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Music educator and performer, Mister G, performed at the Norwood Theatre on Saturday to the delight of many local kids. Mister G treated the audience to his original songs, often mixing Spanish and English. Mister G is Ben Gundersheimer, a singer, songwriter and producer based out of Northampton.

*Photos By Paul Eldridge*



*Fire Chief Michael Howard*

## Discrepancy exists in Fire Chief's statement

Fire Chief Michael Howard, who is in a legal dispute with the town over his employment status, claimed in a lengthy statement to the press late last month that he has long held the designation of certified Executive Fire Officer through the National Fire Academy.

However, a representative with the program disputes that claim.

Howard, who has been the town's fire chief since 2004, is planning legal action against a number of top town officials, who he claims have obstructed his return to work following a medical leave back in April.

The Selectmen have instructed the chief not to return to work, saying it is "in the best interest of the town" for the chief not to return to duty.

An excerpt from Chief Howard's press release stated the following: "My fire service career started in April of 1975, more than 37 years ago. For the past 33-plus years, I have been a career firefighter, which includes 24-plus years as a chief officer and the past 19-plus

**Howard**

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# Town and Country

## HI GUYS, WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Our town's Paul O'Shea and Lauren Adams were united in marriage on Aug. 11, 2012. The ceremony and reception was held at the Willowdale Estate in Topsfield, Mass., officiated by the Rev. Dr. Richard Knight. The groom is a graduate of NHS and a recipient of a BS from Merrimack College. Paul is a Technology Buyer at Boston University. The bride is a graduate of North Andover High School and received her BA from Stonehill College. Lauren is a Deputy Team Leader at Regan Communications in Boston. Serving as best man was Sean Ciavarro, and matron of honor, Jennifer O'Donahue. Other members serving in the wedding party were Kerrie and Sean McEntee, Kristine O'Shea, Brian and Sandi Adams, Laura O'Brien, Matt Letterman, and Chris Canestrari. Loving and very proud parents of Paul and Laura are, Paul and Linda O'Shea of Norwood, and William and Pamela Adams of North Andover, MA.

CONGRATULATIONS, good luck, and good health always to Paul and Laura!



Jackie Saber

shown by the teenagers! Keep up the respect kids, for this is your country too, as we hope for its eternal survival as the greatest country in the world!

### A JOB WELL DONE

Our Town bids a fond farewell to Sue Pungatore, as she has retired from the retail food industry after approx. 30 yrs. Hannaford's Market has lost a terrific employee. The customers miss her as well as the employees. Sue also misses the interaction with her customers and employees. She deserves a wonderful retirement, with mega wishes for good health and happy days!! Happy Birthday Sue, I miss you too!

### NOW HEAR THIS

The Fed. Gov't has reported that there has been an increase of more than 14 MILLION people on food stamps since the Obama presidency. President Obama has

### NORWOOD DAY

I received a phone call from an individual that managed one of the booths along Washington



Street. She stated that the teenagers were on Washington Street, not acting up, but like typical teens. When the band began to play our 'National Anthem,' they were immediately quiet and stood erect with their hands over their hearts, showing their respect for our flag. Another individual also noticed their actions and both were very proud of the due respect

also said that unemployment is the 'new normal,' and the private sector is doing fine, and also stated that if you've been successful, you didn't get there on your own. The national news aired a 1998 film clip in which Barak Obama stated that 'I actually believe in redistribution.' Maybe his buddy, Gov.

Saber

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Pursuant to Mass. General Law 40A, Section 5, the Norwood Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 29, 2012 at 7:15 P.M. at Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street concerning amendments to the Norwood Zoning Bylaws specifically Section 3.4.5 - Accessory Trailers, Sheds and Major Recreational Equipment and Section 3.1.5 (J) of the Table of Use Regulations - Accessory Uses. The proposed amendments are available for review at the Planning Board office at the Town Hall during normal business hours.

Debbie Holmwood  
Clerk

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# Selectmen support hockey rink studies

**Scott MacKeen**  
Staff Reporter

The Selectmen voted unanimously Tuesday night to support two articles for the November 15 Special Town Meeting regarding the proposed hockey rink in South Norwood.

The articles came at the recommendation of Town Manager John Carroll, who told the board he met late last week with members of the Recreation in Norwood Committee (RINC) to discuss the plans.

As a result of those discussions, Carroll recommended that the town pursue traffic and financial feasibility studies prior to advancing plans for the 34,000-square-foot rink facil-

ity, which would be built at the current site of the tennis courts at the Coakley Middle School on Washington Street.

"I am concerned with the parking and traffic impacts," Carroll told the board Tuesday night. "This is not going to be a private rink on public property. It's going to be a public rink on public property."

As such, Carroll said, the rink will be subject to the same open bidding laws as any other public facility. If Town Meeting approves the two articles, the town would then have to solicit bids both for the traffic/parking and financial feasibility studies, he said.

According to Carroll, RINC has already raised the funding required for the two studies, which he said would

cost \$20,000 and \$25,000, respectively. "It's not going to cost the town any money," he said.

Carroll also briefed the board on a meeting held at the middle school earlier this month, at which RINC members gave a detailed presentation about the rink proposal. The meeting drew well over 100 people, including members of the South Norwood Committee, many of whom were outspoken in their opposition to having the rink in their neighborhood. A large contingent of hockey parents also attended the meeting and called on the town to move ahead with the plans, saying Norwood has long needed a hockey rink.

"There are going to be people who are in support of this and people who are against it," said Selectman William Plasko. "I still think it should be discussed at Town Meeting."

Plasko said he agreed with pursuing the studies, saying the board has a responsibility of "doing our due diligence" before taking a position.

Earlier in the year, RINC gave presentations to the Selectmen and School Committee, and both boards voted to support seeking state funding for the rink. State Rep. John Rogers helped the town secure \$5.569 million in state funding

**Selectmen**

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** in **ROOM 12** of the **Municipal Office Building** on **October 23, 2012 at 7:15 PM** on the request of **MS INTERNATIONAL Inc.** (Case # 12-36) with respect to property located on **1080 University Avenue**, in a **LM- Limited Manufacturing District**.

The application requests:

This application requests a **SPECIAL PERMIT** under Section 5.3 and 5.3.1 to reconstruct, extend or structurally change an existing non-conforming structure shown on a plan entitled: "SITE LAYOUT & UTILITIES, MS INTERNATIONAL, INC., 1050 & 1080 University Avenue, Norwood, Massachusetts" scale 1"= 40', dated July 18, 2012, drawn by Norwood Engineering Company, Inc., 1410 Route One, Norwood, MA 02062, as may be amended.

A **SPECIAL PERMIT** under Section 9.2 to allow the reconstruction, extension or structural change to an existing non-conforming structure and the removal of an existing structure and the construction of an accessory building as shown on a plan entitled: "SITE LAYOUT & UTILITIES, MS INTERNATIONAL, INC., 1050 & 1080 University Avenue, Norwood, Massachusetts" Scale 1"= 40', dated July 18, 2012 drawn by Norwood Engineering Company, Inc., 1410 Route One, Norwood, MA 02062, as may be amended.

Together with such other **SPECIAL PERMITS(s) / VARIANCE (s)** as the ZBA deems appropriate.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be viewed Monday – Thursday between 8:30 AM to 3 PM.

**BOARD OF APPEAL**

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**IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE***To the Editor:*

I was very surprised that Rep. John Rogers advertised that he sponsored a New State Ethics Reform law.

In looking into that law I find part of it applied directly to Rep. Rogers and was enacted because of his actions. He was unable to vote on this part of the reform law. No representative is allowed to use campaign funds to pay fines, fee or lawyer fee they incur due to unethical practices. Rep. Rogers paid his fine of \$30,000 and lawyer fees he accumulated because he used campaign funds to purchase a summer home in Falmouth out of his campaign contributions.

Many of us felt this was not just unethical but illegal. I'm sure Rep. Rogers was pleased that this part of the Ethics Reform was not retroactive. Because our State House is a one party system it protects their members against any indiscretions and it gives these representatives a sense they are above the law. It really is time for a change. We need Representatives that are truly looking out for our interests and not their interests. The only way to make sure these Representatives can be held accountable is to bring balance to Beacon Hill. All politicians should be held accountable regardless of their party affiliation and if they have been found doing anything unethical should be voted out of office.

Jim Stanton has worked in the private sector and can understand what the average tax payer is feeling. Jim Stanton has unquestionably high standards in his law practice and his family life. Jim Stanton is running for this job because he has watched the waste and fraud on Beacon Hill and wants to help correct this. Jim

Stanton understands that Beacon Hill really doesn't need more money, it needs to spend the taxpayers money wisely. Time for reform - Time for Beacon Hill transparency - TIME FOR A CHANGE.

*Patricia Sterritt  
Norwood*

**STANTON NEEDS TO ANSWER***To the Editor:*

In light of the serious ethics charges brought against Jim Stanton, the voters of Norwood need some answers.

When will the State Ethics Commission complete its investigation and rule if Stanton has violated financial disclosure laws when he failed to disclose the \$100,000 he earned from a state agency from 2009-2011?

Mr. Stanton, himself, must answer the voters of the 12th Norfolk District now as to how he could have read the question on his required Statement of Financial Interest form to be "Are you an employee of the government?" when the form clearly asks the candidate to "Report any other government position(s) held in 2011 by you and/or an immediate family member in any federal, state, county, district or municipal agency, whether compensated or uncompensated, full or part-time." The directions to the question clearly state, "This question also includes work performed pursuant to any consulting or contractual agreement with any such agency."

Were Mr. Stanton to be elected, does he plan to double

dip by continuing to do contract work for the Committee for Public Counsel Services, a state agency that pays private attorneys to defend indigent criminal defendants, while then also drawing a paycheck from the state legislature?

The voters deserve answers now!

*Douglas B. Jasset  
Norwood*

**RINK A DONE DEAL?***To the Editor:*

We attended the hockey rink meeting at the Coakley Middle School last week. It was nothing more than a "done deal" event. Within two minutes of their presentation, it was evident that they had made up their mind that the only site in the entire town would be Moss Hill in South Norwood.

Not one of the Town or the State hockey advocates involved in the presentation live in South Norwood. Not one of them have experienced the almost daily danger of attempting to pull out of a South Norwood side street onto Washington Street during the day and evening. This is an MBTA route with buses constantly going through South Norwood, there are two schools located in South Norwood, countless businesses and an entire residential community.

One only has to stand in South Norwood during the day and watch the convoy of cars from out of town who work in Norwood. They enter South Norwood from Route 95/Route 1. The army of vehicles come down Moss Hill starting at 7:00am and start re-

treating back up Moss Hill every day of the work-week beginning at 3:00pm until after 6:00pm. Truly, having the rink in South Norwood will become an enormous safety issue that needs to be recognized immediately. It is essential, from a safety point of view that South Norwood is not the site for this rink. We are sure that our Fire and Police Department will take notice and see the dangers of the traffic congestion that this rink will cause. Where will we stand if the Coakley Middle School has to expand? That land would have been taken away by the rink and it's need for additional parking.

I'm amazed that no one considers using the \$5.569 million in funds for this rink to care for the poorer citizens of this state, to stock our food pantries, and to help those who have not had a job in over two years.

*Charles & Marie Coffin  
Norwood*

**CASEY 5K - THANK YOU!***To the Editor:*

September 24, 2012 marked the five-year anniversary of our daughter, Casey's, accident and traumatic brain injury which left her disabled. September 29, 2012 marked the Fifth Annual Casey 5K Family Fun Run/Walk for Casey's benefit, organized once again by Kevin & Brenda Sweeney, Jim & Laurie Henry, and their wonderful families. This event not only assists us with Casey's at home care, but many others in the community also benefit by being recipients of portions of the proceeds raised each year. Out of an initial tragedy, so many beautiful

things have arisen!

We would like to thank everyone who organized, participated in, sponsored, volunteered, or contributed, in any way, shape or form to this year's Casey 5K! We are so grateful and humbled by the continued goodness and kindness of so many!

Every life is beautiful, regardless of whether one is disabled or ill. Life is a precious Blessing, and it is to be protected and cared for always. Please remember this in November when it comes time to vote for or against Physician Assisted Suicide. Casey, and many other individuals, may be disabled and/or seriously ill, but they are still beautiful human beings, and can be surrounded by love and prayers and goodness during their struggles. It would be a tragedy for their lives to be devalued by legalizing an ability to confuse them in their vulnerability into thinking that the taking of a life is a better option.

Please vote NO on legalizing Physician Assisted Suicide!

*God Bless, Bob, Betty,  
Meredith, Casey & Blair Marsh*

**AN OPEN (RINK) LETTER TO THE TOWN OF NORWOOD***To the Editor:*

We members of RINC (Recreation in Norwood Committee) want to thank all the Norwood residents who turned out on October 1st to have a conversation regarding a future skating rink in Norwood. We particularly want to thank the South Norwood Committee for hosting our meeting that night. As many in the community already know, our RINC group has worked for several years —

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# Library to restore Sunday hours

Scott MacKeen  
Staff Reporter

The Morrill Memorial Library is set to begin offering Sunday hours again.

The Sunday hours were cut from the library budget last year, said Library Director Charlotte Canelli. But a Town Meeting last spring passed funding for the library to restore the Sunday hours starting October 14. The library's Sunday hours are from 2 to 5pm.

"We're thrilled to be open on Sundays again," said Canelli. "We don't know if people realize it yet. We tried to get the word out. We were closed [on Sundays] for a year...a little more than that. We're normally open on Sundays beginning after Columbus Day through mid-May. We haven't been open since May of last year."

Canelli said Sunday has traditionally been one of the busiest days at the library, and library users were disappointed when the hours were cut last year.

"There wasn't a particular outcry because people understand the budget situation," she said. "But people were definitely disappointed. We have the most attendance per hour on Sunday."

The library is hosting a program called Musical Sundays, which will feature a series of free musical performances beginning with the Intermezzo Chamber Players on Oct. 14 at 3 p.m. The Boston-based string ensemble will perform a mix of classic pieces, old jazz standards and contemporary songs in the library's Simoni Room.

Other performances include the Swing Fever Trio on Nov. 18 and the Nutcracker: A Recital and Lecture by Alfred Watson on Dec. 2. There will be three additional performances next spring.

"I think people will be very pleased," said Canelli.

# Marijuana dispensary debate far from settled

Scott MacKeen  
Staff Reporter

If state voters say 'yes' to Question 3 on the Nov. 6 ballot, it will open the door for medical marijuana dispensaries to open up shop in the state.

And while much remains to be settled around the issue, voters can use over a dozen other states as a model for what marijuana dispensaries might look like in Massachusetts.

On Nov. 5, 1996, California became the first state in the country to legalize medical marijuana. Since that time, 16 other states and the District of Columbia have also passed legislation legalizing the drug for medical use. Connecticut became the most recent state to legalize medical marijuana earlier this year. Other states in New England where it has passed are Maine, Vermont and Rhode Island. Seven states with pending legislation are Massa-

chusetts, Arkansas, Illinois, Missouri, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

According to a recent article in Forbes magazine, there are around 2,300 legal marijuana dispensaries across the country, with "more opening all the time."

As reported last week, there is discussion in town about what it would mean to have a medical marijuana dispensary in Norwood. Police Chief William Brooks is recommending that the town adopt a zoning bylaw restricting the location of dispensaries, saying that they bring increased crime to the neighborhoods in which they're located.

US News reports that a recent study in the Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs found that neighborhoods with marijuana dispensaries in Sacramento were "no more likely" to have crime than other neighborhoods. Then again, the recent closure by the Los Angeles city

council of some 700 dispensaries in their city suggests that the issue is anything but settled.

What do marijuana dispensaries actually look like? That depends upon the state in which you live. Different states have passed different medical marijuana laws.

Fifteen of the 17 states require proof of residency to be considered a qualifying patient for medical marijuana use. Only Oregon has announced that it will accept out-of-state applications. Home cultivation is not allowed in Connecticut, Delaware, New Jersey, or the District of Columbia, and a special license is required in New Mexico.

Possession limits also vary from state to state, from one ounce in Alaska to 24 in Oregon and Washington.

As one report explains, "Doctors don't actually pre-

**Marijuana**

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# Police search for South Norwood assault suspect

**Scott MacKeen**  
Staff Reporter

Police searching for an assault-and-battery suspect last week at a home on Whitewood Circle wound up arresting two other men on drug charges, while the assault suspect remains at large.

According to police spokesman Kevin Grasso, Alan Baker and Michael Evans, of 7 Whitewood Circle, were arrested following reports of a 35-year-old man being assaulted in South Norwood in the early hours of Oct. 4. Officers searching the home for the assault suspect found several bags of marijuana and a bottle of Xanax, said Grasso, who said the men cooperated with police.

Evans was charged with possession with intent to distribute a Class D substance. Baker was charged with possession of a Class C substance. Both were arraigned in Dedham District Court.

Grasso said the assault suspect flagged down an officer at

the intersection of Dean and Pleasant streets at 1:39 a.m. to report the assault.

Grasso said the man told the officer that a male acquaintance had assaulted him and stole money from him while he was on the ground.

"[The victim] stated that, as the suspect began to drive away, he jumped onto the hood of the car, falling off a short distance later," said Grasso.

The incident occurred on Washington Street in the South Norwood area, said Grasso. He said the victim and suspect were together to meet a drug dealer and purchase cocaine.

Grasso said the suspect was

treated at the scene for undisclosed injuries. Officers responded to the Whitewood Circle residence to investigate, whereupon they learned the suspect's name and arrested Baker and Evans.

"It is believed that the suspect had moved out of this home the day before for an unknown address in Peabody," said Grasso.

A request for a warrant is being sought at Dedham District Court for assault and battery on a disabled person, unarmed robbery and larceny. Grasso said the suspect's name is being withheld pending an arrest.

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## Howard *continued from page 1*

years as a fire chief who is well respected around Norfolk County, all of New England and beyond. "I am also proud that I am both certified and recognized as an executive fire officer through the National Fire Academy, a certification I have held for the past 18-plus years."

However, according to Chuck Burkell, Executive Development Curriculum Specialist of the National Emergency Training Center, a department under the US Department of Homeland Security (FEMA) and the organization that issues certification of Executive Fire Officers, no Michael Howard has ever been issued such certification. According to Burkell, records show that a Michael Howard of New Hampshire did attend one course of a multi-course program required for certification years ago, but never pursued his education further and was never issued certification. Fire Chief Howard had lived in New Hampshire prior to his accepting his current job in Norwood.

The Executive Fire Officer Program (EFOP) is an initiative of the United States Fire Administration/National Fire Academy. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, officers enhance their professional development through a series of four graduate and upper-division-baccalaureate equivalent

courses. The EFOP spans a four-year period with four core courses. Each course is two weeks in length.

Participants must complete an Applied Research Project (ARP) that relates to their organization within six months after the completion of each of the four courses. A certificate of completion for the entire EFOP is awarded only after the successful completion of the final research project.

Chief Howard maintains that he has earned the Executive Fire Officer certificate.

"I completed that program in 1994," he said. "I have all those records. Unfortunately, those records are locked up in my office and I don't have access to them. I started the program in 1991 and I finished in 1994. That was a long process."

A request for Chief Howard's employment application with the town and his resumé used as part of the application process to determine if he had listed his EFO Certification for this story was denied. Human Resources Director Michelle Pizzi said the document is "not subject to public disclosure" under the state Public Records Law.

Town Manager John Carroll said he did not know if Howard earned the certificate and would not comment on other questions related to the chief's current job status.

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# Boston man charged with Ellis Avenue break-in

Scott MacKeen  
Staff Reporter

A Boston man was arrested last week in connection with the felony break-in of an Ellis Avenue home.

According to Norwood Police, Mattapan resident Marckenly Casimir was arrested Oct. 2 in Boston after police identified a fingerprint lifted from an item in the home.

Casimir was arraigned in Dedham District Court and posted bail, police said. He is due back in court on Nov. 7.

Casimir is charged in connection with the Sept. 18 break-in of a home on Ellis Avenue, in the area of lower Washington Street, police said.

Officers were called to the

neighborhood after calls of two suspicious black males walking up and down Ellis Avenue. The two men reportedly disappeared behind a house and were later seen with a backpack and a bag.

Officer Mario Costa found that the rear door of a home on Ellis Avenue had been kicked in. The patrol sergeant and several other patrol officers quickly set up a perimeter in hopes of capturing two men. Witnesses described them as about 20 years of age, both dressed in all black and wearing ball caps.

Also responding to the scene were the Canton and Stoughton police departments and the Norfolk County Sheriff's Department, who all

sent canine units to track possible trails left by the suspects.

According to the report, additional Norwood officers stopped two MBTA buses and others searched the railroad tracks. Detectives responded to the home to investigate further.

Reported missing from the home was computer equipment, jewelry and a small safe containing credit cards. Police said one of the suspect's left a fingerprint on an Xbox video game console.

The print was sent to the federal lab and was identified as belonging to Casimir.

"Casimir is known to belong to a group that has been active recently committing B&E's, larcenies and robberies along the bus line in areas surrounding Boston," said police. "We can't stress enough the importance of a prompt call to the police when you see something amiss in your neighborhood. This case is an excellent example of an instance where it all comes together," said Police Department Spokesperson Kevin Grasso.

## Special Election Registration

The Board of Registrars wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that a special registration session has been set for the November 6, 2012 State Presidential Election.

An evening special registration session will be held at the Municipal Building, Room 32 on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

This is the FINAL REGISTRATION SESSION prior to the State Presidential Election.

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According to the report, "Doctors who recommend medical marijuana write a letter explaining the patient's diagnosis and the doctor's choice of cannabis as treatment. A doctor's recommendation remains valid so long as the doctor continues to treat the patient and believes the patient should use the drug to treat a condition."

As for the dispensaries themselves, once a patient has a valid recommendation letter or ID card, he or she presents it at a dispensary. A patient may also have to join the dispensary as a member. Following that, he or she can purchase different types of marijuana and numerous marijuana-based products and prepared foods.

There are also a few medical marijuana vending machine locations in California. These machines, operated by medical marijuana dispensaries, require a fingerprint scan and the insertion of an ID card and are monitored by security guards.

Question 3 would permit people with marijuana cards in Massachusetts to possess and carry a two-month supply of marijuana. The state Department of Public Health (DPH) would decide what amount would be a 60-day supply.

In support of the initiative, Linda Brantley, president of the New England Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, states, "A 'yes' vote will ease the suffering of thousands of people with cancer, Parkinson's disease, Crohn's disease, multiple sclerosis, HIV/AIDS, glaucoma, and other debilitating conditions. Scientific research has proven that marijuana can be useful for many clinical applications, including pain relief, nausea, and seizures."

In opposition, Dr. Jay Broadhurst states, "We do not need 35 pot shops to serve the less than one percent truly in need of medical marijuana in Massachusetts. There is already a marijuana pill available for prescription (Marinol). Other marijuana medication will be available in pharmacies soon."

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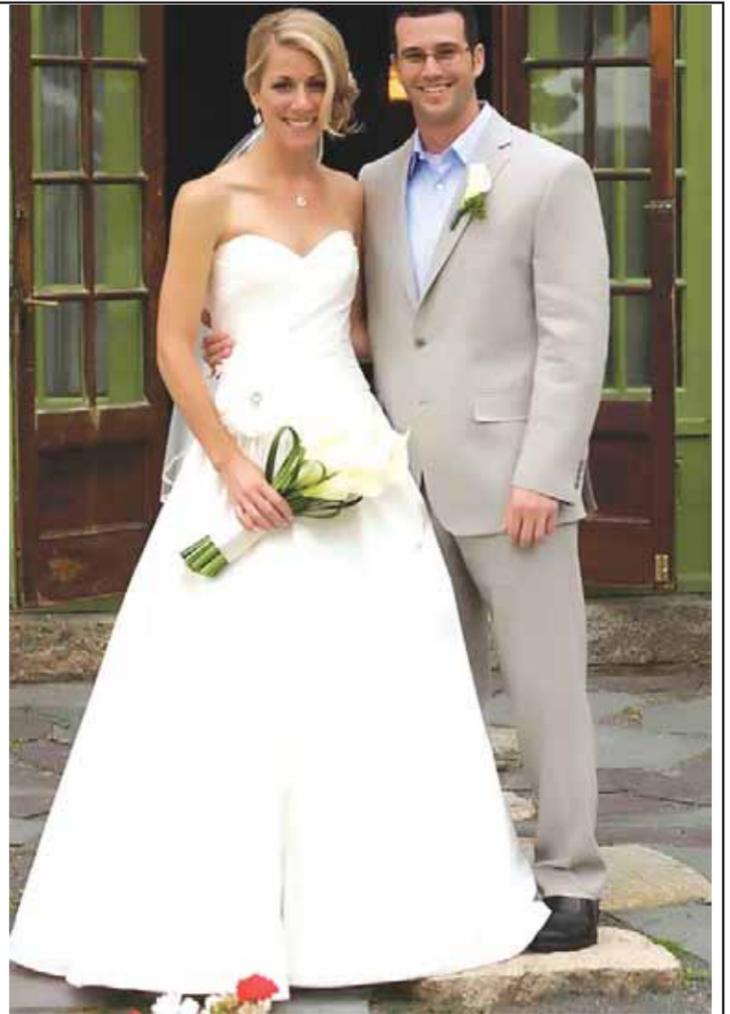
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Patrick, believes the same, as he wants to tax our internet purchases. The national news reported that while in Turkey, the Boston Celtics had incredibly tight security. They also reported that Ambassador Stevens and three other Americans at the American consulate in Libya had no security and were savagely slaughtered. No one from American Intelligence was immediately sent to the area. Luckily a CNN reporter was there and found the private diary of Ambassador Stevens, which reported his asking for necessary security, as he stated the atmosphere had become extremely dangerous and that their lives were in jeopardy. I guess they weren't as important as the Celtics. BY THE WAY People have been asking me if I am related to the Howard that was the head of the Fire Department. My Howard family and Selectman Allan Howard are absolutely NO RELATION whatsoever!!  
**BYE GUYS,  
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Paul O'Shea and Lauren Adams

## Police Logs

**Tuesday Oct. 02**  
 1056 phone - Larceny Location/address: Cedar St Owner of building that is for sale and no one living there now, reports her water bill has skyrocketed. Appears to be someone using her water.  
 1323 walk-in - Larceny Location/address: Pleasant St Plow missing from property.  
 1452 phone - Assist fire dept other Location/address: Hillside Ave + Lenox St Off lopes on detail reports gas main was hit during construction. NFD

responds. Area secured from traffic and homeowners evacuated by NFD. Lenox Ave and Lenox St to Washington St. Officer Annino escorted a bus with residents to wait at the senior center. NFD clear at 1645 hrs. residents allowed to return. Line being repaired by National Grid.  
 1534 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Nahatan St male knocking on doors looking for gas money. Subject advised and is leaving.  
 1603 phone - Trespassing area search negative Location: Norwood Central Kids drinking 100 feet west of the station per Transit Police.

Limey's Pub - Washington St Caller reported two males in a gold vehicle arguing. Officer reported parties not arguing, sent on their way.

**Wednesday Oct. 03**  
 1710 911 - Report of fight gone on arrival Location/address: Prospect Ave + Prospect St Caller reported possible fight in the area. Officers checked area, nothing found.  
 1823 phone - Drunk person Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Caller reported female from black Honda appeared intoxicated when exiting vehicle, threw beer cans into some bushes and entered the hospital. Officers reported one party placed into protective custody. Starting 65023 @1855. Ending 65024 @1858  
 2026 radio - Motor vehicle stop arrest(s)made Location/address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St N664 initiated motor vehicle stop on ma reg 7tz230, registration revoked for insurance. N679 responded, mv was towed by Negoshians. Arrest: Borden, Matthew Newton Address: 27 Wheeler Cir Canton Dob: 09/13/1983 Charges: warrant arrest Warrant arrest  
 2112 phone - Disturbance spoken to Location/address:

**Thursday Oct. 04**  
 0104 radio - Susp person spoken to Location/address: Dunkin Donuts - Nahatan St N679 stops to speak to suspicious male that had walked past station in black jogging suit with white stripes on leg, acting strangely. Officer identified party who stated he was heading home to Winfield St.  
 0113 initiated - Susp person spoken to Location/address: Railroad Ave + Monroe St E N679 stopped to talk with male & female. N664 responded. All in order and heading home.  
 0129 initiated - Assaults arrest(s)made Location/address: Dean St + Pleasant St N665 reports male party walking, bleeding in the face area. N679, NFD responded. Party stated he was assaulted and believed party lived in area of Whitewood Circle. Party refused medical treatment. N665, n679, n666 responded to Whitewood Circle with victim. As a result n664, n666 returned with 2 arrests for officer shore. Arrest: Baker, Alan Address: 7 Whitewood Cir Apt. Norwood Dob: 10/26/1983 Charges: drug, possess class e  
 Arrest: Evans, Michael C Address: 7 Whitewood Cir Norwood Dob: 01/07/1983 Charges: drug, possess to distrib class d.  
 1123 phone - Motor vehicle accident complaint/summons Location/address: Washington St Minor mva involving DPW vehicle. Complaint app Summons: Morimoto, Edson Address: 123 Locust St Fall River



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Dob: 01/19/1961 Charges: unlicensed operation of mv.  
 1207 phone - Domestic area search negative Location/address: Nahatan Realty Trust - Nahatan St Subject fled. Probable cause to arrest w/m 24, white t and jeans on foot towards cottage. Summons: Mamaev, Alexey B Address: 220 Nahatan St Apt. #S Norwood Dob: 11/23/1987 Charges: a&b.  
 1318 phone - Citizens complaint services rendered Location/address: Limey's Pub - Washington St Property owner wanted someone to keep the peace with a business owner. Business owner not interested in talking.  
 1457 911 - Unwanted party spoken to Location/address: Norwood Post Office - Central St Postmaster having problem with employee who is refusing to leave re: safety issue. Employee left while he was on phone. Officer spoke to postmaster. Employee served a notice and left.  
 1920 911 - Domestic arrest(s)made Location/address: Tremont St Caller reported boyfriend bit her, stole her cell phone. Officer reported one under arrest. Arrest: Tyo, Bryant J Address: 30 Tremont St Apt. #2 Norwood Dob: 12/28/1986 Charges: a&b Witness, intimidate Destruction of property -\$250, malicious.  
 2202 initiated - Warrant service arrest(s)made Location/address: Washington St One under arrest for warrants. Arrest: Wheeler, Charles Lamont Address: 351 Washington St Norwood Dob: 07/10/1971 Charges: warrant arrest.

**Friday**  
 0809 radio - Found syringe services rendered Location/address: Neponset St + Pleasant St Officer Gamel found syringe on roadway at accident scene will dispose of it at NPD.  
 0856 walk-in - Susp activity state DPW/Norwood DPW no Location/address: Winslow Ave + Hoyle St Resident in station to report white bassinet on island at intersection of Winslow and Hoyle, green blanket inside. Off Guarino checked out bassinet no baby. DPW notified to pick it up.  
 1021 phone - Larceny Location/address: Bellevue ave Grave marker stolen from cemetery.  
 1330 phone - Larceny Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Patient being treated in ER reports her pocketbook missing.  
 1553 phone - Hit and run Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Hit & run in parking lot.  
 1710 phone - Drug law violation Location/address: Oxford Rd Caller reports there are 5 youths in the rear of the building smoking marijuana.  
 1745 cellular - Drunk person Location/address: Concord Ave Caller reports there is a male laying face down on the pavement. N677 n662 sent. NFD notified. One male placed in pc and sent to the Norwood hospital.  
 1753 phone - Report of fire spo-

ken to Location/address: Austin St Caller reports male party outside wearing a gas mask. Spoke to male and he has his firepit going and does not want to breathe in the smoke.  
 1904 phone - Animal complaint state DPW/Norwood DPW no Location/address: Everett St Caller reports she hit a cat. N666 sent. Cat deceased. DPW notified.  
 1924 phone - Susp person services rendered Location/address: Hawes Pool - Washington St Caller reports that her granddaughter's friend was walking Home by the Hawes pool and a male jumped out at her and started chasing her. No description other than he was a male. N679 mc6 sent. Spoke to all parties. No crime.

**Saturday Oct. 06**

1045 cellular - Found syringe services rendered Location/address: Walpole St Passing pedestrian reports one on the sidewalk. N665 properly disposed of same.  
 1220 cellular - Larceny services rendered Location/address: Highland Cemetery - Cemetery St Caller wanted log entry only for stolen bronze marker in past 2 weeks from grave of Walter S. Robinson.  
 1358 phone - Report of fight complaint/summons Location/address: Balch School - Washington St Calls from both parties involved reporting a fight. N664 speaks to one at the school. NFD, n663 speak to the other one at Washington/Oolah. N664 courtesy transport to 11 Lewis s/m 31825 1429 hrs, e/m 31825 1431 hrs.  
 1725 walk-in - Larceny Location/address: Quail Run Walk in party reports missing jewelry from the home.  
 2110 911 - Warrant service arrest(s)made Location/address: Mountain Ave Two subjects placed under arrest for outstanding warrants. Arrest: Poirier, Andrea L Address: 47 Mountain Ave Norwood Dob: 09/11/1989 Charges: warrant arrest Arrest: Desrosiers, Ryan Address: 704 Main St Apt. #104 Falmouth Dob: 01/07/1985 Charges: warrant arrest.  
 2115 911 - Under age party Location/address: Saunders Rd Caller reports underage party. N679 n663 n668 respond.  
 2155 phone - Under age party Location/address: High St Caller reports loud party. Two intoxicated youths placed in Pc and released to their parents.

**Sunday Oct. 07**

0035 911 - Assaults arrest(s)made Location/address: Walnut Ave Caller reported she was assaulted by roommate. Norwood fire responded. One under arrest. Arrest: Leavey, Daragh J Address: 45 Hillshire Ln Norwood Dob: 09/26/1973 Charges: a&b Protective custody  
 0159 initiated - Motor vehicle stop arrest(s)made Location/address: Syms - Bos-Prov Hwy Negoshians towed pc ma 4xr450. One under arrest. Arrest: Jeanty, Alex G Address: 871 Metropolitan Ave Hyde Park Dob: 05/04/1974

Charges: oui liquor or .08% Marked lanes violation.  
 1152 phone - Suicide / or threat Location: Old Washington St/MBTA railroad tracks 3rd party caller reports her sister stated she was going to jump in front of the Commuter Rail Train. M.B.C.R. Notified. N667 locates on Cedar St. And transports her and her friend To 13 Dean St. S/m 62005.4 1159 hrs, e/m 6200 N666 to transport to hospital for evaluation starting mileage 62005.6. Ending mileage 62006.3  
 1326 phone - Found syringe services rendered Location/address: Sumner St Report 2 syringes on sidewalk. N663 properly disposed of same.  
 1917 phone - Domestic arrest(s)made Location/address: Dean St Caller reports that her husband assaulted her. N679 n666 sent. One male placed under arrest. Arrest: Flynne, Russell Address: 261a Dean St Norwood Dob: 02/21/1953 Charges: a&b.

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# Sports



Adam Noepel returns a punt during last weekend's game against Walpole. The Mustangs fell to Walpole 44-0.

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## Mustangs downed by Rebels, fall to 1-4

**Kevin Stone**  
Staff Reporter

It was another tough day for the Mustangs on Saturday as they fell to Walpole.

After several narrow losses to start the season, Norwood got back on track with a big win at Brookline. But as the team appeared to be getting back on track, they ran into a powerful Rebel squad.

Last Saturday, the Mustangs hosted Walpole, and lost 44-0 to drop to 1-4 on the season. However, the score wasn't the only alarming thing as Walpole has been a Bay State Conference power for years.

It was the fact that Norwood passed for 16 yards and rushed for negative 17. A total of one negative yard of offense on the day.

"To put it in perspective, I've never been part of a game had less than 100 yards of offense, let alone what we

did. I have never been part of a game like this past weekend," said a clearly disappointed head coach John Sarianides following Tuesday afternoon's practice.

Following such a lopsided loss, the question then immediately becomes 'where do they go from here?' The Bay State Conference does not offer up any "fix it" games for the Mustangs, so there's nothing else they can do...except work.

"It starts with me and the coaching staff being better, and then [the players] obviously have to step their game up as well," said Sarianides. "This has to be a collective effort, that's the only way we're going to salvage this thing. If that effort isn't there, in our league then it's going to be a really tough task."

Norwood plays Newton North this Saturday at home, another Bay State Confer-

ence foe who is a bit of Jekyll and Hyde. Newton North has played some strong games but also struggled at times against weaker opponents.

It won't be easier for The Mustangs, who could use a cake walk right now. But Sarianides explained exactly what would be needed for the turnaround to begin on Saturday.

Execution.

"Our preparation and practice hasn't been the problem," noted Sarianides. "Offensively, we need to do a better job of getting off the ball and making our blocks, executing our routes and just being more efficient overall."

As for the defense, things are a bit more simple. Just tackle.

"We haven't tackled a soul all year," he said. "There's no question that needs to be better."

**Football**

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## Field Hockey bests Milton 5-1

**Kevin Stone**  
Staff Reporter

After suffering a set back against Walpole the week before, the Norwood field hockey team was hoping this past week could be a bit of a pick-me-up.

It was, even though the team only got to play one game due to the rain that swept across the region for a few days last week.

The lady Mustangs took on Milton, and won 5-1. They are now 8-2 overall and 7-1 in the Bay State League entering this week of action.

"After having not played in over a week and our last outing being a disappointing effort against Walpole, we were looking to come out strong and start off the 2nd half of our season with a solid win against Milton," said head coach Allison Penza. "I was extremely pleased with how the team set the tone of the game from the starting whistle. We controlled play right off the bat and gained some excellent offensive opportunities."

Allison Ryan started off the

scoring with an unassisted goal early in the game, then gave Norwood a 2-0 lead with another goal off of a corner.

"We went into the half up 2-0 but knew we would need to score a few more goals and continue to play with intensity if we wanted to earn the W," said Penza.

The Mustangs did just that, coming out surging and starting off the second half right where they had left off, scoring three consecutive goals to put the game out of Milton's reach.

The second half goals were scored by Jenny O'Donnell, Hannah Benson and Sammy Hayes.

"Overall, I thought the entire team played outstanding but it was nice to see Allison Ryan, Kayla Garczynski, Jenny O'Donnell and Lauren Harrington really lead the way with their effort and play on the field," Penza explained.

According to Penza, some other strong performances were by Maura O'Neill, Sheila Carroll, Jenny Rossman and

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## Golf wins two, now at .500 on the year

**Kevin Stone**  
Staff Reporter

Pretend just for a minute that you aren't looking for your ball in the woods.

Imagine if it hadn't gone in the water, and instead you were sitting pin high with a nice five-foot putt for birdie.

The only problem is, that putt means you continue playing for a chance at a big pay day, or you go home empty-handed. I bet your left arm would start shaking a bit.

That is sort of what the Norwood golf team is facing as they are close to closing out their season.

The squad went 2-1 last week, which brought their record to 5-5 overall. An above-.500 finish is not easy in any golf season, especially with the unpredictability on

a daily basis of every player in such an unpredictable sport.

"On Monday of last week we beat Weymouth at home 60-48. We were able to pull away and won 3 of the 4 matches on the day, with Walker Alexander, Greg Stoney, and Chris Ciriello all shooting an impressive 41," explained head coach Jim Sweeney.

A day later on Tuesday, Norwood grabbed another solid victory over Natick in tough conditions as it was a rainy day. The match ended up coming down to the wire with weather playing a big factor and Norwood just squeaked by 55-53. The win was over at Natick's course

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A lot needs to get better for the 2012 version of the Norwood football team, and it needs to get better in a hurry if this season isn't going to be turned around. The good news, is that the Mustangs have the right people around to get things done.

"I believe we have the right coaches and the right kids who want to work and want to get better. They're trying. We just need to continue to try and improve every day," said a confident Sarianides.

After losing several key seniors from last year's team, including starting quarterback Tom Munro, many expected this to be a difficult season for the Mustangs. Still, Sarianides and the coaching staff believe that this team has the talent and the capability to perform better than the record indicates. The team could easily have a few more wins if some of the close losses went the other way earlier in the season.



Coach John Sarianides speaks to his Mustang team in a huddle during a recent game.

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(Sassamon Trace), making the win that much sweeter.

"We took two of the matches; one by 3 points and the other by 4 points. One match tied and the other we lost by 5. Tim Sullivan led the way with a 4-over par 36 (Par 32 course, Five par 3s and one par 5). Mike Murphy had a 37," explained Sweeney.

On Thursday, Norwood hosted Needham and lost

70.5 - 37.5.

"Chris Ciriello (38) and Tim Sullivan (41) were able to tie their matches but unfortunately we lost the other three. Jack McDonough was solid and our low man on the day with a 37."

Norwood has just two team matches remaining, one this week at Norwood Country Club against Walpole (10/9) and their final match will be at Newton North next

Monday (10/15).

Adding to the intrigue of the end of the season for the Mustangs is the fact that Tim Sullivan, Walker Alexander, and Mike Murphy will be representing Norwood at the Bay State Conference Championship on Thursday 10/11 at Framingham CC. The tournament is where the league all-stars will be determined.

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for the facility.

Selectmen Helen Abdallah Donohue said she wanted to know the School Committee's opinion because the plan would require the committee transferring some land from the tennis courts to the town for the rink. While the schools gave the land for the tennis courts to the town a number of years ago, Carroll said, a small portion of the surrounding property still belongs to the schools.

"You're absolutely right. The School Committee has to be involved in this," said Plasko. "I don't know that we need their opinion for this Town Meeting, but they'll have to be involved at some point."

Selectman Paul Bishop said he took issue with some negative comments made toward the neighborhood at the earlier

meeting.

"This is going to be a fairly long process. Everyone is entitled to their opinion and people should respect one another," he said.

**Police and fire**

Also during the meeting, the board accepted monthly reports from the Police and Fire departments.

Police Chief William Brooks was in attendance to go through his department's monthly activities.

Among the numbers that stood out, Selectman Allan Howard noted that the department had issued 333 speeding tickets last month.

"Our [officers] are out there doing what they should be doing," he said.

Brooks said residents are always encouraged to call in tips of suspicious activity in their neighborhood, which

may be done anonymously or not. In cases of break-ins, he said, the suspects often canvas neighborhoods looking for houses that appear empty and knock on doors to see if anyone is home.

"We do encourage people to call right away when something is in progress," said the chief.

Said Selectmen Chairman Michael Lyons, "It seems like your officers are out there in the neighborhoods, not just responding. That can only be good for the department and the town."

Brooks said he personally walks different areas of town for an hour each day.

"I ask my officers to do that, and they're more than receptive," he said.

The Police Department's confidential tip line is (781) 440-5181.

**Volleyball squad finding its stride**

Kevin Stone  
 Staff Reporter

In the beginning of the season, four wins for the Norwood girls volleyball team would have been a nice suggestion for those trying to predict where they would be.

The uncertain future of the program was somewhat of a question. Now, there should be no questions despite the sub-.500 record.

While under first-year head coach Paul Nimblett, Norwood is potentially a tournament team with eight matches to go entering this week and continue to surprise doubters.

A huge 2-1 win last week has left them at 4-7 and very much in the hunt for an MIAA berth once November rolls around.

To start the week, Norwood took another match over rival Westwood (Game 1: 25-23 Norwood, Game 2: 25-20 Norwood, Game 3: 25-11 Norwood).

"The girls worked together to take this home match vs Westwood and just continue to battle every single time out on the floor," said Nimblett.

Senior Kaitlin McCarthy led the way with 14 Service Points, 7 Aces and 5 Kills. Junior Emily Clifford also had a nice day with 14 Service Points, 5 Aces and 5 Service Receptions of her own.

The lone loss of the week came in four games by a 3-1 final to perennial contender Weymouth (Game 1: 25-15 Weymouth, Game 2: 25-12 Weymouth, Game 3: 25-23 Norwood, Game 4: 25-27 Weymouth).

"This loss in particular was really tough for the girls because they came back in games 3 and 4, but we had a few missed opportunities and could not force a game to keep going," explained Nimblett.

Kaitlin McCarthy had one of the stronger games on the season for Norwood despite her stat sheet of 8 Service Points and 2 Blocks. Anna Shirosky also came up clutch at times with 19 Service Receptions and 14 Digs. Shannon Reen chipped in with 9 Service Points, 5 Kills and 9 Digs in the loss.

The biggest match of the week, and possibly the year, came in the form of a 3-1 win over Milton to close the week out. (Game 1: 25-17 Norwood, Game 2: 25-27 Milton, Game 3: 25-17 Norwood, Game 4: 25-14 Norwood).

The biggest development on the day was the entire contribution of the lady Mustangs team in response to the Weymouth loss.

"The girls came together for a huge team win where everyone contributed. They finished strong and played with confidence and poise all day," said Nimblett.

Emily Clifford had the most significant stat line on the day with 10 aces and 17 service points during the win. Sarah Maloney came off the bench to contribute 10 Service Points as well, adding to the budding chemistry this team is developing. Kaileen Spaulding added a remarkable 22 assists and 4 kills on the day as well.

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Liz Epstein.

With the win over Milton, the most important thing on the day was the fact that Norwood entered this week just one win away from qualifying for tournament.

As I've said before in regards to this team, it's clear they have the ability to make a strong post season run, consistency will continue to be key.

"Hopefully the team can bring the intensity and focus they brought to the field

against Milton," said Penza.

Here are the Leading Scorers for the Mustangs:

Senior Forward Allison Ryan - 13 goals & 4 assists - 17 points

Senior Forward Jenny O'Donnell - 6 goals & 3 assists - 9 points

Freshman Forward Hannah Benson - 9 goals & 1 assist - 10 points

Sophomore Mid Samantha Hayes - 3 goals & 5 assists - 8 points

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# Swim team rebounds after loss to Needham

**Kevin Stone**  
Staff Reporter

People are measured by the way they respond to adversity.

The Norwood swim team hasn't faced much over the past two seasons, having some surprisingly successful campaigns.

Last week, the Mustangs faced some, and then responded in the only proper way.

Early in the week they took on Needham, and lost 100 - 84.

"Needham is one of the top three teams in the Bay State. However, we did come away with five victories, one new team record and a slew of best times," head coach Kim Goodwin pointed out.

Junior Anthony Rodriguez lowered his own 100 fly record and also swam his own personal best 100 yard freestyle. Juniors Tess Maguire, Matt Piasecki and Meaghan Shaughnessy all swam personal best

times while sophomores Manny Escobar and Meg Norton broke their own top times.

Leading the valiant charge in the losing effort were captains Evelyn Metta, Eddie Hernon and Patricia Lee. They all came away with personal season bests.

Lee kept her undefeated streak going with wins in both the 200 Individual Medley and the 100 yard backstroke, while divers Kelly O'Rourke and Mackenzie Begley also scored their highest points for this season.

To close out the week NHS swimming and diving hosted Brookline and earned an important victory, 97-83, improving their record to 5-4.

The meet started off as good as it possibly could have with a 1-2 Norwood sweep in the first event, 200 medley relay.

The Mustangs, impressively, would go on to outscore Brookline in every

event but one the rest of the way. The divers (Emerson Kearns, Shannon Wilson, Kristen Folan, Mackenzie Begley, Brianna Whalen, Kelly O'Rourke) continued to produce with some key contributions as Folan, Begley and O'Rourke went 1, 2, 3 over the Brookline divers to help Norwood pull ahead.

"Kim Richard has done an amazing job to improve the divers' skills," said Goodwin on her extremely valuable diving coach.

Captain Patricia Lee continued her undefeated streak with wins in the 100 fly (personal best time) and 200 free to give her an incredible personal record of 20-0 thus far this season. Juniors Kyle McGlaughlin, Meaghan Shaughnessy, Matt Piasecki, Rachel Mullen, Katherine Osborne and Nick Gaetani also surpassed their own personal goals with best times.

Distance specialist, Jimmy Conley, was out of



The Norwood diving team has been excellent so far this year.

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the meet due to a shoulder injury, but Evelyn Metta, Junior Manny Escobar and Sophomore Meg Norton all stepped into this grueling event and all came out with best times.

Anthony Rodriguez once again also lowered his own team record in the 100 fly

and Captain Eddie Hernon added a first in the 100 breaststroke and a second place in his first attempt at the 200 Individual Medley to give the team much needed points.

Norwood came into this week with both Weymouth and Braintree on the docket.

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**ANNUAL NORWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE**

Come join the fun at the annual Norwood Fire Department Open House on Saturday, Oct. 13th from 10a.m. to 2p.m. Shake hands with Sparky the Fire Dog, view the aerial ladder demonstration or see what its like to sit in the drivers seat of a real fire engine! Fun activities for the smaller kids, refreshments and fire & life safety information for all ages.

**VENDORS SOUGHT FOR EVERGREEN FAIRE**

The First Congregational Church in Norwood is looking for new vendors of crafts, antiques, collectables, and similar items who would like to participate in the Evergreen Faire which will take place at the church on Saturday, on Dec. 1, from 10am to 3pm. The church charges \$50 for an 6-foot table, plus a small product contribution to the Silent Auction which is also part of the Faire.

The Evergreen Faire will be held at the church which is located at the corner of Route 1A and Winter Street in Norwood. For more information or to reserve a table, please call Jenny at (781)326-6796 or email her at [jenny.durant@verizon.net](mailto:jenny.durant@verizon.net).

**ST CATHERINE OF SIENA SCHOOL ANNUAL ELECTRONIC RECYCLE DAY**

St. Catherine of Siena School (SCS) Annual Electronic Recycle Day Saturday Oct. 20 from 7am to 2pm (no Friday night drop off available this year). Recycling will take place in the school parking lot on Railroad Avenue. All items listed can be recycled for \$10 per item including computers, monitors, laptops, printers, fax machines, scanners, desktop-size copy machines, CD drives, hard drives, TVs, VCRs, projectors, overhead projectors & networking equipment. Please note: TVs over 40 inches will be charged \$20 and we will not be accepting rear projection TVs at this event. All monies raised will go to the Technology Program at the School. Event will be rain or shine.

**3RD ANNUAL JOURNEY FORWARD WALK**

On Oct. 27. Registration begins at 10AM with coffee & donuts served. The WALK will begin at 11AM from Journey Forward. This year we are featuring a car show during the event.

Join the party in our parking lot after The WALK to enjoy some food, beverages, raffles, auctions and more! DJ Mike Winik will be spinning the music. Bring the kids! This child-friendly event will feature a moonwalk and face painting.

Registration the day of The WALK is \$40 for adults and \$10 for kids under 13. However, you can set

up a fundraising page and raise a minimum of \$40 to cover your registration fee. Raise \$250 or more to be entered into a drawing to win a Adam Viniateri-framed and autographed Snow Bowl Kick Photo (16"x20")! Set yours up today at: <http://www.firstgiving.com/journeyforward/journey-forward-walk>

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**TRIVIA NIGHT AT NORWOOD VFW**

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Norwood VFW will be hosting a Trivia Night on Friday, Oct. 26. With DJ Stump to benefit Service Dogs to Disabled Veterans. The fun will start at 7:00 p.m. at the VFW at 193 Dean Street, Norwood. Tickets are \$15 per person or a table of 10 for \$100. There will be cash prizes for the top 3 tables, as well as raffles and a cash bar. Tickets are available in advance at the VFW or at the door. Gather your friends and come help the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW in supporting the Service Dogs to Disabled Veterans.

**THE CRAFT AFFAIR AT NORWOOD**

Please come to the "Craft Affair at Norwood" on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 9:00am to 2:30pm at the Coakley Middle School, 1315 Washington Street, Norwood. \$3 admission. \$2 for Seniors. \$2 for children under 12. There will be raffles and over 60 crafters selling items including candles, scarves, hats, dog biscuits, wooden toys, puzzles, jewelry, chocolates, breads, doll clothes, hand-blown glass, crocheted and knitted items, hand-painted slates, table runners, stained glass and much more. Proceeds benefit the Norwood High School Post Prom Party and to the betterment of Norwood High School programs.

**NORWOOD LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

Invites Norwood residents to our Fall Kickoff on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 7:15 p.m. at the Sweeterie Ice Cream Shop, 686 Washington Street, Norwood. Our keynote speaker is the downtown manager, Kim Weineck, who works with the Friends of Norwood Center (FNC). The FNC is a group of supportive businesses and residents working together to make the downtown area more relevant and vibrant. League members will be present to answer questions you may have about the League. Please RSVP by Oct. 12th to register for this event by calling Toni at 769-7865 or email at [tonie@norwoodlight.com](mailto:tonie@norwoodlight.com). Coffee, desserts, and ice cream will be served.

**TEN OUTSTANDING NORWOOD YOUTH AWARDS (T.O.N.Y.)**

The T.O.N.Y. Awards Committee in Norwood is looking for nominations for the Ten Outstanding Norwood Youth awards for 2012. Now in its 43rd year, the T.O.N.Y awards has continued to annually recognize young men and women who have rendered exceptional service to their community. This marks the 17th year the Norwood Masons have been involved in running the program and hosting an annual awards banquet in honor of the nominees. The program is open to any

10th - 12th grade high school student who lives in Norwood, regardless of the school they attend, public or private. Nomination forms are sent to local schools as well as made available to the public at the Norwood Library and Civic Center. Any person over the age of 21 can nominate a student for the award. Nominations can be emailed to [Norwood.TONY.Awards@gmail.com](mailto:Norwood.TONY.Awards@gmail.com), or mailed to the address designated on the form. If you know a young person in Norwood you feel would be a worthy candidate, please consider submitting a nomination form. All forms are due by Oct 31st. Norwood Masonic Building.

**SEMI-ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE**

The Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Norwood, 24 Berwick St., will be holding its semi-annual rummage sale on Friday, Oct. 26 and Saturday, Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale features quality used clothing and accessories, jewelry, shoes and linens, etc. Admission is free. No early birds.

**CHARLWELL HOUSE ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW**

On Saturday Oct. 27, from 10am-3pm for the Annual Craft Show. Come to the Charlwell House, 305 Walpole Street, Norwood. There will be raffles, a bake sale, white elephant table and talented crafters selling their wares as well as Pony rides for the kids. Don't miss this event!

**TEMPLE SHAARE TEFILAH DINNER AND EVENING SERVICE**

Will have a dinner followed by an evening service on Friday, Oct. 19. The dinner, costing \$9, will be at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Kabbalat Shabbat service, open to all, at 8 p.m. Please call dinner reservations in to the Temple office by Tuesday, Oct. 16, Tel 1-781-762-8670.

**FUNDRAISER WALK FOR THE ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY OF NORWOOD**

A fun 3-mile walk around Norwood benefiting the Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 13. The entire community is invited to participate in this worthwhile event to help feed the hungry of Norwood. All pledge money raised by the walkers goes directly to the Norwood food pantry to help stock the pantry and meet holiday food needs. Walkers are also encouraged to bring a non-perishable item as a registration donation. Sign up sponsors for your walk and take the challenge of walking, running or strolling along a 3-mile route around Norwood. Sponsor sheets have been distributed to select locations around town including houses of worship, the library and Town Hall and are available through the Grace Episcopal Church website [www.gracenor.org](http://www.gracenor.org) (under the newsletter link) or by calling the church at 781-762-0959. The walk begins

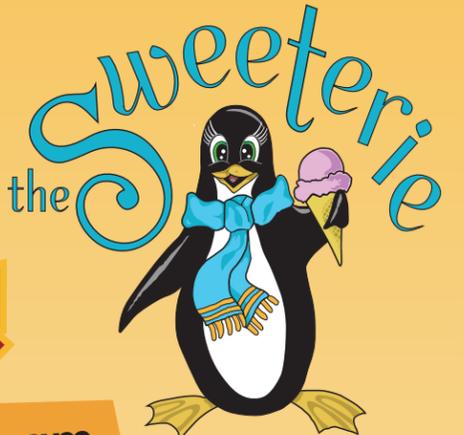
at 9 a.m. on Oct. 13 with registration starting at 8:30 a.m. All pledge money will be collected the morning of the walk and will go directly to the Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood. The walk route starts and ends at Grace Episcopal Church, located at 150 Chapel Street. The Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood serves approximately 300 families in Norwood and Westwood. Established in 1989, the food pantry is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to helping those in need in the Norwood and Westwood communities. The pantry operates year round and has been housed at Grace Episcopal Church since its inception. Food donations are always welcome and can be dropped off at the pantry on Thursdays from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and on Saturdays from 7:30-11:00 a.m. Drop-off boxes are also located at Morrill Memorial Library, Roche Bros. Westwood supermarkets and local houses of worship. Volunteers are always needed and food drives benefiting the pantry are always welcome. For information on how to help, call the food pantry at 781-769-0425.

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and has conducted an exhaustive site search - to find a home for a skating rink in Norwood. With guidance from professionals in the rink building industry, rink architects, consultants from the State's Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), and with the conceptual approval of both boards of Selectmen and School Committee, we have now concluded that the best location for this rink would be at the Coakley Middle School in South Norwood. There are many reasons for this specific site recommendation, but ultimately, there are two: lowest cost, best and most accessible location.

Though we have broad support from the community, we recognize that the proposed site will not be embraced universally within Norwood. Some have suggested that there are only a handful of hockey players who would use this rink facility. Not true. There are 400 boys and girls skating in the Norwood Nuggets youth hockey program, with another 60-75 skating at the JV or varsity level. Add those to the thousands of adults in Norwood who have played and who love the game, and dream of seeing their children and grandchildren play hockey in a Norwood skating rink. All we ask is that each Norwood citizen go through the "due diligence" process with us, consider the findings of an impending South Norwood rink feasibility study (which will incorporate a traffic study) and draw your own independent conclusions about building a rink in Norwood. From our perspective, we hope that

Norwood voters heed the messages of well-respected Town Meeting members who spoke at the October 1st meeting: Norwood has never been guided by the concept of NIMBY when making important decisions that impact the whole town. And great opportunities benefitting the entire community should always trump personal interests. We agree. Make no mistake: this proposed rink is a great opportunity; a rare and precious gift (\$5.6 million) from the state that if turned down by the town of Norwood will simply go to another community. Our sense is that if this window of opportunity closes, no rink in Norwood will ever be built. This would be the ultimate tragedy for a town whose citizens have such a passion for skating and hockey.

Many folks, some of whose families have lived in Norwood for generations, continue to work tirelessly to deliver a skating rink to the Norwood community. Included in this group is RINC chairman Matt Brown, who recently visited Governor Patrick to personally thank him for agreeing to fund a rink in Norwood. Anyone who has lived in the town for more than a minute is well aware of Matt's passion for skating and hockey in Norwood. Let's be clear: within this group, the one man who single-handedly made the \$5.6 million state gift possible for Norwood is Representative John Rogers. He has spent countless hours setting up meetings and securing funding for what has, over the last several years, become a labor of love for him. Rep-

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resentative Rogers partnered with us in this Norwood rink project years ago, and was instrumental in guiding the YMCA toward a lease agreement with the town of Norwood back in 2006. His support for RINC is limitless, unwavering and enduring. Quite simply, without the efforts of John Rogers, there is no rink opportunity in Norwood today. Mere words cannot begin to express our gratitude to him. Our conversation with the Town of Norwood regarding the proposed skating rink will continue in the days and weeks ahead. Please join us in that discussion!

*Matt Brown - RINC Chairman, Mike and Susan Brown, Denis Drummey, Dennis Golden, Bill Naumann, Mike Thornton*

### BARRETT IS CLUELESS

To The Editor:

If Pat Barrett can lie about me, then I will tell the truth about her: she is the elected Republican State Committee woman whose candidate Jim Stanton, of Walpole, is currently under investigation by the state Ethics Commission for hiding \$100,000 in taxpayer money that he took from a state agency who now wants to double-dip as a state representative, too. Politicians like Ms. Barrett get elected to office only to advance their own selfish political agenda, even if it means crushing what is good for the people of Norwood. Her misguided attempt to kill the ice rink in Norwood for the cause of Jim Stanton recklessly pushes the Stanton vote to the great detriment of thousands of Norwood families who have yearned for a rink for decades.

As the former chairman of the

House Ways and Means Committee, I can attest that Barrett is equally clueless on Local Aid. Local Aid to Norwood, funding our schools, public safety, roads, seniors, vets, and health programs, is at an all-time high. What's better, I have authored a \$65 million income tax cut that went into effect this year. In short, state aid has increased while state income taxes have decreased.

Barrett is right about one thing: politicians will say anything ... but she should tell the truth next time she does.

Our community needs serious-minded people who deliver good things for our citizens, not miserable political hacks like Barrett who carry the water for those like Stanton whose only experience with the state is taking money from it and being investigated for it.

Yours Faithfully in Public Service,

*John H. Rogers  
State Representative*

### RESPONDING TO AUTHOR'S IGNORANCE

To The Editor:

I feel that I must respond to the author's ignorance in one of last week's letters to the editor. In one of the letters, the "timing" of the funding for the hockey rink was linked to Rep. John Rogers re-election. Are you serious?

He gets re-elected every two years. Last week's author neglected to mention the tireless effort by Rep. Rogers and his staff to secure funding by the Mass. School Building Authority for the beautiful new high school that we have. Nor did she mention the outstanding shape that the fields throughout the town are in thanks to the funding secured by Rep. Rogers. Was the failure to mention this information due to the fact that these accomplishments WEREN'T done in an election year? Also, an advertisement by Rep. Rogers opponent stated that "Rep. Rogers voted with the speaker 96% of the time." What the ad didn't say is which of those votes were detrimental to the town of Norwood. The answer is none. Another ad by Rep. Rogers' opponent in weeks past stated that "some people think John Rogers is doing a good job." That statement was incorrect. In actuality, most people in the district think that Rep. Rogers is doing a good job. This opinion would explain the large victory Rep. Rogers won in the last election against this same opponent. Nothing has changed.

Lastly, like him or not, Rep. Rogers produces. Last time I checked, in the public and especially the private sector, when an employee is productive and the company/town benefits immensely from the job they do, they excel and are rewarded. Rep. Rogers' opponent is a Republican. In full disclosure, I vote Republican on the national level almost all of the time. But, on the state level, the republicans are an overwhelming minority. Their districts suffer because of their constant and adamant stances against the leadership. Agree with the process or not, this is the way it is. So, if Rep. Rogers' 20 years of experience continues to provide millions of dollars in funding to our district that keeps our taxes low, gets a new high school, allows us beautiful ball fields and countless oth-

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ers successes, then a vote for Rep. Rogers is nothing more than common sense.

### TOM BRADY NORWOOD

To The Editor:

I debated writing this letter to you, but I feel that you need to stop attacking people that are making an honest living. The Norwood fire department is often brought up in many of your articles and you portray them in such a bad light.

Firefighters work twenty-fours on the clock, some nights they are busy and some nights they may not be. They do this 365 days of the year including Christmas, Thanksgiving, birthday parties, and baseball games. Maybe your family has never been the nervous call at 3:00 am for a sick child, maybe it's never been your grandmother choking at dinner, maybe it's never been your autistic child pulled out of a burning building or maybe you have never passed an accident where they are pulling a 17 year old out with the jaws of life. Firefighter are not getting rich working there, they are working to better the community.

Maybe you should take a tour of the station to see what they stand for, attend a race they sponsor, a charity softball or hockey game they participate in or the volunteer work they are doing for a resident in Norwood's house. There are standards set to their manning and they are in place for the better of the community. They fight to protect these; not because they are lazy but because they need the resources to do their job right. I hope going forward you will take a second look when writing your articles. Think about who you are targeting, because there may come a day when it is your family, or even you that need to rely on their services.

*Tricia Downing  
Norwood*

### RINK LOCATION A BAD IDEA

To The Editor:

To the Citizens of Norwood: At the dog and pony show Monday night it was decided to go ahead with the proposed ice rink next to Coakley Middle School. I am surprised that the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee were not at the meeting to vote it down.

This has got to be about the worst idea the town of Norwood has ever come up with. To put such a thing in a residential area is dumb. Not just dumb, but downright dangerous. Even dumber is to put it in such close proximity to a school. So close, a rock could be flung from one to the other.

There will be traffic 24/7 — not just Norwood residents, but folks coming from within a 50-mile radius. Kids are on foot in that area much of the time. They're there before school, during school, and after school — all of the daylight hours and, in winter, after dark. As a kid I went to an MDC rink and I remember all the additional cars and congestion when the ice times were changing. Someone is bound to be injured or killed.

Be assured I am all for building of an ice rink in Norwood, but not near a school! It must be in a location that is safer for our children. A rink on Route 1 at the location of the old HQ building or one on University Avenue would be a choice that makes sense.

This decision should be overturned and the thinking revisited concerning the ice rink location.

*Ed Foley Town Meeting  
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**BRETTI**

Catherine (Provenzano), 85, of Norwood, on Oct. 6. Beloved wife of Tomaso Brett. Devoted mother of Anthony J. Brett and his wife Deborah of Norwood and the Late Carmen Brett. Sister of the late Carmine Provenzano. Cherished grandmother of Regina, Katie, Thomas and Matthew Brett and great grandmother of Annie, Ava and Declan. Daughter of the late Carmine and Maria (Campisano) Provenzano. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery, Norwood.

**CULLEN**

Richard V. "Dick" formerly of Norwood, on Sept 30. Late salesman for Dodge Chemical Co. Beloved father of Matthew Cullen of

Norfolk, Julie MacKenzie of Mansfield, Maureen Kingston of Halifax, and Laura Braz of Tiverton, RI. Dear brother of the late Sister Helen Cullen, SND and the late Arthur Cullen. Also survived by 9 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. Funeral arrangements by the Folsom Funeral Home, Westwood. Interment in St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. Donations to the Central Asian Institute, PO Box 7209, Bozeman, MT, 59771 would be appreciated.

**TURNER**

Mary Alice (Curran) A native

of Norwood, on Sun. Sept. 30 She was a pistol and a firecracker. A hoot and a holler. Feisty and funny. Beloved Wife of the late William L. Turner, survived by her children, Maura Ockerbloom of Yarmouthport, MA, W. Christopher of Brunswick, ME, Brian of Northborough, MA, and Colleen Secino of Newburyport, MA, as well as six grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews. Also survived by her brother Thomas P. Curran of Norwood. Mary was devoted to her family and her faith. A woman who ended each day with prayer, she always tried

to live her life in our Lord's image. Following a whirlwind romance featuring 29-dates-in-29-days, Mary married Bill "Best Legs - Norwood HS '42" Turner on Jan. 3, 1953. They began their life together on Nantucket, before landing in South Yarmouth in 1972. She would have four children on "The Island" and one in Worcester. Mary filled all her homes with love, laughter and music. She was an avid reader, gifted gardener and certified "news" junkie. A longtime friend of Bill W., Mary was a thoughtful listener, quick to lend her support to anyone in need. She instilled in her children a commitment to help those less fortunate and always to treat others as you would want to be treated. At Mary's request, her body was donated to The U of Mass Medical School's Anatomical Gift Program. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Labre Indian School, PO Box 216, Ashland, MT, 59004.

**WHITSTON**

Robert F. Sr., 72, of Norwood died on Oct. 5. US Army Vietnam Veteran. Beloved husband of Frances M. (McKetchnie) Whitston. Devoted father of Robert F. Jr. and his wife Sunny of Walpole, William and his wife

Jennifer of Easton and Ann Boschen and her husband Arthur of Mansfield. Brother of the late William Whitston. Cherished grandfather of Shayna, Lily, Mariah, Hailey, Cameron and Jacob. Son of the late William and Anna (Calarino) Whitston. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to Dana Farber Cancer Institute 44 Binney St. Boston, MA 02115.

**WIMER**

Jean E. (Perrello), 71, of Norwood, died Wednesday, Sept. 26, in Norwood after a long illness with ALS. She was the mother of Cynthia J. Harfst of RI, Doreen Sparks of Blackstone, Darlene Sparks of Norwood, the sister of Ralph Perrello of Norwood, Vivian Franko of Dedham, Grace Kurps of Westwood, and the late Jimmy Perrello, grandmother of Billy Harfst of RI, Mandy Harfst of Palmer, Shannon Sparks of Quincy, Chelsea Sparks of Quincy, and David Sparks of Norwood, great-grandmother of Kayla Sparks and the aunt of Justine Franko of Dedham. She was also the aunt of the late Jerry Kenney. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment followed the service in Highland Cemetery, Norwood.



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## SENIOR NEWS

**AFTERNOON DANCE:** The afternoon dance with John Rampino will be held on Friday, Oct. 12, at 1:30pm.

**ALTERATIONS AND MENDING:** Bring your alterations to the Senior Center on the first Monday of each month between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Please attach your name and telephone number to each garment.

**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.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC:** Hellenic Health Care will be available for blood pressure screening on the first Wednesday of each month at noon. Ellis Nursing Home will now offer blood pressure screening on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at noon.

**BOCCE and HORSESHOES:** Our Bocce Courts and Horseshoe Pits are now open for use! Please call to schedule a time.

**BOOK CLUB:** The Book Club will be meeting on Monday, Oct. 15, at 10:00am. They will be discussing "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jamie Ford.

**BRIDGE:** Our Bridge Club meets on Tuesdays at 9:15a.m. and Thursdays at 9:30am in the Library. The Tuesday group has room for new players if you'd like to join them.

**COMPUTER CLUB:** The Computer Club meets each Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in the library/computer room. Computer users at all levels are invited to attend.

**COUNCIL ON AGING:** The next COA meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 4th, at 1:00pm.

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

**DIABETES WORKSHOP:** The Diabetes Workshop will meet on Thurs, Oct. 25, at 11:00am.

**FOOT DOCTOR:** Dr. Cormier is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 23 from 9:00am to noon. Cost is \$25.00. Please call for appointment

**GLEE CLUB:** The Glee Club meets on Tuesdays at 11:15am.

**HISTORY TALK:** "Electing a President," will be the subject of the next History Talk, on Thursday, Oct. 18 and 25, at 1:00pm.

**MINI FIX-IT SHOP:** The workshop will be open from 1:00 to 3:00pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Please, no televisions.

**NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB:** The Board of Directors meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10:00a.m., at the Senior Center. The Club Membership meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks Lodge, at 10:00a.m.

**PROPOPE:** The Propope group will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 17th, at 1:00 p.m.

**SHINE:** Our SHINE Counselor, Carol, continues to assist you on Tuesdays from 10:00a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please call 781-762-1201 for an appointment.

**TRIAD:** Our next TRIAD meeting will be on Oct. 15, at 1:00 p.m. - speaker to be announced.

**WATER COLOR:** The next sessions are scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 11 at 9:00am and 12:30pm. Payment must be made at signup.

**WAXING:** Angela will not be here in October. Call for a November appointment Waxing has changed to an every other month schedule.