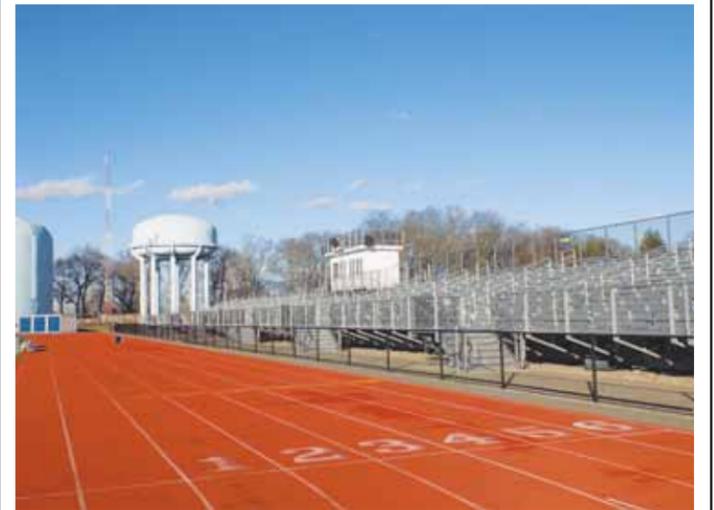




Several dozen children and their families participated in a STEAM Dino event at the Morrill Memorial Library last month. This winter, the library has a calendar stacked with events perfect for families who are looking to get out of the house without going into the cold. See story on page 6.

COURTESY PHOTO



Local officials are interested in a state bill, currently in committee, that would provide relief from the Plumbing Code for stadiums in K-12 populations.

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## 40B fight doubles with Avalon Bay app submitted

**Sam Nickerson**  
Staff Reporter

The Planning Board discussed updates on both the Davis Marcus Partners' and Avalon Bay's 40B applications, as well as the current status of the Town's challenges to these projects.

According to Town Planner Paul Halkiotis, Town Counsel has filed its appeal regarding the Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) decision in favor of Davis Marcus Group's Forbes Hill project

with the Housing Appeals Committee (HAC).

He anticipated a hearing would be scheduled sometime in March.

Regarding Avalon Bay's 40B housing project for the former Plimpton Press site, Halkiotis said the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a hearing for Feb. 2, as Avalon Bay submitted its application on Dec. 22.

Halkiotis said that Avalon Bay has submitted a set of plans and information in two binders, and he had provided the board with a draft letter in

response. The letter was the same letter that was sent in response to the Forbes Hill project. Halkiotis said this was because he anticipates the Avalon Bay procedures mirroring those of the Forbes Hill project.

After a denial from the ZBA, the project would go to DHCD, which has already ruled against the Town in the case of Forbes Hill. As such, Halkiotis said the case would likely end up at HAC.

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## Officials seek plumbing relief for NHS stadium

**Sam Nickerson**  
Staff Reporter

Local and state officials are interested in a piece of legislation currently in committee that would exempt school stadiums from the Uniform State Plumbing Code.

The Bill - House No. 244 - was brought forth by Jerald Parisella of the sixth Essex district, James Dwyer of the 30th Middlesex district, Leonard Mirra of the second Essex district and Walter Timilty of the sev-

enth Norfolk district. It would amend Chapter 142 of the General Laws by adding the following:

"Section 13A. School stadiums for K-12 populations are exempt from Uniform State Plumbing Code 248 CMR 10.10:18."

The bill was referred to the Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, where it is being discussed and explored.

Selectman Michael Lyons said there has been

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# School Committee discusses capital improvement proposals

## Badger will not seek another term

Sam Nickerson  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee heard capital improvement proposals for the fiscal 2017 budget spanning three categories - buildings and grounds, technology and food services - and came in at just under \$1 million during a meeting on Jan. 6.

Director of Buildings and Grounds Paul Riccardi outlined three projects he would like to undertake in the upcoming fiscal year, which altogether totaled \$451,235.

The first request was to upgrade the department's 2002 Ford F450 Dump Truck, which would cost \$55,000. Riccardi said the dump truck is probably the oldest piece of equipment on the road. The truck is no longer used for plowing and is now limited to spreading sand.

Next on Riccardi's list was a proposal to replace the exterior façades of the portable classrooms at the Coakley Middle School. Riccardi said these buildings are temporary structures that have been there an estimated 20 years and the outer wall materials are not of the same grade that would be used for permanent construction.

"Water has got to them on the outside," Riccardi said, noting that there had not been any water found inside of the buildings yet. "On the façade, below window level, they're starting to breakdown, crack."

The entire project would require around \$100,000.

The final capital improvement priority Riccardi outlined was a proposal to replace the floor tiles at the Oldham School, amounting to \$296,235.

Riccardi said this project would likely be a three-year

job, as it could not be completed in one summer break while balancing preparations to open the building again. The project would include three phases: abatement, preparation and putting down the new floors.

The Buildings and Grounds department has begun replacing the asbestos-containing floor tiles at all of the schools in the district - minus the new high school - and completed the Prescott School's flooring this summer. The Cleveland School's hallway floors were replaced, but the classrooms still need to be done.

Riccardi said the Oldham's floor tiles were in the worst shape out of all of the schools in the district.

Regarding school improvements, the Massachusetts School Building Authority notified the district that a request to replace the Coakley Middle School's HVAC system would not be funded by any of its programs this year. Riccardi said the district was invited to re-apply on April 8 and the project was now up to an anticipated \$7.5 million budget.

Superintendent of Schools James Hayden discussed \$310,000 worth of food services improvements for the district, including large equipment replacement at the Balch Central Kitchen - which prepares meals for all of the elementary schools - which would cost around \$100,000, and two sets of improvements at the Coakley Middle School.

Replacing large equipment at the Coakley would cost \$150,000 and repairing the walk in refrigerator and freezer would require around \$60,000. Hayden said the food services equipment in the district ranged in age from four to 42 years old.

Technology Director Jo-



John Badger

seph Kidd put forth four requests totaling \$174,000 for technology upgrades. These included purchasing six Chromebook carts for Norwood High School - with 30 laptops per cart - for \$60,000, replacing 13 interactive projectors at the Coakley for \$21,000, adding seven Smartboards and projectors to elementary special education classrooms for \$23,000 and upgrading the security camera server at the high school for \$70,000.

Kidd said middle school students had grown accustomed to using Chromebook carts and other technology throughout grades 6-8 and the carts at the high school would allow for continuity, in order to "mirror" and build on progress made at the Coakley. Many of the current devices at the high school are six years old, Kidd said, and were now reaching the end of their useful life.

The proposal would also help the district reach its technology goals of having a 1:1 student to device ratio.

Currently, the district operates two servers for its security cameras - one for the high

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# Selectmen discuss law enforcement

**Sam Nickerson**  
Staff Reporter

Law enforcement and public safety was the focus of the Jan. 12 Board of Selectmen meeting.

The Board met with both Lt. Peter Kelly of the Norwood Police Department - standing in for Chief Bill Brooks - and Norfolk County Sheriff Michael Bellotti.

Kelly reported that for the month of December to Jan. 4, arrests and complaints were down from the previous month. He did say that the evening at the end of November, in which there were ten housebreaks, was still under investigation.

Throughout the month, there were 430 motor vehicle violations, 283 warnings, 146 civil and criminal incidents, 69 arrests/complaints, 2,128 calls for service, and 109 responses to motor vehicle actions.

Kelly spoke about how one of Chief Brooks' most important changes in Norwood was getting the Police Department on Facebook, mentioning how it has been used to solve several crimes and gets many views each day. Kelly said Brooks recently lectured at the Transit Police Academy, where there are currently two Norwood recruits.

Kelly said that he, Officer Wennerstrand and Chief Brooks attended a classified FBI briefing in Boston on Dec. 16. Kelly reported that the recent FBI home raids in Norwood were not Norwood warrants and presented no threat to the public in Norwood.

Sheriff Bellotti met with the Selectmen to discuss how his department could better partner with Towns in Norfolk County, including in Norwood.

"We're not in the trenches every day. Our primary statutory mission is care and custody of inmates," Bellotti said.

That said, Bellotti discussed a number of programs and partnerships with nonprofits that have benefited offenders in the jails and those in other facilities administered by the Norfolk County Sheriff. He said it was important to bring these groups inside the walls, as well as giving offenders the opportunity to return to the community in a productive way, such as working on recycling days at the composting facility in Norwood.

"Recidivism is dramatically reduced if you do that," Bellotti said, noting that great programming can avoid creating someone who becomes a great inmate but a bad citizen.

Bellotti noted that there are challenges involved with this, as over 80 percent of offenders coming into the Sheriff's custody have substance abuse problems, lack educational degrees and have poor employment prospects. To combat relapses into addiction, the sheriff's office rents beds in recovery homes and partners with substance abuse organizations. It also works with local public safety departments to monitor certain individuals.

"We really love to have those partnerships," Bellotti said.

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# OPINION

## Fair to question everything

Monday night's Planning Board meeting revealed that the Town has not only filed its appeal of the Davis Group's bid for a 40B development at Forbes Hill, but also plans to respond with a letter to its own ZBA board concerning plans filed by the Avalon Bay group to build multi-unit housing at the Plimpton Press site.

During Monday night's meeting, Town Planner Paul Halkiotis presented a draft of the letter to the Planning Board and said it was the same letter they sent to the ZBA concerning the Forbes Hill plan. Halkiotis explained that he anticipates the Avalon Bay bid would proceed much like Forbes Hill, where the Town lost its first bid in front of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and wind up in front of the Housing Appeals Committee (HAC).

Halkiotis also made clear that these projects already filed were not the end of this development nightmare the Town finds itself in. According to Halkiotis, "Until these two cases have been adjudicated, the door is open to other applications," because no land or affordable units had been added since Sept. 8, when Davis filed its original application.

Halkiotis has now confirmed what many feared, and that is should Norwood lose at the state appeals level for Davis in late spring, it is looking at about 500 new units of housing between the two projects being constructed almost immediately.

For those who claim the inactions of Town officials has lead to this potential debacle, an argument could be made that in the last ten years or so more could have been done prospectively. However, this newspaper does not believe that Selectmen or any one or group could have miraculously added housing since September to at least strengthen the argument against Avalon Bay.

However, we are uneasy about one thing. And that is why the Town seems ready to simply use the same argument against Plimpton Press that they are using against Forbes Hill. They already lost the first round using the Forbes Hill strategy. Why not change it up, starting with its letter to the ZBA about Avalon Bay? Now, it is quite possible there are no other arguments, and that a decision has been correctly made to sink or swim with the intelligence they have already gathered.

However, in our opinion, residents should be asking themselves if TM erred in not accepting additional money for Selectmen to use in doing battle with these developers and getting a second opinion, and potentially deploying another altogether different strategy against Avalon Bay. Why does it have to be all or nothing? Military tactics usually dictate attacking enemies from a number of fronts. You may lose a few battles, but some loss of geography is better than losing your whole country.

And finally, should residents be reading more into Selectman Mike Lyon's recent declaration that he will not be seeking another term on the Board of Selectmen AND will be moving out of Town? Granted, he did say it was to fulfill a promise both he and his wife made to each other years ago.

Now, Lyons has every right to do whatever he wants, and he has worked his butt off admirably in all his years of public service, especially as chairman of the Board of Selectmen. But, given the timing, some might wonder if he's seen the writing on the wall.

Forgive us if this seems too great a jump, but the public has every right to scrutinize its public officials in order to evaluate its best interests. And this newspaper has not only the right, but an obligation to question everything.

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school and another for the rest of the district. Kidd said the server at the high school was presenting certain problems and a failed camera could not be renewed because the software license for the server had not been renewed. In other words, the school's security camera server was no longer supported by the vendor.

The replacement server would not require annual maintenance fees, could store more tape and would allow Norwood Police to

access all of the feeds in the districts with one login.

By a positive vote of four in favor and one abstention - coming from member Patrick McDonough - the School Committee lent its support to the requests.

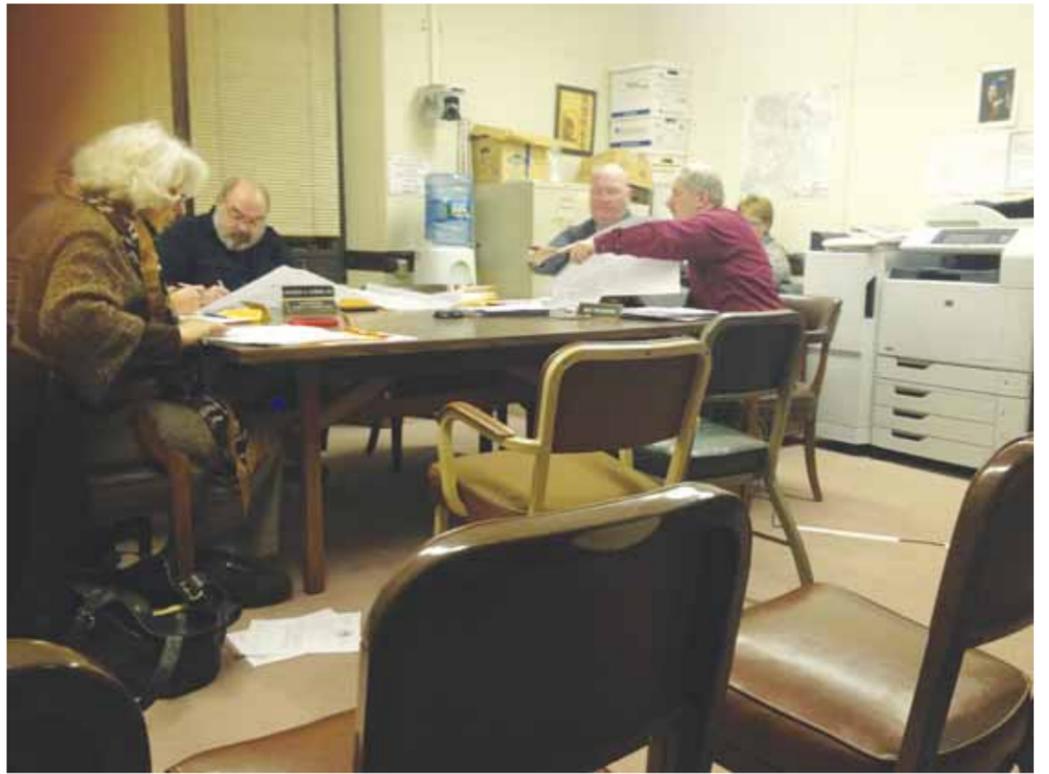
As for the fiscal 2017 budget, the School Committee found it was just over \$2 million away from available funds for its share of the budget and the general government side was just under \$2 million away from its goal.

Chairman James Gormley commented on how 81 percent of the district's budget went to salaries.

"It's very hard to cut your salary line if you want to provide the services that you need to provide," he said.

### BADGER WILL NOT RUN AGAIN

After six years on the School Committee, member and former chairman John Badger announced he would not be seeking reelection to the position during the municipal elections in April.



The Norwood Planning Board discussed the current status of the Town's fight against now two 40B housing developments, Marcus Davis Partners' Forbes Hill and Avalon Bay's project at the former Plimpton Press site.

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"This is double jeopardy," Halkiotis said, meaning the Town would likely either get both projects or neither, since no land or affordable units had been added in between Sept. 8 when Davis Marcus Partners submitted its application for Forbes Hill and Avalon Bay's submittal.

But that wasn't the only concern for the Planning Board.

"Until these two cases have been adjudicated, the door's open for other applications," Halkiotis said.

The Planning Board opted to review Halkiotis' draft letter until the next meeting in order to suggest changes or additions.

### 40B fight strategy

Halkiotis said that he came across information that alluded to DHCD requesting qualifications for an outside consultant last summer to help review claims for communities believing they've met their affordable housing need and to help develop "guidance or criteria" for communities

that are trying to determine whether or not they had reached the minimum affordable housing.

This struck Halkiotis as intriguing, as DHCD had already denied claims from the Towns of Newton and Stoneham before deciding it needed outside help to interpret the 40B laws.

Thus far, around five or so communities in the state have made claims that they've reached the 1.5 percent - and immunity from 40B developments - but none have been successful since the Town of Weymouth won its claim, and DHCD subsequently changed its rules.

"This is the message that we tried to communicate at 1.5 task force meetings, and that message was not well received by residents," Halkiotis said.

Halkiotis said the Town was also making sure that any new affordable housing projects had affordable housing deed restrictions held in perpetuity as conditions of approval, and that no existing deed restrictions were expiring

in the near future.

### Skating Club coming

Halkiotis announced during the meeting that Boston Skating Club had signed a purchase and sales agreement with Campanelli for land off of Upland Road. The Club intends to build three sheets of ice there - one Olympic-sized rink and two NHL-sized rinks with seating ranging from 100-2,000 people - and its Board of Directors has moved forward on accepting proposals for use of its existing facilities in Brighton. Halkiotis said engineering for the project had also been completed.

All that remained, he said, was that both parties were still negotiating the conditions of the sale, which did not appear "insurmountable."

And as the remaining funds from the state needed to build an ice rink in South Norwood are not likely to come through in the near future, Halkiotis said talks are still ongoing with the Club regarding ice time for Norwood hockey programs.

# NPD busy tracking armed robbery suspects and theft

**Sam Nickerson**  
Staff Reporter

Norwood Police are looking for leads regarding an armed robbery that took place on Dean Street on the evening of Jan. 10.

According to police, the robbery was the result of a meeting arranged online to sell sneakers.

“The victim was told of the location for this exchange,” Norwood Police Department spokesman Kevin Grasso said. “The exchange was at the apartment complex on Dean Street.”

According to Grasso, when the victim arrived with the goods to meet the person he had been messaging on social media, he was led to a different area where he was approached by two males. The group told him to hand over his money and empty his pockets. During this exchange, a knife was held to the victim’s neck. Around \$560 worth of property and cash was taken.

“The three suspects then fled the apartment building and ran on foot to the rear of the property. We requested the services of the Norfolk County Sheriff’s Department K-9 unit,” Grasso said. “The canine



John Root

said. “Bringing money, or high value items, to a meeting with someone you met online carries risks. The other safe option, of course, is to use PayPal and ship the items.”

Earlier last week, Norwood Police were also able to help a multi-agency fraud and theft investigation to a close with the help of social media.

Norwood Police posted to Facebook an account of an incident that took place on Jan. 4 at around 8:30 p.m., when keys stolen at a local health center locker room were used to steal a victim’s wallet and credit card.

The card was used at the University Station Target store, where a loss prevention officer captured their photo and license plate due to their suspicious



John Fisher

On Jan. 7, Fisher was being held at the Dartmouth House of Corrections. “It should be noted that Root and Fisher have been committing similar crimes as to what was done here in Norwood for a while now,” Norwood Police said in a statement. “Multiple agencies from within Massachusetts and Rhode Island have been seeking their identification.”

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Norwood Police are looking for information on these two men in connection with an armed robbery on Dean Street

tracked a scent that led to a side street, however, it is unknown if the suspects left in a vehicle from this area.”

The two suspects were described as two black males. One of the suspects was described as having a small build – 5-foot-6 or so - with frizzy hair and wearing a black sweatshirt. Another suspect was described as taller - around 6-foot-2 or so - and wearing a black mask, top and pants.

As of this time, Norwood Police are still investigating the incident and any information related to the case can be directed to use the Norwood Police tip line: 781-440-5181.

Information about the suspects has also been posted to massmostwanted.org.

The Norwood Police have been very vocal about safety during such exchanges and posted an infographic to the department’s Facebook page.

“People are welcome to use the police station parking lot in the visitor spaces near Dunkin’ Donuts for these meetings,” Chief of Police Bill Brooks

nature.

The photos were spread online and on local television. Around 179,224 people saw the Facebook post, which was shared almost 2,000 times. According to police, Officer Brendan Greene received a tip within two hours of the information being disseminated.

The tip involved an individual who had prior dealings with one of the suspects and gave the police a name. Another tip verified the information the next day. According to Norwood Police, five callers identified the first of the two suspects as John P. Fisher, 40, of Taunton.

While this was going on, Fall River Police had arrested John A. Root, 28, of Taunton, on a warrant arrest unrelated to Fisher’s arrest. Due to the social media coverage, the Fall River Police contacted Norwood officers with an important connection between the two: Root is Fisher’s half-brother.

Fisher was charged with Larceny from a Building, Lar-

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Children participated in various dinosaur-related activities and crafts with the help of Norwood children's librarians during the library's Dino Night.

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# Library kids events picking up

**Sam Nickerson**  
 Staff Reporter

With winter upon us, the Morrill Memorial Library has become a place for families to get out of the cold and dive into some literary adventure.

On Dec. 16, the library used a preschool Full STEAM (Science, Technology, Engi-

neering, Arts and Math) grant it received in November to put on a dinosaur event, where children and families took part in dinosaur-related activities.

These activities included story time - called Animal Antics - and various experiment stations featuring activities such as excavating dinosaurs from "ice eggs," painting dinosaur skin with bubble wrap, measuring up the little ones' feet against a dinosaur footprint and other craft activities. The event was also supported by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. The event was followed up by a Blue Hills Trailside Museum visit.

"Our activities are a great community asset," children's librarian Jean Todesca said. "An activity brings families into the library where they can learn of all we have to offer."

While December was Dinosaur Month at the library - featuring a presentation by Animal World Experience called Dino Discovery and other events - January will focus on ARTSARTS, which brings activities and story time together. ARTSTARTS was also made possible via the STEAM grant.

According to Todesca, the dinosaur events were a huge hit, with 36 children aged 3-6 attending Dino Night and 40 attending the Dino Discovery program.

"Story times provide an opportunity for children, parents and caregivers to meet and develop friendships. We provide support to the children's school research and reading," Todesca said.

This year, the library will also be participating in the 9th Annual PJ's Drive - sponsored by the Boston Bruins and nonprofit Cradles to

Crayons - in which the community is encouraged to donate new sets of pajamas to be distributed to local children in need. Pajama collection runs from Feb. 1 - March 15.

"We are happy to host this drive again," Todesca said. "The library collected 82 pairs of pajamas last year. This year, our goal is 100 pairs."

In February, Todesca said the Children's section will be focused on school-aged children during the February school vacation. Activities include a Pop Up Art School for ages 8-12 on Feb. 16, and a Comic Book Creation Show on Feb. 19.

The Pop Up Art School will introduce the children to artist Peter Max and his technique as they create their own works. Eric Fulford will be leading the Comic Book creation activity.

In addition, the libraries regular story times, including Babes n Books - which runs Fridays at 10:30 a.m. for children from 0-17 months - Toddler Time, which takes place on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., and On My Own Story Time on Thursdays at 10 a.m. The library also features a regularly-updated display and other activities that take place each week.

"Our displays provide the opportunity to learn about current events or activities for the seasons. The Children's Department provides many play activities for families to enjoy, (such as) coloring, chalkboard, train set, kitchen set, light table," Todesca said.

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The Norwood Board of Selectmen met with Lt. Peter Kelly of the Norwood Police Department and Norfolk County Sheriff Michael Bellotti.

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The sheriff's role extends beyond those who have committed crimes, Bellotti said, mentioning the Triad Program and the Yellow Dot Program, both for seniors and available to Norwood residents through the Council on Aging.

Additionally, Bellotti addressed the changing nature of the Sheriff's job. His staff includes 220 uniformed personnel, with more than half of them deputy sheriffs who have undergone the required training and are able to work details, staff houses of correction, and work with regional law enforcement groups.

Bellotti said this was a source of recognition beyond the jail "for professionalism in and out of the jail." Bellotti said the multi-faceted job has required more diverse skill sets and his staff includes ex-military and college graduates.

Selectman Chair Paul Bishop was pleased to hear that the Norfolk Sheriff was so involved with local agencies, including law enforcement, fire departments and public health. "It takes it to another level," he said.

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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 Memorial Hall of the Municipal Office Building on **February 2, 2016 at 7:15 PM** on the request of Norwood Avalon, Inc. (Case #15-33) with respect to property located on **150-158 and 165 Lenox Sreet**, in a **M-Manufacturing District**.

This application requests a Comprehensive Permit pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40B, Section 20 through 23, as amended, to allow for the demolition of existing buildings and reconstruction of the 8.65± site for development of 218 rental dwelling units. Twenty-five percent, or 55 dwelling units will be restricted as affordable to households earning up to 80% AMI.

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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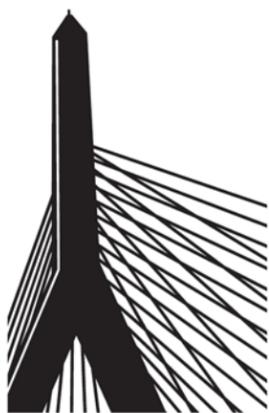
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# NFD's New Year starts busy

Sam Nickerson  
Staff Reporter

On Jan. 7, Norwood firefighters responded to a possible kitchen fire on the second floor of a building at the Olde Derby Village housing complex on Olde Derby Road at 7:42 p.m. The fire struck two alarms.

While there were no visible issues from the outside, one Olde Derby Village resident showed Captain Mark Boyland that he had burns on his arms and where the fire was occurring.

Firefighters entered the building and found a second floor apartment "fully involved in fire," Captain George Morrice said. "In addition, the fire had extended to the apartment's balcony and possibly into the attic, so a second alarm was struck."

According to Morrice, the resident's wife and child exited the building unharmed, along with the other residents in the building. Norwood paramedics were called in to treat the burned man, who firefighters



Norwood Fire Department responded to a rollover on Rt. 95 southbound last week, extricating two individuals inside who were then treated for non-life threatening injuries. The incident was among two recent rollovers to which NFD was called out.

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say was brought to Mass General Hospital that evening for second and third degree burns.

The fire was eventually contained to the apartment and balcony, and fire investigator Billy Turner said he thinks the fire started due to cooking in the kitchen. It has been listed as accidental. Boyland estimated the damage to be at \$170,000.

Mutual aid due to the sec-

ond alarm was provided by crews from Walpole, Sharon, Westwood and Canton fire departments.

On Jan. 5, Norwood Firefighters responded to a vehicle rollover on Rt. 95 southbound near Neponset Street at 11:15 a.m. after it was reported by an off-duty Westwood firefighter.

An engine crew and paramedics arrived on scene to find two vehicles involved in the incident, with one turned on its side.

According to Lt. Dave Hayes, the crews first had to stabilize the vehicle before they could begin the rescue of the passengers inside. Once the vehicle was stabilized, the E4 crew removed the car roof and extricated two injured people who had been trapped inside the vehicle. Three ambulances from Boston and Canton were on scene and transported the patients to Boston and Norwood hospitals.

According to Morrice, none of the injuries were life-threatening.

Norwood crews responded, along with Sharon and Walpole crews, to another rollover on 95 southbound near exit 9 before 7 a.m. on Jan. 10.

# Town remembers Jeanne Babel



Sam Nickerson  
Staff Reporter

After resident and local business owner Jeanne Babel lost a long battle with illness, friends, family and community members lined the block waiting to pay their respects at her services.

"(It was) absolutely amazing," husband Vic Babel said. "This is why we moved back here. It's what a community is all about."

While Babel will be most remembered for being a loving family member and friend, she also dedicated much of her life to the Town of Norwood.

Babel was the first president of the Friends of Norwood Center, who seeded the organization with \$10,000, and played a key role in forming the Downtown Steering Community. Along with her husband, she ran Babels Paint & Decorating Store on Washington Street in Norwood and a number of other locations.

In 2004, Babel became the host of Let's Talk Business on Norwood Public Access TV, of which 50 episodes featured her at the helm. Babel interviewed local business owners and showcased what the Town had to offer its residents and visitors.

"Jeanne was a pleasure to work with and was an advocate for the Norwood Business community," NPATV Station Manager Jack Tolman said. "It was a sad day at NPA when we learned of her passing and she will be missed."

According to Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce president Tom O'Rourke, Babel was a strong advocate for small businesses and the Norwood Center area.

"She also never sought the spotlight herself and always put the needs of the business community above her own," O'Rourke said. "Her positive impact will be felt for many years to come."

In the mid-2000s, she interviewed Custom Art Framing owner Julie Vecchio for an episode of Let's Talk Business, a move that would extend a friendship which began when Vecchio's shop opened in 2003 beyond Norwood's business community.

"Even through her treatment, she would reach out and check in with others dealing with serious health issues," Vecchio said. "She was a real staple in this town."

A fellow advocate for Norwood's economic development, Jean Taylor also often crossed paths and worked with Babel. Taylor remembered Babel's efforts to reorganize the Norwood Farmer's Market and with the renovation of Norwood Theatre.

"Jeanne was a pleasure to work with and the type of person you only hope to come across in your lifetime," Taylor said. "She was a Community leader and simply a wonderful person to have known."

During the Dec. 5 Board of Selectmen meeting, Selectman Michael Lyons shared how his family and the Babel's had become close friends over the years, with Lyons' wife getting her start in interior decorating while working at the Babels' store.

"Jeanne was a personal friend of mine. She was a force in this town, a force for good, and she will be missed," Lyons said.

Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue recounted the Babel family's generosity when it came to donating materials to repaint the inside of the Balch School and many other causes. Chairman Paul Bishop said the continuous support shown to her throughout her illness and now to her loved ones proved an important point about the Town of Norwood, as Vic Babel said neighbors continue to send cards, food and love to the family.

"We are a family in this town," Bishop said. "More so than a community."

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# Sports

## Norwood Girls Basketball finishes strong vs. Natick

Jake Levin  
Staff Reporter

Unable to dig themselves out of a hole at Wellesley on Tuesday, The Girls Basketball team found itself in a similarly sticky situation on Friday night in Natick.

Having already battled back from an opening 6-0 run by the Redhawks, the Mustangs were down 26-18 in the waning minutes of the first half, in danger of falling too far behind the eight ball for the second game in a row.

But a closing 42-21 run for Norwood quashed any chance of consecutive losses, led by your typical dominant performance from Meghan Reen and a breakout showing for Ally Copponi in a 60-47 win.

"I talked to the girls about learning from that," said head coach Amy Lepley of the early struggles vs. Wellesley. "So I think today, our whole focus was energy. They brought that energy and when they got down, they didn't get down on themselves. We just kept fighting, and obviously came out with a huge win for us."

Meghan Reen finished with 20 points, nine assists and six steals, filling the stat sheet in a way only she can. Copponi's career high 19 points caught

the attention of Lepley, who said she had "chills" after hearing that was Copponi's total.

"She has been working with my assistant [Heather Bond] so much, she was a post player," said Lepley, who didn't realize Copponi's point total was so high until it was presented to her after the game. "She's grown so much this season already, and I can't wait to have her for another year and a half."

Copponi scored the first four points of the night for Norwood after Natick's fast start, hitting both a mid-range jump shot and a layup from the low block. With the Mustangs leading 50-42 inside four minutes to go in the fourth quarter, Copponi scored the next eight Norwood points to put the game on ice and secure a 5-2 start for the Mustangs.

Copponi also had some big plays just before halftime, when Norwood was still trailing. Her layup ignited the game-ending 42-21 run, and as time expired in the second quarter, she drew the foul off an inbound pass from Meghan Reen to get to the line and make it a one-possession game at the half; the Redhawks would lead 26-23 after Copponi sank one of her two free throws.



Meghan Reen (No. 4) prepares to shoot a free throw vs. Natick, while Ally Copponi (No. 55) watches on from the key. The pair of juniors combined for nearly two-thirds (39) of Norwood's 60 points in the win.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

Only three Mustangs had points at halftime: Copponi (7) and the Reen sisters (13 for Meghan, 3 for Kaylin). Only once the rest of the team got involved did Norwood truly start to gel on the offensive end.

"We have so many kids that are so confident and bring that energy," said Lepley. "Maybe they're not always in the stats, but Maura O'Neill and Hannah Benson, I literally can't say enough about them. They bring the energy every day in practice."

Benson, a tri-captain along with O'Neill and Meghan Reen, had a signature moment

in the third quarter. Trailing 33-31, she attempted a 3-pointer for the lead and missed, but followed her shot and got the rebound. Benson then took another shot inside the paint and missed again, but again followed her shot and grabbed yet another rebound. The third time was the charm, as she sank a layup to tie the game at 33-33.

Three-point shooting kept the Redhawks in the game to an extent, shooting 42 percent (5-for-12) from deep through three quarters. They responded to Benson's circus play with a 3, but after Copponi and Krista Bradley scored on consecutive

plays—both assisted by Meghan Reen, no less—the Mustangs took a 37-36 lead, and would never trail again.

The third quarter ended on a buzzer-beater 3 from Meghan Reen to make it a 40-36 game. It wound up being her final points of the night, but far from her final impactful moment in the game.

"[She] takes the team on her back every single game and does what we need to do to get the win," said Lepley of Reen, who's averaging a team-best 18.8 points per

Girls Hoops

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Janelle Kelleher stood tall in the second and third periods for the Mustangs, stopping all 25 shots she faced over the two periods.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

## Girls Hockey draws with Westwood

Jake Levin  
Staff Reporter

If you're a fan of goalie duels in hockey, then Monday afternoon's 1-1 tie between Norwood and Westwood just might fit the bill for you.

Mustangs goalie Janelle Kelleher made 35 saves at Bajko Arena in Hyde Park, countered by Wolverines goalie Caroline McDonough, who stopped 28 shots of her own.

"She's had more shots, but at the end she made some spectacular saves," Norwood head coach Tim Coskren said of Kelleher after she helped her team salvage a point for the first time

since a 4-2 win over Brookline/Newton South on Dec. 16. "That last 30 seconds, two great saves in close. When she's on top of her game, she's good."

Each goalie erred just once in the contest, the game's two goals scored in rather freakish fashion.

Westwood (3-5-1) struck at 8:59 of the first period on a breakaway, a result of a power play gone wrong for the Mustangs. Norwood had another breakdown later on in the man-advantage, its lone power play opportunity of the contest.

The Mustangs (1-8-1) tied the score at 9:49 of the third period, barely. Emily Cataldo took a feed from

Erin Kelly, slipping the puck underneath the pads of McDonough and seeing it stop exactly one puck length over the goal line. After a brief discussion, the officials deemed it a good goal, and Norwood was on the board.

The Mustangs turned up the pressure in the attacking zone late in the second period, opting for shots from pretty much anywhere beyond the blue line. But McDonough was determined to go back and forth with Kelleher, each netminder flashing brilliant glove, pad and stick saves throughout the game.

Girls Hockey

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# Boys Basketball defeats Weymouth 67-53

Jake Levin  
Staff Reporter

Norwood's 14-0 run at the outset of the second half proved more than enough to secure a 67-53 win over the Weymouth Wildcats on Tuesday.

Chris Bell still managed to get to 20 points after a slow start, while Jordan Curry scored a season-high 17 points off the bench for the Mustangs at Weymouth High School, all of his baskets seeming to come at opportune times.

"We've known all along that he's a good player," said Norwood head coach Rich Cormier of Curry. "He's one of those guys that can score in a variety of ways; he obviously can knock down the 3-pointer, he can drive to the basket, he hasn't shown it a lot, but he's got a little bit of a back to the basket game. He's someone that we consider very, very versatile."

With the win, Norwood improved to 6-2, surpassing last season's win total in the process.

"We'd won eight games in two years," said Cormier, his team's scoring output on Tuesday matching its season high (Dec. 11 vs. Milton, an identical 67-53 win for the Mustangs in their season opener). "A lot of these guys were a part of those teams. So I think there has been a process of learning how to win. We've won games in a variety of different ways,

and I think they're starting to get a little more comfortable."

Before Bell and Curry got going, Dan Ugochukwu and Jove Dorisca shouldered the load offensively for Norwood. In the starting lineup along with Bell, Jake Vail and Conor Riggle, Ugochukwu and Dorisca combined for the first 10 points for the Mustangs before taking a back seat to the fireworks from Bell and Curry.

Weymouth led at the end of the first quarter, 13-12, Norwood's only lead at 1-0 after Ugochukwu went 1-for-2 from the free throw line.

The Wildcats extended their lead to 19-13, the six-point cushion matching its largest of the night, when Norwood preceded its third quarter run with a 20-11 burst, Bell and Curry combining for 16 of the points.

Bell started it off by throwing the ball between a defender's legs inside the arc, coming back up with the ball and crashing the lane for a basket.

Curry had the sense to be in the right place at the right time on numerous occasions on the offensive side of the floor. Jarred Houston was stripped of the ball in the high post, but Curry stole back the loose ball and drove in for a layup to cut Weymouth's lead to 22-21.

On the ensuing offensive set for the Mustangs, Natanael Fonseca Castro drove coast to

coast off a steal, but didn't get a foul call on his shot attempt from the paint. Never fear, Curry was well-positioned behind Castro to clean up the glass and give Norwood its first lead since 1-0, at 23-22.

"That's why a lot of the time, we have him come off the bench," Cormier said of Curry, again lauding his ability to adapt in any scenario. "We can stick him in almost any situation, he gives us instant energy, instant offense."

Leading 33-30 at the half, the Mustangs made their move, leading off with a Dorisca layup. None other than Curry capped the run with another 3-pointer, giving Norwood a 47-30 advantage.

Weymouth finally ended its scoring drought its following time up court, but Curry responded with his third 3 of the night, including his second in as many possessions, giving the Mustangs their largest lead at 50-32.

The Wildcats would make things interesting, going on a 12-1 run wrapping around the end of the third and beginning of the fourth quarters to get within seven points at 51-44, but Norwood showed poise in staving off the run, once again proving they possess closeout ability.

"We did get a little tentative there, in transition from the third to the fourth, but I was really proud that they



Michael James and Jordan Curry knew their squad had sealed the deal vs. Weymouth after holding off a late push, in which the Wildcats went on a 12-1 run.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

kept their composure and we were able to get it inside," said Cormier.

"One of the things I said to the team after the game, is one of the things that's really stood out to me from an execution standpoint the last two games is our passing," he continued. "Our passing is really improved, we're just finding the next guy, the open man; whether it's down in the post, or whether it's on the perimeter. And I think it speaks to their unselfish nature. It's just whoever's open, take the shot."

Dorisca and Ugochukwu finished with eight and seven points, respectively, while Houston, Riggle, Vail, Kyle Condon and Richie Watson also found their way into the scoring column for the Mustangs.

The next stop for Norwood is Walpole, as part of a double-header with the girls team on Friday night, with the boys tipping off in

the earlier game at 5 p.m.

Cormier downplayed the hype around the game to an extent, but definitely acknowledged the added chatter when it comes to Norwood-Walpole clashes.

"It's a rivalry, but for the players and coaches it's a healthy rivalry," he said. "We enjoy it, it's a fun atmosphere. The fans get a little crazy, but it's a lot of fun. It's really what high school sports should be about."

The Mustangs will be looking to push last year's performance in Walpole out of their heads entirely, when they held a 45-41 lead in the third quarter, only to see the Rebels explode for a 27-4 run and go on to win 70-51.

"These guys have a different mentality this year than we did last year," assured Cormier. "Last year, we kind of waited for the wheels to fall off, and that's what happened. Now, I think they're able to stay a little more even-keeled."



Meghan Quinn, wearing No. 14 for the Mustangs, prepares to take an attacking zone draw in Monday afternoon's 1-1 tie vs. Westwood. The Mustangs tied a Wolverines team that only two seasons ago was crowned Div. 2 state champions.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

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"I thought Westwood's goaltender made some awesome, awesome saves," said Coskren. "Scrum out front, she was able to keep us at bay there. We had a couple of opportunities where we missed the net in close, and that kind of hurts for a team that's struggling offensively."

It's been a frustrating go of it in the offensive end for the Mustangs, who have 18 total goals through 10 games thus far, on pace for 36. Consider that total with the fact that Norwood scored over 100 goals a season ago, and you can understand why Coskren is clamoring for more offense.

"We have four seniors, and they've got to get going to get the rest of the team to follow suit," Coskren said about how he hopes his team

can snap out of its season-long goal-scoring malaise. "They said they would, so we'll see what happens."

Cataldo had a chance for the Mustangs in the final seconds of the third period, jetting up ice on a breakaway with the mindset of stealing an extra point for the Wolverines. But the Westwood defensive unit caught up with her in time, forcing her into the corner where she thrust a shot at the net from behind the goal line as the horn sounded.

"Being a neighboring town, it's always a good rivalry, Norwood-Westwood," said Coskren of the high school seven minutes down Nahatan Street. The Mustangs won last year's meeting, 7-3, at its former home rink: Metropolis Rink in Canton. "Our teams are very

similar, and we knew at the beginning it would be a battle."

Norwood hosted the Weymouth Wildcats on Wednesday afternoon, in a game held after the Record's deadline. They'll be off for an entire week, with a matchup against the Milton Wildcats on Wednesday, Jan. 20 offering the Mustangs a chance for revenge, as Milton defeated Norwood in its season opener, 5-3 on Dec. 12.



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## Winless Boys Hockey falls to Natick

Jake Levin  
Staff Reporter

It has been a struggle for Bill Clifford and the Mustangs this winter, who are still winless after a 9-2 trouncing at the hands of Natick.

Clifford, in his 14th season with Norwood, had the Mustangs playing postseason hockey in 10 of his first 12 seasons. They missed the tournament last year with a record of 3-12-5, totaling just 28 goals on the season. But those must seem like the glory days compared to the bottom falling out this year, as the team nears the halfway point of the season with a record of 0-8-0 and just nine total goals.

Despite the results, Clifford remains realistic in his expectations, and how much he can truly ask for out of this year's team. One word he wouldn't use, where many others may have, would be 'frustrating.'

"I don't know if it's frustrating...it's a lot of young kids who haven't played at this level before, and it's trying to teach them the game," said Clifford of a roster which includes 10 sophomores and three freshmen. "And we just get out-muscled most of the time.

"It's a physical thing. Physically, we can't compete."

To make matters worse on Saturday night, Norwood was

without its captain, Sean Mellen, due to a broken skate blade. It might be 2016, but there's still no quick fix to a skate blade, and Mellen was forced to watch the game from the bench.

The Mustangs trailed 3-0 at the end of the first period, and were down 6-0 before defenseman Ryan Johnson scored the first of his two goals on the night at 11:40 of the second period, when Norwood was on a 5-on-3 power play.

"They work hard at practice," noted Clifford. "It'd be a different story if they went out there and just went through the motions, but they work hard, so you really can't get upset with them."

Johnson's second tally pulled the Mustangs within four, at 3:49 of the third period. But the Redhawks responded with three more unanswered goals, and improved to 6-2-1 on the season.

It's looking increasingly likely that the Bay State Conference-Herget Division will come down to Natick and the Walpole Rebels. Both teams are unbeaten in league play, Walpole with a 3-0-2 record for eight points, narrowly edging Natick at 3-0-1, but the Redhawks have a game at hand.

"Patience," said Clifford, when asked if there was any-



Ryan Johnson, left, scored each of the Mustangs' two goals in Saturday night's 9-2 loss to Natick. It marked just the third time this season Norwood has managed to score twice.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

thing he could gain from this stretch. "Patience, patience, patience.

"We'll go back to work Monday and try to get better every day," he said. "That's all we can do."

The Mustangs faced the Weymouth Wildcats in a Bay State crossover game last night in Weymouth, in a game held after the Record's deadline. As of publication, the Wildcats are 4-1-3, their lone loss to the

Wellesley Raiders on Dec. 19.

A week off is in store for Norwood after that, with its next game not scheduled until next Wednesday at 4 p.m. vs. the Milton Wildcats at Bajko Arena in Hyde Park.

## Not so shockingly, college football lacks common sense

Jake Levin  
Staff Reporter

In the words of the great Mike Ehrmantraut, "no more half measures."

I won't spoil Breaking Bad for you if for some mystifying reason you haven't watched it yet, but the premise is Mike telling Walter White (a.k.a. Heisenberg) to go all the way on his actions, not just band-aid them.

Which is pretty much exactly what the NCAA did by agreeing to a four-team playoff for the FBS, the college football bowl subdivision.

By going to a four-team playoff, the NCAA appeased traditionalists by only taking one bowl game and turning it into a playoff game, but also made good with new age fans who'd been clamoring for any form of a playoff since the birth of the Bowl Championship Series, or BCS, "fixed" the bowl alliance's issues in the late '90s.

I'll admit, I've never been huge on college football for two reasons: 1) the lack of a playoff system was just so stupefying, flabbergasting and mind-boggling that I couldn't throw my support behind a system that perennially rewarded a 6-6 team with the same bowl appearance as a 12-0 team, conference affiliation be damned and 2) the FBS teams here in Massachusetts (Boston College and UMass) just aren't very good. A takedown of the UMass football program is another story for another time, but just know they're 8-40 and down a conference affiliation four years in to this grand FBS experiment.

But I definitely figured this playoff was a step in the right direction, and that eventually, more common sense would prevail and an eight or even 16-team playoff couldn't be far behind. The FCS, the lower of the two Division I football subdivisions, operates a playoff; why can't the quote-unquote "big boys?"

I'm not holding my breath for an increase to the playoff field anytime soon, however, not after the NCAA showed for the umpteenth millionth time just how tone-deaf it is by moving the college football semifinal games to New Year's Eve.

The national audience let the NCAA know just how brutal an idea it was to take the contests off of New Year's Day, traditionally college football's flagship day of viewing, and move them to the day before, with a 36 percent drop in viewership from the Jan. 1, 2015 games.

Clemson's 37-17 win over Oklahoma drew a 9.7 rating in the 4 p.m. timeslot on ESPN, while Alabama's 38-0 thrashing of Michigan State garnered a 9.9 at 8 p.m. Both are still fine, respectable numbers, to be fair; but a stark contrast to the cable TV record ratings the games drew a season ago, with the two semifinal games (Ohio State vs. Alabama, Oregon vs. Florida State) averaging a 15.4 rating.

Should the two semifinal games have their own day, so as to not compete with the other bowl games occurring on New Year's Day? I could spot you that argument. It's difficult with Jan. 1 fluctuating to a different day of the week each year, but perhaps move the playoff games to Jan. 2, so that the traditionalists can take solace in knowing that the holy day of Jan. 1 is theirs?

This also gets dicey when factoring in NFL scheduling; this year, with NFL Week 17 on a Sunday, however, would have been absolutely PERFECT to have two college games on the Saturday beforehand.

New Year's Eve is many things. A night of sports viewing is not among them. I'll watch sports 364 days a year (365 this year, thanks to everyone's favorite guest star, Feb. 29) but there's zero point in trying to force the night into becoming something it's not.

You would expect the drastic drop in ratings to precipitate change, but this is college football we're talking about, a sport with roots in the 1800s that took over 100 years to settle on any sort of a playoff system at its highest level.

Money is what drives the NCAA's corruption, but stubbornness remains its signature. The two traits seemed destined for a clash here, and for once, it just might not be money that wins out.

## Girls Hoops *continued from page 9*

game (PPG) thus far.

"We really talked to her about getting everybody involved," added Lepley. Reen had seven of her assists in the second half, including four in the fourth quarter, when she played the role of a facilitator rather than being the direct source of the offense.

Norwood hosted the Weymouth Wildcats on Tuesday night, in an event held after the Record's deadline. They're next in action on Friday night, as part of a doubleheader with the boys' team at Walpole High School. The boys' game tips off at 5 p.m., the girls at 6:30.



Amy Lepley, in her first season as varsity head coach with Norwood, has picked right up where Alex DaLuz left off, guiding the Mustangs to a 5-2 start.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

# 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.

**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 Jan. 28 at 11 a.m.

**EXCEL CLASSES:** Excel classes have resumed. Please sign up.

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

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

**LINE DANCE CLASSES:** held each Tuesday. Class will be held from 1-2 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.

**POETRY CLUB:** Is held on the third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m., facilitated by Nancy from the Library.

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

**WATER COLOR:** The next session is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 14 at 9 a.m. Payment of \$20 must be made at time of signup. **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 p.m. - 3 p.m. January Events Comedian David Shikes: Jan. 15 at 1 p.m. Norwood Memory Café: Thursday, Jan. 21 1:30-3:30 p.m. Refreshments served. Friends of the COA Evening Dance: Jan. 15. The DB Band, 7-10:30 p.m. Line Dance with Dave Valero: Jan. 29 at 1 p.m. \$5.

# Nomination Papers Available

The Town Clerk's Office wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that nomination papers for the Annual Town Election to be held on Monday, April 4, 2016 are available in the Town Clerk's Office.

Requirements for filing nomination papers:

Major offices need 50 signatures of qualified voters.

Anyone wishing to run for Town Meeting Member who is

not a candidate for re-election needs to obtain 10 signatures of qualified voters in their district.

The nomination papers must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office by Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016 by 5 p.m.

### Dog Licenses Available

The Town Clerk's Office would like to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that the 2016 Dog Licenses are now available.

All dogs three months old or over must be licensed. Licenses are issued on a calendar basis, Jan. 1 through Dec. 31.

Fees are \$20 for both Male and Female dogs, \$15 for Spayed Female and Neutered Male. Certificate showing the dog was spayed or neutered must be shown. Rabies Certificate must also be shown.

The Town Clerk's office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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State Rep. John Rogers

much interest in adding a concession stand to Norwood High School's athletic stadium. However, the plumbing code would require that there be bathrooms to accommodate all of the 300 seats in the stands. The bill, if passed, could provide relief from such regulations.

According to State Representative John Rogers' office, this would mean increasing the number of bathrooms from three or four to 16 at Norwood High School's facility.

Rogers provided testimony in favor of the bill during a hearing on Jan. 6. According to Rogers' office, Town Manager John Carroll is also in favor of the bill, saying that high school stadiums - which do not serve alcohol - should not be held to the same regulations as,

say, Gillette Stadium.

Lyons said as it stands now, the cost involved in constructing enough bathrooms according to the code could be large and that the bathrooms would go unused for much of the year anyways.

Lyons urged residents to reach out to their state officials to have them support the bill.

"That's something I'm very interested in and this town should be very interested in," Lyons said,

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# Library Events

### LIFELONG WELLNESS SEMINAR

If you are a baby boomer interested in maintaining good health, join nutritionist and author Peg Doyle, M.Ed., at the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, February 11 at 7 p.m. for a lively and productive discussion on staying well after age 50. Contrary to popular belief, everything that goes wrong physically after the half-century mark is not necessarily due to "old age." In this interactive presentation, Doyle will share some secrets to living a long, healthy, and potentially medicine-free life. To sign up, please call the library at 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email [norprograms@minlib.net](mailto:norprograms@minlib.net), or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

### LOCAL PLAYWRITING GROUP TO PERFORM AT THE LIBRARY

The local theater group "Playwrights Reading Room" (PRR) will perform a series of three original plays at the Morrill Memorial Library, each one to take place on a different Saturday from 2:00-3:30 p.m. between February and June. The first play, "Skin and Bones," is written by Laura Neill and will be performed on Saturday, February 6. It is about a volunteer theater usher in her sixties named Katharine and Marly, a forty-something bouncer. While the two have seemingly little in common, both are concealing secrets that demand to be told. When their small talk doesn't line up, an unexpected honesty arises between them.

The next play in the series, on Saturday, April 30, is "Chat Rats" by Mary Sue Price. The final play, to be performed on Saturday, June 11, will be announced shortly. To sign up for any or all of these performances—written, directed, and acted by members of PRR—please call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email [norprograms@minlib.net](mailto:norprograms@minlib.net), or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

### "CARE CLOTH" WORK PARTY JAN. 23 AT THE LIBRARY

Imagine having only a public restroom in which to clean yourself up, with nothing but paper towels and electric hand dryers available. For this winter's civic project, Together Yes' Sewstainability group is putting together Care Cloths for the homeless, which are small cloth bundles containing personal hygiene items that can be used anywhere. Please consider volunteering some of your time on Saturday, January 23 at the Morrill Memorial Library between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. to help the homeless. This work party is drop-in; no registration is necessary. Feel free to bring snacks or lunch with you. Any time you can donate to this worthwhile cause is greatly appreciated. Any questions, please email [sustain@tgryes.org](mailto:sustain@tgryes.org). Thank you.

### HYLANDER PRESENTS LECTURE SERIES ON THE U.S. PRESIDENCY

Join popular historian Dr. Gary Hylander at the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, January 25 at 7 p.m. for the first of four presenta-

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## Ask The Doctor

Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns a 10-bay auto repair service center in Hyde Park and an 8-bay center in Middleboro. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.

### How to Handle the Winter Ahead

With winter and the dreaded 12 weeks of cold temperatures, ice, snow, poor driving conditions and the lack of light, there are a lot of very important things one needs to consider.

Something as simple as listening to the weather report is the best first step. When the weatherperson says mixed precipitation and possible accumulation, you need to prepare for those conditions.

This includes getting both you and your car ready before the precipitation falls. Most vehicles have wiper arms that can be lifted off the windshield to prevent being frozen onto the windshield. Second, basic maintenance needs to be performed, including checking the battery condition and always leaving the gas tank at least half full.

A big, expensive mistake drivers make is pushing the power window button down when there is ice frozen on the outside glass. This often breaks the small, power window regulator inside the door. And, as I mentioned in a previous article, lube the door lock cylinders and coat the door and trunk rubber seals with any good silicone product.

Clean engine oil is also very important for engine life and easy engine startups.

Washer fluid is a product that you cannot skimp on - buy a good quality fluid as well as high quality wiper blades.

If all goes well, in 8-10 weeks from now, we can all look back...well, maybe 12 weeks.

Boston's own Junior Damato, "The Auto Doctor" has agreed to field auto repair questions from *Bulletin* and *Record* readers. Please forward your questions to [news@bulletinnewspapers.com](mailto:news@bulletinnewspapers.com) and we will do our best to get your questions answered.

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tions on the presidency throughout the upcoming election year: "Hail to the Chief: the Creation of the American Presidency." The Constitutional Convention of 1787 was, in the words of Connecticut governor Samuel Huntington, a "new event" in human history. In the midst of this new event, nothing was newer than the creation of the office of the President and the Electoral College. Unanimously elected the nation's first president, George Washington was well aware of his unique position. "I walk," he wrote, "on untrodden ground." To sign up for this program, funded by the Friends of the Library, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

## ART OF WINSLOW HOMER AT THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library are pleased to welcome back Beth Knaus of ArtMatters to the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. for an up-close look at the work of Winslow Homer, one of America's most beloved and influential painters. Homer got his start by illustrating scenes from the Civil War for Harper's Magazine, documenting post-war rural Americana and later dramatically exploring man's relationship to nature. To sign up for this program, presented and funded by the Friends, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING PRESENTATION

Learn more about the ongoing tragedy of human trafficking with a program by Joan Barry at the Morrill Memorial Library on Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. Ms. Barry, a human trafficking awareness speaker, will focus on the disturbing reality of sex-trafficking of American-born girls and boys, clarify the myths and misconceptions surrounding this serious and growing problem, and suggest what can be done to help. She is a board member of My Life My Choice, a Boston-based non-profit organization offering mentoring to survivors of sex trafficking as well as training to law enforcement, judiciary, and social service providers. To sign up for this program, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

## FIRESIDE READS AT THE LIBRARY

On Thursday, Jan. 14 at 10 a.m. and repeated at 7:30 p.m. join librarians Beth Goldman and Margot Sullivan for this fun book review program at the Morrill Memorial Library. Beth and Margot discuss a variety of titles that they hope will strike someone's fancy. Biography, history, fiction, travel, mystery, and always a cookbook or two highlight the selections. One never knows what they might review! One also never knows what theatrics these two might present! They both have a good time sharing books! Participants are then asked if they have book titles they would recommend. This is an informative and eclectic and sometimes amusing program. Refreshments are served. The Friends of the Library generously fund this program. NO registration is necessary. If inclement weather, please call 781-769-0200 x110.

## BAYER

Joseph F. Sr. Of Norwood, Dec. 30. Beloved husband of the late Grace E. (Meyenberg), and dear father of Joseph F. Jr., and his wife Donna, of IN, Richard H., and his wife Dana, of DE, Virginia A. Heim, and her husband Jeff, of AZ, and Thomas A. Bayer of Norwood. Also survived by 8 grand, 8 great grand, and 1 gr gr grandchild. Visiting hours Tues. 4-8 PM at the May Funeral Home, 85 Nichols St., NORWOOD. Relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral Weds. at 11 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 150 Chapel St., Norwood, MA 02062, followed by burial in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton. In lieu of flowers donations to Grace Episcopal Church (address above) would be appreciated.

## CONROY

Helen F. (Ahearn) of Norwood, on Jan 5. Beloved wife of the late Frederick J. Conroy. Mother of Mary O'Reilly of Foxboro, Peter Conroy and his wife Karen of Foxboro, Paul Conroy of Mansfield, Mark Conroy and his wife Bernadette of Foxboro and Tricia Conroy of Norwood. Sister of M. Joseph Ahearn and his wife Jean of Sandwich, her sister and best friend Jane Ahearn of Walpole and the late Richard Ahearn. Grandmother of Caitlyn Cuomo and her husband Brent, Maura O'Reilly, Brendan O'Reilly and his wife Jessica, Kyla Conroy, Corey Pell and her husband John, Suzanne Creeden and her husband David, Steven Conroy, M.J. Conroy and Jillian Conroy, also survived by 5 great-grandchildren. Funeral arrangements by the Ginley Funeral Home, 892 Main Street, Walpole, Norwood. In lieu of flowers expressions of sympathy may be made in her memory to the Norwood Ecumenical Food Pantry, 150 Chapel Street, Norwood, MA 02062.

## GRAY

Eileen P. (Rock), 91, of Norwood, on Dec. 31. Beloved wife of the late Patrick Arthur Gray. Devoted mother of Robert Gray and his wife "Mimi" of Norwood, Patricia Andrews of Canton, Brian Gray and his wife Lauren of West Newton, Karen McNally of Manchester, NH and the late Richard Gray. The youngest of 5, she was predeceased by her parents Anthony Rock and Margaret (Caulfield) Rock, and her siblings Beatrice "Bea" Stack, Edward Rock, Anthony "Tony" Rock, and Mary Gillis. Cherished grandmother of 8 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Eileen was reared in Jamaica Plain and graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas in 1942. She worked at Sears and Roebuck during the war years and married in

1946. After her children grew, she also worked at various part time jobs. She enjoyed playing cards, cribbage, and especially golf. In her later years she spent winters in Florida with her beloved husband. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood. Burial at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the American Lung Association Freedom from Smoking, 1301 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 800 Washington, DC 20004.

## KAKAS

Christos N. formerly of Norwood, on Dec 30. Beloved son of the late Nicholas and the late Panagiota Kakas. Dedicated and loving father to his son, Nicholas Kakas and his wife, Nicole of Walpole as well as his daughter, Patti Bird and her husband, Cameron of Millis, and former spouse, Nancy Kakas of Rochester, NY. Beloved brother of Vasilios Kakas and his wife, Dimitra of West Roxbury, Dimitri Kakas and his wife, Jenny of Sharon, Kiki Katsoulis, of Methuen, and the George Fondas, and the late Ekaterine Kalogerakos of Greece. Brother in law of Toula Fondas of Norwood, and the late Demetrios Katsoulis. Cherished grandfather of Alexander, Zoe, Christos, Leonidas and Michael. Funeral arrangements by the James H. Delaney & Son Funeral Home, 48

Common Street, Walpole. Interment to follow at The Gardens Cemetery, 670 Baker St, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to St. Gregory the Theologian Greek Orthodox Church, 1007 West St., Mansfield, MA and also to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of Christos to support cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or via www.dana-farber.org/gift.

## LUCCHINI

Beatrice (Costello) of Norwood, on Dec 29. Beloved wife of the late Arthur T. Lucchini; beloved mother of Ann (Thomas) Hickey, Linda (Leon) Dunnam, Debra (Glenn) Cutler, Peter (Lynn) Lucchini, and William (Susan) Lucchini; adoring grandmother of Malinda, Elizabeth, Christina, Sandra, Stephanie, Scott, Sara, Zachary, Alexander, and Oliver; proud great-grandmother of Victoria, Michael, and Bernie, Sawyer and Autumn Rose. Interment at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. There will be no calling hours.

## MOLLOY

Mary E. (Garry), 85, of Norwood, on Dec. 28. Beloved wife of the late Robert J. Molloy. Devoted mother of Robert J. Molloy Jr. and his wife Kim of Franklin. Loving sister of James Garry and his wife Suzanne of Naples, FL, Joan Stewart and her husband George of Woburn,

Elizabeth Finch and her husband John of Woburn and the late Martin Garry and his late wife Mary. Cherished grandmother of Brendan Molloy and Justin Ball. Daughter of the late Martin and Elizabeth (Shea) Garry. 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 Foster Parrots Ltd, P.O. Box 650, Rockland, MA 02370.

## TROILO

Antonetta R. (D'Amico), 95, of Norwood, on Jan 7. Beloved wife of the late William B. Troilo. Devoted and loving mother of Bernard N. Troilo and his wife Betsy, David W. Troilo and his wife Gail, Anthony J. Troilo and his wife Lorraine and Linda R. Ippolito and her husband Charles all of Norwood. Sister of the late William, Alponse, Agnes and Mary. Cherished grandmother of 10 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. Antonetta was a member of the South Norwood Committee, TOPS organization, Past member of the Italian Ladies Lodge of Norwood and very active at the Norwood Senior Center. 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 Norwood Senior Center 275 Prospect St, Norwood, MA 02062.

**St. Jude's Novena**  
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 9<sup>th</sup> day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude. My Prayers were answered.  
*In gratitude for helping me.*  
—M.P., W.P.

**Miracle Prayer**  
Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked You for many favours. This time, I ask you this very special one (mention favour). Take it, dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within Your own broken heart where Your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become Your favour, not mine. Amen. Say for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted.  
—G.G.

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# Thank You Novenas

## For Favours or Prayers Answered

<p><b>Prayer to the Blessed Virgin</b> <i>(Never known to fail!)</i> Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you. <i>Grateful thanks.</i> —K.B.</p>	<p><b>St. Jude's Novena</b> May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 9<sup>th</sup> day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude. My Prayers were answered. <i>In gratitude for helping me.</i> —J.H.</p>	<p><b>Miracle Prayer</b> Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked You for many favours. This time, I ask you this very special one (mention favour). Take it, dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within Your own broken heart where Your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become Your favour, not mine. Amen. Say for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted. —D.J.</p>
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# Police Logs

## MONDAY JAN 7

0627 911 - Death at home \*report filed Location/address: Hill St Unattended death. Norwood fire responded.

0717 phone - Susp activity services rendered Location/address: Trinity Community Church - Walpole St Caller reported suspicious package. Officer reported nothing suspicious found.

1012 walk-in - Citizens complaint services rendered Location/address: Railroad Ave Report basketball hoop on sidewalk. N664 reports it was moved into the driveway.

1040 cellular - Complaint of mv area search negative Location/address: Nahatan St + Pendergast Cir Request log entry only that a male operator of a champagne colored, 4dr, car, made a gun sign using his fingers towards the caller, last seen Morse St. towards Pleasant St.

1100 other - Mischief (kids) \*report filed Location/address: Norwood High School - Nichols St SRO notified of incident. Report filed

1112 phone - Citizens complaint \*report filed Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Social worker interviewing patient reports patient stated he had a gun hidden away but would not state its location.

1130 other - Assist other agency \*report filed Location/address: Norwood High School - Nichols St SRO assisted with investigation.

1139 phone - Parking violation services rendered Location/address: Oolah Ave Report MA pc 2lv558 is parked in a way that prohibited dumpster pick-up today. N669 reports owner will be home after 1400 hrs and neighbor will inform them.

1510 walk-in - Susp activity under investigation Location/address: Norwood High School - Nichols St Report of strange text messages. N423, as SRO, will take that under investigation.

1635 other - Message delivery message delivered Location/address: Winter St Immediate threat paperwork.

1650 walk-in - Stolen lic plate \*report filed Location/address: Village Rd E Party in the lobby returns MA license plate 3px979 found on Mylod Street. Owner responded to the station and reports that plate was stolen.

## TUESDAY JAN 8

0052 phone - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Rock St Caller at hospital and was worried her door wasn't closed when she was transported. N677 responded to check, not able to gain entry to building. NFD states door would have been closed by Brewster Ambulance.

0417 phone - Susp vehicle services rendered Location/address: Nahatan St Caller reports a white 18 wheeler parks in front of elderly housing every night and is noisy. N669,n677 responded, spoke to driver who works for the post office and advised him. Caller was informed.

0814 phone - Citizens complaint spoken to Location/address: Dunkin Donuts - Nahatan St Customer reports another customer uses profanities while in the shop and stares at him. N667 reports he will call when it is happening and staff would have to call police if they do not want him there.

0857 phone - Well being chk spoken to Location/address: Lenox St Cashier reports customer made a statement after partially paying a past due bill. N664 spoke to him, he stated he is fine and just made the statement in passing.

1140 cellular - Hit and run \*report filed Location/address: 655 - Washington St Report 10 minutes ago there was a MVA, 1 car did not stop, no description.

1251 initiated - Juvenile offenses services rendered Location/address: Tremont St Truancy issue. Party was not home.

2002 phone - Well being chk \*report filed Location/address: Rock St Caller reported family member feeling depressed. Norwood Fire responded.

2332 phone - Complaint of mv area search negative Location/address: Venice Cafe - Washington St Caller reported possible intoxicated female driving a black infinity. Officers checked area, nothing found.

## WEDNESDAY JAN 9

0859 phone - Civil dispute civil matter Location/address: Hultman - Everett St Report family for the estate, a lawyer, and a scrap metal dealer on scene of a property dispute. N677 reports referred them back to probate court.

1152 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: North Ave Report 20 minutes ago a male, glasses, in MA pc 645jw1 took pictures of home while he was inside the car on the street. call to owner reports they are Boston Appraisers Co. and evaluated

447 Nahatan St. and needed to take a picture of a comparable home in area. Caller notified and satisfied.

1358 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Casey St Caller reports two males going door to door without any identification. N661 spoke with them and advised them that they must sign in at the station beforehand.

1429 911 - Assaults \*report filed Location/address: Norwood High School - Nichols St High school reports that a student pushed a faculty member. report to be filed.

1433 phone - Complaint of mv area search negative Location/address: Nahatan St + North Ave Report that there is a w/m in a Honda accord, red, looks around then drinks something from a container in the console, caller believes it is alcohol. N661 searched the area, but could not locate.

1624 phone - Larceny \*report filed Location/address: Jack Madden Ford - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports a stolen plow.

2256 initiated - Motor vehicle stop spoken to Location/address: Edgehill Rd Officer out with a suspicious vehicle. Parties checked ok.

2317 initiated - Motor vehicle stop verbal warning Location/address: Brookside Cafe - Washington St Officer out with car with no plate. Dealer plate fell off vehicle. Party will report plate missing to RMV in the morning.

2332 phone - Noise complaint spoken to Location/address: St Paul Ave Loud music. Parties advised.

## THURSDAY JAN 7

0856 911 - Assist citizen spoken to Location/address: Respite House - Beacon Ave Client reports he left \$500.00 in the bathroom and now it is missing. N669 reports staff states he makes this allegation at each home he is placed in, he does not have that money.

0904 phone - Disturbance services rendered Location/address: Meadow St Report 4 bangs as if gunshots. n665 reports all quiet upon arrival. Call to airport-it was them, deer on runway issues.

0941 phone - Susp activity \*report filed Location/address: Norwest Dr Report that yesterday a student was approached and offered a ride.

0956 phone - Larceny assisted party Location/address: Dermatology Associates - Chapel St Report prescription pad and lab coats missing. N666 reports items were found.

1019 phone - Civil dispute spoken to Location/address: Saunders Rd Caller reports girlfriend moving out and taking items that are not hers. N669 reports no property dispute upon arrival, advice given.

1050 walk-in - Citizens complaint spoken to Location/address: Abundant Table - Winter St Worker thinks 2 participants in the program want to steal her handicap placard. N669 reports no evidence of same.

1414 phone - Well being chk Police & Fire notified/r Location/address: Lane Dr Caller reports while talking to resident there was a crash sound, dog barking, and can only hear the resident in background now. NFD handled on scene and son of resident arrived home.

1616 911 - Unwanted party services rendered Location/address: Richland Rd Unwanted female party. N677 reports that is a visiting healthcare worker. She will wait outside for a responding family member to form a plan.

1723 phone - Well being chk area search negative Location/address: Downing St Pembroke police requested well being check of a party from Norwood who appeared confused in their town. Officers unable to locate subject. Pembroke to issue bolo for overdue motorist.

1727 initiated - Assist other agency services rendered Location/address: Prospect St + Upland Rd N666 comes across a person matching the description of a Bolo from Westwood PD. Westwood PD notified and responded, They report that is not the party they are looking for.

1920 walk-in - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Saunders Rd Walk-in requested assistance delivering keys to a roommate after a breakup. Keys left in dispatch, owner notified.

1942 911 - Report of fire \*report filed Location/address: Olde Derby Rd NFD notified and responded. WACO notified and responded.

2051 other - Warrant service unsuccessful service Location/address: Mill Pond Ln No one home.

## FRIDAY JAN 8

0021 initiated - Susp person spoken to Location/address: TYCO - Nahatan St + Pendergast Cir N665 speaking with suspicious party standing in front of TYCO property. All in order and sent on his way.

0159 initiated - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: South Norwood Laundry Mat - Washington St N663 gave courtesy transport to a male party from S.Norwood to Westwood on Washington St.

0328 911 - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Golden Living Center ( Formerly Emerald Court - Washington St Patient states someone is taking items out of his room. spoke with an aide who gave us access to patient. Party is fine and is suffering from mental health issues.

0610 initiated - warrant service unsuccessful service Location/address: Melville Ave Attempt to serve warrant. No answer at all 3 doors.

1027 phone - Assist citizen spoken to Location/address: Respite House - Beacon Ave Party wants to speak with an officer about a larceny. N662 sent and reports the issue was already reported in the past.

1040 walk-in - Assist other agency services rendered Location/address: Centennial Dr D.Y.S counselors requesting assistance picking up a Juvenile. N677 sent. The youth was taken into custody by D.Y.S without incident.

1102 phone - Susp person spoken to Location/address: Deerfield Rd + Norton Dr Resident calls in a suspicious male walking around the area. N665 locates the male and identifies him as a resident of the neighborhood that is collecting cans.

1154 other - Warrant service \*arrest(s)made Location/address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St N462 and n499 transport a suspect with an outstanding Norwood Police Department warrant from a Rhode Island Department of Corrections Facility to Norwood P.D. refer to Original summons/warrant report 16-8-ar. Arrest: Fisher, John Patrick Address: 45 Hood St Apt. #101 Fall River, Ma Age: 40 Charges: warrant arrest

1514 phone - Found syringe removed hazard Location/address: Seven Hens - Washington St Report of syringe on ground.

1548 phone - Mischief (kids) spoken to Location/address: St Timothy's Church - Nichols St Report of a youth skating on the ice. N664 reports that was Near the Walpole fish and game club. Ice appears to be safe. Walpole PD notified.

1650 phone - Animal complaint \*report filed Location/address: Balch School - Washington St Caller reports her dog was attacked by an unleashed pit bull who fled the area with its owner. NACO notified and responded.

1655 walk-in - Assist citizen assisted party Location/address: Heaton Ave Party in the lobby seeking a police officer to stand by while he retrieves property per a court order. N663 could not get in contact with the property owner, party will check back at a later date.

1705 phone - Well being chk spoken to Location/address: School Of Rock - Washington St Owner reports a possibly intoxicated parent on scene. officer spoke with that party, she is not intoxicated and checked ok.

1731 911 - Animal complaint \*report filed Location/address: Certaineed - Pleasant St Motorist reports she struck a deer and that it limped away. N662 located that animal and euthanized it. NACO notified and responded.

1941 phone - Well being chk spoken to Location/address: Irving St Caller concerned about a neighbor who seemed to be angry and will not answer their door. N662 spoke to all parties involved, all is well.

2023 phone - Mischief (kids) gone on arrival Location/address: Shurfine Market - Nahatan St Passing motorist reports approx. 5 middle school aged girls threw what appeared to be marshmallows at her vehicle as she drove by. No damage to her vehicle.

2057 initiated - Susp person \*protective custody Location/address: Washington St Officers comes across a suspicious person. N679 reports that party was intoxicated and placed under protective custody. N678 transported him to Lenox Street to the custody of a family member.

## SATURDAY DEC 9

0216 911 - Larceny \*report filed Location/address: St James Ave Cabbie reports her client got out of cab and went in house and

never returned. N677,n666 responded. Unable to locate party. No one answered door.

1048 phone - Unwanted party \*report filed Location/address: Riverside Community Services - Beacon Ave Caller reports client is acting out. N665, n669, n667, n662, N668 sent. NFD transports patient to hospital with n662 on board. N665 to file report.

1134 phone - Susp activity \*report filed Location/address: Launch Trampoline Park - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller report counterfeit bills passed. N667 sent.

1143 phone - Assist citizen removed hazard Location/address: Rockland Trust - Lenox St Caller report needle in parking lot. N664 sent and will dispose.

1511 phone - Warrant service could not locate Location/address: Mill Pond Ln Attempted warrant service. Person is out of state. Officer spoke with Steven Stokes 203-804-0916 who confirmed that he was in a program in Connecticut.

1540 walk-in - Assist citizen \*report filed Location/address: Plymouth Dr

2131 phone - Animal complaint gone on arrival Location/address: Maple St Report of a small dog running into traffic.

2204 phone - Susp vehicle spoken to Location/address: Highland St Report of a suspicious Toyota highlander in the area, three people with flash lights. N666 reports the occupants of RI Pc v1457 are involved in a scavenger hunt, no crime committed.

2243 phone - Susp vehicle gone on arrival Location/address: Rite Aid (Store# 10145) - Walpole St Report of a dark color sedan circling the area.

2317 phone - Susp vehicle area search negative Location/address: Ledgeview Dr + Overlook Dr Report of a small dark colored sedan circling the neighborhood.

## SUNDAY JANUARY DEC 10

0050 phone - Susp vehicle spoken to Location/address: Edgehill Rd Caller reported suspicious silver sedan. Party checked ok, was visiting a friend in the neighborhood.

0257 911 - Assist fire dept police & fire notified/r Location/address: Buckminster Dr Caller reported odor of gas, fluid leaking from dryer. Norwood Fire responded.

1018 walk-in - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Heaton Ave N669 stands by while party removes his belongings from his former residence.

1343 phone - Assist citizen \*report filed Location/address: Ledgeview Dr Party seeking advice on packages that were delivered to his house that he did not order.

1426 phone - Found syringe services rendered Location/address: Chapel St + Savin Ave Caller reports a syringe on the sidewalk. N664 disposed

1605 phone - Civil dispute assisted party Location/address: Edgehill Rd Resident seeking advice regarding eviction rights.

1730 phone - Animal complaint area search negative Location/address: Bond St + Nichols St Report of a dog wandering by itself.

1758 911 - Robbery \*report filed Location/address: Dean St Caller reports an armed robbery by knife that just occurred. Three suspects fled on foot. Bolo broadcast to the cars. Norfolk Sheriffs k9 notified and responded.

1932 phone - Robbery \*report filed Location/address: Union St Caller reports an armed robbery by knife that just occurred. Suspect fled on foot towards route one. Bolo broadcast to the cars. Walpole PD notified and assisted with a search of the area. Norfolk Sheriffs k9 notified and responded.

1947 911 - Drunk person \*protective custody Location/address: Norwest Dr Calling party reports an intoxicated female party. Westwood PD responded as mutual aid. N667 placed that party under protective custody and she was left with a family member.

2037 phone - Susp vehicle spoken to Location/address: Willett School - Westover Pkwy Suspicious sedan parked in the rear of the lot with its lights on. Officers spoke with those parties, they checked out ok and were sent on their way.

2132 phone - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Village Rd E Resident reports a strange smell in the area. Officer unable to locate source. Advised tenant to call management.

2226 phone - Susp activity area search negative Location/address: Maxwell Ave Report of two suspicious parties who appear to be trying car doors.

2304 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Maxwell Ave Caller reports two parties are looking into his neighbor's car and then ran towards Ellis Avenue. Bolo broadcast to the cars. N663 reports parties matching the description were spoken to, that was their vehicle and they are staying at a friend's home in the area tonight.

**NORWOOD  
PUB CRAWL FUNDRAISER**

Join us for a pub crawl and fundraiser in Norwood center on Saturday, January 23 from 3-6pm. Event will include a raffle and silent auction, and tickets are \$20. All proceeds will support the work of Labs4Rescue, a non-profit with local ties, and Homes for Our Troops (HFOT), a national non-profit organization headquartered in Taunton, Mass. HFOT provides mortgage-free, specially adapted homes for severely injured veterans, while Labs4Rescue provides a new life for rescued or displaced Labradors.

Meet us at Limey's Pub at 3pm, or join us along the trail. Find us on Facebook by searching 'Pub Crawl Norwood', all donations and raffle donations are appreciated. To pre-purchase tickets, or for more information, email greeleyjoe@gmail.com, or call 617.908-4158 or 781.864-4658.

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**DIVORCE RECOVERY**

A six-week program for those who are separated or divorced. The series covers the emotional stages of divorce offering support and healing. The group will meet at the First Congregational Church, 100 Winter Street in Norwood, on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. starting January 27. \$90.00 fee. Call 781-762-3320 to register.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD FAIR**

On Saturday, Feb. 6, from 10-11:45 a.m., join the Norwood Public Schools for their 16th annual Early Childhood Fair at F.A. Cleveland Elementary School, 33 George F. Willett Parkway, Norwood. There will be Preschool Activities & Crafts, Jungle Jim - Balloon Sculptor, and Music with Miss Tina. All activities are free! There is NO pre-registration required for this event. If you have any questions please call Christine Tomasello at Norwood Public Schools - (781) 440-5983 or by e-mail at [ctomasello@norwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:ctomasello@norwood.k12.ma.us).

**SELF-ESTEEM AND RESILIENCY WORKSHOP**

On Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Savage Education Center, come join us for a free parenting workshop. This workshop is for families with children from toddler to early elementary years. To register contact Christine Tomasello in the CFCE Office

at 781-440-5983 or e-mail to [ctomasello@norwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:ctomasello@norwood.k12.ma.us).

**ADOPT-A-HYDRANT**

Last year we experienced record breaking amounts of snowfall in our community. This huge amount of snowfall caused delays in firefighting operations throughout New England. In the event of a fire, fire engines respond with enough water in their tanks to provide only a few minutes of fire protection/suppression. Therefore, it is imperative that firefighters gain access to a water supply via a fire hydrant. If a fire hydrant is buried by snow, it can be difficult to find and valuable time is lost digging it out. This process can take anywhere from 5 to 7 minutes. Since fires double in size every minute, precious minutes lost could be the difference between life and death. Norwood firefighters and DPW workers worked tirelessly to keep hydrants clear last year, but we need your help. The Norwood Fire Department is looking for volunteers to "adopt" a hydrant near their homes or places of work. In doing so, it only makes a safer environment for your families and co-workers.

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