



Norwood High School Principal Jonathan Bourn

## Changes to NHS graduation tradition

Sam Nickerson  
Staff Reporter

Earlier this year, Norwood High School Principal Jonathan Bourn floated the idea of not announcing graduates' future plans as they receive their diplomas during the school's graduation ceremony in June to parents and teachers.

Though no decision was made at the time, the debate has grabbed the attention of students, families and Norwood Public Schools officials.

In addition to a petition started by Norwood High School senior class President Brian McDonough to maintain the option for students' future plans to be announced - which has garnered around 150 signatures - students pressed the three School Committee candidates at the March 21 League of

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Katherine Roth of the Community Preservation Coalition spoke to a crowd of about 30 people Monday night about the proposed Community Preservation Act.

PHOTO BY AMANDA WEBSTER

## Planning Board hosts CPA info session

Amanda Webster  
Staff Reporter

In hopes of getting the proposed Community Preservation Act (CPA) on the town ballot this upcoming November, the Norwood Planning Board held a meeting Monday night to inform town residents about the program.

The CPA would allow Norwood to set up a local, dedicated fund for projects involving open space and recreation, affordable housing and historic preservation. The proposed act would need to be first voted on at Town Meeting in order to be put on the ballot in November; from there, the community would vote whether or not to adopt the act.

The meeting was held at the Norwood Civic Center and Katherine Roth, associate director of the Commu-

nity Preservation Coalition, was on hand to explain the benefits of the CPA and answer questions from residents.

One Norwood project that could potentially benefit from CPA funds, according to planning board member Ernie Paciorkowski, would be repairing the roof of the chapel in the town's cemetery.

"That project is going to be upwards of \$1.3 million," said Paciorkowski. "That's a lot of money. The chapel would be a perfect use."

If Norwood were to adopt the CPA, residents could vote for a 1 percent surcharge that would be assessed to community homeowners. For example, an average home in Norwood assessed at \$399,580 would annually contribute around \$40 to the fund. Exemptions for senior and low income home owners are available as well as an exemption for

the first \$100,000 of assessed property value.

In addition to the revenue generated by the community, Roth explained that funding would also be distributed by the Department of Revenue to all CPA communities in the state.

In recent years, this state funding has decreased due to an increase of the number of communities that have enacted the CPA, but Roth said state funding still matches around 30 percent of the local revenue collected.

Based on the proposed 1 percent surcharge, Norwood would collect about \$543,000 after the first year, not including the additional state funding. The collected funds are able to roll over from year to year, Roth said.

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Norwood Circle of Hope hosted its eighth annual Dancing with the Norwood Stars fundraiser event on April 8. This year's winner was Jay White of Central Motors.

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## Circle of Hope holds 8th annual Dancing with the Stars

Sam Nickerson  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Circle of Hope held its eighth annual Dancing with the Norwood Stars fundraiser event at the Tiffany Ballroom on April 8, and again, the event sold out.

"It's the toughest ticket in town to get," co-emcee George Usevich said. This year's Norwood "celebrity"

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**LET'S GET IT RIGHT**

The celebration of Easter is the highest holy day in Christian churches. Did you notice the word, 'EASTER,' on TV, circulars, radio, stating Easter sale, Easter candy, Easter clothes, Easter ham, Easter bonnet, Easter Bunny, Easter egg roll, etc. (even an egg roll



Jackie Saber

at the White House by Obama, yet no Nativity in the White House at Christmas.) Why is it that the word Easter is 'okay,' but the word Christmas, which is a federal holiday, is not okay? It's time we stopped the PC bologna and did what is right. The ACLU has no power unless it is given to them by us, the weak. For them to tell us it is wrong to put the Nativity in front of the Balch is not their business. They don't pay taxes for the land and they are illegally denying a federal holiday. I hope the new School Committee will take these things into consideration and do what is right. The word Christmas be-

longs on the school calendar, and the second page of the calendar should be discarded. And...we should resume with Christmas concerts in the schools. The concerts certainly can, and should, be inclusive of other celebrations. That is why we are called America!!

**STAND UP FOR CHILDREN**

April is 'National Child Abuse Prevention Month.' The Norfolk Advocates for Children bring awareness to the community with a 5K Race. The NAC is a non-profit organization the partners with public and private agencies working collaboratively to help children who experience physical, sexual, and domestic abuse. The race is Saturday, April 30 at 9:30 a.m., meeting at NAC, 12 Payson Road, Foxboro. [norfolkadvocatesforchildren.com](http://norfolkadvocatesforchildren.com)...or 508-543-0500 or 1728.

**ABUNDANT TABLE**

The AT is going to have a 'Team Challenge.' It is the first one of its kind for the AT and will be held on June 18. Twenty teams have been created and will be competing against each other in a number of challenges. The teams are raising \$5,000 to participate (10 people per team). The course is being professionally designed and many

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# BOS hold off on medical marijuana offers

**Sam Nickerson**  
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen voted on April 12 to table two community host agreements put forward by two medical marijuana companies seeking to operate in Norwood until after Police Chief Bill Brooks is brought in to further explain his position against medical marijuana.

Selectman Bill Plasko said he had worked with two companies, Green Harbor and Middlesex Integrative Medicine, to garner community host agreements that could provide the Town a new source of revenue if the companies are allowed to operate within Norwood.

"I didn't really take a hard negotiating line," Plasko said, noting that he was mostly focusing on meeting the personnel and judging if they were a quality operation. He said he enticed them to make an offer as large as they could.

That said, Plasko said the draft agreements compared to agreements he's seen with other towns and that he's seen better and worse.

Middlesex Integrative Medicine offered a set amount of money for every pound of product sold, and capped the yearly amount at \$300,000. Green Harbor offered a percentage of gross sales that, by year five would be up to 2 percent with no cap on the amount.

Plasko said that the law was already in place, that dispensaries are coming to the state, but even accepting the agreements was no guarantee the dispensaries would be approved or choose to operate in Norwood - as they negotiate with other towns at the same time - and that Norwood was as stringent as the law allows.

"New revenue sources don't come along too often," Plasko said, suggesting both companies be given letters of approval or non-opposition, as he didn't think the odds were high that they would get both.

Plasko noted that people in Norwood already do have medical marijuana cards and are accessing the substance legally without a dispensary. The state currently has a cap for five dispensaries in each county, and Plasko said it would be unlikely that multiple dispensaries would be approved and would choose to operate in Norwood, especially if one was already in place there.

So far, the Board has sent letters of non-opposition to two companies - ARL Healthcare and Middlesex Integrative Medicine, which has returned to the Board - though neither was approved by the state. Plasko relayed that ARL claimed they had leased space in Norwood, which the landlord indicated was not the case. Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue said that she heard ARL had already purchased a

site in Norwood.

"I don't want any entity to think that we are trying to sell the Town," Donohue said.

Selectman Tom Maloney asked if a letter from Chief Brooks against medical marijuana in town - as it creates a "localization of crime" - had given any of his colleagues pause.

"As much as I really don't want this to happen, I have an obligation" to the voters in Town who overwhelmingly supported the matter, Selectman Paul Bishop said. Chairman Allan Howard said he was at first not in favor of medical marijuana, but spoke to people with grave illnesses - two of whom have since passed - who changed his mind, noting the Board's duty to represent their voters. Howard did note that regardless, marijuana is a gate-

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# OPINION

## The Question 3 misunderstanding

It is true that back in 2012 the Town of Norwood supported, along with a large majority of Massachusetts towns, the elimination of criminal and civil penalties for the use of marijuana by qualifying patients who have been diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition. Statewide, the measure passed with 63% of the vote. Locally, the Norwood vote was close to that same percentage. However, unlike what Selectmen Chairman Allan Howard said at Tuesday evening's meeting, Norwood did NOT vote to have a medical marijuana dispensary and/or cultivation site located within its borders in 2012, and this is a very important distinction.

Some, perhaps many, may argue that it is hypocritical to support a measure like Question 3 and then not want a perfectly legal medical pot shop located in your Town, and to that we say nonsense. Hypothetically, what if the wording of Question 3 including a sentence that read, "...and every town supporting this measure automatically enrolls itself as a medical marijuana dispensary site, and should welcome one or more within its borders when the time comes..."? Do you think the vote would still be 63% in favor? Do you think towns like Wellesley and Weston and Lincoln and even neighboring Westwood would have so overwhelmingly supported the measure? Towns of "means" know it will be towns like Norwood that have to deal with the headaches, and this newspaper thinks Norwood already shoulders more than its fair share of social services to residents of Norfolk County.

Like many of you, The Norwood Record supported the Question 3 measure because no one should have to live with pain that marijuana can assuage under a doctor's care. Voters did not know the details of how pot would be dispensed. Perhaps voters thought it would only be available in drugstores, or maybe only in hospitals. Few considered the logistics of distribution when casting their ballot, only that it was the compassionate thing to do. Now, is it wrong for Norwood residents to want to know the details of potential dispensaries being located here, perhaps more than one? At least one Selectman thinks it is.

During Tuesday's meeting, Town Manager John Carroll suggested having Police Chief Bill Brooks in the following week to explain the details of his letter to them outlining all of his concerns regarding marijuana dispensary sites being located here, and Selectman Bill Plasko didn't want any of it. "Selectmen make these decisions, not the Town Manager and not the Police Chief," Plasko opined, in obvious frustration that Carroll would have the chutzpa to make the suggestion.

Fortunately, the other four Selectmen had the common sense to want Chief Brooks in to discuss the letter, and two important points came out of this vote. First, it was newcomer Selectman Tom Maloney who brought the misgivings of the Chief to the forefront of the meeting and initiated the discussion, which should be a comfort to residents that he won't be shy in expressing his thoughts and opinions moving forward. And second, is when Selectman Howard, perhaps only misspeaking, made the mistake of representing Norwood's vote back in 2012 of wanting a marijuana dispensary in this Town. That was not what they voted, and to represent otherwise is doing a disservice to residents here.

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# Letters to the Editor

## THANK YOU, FOR OPIOID FORUM

To the Editor:

Thank you Colleen Padden, Chairwoman of the Norwood Republican Town Committee for organizing the forum on the Opioid/Heroin epidemic held in the Norwood High School auditorium last Thursday evening. Norwood Police Chief William G. Brooks III, Fire Chief Anthony Greeley, and Sigalle Reiss, Norwood Health Department Director & Impact Norwood Co-Chair, presented engaging presentations on this issue. Corey Savini, a young Norwood resident in his mid-20s who has overcome his heroin addiction, gave a moving and compelling account of his journey to health. During the question and answer period, Superintendent of Norwood Public Schools, Dr. James Hayden, provided valuable comments concerning this public health issue. Overall, the forum included information on the impact of the addiction problem in Norwood, how local law enforcement and fire department first responders are managing the epidemic and information on how the Impact Norwood coalition uses public health prevention strategies to reduce substance use. My wife Julie Hempton and I are grateful to also have participated. Julie, an Emergency Department Physician Assistant, described the biology of addiction. As a practicing Oral Health care provider, I discussed the responsibility of the

medical and dental community relative to prescription writing and patient pain management.

We also thank Corey Savini, the Norwood officials who participated, all the town residents who attended and Norwood Public Access for taping the event.

Timothy Hempton,  
DDS

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE NEEDS TO LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE

To the Editor:

It was disheartening to see the new members of the School Committee shut down the discussion of Committeeman McDonough's proposal that the so-called "winter" recess on the school calendar revert to the "Christmas" recess that 76 percent of the Norwood population favored in the 2014 referendum. The new members arrogantly dismissed it as a "distraction" unworthy of their time, as the committee then proceeded to drone on about other matters with a lot of the usual "ums" and "ya knows" that we have come to expect from these long-winded proceedings. My hope, and that of many of my friends, was that the members would begin listening to the residents and would also pick up the tempo. Alas, I am not that hopeful after watching the first meeting of the newly reconstituted body.

Jim MacPherson  
South Norwood

## THANK YOU, FROM HAJJAR

To the residents  
of Norwood,

My congratulations to Tom Maloney and Helen Donohue for winning this year's election for seats on the Board of Selectmen. I also thank Denis Mawn and David Butters for participating in the democratic process. All candidates ran a clean campaign, and one I will always remember, as it was my first time. Norwood shined by staying focused on the issues facing our great Town. I hope our leaders take the opportunities made and/or provided to make the best decisions on our behalf by listening to everyone.

Thank you, to my supporters who worked so hard and believed in my message. From sign holders, to my campaign team that prepped me well, to those that allowed signs on their lawns and those that contributed whatever they could, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. We almost made it, but it will have to wait another time. And there will be another time for me, God willing.

I was elected to another 3-year term as a Town Meeting member, so I will be there to represent you. I still hold a seat on the Personnel Board. I will remain active in the Town I have grown up in, care so much about and will continue to volunteer for.

Stay in touch.

David E. Hajjar  
20 Chatham Road

# SENIOR NEWS

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

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

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

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

**BOOK CLUB:** Our next Book Club will be meeting on April 25 at 10 a.m.

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

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

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

**DIABETES WORKSHOP:** The Diabetes Workshop Thursday, April 28 at 11 a.m.

**FOOT DOCTOR:** Dr. Cormier will be here Tuesday, April 26, 8:30 a.m. - noon.

**LEE CLUB:** Glee Club meets every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m.

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

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

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

## NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB:

The Board of Directors meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center (Except July and August). The Club Membership meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks Lodge, at 10 a.m.

**OIL PAINTING:** No Oil Painting class is offered at this time.

**POETRY CLUB:** Is held on the third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m., facilitated by Nancy from the Library, on April 20. **SCRABBLE:** Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. Come and join us for a game.

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

**SQUARE DANCE:** Cancelled until further notice.

**TRIAD:** April 25 at 1 p.m.

**WAXING:** April 25 from 9 a.m.-noon.

**WHIST:** Whist players meet on Tuesdays at 12:45 p.m. in the library.

**WHIST PARTY:** Whist parties will be held on the fourth Friday of each month, 1 - 3 p.m. Boston Duck Tours-May 26, Boston Common Visit Luncheon at the No Name Restaurant, \$89.00 Cruising the Charles River! June 21, (Tuesday) Boston Sightseeing Tour Delicious Lunch at The Cheesecake Factory Narrated Charles Riverboat Cruise \$79.00

**MINI-BUS TRIPS** Tuesday, April 19- Twin River Tuesday, April 26-Norwood Library Tour and Tea **APRIL EVENTS.** Peace of Mind Mediation April 14 at 1:15 p.m. Friends of The COA Evening Dance Friday, April 15 at 7 p.m. Senior Living Options Light Lunch April 22 at 11:30 a.m. Brightview of Canton **TRIAD** April 25 at 1 p.m. Robin Putnam Office of Consumer Affairs ATM & Gas Station Safety (skimmers) Line Dance with Dave Valero April 29 at 1 p.m.

# School Committee again decides against renaming Christmas break

**Sam Nickerson**  
Staff Reporter

As the newly-constituted School Committee - featuring two new members - began its new term, a recurring debate about the academic calendar again came up for a vote. This coming school year, Norwood Public Schools will keep its winter break period named Holiday Recess.

Superintendent of Schools James Hayden presented the members with a calendar detailing the academic schedule on one side, and listing the various holidays celebrated by different cultures throughout the year on the back, as noted by the Department of Education.

This, Hayden said, was so staff could be "cognizant of students' individual needs" during these holiday times.

Member Patrick McDonough, for the second year in a row, raised the issue of naming that school vacation that begins in December of each year. Several years ago, the School Committee opted to move away from naming the vacation "Christmas break" and opted for some variation of Holiday or Winter Recess.

"I know we talked about it earlier last year and that's the holiday recess," McDonough said. "This is something that I've stated my beliefs on before and I still feel very strongly that it should be called Christmas Recess."

McDonough motioned for a renaming back to Christmas Break.

"This is an issue that's prevalent in the community and I think the only way we can focus on the issues at hand is to put this issue to rest," he said. "And it is a very, very partisan issue, you're either for it or against it, and I know that."

Other members disagreed with McDonough's motion.

Myev Bodenhofer said she heard a lot about the issue while on the campaign trail, and that while Christmas is her favorite holiday, she doesn't think naming the break after it would be inclusive to all students.

"Certainly, I would never want the schools to pretend that Christmas doesn't happen...the kids all know that it happens, we don't want to try to pretend that it's a no-Christmas zone, but the schools aren't a no-Christmas zone," Bodenhofer said, noting that she heard

Christmas music played at school winter concerts this year.

Bodenhofer said her vote was not to keep Christmas out of schools, but to make the document that goes home with every student in the district be accommodating to all of the population.

"Especially tonight, looking at the diversity of students here, I really think that's a strength of Norwood, that we have a variety of cultures here and I want to embrace that," she said. "On my first day as a School Committee member, I could not vote to do something that I feel would in any way indicate to students that they are in any way less welcome in their schools."

Michelle Mullen said that while she was in favor of traditional naming of a holiday, she would be voting against the change because the matter had already been seemingly decided in the past.

"This is a distraction that is not in proportion to the issues at hand," Mullen said. "I think already it's taken too much

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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 **May 3, 2016 at 7:30 PM** on the request of 1008 Washington, LLC (Case #16-05) with respect to property located on **1008 Washington Street**, in a **GB-General Business District**.

This Application requests a Special Permit under Sections 3.1.5.A.4 and 5.5 of the Zoning Bylaws to allow: Conversion of an existing building to a multi-family dwelling having six (6) one-bedroom apartments, together with such other or further relief as the Zoning Board of Appeal may determine to be appropriate.

This application request a VARIANCE under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow: [IF REQUIRED] Conversion to multi-family use of premises having less lot area, less open space, and greater floor area ratio than set forth in Section 4.1.1 of the Zoning Bylaws, together with such other or further relief as the Zoning Board of Appeal may determine to be appropriate.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be viewed during normal working hours, Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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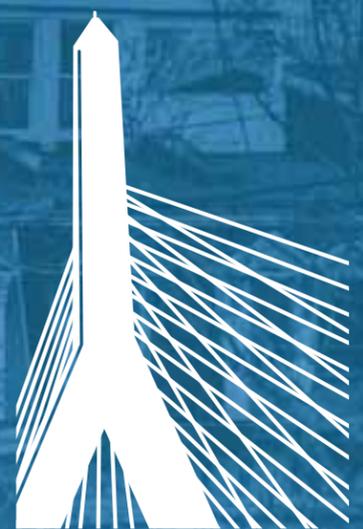
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*Grateful thanks. —V.T.L.*

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contestants included: Central Motors VP of Operations Jay White, hair stylist and crossing guard Angela Malvone, landscape expert Mike “Doopa” Kelley, Norwood Public Schools IT specialist Anna Fogg, Norwood Hospital administrator Nora-Jo Lydon, and postman Joe Devingo. They were each accompanied by a professional dancer from either Fred Astaire Dance Studios or Savaria Dance Studio.

And while each contestant was recognized for their participation, White and his partner Viva from Savaria Dance Studio won the overall competition, while Anna Fogg and her partner Vince Gonski of Fred Astaire Dance Studios took home the judge’s award.

The competition this year was judged by Norwood Housing Authority member and former Dancing with the Norwood Stars contestant Patti Griffin Star, Finance Commissioner Alan Slater - another former contestant - NPA-TV host Jack McCarthy and former Patriots cheerleader Lisa Verrochi. Gerri Slater was on hand to interview the dancers backstage, while Circle of Hope President Timothy McDonough shared the emcee duties with Usevich.

“This has been one of our biggest fundraisers over the years,” McDonough said.

And this year, with over 95,000 votes cast in the competition - at \$1 a pop - all 500 or so seats sold out and the roughly one dozen fundraisers held by the dancers throughout the winter and spring, was no exception. McDonough said this year’s event was likely in the top three highest grossing editions of Dancing with the Norwood Stars.

During the event, Norwood Circle of Hope and NPA-TV showed a montage honoring former contestant and local business owner and volunteer Jeanne Babel, who passed away earlier this year. McDonough said Babel embodied not only the Circle of Hope’s mission, but also the values of the tight-knit community that is Norwood.

“It’s what Norwood is all about,” he said.

The Norwood Circle of Hope began 17 years ago by Lee Kennedy in memory of her daughter Michelle Kennedy, as a way for Norwood residents to help to local families undergoing a medical catastrophe. Since its inception, the organization has given just under \$600,000 to Norwood families in need.

“Every penny raised stays in Norwood,” McDonough said.

**Selectmen**

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way drug.

Plasko said he was opposed to recreational use, but referenced the overwhelming support medical use had not only in Norwood, but also statewide. He did not that if recreational use was approved by the state, the community host agreements would become null.

The Selectmen voted 4-1, with Plasko opposed, to having Chief Brooks in to explain his letter and to hold off on approving either of the host agreements. Plasko did say that one of the agreements expired on April 15.

During the meeting, the Board accepted five articles for the May Special Town Meeting submitted by Kevin Pentowski, which had above the required number of signatures. It did not, however, opt to put an article suggested by Town Manager John Carroll, which would

change the Town bylaws to allow ex-officio members of the Capital Outlay Committee - which Carroll is - voting rights in Committee matters.

Maloney, who chairs the Capital Outlay Committee, introduced a letter from Town Counsel, which offered the opinion that the non-voting members remain that way. Maloney said it would not be wise for these members - appointed officials - to vote on proposals they bring to the committee.

The rest of the Selectmen agreed, with Plasko saying the ex-officio members, which include the Town Accountant, the Town Manager and the Treasurer, perhaps shouldn’t be on the committee at all. The Selectmen unanimously voted not to include the article on the warrant.

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**Thank you Norwood.**

**Tom Maloney**

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~~~~~ Gratefully, Jay White ~~~~~

# Downtown parking violations difficult to police

**Sam Nickerson**  
Staff Reporter

In the days surrounding the municipal election, several community members came forward with complaints about parking in downtown Norwood.

One Norwood businesswoman, Kim Patenaude, wrote a letter to the editor of this newspaper, saying her tax clients could not find parking in the center of town just before the election. Patenaude said outside of her business on Washington Street, a truck with signs advertising a local candidate had been parked, taking up two spaces, for much longer than the one-hour limit posted on a nearby sign.

A longtime resident, James Kelly, expressed similar frustrations about parking in the downtown area. Kelly said that he has trouble finding parking on Guild Street near the post office and by the hospital up to Lyndon Street, and on Central Street near the Light Department building, and said it was due to employees parking in front of the business.

Kelly said he's noticed similar problems on Washington Street as well, where businesses with onsite parking have employees parking out in front of the building all day long.

According to Kelly, he approached a Selectman about it over the last year and has seen some improvement, but said the three public parking lots - on Broadway between Nahatan and Cottage streets, on Central Street by Day Street and behind Washington Street between Cottage and Nahatan - are too far for many elderly people or families who rely on the on-street spots.

"It absolutely is tight. It's at a premium," Kelly said. "Nobody wants to admit it, but parking is tight. People aren't going to park up by St. Catherine's and walk all the way up to Conrad's. They aren't going to do that."

While the Town of Norwood does not employ parking attendants, enforcement is handled by the Norwood Police Department, which does so "as time allows or in response to a specific complaint," Police Chief Bill Brooks said.

"One of the responsibilities of the beat officer uptown is to conduct parking enforcement. I'm not making excuses, but this is not always as easy as it sounds," Brooks said. "The town does not use kiosks or meters to track the amount of time cars are parked in a spot, so that falls to us. The officer walks the entire beat writing down the license plate of every

parked car. That alone takes time."

Brooks said the officer then walks the entire route again to check the license plate against his list. This system, he said, works only if the officer does not have to answer calls, back up other units or serve warrants of apprehension.

"So people may see a car parked in a spot for over an hour that has not been tagged," Brooks said. "Again, not making excuses, but for a number of reasons we don't always catch up with cars parked overtime."

Kelly said he doesn't necessarily think the police need to do a "blitzkrieg" of parking tickets, but thinks many people should be given a warning or

**Parking**

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## Winter Break

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time."

Lisa Igoe said she was in favor of the compromise to call the break a holiday recess instead of a winter recess, and noted that Christmas Day is listed with the other holidays on the calendar already. She said that appeared to be most inclusive for all of the Norwood Public Schools community. Igoe said that wouldn't stop her family from referring to it as a Christmas break.

"Myself, my upbringing, I call it Christmas break because that is what it is to me," Igoe said. "So, to be quite honest, whatever is printed on this paper doesn't really matter to me because my family and I call it Christmas break because that's what we celebrate."

Chairman James Gormley also weighed in on the matter saying "what we call it isn't as important as what we do ourselves on those days," before calling for a vote. The Committee voted one in favor - McDonough - and four opposed to naming the school vacation beginning in December for the 2016-2017 school year "Christmas Break."

### 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 **Tuesday May 3, 2016 at 7:45 PM** on the request of KAM Construction Management Corp. (Case #16-06) with respect to property located on **60 Lenox Street (@Williams & Nahatan Streets)**, in a **GB-General Business and G-General Residence District**.

This Application requests a **SPECIAL PERMIT** under Section 3.0 ("USE") of the Zoning Bylaw to allow *inter alia*, eighteen (18), multi-family dwellings in a General Business district. A two-family dwelling will be located in the G section of Parcel pursuant to Sec. 2.4.1 ("Split lots")

This Application requests a **VARIANCE** under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow: *inter alia* (1) Six (6) units more than permitted under Sec. 4.1.2 (2); and 2. A front yard setback closer to a residential district boundary than allowed under Sec 4.1.2 (8) both pursuant to Section 4.0 (Dimensional Requirement).

Plans are on File with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be viewed during normal working hours, Monday - Thursday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

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volunteers are needed. Call AT at 978-501-1264 or e-mail...aislynn@abundant-table.org. Also, the AT will be taking the summer off. They are extremely grateful for the dedication and commitment of their faithful volunteers. They acknowledge that everyone needs a break. The last meal will be served June 17 and the AT will resume Sept. 7. The AT would like volunteers to consider signing up for a Tuesday night Panera run, organizing neighborhood work teams for an AT cooking night, becoming a once a month delivery driver and/or baking desserts for their guests. The volunteers are an amazing group of people. That is nothing new for Norwood as volunteerism is incredible in Our Town.

### IN MEMORY

A beautiful young woman, Deborah "Debi" Allen, passed away unexpectedly this past January. Debi was a 1989 grad of NHS and a former Dental Asst. for Dr. Stone in Norwood. As she fought very hard against Multiple Sclerosis, she competed in the Miss Massachusetts Pageant, and has a chapter written about her in the book named, "When the Road Turns." Debi also made an appearance on the Montel Williams show sharing her battle with MS. She worked and volunteered with the MS society, food pantries, and animal shelters. Beautiful Debi was the daughter of Helena (Regan) Allen and Russell (Russ) Allen. Her dad, whom she adored, died unexpectedly two months prior to her passing. She is so missed by her mom, brother Billy and wife Carrie of New Jersey, and her twin niece and nephew, Kimmie and Chris who loved her very much. Memory Eternal. Our Town sends their condolences to the family of retired Deputy Fire Chief Paul Narbut, who recently passed away. Paul was the beloved husband of Evelyn (Bonito) Narbut, and father of Paula, Jon, and Lynne. We send our sympathies to their extended family. Memory Eternal.

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### MY SAY

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"We didn't lose a single American in Libya" - Hillary Clinton



Cars line Washington Street in the afternoon, parked outside of the businesses residents are visiting. Some residents believe parking has become difficult, as others ignore parking time limits.

PHOTO BY SAM NICKERSON

## Parking *continued from page 7*

reminder about the restrictions. He also said businesses should let customers occupy the street parking outside of their business.

I don't have my figures in front of me right this minute, but the last two studies that we've had on Down Town,

have proven, the number of parking spaces is not the issue," Jean Taylor of the Downtown Steering Committee said, noting that the Committee was aware of the overtime parking problem.

She said the Committee has looked into meters and park-

ing garages, and also created a parking pass program for merchants and employees.

"They are allowed passes for all day parking in the Town Owned lot behind Babel's. It's a program that we are revisiting to see if it can be improved on," Taylor said.

## Community Preservation *continued from page 1*

According to Roth, 160 communities across Massachusetts have adopted the Community Preservation Act so far, and more are becoming interested as time goes on. Roth said that

if the act were to be adopted by the Town of Norwood, the surcharge would not necessarily be permanent. If after five years the town decided they no longer were in favor of the CPA, an election could be held to do away with the Act. Roth said that of the 160 communities that have adopted the act so far, none have revoked the act.

Additionally, the 1 percent tax rate can also be voted to be lowered or raised at any point in time should the CPA be adopted.

"I'm not a big advocate of raising taxes but I think this is a very purposeful use. I think people will see the benefit of voting for this, I think it's a good thing," said town resident Patricia Sterritt.

Should the CPA be adopted, a mandatory 10 percent of funding must be spent on affordable housing, another 10 percent must be spent on historic preservation and an additional 10 percent must be spent on open space and recreation projects.

"All of this money stays in Norwood, for Norwood things," said Paciorkowski.

Planning Board members urged the audience to allow the CPA to make it onto the November ballot so that the whole community can have the opportunity to vote on the measure. The CPA will be presented at Town Meeting on May 9.

For more information about the community preservation act, please visit [www.communitypreservation.org](http://www.communitypreservation.org).

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# Sports



Maura O'Neill went off against Brookline, scoring six goals in guiding Norwood to the win column. Above, despite being surrounded by Warriors defenders, she's able to get a shot off and successfully score early in the second half.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

## Girls Lacrosse rides offensive onslaught to 14-5 thumping of Brookline Warriors

**Jake Levin**  
Staff Reporter

Check one off in the win column for Jen Fox, following a resounding bounce-back effort from her Norwood team in a 14-5 win over Brookline.

Maura O'Neill scored five times in as many shots on goal to lead the Mustangs, her first goal at 3:34 of the first half knotting the score at 1-1. The tally came at a crucial time despite it being the early stages of the game, as the Warriors goal off the opening draw 12 seconds into the contest gave off a prevailing sense of déjà vu following the season opening 16-7 loss to Braintree.

"This group of girls, they answer back," said Fox after her first win as a head coach. "I feel like I don't even have to say anything. I know there was a little hiccup back there when Alex [Dimitriou] came out and they checked her; I didn't say anything, I just know they know inside that can't happen again."

Rachel Noah (three goals) put Norwood on top for good at 4:45 of the first half, part of a 5-0 run in which the Mustangs asserted their dominance. Haley Reed and Erin Kelly also scored thrice each for Norwood, which doubled its goal output from the opener.

"It was a great, great win - I think we actually played an entire game," said Fox. "They made a lot of adjustments to some of the things we didn't do so well last game, so I was really impressed with the way they came back."

After Brookline snapped the Mustangs' initial scoring run to make it 5-2, O'Neill won the ensuing draw and carried the ball herself all the way into the attacking end and notched her hat trick goal. It was another big goal at a big time for O'Neill, doing her part to keep the Warriors a safe distance in the rearview mirror.

Norwood led 7-3 at the half, but went the final six minutes without scoring a goal.

Again it was O'Neill to answer the call to action, completing her second goal-off-a-draw sequence 14 seconds into the second half for an 8-3 lead.

"Maura is someone I can really rely on," said Fox of the captain, one of Norwood's top returning scorers from a season ago. "She's that leader figure that can get the job done, so she's someone I definitely look to."

Alex Dimitriou was sharp

in net for Norwood, making seven saves on the 12 shots she faced for a save percentage of .583 - her second straight performance with a save percentage over 50 percent.

"She's blown my mind," said Fox of Dimitriou. "I didn't really know what we were going to get when I started, and I think she's even surprising herself. I'm really impressed with her."

Draw control favored the Mustangs, who grabbed 14 of the 21 draws in the game. O'Neill took the majority, with Emily Cataldo and Coley Hayes also seeing some time in the faceoff circle.

"I think that's the key to the game, to be able to win the draws," concluded Fox. "You don't have the ball, you can't score any goals."

The Mustangs fell to Dedham on Tuesday at home, 9-8 in overtime, to fall to 1-2 on the season.

Norwood will get a second crack at the Wamps this afternoon at Braintree High School at 4 p.m. After that, they'll prepare to play the Canton Bulldogs twice next week - at home on Tuesday (11 a.m.) and in Canton on Thursday (1 p.m.)



Goalie Alex Dimitriou continued her strong play vs. Brookline, backstopping Norwood to its first win of the season.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

# Softball opens with win over Dedham

Jake Levin  
Staff Reporter

Carol Savino kept expectations in check for this year's edition of the Norwood softball team, saying it would be unfair to expect 19 wins again.

One game certainly doesn't move the needle in either direction, but as the head coach said after Monday's 7-4 win over Dedham, "If you can start your first game with a win, psychologically, you're ahead of the game."

"You don't want to start out losing, especially with a younger team," Savino said after the opener, which wasn't quite the smooth sailing her team was accustomed to a year ago, but a win nonetheless. "I'm happy, I'm happy with the win."

The Mustangs broke a 4-4 tie in the bottom of the sixth inning on a RBI single off the bat of Taylor Reed, with Caitlan Shaugnessy adding insurance via a two-run single later on in the frame.

Lots of new faces played prominent roles in the game for Norwood, including an entirely new battery.

Junior pitcher Cassie Pinciario made her debut on the mound, going six innings, while freshman Bryn Garczynski took over for her sister Erin behind the plate.

Freshman Erin Murphy replaced Pinciario on the

mound for the seventh inning, acting as the de facto closer. While this is common practice in baseball, it's a rarity in softball - particularly for the Mustangs, where Katie O'Donnell had pitched every single inning the last several seasons.

"Oh yeah," Savino said of mixing and matching her pitching staff, unlike in years past. "We're in a situation where as players, we have to understand our pitching is going to get hit this year. I told the kids 'don't expect more than two strikeouts a game.'"

Murphy worked a perfect seventh to pick up the save.

After hitting a batter on the very first pitch and walking two of the next three Marauders she faced, Pinciario settled down quite nicely to turn in a good outing of her own. She allowed only one run to score in the first inning following the rough start, and only two more Dedham batters would reach base safely prior to the sixth.

Trailing 4-1 at the start of that inning, the Marauders ripped off five straight hits (four singles and a double) to tie the score at 4-4. The Dedham rally could have been worse, however, if not for a heads up play by Emily Bonoccorso in centerfield. With a runner on first, the senior captain fielded a ball which had just landed safely for a hit, but immediately



Pitcher Cassie Pinciario debuted on the mound for the Mustangs on Monday, picking up the win in her first career start. Behind her, shortstop Alyssa Chamberlain awaits the result of the pitch.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

fired to Siobhan Reen at second base for a force out. The play didn't prevent the game from being tied, but could have prevented the Marauders from taking the lead.

All told, Pinciario gave up four runs on five hits while striking out four and walking three.

"When her drop's working, it's a nice drop, it bottoms out," said Savino, on an afternoon when her defense

committed no errors. "You get the ground ball. Then we as infielders can't make mistakes."

Offensively, Norwood went with an aggressive slap hitting approach for the most part, taking no walks but also only striking out once while collecting eight hits.

Bonoccorso did some damage at the dish for the Mustangs in addition to her production on defense. She

scored the first run of the season for Norwood in the bottom of the first inning after reaching base safely on a slap single, showing off technique she's been working on since last season, according to Savino.

"Bottom line is Bono put the ball in play every single at-bat, she's a key player for us," Savino said. "She

**Softball**

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# Boys Tennis still looking for that first win, but coach believes team is trending up

Jake Levin  
Staff Reporter

Norwood boys tennis head coach John Churchill senses a breakthrough for his team is imminent, even in the midst of a two-year winless drought.

That notion almost came to fruition in last week's 3-2 loss to the Braintree Wamps, which Churchill described as being "very" close to a team win.

"It is tough to lose a match this close with the veteran players, especially, wanting to end our two-year drought for team wins," Churchill said after the match. "However, I like what I have seen so far with the leadership of this team, and I think this

loss has motivated the team even further."

Junior Ram Goli, making his debut as the first singles player, won a three-set match over his opponent, Andrew Ngo, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3. This was the first match of the afternoon to conclude, giving the Mustangs a 1-0 lead at the time.

Norwood's other individual match win came in first doubles, with the combination of senior Luke Andrews and freshman Sai Nedunchezian prevailing in three sets over Mark Desmond and Hasan Esrawi, 6-2, 0-6, 7-5. Andrews and Nedunchezian trailed in the decisive third set, 4-5, facing a match point from the Braintree team. They

rallied to win the point and ultimately the game, tying the set at 5-5, before finishing Desmond and Esrawi off for the win.

"Luke and Sai faced some turmoil as their teamwork completely fell apart in the second set," Churchill said. "I was quite pleased how they both regained their composure and finished out the third set as they continued to get tested by Braintree's No. 1 doubles team."

Third singles for Norwood was sophomore Greg Zambrano, who fell in straight sets, 0-6, 1-6 to Mun Chet. Second doubles for the Mustangs was a pair of freshmen: David Sparks and Tommy Connor. The duo also fell

in straight sets, 1-6, 1-6.

With each team having won two individual matches, the outcome of the entire match vs. the Wamps came down to second singles. Junior Yash Aryaputra fell in three sets to Andrew Higgins, 4-6, 6-1, 4-6.

"This was a back and forth battle of two evenly matched players," Churchill said. "There were momentum shifts throughout."

Aryaputra held a 4-3 lead in the third and final set before Higgins rallied to win the final three games, securing a team victory for Braintree over Norwood.

Norwood faced the Milton Wildcats yester-

day, in an event held after the Record's deadline. They won't return to action again until after April Vacation, on Wednesday, April 27 at Brookline at 3:45 p.m.



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Third baseman Janelle Kelleher prepares to drive the ball for the Mustangs in their season opening win over Dedham. The sophomore finished 1 for 3 with a stolen base and scored the last of Norwood's seven runs.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

learned how to slap last year; she's very good at it."

Savino is proud of the mettle her team showed in remaining calm after blowing a three-run lead, only to bounce right back and hang on for the win.

Still, she's staying modest with big picture

expectations.

"It's not going to be an easy year," said Savino, never one who's easily impressed. "My ultimate goal for us is to play .500 ball. If we can do that, some of these younger kids are going to have their first opportunity to play tournament. And they need that."

Norwood traveled to

Braintree yesterday, in an event held after the Record's deadline. They'll continue on the road today, with a game on the road in Brockton to take on the Boxers at 3:45 p.m. The Mustangs will also face Brockton at home later on in the season, on Tuesday, May 17.

# Bay State Conference shuffle looms if Dedham departs

**Jake Levin**  
Staff Reporter

Could one of Norwood's chief rivals soon be playing in a different league?

If the powers that be in Dedham receive their wish, the Marauders athletic teams could be on their way to the Tri-Valley League (TVL), thus leaving the Bay State Conference (BSC) in a bit of a predicament.

The move is far from official, or even close to happening at all, but wheels are in motion for the Bay State Conference to lose one of its charter members, dating back to 1958.

"We want to go to the Tri-Valley," said Dedham High School Athletic Director Stephen Traister in a phone interview, citing size and competition. "The Tri-Valley right now doesn't have any open invitations or anything, so the school committee asked us to investigate if there were any possible leagues we could go to. We suggested the Tri-Valley after a lot of research."

Dedham's school committee voted unanimously in favor of a move to the TVL last week, 7-0.

The desired move is a result of a widening gap in enrollment between Dedham High School and

the rest of the Bay State members, creating lopsided competition in various sports - particularly in boys athletics.

Based on enrollment figures for the 2013-14 school year found on the MIAA website, 779 students currently attend Dedham High.

That number is far and away the smallest in the BSC, with Milton the next smallest at 1,003 (Norwood is currently third-smallest, at 1,062). The number especially is dwarfed in comparison to the schools of the larger Carey Division, particularly Framingham

| Bay State Conf. | 2013-14 Enrollment | Tri-Valley League | 2013-14 Enrollment |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Framingham      | 2,040              | Hopkinton         | 1,069              |
| Weymouth        | 2,039              | Westwood          | 924                |
| Newton North    | 1,864              | Medfield          | 899                |
| Brookline       | 1,774              | Holliston         | 837                |
| Braintree       | 1,515              | Medway            | 795                |
| Needham         | 1,511              | Norton            | 724                |
| Wellesley       | 1,354              | Ashland           | 708                |
| Natick          | 1,300              | Bellingham        | 675                |
| Walpole         | 1,112              | Dover-Sherborn    | 637                |
| Norwood         | 1,062              | Millis            | 381                |
| Milton          | 1,003              | -                 | -                  |
| <b>Dedham</b>   | <b>779</b>         | -                 | -                  |

A breakdown of the Bay State Conference and Tri-Valley League by student enrollments, based off the 2013-14 academic year. Dedham seems to be a better fit in the TVL going off of numbers, but will decades-old tradition and rivalries dissuade the Marauders from leaving?

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(2,040 students) and Weymouth (2,039).

Conversely, the Marauders would be smack dab in the middle of the TVL under its current alignment. Hopkinton, Westwood, Medfield, Holliston and Medway high schools all have student enrollments greater than 779, based on 2013-14 figures; Norton, Ashland, Bellingham, Dover-Sherborn and Millis all fewer.

Geographically, the reverse would be true for Dedham. It's more or less the geographic center of the Bay State Conference; Weymouth High is about 17 miles to the east, Framingham High is about 19 miles to the west. Dedham would be the eastern edge of the TVL, a league which basically runs along the Route 109 corridor; Norton is the only true geographic outlier, located three towns away from Medfield, Dover and Westwood.

"I know the Bay State Conference is interested in trying to maintain a 12-team league," Norwood Athletic Director Jon Longley said on the matter. "There really haven't been any formal discussions about what would happen if Dedham left."

In pretty much every sport, Dedham is currently a division down from the remainder of the Bay State Conference members. In boys ice hockey, for example, it is one of just two Division 2 schools in the league (Brookline being the other). In boys basketball, it is the lone school which competes in Division 3; all other teams are either Division 1 or 2. In baseball, 10 BSC teams are Division 1, Milton is Division 2, and Dedham is in Division 3.

In all of the aforementioned sports, there are no Division 1 teams in the TVL.

"There's nothing set in stone," Traister said. "We don't know if they'll have an open invitation; we don't know if we would be invited. But we've

done all the stuff on our part, within our community, to look outward."

Dedham officials will meet with TVL representatives in May to further discuss a move.

This isn't the first time Dedham has flirted with the TVL. In 2009, the school received an invitation from the league, only to change its mind at the last second and remain in the Bay State.

"The Bay State Conference has grown; a lot of the communities have grown significantly over the years," Longley said. "Dedham, their enrollment has actually decreased."

Whether the Marauders bolt or not, one thing has already been established: their Thanksgiving Day football rivalry with the Mustangs isn't going anywhere.

"We would stay rivals, we would still play on Thanksgiving," Longley said. "That aspect wouldn't change for us."

"Absolutely not," confirmed Traister, when asked if the rivalry would be going away.

The Bay State Conference has never lost a member, technically, although when Framingham North and Framingham South merged into one school in 1991, it created an odd number of teams for the league. This was resolved when Weymouth joined in 1997.

It's far too soon to speculate which school could replace Dedham, if/when it comes to that, but one school that's previously expressed interest in joining the league is Bridgewater-Raynham, currently in the three-team Old Colony League.

"I'm sure the league will look at it," Longley said of replacing Dedham. "It's tough to find schools that want to come in, being one of the better leagues in the state. People are always trying to look for competitive balance."

# DEATHS

## WELCH



**MARK C.** Ret. Major USMC, 44, of Norwood passed away on April 10. Beloved son of Joseph M and Anita J. (Grinavic) Welch, both of Norwood. Loving brother of Joseph M. Welch and his wife Donna of Tewksbury

and Kristen M. Carreiro and her husband Joe of Norwood. Cherished uncle of Madison Carreiro, Juliana Welch, Kaylin Carreiro, Jack Welch, Brady Carreiro and Mason Carreiro. Mark was a highly decorated Helicopter Pilot for the USMC Corps. He had five deployments: two in Iraq, one in Bosnia, one in Kosovo and one in Afghanistan. Mark was a 1989 graduate of Xaverian Bros. High School in Westwood and was a 1993 Graduate of the US Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St., Norwood on Friday, April 15, 2016 at 10 a.m. followed by a funeral mass at 11 a.m. in St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2016 from 4-8 p.m. Burial with full military honors will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the Fisher House at the VA Medical Center 1400 VFW Parkway W. Roxbury, MA 02132.

## DENISI

Donna M. (Kostka), 60, formerly of Norwood, on April 8. Beloved wife of Joseph F. Denisi. Devoted mother of Kenneth J. McCartney of North Carolina and the late Kevin J. Denisi. Loving sister of Paul Kostka of Massachusetts, Catherine Witney of Maine, Joseph Kostka of Lynn, Robert Kostka of Maine, Susan Kostka of Massachusetts and the late Cynthia Webster. Cherished grandmother of Skye Tucker-McCartney, Jared Tucker-McCartney and Saphire Tucker-McCartney. Daughter of the late Henry and Ruth Ann (Bishop) Kostka. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St., Norwood. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to The Humane Society for Animals, Inc. 407 E. Nursery Rd. Roger, AR 72758.

## PROMAN

Jason N., 77, of Norwood, on April 2. Devoted father of Aaron Proman and his wife Lisa, Neal Proman and his companion Susan McEvoy and Danielle Perry. Cherished grandfather of Amre, Adam, Brooke and Zena. Loving companion of Teta DiMartino. Funeral services will be held at Stanetsky Memorial Chapels, 475 Washington St., Canton. Interment to follow at Sharon Memorial Park. Expressions of sympathy in his memory may be made to Combined Jewish Philanthropies 126 High Street, Boston, MA 02110.

## Obituary policy

The The Norwood Record publishes obituaries from information supplied by funeral homes. Relatives and friends also may supplement information by e-mailing to news@norwoodrecord.com by Monday at 1 p.m. Photos also will be accepted.

## MONDAY APRIL 4

0744 phone - Well being chk area search negative Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Section 12 walk away from the hospital. Officer to check the area.  
1026 phone - Assist citizen spoken to Location/address: Day St Ongoing civil dispute. All involved advised.  
1114 phone - citizens complaint spoken to Location/address: Day St Report landlord changed her locks and a male known to her is walking in hallway in violation of a harassment order. N662 reports caller is not there and is not the plaintiff of the harassment order, defendant of order is also not there. And caller was informed on a previous call that the door lock issue is a civil matter.  
1210 phone - Larceny Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Employee reports cash is missing.  
1257 cellular - Hit and run under investigation Location/address: Vanderbilt Club - Vanderbilt Ave

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Report witness reports MA pc k1z hit parked, unoccupied car. N667 to conduct an investigation.  
1443 phone - Citizens complaint Location/address: Endicott St Report electrical box tampered with.  
1445 phone - Motor vehicle stop spoken to Location/address: Norwood High School - Nichols St Officer approached by a driver at the high school re: poor driving of another. Officer spoke with both and advised. Near collision near Rte 1A and Wilson.  
1645 phone - Well being chk services rendered Location/address: Adams St HESCO requests a well being check on an elderly female. N663 spoke to neighbors, who believed she was out.  
1801 phone - Well being chk services rendered Location/address: Broadway Caller reports a man sitting outside. N678 gives a courtesy transport back to the station to wait for a ride home.

2144 phone - Disturbance services rendered Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Er requests assistance with an unruly patient. Officers assisted hospital security.  
2334 911 - Hit and run Location/address: Washington St + Mylod St Reporting party states her vehicle was struck and the other operator made threats to her before travelling northbound on Washington Street. Bolo to the sector 2 cars and surrounding cities and towns.

## TUESDAY APRIL 5

0825 walk-in - Larceny Location/address: Central Buick / Gmc - Bos-Prov Hwy Larceny by check.  
1020 walk-in - Missing person Location/address: Washington St Riverside in to report a missing person.  
1118 911 - Unwanted party spoken to Location/address: Cap World

Inc - Bos-Prov Hwy Report fired employee will not leave. N665 reports he left before officers arrival.

1211 phone - Larceny Location/address: Bos-Prov Hwy Employee reports a fight in the store during a theft. Subject fled in MA 3e1547 , bolo ar3 . Dedham also contacted as the vehicle is registered there. As a result Dedham locates the vehicle on Oakland Street .n677 Officer Miller, N667 Harkins and Rooney respond to Dedham .n677 transports One back to Norwood under arrest. Arrest: Silva, Anthony J Address: 39 Veterans Rd Dedham, Ma Age: 39 Charges: robbery, unarmed Warrant arrest Warrant arrest

1230 phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/address: Williams St + Clark St Report injured hawk walking around on the street.

1303 phone - Complaint of mv spoken to Location/address: Keegan's Norwood Jewelers - Washington St Customer came in to report he was almost hit by a driving school vehicle . Officer spoke with the caller and he will contact the school directly.

1333 walk-in - Sex offenses Location/address: Plymouth Dr 2nd party information of past assault.

1505 phone - Unwanted party spoken to Location/address: Blue Hills Bank - Lenox St Former customer unwanted and refused to leave. Caller advised on trespass options. Officers report matter resolved.

1549 phone - Assist other agency services rendered Location/address: Guild St Walpole PD will be responding to speak with a teen in the lot. Walpole located her and transported her back to Walpole.

1711 phone - Kids gathering services rendered Location/address: Morrill Memorial Library - Walpole St Group of children harassing patrons. Parties spoken to. Letters of disinvite to be issued.

2015 phone - Dog bite Location/address: Prospect St Caller re-

ported dog bite. Norwood fire, animal control responded.

2046 phone - Susp activity transported to hospital Location/address: Norwood Monumental Works - Washington St CP reports a male stumbling on sidewalk possible medical. NFD responded and transported.

2105 phone - Assist other agency message delivered Location/Address: Sunnyside Rd N677 delivering a message for Somerville Pd. Message delivered.

2136 phone - Noise complaint spoken to Location/address: Village Rd W Caller reports neighbors yelling. Officer reported subjects will talk more softly.

2212 phone - Assist citizen Location/address: Village Rd W Caller reported neighbors harassing her. Two placed into protective custody. One transport by Norwood Fire to the hospital.

## WEDNESDAY MARCH 6

0115 initiated - Road hazard State DPW/Norwood DPW no Location/address: Oldham School - Prospect St N664 reports a box spring and mattress in the roadway in Front of the school. DPW notified and will remove same.

0504 phone - Noise complaint spoken to Location/address: Village Rd E Car alarm sounding. N677,n664 responded and was able to wake homeowner, who shut the alarm off and will have it looked at today.

0517 phone - Repossession no action required Location/address: North Plain St Vehicle ( Ma. Reg# 5gdn80) 2015 Toyota Scion - white - was Located at #20 North Plain St. And removed by Evergreen Auto Recovery, Johnston R.I. 401-647-1900

0947 phone - Vandalism Location/address: Endicott St Subject known to the owner caused damage.

1341 phone - Fraud spoken to Location/address: Highland St Resident cashed a check and returned funds. She does not have any bank or check information and will return when she receives it .

1607 phone - Susp vehicle area search negative Location/ad-

## Police Logs

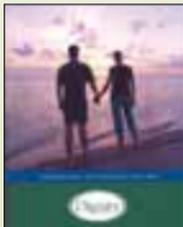
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## SMOOTH TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN WORKSHOP

On Wednesday, May 11, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Savage Educational Center on 275 Prospect St., join us for an informative workshop on how to transition your preschooler into kindergarten. We will be going over things like understanding the developmental level and the new expectations, the importance of collaboration and coordination of services, social and emotional skills required, dealing with separation anxiety issues, and ideas for activities to help prepare the child and family. To register contact Christine Tomasello in the CFCE Office at 781-440-5983 or e-mail to ctomasello@norwood.k12.ma.us.

## COMMUNITY DAY

Have you been searching for a way to make a difference in your community? Are you a hands-on person who's ready to pitch in whenever needed? Then Community Service Day is the place for you. On Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Norwood, community service organizations from the Norwood Ecumenical Food Pantry to Abundant Table to the Neponset Valley Humane Society will be on hand to fill you in on how you can help them. Dive into a hands-on project like building and finishing kitchen tables that New Life Refurbishing provides to families in need ([www.newlifehr.org](http://www.newlifehr.org)). Or put together emergency buckets for Church World Service ([www.cwsglobal.org](http://www.cwsglobal.org)) to send to victims of natural disasters. Donate blood to the American Red Cross by booking your own time slot at [www.redcrossblood.org/give/drive](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give/drive). Want to have some fun? Let your kids burn off some energy in the bouncy house or treat them to a special children's program at 11 a.m. by Miss Elaine featuring songs, dance, stories, puppets and poems. They can pot their own seeds and herbs to grow at home. For the grown-ups, we'll have a huge bake sale, a yard sale of outdoor toys and equipment, and a classic rock concert at 1 p.m. by Peter G Band & Co. A lunch of beef burgers, turkey burgers, veggie burgers and salad will be served from noon to 1:30 p.m. All proceeds from these events will be donated to the community service organizations participating in Community Service Day. For a complete list of Community Service Day events and times, visit [www.firstcongregational-norwood.com](http://www.firstcongregational-norwood.com).

## BALCH SCHOOL PTO GRADUATE AWARD

The Balch School is currently accepting applications for the Balch School PTO Graduate Award. This award is presented to two deserving graduates of the Balch Elementary School. Application forms are available at the Norwood High School Guidance Department and at the Balch School Office. The application deadline is May 4. Please call the school office at 781-762-0694 with any questions.

## PRESCOTT SCHOOL GRADUATE AWARD

The C. J. Prescott School P.T.O. will present two special achievement awards in June at the Fifth Grade Musical. The awards will be given to an outstanding girl and boy who attended the Prescott School in fifth grade, are presently residing in Norwood, and are graduating from

high school in June 2016. The awards will consist of a \$500 check, a certificate to each winner, and their names to be inscribed on plaques, which will hang permanently in the Prescott School. Application forms are available at the Prescott School and at the Norwood High School Guidance Office. Applications must be returned to the Prescott School by Friday, May 6.

## VIOLA SASTAVICKAS SCHOLARSHIP

The family of Viola Sastavickas made a donation to the Morrill Memorial Library in 2007 in order to create a permanent scholarship in the amount of \$500. This scholarship was to be awarded annually to a current or former library employee or library volunteer for one of the following purposes: undergraduate or graduate school, a formal course of study, or an enrichment opportunity (continuing education). The scholarship will once again be awarded in 2016 thanks to additional generosity by the Sastavickas Family. A brief application form is available from the library and on the library's website, [www.norwoodlibrary.org](http://www.norwoodlibrary.org). Please contact Charlotte Canelli at 781-769-0200, ext 101. Applications are due by May 15, 2016. The scholarship will be awarded by June 30, 2016.

## NORWOOD FOOD PANTRY WALK FOR HUNGER

If you've ever thought about taking part in Project Bread's annual Walk for Hunger – but weren't sure you were up to a 20-mile trek – there are four different ways you can do it this year. And whichever one you choose, the Norwood Food Pantry would like to have you on their team. First of all, the 2016 Walk, which will take place on Sunday, May 1, has been shortened from 20 miles to 10, due to construction in Watertown. So it will only take half the usual effort. Second, you don't have to walk the whole 10 miles. You can pick whatever length you're comfortable with and take pledges based on that distance – even if it's just a mile or two. (There are buses at intervals along the entire route to take you back to the starting point if you choose this option.) Third, if you're

unable to walk or have a schedule conflict, you can sign up as a Virtual Walker and raise money for this worthy cause without doing anything more strenuous than picking up the phone or dashing off a few emails. And fourth, you can be a donor...and pledge to support the Norwood Pantry Team (or any individual member) by making a tax-deductible donation in person or online. Last year, the Norwood Food Pantry Team members raised \$7,996.50 for Project Bread and, though relatively small in size, ranked in the top 10 fundraising teams. "This year, we're hoping to do even better," says Team Captain Nick Campagna, who already has 32 walks and 640 miles under his belt. To find out more, sign up, or call Nick at 781-762-6866, email [ncampagnajr@gmail.com](mailto:ncampagnajr@gmail.com), or go to <http://support.projectbread.org/goto/NorwoodFoodPantry>.

## WILLET EARLY CHILDHOOD LOOKING FOR PEER ROLE MODELS

Willett Early Childhood Center is looking for Peer Role Models to enroll for the school year September 2016 - June 2017. There are eight peer role models in each classroom and seven children with identified special needs. Three adults – one licensed teacher and two highly qualified educational assistants. Children must: exhibit strong language skills; be toilet trained; live in Norwood; turn 3 or 4 years old by Aug. 31, 2016. Children may not have identified special needs. Preschool Applications are located on the Norwood Public School web site, [norwood.k12.ma.us](http://norwood.k12.ma.us) and at the front office of the Willett School, 100 Westover Parkway.

## PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION FOR SENIORS

The Town of Norwood provides opportunities for Norwood senior citizens who meet certain criteria to reduce their property tax by working in a Town department. The Norwood Human Resources Department is currently accepting applications from interested seniors for the FY17 tax year. Additional information can be found on the Town's website under the links for JOBS. Information is also available by visiting the Town Hall or the Norwood Senior Center.

## Legals

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TOWN OF NORWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS

Sealed bids for "Cleaning and Lining of Water Mains – Nichols Street and Winter Street – NPW-16-05," for the Town of Norwood, Massachusetts, acting by its General Manager, will be received at the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Norwood, Massachusetts 02062, until 11:00 A.M. Verizon time on May 5, 2016, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud.

The proposed work includes cleaning and cement lining approximately one thousand one hundred (1,100) feet of 6-inch cast iron water main, one thousand two hundred (1,200) feet of 12-inch cast iron water main, and installing bypass piping, valves, hydrants, fittings and replacement pipe sections.

The Contract Documents, including Specifications and Drawings, may be examined at the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Norwood, Massachusetts 02062 (781-762-1240 x106 or 107) and at the office of Stantec Consulting Services Inc., 5 Burlington Woods, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803 on and after April 14, 2016, every weekday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. and copies thereof may be obtained at the Purchasing Department upon payment of \$50.00 (checks only, payable to the Town of Norwood) for each set, for which a refund will be made if returned to the Purchasing Department in good condition within thirty calendar days after the opening of bids. No refund will be made for documents received after this period. If a bidder requests drawings and specifications to be mailed out to him, an additional check in the amount of \$15.00 made out to "Town of Norwood" shall be required. This is to cover the cost of mailing and handling and will not be refunded. Bids can also be obtained electronically at no charge by registering and downloading online at: <https://bids.norwoodma.gov>.

Each bid must be accompanied by bid security in the form of certified check, cashier's check, treasurer's check or bid bond in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the value of the bid.

Attention of bidders is called particularly to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum rates to be paid under the contract as determined by the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26-27H inclusive.

All bidders shall make positive efforts to achieve: (1) a minority employee work force hour goal of 10.00 percent, (2) a woman employee work force hour goal of 6.90 percent, (3) a goal of 7.00 percent participation of Minority-Owned Business Enterprise(s) (MBE), and (4) a goal of 4.70 percent participation of Woman-Owned Business Enterprise(s) (WBE). The contractor shall take all affirmative steps necessary to achieve these goals. The bidder shall submit completed MBE and WBE forms with the bid. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days (Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded) after the date of opening thereof.

A Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond, each in an amount equal to 100 percent of the contract price, will be required for the faithful performance of the Contract and provided within ten (10) calendar days of the award letter. The right is reserved to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids received, and to award the contract to any of the Contractors bidding on the work if, in the Town's opinion, the best interests of the Town thereby will be promoted.

The successful bidder shall be required to submit documentation that all employees to be employed in the work subject to this bid have successfully completed a course in construction safety and health approved by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration that is at least 10 hours in duration. Any employee found on a worksite subject to this section without documentation of successful completion of a course in construction safety and health approved by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration that is at least 10 hours in duration shall be subject to immediate removal.

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dress: Neponset St Ma 5ev691 parked in his drive as he returned home. Driver was videotaping the house across the street nothing found.

1623 phone - Animal complaint services rendered Location/address: Westover Pkwy Caller reported found dog. Animal control responded.

1642 phone - Harassment spoken to Location/address: Jefferson Dr Disagreement by parents about children playing.

1700 phone - Susp activity Location/address: Geraldine Dr Caller reported missing money and cards. See report.

1830 phone - Susp vehicle spoken to Location/address: St Paul Ave Caller requested to speak to an officer about a suspicious vehicle that was in the neighborhood earlier in the day. Officer spoke with party, advised.

1918 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Norwood Gardens - Hampden Dr Caller reports two men in parked vehicle near her apartment. Parties checked ok.

2024 911 - Drunk person Location/address: Heritage Baptist Church - Washington St Caller reported intoxicated female passed out. Norwood fire responded. Subject placed into protective custody, released to the hospital.

2132 phone - Susp person area search negative Location/address: Broadway + Guild St Caller reported person walking into traffic. Officers checked area, nothing found.

2220 phone - Susp person services rendered Location/address: Cleveland School - George Willet Pkwy Caller reported someone looking into windows with a flashlight. Officers reported school custodian, checked ok.

2358 phone - B & E of motor vehicle Location/address: Walpole St Caller reports that her vehicle was broken into and her purse was taken.

## THURSDAY APRIL 7

0039 initiated - Susp person spoken to Location/address: Windsor

Shell - Walpole St N669 reports suspicious male behind the shell station. N678 responded. All in order. Party states he just got off train and is cutting through to Wilson St.

0703 walk-in - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Nahatan St Two parties in lobby to complain about each other's driving. N668, n678 spoke to both parties. Matter resolved.

1131 phone - Susp activity Location/address: Vanderbilt Ave Email received at the company requesting a wire transfer of cash.

1413 phone - Warrant service Location/address: Nahatan St Subject arrested in the lobby. Arrest: Ladouceur-Pettway, Roshaun R Address: homeless Norwood, MA Age: 24 Charges: sex offender fail to register

1420 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Dellaria Salon - Broadway Female came in pushing a carriage with a dog inside. She was asked to leave and is now just parked for 45 minutes in a red truck looking into the business. Officer spoke with her and she is leaving after making a call.

1618 phone - Civil dispute Location/address: Eisenhower Rd Norwood hospital social worker requests assistance for an elderly party transitioning between retirement facilities. HESSCO elder services also involved.

1706 initiated - Warrant service Location/address: Dunkin Donuts - Nahatan St Arrest: Moretz, Joshua Gabriel Address: 104 Jefferson Dr Norwood, MA Age: 25 Charges: warrant arrest

1716 phone - Hit and run Location/address: Norwood Central Station Building - Broadway St Caller witnessed a hit and run in the parking lot.

1749 911 - Disturbance spoken to Location/address: CMCS - Dean St Caller reported party yelling outside residence. All parties advised.

1839 phone - Parking violation citation fine Location/address: David Terrace Apts. - David Ter Caller reports multiple vehicles parked in the fire lane.

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1843 phone - Susp activity Location/address: Plymouth Dr Caller reported someone may have attempted to access the apartment.

1903 phone - Complaint of mv gone on arrival Location/address: Elm St Vehicles traveling at a high rate of speed.

2107 phone - B & E of motor vehicle Location/address: Vanderbilt Club - Vanderbilt Ave Report of multiple vehicles broken into. Suspect description broadcast to the cars and surrounding cities and towns.

## FRIDAY APRIL 8

0051 911 - Drunk person Location/address: St Joseph Ave Caller reported possible overdose outside. N663, n677, NFD responded. Party came to and was intoxicated. NFD transported to hospital in protective custody. ( MA. Reg# 1kp726)

0310 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/Address: St John Ave Caller reports while walking his dog a silver Yaris is parked on side of the road running with 2 occupants that appeared to be passed out. N663, n664 responded. All in order. They were talking and fell asleep. Both went into the house.

0646 phone - Assist other agency services rendered Location/address: Sharon Credit Union - Union St + Washington St Request by Walpole P.D. for back-up at Sharon C.U. on Union St. resident walking dog reports suspicious party inside Credit Union which she has never seen this early in the morning. N663, n664 responded. Walpole Officer reports it is an employee.

0948 phone - Civil dispute services rendered Location/address: Elks - Winslow Ave Employee in to report a dispute over assets. Officer advised him.

1202 walk-in - Fraud Location/address: Clay Chevy Inc - Pleasant St Employee from Clay Chevy reporting fraud.

1218 phone - Assist other agency unsuccessful service Location/Address: Lane Dr State police request assistance trying to take a subject into custody on a warrant.

1224 911 - Death at home Location/address: Railroad Ave Report of person who has passed

away. NFD responded with BCI.

1414 phone - Drug law violation Location/address: Hill St + Railroad Ave Traffic supervisor reports a subject stumbling up the street. W/m tan hat and top wearing jeans. Officers locate him on Mountain Ave. As a result one under arrest. P/c: White, Jason Joseph Address: 77 Ellis Ave Norwood, Ma Age: 31 Charges: protective custody Drug, possess class c Drug, possess class b

1507 phone - Mischief (kids) area search negative Location/address: Mayfair Cir Teens in vehicles pulled over and running in the street.

1530 phone - Susp vehicle area search negative Location/address: St Paul Ave Resident concerned about a blue Toyota in the area and requested extra checks. N662 off. Lear also checked the area.

1649 phone - Assist other agency area search negative Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Section 12 walk away from Norwood Hospital. Bolo broadcast to the sector two cars and MBTA bus.

1659 911 - Disturbance civil matter Location/address: Murph's Place - Broadway St Caller reports a verbal argument among friends. N669 reports all parties were spoken to and no further issues.

1718 phone - Malicious damage Location/address: Garfield Ave + Adams St Calling party witnessed a minivan hit a stop sign and drive away. DPW notified and responded.

1821 phone - B & E residence Location/address: Day St Calling party states the landlord broke his rear window during a disturbance and that he took a dangerous weapon away from her before she left.

2027 walk-in - Animal complaint Location: Queensboro Ct Party in the lobby came across an injured cat, that animal bit her and is in her vehicle. Party treated by NFD on scene. NACO responded and retrieved that cat.

2319 phone - Assist citizen assisted party Location/address: Nahatan St + Pleasant St Caller reports the battery in his electric wheel chair has died short of his destination. N669 assisted that party in getting home.

## SATURDAY APRIL 9

0351 911 - Abandoned call spoken to Location/address: Warren St 911 abandoned, no answer on callback. Caller called back, stating she saw a man at the end of Warren with a backpack on, then hung up. Caller reporting a person at the end of Warren St. with a backpack. 669 spoke to the party, they are waiting for a ride.

0846 phone - Disturbance spoken to Location/address: Hampden Dr Resident reports a male party has been yelling about religion in the rear of the building for ten minutes. N667 reports that party is waiting for the rental office to open, he was advised to stop yelling.

0852 phone - Animal complaint area search negative Location/address: Nichols St + George Willet Pkwy Report of a black lab unattended.

1011 phone - Assist citizen civil matter Location/address: Harding Rd Caller wishes to speak to an officer regarding a past issue with a neighbor who lives a street over. N666 advised that party.

1244 walk-in - Malicious damage Location/address: Pleasant St + Lenox Ave Party in the lobby reports graffiti on playground equipment. DPW responded and removed same.

1540 initiated - Lost and found services rendered Location/address:

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Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St Party flagged down n663 reporting a radio they found.

1641 911 - Complaint of mv Location/address: Day St Caller reports an erratic operator. Center Auto tows MA pc 9903jy. N667 places one male under arrest. Arrest: Burke, Dennis Address: 99 Day St Norwood, MA Age: 52

Charges: oui liquor or .08% Negligent operation of motor vehicle Threat to commit crime Alcohol in mv, possess open container of

1649 911 - Drunk person gone on arrival Location/address: VFW 2452 - Dean St Caller reports a possible dk male being loud in the parking lot.

1722 911 - Report of fire Location/address: Walpole St Caller reports that a man walked by his neighbor's fence, poured a small amount of lighter fluid on it and started a small fire. NFD responded, area searched negative.

1814 911 - Well being chk gone on arrival Location/address: Neponset St + Rock St Caller reports a man laying on the sidewalk. NFD responded.

1851 phone - Susp vehicle gone on arrival Location/address: St Paul Ave Caller reports seeing a vehicle driving slowly in his neighborhood. Party spoken to, no plate given.

2212 walk-in - Missing person Location/address: Third St Walk in party reports a missing juvenile. That party returned home.

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0045 initiated - Complaint of mv verbal warning Location/address: Heaton Ave + Pond Ave Bolo for pc MA 493dw1. Vehicle operating erratically. Officer located vehicle, advised driver.

0405 phone - Motor vehicle accident Location/address: Pleasant St + Nahatan St Caller reported possible crash. Negoshians towed pc MA 5dcp50. Center towed pc MA 4hw550. One under arrest. Arrest: Bolanos, Jorge Mario Address: 28 Prospect St Norwood, MA Age: 38 Charges: oui liquor or .08% Negligent operation of motor vehicle

0718 911 - Hit and run Location/address: Fales Ave Caller reported possible past hit and run. Norwood Light, DPW responded.

1034 phone - Unwanted party Location/address: Sturtevant Ave Caller reports a male party sleeping in the laundry area of this building. Party was escorted off the property and advised.

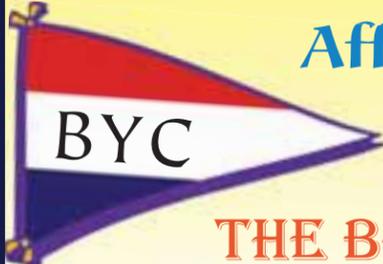
1135 phone - Assist citizen civil matter Location/address: The Take Away - Chapel St Caller requests advice on civil issues. Party was advised.

1220 phone - Well being chk could not locate Location/address: Park St Caller is requesting that an officer execute a well being Check on a third floor resident that he has been unable to Make contact with. N662 responding.

1911 911 - Neighbor disturbance spoken to Location/Address: Edgell Rd Report of two neighbors screaming at each other for twenty minutes. Officers spoke to the caller, those parties had returned to their respective houses.

2054 phone - Mischief (kids) area search negative Location/address: Codman Rd Report of a truck dumping resident's trash bins on their lawns.

2109 phone - Loud party spoken to Location/address: Oxford Rd Report of a loud party. Officers spoke with them, they are celebrating a child's birthday and will quiet down.



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# Graduation *continued from page 1*

Women Voters Candidates Night debate ahead of the municipal election on April 4 on the matter, though the matter is not within School Committee jurisdiction. Each of the candidates suggested it be optional.

Now, it appears a compromise has been made.

“By giving each student the opportunity to determine the message they will share, which may include the college they are attending in the fall, each student will have direct control over what message they would like shared with the community,” Bourn wrote in a letter to the Norwood High community on April 11. According to the letter, the decision was made with the help of the NHS School Council, staff, and stu-

dent leaders.

Bourn said when he first began to research the tradition, he found that while many students were looking forward to sharing their future plans, there had been “angst and upset for some students in the past, and that there were current students presently concerned about a day that they should be eagerly anticipating.”

The discussion was also taken up at the April 6 School Committee meeting by students participating in Student Government Day.

Maya Hall, one of the students taking on the role of a School Committee member, was in favor of maintaining the tradition, which she said has been in place for around 15



Norwood High students Surya Adeleye, Allison Silletti, Roberto Bernal, Alessandra Varon and Maya Hall joined the School Committee for Student Government Day, where they discussed the potential changes to the graduation ceremony.

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years. Hall, a Norwood High sophomore, said the opportunity provided a moment for students to be proud of working for four years to get into the school of their dreams.

Hall also said that athletic achievements are regularly broadcast on school morning announcements, and the senior class also does superlatives, so if students are named “biggest flirt” or “most likely to succeed,” why can’t they also announce what university they will be attending?

Another sophomore, Alessandra Varon, spoke against announcing students’ future plans. Varon argued that

many students could work their hardest for four years and get into their dream school, but still not be able to attend.

“There are people in every class you take who struggle with homelessness or not having enough food on the table, and they can’t provide for themselves in their daily lives, let alone spend a quarter of million dollars going through four years of college,” Varon said. “For these people, it’s a really emotional topic for them.”

Varon said the graduation ceremony should honor what the students have done in their past years at Norwood High

School and not what they have yet to do. That said, Varon was in favor of announcing the students who choose to go into the military because of the “unsurpassable amounts of courage” involved in their decision.

Current senior Roberto Bernal said that everyone makes different decisions regarding their lives and futures and for the most part, he wouldn’t remember where plenty of his class planned to go to college after the ceremony.

“As long as my friends and family know where I’m going, that’s all I care about,” he said.



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