at the time. "I turn down a lot of money."

So what happened to all that money?

According to campaign finance reports, Trump received \$86,937 from that event. But instead of direct donations - signs at the event directed guests to make their \$100 admission checks payable to Donald J. Trump for President, Inc. - the donations from the event came from a single donor: Ernie Boch.

According to Federal Election Commission laws, the most an individual can contribute is \$2,700.

One day after the \$86,937 was received by the Trump Campaign, a refund was issued to Boch for \$84,237. Trump appears to have accepted a \$2,700 check from the event, which Boch confirmed.

According to Boch, the rest of the funds covered the event -

time events that includes refreshments and entertainment. Because the event collected donations for the nonprofit Trump campaign, there would be no sales tax on food, per the Department of Revenue.

Boch said when he first thought to invite Trump, he envisioned a much smaller event. Then, after he had a "one on one" meeting with Trump in New York City, the event grew to what Boch said a distinguished guest involved in politics for many years called "beautiful, elegant and first class."

"I wanted it to be special," Boch said, noting Trump would bring a little excitement, "as he always does." And by having the event covered by the Trump campaign - or rather, covered through the refunded admissions costs - Boch said it was easier than having to cut checks for every bill that came in.

Boch said it seemed like half of the attendees were Trump supporters, and the rest

outlined during the rally.

"Sure, I'm voting for him," Boch said in a phone interview on Dec. 7.

According to campaign finance documents as of Oct. 30, Trump took in \$3.9 million in receipts, \$3.8 million of which came from individuals other than political committees, but the total refunded is only \$84,348.50 - most of which is accounted for by the \$84,237 refunded to Boch. Massachusetts contributors have donated almost \$37,000 to the campaign.

In total, Massachusetts political donors have contributed over \$4.6 million to presidential campaigns so far this cycle. Democrats have received \$3.2 million, while Republicans have taken in \$1.3 million of that total. Marco Rubio leads the Republican field with \$333,889 of that \$1.3 million.

Trump spokeswoman Hope Hicks did not offer comment when reached for this story.

## SENIOR NEWS

**ARTS & CRAFTS:** Offered Every First Thursday of each month at 11 a.m.

**BASIC COMPUTER COURSE:** A four-part basic computer course is frequently offered to those who wish to learn how to use a computer. Sign-up at the front desk. New class will be announced soon.

**BINGO:** Every Wednesday, from 12:45 to 3 p.m. \$5 to get started. We have begun a new game, for \$1 with a winner take all prize! You must be here by 12:45 p.m. to play the new game!

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

**BOOK CLUB:** Our next Book Club will be meeting on Dec. 21 at 10 a.m.

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

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

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

**DIABETES WORKSHOP:** The Diabetes Workshop: Thursday, Dec. 17 at 11 a.m.

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

**FOOT DOCTOR:** Dr. Cormier will be here Tuesday, Dec. 22 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

**GLEE CLUB:** Glee Club meets every Tues-

day at 11:15 a.m.

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

**LINE DANCE:** Line Dance Classes are held each Tuesday. Class will be held from 1-2 p.m.

**MASSAGE THERAPIST:** Karen Tracy is here on the first Monday of each month. Please sign up at front desk. Massages are \$30 for half an hour.

**NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB:** The Board of Directors meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center (Except July and August). Meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks Lodge, at 10 a.m.

**POETRY CLUB:** Is held on the Third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m., Facilitated by Nancy from the Library.

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

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

**WATER COLOR:** The next session is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 10 at 9 a.m. Payment of \$20 must be made at time of signup.

**WHIST PARTY:** Whist parties will be held on the fourth Friday of each month 1 - 3 p.m.

**DECEMBER Glee Club Christmas Performance:** Dec. 18 at 1 p.m.

Friends of the COA Evening Dance Dec. 18, from 7 to 10:30 p.m.

Learn To Play Mah Jong: Lessons are held on Thursday and Friday afternoons, 1 to 3 p.m.

## The Record Book

### FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ADVENT MUSIC SPECIAL

It's Music Sunday on Dec. 13 at the First Congregational Church in Norwood! The 10 a.m. worship service will feature four choirs, the Chancel Choir and the Joyful Noise children's choir singing Advent hymns and Christmas carols, and the Vested Ringers bell choir and the children's bell choir ringing in the season. Rev. Dr. Tom Zoelzer's message will be "How Can We Keep from Singing!" A Christmas banquet in Pingree Hall will follow the worship service. All are welcome! For more information, please call the church office at (781)762-3320.

### COOKIE WALK AT GRACE EPISCOPAL

On Saturday, Dec. 12, 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! The church is located at 150 Chapel St.

### THE CAT MOBILE IS COMING

The Catmobile, which offers low cost spay/neuter for cats only, is coming to Petco located at 1210 Providence Highway in Norwood on Dec. 16. The Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society operates The Catmobile, which is 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. Individually packaged take-home flea treatment is available for \$15 per dose. The neuter package for male cats costs \$80 and a female spay is \$120. Ferals are \$35 and will be ear-tipped. Reservations are required and can be made online at [www.catmobile.org](http://www.catmobile.org) or by calling 978-465-1940.

### MORSE HOUSE TOUR

The George H. Morse House will be open for a Special Tour and Celebration on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016 from 1-4 p.m. We are dedicating this Christmas Season to our American Veterans. We will display pictures of our local veterans and ask that you contact Dale Day (781-762-7291), Olga Abdallah (781-762-3058) or Jean and Jack Taylor (781-769-3975) if you have pictures of your service that you would like to share at this event. Please plan on stopping by The Morse House to thank our veterans for their service. Refreshments will be served. (Snow Date Jan. 16).

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL READING AT DAY HOUSE

The Norwood Historical Society is pleased to present a dramatic reading of Dickens' famed A Christmas Carol on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. The reading will take place at the F. Holland Day House, 93 Day St., Norwood. It is free and open to the public. Although they do not dress in character, Paul, Bill, and Katia immerse their audience in the story as Dickens may have done when he, himself, performed readings of the tale. "I've toyed with the idea of using period costumes" states Hayden, "but I just don't want to make the entire program fictional. I like keeping it simple. We are three actors from the present time, who are here to read you a darn good story! I want the visuals to be in the imagination of the audience." The production at the Day House will begin promptly at 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served at intermission. Tours of the decorated Day House will follow the performance.

### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

On Saturday, Dec. 12 from 8-11 a.m., the Balch Elementary School will hold its annual Pancake Santa Breakfast. Please join us for a delicious pancake breakfast complete with sausages, fruit, pastry, coffee and tea. The cost of the breakfast is \$5. Our Fifth grade students will sing Christmas carols upon the arrival of Santa! There will be arts & crafts for the children and pictures with Santa. This is a Balch School tradition and we hope to see you there!

### NAA ANNUAL HOLIDAY SMALL WORKS ART SHOW AND SALE

A much looked forward to event, the non-profit Norwood Art Association, Inc. will hold its annual Holiday Small Works Art Show and Sale at Custom Art Framing, 45 Central St., Norwood, Saturday, Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with an Opening Reception on Friday, Dec. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. Open to the Public - Admission is Free. Featured will be original small paintings and photographs by local artists perfect for holiday gift giving. It is a wonderful time to meet the artists, pick up an amazing gift, and support the NAA. The Norwood Art Association, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing unique opportunities to local artists. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in fine art.

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS

Bereavement Support Groups at Dedham Medical Associates Pediatric Group Room, 3rd Floor 1177 Providence Highway Norwood. Coping with Loss During the Holidays 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Dec. 16. This group is open to adults who have suffered a loss of a loved one due to death. For more information and to register for this free group, contact Doreen Moscaritolo at [dmoscaritolo@vnab.org](mailto:dmoscaritolo@vnab.org) or 781-569-2836.

**MONDAY NOV 30**

0903 walk-in - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Osprey Wireless Inc - Bos-Prov Hwy Walk in party reports a dispute with his former employer. N669 stands by while he collects his pay check. A letter of disinvite was served in hand.

1134 phone - Well being chk services rendered Location/address: Riverside Community Care - Pleasant St Caller with psych issues requests to speak to an officer about his friend. When n666 arrived at the facility it was determined that the caller had used a name that was not his. Staff will try and make contact with the caller and assist him.

1213 phone - Found syringe services rendered Location/address: Hill St N661 is responding to dispose of the item.

1224 phone - Disturbance \*report filed Location/address: Dunkin Donuts - Nahatan St

1326 911 - Civil dispute \*report filed Location/address: Extra Space Storage - Washington St Female caller reports a verbal argument with her ex boyfriend regarding money. Both parties spoken to, matter was resolved.

1336 walk-in - Hit and run \*report filed Location/address: Mcdonalds - Broadway St Manager reports that a vehicle hit the restaurant several days ago and drove off.

1454 walk-in - Threats \*report filed Location/address: Laurel Rd Walk in party reports threats in the workplace.

1455 walk-in - Assist citizen assisted party Location/address: Audubon Rd Walk in party seeking advice on possible drug activity in her neighborhood. Party was advised.

1547 other - Warrant of apprehension \*report filed Location/address: Morse St N661 located that party and transported him to Dedham District Court.

1623 phone - Lost and found services rendered Location/address: Broadway Employee found a bicycle in the store dumpster. N662 located the owner of that bicycle at McDonald's.

1656 phone - Susp vehicle services rendered Location/address: Prospect St Dark colored sedan parked for over an hour. N662 reports that vehicle was unoccupied and parked legally.

1821 phone - Well being chk services rendered Location/address: William Shyne Cir Daughter is concerned that her mother isn't answering the door. That party showed up as the officer arrived.

1836 911 - Missing person \*report filed Location/address: - Norwest Dr Resident reports a missing family member. Bolo broadcasted to the cars. Party entered into NCIC.

1931 911 - Susp vehicle spoken to Location/address: Codman Rd Small red SUV parked. N666 spoke with the operator of that vehicle, he checked ok.

1959 initiated - Building check building checked/secured Location/address: Washington St Report of damage to an outside exhibit, officer checked the area and reports all is in order.

2120 phone - Larceny \*report filed Location/address: Kings Rd Resident reports a package was stolen from her front door.

2327 phone - Well being chk spoken to Location/address: Richland Rd Caller concerned about a family member who has a new live in nurse and is worried about the arrangement. N666 spoke to all parties on scene, everything is fine there.

**TUESDAY DEC 1**

0126 initiated - Road hazard State DPW/Norwood DPW no Location/address: N/B Animal Shelter - S/B After Ellis Ave. - Bos-Prov Hwy N677 reports trash in n/b breakdown lane and deceased skunk on s/b side after Ellis ave. State DPW notified.

0145 phone - Assist citizen fire dept notified/respo Location/address: Washington St Caller states her apartment and the apartment above her are having hot water tank problems with leaking. N665,NFD responded. Water has been shut off, unable to reach landlord.

0153 911 - Drunk person gone on arrival Location/address: Adams St Caller reports drunk party knocking on everyone's apartment Doors. N677,n669 responded and checked the area. Unable to locate him.

0940 phone - Forge/counterf \*report filed Location/address: Sunoco - Bos-Prov Hwy Report MA pc 869ns6 tried to pass a counterfeit bill.

0958 walk-in - Larceny \*report filed Location/address: Bahama Dr Report fed-ex package missing. N677 reports resident will recall police when he has paperwork and any other evidence.

**Police Logs**

1020 phone - Susp person spoken to Location/address: CSX Railroad Bridge - Dean St Report of a w/m,black back pack, jacket, black pants, standing between the fence at #53 and tracks, appears to be looking at homes. N663 stops a male on Pond St.-seasonal U.P.S. worker awaiting to meet driver.

1130 walk-in - Malicious damage \*report filed Location/address: Plimpton Park - Lenox St Report windshield, of a truck parked at loading dock on Guild St. side of building is smashed.

1413 walk-in - Civil dispute civil matter Location/address: Prospect St Resident wanted log entry only that he had an argument with his neighbor over property lines.

1418 phone - Susp vehicle gone on arrival Location/address: Cameron Rd + Eaton Rd Caller reports an unfamiliar vehicle parked near her house.

1436 walk-in - Harassment services rendered Location/address: Lenox Ave Walk in party reports harassing phone calls from a man claiming to work for the IRS. She did not wish to speak to an officer, but wanted a log note.

1501 phone - B & E of motor vehicle under investigation Location/address: Jaguar and Landrover of Norwood - Neponset St Caller reports that they have video footage of a mv b&e. When n666 arrived, they could not locate the video footage. calling party will be in contact tomorrow.

1532 phone - Susp activity gone on arrival Location/address: Norwood Crossings - Central St Caller reports that a man is ringing doorbells in the complex. N666 could not locate, residents report no issues.

1653 911 - Well being chk \*report filed Location/address: Rama Wine & Spirits - Washington St Caller reports a dk male in the back parking lot. N666 places one male into pc.

1744 phone - Susp person services rendered Location/address: Centennial Dr Caller reported man knocking at door. Officer spoke with party, resident confused but checked ok.

2005 911 - Unwanted party services rendered Location/address: Lane Dr Received hang up call. Resident called back, reported unwanted party. Subject left on foot.

2239 911 - Susp activity services rendered Location/address: Oreilly Auto Parts - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reported wires pulled on a security camera. Officer reported building secure, damage looks old. Key holder notified.

**WEDNESDAY DEC 2**

0009 phone - Noise complaint could not locate Location/address: Norwood Subaru Inc - Bos-Prov Hwy + Morse St Residence inn guest reports loud noise in early morning and is also going on now at the Subaru dealership. N669 Responded to Residence Inn to speak to the front desk who had not received any complaints. There is nothing going on at the Subaru warehouse on Morse St. at this time.

0518 phone - Susp activity area search negative Location/address: Home Depot - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports a Uhaul pulled up to the salvation army collection box and is removing items.n669,n665 responded. upon arrival n669 reports there is no one there. Both officers checked the area. No truck was located in the area nor did the box look like it was tampered with.

0805 phone - Sex offenses \*report filed Location: Town Of Norwood N428, as S.R.O., received a report of an indecent assault that happened 2 weeks ago at an unknown home in Norwood. N491 conducted an investigation and will file a report.

0944 phone - Susp person area search negative Location/address: Nahatan St Report 15 minutes ago a male walked up driveway and opened gate to yard but then turned and left towards School St.

1130 phone - Citizens complaint spoken to Location/address: Plymouth Dr Report party in e/r with pellet gun shot injury. N665 spoke to all parties involved, it was accidental.

1214 phone - Susp person gone on arrival Location/address: Oakleigh Rd + Devon Rd Report of a w/m,6', green knit hat and fleece, carrying nothing, going door-to-door on Oakleigh Rd. And a 2nd W/m, brown jacket, carrying a book, is on Devon Rd.

1251 other - Warrant of apprehension \*arrest(s)made Location/address: Pleasant St Units place one male juvenile under arrest and transport him to court.

1335 phone - Susp activity gone on arrival Location/address: Harding Rd Caller reports two men walking around her neighborhood.

1443 walk-in - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Prospect Ave Resident thinks the check for the sale of furniture is going to be a fraudulent check due to a past similar incident. N678 reports no crime as transaction has not occurred yet.

1542 cellular - Well being chk police & fire notified/r Location/address: Rock St Resident comes across a elderly female wondering in the rain. NFD sent. N662 reports NFD checking her out, no need for police.

1809 phone - Parking violation parking ticket issued Location/address: Hoyle St Caller reports a parked vehicle blocking the sidewalk.

1957 911 - Susp vehicle services rendered Location/address: Deerfield Rd Caller reported suspicious party with flashlight looking at their vehicle. White van involved. Officers checked on several vans in the area. No B&E to callers vehicle occurred. All parties checked ok.

2306 phone - Noise complaint spoken to Location/address: Valley Rd Group playing ball outside. Parties advised.

**THURSDAY DEC 3**

0937 phone - Citizens complaint no action required Location/address: Lenox St Resident reports it appears someone tried to get in her apartment door. N665 reports no B&E attempt, normal wear/tear of door.

1016 phone - Susp vehicle gone on arrival Location/address: Hoyle St + Winslow Ave Report of a Chevy, SUV, navy blue, NH tags, w/m, scully cap, Driving around neighborhood.

1150 walk-in - Lost and found services rendered Location/address: George St New tenant finds 2 "permanent resident" cards and a SS card while cleaning apartment. Message left with landlord to see if there is a forwarding address.

1154 phone - Animal complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/address: - Gay St Report of a brown dog running loose. N.A.C.O. substitute Officer notified.

1314 phone - Found syringe services rendered Location/address: Bubbles-Up Laundromat - Central St Report syringes in the medium sized silver colored washing machine. N662 properly disposed of same.

1415 cellular - Animal complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/address: Oldham School - Prospect St Report of a dog running loose on property. N.A.C.O. Substitute officer notified.

1416 phone - Vandalism services rendered Location/address: The CCS Company - Canton St Report damage to cement in the parking structure due to skate boarders using same in inclement weather. N665 reports caller did not wish to file report on damage and requests extra checks of property. N665 will send out an email.

1437 phone - Violation of town bylaw spoken to Location/address: Azalea Dr + Kenwood Dr Report of a w/m, green cap, blue top w/ grey sleeves, going door-to-door. N665 located 2 of 4 and informed them to stop and that they needed to register. These 2 will inform the other 2 solicitors.

1537 phone - Well being chk services rendered Location/address: Lewis Ave Report wife not answering cell phone. Dispatch checked Same-not working. Message left on a work phone. N669 checked Norwood address-no answer, home in darkness. Brockton PD sent to an address.

1648 walk-in - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Heaton Ave Officer stood by while party retrieved personal property.

2200 phone - Vandalism \*report filed Location/address: Endicott St Caller reported past vandalism to a vehicle. Response Delayed due to 15-16589. Ford e350 co MA r52282, Isuzu npr CO r52281, Isuzu npr tmp NJ 630132n, Hyundai Elantra co MA r83286. N663 responded. Report filed.

2205 911 - Robbery \*arrest(s)made Robbery by gun. Two black males fled on foot towards chapel. one in custody. State Police k9, State Police helicopter, Westwood and Walpole Police responded. Norwood Fire Transport victim to hospital. Arrest: Moon, Chaz Address: 55 Mascot St Apt. #1 Dorchester, Ma Age: 21 Charges: a&b with dangerous weapon Robbery, armed & masked

**FRIDAY DEC 4**

0602 walk-in - Auto theft \*report filed Location/address: Prospect St Party reports vehicle was stolen from the driveway sometime after 11:00pm. N664 responded and took report. Bolo on bapern. Entered into cjis.

0702 phone - Susp vehicle spoken to Location/address: Alandale Pkwy Caller reports suspicious red ford truck parked in front of home. N662 responded and reports he is a Feeney employee.

0838 phone - B & E of motor vehicle \*report filed Location/address: Bellevue Ave Caller reports his car was broken into over night. N661 responded.

0856 phone - B & E of motor vehicle \*report filed Location/address: Prospect St Caller reports hers and her boyfriend's vehicle were B&E'd last night. Both had to go to work and will stop at station on way home from work.

0942 phone - Animal complaint no action required Location/address: St George Ave Caller reports neighbor's large dog got out of fence and is running up and down the street. N663 responded and reports upon arrival the children were able to catch the dog who was placed in backyard and gate locked.

1011 phone - B & E of motor vehicle \*report filed Location/address: Winter St Caller reports his vehicle was broken into overnight. N669 responded. Report filed.

1019 phone - Citizens complaint spoken to Location/address: Sixth St Caller having disagreement with neighbor about parking situation. N665 responded and reports matter resolved for now. Truck has been removed.

1026 phone - Vandalism \*complaint/summons Location/address: Endicott St Caller reports motorcycles that he was working on were vandalized by a known party. N669 responded and took a report. Complaint app. to be filed.

1101 walk-in - Trespassing services rendered Location/address: Nassau Gardens - Bahama Dr Caller reports a trespassing issue with male party who jumps the property fence and cuts through the yards. N666 responded and advised.

1121 phone - Susp activity services rendered Location/address: E Cross St Caller reports male party walked up his walkway to mailbox and believes he removed an envelope from the box as he saw him leave with an envelope in his hand. N665 responded, spoke with caller and checked area. N665 responded to post office where he spoke with mailman who mistakenly put that envelope in wrong mailbox and removed same. Matter resolved and caller notified.

1143 phone - Susp vehicle services rendered Location/address: Alandale Pkwy Caller reports suspicious blue Toyota parked in front of her house and a male wearing hoodie inside. N663 responded and reports car is empty and spoke with caller.

1327 walk-in - Illegal trash disposal under investigation Location/address: Myrtle St Party reporting contractor dumping leaves on his property Illegally. N669 spoke with caller then responded to Bullard to speak to other party involved and states he was Not home. Will follow-up tomorrow.

1636 phone - Recovered missing person could not locate Location/address: Alexander's Interactive Media - Norwest Dr DCF reports a missing person may be at tufts medical center. N669 spoke with hospital staff and was unable to confirm that information but will follow up.

1722 phone - Disturbance civil matter Location/address: Jiffy Lube (Bay State Ventures) - Bos-Prov Hwy Customer reports an employee yelled at him. N664 spoke to all parties involved, they were advised.

1737 phone - Parking violation gone on arrival Location/address: Napper Tandy's - Day St Sam Adams truck causing traffic jam.

1740 911 - Unwanted party \*report filed Location/address: Countryside Ln Caller states there is an unwanted party in his home. NFD Responded and transported that party to Norwood Hospital for a voluntary evaluation with n664 following.

2046 phone - Recovered mv referred to detective Location/address: Rosemary St Walpole PD reports they recovered a stolen motor vehicle. N663 informed the victim and escorted them to the Walpole Police Station. Supplemental narrative to 15-1567-of filed.

2059 phone - Noise complaint spoken to Lo-

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Location/address: Lansdowne Way Loud party in the area. N669 spoke with that group, they will be closing their windows and lowering the music.  
 2314 initiated - B & E of motor vehicle \*report filed Location/address: Prospect St Resident reports a past breaking and entering of his vehicle.  
 2330 walk-in - B & E of motor vehicle \*report filed Location/address: Washington St Party in the lobby reports Walpole PD contacted him and told him that his property was found in a stolen vehicle recovery. Party in the lobby also wishes to report a past breaking and entering of his vehicle.

**SATURDAY DEC 5**

0033 phone - Larceny \*report filed Location/address: Rosemary St Clothes stolen from tenant.  
 0342 phone - Assist citizen services rendered

Location/address: Rosemary House (Rooming House) - Rosemary St Caller is concerned for her well-being and seeking advice. N665 and n668 responded and spoke with caller. Advised  
 1012 walk-in - vandalism \*report filed Location/address: Overlook Dr Walk in party reports damage to his Christmas lights.  
 1158 phone - Well being chk services rendered Location/address: Lane Dr Caller requests a well being check on her 29 y/o grandson. units made contact with the party, all is well.  
 1232 phone - Citizens complaint gone on arrival Location/address: Shaws Supermarket - Nahatan St Calller reports observing two kids left inside the car. N666 responding.  
 1336 walk-in - Assist citizen no violation Location/address: Ocean State Job Lot - Bos-Prov Hwy Walk in party reports possible drug activity. N666 reports no violations.  
 1413 phone - Found syringe services rendered

Location/address: Wilson St Caller reports finding a syringe near his property. N667 will dispose of same.  
 1921 phone - Susp vehicle gone on arrival Location/address: Rose Ct Report of a blue sedan occupied by multiple teenagers not from the area. Vehicle gone upon arrival, officers spoke with the caller.  
 1930 phone - Susp person spoken to Location/address: Harding Rd Suspicious male party. N661 spoke with that party, he checked out ok.  
 2059 phone - Mischief (kids) \*report filed Location/address: Marlboro St Homeowner reports a minivan drove by and threw things at his home. N668 located MA pc 388ld7 at George Willet Parkway. N668 stood by while those juveniles were released to their parents.

**SUNDAY DEC 6**

1209 911 - susp activity gone on arrival Location/address: Railroad Tracks - Washington St 911 caller states older white male parked in a handicap parking spot by Rama Fitness and walked up onto the railroad tracks with

another male. (unknown plate) caller thinks drug deal going down. N665 and n662 sent. N665 reports GOA.  
 1258 phone - Complaint of mv spoken to Location/address: Jefferson Dr Report of a juvenile on a dirt bike.  
 1746 phone - mischief (kids) gone on arrival Location/address: Pleasant St Report of a group of eight youths running into the street when cars approach.  
 1810 initiated - Drunk person \*protective custody Location/address: Norwood Depot - Railroad Ave Intoxicated party approached n666 and asked directions for Norwood Hospital. N666 placed that party under protective custody and transported him to Norwood Hospital.  
 1942 911 - B & E of motor vehicle \*report filed Location/address: Buckminster Dr Resident reports a past breaking and entering of her motor vehicle.  
 2258 phone - Susp person gone on arrival Location/address: Overlook Dr Visitor of the neighborhood reports a suspicious male party Running down the street.

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