



Santa Claus sings along with the Balch Elementary School chorus at Saturday's Pancake Breakfast with Santa.

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Tax rates increasing

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The residential tax rate in Norwood will be increasing, but the Board of Selectmen did their best to keep this increase to a minimum by voting 4-1 to approve a 48 percent tax shift to commercial and industrial properties (CIP).

The 48 percent shift was a recommendation by Paul Wanecek, Chairman of the Board of Assessors. The Board of Selectmen had the option to approve up to a 50 percent CIP shift.

This shift will increase the residential tax rate from \$8.46 per thousand to \$9.33 per thousand. This will raise the average single family tax bill in Norwood by an average of \$173.58, from \$3,268 to \$3,441.58. The shift also

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Republicans gather to support candidates

Brown seeks Senate seat, Williams to challenge Walsh

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Norwood Republican Town Committee Chair Debbie Holmwood hosted the Annual Holiday Gala in her home. Dozens of local republicans, numerous candidates for state and federal government positions promoting their campaigns and several local officials, including Finance Commission member Joe Greeley and Planning Board member Ernest Paciorkowski were in attendance.

"I can't believe we have this many Republicans and Independents in one room," Holmwood said. "What we'd all like for Christmas is another Republican in the Senate."

The evening's guest of honor Scott Brown, a Republican running for the United States Senate who hopes to take the seat vacated as a result of Senator Ted Kennedy's death. He faces Martha Coakley for the seat.

"It's getting out of control [in the Senate], and as the 41st Senator, I can change that," Brown said. He hopes that Rahm Emanuel has to tell President Barack Obama they lost the Kennedy seat during his 2010 State of the Union address.

"It's not the Kennedy seat, it's the people's seat," Brown said. "This is not JFK's party: these people are nuts."

Brown made several of his positions clear at the Gala. He supports tax cuts across the board, and said he was in support of Obama sending additional soldiers to Afghanistan. He is against cap and trade and the current health care bill. He believes that if cap and trade passes, it will cause energy costs to skyrocket, and that every family in Massachusetts will feel the effects of this increase. Regarding health care, he asked, "why should we subsidize other states for not doing what we have done?"

He acknowledged that while health care in Massachusetts is not perfect, the Commonwealth leads the nation in adults with health insurance: 94.6 percent of those residing in the state have some form of health insurance.

Brown added that if elected, he would make sure he reads every bill and the bills benefit Massachusetts's residents. He described himself as "the fiscal watchdog, the guardian of small business."

The Norwood Republican Town Committee presented Brown with a check in support of his campaign for Senate. At a meeting earlier this year, they voted to donate \$500 to his campaign.

Brad Williams had an announcement of his own at the Holiday Gala.

"I will be running for State Senator in this district," Williams said. He filed



Patricia Sterritt, Vice Co-Chair of the Norwood Republican Town Committee, presents Scott Brown with a check in support of his campaign.

PHOTO BY BRAD COLE

papers Dec. 4 and will challenge Marian Walsh during next year's election.

Williams has three key goals he hopes accomplish if elected. First, he hopes to improve the business climate in the state. Second, he wants to reform state government spending.

"We have a major spending problem," Williams said. "We need to bring it back under control."

Third, he hopes to bring ethics and morals back to Beacon Hill. He cited the previous three Speakers of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, Charles Flaherty, Thomas Finneran and Sal DiMasi, all of who resigned.

Flaherty resigned and pleaded guilty to tax evasion, Finneran resigned and pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice charges, and DiMasi resigned and was charged with the rigging of state contracts.

"We need better role models on Beacon Hill," Williams said.

"I really feel the state is headed in the wrong direction. You could argue in some states we have too many Republicans, but in this state, you have too many Democrats."

Williams has lived in West Roxbury

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Bishops to receive Presidential Letter

Friends also recognize Lenny Sansone

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Al and Valerie Bishop of Boston Air Charter were recognized as the Friends of St. Nick's couple of the year on Dec. 4. Carol and Vinny Pietroniro announced the Bishops will receive a Presidential Letter from President Barack Obama.

Carol Pietroniro only met Al and Valerie once, but their efforts to help her son Michael had a profound effect. Michael suffered from epilepsy, and before he died, he wanted to visit the White House. The Pietroniros called several air transport companies and the Make A Wish Foundation to grant this wish, but the answer was always the same: I'm sorry, but we can't help.

This was not the case with Al and Valerie Bishop, who volunteered to transport Michael, his family and numerous members of his medical team to the White House.

"He wanted to help unconditionally," Carol Pietroniro said. "He wanted to help grant our son's dying wish."

In a 2007 letter written to the Bishops, she wrote, "There are no words to express our

gratitude. You have given us life-lasting memories of our child visiting the White House, which has been a dream of his for such a long time!"

She shared these memories with those in attendance at The Friends of St. Nick's 18th Annual Charity Luncheon. She was not the only one to speak or hold the Bishops in high regards for their years of work supporting the New England Organ Bank and Boston MedFlight.

"Al and Valerie Bishop have the biggest hearts in the charter business," Joseph Kennedy said in a letter read at the event. "Like Santa himself, the Bishops fly all over the world delivering goodwill."

Victoria Reggie Kennedy, the wife of the late Ted Kennedy, she wrote, "I would like to take this time to thank them for their kindness" and noted that when Ted became ill, they were there for him, doing what they could to help.

In a video statement, Kevin O'Connor, the Senior Vice President for the New England Organ Bank said the Bishops are "absolutely instrumental in helping us carry out our mission." Their efforts have "directly saved hundreds, if not thousands, of lives."

"Never once have we had anything but an enthusiastic response [from the Bishops]," O'Connor said. "They go far above and beyond what is required of them. We are incredibly grateful to Al and Valerie."

In addition to the Presidential Letter, the Bishops received a Congressional Citation from Representative Stephen Lynch and a Congressional Record from Representative Richard Neal. Lynch was on hand, and presented them with a Congressional blanket and cufflinks.

"They are truly doing God's work," Lynch said.

The Bishops were not the only people recognized at the event. Lenny Sansone was awarded the first annual Kippy Good Guy Award, an award named in honor of the late Chris Curran, one of the founding members of FOSN. Dave Thonton, a member of the FOSN Board of Directors, described Sansone as having a big heart and a big laugh, and as someone who quietly supported a wide variety of worthy causes, ranging from cancer research to local sports teams.

Performing at the event were the Norwood High School Madrigals and members of the Norwood High School band. The Madrigals sang holiday songs like Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer, Deck the Halls and We Wish You a Merry Christmas, while the band played tunes like O Christmas Tree.

"They come every year, and they do a fabulous job," said Mike Thonton, a member of the FOSN Board of Directors. "It wouldn't be the same without them."

Bishops

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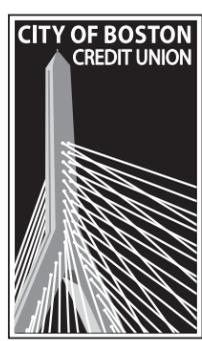


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School bus transports hit road bumps

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

At the Dec. 2 School Committee meeting, Director of Transportation Kristen Correia, revealed that four vehicles were forced out of service in the past week, causing them to outsource one route, raising the number of outsourced routes to six.

School Committee member Dick Kief was concerned about the loss of four vehicles, citing the fact that all buses are new. Correia revealed one vehicle failed inspection, because the door lights were not coming on, a second had a problem with the warning lights and a third was in an accident. Correia said the accident was not the fault of the van driver. A car drove through a red light and hit the van, and there were no injuries.

They outsourced routes due to the amount of children bused.

"We're transporting 125 students to 45 different places, and I have a fleet of 22," Correia said.

Correia is looking at the possibility of buying an addi-

tional van. A new van would cost approximately \$21,000, which prompts the consideration of purchasing a used van. Used school vans are hard to find, but three might be available in Wellesley, each with about 100,000 miles on the odometer. Wellesley will be cycling them out of their busing program this year, and Correia hopes the town could buy the vans at a discounted price, though there is no guaranteed that Wellesley will sell the vans to Norwood.

Despite some of these problems, both Correia and Interim Superintendent of School Jeff Granatino have high hopes for the busing service.

"I think, in the long run, it will be a great program for the town of Norwood," Correia said.

Granatino said, "it's by no means where we want it to be, but we're working to it," adding that the program's efficiency is increasing every week.

Granatino said he was very pleased with the efforts of the drivers thus far, and that all involved want the program to

work and succeed.

In addition to the update, the School Committee voted 6-0-1, with Bill Plasko Jr. abstaining, to accept the current draft of the Employee Transportation Handbook. They had some suggestions for the next draft, but were pleased with the current progress. Kief described the latest iteration of the handbook as "a major improvement."

Correia said the handbook did not have many Norwood-specific rules. Most of the rules featured are general guidelines, and she described these guidelines as "pretty universal" for busing programs and the treatment of children.

Committee member Eleanor Travers had an issue about one area of the rules. She was concerned with the fact that when drivers return from an extended absence, they must show proper documentation from a doctor clearing them to go back to

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Also singing at the event was Firefighter Michael McDonough, who lead the room in singing The Star Spangled Banner, and John Castillo, who has played in the Norwood Challenger League for over 15 years. Castillo sung at the State of the State address last year and at the Boston Red Sox's 2004 Opening Day game.

The event served as a fundraiser for the FOSN, and

all money raised went to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Money was raised via ticket sales, a silent auction, a live auction and a raffle. Over \$27,000 was raised at this year's event.



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Editorial

WHERE HAVE ALL THE BALLOTS GONE?

Does anybody vote any more?

It seems that with each Election Day, fewer and fewer people are willing or able to head to the polls.

Consider Tuesday's primary, intended to whittle the field of contenders vying to replace the late Ted Kennedy in the U.S. Senate.

When Kennedy passed away several weeks ago, thousands lined up for his viewing. A who's-who of American politics attended his funeral. Countless newspapers and newscasts spoke of his legacy and the power he wielded. No matter what your opinion of the man or his politics, it was undeniable that a legend had left us.

But all the reverence for the Lion of the Senate failed to translate into much interest about who would replace him.

According to early projections by Secretary of State William F. Galvin, only an approximate 600,000 voters, out of 4.1 million who were registered, voted on Tuesday's run-off for Democrats and Republicans alike. In Norwood, the turnout was 27.4 percent, not bad comparatively, but nothing to be proud of either.

There are a lot of reasons for the poor showing at the polls. The oddly-timed, off-season election seemed to create confusion and forgetfulness. This is also prime time for the hectic holiday season, where work responsibilities and shopping needs escalate to a near breaking point.

The candidates themselves should be factored in. The field of Democrats was fairly uninspiring, and there just wasn't a stark difference among them. Martha Coakley may have prevailed, but she was merely the most popular flavor among competing brands of vanilla. Lacking any substantial differences in ideology, the choice for voters was merely one of personalities.

But, those factors aside, the importance of the election cannot be understated. This is after all, a crucial 60th vote in the Senate that is up for grabs. Democrats need this seat to solidify their majority and Republicans want it to stop what they think will be a steamrolling of undesirable legislation.

We can, and should, chastise voters for not exercising their right to vote in this race and many others in recent years. Even the recent race for Boston's mayor seemed to draw out the electorate in sizable numbers.

Simply chalking it all up to voter apathy is too simplistic an answer though. There was tremendous interest in what happens to Kennedy's long-held seat. It just failed to translate into votes.

It is high time that our officials rethink how we vote. The Tuesday tradition needs to be replaced with opening polls on the weekend and, perhaps allowing two days for ballot casting. We need to have a better process for absentee ballots and assurances that they will be immediately counted, not just shuffled to the side in case of a close call. Online voting, once unthinkable, can now be made safe, secure and convenient. Given the opportunity to vote remotely would increase participation tremendously.

The time has come to demand creativity when it comes to how we engage in the most important of democratic processes.

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Letters to the Editor

UNITE TO SAVE HAWK!

To The Editor:

By now, many of you have seen the article or watched it go down on TV. I am referring to Hawk, the dog that is being banned from Norwood by the Board of Selectmen. Citizens of Norwood - a precedent has now been set - one strike and you're out. Even drunk drivers get more leniency than that in a real court of law. This is exactly what the Board has decided. Be it Hawk or any other dog, yours and mine. BANNED. Is it because Hawk was a German Shepherd? Doesn't matter anymore - those ankle biting terriers and Shih Tzu owners better watch out. Hawk didn't even break the skin of the neighbor, just grabbed her leg and bruised it. I am not making light of the situation, the elderly neighbor was clearly traumatized by what went down, but honestly, I could probably do more damage accidentally bumping into that lady with my carriage at Stop and Shop.

Shepherds have the herding thing in their nature; it is an instinct. They know how to hold on to something/someone without clamping their jaws down. If they didn't have that instinct, then they wouldn't have been used by shepherds long ago to herd their sheep. Shepherds needed dogs who they knew wouldn't harm the sheep, just keep them in line. Do labs know how to do that? No, they know how to play and have a good time. What if it was a lab in this situation - would the same decision still have been made?

My feeling is that the board was obviously discriminating against not only the breed of the dog, but the owners of the dog. It looked to me like Selectwoman Donahue had pent up ill feelings against the owners. It was obvious in the way she spoke to the dad. It was also obvious that she had no idea about the nature of the German Shepherd breed. She spoke of their herding instinct and said that a dog like Hawk shouldn't be kept in a backyard all day, and that he needed to be kept on a bigger piece of land, OUT OF NORWOOD because of his herding nature. WHAT? Have you been to the neighborhood in question? I

don't know about you, but I don't think they are breeding dogs to herd sheep anymore. Dogs are bred to be pets. This was actually one of her reasons for banning the dog from the town.

Another reason she presented was that "a couple of unnamed neighbors" are afraid of Hawk. Really? Why won't they give their names? Is it because they think Hawk will get mad and come after them? Mrs. Donahue - if you are going to ban a dog from the town you better be able to come up with better reasons and at least have these so-called "un-named" people come forth and give a deposition.

The family has until Jan. 3 to find placement for this dog. These three little boys have one last Christmas to spend with their beloved "brother" who sleeps with them every night. Hawk was obviously in an excited state when the neighbor walked by. He was caught by surprise and was protecting his "brothers." Once he noticed that this person wasn't a threat - he let go. One of the boys called him back and he came right away.

Citizens of Norwood - I call to you. This could happen to any one of you with a dog. Unfortunately they picked a German Shepherd to start the precedent. Discrimination at its finest. It could very well have been one of those ankle-biting dogs in this predicament - doing the same amount of damage to this woman. Would he have been banned? Well, he will now.

Dog lovers/owners - We need to step up and be heard - WE won't stand for this "one strike and you're banned" rule. Write to the Board of Selectmen and let them know you are DISGUSTED by how this was handled. It very well could be your dog next. To the Board of Selectmen - maybe you might want to re-think this decision. Mr. Plasko stated that he has a 77 lb. dog. A big dog, who I bet some neighbors may be afraid of, but they won't give their names because of the position Mr. Plasko holds in the town.

SAVE HAWK, SAVE THE WORLD! Literally - saving Hawk and letting him stay in his

healthy, happy, loving home with his three brothers who have grown up with him, will let us rest easy that our dog isn't going to be banned next. They are not just dogs - they are a part of the family. We need to reverse this decision fast - Jan. 3 is quickly approaching. DO SOMETHING if you are upset by this decision. Don't just sit there - Make your voice heard!

Sincerely,
Julie Bartlett
And my dog Jack

UNDERSTANDING YOUR PET

To The Editor:

The Norwood Record had an editorial and several letters to the editor concerning the Board of Selectmen's decision to banish a three-year-old dog from town because the dog attacked a neighbor as she walked past their home while the dog was unleashed on their front lawn. The reaction of the Board of Selectmen is understandable given what happened and their concern that it could happen again under similar circumstances.

It has become clear that dogs can, if not fenced in or on a leash, attack a passerby. With the many dogs in town, it has become necessary for those of us who wish to walk to get exercise, to be aware of this possibility and understand how to protect ourselves from neighborhood dogs. Unfortunately, the woman attacked did not understand how to prevent the dog from attacking her. Had she known, this attack could have been prevented. The normal reaction to a dog charging out of its yard at you is to be fearful, as I'm sure the woman in this case was. Unfortunately, dogs will attack anyone who shows fear. The correct reaction is to stop walking and 'stand your ground'. With head up, shoulders back and a hand thrust forward, you should yell one word at the dog (stop, no, etc) loud enough to startle the dog. You should also avoid direct eye contact with the dog, as direct eye contact will be interpreted as challenging the dog. The dog will then stop running towards you, lower its head showing submission and turn and walk back on to its property keeping its head down. Once the dog is back on its property, you can continue walking casually again, making sure not to make direct eye contact with the dog.

Of course, it would be easier for all residents if dog owners were well schooled in dog training, so that walkers were not

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Workers, lights concern HS abutters

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Several Norwood residents sent e-mails to Compass Project Management regarding concerns with the ongoing construction of the new Norwood High School. Employees working on Thanksgiving began before 7 a.m., and several residents saw this as a problem.

"First and foremost, these poor guys are here working instead of with their families this morning," abutter John Marsoobian wrote in a Nov. 26

e-mail to Compass.

Also concerned with the Thanksgiving work were abutters Paul Riley and Beth Wunder. Riley wrote, "I don't like being shaken out of bed at 6:53 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning," and Wunder's e-mail stated, "I also think a start time of 6:40 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning is a little inconsiderate to the neighbors. If work is going to be done on holidays, I think it would be nice if the start time is a bit later than usual rather than earlier."

Town Manager John

Carroll addressed these concerns. The reason for the work on Thanksgiving Day was because the concrete finishing crew on Building B was cut short at 8 p.m. due to rain, and they decided to work in the morning rather than jackhammer out the concrete during the late evening. In an e-mail, Carroll acknowledged, "it was not particularly good planning," and that he has passed on the concerns about early morning work to those at the site.

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Seasonal flu clinics resume

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Health Department will hold their second flu clinic of the season on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Senior Center, and will provide residents with the seasonal flu vaccine. The clinic will be open to any Norwood resident 18 and over, and people will be vaccinated on a first come, first served basis.

"We received the season flu vaccine last week, and we wanted to get it out to the public as soon as possible," said Sigalle Reiss, director of the town's Health Department.

Reiss is confident that they have a proper allotment of the vaccine and will be able to service all those who attend.

"There is a very high demand for it, but I think we can handle it," Reiss said. "I think we have enough vaccine," but they will close the clinic early if they run out of vaccines.

H1N1 only provided to some

This marks the town's first flu clinic since Oct. 3. A clinic was scheduled for Oct. 24, but was cancelled because the town had not received a full allotment of the seasonal flu vaccine. This delay in shipping caused the town to indefinitely postpone their flu clinics.

Reiss described the Oct. 3 clinic as early because in the past, Norwood held their first flu clinic of the season in mid November to early December.

"This is actually on time for the seasonal flu," Reiss said. "It just feels late because of the delay between clinics."

The clinic on Dec. 12 will provide residents with the seasonal flu vaccine, but not the vaccine for H1N1.

"We've been getting dribbles and drops of the H1N1 vaccine each week," Reiss said, and the vaccine is offered to specific members of the public.

Pregnant women and par-

ents with infants under the age of six months can call the town's Public Health Nurse, Karen Regan, at 781-762-1240, extension 173, to set up an appointment to receive the H1N1 vaccine.

Parents of infants under six months old are offered the shot to help protect the infant from contracting the disease. Because infants cannot receive the vaccine, household contacts such as parents are offered the vaccine as a way to prevent it from being exposed to the child.

In addition, students at the Norwood High School received the H1N1 vaccine during the week of Nov. 30. Students at Coakley Middle School and all the elementary schools in town will receive the vaccine in coming weeks.

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Collela spearheading Callahan Tot Lot effort

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Marie Collela, a Garfield Avenue resident and member of both the Callahan School Council and PTA, is raising funds to have a Tot Lot built at the school.

She spoke with Recreation Director Jerry Miller, Town Engineer Mark Ryan and others to see if it's a plausible idea. As long as the community can raise the money to build the playground, the project is conceivable. Collela said the cost was estimated to be \$16,000, but she is trying to whittle that down as much as she can. She expects to pay about \$15,000 for the project.

Residents must raise the funds because of the nature of the project.

"This is going to be a community build," Collela said. The community will come together to work, pay for and construct the playground.

At the Dec. 2 School Committee meeting, committee member Bill Plasko Jr. re-affirmed this, saying that taxpayers often look at these playgrounds and think the Town paid for them, but this is not the case.

"These are volunteer ef-

forts," Plasko said.

One benefit of the community build is it allows everyone from longtime residents of Norwood to young children to a part of the installation process. Collela said that by building the playground at the Callahan School, students will feel like they have some ownership of the Tot Lot because they helped build it.

"It's sort of become a labor of love," Collela said.

Of course, the town also helps in the building process, and both the Recreation Department and Department of Public Works (DPW) have major roles in these community builds. The DPW excavates the sites in question and prepares them for the proper installation of the playgrounds, while members of the Recreation Department, including Miller, work hard digging and installing the playgrounds.

Collela said the town already agreed to section off, excavate and fill in the area in question. The DPW will also clean up the overgrown grass at the site.

"It's framed out for a Tot Lot," Ryan said. "The Callahan School [PTA] is forming a fundraising process right now to buy the equipment."

A 25 by 50-foot lot has been set aside at the Callahan School for the playground.

Collela has not asked local businesses for donations yet, citing the holiday season and the other charitable causes businesses are donating to currently.

"There is so much fundraising going on right now, so I thought I would wait until the spring," she said. At that time, letters would be sent out to local businesses explaining the project and requesting donations.

Collela hopes to make this Tot Lot a "green lot." She wants to use certifiable, reusable and recyclable materials to build it, and has initiated a green fundraiser to help acquire the money needed to purchase these materials. "Green Bottles" are being sold at the school. These are steel, reusable water bottles.

"We want to make it a real green field by not littering Poland Springs water bottles on the field," Collela said. "We want students to understand that every time they reuse this green water bottle, they help keep the field green."

The green materials for the playground will be purchased from O'Brien and Sons in Medfield.

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work. Travers wondered about the legality of this requirement and said it could be considered a violation of a person's privacy. Correia confirmed they would double check and make sure the policy is legal.

She also confirmed that drivers cannot leave children unattended in the bus. The driver keeps a form on hand, and they are required to list what time a child enters and exits the bus. This allows them

to confirm that all the students they picked up were dropped off at a proper location, whether that is the school or their house. The goal is to avoid leaving children alone in the bus.

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almost all his life, with a brief stay in Norwood after his college graduation. He helped reform the Ward 20 Republican Committee in West Roxbury, where he serves as chairman.

Jim Stanton, who is running against Representative John Rogers, also wants to bring back morality to Beacon Hill.

"I'm going to restore ethics to that seat," he said.

"Seventeen years in one job—especially a job that requires the public's trust—is far too long," he said, adding that 17 years ago, he was in law school and had not met his wife.

Several other candidates were in attendance, and each had a speech prepared. One such candidate was Charlie Baker, who is running for governor.

"Sixty-five percent of the voters in Massachusetts do not think Deval Patrick deserves another term," Baker said, adding this election represents a huge opportunity to stop Patrick from continuing his path on Beacon Hill for the past three years he said.

"Come September and November, we are going to send a loud and clear message to Beacon Hill: enough is enough!" Baker said.

Members of the Republican State Committee are in agreement, and Jennifer Nassour, chair of the committee, said, "Fabulous candidates have emerged. We have great incumbents and we have great candidates. It's going to be an exciting year!"

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No appeal for "Hawk" the dog

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Christopher and Colleen Padden have decided against appealing the Board of Selectmen's Nov. 24 decision to banish Hawk, their three-year-old, 77-pound Belgian Malinois, from the town of Norwood.

"We've gotten a lot of good support," Chris said, and they were appreciative of it, but opted not to go forward with an appeal.

Hawk was involved in an incident on Sept. 8, when he attacked and bit a 71-year-old neighbor numerous times during her morning walk. As a result, the Selectmen voted 3-2 to have Hawk removed from the town by Jan. 3, 2010. Selectmen Jerry Kelleher, Bill Plasko and Helen Abdallah-Donohue voted in favor of the banishment, while Michael Lyons and Tom McQuaid voted

against this punishment.

The Paddens had until Dec. 4 to appeal this decision, and decided against it. Chris cited emotions as a reason, saying the family figured it was best not to appeal and prolong the case from an emotional standpoint.

"The more this goes on, the more it becomes an issue for them [their three sons, Will, Shawn and Chris]," Chris said.

The needs of their children were in the forefront of Colleen's mind as well. On Dec. 1, she said, "The long and short of it is we are all extremely upset. Our children are, of course, our main concern."

The Paddens now have a little under a month to find a new home for Hawk, a dog they adopted through Belgian Malinois Rescue, an organization Colleen described as "incredible" because "they really take care of the fami-

lies and their dogs."

Hawk was one-and-a-half years old when adopted, and has spent half of his life with the Paddens.

At the Nov. 24 Selectmen meeting, the Paddens pled in favor of letting the dog continue to live with them in Norwood, with Chris saying "There's other things we can do that we're willing to do. The dog doesn't need to be destroyed or removed."

These included keeping Hawk in the fenced-in backyard or in the house, leashing and muzzling him whenever he leaves that area, placing a "Beware of Dog" sign and installing an invisible fence as a second precautionary measure. Both Selectmen Lyons and McQuaid were in favor of this idea.



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"We all agree it shouldn't have been done," he said.

Lights also proved to be a concern for some residents.

In a Nov. 28 e-mail, Wunder wrote, "the last few days and nights, the lights at the construction site of the new high school have been left on. I know there have been complaints about this before (including an e-mail from my husband), but it seems action has not been taken to ensure they are turned off at the completion of each work day. This is both an inconvenience to the neighbors, as the lights are VERY bright, as well as a waste of tax payer money."

Riley was also concerned, writing, "I don't think you need lights on 24 hours a day, especially over a weekend."

Marsoobian asked, "I'd like to know when the town will start respecting those of us who live at Ground Zero. Were we just told the lights would be off every night and that the work would end at 4 p.m. just to appease us?"

Carroll addressed this concern as well. They will look into it and make sure that only the lights necessary for safety and security for workers on the site will remain on.

Not all concerns dealt with the project itself. Abutter Robert Sicklick asked about Judith Howard and Dan Griffin, two regulars at the weekly high school community meetings.

"I am wondering if either Ms. Judith Howard or Mr. Dan Griffin are licensed or certified architects, engineers or HVAC contractors," he wrote in a Nov. 25 e-mail. "While I appreciate that they have a vested interest in the building of a public school building, it seems that their questions regarding every facet of the project are demeaning to the designers, architects and engineers working on the project."

Griffin took time to address this at the meeting saying, "any questions that I ask are not intended to be demeaning or to second guess the architect. I have nothing but praise."

Others in attendance supported Griffin. "I don't think you've been disrespectful at all," School Committee and Permanent Building Construction Committee member Dick Kief said. "I think you've been fair."

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increases the commercial tax rate, which increases from \$16.07 per thousand to \$17.40 per thousand, raising the estimated commercial tax bill from \$16,070 to \$17,400, an increase of \$1,330.

Norwood's tax rate was below the state average during FY 2009, and Wanecek said that despite this increase, it is safe to assume that Norwood will remain below the state average.

"It's safe to say town's [tax rates] aren't going down," Selectman Michael Lyons said. "We aren't going to be jump-

ing over many towns, as far as rates go."

Only a handful of surrounding towns have set their FY 2010 tax rate, and Norwood's rate remains lower than the likes of Westwood, Milton, Natick and Stoughton. Chairman Bill Plasko said that simply looking at the tax rates does not tell the whole story, because different towns utilize different CIP shifts.

Selectman Tom McQuaid voted against the 48 percent CIP tax shift, instead speaking out in favor of a 46 percent

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shift, because this would create a near equal rate increase per thousand for both residential and commercial properties. A 46 percent shift would increase the residential tax rate from \$8.46 per thousand to \$9.43 per thousand and the commercial tax rate from \$16.07 per thousand to 17.17 per thousand.

Other members acknowledged the need not to be a large financial burden on commercial businesses, which is one of the reasons they avoided approving the maximum 50 percent CIP rate shift, and they felt the 48 percent shift was reasonable. Plasko said he would love to do

the full 50 percent shift for the residents in town, but felt that would be too much of a burden for local businesses.

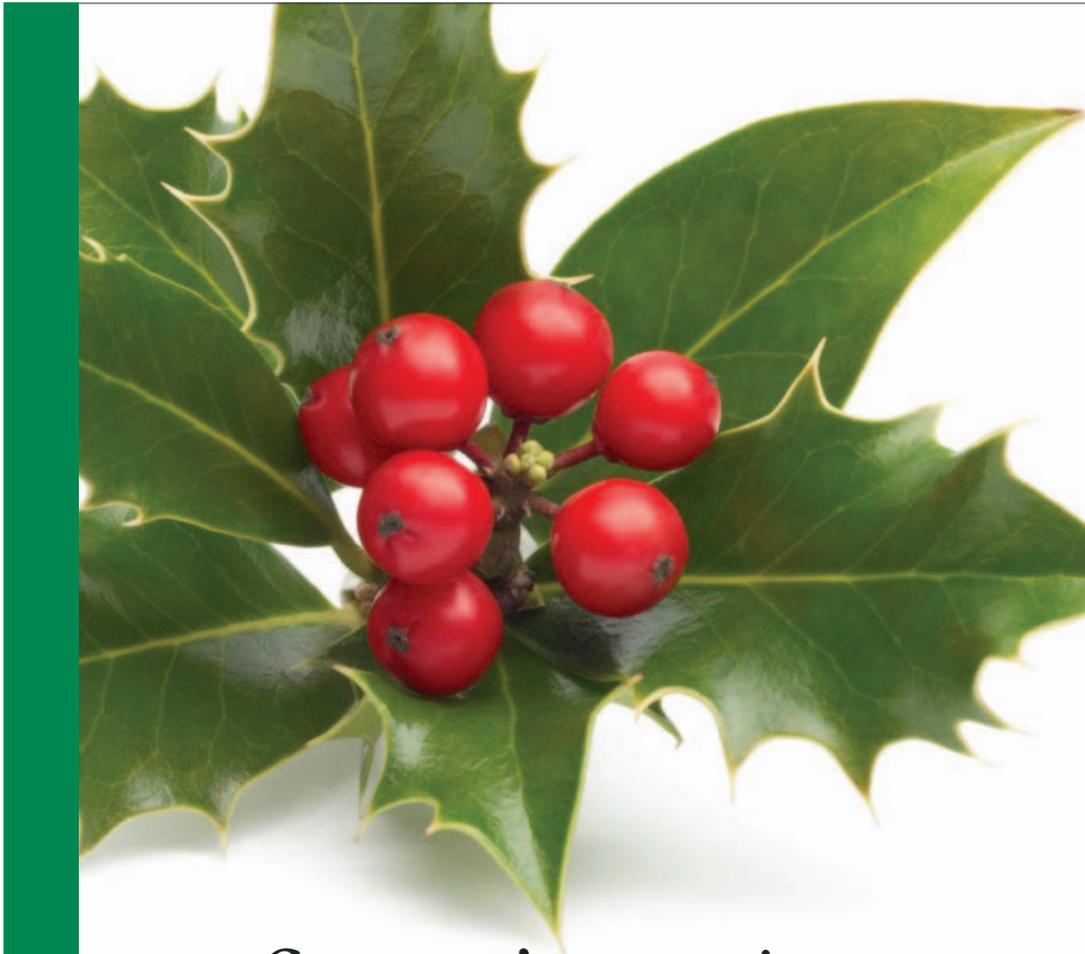
Selectman Jerry Kelleher added, "We're as friendly as we can be to businesses," and that 48 percent shift would be fair to both the commercial and residential populations of Norwood.

Selectman Helen Abdallah-Donohue agreed with Wanecek's recommendation, saying it "keeps it the way it is and doesn't put a huge burden on either side."

Donohue was referring to the residential tax levy percentage. While the residential valuation percentage is 70.37, residents carry just 55.56 percent of the tax levy. The 48 percent CIP shift would require residents to carry 55.52 percent of the tax levy for FY 2010.

The need to raise the rates is because of a \$2,731,831 tax levy increase for FY 2010.

"We have to set a rate to raise the amount of money Town Meeting voted to spend," Plasko said. "These are costs, again, that have to be covered."



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Stephen Pagliuca	541 votes, 15.19%
Alan Khazei	472 votes, 13.25%
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Republican Senator in Congress:

Scott Brown	1,052 votes, 94.86%
Jack E. Robinson	54 votes, 4.87%
Write-in	3, 0.27%
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Library Notes

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The Norwood Young Readers Award (NYRA) will again hold their Annual Book Discussions, Thursday, Dec. 10 and Wednesday, Jan. 13., 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Morrill Memorial Library. The NYRA is a town-wide elementary school program where 4th and 5th graders read from a selection of 12 books and then nominate their favorite book. Both school librarians and librarians from the public library will be on hand to help guide the discussions. The first session will discuss the book 'Room One, a Mystery or Two' by Andrew Clements, the second book will be 'Rules' by Cynthia Lord and the final meeting will discuss 'Out Standing in My Field' by Patrick Jennings. The books will also be discussed in school. The book list and multiple copies of the books are available at the public library. Refreshments will be served. Register at the children's desk of the library or call 781-769-0200, x225.

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Sports



Senior guard Jeremiah Ephraim returns as both an offensive and defensive standout for the Norwood boys' basketball team this season.

PHOTO BY ZALINA MCGUIRE

High hopes for boys' hoops

Mike Stoller
Staff Reporter

It was only four years ago that the Norwood High boy's basketball team was struggling just to crack the win column. So it's quite remarkable this season the Mustangs, who open the season tomorrow at Natick, see themselves as full-fledged contenders for the Bay State Conference Herget Division title. It's been quite a turnaround since their 3-17 season of 2006-07. This winter, the 'Stangs will shoot for their third straight state tourney berth, while hoping to capture the elusive Herget crown.

"This season is going to be a battle night in and night out for every team in the Bay State [Conference]," Norwood third year coach Rich Cormier said. "I believe we have an excellent shot to compete for the Herget title if we can stay focused and healthy, but it will be a very closely contested [division]. The other five teams, Walpole, Milton, Dedham, Natick and Wellesley all have exceptional talent, as do all six Carey [Division] teams, and we have to come ready to play mentally and physically every night. If we do that, then we have a chance to bring home the first banner in many years and return to the tournament for the third consecutive season."

Last year, Norwood finished at 11-10, including 8-9 in the BSC, after falling in a heartbreaker to host Whitman-Hanson in a Division 2 South preliminary round game.

The Mustangs, who will play their home games at the Savage Center while their school is under renovation, will rely heavily on six veterans this season.

Senior captain, point guard and BSC All-Star Mike Goodwin returns as the leader of the pack.

"Mike is a tremendous shooter and has really increased his ability to attack the basket," Cormier said. "His defense continues to improve as well, along with his rebounding on both ends of the court."

Sophomore guard Sean O'Neil returns as the only other starter from last season. O'Neil looked real sharp in his rookie campaign, no small feat for an incoming underclassman.

"He started every game as a freshman," Cormier said. "He has improved tremendously, and at both ends of the floor. He attacks the basket well and should get to the free throw line quite a bit this season."

Seniors Jeremiah Ephraim and A.J. Foti also hope to give the Mustangs much depth at guard.

Basketball

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Boys' hockey looks to be in Herget mix



Gaita Aid: Junior star winger Anthony Gaita returns as a strong force for the Norwood boy's hockey team this winter.

PHOTO BY ZALINA MCGUIRE

Mike Stoller
Staff Reporter

There seems to be a lot more than just pride at stake for all teams in the Bay State Conference boys' hockey Herget Division this season. With all the parity the division exudes, it's any team's title to take, according to veteran Norwood head coach Bill Clifford. "It's whoever wants it."

The Mustangs, who made the Division 1 state tourney last year, after missing by a point the prior season, lost to Marshfield, 2-0, in the first round.

"It was a very close game. They're our nemesis," said Clifford, who also cited his squad's 1-0 loss to the Rams in the 2005 Division 1 South sectional finals. "Hopefully, we'll meet them again this year and beat them."

Clifford said it will take the usual hardworking effort to win the Herget crown, as the competitive BSC allows little margin for error.

"I believe [we can]," the

veteran coach said of his team's potential to win the division title. "But it's going to take hard work. We have to come to play every night. The BSC is one of the tougher [conferences] in the state. Even the lower teams [in the standings] can get you."

Clifford knows all too well about the highs and lows of the game. His squad came up with some huge wins against some tough caliber teams last year, (i.e. Walpole to clinch a tourney berth), but also tied teams that didn't figure as high as the Mustangs record-wise. In the end, it cost Norwood the Herget crown, as Milton eked out the division title by a point.

The Mustangs, who open the season Saturday at Natick, certainly enter the 2009-10 campaign with players who know the game and its nuances. Four-year veteran winger Sean Keady "gets better every year," Clifford said, and senior defenseman Chris O'Brien hopes to repeat after making the first team BSC all-star squad last season.

Juniors Anthony Gaita and

Adam Kewriga could support Keady to make a very formidable first line.

"They can play together," Clifford said of the trio. "They're top line forwards. They got some chemistry."

Another group that boasts familiarity is Norwood's potential second line of sophomores Peter Kelly, Andrew Alty and Brendan Cathcart.

"They played together last year for a good part of the year," the coach said.

Among the hopefuls to form the third line are freshman Tyler Gover, sophomore Mark Maggio and junior Mike DeCosta, a transfer from Xaverian High School. Clifford praised Maggio, who played on junior varsity last year, "as quick [and] a very good skater," while lauding the puck handling talents of Gover and DeCosta.

The coach also is high on senior Ryan Folan and sophomore Connor Mahon, both returnees, who along with new-

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Girls' hockey looks to both veterans, youth



The Norwood girls' hockey team will unite again in hopes of another improving campaign.

PHOTO BY ZALINA MCGUIRE

Mike Stoller
Staff Reporter

No matter what the challenges this season for the Norwood girls' hockey team, the Mustangs will face them after a wondrous campaign last winter. With two Bay State Conference wins last season, the Mustangs put themselves on the map as formidable opponents, after not registering any conference victories the year before. Overall, Norwood posted five wins last season, as the Mustangs have made marked improvement in each of head coach Bill O'Donnell's three seasons at the helm.

The main challenge for Norwood this winter will be to mix a few veteran standouts with an incoming cast that includes eight freshmen and a junior transfer.

"[We] have improved [our] record each year," said O'Donnell, who begins his fourth season behind the Mustangs bench this week. "The success of this team will depend on the maturation of the young players and leadership exhibited by those players returning. To really succeed, this team has to take their individual games to another level and work together as a team."

The Mustangs return only one senior in standout captain Kate Allan, but they also bring back three Bay State Conference All-Stars in junior fellow captains Ali Maloof, Lisa Coskren and Taylor Donners.

As Norwood's leading goal scorer the last two seasons, Maloof made the BSC First Team during both years, while also earning team MVP honors.

Coskren was second on the team in goals scored the past two campaigns, both times garnering Second Team BSC accolades.

Donners, an effective shooter and passer, made the BSC Second Team last year, after posting the third most points for Norwood.

Meanwhile, Hayley O'Rourke, Mary Pat Norton and Jackie Walsh all return as skilled sophomores, while freshman Christina Frasca will start in goal.

"The team's competitiveness in the BSC should improve," O'Donnell said. But the coach noted his squad must prove itself against Herget rivals Dedham, which has won two state titles; Wellesley, also a state title winner; Milton, a two-year state finalist; Walpole, which last year went 13-5-4, including 8-3-4 in the BSC; and Natick, which also finished ahead of Norwood last season.

"The Carey Division opponents will also be a tough challenge with four teams in the division having made the tournament [last year]," O'Donnell said. "First place Braintree is returning an especially strong team."

But with strong veterans and a talented incoming group, O'Donnell is hopeful for a competitive campaign.

"The team is working hard together to get ready," the coach said. "But there is more work, dedication and preparation to be done by each player."

The entire Norwood girls' hockey team includes Jackie Walsh, Jenny Rossman, Karyn Colomey, Kate Allan, Capt., Hayley O'Rourke, Taylor Donners, Capt., Kaitlyn McCarthy, Jenny O'Donnell, junior transfer Victoria Giszczynski, Katie O'Brien, Allison Ryan, Mary Pat Norton, Heather Folan, Lisa Coskren, Capt., Ali Maloof, Capt., and Christina Frasca. The head coach is Bill O'Donnell, assisted by Courtney Caulfield and Tim Coskren.



MARATHON FAMILY

Norwood athletic director Brian McDonough and his family recently completed the 26.2 mile Marine Corps Marathon in Washington DC. McDonough is pictured here with his wife, three children, and niece.

COURTESY PHOTO



The St. Catherine's boys ham it up at the Instructional Basketball League. Having been there and done that, these Hawks are ready to go again.

COURTESY PHOTO

Hot start for 4th grade girls

The Norwood fourth grade girls' basketball team is off to a hot start and won its first league game Sunday, 18-3, over Hopkinton. Since dropping its first game to Newton by a point in overtime, Norwood (4-1, 1-0 league) has run off four wins in a row by wide margins.

Sunday's defensive effort was keyed by Michelle Brinklow, who blocked three shots on one possession, and did a good job on the boards. She was supported by Julia

Higgins, Katie Mulholland and Kiki Ryan, who collected numerous steals and stymied any attempts Hopkinton had of mounting a comeback.

Janelle Kelleher and Olivia Haglund scored big baskets, and Victoria Mullen netted a free throw after being fouled on a good drive to the basket.

The team has been led offensively by Kay Reen with 50 points in the first five games and Meg Giambanco with 30 over the same span.

That pair of guards has provided excellent floor leadership and is passing well.

Erin Spaulding scored a season-high six points at the Milton Tournament, and Chi Chi Ugochukwu scored baskets in three straight games. Jewel Hatch played inspiring defense before injuring her hand.

The fourth grade girls visit Hopkinton on Sunday, before playing host to Milton in a rare Saturday night game on Dec. 19.

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comers Peter Fiske, Jake Rinalli, Chris Ryan and Matt Brown, fit in with Norwood's quick-minded offense.

"They're all quick," Clifford said. "We're going to use our speed this year up front."

Defensively, O'Brien will be supported by four-year stalwart Brian Girard and fellow senior returnees Billy Glynn and Al Morteo, while sophomores Michael Murray and Austin Glaser arrive after getting "their feet wet" on varsity last year, Clifford said. The Mustangs also will get a boost from sophomore Kyle Dolan and junior Brian Rossman, who both played on junior varsity last year, and freshman Michael Wiseman.

In goal, Ryan Gray gets the nod, after backing up graduated star Cory Sennott the past two seasons. "I have high expectations," Clifford said of Gray. "He's working hard."

Sophomore Pat Clifford will be the backup, while freshman Jordan Davis will serve as the third goalie.

Meanwhile, the BSC remains as strong as ever. Seven teams from the conference made the state tourney last year, but even those that didn't such as Wellesley and Dedham are cause for concern. Norwood tied both the Marauders and the Raiders in a pair of crucial late season tilts last season.

The Mustangs also will play four tough non-league opponents in Hingham, Duxbury, Archbishop Williams and Burrville of Rhode Island. Last year, Norwood defeated Duxbury, 3-0, in the regular season, while taking Burrville, 3-2, in a preseason scrimmage. The Mustangs lost to Hingham, 5-2, and to Archbishop Williams, 5-1.

"They're very good teams," Clifford said, particularly noting the Super 8 status of Hingham for the past seven of eight years. "They're good quality programs."

The coach summed, "we can [win the division], but we're going to have to work hard and execute. No one's ever given us anything. You got to work for what you get. That's what I tell the kids - you got to work for what you get."

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Basketball

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"Jeremiah is an excellent offensive player and has transformed himself into an excellent defensive player as well," the coach said. "[And] Foti is our sparkplug. He is a tough defender, good shooter and excellent slasher to the basket."

Meanwhile, the Mustangs return a pair of strong senior forwards, Ryan Collins and Matt Murphy, both noted for their physical toughness under the hoop.

Cormier said Collins "has improved dramatically after switching from guard to forward last season. He rebounds well and has a great mid-range jump shot. [On defense], we are looking for him to challenge shots and make it difficult for teams to attack the basket against us."

The coach said Murphy "is another physical guy who rebounds incredibly well and does not give up any easy baskets. He finishes well around the basket and has improved his free throw shooting and his outside shooting."

A gifted supporting cast looks to give the aforementioned six a huge boost in balancing Norwood's inside and outside play as well as stabilizing the defense. Gerard Bernazzani, Sean Porter, Owen Gearty, Juan Fernandez and Tommy Munro all make the jump from junior varsity.

Bernazzani, a senior "is a good shooter and a blossoming defender," who may see some time at point guard, Cormier said. "We are hoping Gerard is able to give us big minutes off the bench in a variety of roles."

The coach also looks to get big minutes from Porter, who

will fit in the mix at forward.

"His shot has continued to improve along with his rebounding," the coach said of the senior. "Sean is an incredibly intelligent and hard-working player."

Gearty, a junior, has made the transition from guard to forward look almost effortless, Cormier said.

"He is a tough physical player, [who] can knock down the mid-range shot and handles the ball well," the coach lauded. "He attacks the glass and defends well, and we are hoping for big things from Owen off the bench in his new role."

Cormier said Fernandez, a fellow junior, also handles the ball well and is noted for his quickness at guard, adding he "continues to improve his outside shooting and his defense each season."

Munro is the youngster of the bunch, making the leap to varsity as a sophomore. He is

both big and tall, "and we are hoping for a big season out of Tommy," Cormier said of the forward. "He is a smart player who rebounds and defends well in the post. His offensive game continues to improve each day we are in the gym."

Another rising sophomore is Lawrence Lamisere, who is new to town, "and he impressed immediately," Cormier said. "He is a very strong tough defender, rebounds well, and can handle the ball. He also attacks the basket and finishes around the hoop."

Lamisere arrives as both a forward and guard. "He is one of our most versatile players and he provides us depth at a number of positions," the coach said.

The Mustangs will get added support at forward from Silquan Russell, who is well familiar with Norwood having starred on the football team the past few years, but is new to the

basketball program.

"He is a tremendous athlete and we feel he is going to develop into a big asset off the bench for us this season as a rebounder and a defender," Cormier said.

Meanwhile, at guard, senior Jimmy McGuire returns to the fray after two years with injuries. McGuire played on the freshmen team "and earned his way [to varsity] during tryouts this winter," Cormier said. "Jimmy is a smart player and active defender and a good three-point shooter for us off the bench."

Cormier said his squad is looking forward to the season after a terrific first week of practice.

"We are extremely excited and looking forward to getting out there to start our season, and we hope to have the same support from the community that we have had over the past few seasons," the coach said.

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tion for the Spring 2010 season is now open at www.norwoodsoccer.com for both the in town Intramural Program and the Travel Program. Saturday, Dec. 19 is the registration deadline for the Travel Program. The in town Intramural Program registration deadline is Mar. 6, 2010. NYS reserves the right to close any age group at any time due to roster

restrictions.

Complete details on how to register and how to present payment is available at www.norwoodsoccer.com. This includes a grid showing birth date and year born and what age group players map to. Free PC access is available at the Norwood Public Library for anyone not having PC access at home or work.

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Deaths

CARBONE

Frederick W. Sr., 80, of Buzzards Bay, formerly of Norwood and Hyde Park, Dec. 4. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War. Mr. Carbone worked at the South Postal Annex in South Boston and the Norwood and Foxboro post offices for many years before retiring. He graduated from Hyde Park High School where he was a track star and held many records. He was a

member of the V.F.W. Post 8083 in Belleview, FL. He loved to dance, play cards, garden and work in the yard. Husband of Joan C. (Kashulines) Carbone. Father of Frederick W. Carbone, Jr. and his wife Irene of Buzzards Bay and Nancy Carbone Gomes and her husband Phillip of South Plymouth. Also survived by five grandchildren, three great grandchildren, several nephews and nieces. Funeral ar-

rangements by Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, Wareham. Interment Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne. Donations may be made to the American Heart Assoc., 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

CONLEY

Bridget B. (Mulkern), of Norwood and County Galway, Ireland, Nov. 29. Beloved wife of John Conley. Loving mother of Ann Conroy of Foxborough, John Conley, Jr. of Dedham, Teresa Petrucci and her husband Greg of Norwood, Stephen Conley of WI, Thomas Conley of Canton, Kevin Conley and his wife Jenn of Franklin and Christine Conley of Canton. Devoted sister of John Mulkern of Walpole, Jim Mulkern of Rockland, Joe Mulkern of Ireland, Pdraig Mulkern of Ireland and the late Mary O'Sullivan, Morgan Mulkern, Tom Mulkern, Michael Mulkern and Nora Mulkern. Devoted grandmother of Keith and Rob Conroy, Gregory and Marissa Petrucci, Aiden Conley and great grandmother of Christian Conroy. Funeral arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Bridget may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7226.

COYNE

Michael Robert, 56, of Walpole, formerly of Norwood, passed away unexpectedly Dec. 4. Born and raised in Norwood, he graduated from Norwood High School and Massasoit Community College in Canton. Mr. Coyne was a Veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard, actively serving from 1977-1981. He worked as a Systems Programmer for the Department of Corrections in Walpole. Along with his family and friends, music was an enormous part of Michael's life. He played the guitar daily and was the guitarist, and often singer in the band, Full Moon. He recently joined the choir at Blessed Sacrament Church in Walpole. Mr. Coyne is survived by his father and step-mother, Robert and Marilyn Coyne of Walpole, two daughters, Sandi Lee Coyne and

Stacey Ann Coyne, both of Norwood, two sisters, Jeanne Hunt of Stoughton and Beverly Corsetti and her husband David of Canton, a nephew, Matthew Mosher of Somerville, his former wife, Donna Coyne and his close friend, Barbara Finn. He was predeceased by his mother Muriel Coyne and his brother Joseph Coyne. He will be missed dearly by his family and friends. Funeral arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Michael R. Coyne to the Walpole Community Food Pantry, P.O. Box 43, Walpole, MA 02081.

DORION

Helene J. (McCarty), 84, of Norwood, Dec. 1. Beloved wife of the late Herbert B. Dorion. Devoted mother of Helene M. Griffin and her husband Robert of Norwood, Barry and his wife Donna of Wrentham, Daniel and his wife Kathleen of Pawtucket, RI, Geraldine Connor and her husband Paul of Norwood, John and his wife Janet of Stoughton, Maryanne Rossi of Norwood, Rosemarie Sterling of Franklin, Joseph and his wife Patricia of Northbridge and William Dorion of Norwood. Sister of Mary Gilbert of Dennis, Alice O'Brien of Falmouth and the late Daniel McCarty and Lorraine Ryan. Daughter of the late Daniel and Helen (Kelly) McCarty. Also survived by 16 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Funeral arrangements by Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home Norwood. Interment Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the Joslin Diabetes Center, 1 Joslin Place, Boston, MA 02215.

MAHAR

Robert J. 'Bob,' 74, of Murrieta, CA and Norwood, Nov. 20. A member of Norwood High School Class of 1954, he leaves his devoted wife Betty, his loving daughter Robin, and her husband Jeff Silver of Huntington Beach, CA. Bob was the proud and loving grandfather of Kelsey and Hannah Silver. He was the son of the late James K. and Joan M. Mahar and sister of the late Joan

'Betty' Ross of Dennis. He leaves behind his brother, Richard of CT and sister, Nancy Loftus of Walpole. He was a loving and caring uncle to his many nieces and nephews, and a cherished stepfather to his stepchildren. Funeral arrangements by Miller Jones Mortuary, Sun City, CA.

SHEPHERD

Albert R. 'Sonny,' of Weymouth, formerly of Hyde Park, Dec. 4. Retired Driver for the Boston Globe, Teamsters Local #259. Beloved husband of Margarida (Costa) Shepherd. Loving Father of Richard D. Shepherd and his wife Christine A of Norwood, Michael C. Shepherd of Chestnut Hill, and Scot Shepherd of Brighton. Dear grandfather of Stacey A. and Jillian R. Shepherd, both of Norwood and Michael Daley of Norwood. Brother of Lillian Riley of Norwood, Mary Crowley of Walpole, Barbara Gray of Holbrook and the late Rita Clagherty. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by from the F. J. Higgins Funeral Home, Roslindale. Interment in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

SIMMONS

Thomas Murray, 77, of Norwood, Nov. 28. He was the beloved father of Karen Simmons and Paul Simmons. Loving brother of William M. Simmons and his wife Margaret and dear nephew of James Merchant and Joan Magnusson. Funeral arrangements by Boston Harborside Home of J.S. Waterman & Sons-Waring-Langone, Boston. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

VENTOLA

Lena (Tuzzo), 96, of Dedham & Hyde Park, in Norwood, Nov. 27. Beloved wife of the late Anthony Ventola. Loving aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by Francis E. Kenney & Sons Funeral Home, Hyde Park. Interment Brookdale Cemetery.

Condolences extended to:

Jane Giblin on the death of her mother-in-law Anne C. (McLellan) Giblin, of Walpole, formerly of Hyde Park, Nov. 28.

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Church News

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER Christmas Services

There will be a Christmas Eve Service, Thursday, Dec. 24, 8 p.m., 71 Bond St. (the First Baptist Church building). The service will be a candlelight service and will include traditional Christmas hymns, celebration of Holy Communion, a Christmas message and a special Christmas blessing. Everyone is welcome.

Post Christmas Events

On Sunday, Dec. 27, 8 a.m., Redeemer will hold a service of lessons and carols, consisting of Bible readings, Christmas carols and a second Christmas message. On Sunday, Jan. 3, the church will hold a service recalling the Epiphany, the coming of the Magi.

TEMPLE SHAARE TEFILAH

Shaabat/Chanukah Dinner

There will be a Shabbat/Chanukah dinner and service, Friday, Dec. 11, dinner 6:30 p.m., services 8 p.m., 2 Commerce Way. Cost is \$8 per person. The service contains contemporary prayers, English readings and an interactive discussion with the congregation. Call the temple office at 781-762-8670 for reservations by Tuesday, Dec. 8. Check the Web site www.shaaretefilah.org or call 781-762-8670 for directions or more information. Temple Shaare Tefilah is an egalitarian congregation and a member of the United Synagogues of Conservative Judaism.

Saturday Services

Temple Shaare Tefilah offers services every Saturday, 9:15 a.m., 2 Commerce Way. Rabbie Andrea Gouze, Cantor Joshua Grossman. Check website for more information www.templeshaaretefilah.org or call 781-762-8670.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Celtic Fiddle

Pingree's Coffee House at the First Congregational Church in Norwood is hosting award-winning fiddler Hanneke Cassel, U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Champion, Saturday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m. Cassel holds a Bachelors of Music in violin performance from Berklee College of Music and has performed and taught around the world. Hanneke's appearance at Pingree's is part of a nationwide tour in support of her latest album, 'For Reasons Unseen,' featuring an all-star cast of musicians. Hanneke fuses together influences from Scotland to China, including grooves and musical innovations from the hip Boston bluegrass/

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DIVORCE RECOVERY SERIES

The Divorce Recovery Series, an eight-week program covering the emotional stages of divorce and offering healing and support to those who are divorced or separated, will begin Wednesday, Jan. 13, 7 to 8:30 p.m., First Congregational Church, Route 1A and Winter St. The group is led by a professional counselor specializing in divorce issues, and participants are welcome regardless of religious affiliation. Cost is \$90. Pre-registration is requested. To register or for more information on the series, call the church office at 781-762-3320.

BARNES AND NOBLE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Bring your holiday gift list to Barnes and Noble Booksellers at the Walpole Mall on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., shop any department, and a percentage of your purchase will benefit the Balch School. Vouchers will be at each register. Simply request a voucher before your purchase is rung-up. There will also be a story hour in the Children's Department at 4 p.m. where guest readers from the Balch School will read specially selected children's books.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

The Norfolk Adult Day Health Center will hold its monthly caregiver support group, Tuesday, Dec. 29, 10 a.m., 595 Pleasant St. This support group is for caregivers of a loved one. Refreshments provided. This group is free and open to the public. Call Marybeth Lynch with questions or RSVP at 781-769-4495.

CLEVELAND ELEMENTARY/BARNES AND NOBLE FUNDRAISER

Support The Cleveland Elementary School by shopping at the Barnes & Noble store, Monday, Dec. 14, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Walpole Mall. Barnes & Noble will contribute a percentage of every sale made with a book fair voucher to The Cleveland Elementary School. To print out a voucher, click on the PTA tab at the Cleveland Elementary School website at www.norwood.k12.ma.us/cle.

TOYS FOR TOTS HOLIDAY PARTY

The 23rd Annual Holiday Toys for Tots party will be Saturday, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. to midnight, Concannon's Village. Bring an unwrapped, non violent, new toy for a deprived tot. The evening will include entertainment by Tumblin Dice, raffles, including a 50/50. Door donation is \$10 and all ticket and raffle proceeds will be donated to Richie Webber, Guitarist with the Tumblin Dice Band. Richie suffered a stroke earlier this year, and has always been a great supporter of this annual event. For more information, contact Trudy Wallace at 781-762-5265.

LIVE CHAT WITH SANTA CLAUSE

NPA-TV is continuing its annual tradition inviting Santa Claus to the studio to take phone calls from Norwood's children, Thursday, Dec. 17, 6:30 p.m. Parents can call 781-551-0338 to have their children talk with Santa. Santa Claus only asked one thing of NPA-TV this year. He wanted to be able to see the children who spoke with him on the phone so NPA is asking parents to take a picture of their children as they talk to Santa on the phone and email it to staff@npatv.org by Monday, Dec. 21. NPA will edit in your pictures and rebroadcast the new version over the

holidays. For more info, visit their website at www.npatv.org or call at 781-551-0338. NPA-TV's Channels are: Town Channel-Norwood Light Broadband, ch. 23, Comcast, ch. 8 or Verizon, ch. 35

NORWOOD RESIDENT HOLDS BOOK SIGNING

Norwood resident and author Chuck Burgess and Jim Baker, along with special guests Gil Santos and Gino Cappelletti, will be available for a signing of: 'A View From the Booth: The Story of Legendary New England Patriots Broadcasters Gil Santos and Gino Cappelletti,' Saturday, Dec. 12, 2 to 4 p.m., Barnes and Noble, Walpole Mall. Gil Santos and Gino Cappelletti first teamed up as the radio voices of the New England Patriots in 1972 and have been the first choice of Patriots fans to bring them the action ever since. Filled with great tales of football and life in the National Football League, 'A View from the Booth' is the story of these sports broadcasting icons and a behind the scenes look at Gil and Gino in action.

SEASONAL FLU CLINIC

The Norwood Health Department will be having a seasonal flu clinic, Saturday, Dec. 12, 9 to 11 a.m., Senior Center. The Town has received a complete allocation of the vaccine and are confident there will be enough doses for all residents who want the seasonal flu vaccine. The Norwood Clinic is open to any Norwood residents 18 years and older. Medicare and supplemental senior insurance clients should bring their insurance cards. For up to date information, call the flu line at 781-762-1240, x220.

NORWOOD SCHOOLS' CONCERTS

The Norwood Fine Arts Department announces a number of concerts in December. Thursday, Dec. 10: Norwood High Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Orchestra, Madrigal Choir, Concert Chorale, Women's Concert Choir and Men's Choir. The Muses female ensemble will make their debut. Admission \$5. Tuesday, Dec. 15: Coakley Middle School Honor Chorus, 7th Grade Band, 7th Grade Chorus. Free admission. Thursday, Dec. 17: Coakley Middle School 6th Grade Orchestra, 6th Grade Band, 6th Grade Chorus. Free admission. The public is invited to all performances. All admission benefits student programs in Norwood.

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ANNUAL MADRIGAL BANQUET

The Annual Madrigal Banquet will be held on Friday, Dec. 11, 6 p.m., Elks Hall. The evening will excite and entertain the music enthusiast with Renaissance vocal and instrumental music, dance, and theater by the Norwood High School Madrigal Choir. A family-style dinner will be served during the performance. Cost of admission is \$35 per person. To purchase your tickets, or reserve tables of 10, contact the fine arts office at 781-440-5916. This event is sponsored by the Norwood Parents Music Association, and all proceeds benefit Norwood music students.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS AT THE F. HOLLAND DAY HOUSE

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0009 911. Medical emergency, transported to hospital. Location/address: Sturtevant Ave. Caller states she is having chest pain. N661, WFD, responded.

0628 911. Medical emergency, transported to hospital. Location/address: Earle St. Woman stated that her husband who is in hospice care fell out of his chair and hit his head. N662 and NA1 dispatched.

1148 phone. Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Glendale Rd. Request for ambulance. NFD handled.

1558 911. Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Stone Depot Inc. - Bos.-Prov. Hwy. Employee with deep laceration. After arriving on scene, another employee transported subject to hospital.

1620 walk-in. Harassment, report filed. Location/address: Hillside Ave. Resident receiving text messages and photo images.

1637 phone. Death at home, report filed. Location/address: Buckminster Dr. Sister requests check of relative. NFD, Windsor Gardens maintenance, M.D., C.P.A.C., funeral home all notified.

1757 phone. Vandalism, report filed. Location/address: Westview Dr. Caller reported damage to basement door. Officer reported attempted burglary to residence. No entry gained. See report.

2242 911. Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Arnold Rd. Resident fell inside home. NFD transported.

2343 911. Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Nahatan St. Resident with a g.i. bleed. NFD transported.

2355 walk-in. Domestic, arrest(s) made. Location/address: Wickham Way. Walk-in reported past domestic. Officer reported one under arrest. Arrest: Zimmerman, Robert Michael. Address: 151 Wickham Way 103, Norwood, MA. DOB: 01/14/1985. Charges: a & b, abuse prevention order, violate.

Wednesday, Dec. 2

0103 phone. Noise complaint, spoken to. Location/address: 738 Washington St. Caller states loud music coming from apt. #25 for the past week and tonight he states very loud. N667, N664 responded.

0729 911. Medical emergency, transported to hospital. Location/address: Albemarle Rd. Female having possible stroke. N666, NFD

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responded.

0919 phone. Vandalism, services rendered. Location/address: Washington St. + Achorn St. Caller reports while out walking came across an old pay phone, vandalized. Officer dropped phone off at Verizon on Vernon St.

1002 phone. Larceny, report filed. Location/address: Don & Wally's Service Center - Bos.-Prov. Hwy. Theft of an expensive piece of equipment.

1100 phone. Well being chk., report filed. Location/address: Winter St. Well being check. Friend requests well being check as he did not go to AA meeting last night, did not go to work this am and car MA 8826VI in driveway. Entry made, subject not home. Report to be filed.

1237 phone. Auto theft, services rendered. Location/address: Bond St. Using without authority since last night. Owner would like an attempt to get the vehicle back without entering at this time as stolen. Message left and officer will follow up with the owner.

1604 phone. Vandalism, report filed. Location/address: Norwood Airport Inc. - Access Rd.

1649 phone. Road hazard, services rendered. Location/address: Norwood Civic Center - Nahatan St. Caller reported street lights out creating a traffic hazard when children cross. Norwood Light Department notified, officer assisted with crossing.

1748 initiated. Road hazard, services rendered. Location/address: Norwood Civic Center - Nahatan St. Officer assisted children crossing street.

1915 phone. Parking violation, services rendered. Location/address: Lenox St. + Williams St. Report 2 sidewalk violations. N677 tagged one, one left.

2034 initiated. Assist citizen, report filed. Location/address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St. Officers reported mother looking for son. Party in police lobby, officers reunited son with mother. See report.

2111 phone. Well being chk., report filed. Location/address: Plymouth Dr. Newton Police requested well being check on resident. Party may have overdosed on medication. Norwood Fire notified. Officer reported party checked, ok. See report.

Thursday, Dec. 3

0712 phone. Road hazard, spoken to. Location/address: Lydon St. Caller reports a large tree limb fell on her property and into the street. N666 sent to speak with the homeowner. DPW notified as well.

0725 phone. Road hazard, state DPW/Norwood DPW no. Location/address: Pine St. Large tree down in roadway. DPW and Gulla Tree Service notified.

0726 phone. Road hazard, services rendered. Location/address: Gay St. Tree limb and wires down. Limb still across road, wires lifted.

0735 phone. Road hazard, services rendered. Location/address: Union St. Tree down in roadway.

0747 radio. Road hazard, state DPW/Norwood DPW no. Location/address: Washington St. + Railroad Ave. Officer reports large tree limb across sidewalk. DPW notified.

0757 911. Unwanted party, services rendered. Location/address: CVS Pharmacy - Nahatan St. Pharmacy has unruly customer. Customer tired of waiting for prescription. Received them and left.

1123 phone. Larceny, report filed. Lo-

cation/address: Morse St. Former business owner reports his partner sold furniture without his permission.

1315 phone. Road hazard, services rendered. Location/address: Hill St. On going issue of speeding cars in the area around 1 pm. Today it was a blue m/v. Off. advised but the vehicle as goa. Radar requested around the 1 pm hour.

1324 phone. Road hazard, services rendered. Location/address: Walnut Ave. Resident reports hearing a vehicle late night between 11:30 pm and 3 am operating at a very high rate of speed in both directions. Requested extra checks on lower Walnut near Elk.

1353 phone. Susp. activity, spoken to. Location/address: Jacobs Rd. Craigslist possible attempted scam. She is not out any money and has already contacted Craigslist, FBI and AG's office. Caller advised.

1409 911. Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Greenleaf Rd. VNA requests ambulance.

1440 walk-in. Assist citizen, spoken to. Location/address: Alandale Pkwy. Couple in station with his son who is having problems with his mother. Officer spoke to them and 17 yo son is voluntarily going with father. Wanted NPD to know in case problem with mother tonight.

1535 walk-in. Citizens complaint, no action required. Location/address: Hill St. Man in station to report he hit a dog on Hill St, Owners came out and brought dog to vet. He believes dog will be ok.

1600 phone. Citizens complaint, services rendered. Location/address: Neponset St. Caller concerned a person may be leaving political signs on the state property above 95. No political signs on roadway.

1602 phone. Drunk person, report filed. Location/address: Roosevelt Ave. Caller reports male party yelling at kids playing on the street appears to be intoxicated. Male party is not intoxicated, see report by officer.

1804 phone. Vandalism, report filed. Location/address: Dean St. Caller reported vandalism to vehicle. See report.

1827 phone. Suicide/or threat, report filed. Location/address: Day St. Caller reports that her mother is suicidal and dk. N666, N667 respond. NFD notified. As a result, one female transported by ambulance to Norwood Hospital. See report.

2011 phone. Complaint of m/v, gone on arrival. Location: Pendergast Circle. Caller reported Chevy sedan operating erratically. Bolo broadcast to cars.

2017 phone. Assist other agency, gone on arrival. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Charge nurse reporting left er with iv in her arm. Officers check area. Female is goa.

2039 phone. Assist MCI/hosp., services rendered. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. MCI transporting 1 by car. N663 responded and stoodby until settled in.

2109 phone. Serve warrant, arrest(s) made. Location/address: Cedar St. Officer reported one under arrest for warrants. Arrest: Gulla, Keith M. Address: 8 Cedar St., Norwood, MA. DOB: 06/01/1990. Charges: warrant arrest.

Friday, Dec. 4

0032 911. Drunk person, gone on arrival. Location/address: VFW 2452 - Dean St. Caller reported intoxicated female walking in the middle of the roadway.

0233 911. Medical emergency, transported to hospital. Location/address: Coventry Ln. Caller reports having trouble breathing and stomach pain. N663, NFD responded.

0547 911. Motor vehicle accident,

arrest(s) made. Location/address: Norton Dr. + Neponset St. Caller reports mva. N664, 667, NFD responded. MA reg. 162EM7 towed by Don and Wallys. Operator arrested for oui drugs. Arrest: Greer, Eric A. Address: 48 Dunham St., Attleboro, MA. DOB: 02/28/1960. Charges: oui drugs. Negligent operation of motor vehicle, drug, possess class b, subseq. off., drug, possess class c.

0702 911. Medical emergency, transported to hospital. Location/address: Bahama Dr. Caller having possible heart attack. N679, NFD responded.

0721 phone. Alarm-burglar, confirmed accidental. Location/address: Neponset St. Panic alarm. Accidental by homeowner.

0735 phone. Animal complaint, spoken to. Location/address: Marlboro St. Caller is resident in area of 72 Marlboro St. and reports when she walks by or jogs, a large black dog comes running towards her unleashed which she finds him very intimidating. N663 sent to speak to owner. Spoken to and advised. Resident claims dog was on leash.

0846 phone. Larceny, report filed. Location/address: Washington St. Plow stolen from yard.

1452 phone. Breaking and entering, report filed. Location/address: Codman Rd. B & e to home, laptop missing.

1624 phone. Well being chk., report filed. Location/address: Engamore Ln. Manager reporting that her employee has been out of work for a week and she spoke to him today and he seems out of it. N679, N663 respond. NFD notified. See report by officer.

1908 phone. Mischief (kids), gone on arrival. Location/address: Dean St. Caller reports that there are two kids throwing rocks at his windows, N662, N666 respond. No damage done to house. Kids are goa.

2315 initiated. Assist other agency, services rendered. Location/address: Conney St. Detective assisted Walpole P.D. in apprehending suspect in stabbing who fled on foot.

2331 initiated. Community police, services rendered. Location/address: Father Macs - Vernon St. N677 reports lights left on at Father Macs by workmen working on pool. Everything secure.

Saturday, Dec. 5

0146 911. Disturbance, services rendered. Location/address: Press Ave. Caller reports party bus dropping off people and driver got into argument with patron over a ceiling tile that became loose and fell out. No damage and matter was resolved and bus continued on its way.

0238 911. Medical emergency, transported to hospital. Location/address: Greenwich Rd. Male resident having difficulty breathing. N661, NFD responded.

1209 phone. Road hazard, spoken to. Location/address: Cameron Rd. Caller reports a tree company blocking the road. N661 sent and spoke to the contractor who will have the road cleared.

1224 walk-in. Larceny, report filed. Location/address: Olde Derby Rd. Person in station reporting that he had two packages stolen that were delivered to his apartment. N661 to file report.

1713 phone. Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Autumn St. NGF notified. N677 stood by with children until father arrived home.

1922 phone. Medical emergency, transported to hospital. Location/address: Pleasant St. Caller reports that her husband is intoxicated and has possibly taken some pills. NA1 and N669 dispatched. Party was placed into protective custody to Norwood Hospital where he was given a section 8. See report filed. P/C: Gagne, Mark. Address: 223 Pleasant St.,

Norwood, MA. DOB: 02/16/1966. Charges: protective custody.

2049 phone. Missing person, report filed. Location/address: New England Wanderers - Winter St. Caller reports the juvenile is missing. N677 dispatched.

2106 phone. Assist Fire Dept., state DPW/Norwood DPW no. Location/address: Fisher St. Waterman break, NFD notified. N663 sent.

2115 phone. Breaking and entering, no action required. Location/address: Yew Dr. Caller thinks someone is inside her house. N679, N664 sent. All checked out, no one in house.

Sunday, Dec. 6

0842 phone. Animal complaint, report filed. Location/address: Cedar Ln. Caller reports argument with neighbor over dog. Report filed.

1126 phone. Missing person, report filed. Location/address: Community Living Program (Cluster House) - Winter St. Michael Foley returned home. Cancelled in NCIC. See report.

1332 phone. Mischief (kids), gone on arrival. Location/address: Neponset St. Caller reports kid throwing snowballs at m/v's. N667 dispatched.

1645 phone. Well being chk., no action required. Location/address: Beech St. Brewer Maine P.D. reporting that a female from Norwood keeps calling her residence and sounds confused. Went to address, spoke to the females husband, she was dialing the wrong number.

1809 phone. Assist citizen, report filed. Location/address: Giorgios - Washington St. Officer to file report.

2110 phone. Noise complaint, spoken to. Location/address: Portuguese Club - Washington St. Caller reports loud music coming from Portuguese Club. N663 dispatched.

2257 phone. Assist citizen, spoken to. Location/address: Nahatan St. Caller requesting advice with text messages he is receiving. Officer advised party.

Monday, Dec. 7

0737 walk-in. Complaint of m/v, spoken to. Location/address: Coakley Middle School - Washington St. Walk-in reported school bus cut him off. Officer spoke with party, gave motor vehicle complaint form.

1100 walk-in. Lost and found, other. Location/address: Bank of America - Washington St. Female who did not wish to leave her name, brought into station a mans wallet, color black, belonging to Dana Carlson of Attleboro. Attempt to locate him by various means. Attleboro P.D. to go by address. A large sum on money and a couple of credit cards and his license.

1139 phone. Death at home, report filed. Location/address: Nahatan St. Death at home. Sgt responded. BCI responded. See report.

1144 911. Domestic, arrest(s) made. Location/address: Plymouth Dr. Woman reports her husband is dk and she is having problem waking him. He assaulted her yesterday. As a result brought to station under arrest for domestic a & b. P/C: Raesian, Bijan. Address: 64 Plymouth Dr. 2D, Norwood, MA. DOB: 01/12/1943. Charges: a & b.

1633 walk-in. Assist citizen, services rendered. Location/address: Monroe St. N665 kept the peace while personal belongings were retrieved.

1822 phone. Stolen bicycle, report filed. Location/address: Lenox St.

2347 phone. Susp. vehicle, services rendered. Location/address: Jefferson Dr. Report U-Haul truck, parked, occupied, 2hrs, engine running. N661, N665 responded. Spoke with occupants of which 1 of them lives there and is talking to friend. All in order.

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