

## Holiday House Tour raises \$10K for Day House

**Scott MacKeen**  
Staff Reporter

A few good neighbors and local businesses opened their doors to the public on Sunday as hundreds participated in the Norwood Neighbors Committee's seventh annual Holiday House Tour to support the Fred Holland Day House.

Tour participants stopped off at the Day House to pick up their tour maps, which revealed the five homes that participated in this year's event.

They included Gerry and Charlotte Canelli, 305 Prospect St.; Sharon Murphy and Rob Driscoll, 350 Prospect St.; Dr. George Sigel and family, 76 Beech St.; Kenneth and Jennifer Conley, 44 Marlboro St.; and Paul and Rayme (Eysie) Cleary, 10 Willett Parkway.

Each participant was given a booklet showing the locations and providing a little bit of history on each of the homes, which were dressed up inside and out with holiday decorations.

Also participating was the Norwood Theatre, Little Red Brick Schoolhouse, and Lewis' Bar & Grill, which welcomed the crowd after the tour for a celebration featuring raffle prizes, hors d'oeuvres and an auction.

Those who participated in the tour said it was a great opportunity to meet their neigh-

bors and share memories of the homes they visited.

"We love our house. We moved here in June," said Charlotte Canelli, the town's library director. "There have been hundreds of people come by and say they've always wanted to come by and see the house. The Day House is a great cause."

Driscoll said he and Murphy were asked to include their home on the tour and were excited to be a part of the event.

"It's been great. It's been a real pleasure. There are a lot of nice people...neighbors I haven't got to meet before," he said.

Hannah Sigel, of 76 Beech St., said she had heard "so much" about the Holiday Tour in the past and wanted to be involved.

"It's nice. You really get to know everybody. I have such a beautiful home I wanted to showcase," she said.

The tour raises money for the Day House, home to the Norwood Historical Society. Built in 1859, the house contains some of the town's oldest documents and historic items.

Event organizer Debbie Holmwood of the Norwood Neighbors said over 400 tickets were sold this year, compared to 265 last year, and around \$10,000 was raised in



Sharon Murphy and Rob Driscoll's home at 350 Prospect St. was one of five on display during the seventh annual Holiday House Tour on Sunday. The tour raised money for the Fred Holland Day House, home to the Norwood Historical Society.

combined ticket, auction and raffle sales.

"It was the best year ever money-wise, because the raffle was fantastic," she said. "The merchants in the tour were incredibly generous with their gift certificates and other items. I think it was fabulous. We couldn't thank the merchants and homeowners enough."

While Holmwood said she will be handing over the reins to someone else next year, she encouraged residents to send her suggestions and feedback on how to improve the event.

"I'm always open for suggestions. We'd like to get better," she said. She said those interested in participating next year or giving feedback can contact her at (781) 724-8883.



Rob Driscoll welcomes residents to his Prospect Street home during the Holiday House Tour.

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The Norwood Thrift Shop's current location, 1199 Washington St., has been sold to A Bella Mia Flowers.

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# Thrift Shop on the move

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Staff Reporter

One of the business fixtures in South Norwood will be moving at the end of the month, but loyal shoppers won't need to worry: They are not going far.

The Norwood Thrift Shop, one of the oldest continuous businesses in Norwood, will be moving just down the street into a building near Oolah Avenue, on 1091 Washington St., owned by the Donohue family.

The building from which the Thrift Shop currently operates, 1194 Washington St., was purchased last month by A Bella Mia Flowers, formerly at 1199 Wash-

ington St., and the owner of that business says she plans to start moving in across the street around the first of the year.

"We're hoping to expand," said Marie Noe, who runs the florist shop with her husband, Manny. "It's a bigger space for me. It will be my own space rather than renting, so it will be a benefit for me."

Noe said she expects the transition to be smooth and that she is glad the Thrift Shop has found a spot to remain in the neighborhood.

"We shop there, so we're glad they're still going to be close by," she said.

The Norwood Thrift Shop, established in 1927, sells used donated items, with proceeds from the sales funding various Norwood organizations. The store, run by volunteers with the Women's Community Committee, moved to its current Washington Street location in 1996, according to Jeannine Parsons, one of the 30-plus volunteers.

"I think it's going to be a good, fresh start," said Parsons of the move down the street. "There's no animosity. It makes all the business sense in the world

for [the florist]."

Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue said it is important for the Thrift Shop to remain a South Norwood establishment.

"The Thrift Shop has always been located in South Norwood. It has traditionally been here for its 50-plus years," she said. "We're thrilled too because the Thrift Shop has provided clothing for needy people in Norwood for more than 50 years. We see what they do on a daily basis. It's just a tremendous group of workers...35 women who work very, very hard for the town."

Donohue said the site is a little bigger than the current Thrift Shop location, has easy access, air conditioning, a handicap bathroom and plenty of on-street parking.

"I'm sure they'll enjoy the extra space they have. This is a win-win for everybody," she said.

The building was once a post office and most recently was the office of the Norwood Transcript, said Donohue.

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The Thrift Shop will move down the street to this building at the corner of Washington Street and Oolah Avenue.

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# Selectmen support \$900K housing grant application

**Scott MacKeen**  
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen is supporting the Norwood Community Planning Department's efforts in partnering with the town of Bridgewater to seek a \$900,000 grant through the state's Community Development Block Grant program.

Similar to grants the town has received over the past few years, money would be used to support the town's Housing Rehabilitation Program (HRP), which targets funding toward low- and moderate-income homeowners in repairing building and sanitary code violations, providing handicap access and improving the safety and liability of their homes. That includes replacing roofs, windows, siding, electrical and heating systems and more.

An additional \$250,000 would be put toward the Norwood Housing Authority in

doing electrical upgrades at the Washington Heights properties.

According to Pamela McCarthy, Community Development Fund coordinator for the town, the grant application includes \$750,000 for Norwood and \$150,000 for Bridgewater. The partnership allows the town to request \$100,000 in additional grant funds, said McCarthy, saying it also increases the chances that the application will be successful.

McCarthy said she has met with the Bridgewater town planner and other officials and feels comfortable with moving forward with the partnership.

"They're not a neighboring community, but it seemed to be a good match," McCarthy told the Selectmen Tuesday night. "We have a much better chance of getting the grant with a regional application."

The grant application will be filed in February and the town should know by June if it

is successful, she said. The grant targets a specific area of town where older dwellings are located. Funding can be used outside of the target area only in emergency situations, said McCarthy.

"If it were up to us, the entire town of Norwood would be in the target area. But we chose the oldest dwellings that would be in the most need of the grant funding," she said. "[The grants] are in high demand and there's only a certain amount of money."

Through October of last year, the HRP has completed 39 rehabbing projects in town, with 26 projects on a waiting list. McCarthy said she will continue to do outreach to expand the local waiting list through the media and other outlets.

The way the grant program works, homeowners must pre-

Selectmen

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# Police seek suspect in robbery

**Scott MacKeen**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Police Department (NPD) is looking for a man who they say robbed a gas station on Washington Street in the early morning hours on Monday.

According to a press release from department spokesman Kevin Grasso, the suspect entered the Mobil station at 499 Washington St. and demanded cash from the cash register.

Once the suspect received an undisclosed amount of cash from an employee, he fled on foot in an unknown direction, Grasso said.

Grasso said the suspect, described as a black male, between 5-foot 8-inches and 6-foot tall and 150 to 180 pounds, was holding a silver semi-automatic

handgun and wore a red bandana over his face to conceal his identity. He also wore a brown hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans, a baseball cap, black sneakers with a white stripe and gloves.

"Officer James Mahoney was first on scene and spoke with an employee stating the store had been robbed at gunpoint," said Grasso. "Norwood police searched the area with the assistance of a Massachusetts State Police K-9 unit and were unable to locate the suspect."

Police Chief William Brooks said the amount of money stolen is not being released because it could encourage similar robberies elsewhere. While saying many robberies like these are done for drug money, Brooks would not

speculate on the motivation in Monday's incident.

"It's very concerning when something like this happens," he said. "When it's the early morning and there's a gun involved, it has all the recipes for a disaster."

Anyone with any information is encouraged to contact the Norwood Police Department Bureau of Criminal Investigation at (781) 440-5198 or use the anonymous tip line at (781) 440-5181.

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# Police take part in Simunitions training

**Scott MacKeen**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Police Department stresses constant training and teaching to its officers of real-world scenarios they may face on the job, and that is exactly what Simunitions training is meant to enforce, Police Chief William Brooks said.

The entire Norwood Police Department (NPD) recently took part in the training program using Simunitions equipment, which includes non-legal ammunition used during role-playing exercises that simulate real-life encounters police officers could experience while on duty.

The training took place over the week of Nov. 12 at the landfill, with each officer receiving four hours of Simunitions training, said Officer Kevin Grasso, spokesman for the department.

Simunitions is a brand name for a small marking cartridge. It is fired from a specially modified weapon that replicates the real weapons carried by officers. Participating officers and role players wear both face and neck protection, allowing realistic training in a safe environment, said Grasso.

"This is our first time as a department using this. I think it's the beginning of the type of training we're going to be using in the future," Grasso said.

Grasso praised the program, which is used by police departments to unite the policing strategies learned in classroom or office settings with ballistics training taught on the firing range.

"I've been on the job 26 years and I've never been on any training like this. It was really good training," he said.

Brooks said he went through Simunitions training several times with the Wellesley Police Department and wanted to introduce it to the Norwood force.

"We got very good feedback from the officers. I thought it went very well," he said. "I thought the officers did a good job running it."

In September, three supervisors from the NPD were sent to Simunitions instructor class in Avon, Connecticut. Upon their return the plan for training was developed, and officers also volunteered to assist as needed, said Grasso.

**Police**

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**OPINION**

**TOUGH LESSONS**

While having lunch the other day with a friend, he confessed to being under a lot of stress. It seems that, more than 20 years after he last cracked open a textbook, he still owes \$20,000 in past due student loans.

We'll setting aside his own fault for the delinquency, what's more important is that this is a typical, blue-collar guy. He's certainly no doctor or Ivy League lawyer. In fact, if he had the chance to do it all over again, he probably wouldn't have given into that pressure all high school students face to either go to college or be considered a failure.

We thought of our friend and his financial woes this week while coming across two college-related news stories.

Radio station WBUR crunched the most recent tax data from the Chronicle of Higher Education. Boston University President Robert Brown earned \$1,141,330 in 2010; Northeastern University's president pulled down \$1,069,510, more than the \$1,006,969 MIT paid. In

Massachusetts, the average was more than \$480,000.

It also caught our eye that Boston College will soon open a new \$78 million educational facility.

Sure, projects like that are offset by big money donations by alumni and supporters. And, of course, big salaried presidents can be defended by those who compare them to the competitive salaries of CEOs running companies of equal size and complexity. We'll also parrot the oft-repeated point that these institutions do indeed create jobs, build culture and help make Boston the wonderful city it is.

But the costs we get as a trade-off aren't just measured in the property tax breaks we allow them. They can also be measured in the bank-account draining debt a degree levels on students, debt that lingers for decades thanks to a fickle job market.

Day-by-day, we see universities grab more and more land in this city. Heck, we should just rename Allston, Harvardville. But we always ascribe some higher value to them. We treat schools not as the mammoth corporations they really are, but as something more valuable.

A Wal-Mart in Boston? Unthinkable. But adding more dorms, or another lab? Sure. Oh, and if that lab happens to plunk all sorts of bio-hazards in the middle of a crowded neighborhoods, as BU did in the South End, the protests will ultimately fall on deaf ears.

Boston depends on colleges for much of its economy, but these are not typical businesses. We do hold some sway. A Harvard cannot just pull up stakes and move to Rhode Island the way a private sector company might. Yet, public officials never seem to leverage their influence beyond lip service.

We now have a senator elect, Elizabeth Warren, who has earned praise for her tough stand on the banking industry. We urge the Harvard professor, and others who have been so vocal on the perceived ills of the financial sector, to also dig into the nefarious effects of big-money colleges and the disproportionate debt they shoulder students with while they burn through millions. The current system of higher education in this country is yet another anchor weighing the economy down. Local and national officials need to start treating it as such.

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**Letters to the Editor**

**THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTING**

*To the Editor:*  
 The members of the First Congregational Church in Norwood would like to thank the following businesses for contributing to the Silent Auction which took place during the Evergreen Faire held at the church on Saturday, December 1. Contributing were: Boston Red Sox, Brookside Café, EcoTarium, Keldara Salon and Spa, New England Aquarium, Six Flags New England and Southwick's Zoo. Proceeds from the Silent Auction make up a significant portion of our church's overall fundraising for the year. We greatly appreciate the support of local merchants and other area businesses which allows us to continue our ministry to the Norwood community.

*Members of the First Congregational Church, Norwood*

**SENIORS REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED**

*To the Editor:*  
 As we come to the end of the year 2012, we must think of all those we lost this past year. It's been a sad year, as all 11 1/2 years have been. We must have lost so many and those so many were so much a part of the success of the Friends throughout the years. We pray for them and will always keep them in our hearts. How blessed we were to be a part of their lives. We thank all the seniors for our success in the past and hope the future is bright for all.

*Good Health, Good Luck, God Bless,  
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**MOTOR MEDIC**



Singers with the classic-rock cover band Ultrasonic Rock Orchestra perform at Norwood Theatre at Saturday night's show.

PHOTO BY SCOTT MACKEEN

# Norwood Theatre humming with activity

Scott MacKeen  
Staff Reporter

Three months after reopening its doors to the public, the Norwood Theatre is back in the swing of things and bringing positive things to downtown Norwood.

The downtown was humming on Saturday night, as patrons flocked to various neighborhood restaurants to catch a meal before taking in the evening's entertainment at the theatre, a performance by the classic-rock cover band Ultrasonic Rock Orchestra.

And on Sunday the theatre

was busy at work again, opening its doors to the public for the seventh annual Holiday House Tour, which benefited the Day House.

Vic Babel, of Babel's Paint & Decorating Store, said he couldn't even get a reservation on the Wednesday before the concert at nearby Olivadi Restaurant because it was already booked up for show night. He said many of the other businesses in the downtown are also thriving as a result of renewed activity at the theatre, and it's a credit to Lewis.

"She is really into the arts, and we are very fortunate.

Many people came up to her [at the Holiday Tour] and just said 'Thank you' for [restoring the theatre]," he said. "A building is a building is a building, but that building has a soul, and people have their memories of being there. Many of the other eating establishments are also busier, and it's really a positive thing."

Mary Boyle, a retired long-time teacher in Norwood, said the response to the reopening has been positive for the senior community as well.

"It was well worth the Theatre

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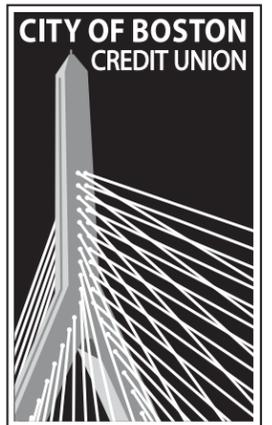
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## Police

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One of the scenarios presented to officers was a traffic stop that turns violent.

"The scenario is consistent with the potential danger that officers face on a daily basis," said Grasso. "Participants were able to observe first hand what is normally instructed within a classroom. Training of this caliber is invaluable to first responders."

Other scenarios featured violent role players and some did not, Grasso said. They were designed to test the officers' skill and judgment and the outcomes were determined by how the officers handled the situations.

"Simunitions training combines all aspects in realistic role-playing scenarios. The stress and realism levels are high, which allows officers to learn how to function under stress," said Grasso.

Brooks said the NPD provides \$100,000 for police training, adding that the new mandate from the state Municipal Police Training Committee is that all officers should receive 32 hours of training.

"All of our officers go to two days of in-service training," he said.

He said the department will continue to use Simunitions training going forward.

"We will do it every year because of the value it has for us," he said.

## Theatre

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wait," she said of the period when the building was closed for restoration.

Susan Lewis of Dover bought the old theatre at 109 Central St. back in January 2010 and immediately went to work on renovations. The theatre, which was built back in 1927, finally reopened over Labor Day weekend.

"As the doors open on Aug. 31, 2012 in celebration of the 85th anniversary of the Norwood Theatre, I am grateful to become a member of the downtown community," Lewis wrote in a letter to members at the time.

Reached this week, Lewis said the response from the community has been "amazing."

"It's been very positive," she said. "It's been going very well. I've been pleased with the attendance. We've had quite a few sellouts or close to sellouts. The shows have been very well received. What I hear

from people coming in is that the restaurants are quite crowded. There's a very positive energy."

The Holiday House Tour on Sunday gave those who have not yet seen the new and improved theatre a chance to do so.

"Ninety percent of the people here [at the tour] haven't seen the theatre since it reopened," said Babel, whose company was involved with decorating the theatre lobby for the event.

"Everything was unexpected yesterday. The attendance was unbelievable," said Lewis of the response during the House Tour.

And it's not only about entertainment; Lewis said she has reached out to the schools for several upcoming events.

"For the last three years, I've been giving a scholarship to a Norwood student in the Arts Department," she said.

On Thursday, March 7,

Norwood Theatre will host a fundraiser for the Norwood High School Visual Arts Department, displaying students' work. On Saturday, April 6, the theatre will welcome impressionist comedian Joey Voices in an event benefiting the Norwood High Scholarship Fund.

The theatre is holding two upcoming holiday-themed shows. On Saturday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m., there will be a holiday variety show featuring Rick Adam and the North Shore Acappella. On Saturday, Dec. 22 at 8 p.m., the 11-piece rock orchestra Ornament will take the stage, performing traditional carols and holiday music set to rock, gospel and blues.

Tickets for both shows are \$20 for children and seniors and \$25 for adults. Call the box office at (781) 551-9000 or visit [www.norwoodstage.com](http://www.norwoodstage.com) for tickets or more information on events.

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# Library Events

## GARY HYLANDER LECTURE ON THE MONTGOMERY BUS BOYCOTT

In anticipation of Black History Month, popular historian Gary Hylander will return to the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. to talk about the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

On a cold December afternoon in 1955, Rosa Parks boarded a city bus after a long day at the sewing machine. Montgomery, Alabama's Jim Crow laws provided that as the bus filled up, black riders had to surrender their seats to white passengers. Parks' refusal to move prompted a 381-day bus boycott by blacks that drew national attention and introduced the country to an unknown Baptist preacher, Martin Luther King, Jr.

Please sign up for this program, funded by the Friends of the Library, at the Reference or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222. The library is handicapped accessible.

## GLOBE'S BRIAN MCGRORY TO VISIT LIBRARY

Please join Boston Globe associate editor and columnist Brian McGrory at the Memorial Library on Thursday, Jan. 24, at 7:30 p.m. as he talks about his new memoir, "Buddy: How a Rooster Made Me a Family Man."

A longtime newspaper reporter, editor, and columnist, McGrory was born and raised in the Boston area and graduated from Bates College. He worked for the Patriot Ledger, the New Haven Register, and has written for and edited the Boston Globe since 1989. His twice-weekly column in the Metro section of the Globe has won the Scripps-Howard journalism award, and he is also the author of four novels.

Sign up for this event, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, at either the Reference or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222. Autographed copies of "Buddy" will be available for purchase after the program. The library is accessible to the physically challenged.

## "FOOD BEWARE" FILM AT LIBRARY

The film "Food Beware," about a town in France that went organic and thrived, will be shown at the Morrill Memorial Library on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 7 p.m. Pre-

sented by Together Yes, the local organization that promotes sustainability, this eye-opening documentary chronicles an experiment in the town of Barjac, in which the mayor has decided to make the school's lunches organic. Featuring interviews with children, parents, teachers, health care workers, farmers, elected officials and others, "Food Beware" takes a powerful look at the abuses of the food industry, the challenges and rewards of safe food production, and offers practical solutions.

Sign up for this film, the first in a four-part series offered by Together Yes, at the library Reference or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222. The library is handicapped accessible.

## CONNECTING THROUGH SOCIAL NETWORKING AT THE LIBRARY

Come to a free information session at the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. to learn how to build and leverage your social networks to stay connected in today's interconnected world. Sandra Coswate, Social Networking Consultant and Institute Manager at the Sloan Consortium, will talk about how you can use Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn to help you grow your personal or professional network.

Sign up for this valuable program at the library Reference or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222. The library is accessible to the physically challenged.

## DOCUMENTARY "BAG IT" AT LIBRARY

"Bag It" has won awards at film festivals across the nation. Together Yes, the organization promoting sustainability, will present a free screening of this eye-opening documentary at the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. When an average guy makes a resolution to stop using plastic bags at the grocery store, he discovers his life is never the same. What started as a documentary about plastic bags evolved into a wholesale investigation into plastics and their effect on our waterways, oceans, and even our bodies. Sign up to view this important film at the library Reference or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222. The library is accessible to the physically challenged.

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## Police Logs

### Tuesday Dec. 04

0155 radio - Runaway child taken to family/guardian Location/address: Coldwell Banker House Starr Program/ Home For - Winter St N666 located missing juvenile from earlier and returned that Party to the custody of Starr Program.

0452 walk-in - Susp activity area search negative Location/address: Brookview Cir Walk in reports he witnessed a black male party attempting To break into his neighbor's vehicle approximately 30 mins Ago. Walk in party chased the black male party away. Bolo Put out to the cars. N666 conducted area search.

1134 phone - Missing person returned home Awol again.N663 found missing youth on walking Hill Street . Returned

1353 phone - Larceny spoken to Location/address: Brookview Cir Resident reports he still has not received his coin collection back as promised. Previous investigation by Off Baguma. Information forwarded to Officer Baguma.

1418 phone - Assaults Location/address: Buckminster Dr Management reports resident was assaulted. Other party gone.

1439 phone - Mischief (kids) spoken to Location/address: Gazebo - Town Common - Washington St Caller reports kids putting large rocks on steps of Gazebo. Kids waiting for mother who is at Apollo. Kids spoken to.

1615 phone - Well being chk Location/address: Norwood Plaza - Nahatan St Report of a male walking up/down sidewalk and through parking lot, shouting profanities at himself. N664 spoke to him, having a bad day after an argument with someone earlier Near CVS, checked-not wanted, f.i.o'd and sent on his way.

1655 initiated - Susp vehicle services rendered Location/address: Hawes Pool - Washington St N662 comes across ct temporary 859t3, unoccupied. Check of same-not stolen. Call to tel.# on truck-no answer. N662 reports plate appears tampered with but still on truck. Truck is legally parked.

### Wednesday Dec. 05

0459 phone - Violation of town bylaw spoken to Location/address: Morse St Caller states "Harvey disposal" is picking up trash again at Direct Tire. N663 responded to area and located him at 163 Morse St. Spoken to.

0746 phone - Unwanted party gone on arrival Location/address: Rama Shopping Center/ Seven Eleven - Washington St Clerk reports a black youth on a bicycle asking customers for money as they enter his store. N664 sent, spoke with clerk and reports youth is gone. officer will check area.

1127 phone - Warrant service unsuccessful service Location/address: Chatham Rd Officers execute a search warrant . Off Copponi transports one under arrest. Arrest: Mancuso, Geoffrey S Address: 38 Chatham Rd Norwood Dob: 10/22/1982 Charges: warrant arrest

1501 phone - Fraud Location/address: Bezema Motors Corp - Bos-Prov Hwy

1639 phone - Susp activity gone on arrival Location/address: Washington St Caller reported kids ringing doorbell asking to buy alcohol. Caller then hung up, not providing additional information. Officer checked area, nothing suspicious found.

1708 phone - Shoplifting arrest(s)made Location/address: CVS Pharmacy - Nahatan St Caller reported shoplifting just occurred. Officers located suspect, one under arrest. One transported to the station Starting 66711.7 @1727. Ending 66712.1 @1728. Arrest: Baiona, Marlene R Address: 32 Guild St Apt. #203 Norwood Dob: 04/11/1955 Charges: shoplifting by asportation, 3rd off. Receive stolen property -\$250

2211 911 - Burglary Location/address: Pleasant St Caller reports b&e to home.

2219 phone - Animal complaint gone on arrival Location/address: United Parcel Service (Security) - University Ave Caller reported dog in roadway. Officer checked area, nothing found.

2327 911 - Susp activity gone on arrival Location/address: Davis Ave Caller reported knocking on a side window. Officers checked area, nothing found.

### Thursday Dec. 06

0016 911 - Disturbance services rendered Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Patient states she is being held against her will in Maternity Ward. Upon call back, nurse states patient is going to be transferred to another floor and out of control. Patient was calm upon arrival and moved down to e.r.

0046 911 - Hit and run complaint/summons Location/address: Plymouth Dr Caller reports he heard a bang and states a vehicle in Parking lot has been hit. N669,n665 responded.

Police Logs

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# Sports



The Mustangs opened the season Wednesday evening against Hingham. The team is looking forward to a run at a Bay State Conference title.

PHOTO BY KEVIN STONE

## Mustangs ready to rebound after playoff disappointment

Kevin Stone  
Staff Reporter

For those of us devastated by the NHL lockout, there is some help on the way.

While college hockey started several weeks ago, it's now finally high school hockey's turn to diverge our attention away from the agony of not being able to go see the Bruins at the Garden.

The Norwood hockey team kicked off its season Wednesday night in Hingham after The Record went to press, looking to erase the crushing memory of their heartbreaking loss to rival Natick in the Division 1 South semi-finals last year.

Having won the Bay State Conference (BSC) during the regular season last year as well, the 15-4-4 record that the Mustangs posted will have to be replicated or bettered if the squad hopes to make another state title run, which is something on head coach Bill Clifford's mind.

"We're definitely going to have a target on our back," said Clifford in a recent interview. "This league is outstanding with some great competition. I tell the kids every year that each night is going to be a battle. You've got Braintree, Natick,

Milton, Walpole is going to be better. We're going to have to bring our 'A' game every night and I think the guys are ready for that challenge after almost tasting that success last season."

Norwood will be backbones by ESPN Boston's pre-season third team All-State goalie Jor-

dan Davis. Davis is, and should be one of the best goalies in the state this season.

"Jordan's our backbone," said Clifford. "He's one of the main reasons we can be as competitive as we hope to be this

Boys Hockey

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Captain Jordan Davis hopes to repeat the success he had with the U18 Weymouth Wildcats this fall, when his team won a state title.

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**Police Logs** *continued from page 10*

0634 911 - B&E of motor vehicle arrest(s)made Location/address: Edgehill Rd Caller reports her son saw someone in her car then fled across the street. N665,n669,n663,n664 responded. After Searching area, suspected party was located and identified By one of the witnesses.as a result, n665 returned with 1 under arrest. Arrest: Gasner, Jean Address: 270 Lenox St Apt. #C Norwood Dob: 08/12/1963 Charges: b&e vehicle nighttime felony B&e vehicle nighttime felony

0714 911 - Malicious damage Location/address: Work Out World - Old Farm Rd Caller states a male party followed her off highway to Workout World. She waited in her car until he left then went inside. When she left and got home 2 of her tires were nearly flat.

0831 phone - Complaint of m/v spoken to Location/address: North Plain St Caller reports a camper has been parked in middle of street since Thanksgiving. It is now leaking water causing ice to form. Officer spoke to owner at #16. No issues during day, but, advised of overnight parking issue.

0839 phone - Motor vehicle accident papers exchanged Location/address: Pendergast Cir

1035 radio - 209a violation arrest(s)made Location/address: North Plain St 209a violation. As a result of previous call at this address, officers went back to arrest subject for 209a violation. Trailer towed by center auto. DPW hosed down human waste that was leaking. Arrest: McLean, Eugene Victor Address: 16 N Plain Norwood Dob: 08/04/1978 Charges: abuse prevention order, violate

1141 phone - Well being chk area search negative Location/address: Washington St + Everett St Caller reports young boy (7 or 8) standing around for over 1/2 hour. W/m, long blk hair and blk clothing.

1151 phone - Well being chk services rendered Location/address: Washington St Ss employee reports male subject left there after stating he was going to hang himself. He also stated he was feeling a little better and may go to friends house. Unknown where that was. He may be driving a F150 Ford. Vehicle not in driveway and no answer at door. Officer Kehoe will make periodic checks. 12/06/2012 1602 2nd check of residence, no one home.

1524 phone - Weapons charges Location/address: Home Depot - Bos-Prov Hwy Road rage incident victim states as he pulled into Home Depot passenger waved a hand gun out back window. Bolo to cars and south district. Ma 215ra5 out of Mansfield. Mansfield pd notified. N409 n495 go to suspects address

in Walpole to investigate further. Addr apt. #1 Mansfield 1648 phone - 209a violation arrest(s)made Location/address: Center Auto Body - Carnegie Row Caller reports issue with customer. Male also reports possible 209a violation. Officers investigated. One male placed under arrest. Arrest: McLean, Eugene Victor Address: 16 North Plain St Norwood Dob: 08/04/1978 Charges: a&b on police officer Resist arrest

2034 cellular - B&E of motor vehicle Location/address: Everett Ave Caller reports B&E to vehicle. Mc7 sent.

**Friday Dec. 07**

0104 walk-in - Assaults Location/address: Napper Tandy's - Day St Party in lobby states a male in Napper Tandy's threw a beer in his face and wanted to fight him. He then decided he didn't want to pursue. N664 responded.

0854 phone - Parking violation services rendered Location/address: Central St Red pickup parks in same place everyday, all day. 2 hour parking area. Ma 8025eb. Officer will check back in 2 hours.

1810 phone - Hit and run arrest(s)made Location/address: Dean St + Neponset St Caller reports hit and run. Caller is following the suspect that fled. Vehicle last seen on Jacobsen Dr. Multiple units fled. Suspect fled vehicle. Male located and placed under Arrest for oui. Negoshian's to tow vehicle. Arrest: Tierney, Thomas F Jr Address: 13 Barberry Ln Norwood Dob: 08/01/1969 Charges: oui liquor or .08% Leave scene of property damage

1810 phone - Breaking and entering Location/address: Alandale Pkwy Caller reports B&E to the house.

2054 phone - Susp activity services rendered Location/address: Shamrock Pub - Railroad Ave Caller reports female keeps coming out side of the house to the right of the Shamrock trying to sell her percocet.

**Saturday Dec. 08**

0005 phone - Robbery could not locate Location/address: Washington St Caller reports that the 7-11 is being held up at gun point. All units reports and 4-12 officers as well. Officers check all businesses and nothing was being held up. Upon further investigation the phone that was used to make the call was stolen in a b&e to a motor vehicle minutes before.

0908 phone - Hit and run Location/address: Walnut Ave Report car sideswiped last night hile parked, unoccupied on the street. N664 took report at Cherrywood Dr.-car owner's residence.

1249 radio - Shoplifting

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arrest(s)made Location/address: Stop & Shop - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller states a shoplifter in the store and giving the manager a difficult time. N666 & n666 dispatched. N667 stands by until Negoshian's tows ma pc 35xw56. N666 Places subject under arrest and transports to station. Arrest: Claffey, Patrick Address: 15 Sewall St Quincy Dob: 10/30/1975 Charges: shoplifting by asportation

1442 phone - Domestic Location/address: Fisher St Caller reports his cousin is out of control, yelling profanities in background, then disconnected. N667 reports 2 cousins had an argument, 1 leaving with foster parent at this time.

1545 phone - Larceny Location/address: Catmobile - Bos-Prov Hwy Report 2 pet carriers stolen during the day.

1607 phone - Larceny Location/address: Azalea Dr Report U.P.S. Packages stolen.

2045 phone - Domestic arrest(s)made Location/address: Adlife - University Ave As the result of a verbal argument, one male placed under arrest for malicious destruction of property over \$250. (ma 367gg6) Officer Annino gives female courtesy transport home To 1151 Washington Street. (sm 1111.6 2115 em 1116.5 2122) Arrest: Kelley, William F Address: 27 Thompson St Apt. #1 Dedham Dob: 03/14/1987 Charges: destruction of property +\$250, malicious

2127 initiated - Kids gathering gone on arrival Location/address: St John Ave Passing motorist to n666 reports group of adult males gathering in area.

2252 phone - Susp person Location/address: Robert's Barber Shop - Washington St Passing pedestrian reports 3 males and a dog entered the shop, used a key, seemed strange at this hour. NFD forced entry. N667 reports all parties ok.

**Sunday Dec. 09**

0122 phone - Dispute Location/address: Day St Caller reported argument. Officers reported verbal argument only.

0220 phone - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: The Take Away - Chapel St Caller reported white Tahoe blocking driveway. Officer reported pc ga pdv1600 in driveway. Officer knocked on neighbor's door. No answer.

0335 phone - Susp person spoken to Location/address: Pendergast Cir Caller reported suspicious person. Party checked, ok.

1207 phone - Breaking and entering Location/address: Mountain Ave Past b&e to residence. Mc7 and Det. Ryan sent.

1529 phone - Citizens complaint spoken to Location/address: Prescott School - Richland Rd Report parents with kids on dirt bikes on

playing fields. N678 spoke to all parties and sent them on their way.

1835 phone - Susp person spoken to Location/address: Ace Coin Laundry - Washington St Caller reports that male asked her to take a nude photo of him. Spoke to caller, checked area. Male is goa.

1904 phone - Susp activity gone on arrival Location/address: Cambridge Rd Caller states that she observed a white male near a manhole and isn't sure if he was trying to remove a sewer cover. N664 and 665 sent.

**Monday Dec. 10**

0325 phone - Robbery Location/address: Mobil Gas - Wash./RR Av - Washington St Received call for hold up alarm. Employee reported robbery. Bolo broadcast to area towns. Suspect described as a black male wearing a black leather jacket,

hoodie, red mask/scarf and blue jeans. State police k9 responded.

1603 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Mountain Ave Resident (whose home was broken into over the weekend) of Mountain Ave reports 2 males threatening him. Both have black jackets, 1 with lt blue jeans and 1 with dk jeans. Both parties spoken to. Just an argument.

1735 initiated - Susp person Location/address: Mountain Ave Officers out with four males walking through the neighborhood.

2300 phone - Domestic services rendered Location/address: Village Rd E Caller reports he can hear a male yelling and doors slamming for the past hour. N667 n669 n663 sent. N667 reports he spoke to both parties and they were not arguing.

## Norwood Police Department notice

In last week's Norwood Record Police Log, a log item 12-16665 on Dec 1st at 1603 hours listed a "liquor law violation" at Bay State Wine and Liquor. The incident involved a citizen looking for advise about an alcohol-related issue and Bay State's address was the one provided to the dispatcher. No violation occurred at the store, so the item was misleading. The Norwood Police Department regrets the error.

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## Legals

**TOWN OF NORWOOD  
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 **January 8, 2013 at 7:30 PM** on the request of **Norwood Commerce Center (Case # 13-02)** with respect to property located on **61 Endicott Street** in a **M-Manufacturing District**.

The application requests:

This application request a **SPECIAL PERMIT** under Section 3.1.5 (D) (5) of the Zoning Bylaws to allow: A coffee shop/ restaurant use within an existing building at the Norwood Commerce Center, total square footage approximately 375 square feet. And, any other relief that the Board may deem necessary and 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**  
Patrick J. Mulvehill, Chairman; Barbara A. Kinter, Philip W. Riley, John R. Perry, Harry T. Spence

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**GARABEDIAN**

Catherine "Caddie" Ann, 85, of Norwood, on Dec. 7. Catherine was a long time employee of the New England Telephone company and a member of the Pioneer Club. Beloved daughter of the late Peter Folan and Nora (O' Toole). Beloved wife of the late Charles "Gary" Garabedian, devoted sister of Matthew Folan of Norwood, Thomas Folan of Belmont, Nora Murphy and Ann Marie "Nancy" Folan, both of Norwood, and the late John Folan. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home,

Norwood. Interment will follow at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Caddie's memory to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701 or [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org).

**JOUBERT**

Paul Francis, 53, formerly of Norwood, on Nov. 16. Beloved son of Lorraine R. Joubert Breen and husband Alfred L. Breen of

Norwood. Paul was an exceptional dad to Megan E. Joubert of CA and Jessica L. Joubert of AZ. Grandpapa to Jasmine and Jeremiah of CA. Loving brother of Deborah A. Tierney and husband Timothy of AZ, Donna L. Joubert of AZ, Kenneth R. Joubert, Jr. and wife Jill of MD and Margaret French of Norwood. Uncle to Erin, Ryan, Brian, Ken, Matt, and Kelli. We will celebrate Paul's life at a memorial Mass Dec. 15, at

9a.m. St. Timothy's Catholic Church, 650 Nichols St., Norwood.

**KAGER**

Lily Marjorie "Margot" (Hill), 91, on Dec. 2, at her home in Norwood, MA. During World War II she enlisted in the WRNS and served in Ceylon, India. At the end of the war the Hill family moved to Canada. Her passions in life were love of family, music, swimming in the ocean, walking, speaking French, quoting Shakespeare, painting and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. She inspired everyone she touched. Beloved wife to Gerry, her two daughters Sabrina Kager and partner Robert Stenger of Sedona, AZ, Dawna and her husband Mark Nocera of Nahant, MA, and her four grandchildren Volila Robinson, Charisse Nocera, Miranda Nocera and Guwendolyn Robinson. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home Norwood. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Lily's honor to either the Boston Symphony or the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Thank you to Beverly DeWitt and hospice provided by VNA, Kathy Lynch and "Mags", and Debbie LeBlanc for providing loving support.

**MAZZEO**

Priscilla, 73, of Norwood died suddenly on Dec. 3. Devoted Mother of Thomas F. Cabral and his wife Sarah of Franklin, Lauri McVay and her late husband Rick of Springfield and the late Maria Mazzeo. Loving Sister of Bill Mazzeo of AZ. Cherished grandmother "Nani" of Andrew Michael "Boopa" McVay of Springfield. She is survived by

her lifelong friends Joan Barrett and Barbara Vanvugt, both of Boston. Also survived by many loving Family and Friends. Daughter of the late John Mazzeo BFD, and Marie (Malloy) Mazzeo. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home Norwood. Burial will be at St. Michael's Cemetery Boston, Ma. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to Autism Speaks, 990 Washington St., Dedham, MA 02026.

**RILEY**

John T., 73, of Norwood, on Dec. 7. Beloved husband of the late Louise (Colassi) Mitchell. Devoted father of Lori A. (Riley) Gallagher and her husband Thomas of Norwood and John M. Riley of Norwood. Stepfather of Michele (Mitchell) Comer of Hingham. Brother of Kenneth Riley of Roslindale, Thomas Riley of Middleboro, and Julianne Riley of Walpole. Cherished grandfather of Casey and Kelly Gallagher, both of Norwood. Son of the late Thomas J. and Mary V. (Lynch) Riley. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery, Norwood.

**UTORKA**

Agnes (Werkowski), 94, on Dec. 5. Beloved wife of the late Anthony Utorka. Devoted mother of Anthony S. Utorka and his wife Janet of FL., Barbara J. Mullikin and her husband David of Nashua, NH., Edward P. Utorka and his wife Mary of Foxboro and Richard Utorka of CA. Loving Sister of Fabian Werkowski and his wife Ruth of FL. And the late Paul, Frank, John, Helen Rice and Stacia Anchukaitis. Also survived by 5 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood.

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**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.

**BINGO:**

Every Wednesday, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**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 offer blood pressure screening on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at noon. The Walpole VNA will now be doing blood pressure screening on the

third Wednesday of the month at noon.

**BOOK CLUB:**

The Book Club will be meeting on Monday, Dec. 17, at 10:00a.m. They will be discussing "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn."

**BRIDGE:**

Our Bridge Club meets on Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. 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.

**CRIBBAGE:**

Our seniors meet every Mon-

day at 12:45p.m. to play cribbage.

**DIABETES WORKSHOP:**

The Diabetes Workshop will meet on Thurs, Dec. 27, at 11:00 a.m.

**GLEE CLUB:**

The Glee Club meets on Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m.

**HISTORY TALK:**

The next History Talk will be on Thursday, Dec. 20, at 1:00 p.m.

**MINI FIX-IT SHOP:**

The workshop will be open from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. 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 10:00 a.m., at the Senior Cen-

ter. The Club Membership meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks Lodge, at 10:00 a.m.

**PROPOPE:**

The Propope group will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 1:00 p.m.

**SCRABBLE:**

Our Scrabble players meet in the library every Thursday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. Come and join them for a game.

**SHINE:**

Our SHINE Counselor, Carol, will help you with your medical insurance needs on Tuesdays from 10:00-2:00 p.m. Please call 781-762-1201 for an appointment.

**WHIST:**

Whist players meet to play Whist on Tuesdays at 12:45 p.m., in the library.

**WHIST PARTY:**

Please note whist parties will be held on the 4th Friday of each month from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Christmas Party and Entertainment - Dec. 18, 11:30 a.m., \$10.00

Glee Club Christmas Concert - Dec. 21, 1:30 p.m. No cost

Friends' Dance, Friday, Dec. 21, from 7:00 - 10:30 p.m., \$10.00, Dave Valerio will provide the music.

**FRIENDS OF NORWOOD C.O.A. NEW YEARS EVE DAY CELEBRATION:**

On New Years Celebration on Dec. 31 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Music by John Rampino, tickets at Norwood Senior Center Between the hours of 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$40. per person includes raffle sold by Friends Board Members ONLY Monday-Friday. You may mail checks to Friends of Norwood C/O Anne Benson 391 Winter St. Norwood, MA 02062. Question please call Bill McCoy at 781-7699462 or Anne Benson 781-762-5625.

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qualify with the HRP to get on the list to rehabilitate their homes. The program offers deferred payment loans up to \$30,000 to homeowners who meet the income criteria. If the homeowner remains in the home for 15 years, the loan is forgiven.

"It's only if the property is sold that the money comes back to the town," said McCarthy.

Steve Merritt, executive director of the Norwood Housing Authority, explained aspects of the proposed Washington Heights improvements. He said the development, built around 1950, consists of 75 units and 190 residents on Jefferson Drive and Roosevelt Avenue. Residents of the complex have been experiencing temporary blackouts more and more recently and there is a real need for upgrades, he said.

"It's very important for

these families to have that safety and level of service with their electrical system," said Merritt. "All of our capital money from the first three years of this program will go to this project because we feel it's that important."

**National Grid discussion**

Peter Nagle and Dennis McCaffery of National Grid appeared before the board for a public hearing to discuss recent complaints over specific gas-service issues in the town, and for a general discussion over the gas company's cost structure.

Recent complaints included a cost estimate of over \$40,000 for a Pellana Road resident to connect to a gas main on the street and a situation on Ridgewood Drive in which a gas leak occurred and the company only responded after the resident reported the leak after being without gas all day.

Regarding the high cost for a hook-up, Nagle said National Grid is a regulated entity controlled by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities and must produce a rate of return that fits its costs structure. Years ago, when construction costs were less expensive, the company was able to extend lines at a lower cost.

Town Manager John Carroll asked why the company could not spread the bill over many years, but Nagle and McCaffery both responded that would require a policy change through the state agency and was not something they could adopt unilaterally.

"Nobody does major construction and pay the cost up front. They go out and borrow," he said. "That's what you will be doing. Why can't the homeowner do the same thing? It's not fair."

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**CONGREGATIONAL GOSPEL SINGERS AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

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**CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

The First Congregational Church will hold its traditional Christmas Eve service of candles and carols on Saturday, Dec. 24, beginning at 5:30 p.m. This family-friendly service has been celebrated for more than twenty years, and includes Christmas songs performed by the choir, and a Nativity pageant based on readings from the prophecy of Isaiah and the gospels according to Luke and Matthew.

**SPECIAL ADVENT MUSIC SERVICE AT THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

Come join us at the First Congregational Church in Norwood on Sunday, Dec. 16, for a special service of Advent music beginning at 10 a.m., featuring both young and old singers and ringers. The Joyful Noise Youth Bell Choir will ring the introit, "On This Day Earth Shall Ring", by Anna Laura Page, and the Vested Ringers Adult Bell Choir will provide the offertory, "Christmas Joy", by Michael Helman. The Chancel Choir will begin the musical core of the service with a chorale, "Let All Together Praise our God" by J.S. Bach, accompanied by church member Beth Amis on flute. This will be fol-

# Religious Events

lowed by "Fum Fum Fum", a traditional carol arranged by Alice Parker.

The Children's Choir will begin their portion of the service with "The Friendly Beasts" by Carlton Young, featuring soloists Anna Meglan and Zackary Light. A narration will follow by Mea Sangiacomo, after which the children will sing "Huddle Close" by Hank Beebe. The combined choirs will then sing another traditional Christmas tune, "Christmas Hosanna", arranged by Keith Christopher, in memory of Janna Bremer, a long-time church and Chancel Choir member who passed away last summer.

The First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is an Open & Affirming congregation welcoming all. We are located at the corner of Route 1A and Winter Street in Norwood. Our Sunday morning worship service starts at 10 AM and is followed by coffee and conversation in Pingree Hall. Reverend Dr. John Hamilton and Rev. Lisa Rizoli are glad to extend pastoral assistance. For more information, please call the church office at (781)762-3320.

**CHRISTMAS AT EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Come and Celebrate Christmas at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Emmanuel is located at 24 Berwick St., Norwood. All are welcome.

On Monday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve there will be three Candlelight worship services. At all of the services, the Christmas

Candle in the center of the Advent Wreath will be lit, "Silent Night" will be sung with congregation candle lighting, special music will be presented by Emmanuel's musicians and vocalists, Pastor Saling will present a message, and Holy Communion will be celebrated. At 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. there will be family worship services with a special story for children. The 7 p.m. service will follow the basic structure of Lutheran worship but in a contemporary music mode. At 10:30 p.m., the Formal Liturgy of the Angels will be held. This service is the highest liturgy of the season.

On Dec. 25, Christmas Day, we will have our traditional Christmas Day worship at 10 a.m. Please come as you are, a Christmas Story for all ages will be told, and Holy Communion will be celebrated in a Carol setting.

Lessons and Carols will be sung at our services on Sunday, Dec. 30, 2012. These services will be held at 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. with a Fellowship Hour between the services. Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services.

Epiphany and the Baptism of our Lord will be the highlight of our worship services at 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 6. There will be a procession of the Three Kings, we will hear the story of the Wise Men, the Christmas tree will remain lighted, Epiphany Carols will be sung, Pastor Saling will deliver a message and Holy Communion will be celebrated at both worship services. Sunday school will resume at 10 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

There will be a Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist service at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 24. This Christmas Eve Family Service is a warm, inviting service for all ages, but especially for those with children. It begins with the musical talents of the Grace Festival Choir and Instrumental Ensemble (members include children and adults) who will play a variety of instruments and sing Christmas hymns. The service ends with a darkened, candlelit church and the singing of the hymn "Silent Night".

On Tuesday, Christmas Day, there will be one 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist service.

**UNITED CHURCH OF NORWOOD CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

On Monday, Dec. 24 at 7:00 p.m. the United Church of Norwood will hold a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. The service will include many of the traditional carols, the Christmas scriptures, the lighting of the Advent candle and a Christmas Eve message by Pastor Kevin Smith. The sanctuary choir will sing "Stars of the Night, Burning Bright", which was written especially for the United Church choir. Featured musical guest for the service will be harpist Felice Pomeranz of The Gilded Harps. The service will be "kid-friendly", and all children are welcome to participate under the direction of Children's Minister Meg Nelson. Everyone is invited to attend this meaningful service. The church is located at the corner of Washington and Nahatan Streets in Norwood center. For more information call the church office at 781-762-2589.

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**FOVA NORWOOD MEETING**

FoVANorwood (Friends of Visual Arts) will be holding their next meeting on Jan. 9, at 6:30 p.m. Located at the Morrill Memorial library. We will be discussing upcoming shows and plans for the Fine Arts festival. All are welcome to attend.

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ply after Jan. 25th. To register, go to our website: norfolkionsoccer.com For registration questions, contact the Registrar, Reynolds Lee, at our general email: lionssoccer.norfolk@gmail.com or leave a message for him at: (508) 528-8015. Financial Assistance is available. www.facebook.com/norfolkionsyouthsoccer

**DEADLINE FOR NYS SPRING TRAVEL REGISTRATION**

The Norwood Youth Soccer deadline to register for the Spring 2013 Travel program U14 to U10 is Dec. 29, 2012. You must sign up early to ensure a spot on a team. All players who register late will be placed on a wait-list, and will be charged a \$10 late fee. Please visit "www.norwoodsoccer.com" and click "Registration" for more information. High School aged players (U19 to U15) interested in Spring Soccer please show your interest and sign up early. All High School age sign-ups are placed on a wait-list. All players will be released in March and placed on a team according to when they signed up. At the time of release payment will be expected.

**UNITED CHURCH OF NORWOOD CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

On Monday, Dec. 24 at 7:00 p.m. the United Church of Norwood will hold a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. The service will include many of the traditional carols, the Christmas scriptures, the lighting of the Advent candle and a Christmas Eve message by Pastor Kevin Smith. The sanctuary choir will sing "Stars of the Night, Burning Bright", which

was written especially for the United Church choir.

Featured musical guest for the service will be harpist Felice Pomeranz of The Gilded Harps. The service will be "kid-friendly", and all children are welcome to participate under the direction of Children's Minister Meg Nelson.

Everyone is invited to attend this meaningful service. The church is located at the corner of Washington and Nahatan Streets in Norwood center. For more information call the church office at 781-762-2589.

**TEMPLE SHAARE TEFILAH DINNER**

Will have a dinner followed by an evening service on Friday, Dec. 14, 2012. 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, Dec. 11, 781-762-8670.

**CONCERTS ON THE COMMON COMMITTEE PRESENTS WINTER CONCERT SERIES**

The Town of Norwood Concerts on the Common Committee is offering something new in January with four free concerts to help you make it through the long cold winter. Concerts will be held over four consecutive Sundays at the Norwood High School beginning on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013 with The Tom Nutile Big Band followed on Jan. 20th by the Westwood Swing Band. Then on January 27th the S.O.S. Big Band will perform before the winter series concludes on

Sunday, Feb. 3rd with the Roy Scott Big Band. All performances are 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the new Norwood High School and will be held rain, shine or snow, unless it is a really big storm! Hot chocolate and goodies will be served at intermission. For more information please call the Norwood Town Hall at 781.762.1240 or visit <http://www.norwoodma.gov/>.

**CHRISTMAS TREE SALES**

Christmas is approaching which means the Christmas tree corral is set up on the front lawn of Grace Episcopal Church! The Nova Scotia balsams range from \$15 (table top) to \$40 with many beautiful trees available in the \$25-\$35 range. Decorated wreaths are available for \$15 and undecorated for \$10. Come early for wreaths - they sell out quickly. Hours are weekdays 3-9 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Sundays Noon-9pm. The church is located at 150 Chapel Street. At this time of year when the days shorten and shopping lists lengthen, a voice inside might be telling you that the things you most yearn for can't be found in a store, on the internet, or under a tree. During the four Sundays leading up to Christmas, worship at First Congregational Church in Norwood will explore our deep human longings in the light of the Advent candles of hope, peace, joy and love. All are welcome to join us on December 2, 9, 16 and 23 as story, silence, music and conversation help guide each of us to a path between our everyday life and a stable in Bethlehem.

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season.”  
Tyler Gover, Davis will be the team’s two captains, with Danny Wiseman as the team’s Assistant Captain this season for the Mustangs.

“Tyler and Jordan have been around all four years so I guess you could say it was kind of bound to happen that they’d be captains this year. They’ve both been solid for me for the first three years so I’m expecting another strong season in

both leadership and talent from them this year,” said Clifford.

Natick, who will be some of Norwood’s stiffest competition this year for the BSC title, is also serving as a strong motivating factor after ending the Mustangs’ season in remarkably devastating 1-0 fashion last year down on the Cape.

“The kids have been working hard in the offseason with that Natick game in

mind,” admitted Clifford. “Obviously, losing 1-0 two games away from a state title opportunity is a tough thing to swallow, especially when it’s a rival. But, the kids have worked hard and seem really focused on trying to erase that feeling they had last year.”

Norwood also had the thrilling opportunity to play at Fenway Park last season, one of the highlights of their amazing run. This year, there will be no such special occasion (at least nothing is planned) but that shouldn’t hinder the team’s excitement at the prospect of another successful campaign.

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“I think we’re going to have a pretty good team,” said Clifford. “Like I said, the kids have worked hard in the offseason. We have a good amount of experience out on the ice and we will always have a strong level of competition to keep us on our toes through out the year.”

If all goes according to plan, in March we may not be watching the Bruins take to the Garden ice at all, but maybe...just maybe the Mustangs will have their own special day in the Garden.

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