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Snowed over! — Nemo finds Norwood —

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

The Blizzard of 2013 - also known as Winter Storm Nemo - will go down in the record books as the fifth-greatest snowstorm ever recorded in Boston.

The city reported 24.9 inches of snow from the weekend storm, putting it ahead of the January 2005 storm that dumped 22.5 inches and just behind the

April Fool's Day Storm in 1997, when the city received 25.4 inches of snow.

However, many towns were buried even deeper in it this past weekend, and coastal communities with lesser snow amounts were battered by bruising, hurricane-force wind gusts that knocked out power to thousands, particularly across the Cape.

Norwood Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Mark Ryan said the town was

still busy well into this week digging out from under the 25.5 inches of snow it received from the blizzard, which arrived early Friday and reached its peak overnight into Saturday.

Ryan said the DPW devoted its full fleet of 26 pieces of equipment and five sidewalk plows, plus 31 hired private contractors, to fighting the storm and keeping the roads passable for emergency ve-

Blizzard

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Greeley sworn in as Norwood fire chief

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

Anthony Greeley worked his way up through the ranks of the Norwood Fire Department.

When the top spot in the department became available last year, he felt like he was ready to step up and take on the leadership role, said Town Manager John Carroll.

"Chief Greeley had to work
Greeley sworn in
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hicles. Governor Deval Patrick ordered non-essential vehicles off the streets beginning at 4 p.m. Friday.

Ryan said crews began at 7 a.m. pre-treating the roads with salt, and then worked "straight on through" the storm throughout the night and well into the evening on Saturday as they attempted to stay ahead of the snowfall.

"It was a long night. It was coming down pretty heavy. You just start losing [ground] at some point because it's just coming down so hard, but then you recover it," he said. "We kept it up until 3:30 p.m. and then sent our contractors home and started sending our own crews home. Everyone went home about 7 p.m. on Saturday night."

Ryan said the town was fortunate to avoid any major blackouts, and there were no major accidents or downed trees that he was aware of. However, a water-main break on Norwich Road required five town employees to be called back into work around 1 a.m. on Saturday for a repair that took about five hours, he said.

Fire Department spokesman George Morrice said firefighters at one point responded to an incident on Lewis Avenue where a front-

end loader had caught up in some service wires and split the utility pole in half.

"We had a vehicle down there until the Light Department could get down there," said Morrice, adding of the storm, "I know we had quite a few medical runs, and general alarms to some of the elderly housing complexes. A few times we had a little trouble accessing certain areas, but we got there."

On Saturday morning, a man arrived at the fire station to report his car was on fire Nahatan Street at Pleasant Street. Morrice said the man was uninjured and the cause of the fire was not known.

Denise Grove, Norwood Hospital's communications manager, said the hospital did not experience anything above the normal in terms of the number of patients during the storm.

"I think the driving ban had a lot to do with it. It probably helped that," she said.

Ryan said Norwood residents seemed to heed the warning to stay off the roads, which allowed public-works crews to better do their job.

"Obviously a big part of it was the forecasting, and the governor ordering cars off the streets. That was a big help. Visibility at one point was less than 100 feet,"

he said. "Sunday night we scheduled a snow-removal job. With a typical storm of 10 to 12 inches, we can do that whole snow-removal operation in one night. This was obviously a very large storm."

Ryan said on Tuesday that the snow removal would continue and hopefully be completed overnight into Wednesday. He said the DPW disposes of the snow at its Winter Street composting facility and at a vacant lot on Access Road near the old Sym's building.

Schools in Norwood were closed on Friday, and virtually all weekend town activities were postponed. Unlike many other public schools across the region, which remained closed Monday and in some cases later than that, Norwood schools re-opened Monday with a two-hour delay.

"We were all in agreement that it made more sense. Our recommendation was to have school," said Ryan. "If there's no school, you're actually going to have more kids walking on the street."

Ryan credited his staff for its response to the storm, calling them a "remarkable group of individuals."

"They're true public servants. They do a great, great job," he said. "It's amazing to work that long and work that well. It's a credit to them and devotion to their profession. They're a unique set of individuals."

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DPW earns high praise for storm response

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen was unanimous this week in praising the Norwood Department of Public Works (DPW) for its response to Winter Storm Nemo, which dumped over 25 inches of snow on the town this past weekend.

Across the board, the Selectmen gave the DPW high marks for keeping the streets passable during the blizzard, and the speed at which the snow was removed and disposed of afterward.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Lyons, who owns Breadbasket Bakery & Café at 485 Washington St., said he went to his store on Saturday to find six-foot snow banks, and the following day they were completely gone.

"They did an amazing job,"

said Lyons at Tuesday night's meeting, adding that the owner of Melissa's Catering next door - who was coming in from out of town - was shocked by how Norwood crews responded to the storm compared with neighboring towns. "You talk to people from other towns and the difference is stark. It doesn't even look like the downtown got any snow now. It's almost like magic but it's not, because it's a lot of hard work."

"Our town was very well prepared. We had only a few individual houses that were without power, and that was just for a short time," said Selectman Allan Howard.

Howard said he attended a pre-storm emergency meeting with Town Manager John Carroll and the department heads during which projections and schedules were discussed. He praised DPW Director Mark

Ryan for providing the departments with accurate projections on how and when the storm would hit.

"The numbers he had were right on the button with this storm," said Howard. "I love praising these guys because they do a heck of a job. I can't thank our people in Norwood enough."

Selectman Paul Bishop especially thanked Carroll for remaining in Norwood during the storm. Carroll lives in Milton.

"We've done a great job here. We all chipped in and we did this together," said Bishop.

Carroll said the Light Department was out quickly responded to the one or two calls of power outages, and the Police Department put on more officers during the storm.

"It's just another example of

DPW

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Home invasion reported

The Norwood Record received the following press release just prior to its press deadline:

On Feb. 12, at 11:03 p.m. Norwood Police Dispatch received a call from a victim of a home invasion. At approximately 7 p.m. a resident of Buckminster Drive arrived at her apartment complex. In the parking lot she was confronted by two black males. The two forcibly walked the woman to her apartment holding a firearm at her side. The victim was forced to unlock the door to the

building and then to her apartment. Once inside the apartment, the suspects bound the victim and assaulted her.

The two suspects ransacked the apartment and they left the home, leaving the victim bound and injured. A friend of the victim arrived at the apartment sometime later and was able to free her. She then called police. The victim was unable to provide a description of her attackers. The victim was transported to Norwood Hospital for injuries sustained in the assault. Norwood police officers searched the area

and were unable to locate the suspects.

This incident is under investigation by the Detective John Gover of the Norwood Police Department's Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI). Preliminary investigation indicates that the victim in this crime was targeted by the suspects and that it was not a random act. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Detective John Gover at 781-440-5194 or the Bureau of Criminal Investigation at 781-440-5198. Anonymous tips can be called into 781-440-5181.

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Letters to the Editor

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CHRISTMAS ARGUMENT DOESN'T HOLD UP

To the editor:
John Badger and Courtney Rau talk about adopting the term 'winter recess' because they want it to be more inclusive. While I applaud their good intent, it doesn't hold up when you stop and think about it.

Would the school committee ever consider changing the name of Yom Kippur or Hanukkah so they included residents who weren't Jewish? Would they revise the name of the Indian festival Diwali to make it more acceptable to non-Indians? Of course not. Why? Because we respect those faiths and their own unique holidays.

So why does the school committee feel the word Christmas should be eliminated from the public record? Are Christians, just because they're the predominant religious group, any less deserving of the same respect for their celebration? What makes the term Christmas so offensive?

Let's remember, the sole reason schools in Norwood, across the U.S and around the world are closed the last week

in December is because of the Christmas holiday. It was never a random choice and has nothing to do with the changing of seasons. Our 'winter recess' takes place in February.

It's in recognizing, accepting and honoring the holidays of ALL the cultures that make up America that we truly show how inclusive a society we are. And we've come a long way, for sure. But by censoring the name of the biggest holiday celebrated by the vast majority of Americans, we're turning inclusiveness on its head in the name of political correctness.

I could see such silliness happening in places like Cambridge or Brookline, but certainly not in Norwood.

Let's get back in line with state and federal government practices and give 'winter recess' a permanent vacation.

Sincerely, Joe Ailinger Jr.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH THIS COUNTRY?

To the Editor:

What is going on in our country when one person can ban a word from a public school document!

I am referring to a school

committee member who had the word Christmas removed from the school calendar.

What is also wrong is that the rest of the school committee let it happen.

At least one member, Paul Samargedlis, has some common sense and suggested that they should go ask the people of Norwood what they felt about the word Christmas in their school system.

These are PUBLIC schools and the PUBLIC should decide.

I guarantee that if you polled 100 Norwood residents, 100 Norwood residents would say " Don't take the word Christmas out of our children's schools.

We cannot let one person's ideas change all of our traditions and ruin the Holiday for everyone else.

I hope when election time comes, the people of Norwood will do the right thing and maybe then we will be able to get the word Christmas back in our school calendar.

*Peter F O'Brien
Norwood*

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PBCC seeks more soil tests on DPW site

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

The Permanent Building Construction Committee (PBCC) last week approved an amendment to its contract with its engineer for more soil surveying work at the Department of Public Works (DPW) site on Lyman Place.

At the PBCC's meeting last Thursday night, Bryan Jarvis of Compass Project Management told the committee that the project engineer consultant, Weston & Sampson, wants to conduct a soil survey from the embankment between the property line of Lyman Place to the nearby railroad tracks before proceeding with any other excavation work.

At the same time, Jarvis said Compass is continuing to work with the MBTA to discuss details of the excavation work, which would occur just feet from the railroad tracks that run parallel along the property line.

It was discovered during a recent survey of Lyman Place that there is some unsuitable soil beneath the surface at the location of the new 25,000 square-foot maintenance building, which is just a few feet from the property line and the

embankment leading to the tracks. Excavation of the area would require first shoring up the embankment, which is where the T would become involved. It is still unclear if and how the T will monitor the work.

"They may be able to do some re-grading there to eliminate the extent of the shoring work," said Jarvis of the PBCC's engineer. "It's a pretty big stretch along the railway."

DPW Director Mark Ryan said that removing all of the soil would cost \$1.5 million, while Weston & Sampson has recommended a cheaper method of improving the soil strength at a cost of around \$385,000. He said the money is part of the project 10-percent contingency budget of \$1.4 million.

"This is one of those things that you want to pay now so you don't pay for it later," said PBCC member Ted Callahan of the surveying work.

The PBCC also approved extending out Compass' contract under a new timeline that puts "substantial completion" of the project at February 2015. The committee voted last month to slow the project, which was previously scheduled for an October 2014

completion, because they did not feel it would be ready to present to the Annual Town Meeting in May.

PBCC Vice Chairman Dan Gold contested the extended schedule, saying the town now will have to pay more in design

PBCC

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To the Editor:

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OPINION

NO SNOW JOB

The comedian Louis C.K. has a routine where he mercilessly bashes anyone he hears proclaim that they are “bored.” His tirade, paraphrased and stripped of profanity, revolves around the idea of the wondrous times we live in. It is an age where technology - from smart phones to medical care - has evolved at a pace worthy of science fiction.

The point is that information, entertainment and stimulation are everywhere.

We agree that we live in an incredible age, but our reason for such a reflection this week is far more mundane. You are all well-aware that we endured a powerful, destructive blizzard and its after-effects this week. By the time

you read this, life is almost back to normal. Kids are heading back to school and the adults have no reason to grab an extra “snow day” at work. While the infamous Blizzard of '78 shut down the region for days that blurred into weeks, this nearly comparable storm caused mostly inconvenience.

It is easy to grasp how the world has changed over the past 30 years when we zoom in on tech toys, gadgets and business systems. It is far less obvious when it comes to something as straightforward as shoveling snow. And yet, there is no argument that our quick rebound from this storm has a lot to do with evolution as well.

Of course, there is no magic

shovel to speak of. Aside from newer technology like snow-melting machines and that sort of thing, the business of scooping away snow, slush and ice is a straightforward matter. And yet, DPW crews across the state are far more successful in their task than ever before. Complain all you want about the effectiveness, or lack thereof, of government services, but this is one area where taxpayers do usually get their money's worth.

Think of how brutal it was just to clear your back porch of the wet, heavy snow that kept piling up. Now reconsider that task for not just those few square feet, but

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Greeley sworn in *continued from page 2*

his way up. Tony Greeley was the man who should be Norwood's next fire chief, and that's why I appointed him,” Carroll told a packed crowd overflowing the Memorial Hall at Norwood Town Hall on Monday, as Greeley was official sworn in as Norwood's next fire chief.

Carroll announced Greeley's appointment late last month, saying he was chosen among 24 candidates and seven finalists to replace former Chief Michael Howard, who left the post in October following a highly publicized dispute with the town over his employment status. Greeley started work as fire chief last Monday, February 4.

It is not easy supervising people you previously worked along side, and Selectmen Chairman Michael Lyons said he was “skeptical” it would work, but he said that changed when he saw Greeley's “strength of character” and the way in which his fellow fire-

men respected him.

“I feel as comfortable today with our public safety as ever,” said Lyons. “People love Norwood for a lot of reasons, and one of those reasons mentioned a lot is leadership. It's really been a seamless transition.”

Town Clerk Robert Thornton said he has had the pleasure of knowing Greeley for many years, adding that it was an “honor and a privilege” to do the honors of swearing him in.

As for Greeley, who joined the Norwood Fire Department in 1985, he said it was “a surreal moment” standing in front of his family and friends as the fire chief.

“I see so many friendly faces. I know you all. You've mentored me. You've molded me. I'm humbled to the core. I'll always remember today for the rest of my life,” he said.

Greeley thanked his father Bob and wife Melanie for providing strength and guidance,

and the Board of Selectmen and department heads for their show of support in being there for the oath-of-office ceremony.

“You inspire me to do well every day. I'm grateful to you. I'm thrilled to work with all of you in town. We've built many bridges, strong bridges,” he said.

Following the appointment of Ronald Maggio as acting fire chief, Carroll appointed a committee to select the next permanent chief, which included retired Norwood Fire Chief Tom Barry, retired Boston District Fire Chief Mike Liotta, retired Massachusetts Secretary of Public Safety Tom Rapone, Winthrop Fire Chief Paul Flanagan and Brookline Fire Chief Paul Ford. The panel was unanimous in recommending Greeley, said Carroll.

“The finalists were thoroughly examined. It was an exacting process,” said Carroll. “We now have another terrific chief in the Fire Department.”

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how public officials in Norwood work so well together,” he said.

Carroll told the board that he was seeking authorizing with the Finance Commission for the town to incur expenses beyond the \$263,000 that was budgeted this year for snow-and-ice removal. According to Ryan, there was only \$13,000 remaining in that budget prior to the blizzard, and he estimated the storm would cost the town at least \$120,000.

The Selectmen voted unanimously to declare a state of emergency from the storm, a mechanism for applying for federal funding to cover some of the costs.

At the meeting, the board

also discussed the upcoming town election, noting that there are no major contested races this year. Lyons and Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue will be running unopposed for re-election for another three-year term, as no one filed running papers prior to the Feb. 11 deadline.

“I'm thrilled you two are back for another three years. I've been unopposed myself before, but philosophically it's difficult,” said Selectman Bill Plasko. “That lack of interest is very concerning in terms of the future of our town.”

While glad to be serving another three years, Lyons said he almost would have preferred to have a contested race, as it

allows for healthy debate and different viewpoints to come out.

“Everyone who holds office should have to explain themselves. It's a great town. There are a lot of dedicated, worthy people out there,” said Lyons.

Bishop agreed with his colleagues, saying elections are meant to bring changeover and new faces to the town boards and committees.

“That's the only way to keep it the great town it is, to always be bringing in new ideas,” he said. “We should not be going on the path we're going right now.”

The election will be held Monday, April 1.

School Committee approves more budget cuts

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

The School Committee is continuing to work to get to a balanced fiscal year 2014 budget number by next month, when it must present its budget to the Finance Commission.

By the time the two committees meet on March 5, the School Committee will have trimmed over \$1.4 million from its original budget request.

At last Wednesday night's meeting, the committee continued to whittle away at its list of requested budget items under its original \$37.5 million FY 14 school budget proposal, voting to cut another roughly \$350,000

out of that request on top of the \$406,000 in cuts it had approved two weeks earlier.

With those cuts, the committee has now eliminated 11 of the 24 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions it had requested in its original budget in order to get down to the \$36.06 million budget recommended by the Finance Commission.

"We're living very tight, and we're trying to protect class sizes," said School Superintendent James Hayden. "We're getting to the point where we're making some difficult decisions."

Hayden stressed that the budget cuts are not layoffs; they represent new positions that

would be added to the district if funds were available.

"If there are going to be reductions to existing positions, we will let people know that," he said.

Hayden still must identify around \$413,000 more in FY 14 cuts in order to meet the Finance Commission's current revenue projections, something he will present to the School Committee when it next meets on Feb. 27. The School Committee will then present its budget to the Finance Commission on March 5.

After lengthy debate, the

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miles and miles of roadways and sidewalks. It really is amazing that the job gets done as efficiently as it does. Also factor in the unheralded work of police and fire personnel, ambulances and utility workers. Maybe you felt trapped at home this weekend, but for these folks their jobs forced them to work long, brutal hours.

Not everyone was, or will be as grateful and laudatory as we are. There is no shortage of folks complaining that their particular street is in rough shape. Talk radio callers and some of the well-paid rabble rousers in the media took particular offense at the "audacity" of the Governor's travel ban Friday afternoon and the MBTA shutting down. Whiners are everywhere. We read one online post from a woman who complained about all the salt and sand spread on roads, something she said burns the feet of cats and dogs, and foolishly suggesting that we all just need to tough it out and let Mother Nature melt the muck away in due time.

Folks, here is the reality. The parking bans and travel restrictions came about because over the

years we have perfected our snow-clearing strategy. We've also learned that many of those who perished in past storms did so needlessly, and that the abandoned cars that littered highways decades ago were the result of a lack of both preparation and common sense.

Storm responses will never be perfect and inconveniences abound. Our goal should always be to do things better, smarter and

cheaper. Nevertheless, it is hard for us to offer anything but praise for all who played a part in the Herculean effort it took to get life back to normal.

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The application requests:

This Application requests a VARIANCE under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow for more than one freestanding sign on premise of land. Pursuant to Section 6.2.15 (3)

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.

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Selectmen seek to resolve airport dispute

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

The Selectmen want to meet with the Norwood Airport Commission to discuss an ongoing situation with Boston Air Charter (BAC), whose license was suspended in 2010 after they ignored an order by Airport Manager Russ Maguire not to fly planes due to dangerous weather conditions.

At a meeting last month, several members of the Board of Selectmen said they felt that a company at the Norwood Memorial Airport was not being treated fairly.

While not mentioning BAC by name, the board members said they wanted to sit down with Maguire and the commission at some point to hopefully settle the matter.

"It was the whole tone of the way the other individual was being treated," said Selectman Paul Bishop back on January 22.

At that meeting, the Selectmen voted to grant a Volatile and Inflammable Fluid license to Boston Executive Helicopters (BEH) Inc., which is located at 125 Access Road.

However, during the course of the discussion it became clear by comments from the board that they were unhappy with how BAC was being treated. Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue went so far as to say she felt that voting for the BEH license would "directly harm" the other company's operation. Donohue confirmed last week she was talking about BAC.

Reached last week, Bishop said the Selectmen have yet to schedule a meeting with the Airport Commission, but has received an "informal complaint" about the situation.

"It basically comes down to being treated the same. We feel at least one company down there is not being treated fairly," he said. "It's worthy of looking into when you have a complaint before you. It's something that we have to keep in the forefront. Once you commit to something you need to follow up, and we've committed to this."

Donohue would not comment further on the situation, saying only that there is an ongoing situation between BAC and the Airport.

The issue stems from an incident in March of 2010 when two BAC planes took off from a closed Norwood Airport run-

way without being authorized to do so. On March 15, Maguire sent out an advisory that the airport would be closed due to the significant flooding event that hit the region at that time. The airport was still closed two days later when the BAC planes took off on medical missions.

While BAC argued that they had been given proper clearance to fly at their own risk, the Airport Commission voted unanimously three weeks later to suspend the company's commercial license. BAC filed a complaint in court alleging that the commission had no authority to revoke its license and that the company's civil rights had been violated.

However, a state Superior Court justice last summer denied a motion by BAC to overturn the commission's vote, ruling that there was "substantial evidence" to support the decision.

BAC's attorney, Matthew Watsky, told the Record last July that his client would accept the court's decision.

"BAC continues to operate out of the Norwood Airport and looks forward to re-establishing a positive working relationship with the commission," he said at the time, although he did not respond to a message seeking comment last week.

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fees after it was told the original schedule would work.

"It doesn't really sit well with me," he said.

Jarvis said he would bring updated project cost estimates to the committee at its March 7 meeting. According to the plan, the project—now budgeted at \$14 million—will be presented to Town Meeting in the middle of October or early November.

"The idea is to try to maximize the window of opportunity" to start construction early on before the weather turns bad, said Compass President Tim Bonfatti.

Compass, which is also handling the Town Hall renovation project, plans to have a quote for repair to a portion of the

ceiling in the Selectmen's conference room at the March 7 meeting. That work is being bid out separately from the remainder of the interior renovations because it is more urgent, said Compass' Jeff D'Amico.

The contractor for the exterior work, Attleboro-based Contracting Specialists Inc. (CSI), will begin constructing a scaffold around the bell tower in the first week of March, he said. The renovation work is expected to last until the end of the summer.

D'Amico said CSI is contractually obligated to complete all restoration work by Oct. 15.

Town Meeting back in November approved the \$2.9 million budget for the work.

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School leaders seek \$100K in Norwood High requests

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

The new Norwood High School officially opened its doors to students in September of 2011, but the building project is not quite complete yet.

At last Thursday night's Permanent Building Construction Committee (PBCC) meeting, Superintendent James Hayden, Building and Grounds Director Paul Riccardi and Principal George Ucevich brought forward a series of new spending requests for the committee to consider.

In total, approximately \$101,000 in unused high-project funds is being sought for things like protective net-

ting at the lacrosse field, portable soccer goals, a lawn tractor, improved signage, more laptops and television sets and an additional cooling unit for the TV studio.

Of the original \$68.6 million budget for the new high school—which included a 55.5 percent state reimbursement—Hayden said there are three accounts with remaining funding for the latest requests: technology, project contingency and furniture, fixtures and equipment.

"We want to make sure that everything that was budgeted gets utilized to its fullest. This was a project the state was helping us with. You don't have these opportunities again," said Hayden. "I did

feel it was incumbent on us to come back [to the PBCC]."

Around \$15,000 would pay for protective netting around the lacrosse goals to avoid balls being hit out of play onto the track, as well as for portable soccer goals to allow the teams to play on the school's AstroTurf field.

Hayden said that the soccer teams usually play on AstroTurf during road games and felt that Norwood High's field could be better utilized.

Another \$26,000 would pay for a new tractor to maintain the front field, which is used for field hockey, said Riccardi. He said the MIAA standard calls for the grass to be kept at one-and-a-quarter inches, meaning it would have

to be cut three times a week.

"This front field is not cut by the town. I've had conversations with [Public Works Director] Mark Ryan, and they don't have the manpower to pick up this field," said Riccardi. "We take over the front field on May 1. We don't take over the rest of the prop-

erty until May 1, 2014."

The next request was for \$5,000 to install volume controls on the public-address systems in 10 rooms that currently don't have them. Another \$3,000 was for three TV sets for the dean's suite, guid-

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committee voted to cancel its February 13 meeting in order to allow Hayden more time to find \$413,000 worth of cuts.

"We're so close. We're within shouting distance of having a balanced budget," said committee member Paul Samargedlis. "It's not a blanket cut. You're going to have to piece meal some of this."

Despite some concern over how to best move forward and not knowing what the cuts will be, committee members were in agreement that giving the superintendent an extra two weeks would benefit the process and give them more detail to present to the Finance Commission.

"I think February 27 makes sense to come back to us. You rush to make decisions and you get a room of people yelling and screaming at you," member Eleanor Travers said.

Hayden said he continues to take a cautious approach toward the budget, despite signs at the state level that more money may become available. The governor's proposal to increase the state income tax could add around \$1.3 million to Chapter 70 funding for the schools, but that depends upon legislature passing the measure, said Hayden.

"I think the conservative estimate is the way to go," said School Committee Chairwoman Courtney Rau. "I don't see any fiscal numbers changing between now and March 5."

As it had at the previous meeting, the committee voted to keep \$93,000 in the budget request for two fifth-grade teachers to deal with high class sizes at the Balch and Oldham elementary schools.

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Sports



Charlie Crockett and the Mustangs lineup for the tip against Wellesley last week. The Mustangs dropped three games last week.

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Boys basketball falls out of postseason contention

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

Well, it just wasn't meant to be.

The Norwood boys basketball team has had an extremely difficult season. Between losses and a boatload of injuries, the Mustangs had an outside shot at a tournament berth heading into the last few weeks of the season.

However, those hopes came to a screeching halt last week just before Nemo blew in as the boys went 0-3 in three difficult games, losing to Bishop Feehan, Wellesley and Natick.

Pat O'Rourke injured his other ankle in Norwood's fourth straight win against Dedham before last week, and although he tried to play at Feehan on Sunday, he was unable to do much. Head coach Rich Cormier decided to pull him from the game to protect his ankles for the remainder of the season.

Norwood got off to a poor shooting start in the Feehan game and it cost them. The Mustangs were down 17 at the half and it only got worse in the third quarter. Dan Flahive missed an open three on the first possession of the second half and Feehan came right down and scored a lay-up on the other end and never looked

back.

Flahive was the Mustangs leading man with 12 points and Bryan Gearty chipped in 8 in the 73-50 loss.

The Mustangs then welcomed Wellesley into their place on Tuesday night and immediately dug themselves into a big hole as they were down

35-21 at the half.

However, the guys responded with an excellent second half and cut the lead to just five in the fourth quarter, but Wellesley prevailed 55-47. O'Rourke led the way with 14

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Dec. 11 vs. Bishop Feehan L 44-42
 Dec. 14 vs. Milton W 43-39
 Dec. 18 at Brookline L 57-43
 Dec. 20 at Braintree L 56-52
 Jan. 4 vs. Dedham L 53-50
 Jan. 8 at Wellesley L 51-39
 Jan. 11 at Natick L 67-37
 Jan. 15 vs. Walpole L 51-33
 Jan. 18 vs. Weymouth L 73-56
 Jan. 22 at Milton L 60-45
 Jan. 23 vs. Hampden Charter W 72-21
 Jan. 25 vs. Framingham W 71-68 (OT)
 Jan. 29 Needham W 55-40
 Feb. 1 at Dedham W 54-40
 Feb. 3 at Bishop Feehan L 73-50
 Feb. 5 vs. Wellesley L 55-57
 Feb. 8 vs. Natick L 70-48
 Feb. 14 at Newton North 6:30
 Feb. 17 at Westwood 7:00
 Feb. 19 at Westwood (Opponent TBD)

Wrestling squad pins Dedham

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

Finally.

For two years now, the Norwood wrestling program has struggled to find out what winning looks like.

Individually, they have had some strong performances, but as a team, they simply have not been able to put everything together in order to get a meet victory.

That all changed against next-door neighbor Dedham last week.

The Mustang grapplers managed to salvage the duel meet with a big win on the road at Dedham last Wednesday.

"We matched up well with them and it proved to be an exciting wrestling meet. It was a lot of fun for the kids. For the first time this year they were engaged the entire night, on their feet cheering, realizing a win was within their grasp and that was awesome to see," said head coach Dan McQuade.

The score was tied 6-6 going into 120 early in the night when freshman Greg Williams used a headlock to throw his guy on his back and pin him.

At 132, J.J. O'Donnell pulled out a 5-3 victory over his opponent.

Down 18-15, going into 145, Junior Davilla picked up a win by injury default, making it 21-18.

Mike McDonough then came up with a big pin at 152, giving Norwood their biggest lead of the night (and probably the past two seasons) at 27-18.

Things got a bit tight for Norwood with the score 27-24 going into the 170 bout, but the Mustangs didn't have a wrestler at 182, while Dedham did not have a heavyweight.

So, the teams compromised, as Norwood bumped Brenden Ross up to 182, then Dedham, in turn, bumped their senior captain from 170 to 182 and their next three grapplers up to fill the heavyweight void. That created a no contest at 170.

The two teams then traded pin fall victories, Dedham at 182, then Mark Saulnier did his job as he has done his entire career for Norwood, getting the pin and putting his Mustangs ahead, 33-30.

Of course, nothing would come easy this season for Norwood, and this match was no different.

Keeping it interesting, Mario Sabha (220) took his opponent to overtime before giving up the takedown, which made it 33-33 going into the final match of the night. A true test of will and character was not going to be on display for a team that has been tested time and time again over the past few seasons.

Norwood heavyweight Javier Cardona took his guy down in the first and managed to pin him in the second, forcing the bench into a raucous and jubilant celebration. It was a long awaited team celebration that has been two years in the making.

McQuade was overwhelmed with pride and could only thank his team for the effort they have given him this season despite things not always going their way.

"I wanted to thank all the wrestlers for working hard all year and keeping their heads held high," he said.

McQuade also had one final special message for a coach on the squad who has also given all of his time and energy into the team, making the win over Dedham that much sweeter last week.

"A special thanks from the team and myself to assistant coach Dan McDonough for all his time and effort and helping to keep the team unity," added McQuade.

They may not be on the same level as a powerhouse like Natick, but it's clear to everyone involved that Norwood wrestling will be back on the map in the near future.



Patrick O'Rourke looks to pass into the post. The Mustangs are not admitting defeat on the season even though the team will not clinch a postseason berth.

PHOTO BY KEVIN STONE

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points and 3 boards. Charlie Crockett had seven points and rebounds. Flahive chipped in 7 points as well.

In their last home game of the season against Natick (senior night) Cormier believed his team played a little too tight while Natick came out on fire. Alex Hilger (Natick) hit four threes in the first quarter and seven for the game. The Mustangs were never really close, down 44-16 at halftime and lost 70-48.

"Our guys never quit and came out with tremendous energy in the second half. I thought they represented themselves with class and dignity

in a game that could have easily gotten out of hand. It was a disappointing way for the seniors to go out on their home court, but they showed what kind of people they are by never giving up and playing hard to the final buzzer," said head coach Rich Cormier following the Natick game.

Norwood had a game against Hampden cancelled due to the storm and are in the process of trying to reschedule for next Monday.

The Mustangs have Newton North on the road Thursday before heading into the Westwood Tourney to wrap up the season.

"Even though we have officially been eliminated from the tournament with a 5-12 record, I know our guys will come out hungry in these last few games and hopefully we will play a little looser as we genuinely have nothing to lose," Cormier said.

While the elimination from the postseason tournament is disappointing for the Mustangs, the team has vowed to continue playing hard as it completes its season. For the seniors, many are looking to finish off their careers on a high note.

Girls basketball rebounds with win over Natick

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

Much like the boys team, the Norwood girls basketball program has showed great signs that they are turning the proverbial corner in becoming a contender.

Last week, the girls played perennial powers Wellesley and Natick on the road. The lady Mustangs went 1-1, getting a huge victory in Natick, spoiling their senior night after coming off a loss to Wellesley.

On Tuesday, Norwood traveled to Wellesley to take on the Raiders and lost 55-46.

Early on, the Mustangs got themselves in a hole early and were down by as

many as 22 throughout the game. To their credit, they were able to cut it to eight in the fourth quarter, but the hole was far too big.

"I was happy that the girls never quit. They took pride in their defense and held a high powered Wellesley team to only 19 second half points," said head coach Alex DaLuz.

Senior Kelly Duggan notched a double-double with 10 points and 13 rebounds, while Sophomore Julia Copponi had 13 points, 3 steals and 3 assists.

In a critical bounce back game on Thursday night of last week, Norwood went to Natick to take on the Red Hawks on their senior night.

Riding a monster fourth

quarter in which they dominated and won 23-10, the Mustangs left with an upset victory, 61-55 over a good basketball team.

Down 32-22 at halftime, Norwood won the second half, 39-23.

Sophomore Julia Copponi led the scoring with 15 points. Senior Jessica Gorman had 12 points on four 3-pointers. Senior Makenna Lane scored 11 points and dished out 6 assists.

Junior Olivia Philbrook had 7 points and 11 rebounds. Senior Kelly Duggan added 5 points and 11 rebounds and Senior Shannon Reen had 9 rebounds.

"We wore them down with our full court man-to-man defense and we shot extremely well," explained

Gymnastics wins two straight meets

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

The Norwood gymnastics squad finished the regular season on a strong note.

The girls wrapped up the regular season with back-to-back victories over Framingham and Brookline to close out an impressive season.

The team finished the very strong, getting the first win of the back-to-back against the Flyers on Friday, February 1, 128.6-124.55.

Junior Captain Kristen Folan won the All-Around with 34.65 and Junior Elizabeth Kearns was second with a 32.45.

It was another historic day for the program, who saw a few of them this season when they scored their highest ever total on the team floor score, led by Kearns scoring her personal best of 9.2 to win the event.

Following the Flyers win, Norwood had their last meet of the season on Tuesday, February 5 against Brookline.

Again, history was made as the lady Mustangs captured an all-time team high score of 132.4 points to beat Brookline, who posted a score of 124.9.

"This was our senior meet where we honored our senior gymnasts Captain Maria Katinas and Captain Lindsay Newcomb. Both gymnasts were great leaders

this season and will be truly missed by this entire program," said head coach Karen Broderick.

Kristen Folan won the all-around once again with a score of 34.8 while Kearns took second with her personal best all-around score of 34.2

"It was a great meet to end a great season. We got our highest team beam score of the season of 34.4 which was a huge improvement from the start of the season. Junior MacKenzie Begley, our "beam queen," managed to stay on the beam for all 10 of our meets...She is solid on the beam," said Broderick.

Thanks to Nemo, the girls aren't done quite yet. The squad is now looking to have a successful Bay State League meet, which has been moved to this Wednesday night at Newton North.

"The team is strong, motivated and focused. They deserve to end this season on a high note, they have really worked hard this year and I am also hoping to have a few gymnasts qualify [for] the Individual State meet and really cap of this season the right way," said Broderick.

Whether they have any one qualify for the individual meet or not, Broderick and her squad have taken some huge steps this year in making Norwood a viable contender for future years to come.

DaLuz.

Impressively, the Mustangs finished the game with twelve 3-pointers made.

"It was the best win of the season against a quality opponent. We got contributions from every player that checked into the game and that's big this time of year," said DaLuz.

While the tournament is still a long shot, the Mustang girls have come a long way from last season and continue to battle on a nightly basis.

The Massachusetts girls basketball scene would be wise to keep their eyes on Norwood moving forward, because good things are starting to happen.

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ance suite and nurse's room, said Usevich.

Out of the construction contingency, there were three requests for signage and one for a supplemental cooling unit at the Dick Kief TV Studio.

"It's much more involved equipment than what was intended for that space," said Bryan Jarvis of Compass Project Management, the consultant on the new high school, referring to the studio operated by Norwood Public Access Television.

Riccardi said the Norwood Safety Committee is recommending that the traffic pattern in front of the high school

be made one way-entering at Peabody Road and exiting at Victoria Circle-Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and new traffic signage would be required.

"We thought there were some unsafe conditions with traffic," he said.

There were also requests for signage to replace the PBCC lobby plaque, which was damaged when it fell over during the ribbon-cutting ceremony, and for the Foreign Language Department.

"When we were doing this, I just think we didn't have the vision as to what had to be marked and where," said Usevich.

From the existing technology budget, Hayden requested \$30,000 for laptops for the guidance counselors, library and second-language teachers.

Following the presentation, the PBCC voted to table the requests to the next meeting.

"You've given us a lot to digest, and we're seeing this for the first time," said PBCC Chairman Bill Kinsman.

Usevich said that in his nearly five decades as an educator, the Norwood High project is the best in which he's been involved.

"To see it in operation and to see it living and breathing...it's a great feeling, and you guys should be proud of what you've given to the community," he said. "As beautiful as the building is on the outside, it is [an] awe when [people] walk inside."

He added that the school is developing an adult-education program that will be introduced in the fall, fulfilling a promise to make the new Norwood High a community center.

"It's really going to be a community school," he said.

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Library Events

ELLEN SCHWARTZ & ROGER BRUNO PERFORM LOVE SONGS AT THE LIBRARY

Romance will be in the air on Sunday, February 10 at 3 p.m. as the Musical Sundays series continues at the Morrill Memorial Library. Ellen Schwartz and Roger Bruno, the popular duo known as "Too Human," will present an encore performance of love songs and "good music with a lot of heart."

Ellen's earthy, soulful voice perfectly complements Roger's unique percussion style and stirring vocals, resulting in music with a jazzy, bluesy feel and great on-stage chemistry. Former songwriters in L.A., these New York natives have performed widely in New York City, Washington D.C., Saratoga Springs, Hartford, and Worcester, and have produced two live CDs.

Please register for this free concert, made possible through the support of the Library Endowment Fund, at the Reference or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222. The library is accessible to the physically challenged.

"STORY OF STUFF" PARTY AT THE LIBRARY

Come to the Morrill Memorial Library on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. for an evening of short films and discussion based on the inspirational "Story of Stuff" project by author Annie Leonard. The organization Together Yes, dedicated to promoting sustainability, will show 8 brief films narrated by Leonard and documenting what happens to the stuff we buy, where it comes from, what it costs in terms of economics and environment, and what we can do about it.

After watching these informative documentaries, we will have a brief discussion and enjoy some light refreshments. Sign up for this free event at the library Reference or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222. The library is accessible to the physically challenged.

INTERGENERATIONAL PICTURE BOOK PROGRAM AT LIBRARY

The Morrill Memorial Library is conducting an intergenerational picture book program on Saturday, March 2 from 10-12 noon as part of a grant from the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation. This free event, "Making Poems into Stories on a Snowy Day," is being held in honor of the legendary children's author. Outreach Librarian and children's author Nancy Ling, along with author/illustrator Nancy Poydar, will teach the class how to create an illustrated storyboard from a poem.

Interested participants of all ages should bring in a poem 16 lines or longer. The poem may be the person's own creation or that of a favorite author and it should tell a story. Each participant will take home a storyboard, or hardcover book, that he or she created.

Class size is limited, so please stop by the library or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222 to register. The library is accessible to the physically challenged.

FICTION TO FILM SERIES AT THE LIBRARY

The final movie in our "Fiction 2 Film" series—"Sideways"—will be shown at the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. Adapted from Rex Pickett's 2004 novel of the same name, this award-winning film follows Miles (Paul Giamatti), who is distressed about his lack of success as a novelist, and Jack (Thomas Haden Church), an equally undistinguished actor about to be married. In a last-ditch effort to sow their wild oats before the wedding, Jack and Miles take off on a road trip to California's wine country.

Please sign up at the library Reference or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222. We recommend that you read the book before we watch the film. Funding for the movie license is provided by the Friends of the Library, and complimentary popcorn is donated by Regal Cinema, Bellingham. The library is handicapped accessible.

HARPIST LIZARY RODRIGUEZ TO PERFORM AT LIBRARY

Our Musical Sundays series continues on Sunday, March 10 at 3 p.m. when award-winning harpist Lizary Rodriguez will take you on a delightful musical journey through classic Europe, rhythmic Latin America, and the sizzling jazz sounds of the U.S.

Ms. Rodriguez has toured with Grammy-nominated international harp ensemble HarpFusion, performing in Europe, Asia, and Latin America. She has won awards in several international music competitions including Cita di Padova in Italy and the International Music Tournament in Marseille, France. In addition, she has been awarded the Wedding Wire's Bride's Choice Award for the third year in a row and has appeared on the cover of the Boston Talent Magazine.

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LOST & FOUND AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

During the five Sunday mornings leading up to Easter, worship at First Congregational Church (UCC) will explore questions like these as we take a look into the "Lost & Found" of our lives. This Lenten worship series begins on Sunday, February 17 and continues through Sunday, March 17. Join us in making connections between faith and everyday life.

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. The regular Sunday morning worship service is at 10 am and is followed by a fellowship hour in Pingree Hall. Church school classes and nursery care are provided during the service. Our pastors, Reverend Dr. John Hamilton and Reverend Lisa Rizoli, are glad to extend pastoral support. For more information, please call the church office at (781)762-3320.

COME ON A PILGRIMAGE FOR LENT AT GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

This year's Lenten program at Grace Episcopal Church is an invitation to come and join fellow pilgrims in a multimedia exploration of pilgrimage that will culminate on a jointly-created pilgrimage during Holy Week in the town of Norwood. "Pilgrimage" might be a strange notion to our modern, practical minds. How many of us have walked to a distant holy place in order to draw nearer to God? Yet the pilgrimage experience is growing these days in various parts of the world, and the oldest and most celebrated is the Camino de Santiago in Spain. This unique Lenten series will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 at Grace Episcopal Church during the season of Lent: February 19, 26 and March 5, 12, and 19. All are welcome to attend. Our local pilgrimage experience is tentatively scheduled to take place on the Saturday before Palm Sunday.

TO BENEFIT THE NORWOOD POST PROM PARTY

On Wednesday, March 13th 7p.m. Norwood High School Auditorium. Students \$5 adv, \$7 door, Adults \$8 adv, \$10 door. Teachers FREE-donations welcome. For tickets or more information contact Mrs. Kaplan: jkaplan@norwood.k12.ma.us. Sponsored by David's Bridal and Richard Lewis Formal Wear.

MEN'S COMMUNITY BREAKFAST AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORWOOD

Do you like to share quality time with other men in the community? After several requests to have monthly men's breakfasts, local men have formed a committee to have the first Community Men's Breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 16th at 8: a.m. It will be held in the Parish House of the First Baptist Church of Norwood, 71 Bond Street. A professional chef will prepare the breakfast. There will be a speaker on a subject of interest each month. There is no set charge, but a Free Will offering will be taken. Please call the church office at 781-762-1633 by Feb. 14 to make a reservation. All men are welcome to attend.

WCC THRIFT SHOP NOW OPEN

The WCC Thrift Shop, now located at 1091 Washington Street, has resumed its normal business hours. On Wednesdays 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m., Thursdays 9:30a.m. to 3:00p.m., and Saturdays 9:30a.m. to 12:30p.m. Donations are accepted during regular retail hours as well as Mondays & Wednesdays 9:00a.m. to 11:00a.m.

THE NORWOOD ART ASSOCIATION

Presents a special Valentine's Art Show and Sale at the George H. Morse House, 1285 Washington Street, Norwood, on Sunday, February 17, and 24 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There is no charge for admission and refreshments will be served.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS DRIVERS

Can you spare an hour once or twice a month to help out your neighbors in need? If so, the Norwood Food Pantry would like to talk to you. The pantry is looking for volunteers to deliver bags of groceries Saturday mornings between 9:30 and 10:30. These bags go to people with an illness or disability that prevents them from coming to the pantry to pick up the food themselves. The bags have already been prepared by other volunteers. The addresses are all in Norwood. And there are plenty of youth volunteers to help you load up your vehicle. "This is one volunteer opportunity that doesn't require a large time commitment," says Ruth Taeger, Executive Director of the pantry. "Deliveries hardly ever take over an hour. Yet they're vitally important - and deeply appreciated by all those folks who might not otherwise be able to get the food they so urgently need." If you think you might be able to help, please call Barbara at 781-762-7053 to volunteer or find out more. Or visit the pantry, which is located in the basement of Grace Episcopal Church at 150 Chapel Street, Saturday mornings between 8:20 and 11 a.m. to discuss the possibilities...or to make a donation of non-perishable food.

NPA-TV ANNOUNCES YOUTH VIDEO CLUB FOR BEGINNERS!

Sign up for NPA-TV's Beginner Youth Video Club for Norwood Residents in Grades 6,7, &8. Beginner Youth Video Club Part I is for students who have not yet participated in Youth Video Club. It will start on Tuesday Feb. 26, and run until April 16th from 3:30-5:00pm at NPA-TV Studios located at Norwood High School. Registration will begin on Wednesday Feb. 6 at 10:00am and will close on Wednesday Feb. 20, at 4:00pm or until the class has been filled. Class size is limited to 15 and no advanced registrations will be accepted. You can e-mail Meghan Corbett, Assistant Station Manager at Meghan@npatv.org or call NPA-TV at 781-551-0338 to sign up your child. Please visit our website at www.npatv.org and follow us on Facebook and Twitter to keep up with all of our programming news. NPA-TV's Channels are: Town Channel - Norwood Light Broadband channel 23, Comcast ch 8, or Verizon ch 35, School Channel - NLB ch 22, Comcast ch 12, or Verizon ch 34, Community Announcements Channel - NLB ch 24,

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NORWOOD YOUTH SOCCER SPRING INTRAMURAL REGISTRATION

The Norwood Youth Soccer deadline to register for the Spring 2013 Intramural program U5 to U9 is Feb. 17. A \$10 late fee becomes effective after this date. All players who register late will be placed on a wait list, and will not be guaranteed a spot on any roster. If you registered and need to complete payment, please be sure to do so prior to the deadline, or you will be wait listed. Please visit "www.norwoodsoccer.com" and click "Registration" for more information. Please Register online at "www.norwoodsoccer.com."

CLEVELAND SCHOOL ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

The Cleveland School PTA is hosting its annual Trivia Night Fundraiser, on Friday March 1, at 7pm. Stump! Trivia is returning, and we have many great raffle and silent auction items available that night including sports tickets, youth sports registration fees, local restaurants, and regional attractions. Tickets are available, \$20 per person or book a table by 2/27 for \$175. For tickets, more information, or to donate, please contact Jayne Ford jayneford@verizon.net.

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Police Logs

Wednesday Feb. 06

1025 phone - Susp activity services rendered Location/address: Ledgeview Dr MA 46337 in the driveway up against the garage. Owners are away. Officers report a worker inside and doing work per the owner.

1407 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Lewis Restaurant & Grille - Central St Caller reports 2 black males smoking pot, across from Lewis's. Located at municipal lot by Napper Tandy's. father and son having car problems. One is smoking cigarette 1 is drinking coffee. No drugs.

1626 phone - Disturbance gone on arrival Location/address: Parkway St Report male/female yelling at each other, standing outside a white car, a third female arrived on scene. N678 reports no one there upon arrival, checked surrounding area also.

1712 phone - Animal complaint area search negative Location/address: Dean St + Pond Ave Report of a white dog running in traffic.

1858 phone - Susp activity services rendered Location/address: St Joseph Ave Report of an Acura, silver, 2 females, heads in downward position, seen here several times, leave behind orange caps on street, believe they are doing drugs. N661 checks-car is goa. Units stop ma pc 8rh210, Washington/Upton, that left area at time of officer's arrival. N661 reports not involved, no other cars matching description in area.

1900 911 - Domestic complaint/summons Location/address: CMCS Apt 1a - Silver St Caller reported argument with family member. Summons: Shepherd, Kelley A Address: 47 Cottage St Norwood Dob: 10/20/1974 Charges: a&b.

2043 walk-in - Assist citizen spoken to Location/address: Hill St Party in lobby seeking advice about comments on his face book. N662 spoke to him, no crime, informed him to "unfriend" the other person.

Thursday Feb. 07

0051 initiated - Breaking and entering area search negative Location/address: Stock Building Supply - Pleasant St N669 reports white truck with plow left the parking lot of stock building supplies heading on Pleasant St. Towards Walpole. Officer checked lot and found chain to gate on ground. bolo to cars and Walpole p.d. To stop and hold if located. Not able to get make, model or plate #. N666 checked Washington St. To Walpole line. N678, n669 checked Pleasant St to rt. 1 to Union St. Officer will check with owners in morning; need IMC keyholder update.

0143 initiated - Motor vehicle stop arrest(s)made Location/address: Walgreen's / Jughandle - Bos-Prov Hwy MA. Reg# 9282vg. As a result of stop, n661 returns with 1 under arrest for outstanding warrant and driving with suspended license. Center Autobody towed vehicle. Arrest: Doyle-Borden, Jillian L Address: 21 Chickering Rd Dedham Dob: 08/03/1980 Charges: speeding License suspended, op mv with Warrant arrest.

0839 phone - Assist citizen transported to hospital Location/address: Hill St Subject reports he is concerned about sex offenders. Officer to speak to him. NFD requested for voluntary evaluation.

1101 phone - Animal complaint taken/referred to other Location/address: Washington St + Oolah Ave 2 "English bulldogs" running loose. Naco notified and handling.

1143 radio - Fraud Location/address: Roosevelt Ave Identity fraud. Off P Murphy investigating.

1246 phone - Warrant service arrest(s)made Location/address: Eaton Village Condos (310 & 315 Neponset St) - Neponset St Subject wanted is staying at the home. Officers return with One under arrest. Arrest: Lavallee, Adam Z Address: 315 Neponset St apt. #55 Norwood Dob: 04/08/1987 Charges: warrant arrest.

1343 phone - Mischief (kids) spoken to Location/address: Brolly Construction - Chapel St Caller reports 4 kids on tracks, all wearing black hoodies. Kids were off of tracks and spoken to. Sent of their way.

1528 phone - Auto theft spoken to Location/address: Jefferson Dr Caller lent mv to

friend who has not returned it. Friend was arrested in Boston and mv was towed at that time. She will continue to call Boston to find out where car was towed to. Off will return tomorrow with stolen report.

2247 initiated - Assist other police de spoken to Location/address: Main St Officer flagged down by passer by reporting a verbal argument at the patriot tavern. Walpole police notified. Officer reported parties lost their keys, no disturbance occurred.

2258 phone - Kids gathering gone on arrival Location/address: Junior High North - Savage Center - Prospect St Caller reported group of kids playing basketball. Officers checked area, nothing found.

Friday Feb. 08

0103 phone - Mischief (kids) gone on arrival Location/address: Uhaul - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports 4 youths running across highway back & forth. N661, n669 responded and checked the area.

0131 phone - Report of fight Location/address: Rt 95 - Neponset St Canton p.d. Reports they are off with a vehicle whose passengers were involved in a fight in Norwood. Canton p.d. States the other vehicle involved fled on Neponset St. Towards Norwood, no description of vehicle. N661, n669, n678 responded and met Canton police and ambulance.

0500 911 - Death at home Location/address: Concord Ave Caller reports his wife on floor in bathroom and is not breathing.

0722 phone - Citizens complaint state DPW/ Norwood DPW no Location/address: Nichols St + Nahatan St Caller states there is a couch by sidewalk and believes it will cause problems when clearing the sidewalks, dpw notified and will handle same.

1131 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: longwood ter Caller reports w/male with brogue asked if house across the street was for sale. He left in 2002 Ford Focus Gold in color. Left area heading towards E Cross St. Officer spoke to caller and checked area goa. Home in question is in foreclosure. Officer will attempt to speak to motorist.

1430 walk-in - Assist citizen under investigation Location/address: Lincoln St Landlord entered her apt and took off when she arrived home. Officer to speak with landlord. Under investigation. Officer spoke to tenant and landlord. Tenant did physically see landlord in apt. Landlord denied he was in apt. Tenant satisfied.

1842 phone - Domestic arrest(s)made Location/address: Washington St Report female yelling, someone maybe bleeding. N664 places subject under arrest and transports to station. Arrest: Similien, Ricot Address: 1175 Washington St Norwood Dob: 12/16/1980 Charges: a&b

2316 phone - Road hazard spoken to Location/address: Chateau Restaurant - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller states the plows clearing the Chateau lot are plowing into the right lane of rt. 1 n/b. N678 responded and found no evidence of complaint but advised.

Saturday Feb. 09

0017 911 - Well being chk area search negative Location/address: NE Sector - Cottage St + Maple St Caller reports 6 or 7 males walking past her house and 1 male carrying female over his shoulder. N664 responded and checked the area. Nothing found.

0749 walk-in - Report of fire police & fire notified/r Location/address: Pleasant St + Nahatan St Party came into lobby and stated his car caught fire, he jogged here then he collapsed. NFD took care of him and transported. Negoshians towed same MA pc 9998ke.

0944 phone - Violation of town bylaw services rendered Location/address: Prospect St Report private contractor pushing snow into street and onto sidewalk. N664 reports contractor goa.

1023 phone - Assist other police depart no action required Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St N669 meets a Westwood cruiser on Winter St. At town line and transports a doctor the rest of the way to the hospital. N669 reports Westwood took him the whole way.

1105 phone - Larceny spoken to Location/address: Jacobsen Dr Resident watched 3 b/m's, 1 w/f, take a shovel from his front

porch. N666 spoke to caller, he got shovel back, did not wish To pursue the matter, only have kids spoken to, n666 did that.

1118 phone - Violation of town bylaw services rendered Location/address: Oolah Ave Report snowplow trying to plow street, resident's moved their cars into road to block same from happening. N663 Reports everyone moved out of the way.

1349 phone - Animal complaint Naco/Waco notified Location/address: Heather Dr Resident found a dog running loose in Neponset St. Area, no Tags. N.a.c.o. Picked up same.

1400 phone - Assaults complaint/summons Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Security guard reports past assault.

1453 phone - Open door/gate services rendered Location/address: Chapel Ct Report front doors to home are open. N679 reports vacant home, all inner doors secure, officer closed front door to best of his ability, will not stay shut.

2137 phone - Assist other agency spoken to Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Female looking for assistance from the pd. N664 n666 sent. Spoke to female and advised.

Sunday Feb. 10

0802 phone - Road hazard state DPW/ Norwood DPW no Location/address: Yarwood Cir Report hill section is slippery and almost mva due to line of sight problems. Dpw notified.

0825 phone - Road hazard state DPW/ Norwood DPW no Location/address: Rockhill St Resident reports DPW, when plowing the street, piled the snow in an area that blocked 2 driveways. DPW notified, they are Aware of problem.

1041 phone - Power outage police & fire notified/r Location/address: Longwood Ter Report possible transformer explosion. NFD reports the glass cover to the home's electrical meter broke, NFD spoke to homeowner and called off police assistance in the matter.

1232 phone - Parking violation spoken to Location/address: leno Ave Caller reports vehicles parked on Lenox avenue for sledding causing traffic problem. N679 sent and had vehicles moved.

1239 phone - Animal complaint other Location/address: Pleasant St Caller reports neighbor has not removed pet dog's waste from yard after being spoken to by police earlier. N669 sent Then re-routed to mva on Pendergast Circle as no other units available.

1244 phone - Assist citizen spoken to Location/address: Clay Nissan - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports he can't get hold of anyone at clay Nissan and wants to know if they are open. Caller advised business most likely closed due to snow storm. No units available.

1257 walk-in - Well being chk Location/address: Hill St Walk-in party concerned about neighbor at Hill Street #2. Resident has not been seen in days. N663 sent and reports party not home all ok.

1257 phone - Assist citizen spoken to Location/address: pleasant st Homeowner spoken to about on going issues with neighbor's dog. N669 sent and spoke to caller. Caller going to speak with animal control officer about issue.

1435 phone - Violation of town bylaw spoken to Location/address: Vernon St Report neighbor's hired contractor for snow plowing driveway is putting snow in caller's driveway. N661 locates contractor and he returned and cleaned up same.

1518 phone - Neighbor disturbance spoken to Location/address: Washington St Report neighbor from 863 Washington St, basement Apt. Asked her if he could shovel out her car for money and/or Prescription medication. N661 spoke to all parties, they will stay away from each other.

1542 phone - assist other agency services rendered Location/address: prescott school - richland rd Director would like kids removed from sledding while snow Removal operations are conducted.

1732 radio - Report of gas leak police & fire notified/r Location/address: Rock St NFD notified. N669 sent. NFD handled.

1742 phone - Report of gas leak services rendered Location/address: Advanced Auto Parts - Bos-Prov Hwy NFD notified. N678 sent. NFD handled.

Monday Feb. 11

0018 911 - Weapon Location/address: Mcdonalds - union/rte1 - bos-prov hwy Caller reported two suspicious males, possibly in possession Of a hand gun. Officers on scene report pellet gun found in possession of Employee. All parties checked, sent on their way.

0548 phone - motor vehicle accident written warning Location/address: guild st + broadway st Caller reports vehicle on top of a snow bank. Nfd, n663, And center auto dispatched to the scene. No pi reported. 13-2076 0704 initiated - motor vehicle stop written warning Call taker: dispatcher daniel leavitt Location/address: nahatan st + washington st Id: patrol angela m gulla Narrative: Pc ma 29en20 13-2077 0721 phone - parking violation gone on arrival Call taker: dispatcher daniel leavitt Location/address: oolah ave Id: patrol patrick bishop Narrative: Gray suv parked in front of hydrant. Officer checked area, Nothing found. 13-2078 0723 initiated - motor vehicle stop written warning Norwood police department page: 26 Dispatch log from: 02/07/2013 thru: 02/11/2013 0800 - 0800 printed: 02/11/2013 Call taker: dispatcher daniel leavitt Location/address: suffolk dr + hampden dr Id: patrol shawn p wilman Narrative: Pc ma 562nt0 13-2080 0729 phone - fire alarm police & fire notified/r Call taker: dispatcher daniel leavitt Location/address: vernon st Id: patrol matthew w o'brien Narrative: Caller reported co detector alarm. Norwood fire responded. 13-2081 0737 initiated - motor vehicle stop citation fine Call taker: dispatcher daniel leavitt Location/address: [nod 1060] shaws supermarket - nahatan st Id: patrol angela m gulla Narrative: Pc ma 771fj0 13-2082 0738 initiated - motor vehicle stop written warning Call taker: dispatcher daniel leavitt Location/address: washington st + lewis ave Id: patrol patrick bishop Narrative: Pc ma 55vg43

0941 911 - Neighbor disturbance services rendered Location/address: Hoyle St Snow removal issues resolved.

0946 phone - Well being chk police & fire notified/r Location/address: Folan Ave Call from Coakley Middle School that student stated his dad was having diabetic reaction when he left for school this Morning. NFD treated on scene, no transport.

1051 phone - Harassment civil matter Location/address: Harding Rrd Civil matter with tenant. Advised.

1120 phone - Assist citizen spoken to Location/address: Press Ave Caller reports the neighbors threw snow into his sisters driveway. Both parties spoken to, satisfied.

1208 phone - Well being chk spoken to Location/address: Nahatan St Caller believes a spider on wall. No spider, just blk mark. Caller thought it was a dangerous spider.

1836 phone - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Azalea Dr Caller reports solicitor in the area without any id. N678 Sent. Spoke to solicitor they are registered with the NPD.

1836 phone - Abandoned call other Location/address: Yew Dr Upon call back, resident stated 10 minutes ago she saw someone look in her front window. N678 reports foot prints indicate person walked by, not up to, front window in order to go from front, around side, and to back deck and they appear not to be fresh prints. Units look for b/m, med. height & weight, dark clothes. See report under call#:

1845 phone - Susp activity Location/address: Yew Dr Caller reports a black male looking through her front window. N678 and n664 sent and checked the area with negative results.

2033 phone - Violation of town bylaw gone on arrival Location/address: Windsor Rd Report door-to-door solicitor still out after permitted time period.

2149 walk-in - Assist citizen assisted party Location/address: Bird Rd Walk in party reports he is here to warm up before he walks home. Upon further investigation there is an active restraining order at the address male left the lobby before he could be spoken to again. Officers locate male on Hill St. Male is escorted to the house and female gives officers the new copy of the restraining order.

PUOPOLO

Patricia E. (Collins 53, of Norwood, on Feb. 8. Beloved wife of John N. Puopolo. Devoted mother of Kristin Barstow of MO, John D. Puopolo of Norwood, Twins Karen and Tammie Puopolo of Arlington, Samantha C. Puopolo of Norwood and the late Kelly Ann Puopolo. Sister of James Collins of Milton, Kathy Henderson of NY, Susan Brewster of Haverhill, Carol Vivada of Stoughton and Karen DiFazio of Norwood. Cherished grandmother of Kayla Barstow and Patrick Barstow both of MO, Nicholas Anthony Puopolo of Norwood and the late Rebecca Barstow. Daughter of the late Charles and Florence (Hoag) Collins. Burial will be at Highland

DEATHS

Cemetery, Norwood. Arrangements under the direction of the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood.

SERVELLO

Anna B. (Bilotta) 99, of Norwood, on Feb. 5. Beloved wife of the late Francesco Servello. Devoted Mother of Margherita Bartucca and her late husband Bruno of Walpole, John A. Servello and his wife Rosetta of Norwood, Marianna Ferri and her husband Peter of Norwood, Barbara Medio and her husband Stefano of Norwood, Vincent F. Servello and his wife Michele of Merrimack, NH,

Victor F. Servello and his wife Carolyn of Dedham, Aldo R. Servello and his wife Mary of Belgrade, ME, Patricia Gibson and her husband Donald of Schenectady, NY, the late Pasquale Servello and his late wife Antonietta of Everett, MA and the late Vincenzino Servello. Loving Sister of Vincent Bilotta of FL and Rose Bilotta of Norwood. Cherished grandmother of 27 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. Daughter of the late John and Anna (Paonessa) Bilotta. Funeral arrangement by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home

Norwood. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America 8201 Corporate Dr. Suite 1000 Landover, MD 20785 www.aafa.org.

SULLIVAN

Helena N. (Lyons), 85, of Norwood on Feb. 10. Beloved wife of the late Francis J. Sullivan. Devoted mother of Joan McLoughlin and her husband John of Canton, Michael Sullivan and his wife Karen of Foxboro, Kathy McHugh and her husband Paul of Norwood,

Mark Sullivan and his wife Susan of Mansfield and John Sullivan and his wife Linda of Norwood. Loving sister of Bill Lyons of Norwood and the late Joseph Lyons and Mary Holmes. Cherished grandmother of 14 grandchildren and 5 greatgrandchildren. Daughter of the late Anthony and Mary (Hynes) Lyons. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Burial will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood. Helena was a member of Wacky Women's Club of Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund) New England Chapter - Bay State Branch 60 Walnut Street, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481 www.jdrf.org/baystate.

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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 3:00p.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 second 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, Feb. 25, at 10:00a.m.

BRIDGE: Our Bridge Club meets on Tuesdays at 9:15 and Thursdays at 9:30 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 1:00p.m. In the library/computer room. Computer users at all levels are invited to attend.

COUNCIL ON AGING: There will be no COA meeting in February. The next COA meeting will be Thursday, March 7th at 1:00p.m.

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

DIABETES WORKSHOP: The Diabetes Workshop will meet on Thurs, Feb. 28th at 11:00a.m.

FRIENDS DANCE: Friday, Feb. 15th at 7:00p.m. The DB Band will be playing for you enjoyment.

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

HISTORY TALK: The next History Talk will be on February 21st, at 1:00p.m. It will be an ongoing discussion of the War of 1812.

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.

PING PONG: Our ping-pong table is available for anyone to play. Just ask at the front desk.

PROPOPE: The Propope group will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 20th 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, to help you with your medical insurance needs on Tuesdays from 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. Please call 781-762-1201 for an appointment.

TRIAD: The Triad meeting this month will be on Monday, Feb. 25th at 1:00p.m.

WATER COLOR: The next sessions are scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 14th at 9:00 and 12:30p.m. Payment must be made at signup.

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.

Lunch and a Movie: Friday, Feb. 28th, 1:00p.m. \$5.00 Hope Springs with Meryl Streep and Tommy Lee Jones

PLEASE NOTE: THE TRIPS FOR MARCH AND APRIL HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO INCLUDE TRANSPORTATION. March 15: Women of Ireland, Venus DeMilo, Swansea, MA, Transportation, Luncheon and show \$74.00 pp April 16: The Crooner & the Bombshell, Venus DeMilo, Swansea, MA, Transportation, Luncheon and show \$70.00 p.p.



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