

Replacing Thornton a unique challenge for town

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

At the end of the month, the Norwood Board of Selectmen will interview the top three candidates to replace the retiring Robert Thornton as Town Clerk and Accountant, but the screening process has been anything but easy.

This is due in part to the nature of the position.

According to several town officials, Norwood appears to be one of very few communities - and perhaps the only one - that still combines the Town Clerk and Accountant roles into one position.

Thornton said that other towns he noticed that held on to the position some years ago tended to be smaller towns, none bigger than Norwood. Selectman Bill Plasko said it is likely that Norwood is now the only community remaining in the Commonwealth to have one person serve as both Town Clerk and Accountant.

In Norwood, Thornton said, the combination of both roles in its current form dates back to the modern town charter, which was drafted and approved in 1914.

The document, which empowered and described the makeup of the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Commission and other local official roles, dictated that the clerk and accountant for the Town of Norwood would be the same person.

And for 100 years, Thornton said, that has been the way the jobs were carried out. In that time, only four people have held the title of Town Clerk and Accountant in Norwood.



Town Clerk and Accountant Robert Thornton plans to retire in February.

FILE PHOTO

And whoever replaces Thornton will continue that tradition, said Selectman Allan Howard, who chairs the screening committee for the position. Howard said that the Town is looking to maintain the combined position, at least for now.

This is partly due to the time it takes to have such a change approved locally and through the state legislature, Howard said, which could take four to six months or longer - time Howard said the Town doesn't have, with all of the upcoming budget processes and local elections in the spring due to wrap-up after Thornton's retirement in February.

But that doesn't mean officials haven't been eyeing a change.

"It is in the back of our minds. Frankly, we just can't do it right now," said Howard, who mentioned that there is

Thornton

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The first set of Norwood Center's new seasonal light post banners, paid for by Norwood Bank, were installed along Washington Street on Jan. 6.

PHOTO BY SAM NICKERSON

Norwood Bank provides banners and trees for its 125th

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Staff Reporter

Norwood Center received its first set of seasonal light post banners this month, following a collaboration between Norwood Bank and the Downtown Steering Committee.

Norwood Bank approached the Town about donating the banners as part of the bank's celebration of its 125th anniversary. There are plans to have a set of themed banners for each season, to be rotated four times per year. Also donated to the Town were 125 trees to be placed around fields and Town recreational areas by the Public Works Department.

The winter banners feature two designs - a snowman and a snowflake design, both of which have 'Norwood'

written vertically down the banner - which alternate from light post to light post on Washington Street.

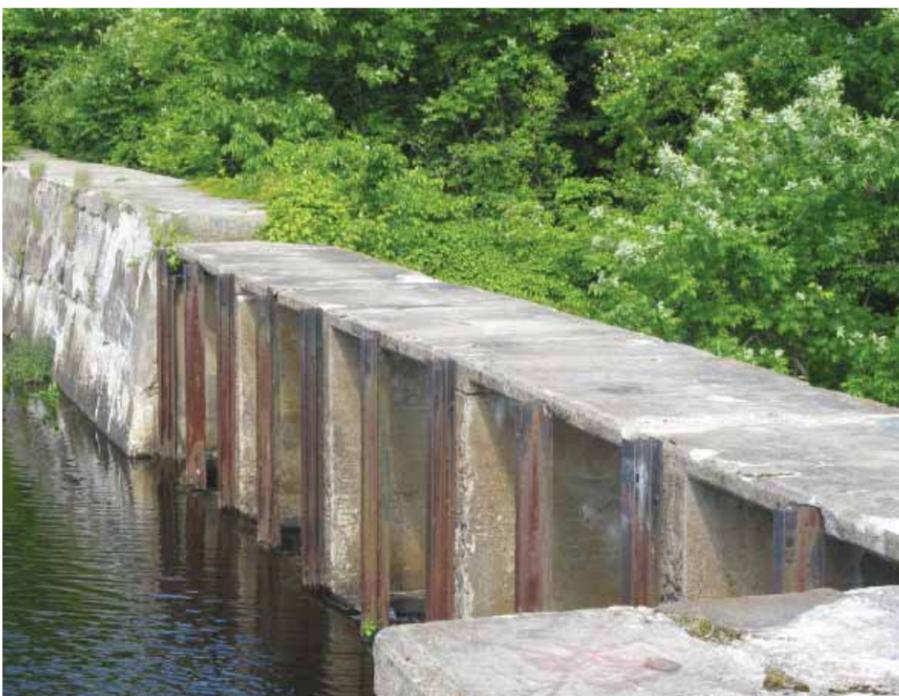
Town Manager John Carroll announced during a Board of Selectmen meeting on Jan. 6 that the banners had been installed that day.

"They were paid for by Norwood Bank. We appreciate the work they did," Carroll said. "I think the banners (we designed) are not long enough, they're 48 inches ... we're going to make them 60 inches, but they're very, very pretty. We're grateful to the DPW and the light department, who cooperated to get them up."

Board of Selectmen Chair Michael Lyons - who serves on the Down-

Banners

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Nonprofit organizations Together Yes and the Neponset River Watershed Association co-hosted an event on river dams, similar to the one pictured above on the Neponset River, on Jan. 7.

PHOTO COURTESY TOGETHER YES

Sustainability orgs tackle dams in Norwood

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

Given Norwood's place in the Neponset River Watershed and the limited number of open spaces within town borders, it should come as no surprise that Norwood is quickly becoming a locus for sustainability efforts.

Around 35 concerned citizens and curious residents gathered at the Morrill

Memorial Library on Jan. 7 to view DamNation, a documentary about the effects of large water dams in the United States. After the film, there was also a discussion about the local attitudes towards dams, such as the ones on the Neponset River.

The event was part of a "sustainability

Sustainability

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DOE audit on horizon as schools reflect on past year

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

As Norwood Schools officials reflect on a successful 2014, they will begin looking to the future with a Coordinated Program Review onsite visit by the Department of Education during the week of Feb. 9.

Department of Education staff will visit the schools to ensure that state and federal requirements are being adhered to for specific programs, such as special education and programs for English language learners. The programs are gauged on a scale "ranging from 'commendable' to 'not implemented.'"

According to a release from Norwood Schools administrators, the District must propose "corrective action" for any aspect deemed less

than satisfactory. The Department of Education also encourages participation from members of the public, who can be interviewed by calling the Superintendent's office at (781)-762-6804 by Feb. 3.

Meanwhile, Superintendent James Hayden said that they are "confident" that the review will be "a useful and positive experience for staff members" and that they began preparing last year.

"It's actually been very good, we started last spring with workshops given by the department of education, and initiated a computerized survey with all of the areas that they're looking for - civil rights compliance, attention and compliance with second language learners," Hayden said. "We provided the Department of Education with quite a lot of information by their deadline at the end of

last June. We've had preliminary meetings ... to talk about what the standards for the areas they'll be looking at look like, and we'll be using them for their guidance after they've left."

Hayden also mentioned the recent revision, during consecutive December School Committee meetings, of language in school policy to be inclusive of gender and sex differences, as well as the development of social media policy.

"I think we're one of the leaders in our field," Hayden said. "The audit is specifically looking at how we do with second language learners and SPED (Special Education) students. In many of these second language learner areas, we are meeting the benchmarks to help those stu-

Audit

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town Steering Committee as well - also weighed in on the final result.

"They look great. They're smaller than I expected, but the visual down the street is really, really nice," Lyons said. He asked Carroll whether the next set would be larger, to which Carroll said that starting in the spring, the banners would all be 60 inches each.

Selectman Bill Plasko reiterated to the Board that the donation was a part of Norwood Bank's gifts to the

Town of Norwood in honor of the bank's 125 years.

"Again, as you point out, we do say thank you," he said.

According to Carroll, the signs were designed by ADJ Group Signs, located on Cottage Street in Norwood, selected after several rounds of mock-ups by the Downtown Steering Committee and then paid for by Norwood Bank.

"They're pretty, very pretty," Carroll said.

Norwood Bank was estab-

lished in 1889 in order to cater to the needs of the manufacturing and immigrant class in the area, who worked in the industrial businesses in Norwood. The bank is currently located on Central Street, and is presided over by President and CEO Christopher Dixon.

"As we celebrate Norwood Bank's 125th anniversary, we are reminded of how fortunate we are to have been a part of this community for so many years, and how grateful we are for your support," Dixon said in a statement.

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Nahatan Street to receive sewer repairs

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Staff Reporter

During a Selectmen's meeting on January 13, in which both Chairman Michael Lyons and Town Manager John Carroll were absent, assistant Town Manager Bernie Cooper announced that the Town was facing significant sewer work on Nahatan Street.

Cooper said that the Town was preparing to do some cleaning and lining work on the main sewer lines and individual services, including a stretch of Nahatan Street that had seen significant work last summer, when it was repaved.

When the contractor began to examine the sites, he discovered that some of the services - particularly those leading to individual residential buildings - were in a severely deteriorated condition.

"We unfortunately didn't know the condition that they were in (at the time)," Cooper said.

Cooper said that these individual services had become "a significant source of infiltration ... into our sewer system." In these cases, Cooper said, the services could not be lined because the system was in such poor condition, whether because the "services themselves were cracked," or there was "literally an offset," where part of the service had sunk, leaving a "sheer break."

This, Cooper said, could lead and possibly had led to an influx of rain water into the sewer system, which the Town pays to treat as sewage, or sewage was finding its way into the storm drain system, which could be "causing a problem with contamination."

Cooper acknowledged that the Town might ask why this sewer work hadn't been done when the major project was taking place last summer.

"We simply weren't aware," said Cooper, who mentioned that this was only the second year that the Town was doing the lining work on the sewers, and they were using new technology with which they did not have much experience.

Selectman Paul Bishop asked whether it would have "behooved us to focus" on that one area at the time when the road projects were taking place around town last summer, especially knowing that they were going to have to do lining work on Nahatan Street.

Cooper agreed that they would have preferred to be "a year ahead, rather than several months behind," though had the systems could have failed, the homeowners would have been responsible for replacement.

Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue asked where the funding for the project would be coming from and how many feet would be dug up.

Cooper said that it was completely covered by the same Massachusetts Water Resources Authority grant and loan program which was part of the original project. He also said that they would have to go at least 15-20 feet back across the properties from the street and then dig into the street to reach the junction of the services with the sewer main.

Selectman Allan Howard said that there were around "a half dozen" locations where this work would have to take place, but that "most have already been done," and there were only a few remaining.

Acting Chairman for the meeting Bill Plasko said that because the Town prefers to save up roadwork money in order to get major projects completed, it might be wise to project ahead for situations like this in the future.

Cooper also mentioned that Public Works Superintendent Mark Ryan had granted Comcast a street opening permit with some conditions for the 766 feet of trenching they wish to do in the downtown area to bring service to a building.

Bishop said this announcement of another road opening was "much to our dismay."

Cooper then discussed a fallen steel light pole at the rear of the ball field at the Balch School. Cooper said the pole had toppled over towards the river into the woods, but they had taken steps to secure

it and the power supply.

The Town had also retained a structural engineer to examine the steel poles, which Cooper said were built in 1980.

Chief Anthony Greeley went before the Board with his monthly report as well.

Greeley said it had been one of the busiest years, with over 5,300 emergency runs, but that the Department had delivered "services on time and on budget."

He also said that the Department had three members return from long-term injury in December, and that Firefighter David Lazzaro, who had been injured in a serious fall in November, was "healing very well."

The Concerts on the Common Committee also went before the Selectmen to announce their upcoming Winter Concert Series, taking place

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OPINION

A sobering reality

Some very smart people in this town concluded a couple of years ago that the current Upland Woods construction project didn't have to happen if public officials were on top of things. Other very smart people, including the public officials already mentioned, said they had done everything they could to keep the massive plan by the Campanelli Company from happening, but that state laws tied their hands, and that the costs of taking on Campanelli in the courts would be too expensive, given their conclusion that the likelihood of victory was slim to none.

We will never know if litigation would have stopped the project, a tract of housing so large it will most assuredly impact public services and, more than likely, neighborhoods surrounding it. The only thing we know for sure is that Campanelli's project is happening right now, and Upland Woods housing will soon become another neighborhood in Norwood, no less so than Cork City, Little Dublin, The Flats, etc...

Norwood's Town Manager, John Carroll, has taken a lot of heat for his handling of the project, particularly his decision to take part in groundbreaking ceremonies and having his picture taken with the developers. In fact, another public official, Patrick Mulvehill of The Zoning Board of Appeals forewarned, through a Letter to the Editor published in this newspaper, that no public officials should take part in any ceremonies relative to the project and that it was a slap in the face for Campanelli to even extend an invitation, given the vitriol leading up to their receiving approval to begin construction.

This newspaper disagreed with Mr. Mulvehill then, just as we disagree now with Kevin Pentowski's letter printed last week in this newspaper vilifying Mr. Carroll and calling for his removal. The sobering reality is that Upland Woods is not going away and Carroll, as Town Manager, has an obligation to work with the developers to make sure Norwood's best interests are protected. His picture with a shovel in his hand is being incorrectly construed as his approval of the project when, in fact, he had no say in whether the project was to happen or not. There may be times the Town seeks concessions from these developers as the project moves along, concessions they have no legal right to, but in the spirit of being good neighbors, hope to get. Is Norwood more likely to get them with honey or vinegar?

This newspaper hates the fact that Upland Woods is a reality, and it is certainly fair to question Norwood's decision making, either prospectively or retrospectively. But to lay all of the frustrations on one Norwood employee is unfair. For all we know, Selectmen huddled prior to the groundbreaking and decided they needed to send a representative, and instructed Carroll to be the scapegoat. So, maybe he was just a guy doing as he was told.

Efforts would be better spent making sure that Upland Woods is no more or no less than the plans approved. Norwood's employees and public officials have that responsibility, and residents have every right to be looking over their shoulders. Just do it fairly and accurately. Everyone deserves that.

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Letters to the Editor

ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN ANYWHERE, ANYTIME

To the Editor:

A mild, sunny Sunday afternoon two weeks ago wasn't December norm as I traveled 128 to place a gravesite wreath in Arlington.

Traffic was light...people off the road and into malls, or so I thought. The ride was uneventful until I entered Mass. Ave. Arlington Center where it became a line of stuck cars.

Yellow-jacketed Arlington Police rerouted vehicular and pedestrian traffic while Fire Dept. trucks strewn in every direction secured the wide avenue. I sat motionless flanked by protestors who said they couldn't breathe, tapped Tibetan singing bowls, and kindled spiraling incense. About 100 people, some probably still holding a 20-year-old Cambridge rent control grudge, added their two cents onto posted signs. Being a captive audience, I read them all.

So I lost about 20 minutes, placed the wreath, exited the cemetery and followed a detour sign I felt sure would lead me to Route 2 and home. The complete reverse sent me smack into the same Mass. Ave. protestors, halted traffic, chanting, ranting and at this point I added my two cents...infuriating.

Again, it was still great weather at 2:30 p.m.

and I thought it might be nice to cut out of traffic, park at the far end of town and take a 20 minute walk on historic and scenic Minuteman Bike Trail. The Arlington police officer signaled access but I quickly decided to drive home and away from afternoon events.

That night the newscast informed me that a woman was assaulted on the Minuteman Bike Trail in Arlington between 2:30 and 3 p.m. A good description of the attacker came from bike trailers who heard her screams, came to her aid and remained for TV interviews that announced unsettling circumstances in broad daylight mid-December.

Arlington Police and Fire provided safe passage for everyone in their town on that Sunday. The demonstration was orderly and although I didn't flee, I knew I had left chaos for tranquility. Many people don't have that opportunity.

Anything can happen, anywhere, at any time. The unwavering commitment and fortifying presence of Chief Brooks, Chief Greeley and members of our Norwood Police and Fire Departments evokes everlasting gratitude.

Happy, Healthy, Peaceful New Year.

*Regina J. Noonan
Norwood*

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each Sunday afternoon in February.

Committee chairman Paul Eysie said that the group has been "going strong for over 20 years, and we feel like it's a wonderful contribution to the town."

"Please come out and enjoy this wonderful program that we prepared for you," he said.

Eysie then acknowledged all the committee members and sponsors who made the series possible.

"We appreciate all of what the committee does and all of

the fun times you bring to our residents," Plasko said. The rest of the Board also thanked the committee and spoke highly of the annual series.

"This is truly a community project," Bishop said.

The Board also acknowledged that Board of Assessors chairman Paul Wanacek would be retiring as a full time member of the board when his term ends on April 1, but approved his request for a part time appointment thereafter.

Finally, Howard announced he had worked out a draft con-

tract with Town Clerk and Accountant Robert Thornton to remain as a consultant for some time past his February 6 retirement date to ensure a smooth transition.

Howard said the rate agreed upon was much less than the going rate for a consultant of that nature and lauded Thornton for his dedication to the Town.

The Board commended Howard for the clarity and work on the contract and approved it.

DEATHS

EGAN

William F., 85, of Norwood, on Jan. 4. Beloved son of the late Patrick and Bridget (Mulkern) Egan. Bill was the beloved husband of Sallie (Chamberlain) DeViney-Egan of Norwood and the late Fernande "Anne" (Villeneuve) Egan; the loving father of Sheila and her husband, David Popkin of Knoxville, Tenn.; and William F. Egan, Jr. of Norwood. Cherished grandfather of Lee Popkin and his wife, Carson; and Sean Popkin and his wife, Kelly, all of Tennessee; the great-grandfather of Ann Egan Popkin; the dear brother of the late John Egan; and the step-father of David DeViney and his wife, Gloria; Amy and her husband, Dwain Stanton; Melissa and her husband, David Ott; and Beth, and her husband Craig Hall, all of Texas. He was also survived by many nieces and nephews, including close

niece, Nancy Villeneuve of Dedham. Bill was raised in East Walpole and graduated from Walpole High School. He attended college in Louisiana and at Boston University. He played football in high school and college and also played semi-pro baseball for a farm team of the Boston Braves. He served on the Norwood School Committee for 18 years. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment will follow the Mass in Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Memorial contributions may be made in Bill's memory to the American Diabetes Association, 330 Congress St., Boston, MA 02210 or via www.diabetes.org or to a charity of one's choice.

O'NEILL

John Daniel, 76, of Norwood, on Jan. 9. Beloved husband of Beverly (Cullen); loving father of Colleen Coulombe and husband Donald of Medfield, John "Danny"

O'Neill of Norwood, William O'Neill and wife Kerry of Mansfield, Caroline O'Neill of Norwood, and Michael O'Neill of Dedham. Cherished grandfather of Amanda, Jessica, Benjamin and Rebecca Coulombe, Hannah and Jack Kiessling, and Patrick O'Neill. He was the son of the late Nancy and William O'Sullivan of Jamaica Plain and the late John D. O'Neill of Cahersiveen, Co. Kerry, Ireland. Member of the Elks and American Legion. Retired after 40 years from Boston Edison Company as a Senior Distribution Supervisor (Cable Division). Donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association in memory of John. Funeral arrangements by the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, West Roxbury. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood.

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NPD faces task of replacing three retiring by February

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

As Norwood Chief of Police William Brooks announced a budget request to increase the number of officers in the department, he will also be faced with replacing three retiring members of the force in a short period of

time.

During a Board of Selectmen meeting on Jan. 6, Brooks announced that he would like to see the department roster increased close to its total of 63 officers in 2000. Today, there are around 54-56 officers ready to go at any point in time, as two or three members are

usually at the academy or in training.

Now, by the end of February, Brooks faces the additional pressure of replacing officer Milton Vega, Detective Sergeant Robert Rinn, and Lieutenant Brian

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dents become proficient English speakers or lifelong learners, which is a process that is not something that's done in just 1-3 years.

"And in the SPED area, we've done extensive comparability work, where students compare with other SPED students, and we're doing well in that area. We can always do better, that's why it's good to sit down with these folks who go district to district to listen to their suggestions and find ways to improve on their techniques and methods."

Hayden said that some of these suggestions can mean financial implications, and cited the inclusion program at the middle and high schools, which was implemented using local budget allocations to achieve its goals.

In reviewing 2014, Hayden mentioned the previous year's district review, as well as the commencement of the Abrahams Group's audit at the request of the Committee of 21. He said it was good to have people "con-

stantly asking us questions," and that he "welcomes transparency and openness, (because they) don't wait for an audit to decide what our vision is and where we're going."

Looking ahead, Hayden said he was "looking forward to the development of the FY16 budget, working collaboratively with the Committee of 21, the town fathers," and other officials to "put together a vision of our schools that gives our children every opportunity they deserve to continue to excel."

School Committee members Courtney Rau Rogers and John Badger - who both shared leadership roles on the Committee in 2014, with Badger currently serving as chairman - also weighed in on the year and their expectations.

"We continue to receive awards and accolades for our Advanced Placement Programs at the High School. Our Music and Media Programs continue to be among the best in the country, also receiving awards and accolades," Badger said of 2014. "Our baseball team made it to the state finals."

As for 2015, Badger said that he expects "continued

success in all our Arts and Athletics programs," and while he was "saddened by the (impending) loss of George Usevich, we are excited about developing the new leadership teams at the Middle and High School."

Echoing Hayden, Badger said that he was "looking forward to our work with the newest Committee of 21 and continuing to collaborate with the entire Norwood community to the benefit of the NPS."

"I think we continued to develop our relationships with the other town boards, in order to have a more transparent and efficient budget process," Rau said of 2014. "That was my main goal as Chair, to increase and improve communication between the Fin Com, Board of Selectmen, and us."

Rau also spoke on the continued development of inclusive policies and communication at Norwood Schools.

"We've also worked very hard at making sure all the voices of our students are represented in our public communication. As the face of Norwood changes, that will be an important continued focus as well," she said.

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Retirements *continued from page 6*

Murphy, who are all retiring. "We'll lose about 100 years of experience in around 60 days," Brooks said during the Selectmen's meeting.

This week, Brooks reflected on their contributions to the department and to the Town of Norwood.

"We'll miss all three (officers)," he said.

Officer Vega previously worked for the Weymouth Police Department before transferring to Norwood. In all, Brooks said, Vega served 24 years in Norwood and 32 years all together.

"We have received several messages here since he announced, praising him for his calm demeanor and helpful attitude," Brooks said. "Towards the end of his career, he had worked the patrol sector that covers the uptown area. As a bilingual officer fluent in Spanish, he was often a source of comfort for people we encountered who don't speak English."

Detective Sgt. Rinn plans to retire after serving 37 years as a police officer. According to Brooks, Rinn transferred to Norwood 32 years ago and was appointed a sergeant in the mid-'80s, before serving as detective sergeant in Norwood for the past 14 years.

"Many people know his name, but wouldn't recognize him because of his long tenure in plainclothes," Brooks said. "He has done a remarkable job with our drug enforcement program and is a leader who is well liked by his detectives. He is also very well-known outside Norwood, as his investigations have taken him all over New England."

Rinn and Detective David Eysie worked extensively with the regional NORPAC task force of detectives, which was formed in 1987 to tackle primarily drug and narcotics-related cases in over a dozen towns in the region.

Lt. Brian Murphy will retire after 35 years with Norwood Police, of which he spent the last 25 as a lieutenant. Murphy is currently the executive officer and second-in-command of the entire department.

As Brooks noted, Murphy comes from a whole family of Norwood law enforcement. His father was a member of the force and was a chief until his death while in office. Murphy also had two brothers and a sister who served in Norwood.

On top of all that, Brooks said Murphy is valued as the Department's unofficial department historian.

"He sees to it that a flag is placed on the grave of every deceased officer every Memorial Day, whether the officer is buried here or not, which often means that he dispatches his wife to visit other cemeteries in the area," Brooks said. "He is also our primary writer on Facebook and is known among our followers for his witty commentary."

Brooks said that his department has already begun taking steps to replace each position, including placing officers in the academy to account for vacancies left by promotions. During the Jan. 6 Selectmen's meeting, Selectman Paul Bishop inquired about any celebrations of the staff members, particularly Vega, for whom the Selectmen wished to award a plaque of honor.

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support among the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Commission and other town officials to split the position into two.

In fact, Plasko proposed splitting the positions prior to Thornton's hiring in 1979 "because the functions are not at all related."

Plasko said smaller towns were allowed by law to combine the positions, likely to save money by consolidating department heads. But since then, he said, "the duties of both positions have grown over the years, especially for the Town Accountant, and it no longer makes sense for them to be combined."

Howard said the position would remain intact through the hiring of Thornton's replacement, though the town could revisit the idea of a split in the future, pending on the candidate who is ultimately hired and other factors.

In the meantime, Howard said the screening committee - which consisted of himself, Judy Langone of the Finance Commission, Town Manager John Carroll, Town Treasurer Robert Marsh, Superintendent of Schools James Hayden and Michelle Pizzi of human resources - had received 16 résumés in response to their advertisements of the position.

Over the past few weeks, he said, they had narrowed the field to six candidates, who they

interviewed and from which they ultimately selected the top three.

The wide variety of skills needed to do both positions provided some challenges to identifying the top candidates in a fairly small field, Howard said, but he lauded the work of the screening committee members.

"They all contributed heartily and helped out immensely," Howard said.

Howard said that the committee looked for candidates who expressed some experience in municipal work and had worked in finance, ideally as a certified public accountant, which not all of the field had done.

Thornton said that the job requires a very "high energy level" to succeed at the two important, but very different, sides of the job.

"You have to be good at organizational skills and time management. There's always something going on from the other side, and there's really no kind of downtime or slow season per say, because the budget goes on for five to six months of the year, then a couple more with the auditors, and there's always elections going on, the census takes several months of the year," Thornton said. "You've got to be energetic, well-organized, and be able to prioritize the needs of the different parts of the town."

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Dale Day (left) and Bill Pudsey (right), of the George H. Morse House, gave tours of the historic property during an open house on Jan. 11.

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A glimpse into the past

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

Local history abounds in Norwood, and the folks at the George H. Morse Meeting House, Museum and Education Center in South Norwood want to share it with as many people as they can.

On Jan. 11, the Morse House and the volunteers involved in its restoration and maintenance held an open house at the oldest home in the community, offering guided tours and refreshments from 1-4 p.m.

"The old houses represent old people and people that were involved in the development of the town. If it wasn't for them, Norwood, as we know it, wouldn't be," said tour guide and Restoration Committee member Bill Pudsey.

The Morse House - located at 1285 Washington St., in front of the Coakley Middle School - was built in 1868 before Norwood officially became a town. It was the longtime homestead of the Morse family, whose patriarch, Ezra, had first built an old saltbox home on the then 40-acre property in 1678, when he became the area's first resident.

George Morse built the present structure in the 1850s in the Italianate style. George was

the Town's original assessor after the town was formed from South Dedham in 1872. He also served as one of the original Selectmen in Norwood, serving 19 years in total until 1893.

Between the illustrious original owners and the amount of history that has passed through and by the Morse House, it was a no-brainer for the Morse House Restoration Committee to begin a complete renovation and protection of the property in 2000.

By this time, the Morse House had surely seen better days. It had been a single and multifamily home throughout the 20th century, changing hands several times, including to the Massey family, before falling into disrepair as a storage site for Norwood Schools and Little League.

Tour Guide and Restoration Committee Member Dale Day said they worked with the Selectmen to set aside the property as a historical asset to be restored. Work began with the roof, courtesy of help from CertainTeed, she said, and then went downward.

Day, who said she was drawn to the project in part because of her natural "nosiness," said that many businesses had stepped in over the years to pro-

vide paint or other materials, and a steady stream of volunteers did everything from clearing out rooms, to applying the historically-accurate wallpaper, to even scraping and sealing the banisters in the stairways.

"If you end up with nothing but concrete and buildings, who is going to explain to you what your past really was?" Day said. "If you don't have that connection to your past, how do you know who you are or where you fit?"

Almost 15 years into the ongoing restoration project, the Committee has been able to preserve elements of both the Ezra and George Morse homes, as well as remove additions to return the home to its original state. Now, the goal is to seal in a tin-

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lined room referred to as the “summer kitchen” and build up the rest of the home as a museum for the Morse family and Norwood history.

On Jan. 7, Bill Pudsey led guided tours from room to room, showing off what was left of the beehive oven in the kitchen, explaining when the family used the dining room as opposed to the breakfast room, and pointing out relics unearthed during the restoration.

Some aspects of the property lead the viewer to believe that not much has changed since that time. Many houses at the time, Pudsey said, did not have closets because they were taxed as rooms. The Morse house, built by a family with plenty of money, has at least one closet in each room.

“People were very concerned about the taxes then, you can read it in the papers [on the wall] if you read close enough,” Pudsey said. “When they built a new high school, the letters in (to the paper) from neighbors were furious and full of concern.”

On the walls are donated photos of old Norwood families, old civic organizations - including of the Norwood Lithuanian Socialist Society, who Pudsey insisted were not “the bad guys” - World War registers from the St. George Lithuanian Church, and old maps of the town.

In the rooms, historical foundations in Dedham and private citizens from Norwood and Dedham have donated old weaving looms, optical kits, last supper scenes from the Lithuanian church and other period furniture. Glass bottles, lead toys, and other knick-knacks discovered on the property fill the shelves, as do annual town records and other documents. Still, Pudsey said they are “begging” for more verified historical dona-

tions.

Pudsey anticipates that there is much more to be found in the basement, but ghosts have held up that particular exploration.

“I’d say that’s where the [fortune] might be, but there’s a matter of some ghosts here first,” he said nonchalantly as he led a tour through the home.

Pudsey and Day were both optimistic about the state of local landmarks and interest in local history in Norwood, particularly from the younger generations.

“There seems to be (more interest in local history) ... but what you need for a lot of these is money,” Pudsey said, mentioning leading tours of students at both the Morse house and the privately owned Day house. “But more of the younger people, because of their school curriculum, have to learn more about the local histories and they’re starting to ask more interesting questions.”

Day agreed that enthusiasm was on the rise, and summarized its importance to the town.

“I think we are starting to see a turn of people who care about their history, particularly when you talk about taking away land ... people are starting to look and say ‘Gee, maybe we should save something while we still can,’” Day said.

As the Morse House volunteers have added space for lectures - where Pudsey plans to hold history courses - and are always welcoming donations, publicity has been a problem. Pudsey said that turnout on this particular day had been “lousy,” though they were always available for tours by appointment and planned to do more similar events in the future. To inquire about tours of the Morse House, Day can be reached at 781-762-7291.

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series” put on by a partnership between the library and local nonprofit organization Together Yes, an all-volunteer organization that began activity in 2012.

“Part of what we do is run a sustainability series at the library during the academic year that is a monthly documentary film or presentation on various topics of sustainability,” said Together Yes director Susan Clare. The organization was also responsible for the Norwood Community Garden in Endean Park on Mylod Street and a “Sewstainability” sewing group.

DamNation was shown in partnership with the Neponset River Watershed Association, a regional nonprofit that Clare said follows Together Yes’ work. Both organizations shared the expenses of showing the film and led a discussion afterward, with Neponset River Watershed Association director Ian Cooke leading the talk.

Clare said was pleasantly surprised at the turnout. Many participants stayed for the discussion, asking questions and making suggestions about what should be done.

“We live in this nature and we alter it by what we do and what we don’t do,” Clare said.

The film focused on what happens to an ecosystem when a dam is built and how important it is to continue to examine whether a dam is still doing its intended job. This translated easily to the local level, she said, with discussions taking place about what kind of dams are on the Neponset River and its offshoots, and what effects they have.

For example, Clare said, she learned that it is not recommended to eat fish caught in the river all the way from where it empties into the bay, back all the way to the Willett Pond area, due to chemicals in the water from the river’s prior industrial uses.

And Clare was not the only one in attendance who found the event helpful.

“People definitely seemed very interested and enthused,” Cooke said. “The Neponset was one of the very first rivers in country to be industrialized, and was the site of the second dam in the country, built on the river in 1633. We’ve had a whole series of industrial firsts for the area - grist mills, gunpowder mills, the first mechanized chocolate production, water power - and an amazing amount of dams were built on the Neponset, more than a hundred.”

Cooke said that it would be cheaper and more beneficial to remove some of the dams than continue to have municipalities repair them. In the case of two particular dams on the downstream side of the river, their removal would restore historic bait fish runs all the way back to Norwood and Walpole. Along with the ecological benefits, this allows for recreational use by anglers and watercraft users.

As such, the Neponset River Watershed Association is working with citizens in the region to identify the small dams in the area. In many cases, Cooke said, the removal of these dams would actually reduce risk of flooding in many areas. This leads to a taxpayer benefit, he said, if funds are not continually used to repair the dams.

“I think Norwood is, frankly, in a similar place to all our communities, with an active Conservation Commission that thinks about some of these issues, but all of our towns face problems,” Cooke said, also noting the number of ways ordinary citizens can get involved, including conveying support to their local officials to keep the river clean or by raising public awareness of dam removal.

Overall, Cooke said, Norwood has been an excellent partner in these issues.

“We have been working with the Norwood Public Works Department over the last year or so, along with a bunch of

other communities,” Cooke said. “There’s a coalition of 10 or so towns banding together to try to be able to solve municipal storm water problems ... That notion of getting towns together across town lines is appealing to us and to a lot of the towns, rather than having every town reinvent the wheel.”

Clare also commended actions and steps taken by Norwood itself.

“They’re really doing very well for a municipality,” Clare said. “They work hard to see that the things that save water and energy are kept in good working condition. They work very hard on recycling and the composting facility, and make so much available to residents and very easy for us to do these things. The Town has been immensely supportive of the community garden as well.”

Both sustainability organizations plan to collaborate at the library again in 2015, as they are planning an Earth Day celebration and education event on April 22.

“We begin here to become self-sustaining by taking care of one another. It’s not sufficient to be self-sustaining by taking care of ourselves. We can’t make it on our own. Self-sustaining must involve a community,” Clare said.

With no paid staff and a board of directors with three members, the organization strives to be a resource for information and news to be passed along.

“Without all the dues and official meetings, what we have is people,” Clare said.

Between the garden and the regular film series, the organization is a constant source of news and volunteer opportunities, including an upcoming “stuffed toy hospital” event at the library during Norwood Schools’ February vacation.

“Our library actually has one of the better collections of books and DVD on sustainability in this area,” Clare said.

But ultimately, it will be up to the residents to take the necessary action to improve sustainability in town.

“I would like to see citizens continue to work to embrace diversity and the exchanges that makes it possible, how it enriches us all, and I would like for us to continue self study and self education,” Clare said.

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Sports

Mustangs keep rolling with win over Wellesley Girls Basketball team moves to 7-1 after another successful week

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Make it four wins in a row for the Norwood girls' basketball team, following a 53-41 home victory over Wellesley on Friday night.

At 7-1 (4-1 Bay State Conference), the Mustangs leapfrogged the Raiders (6-2, 4-2 BSC) in the standings, and now sit just a half game out of first in the Herget Division behind the Natick Red Hawks.

Meghan Reen led all scorers with 17 points, while her younger sister Kaylin Reen had 15 (5-7 3PT-FG) off the bench.

Kaylin's performance sparked Norwood on two separate occasions. Trailing 12-5 prior to her entrance into the game, she connected on back-to-back 3s to put the Mustangs on top 13-12. With Norwood only leading by one, 23-22 late in the second quarter, it was another 3-pointer for Kaylin which began a 15-0 run for Norwood that extended into the second half, effectively putting the game away for good.

"We wanted to play fast, so I wasn't panicking," said head coach Alex DaLuz of his team's early struggles. "We wanted an up-and-down game like that. So despite getting down early, we still dictated pace. Because they wanted to slow it down, whereas we wanted to play fast.

"She [Kaylin] can really change the game," said DaLuz. "Even when she's missing, she's changing the game, because she just spaces out the whole court for the guards to attack. But tonight she was knocking it down, it was nice."

A 29-22 advantage at halftime extended to 43-25 by the end of the third, thanks to some stifling defense from the Mustangs, which held the Raiders to just three points in the quarter.

"We wanted to try to push the pace by making their guards try to beat us," continued DaLuz on how the game swung in Norwood's favor. "They had the size ad-



Norwood Girls Basketball coach Alex DaLuz takes a knee to address his team during a timeout against Wellesley. The Raiders had just one loss on the season before the Mustangs beat them, 53-41.

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Norwood tops Dedham 4-1 to halt losing streak



Goalie Denis Drummey, left, and Jake O'Rourke, right, helped the Mustangs hold Dedham to just one goal en route to a 4-1 win over the Marauders.

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Norwood defeated Dedham 4-1 for its first win since opening night, but head coach Bill Clifford was far from thrilled with his team's performance last Wednesday.

"We were lucky to get the win," said Clifford following the game. It was the Mustangs' first win since knocking off Brookline in their opener on Dec. 13. "They outplayed us for two periods. We dominated the first period, but that was it. We didn't show up for the last two periods."

Norwood (2-5-2) got two power play goals late in the first thanks to a major penalty for boarding on Robert Chiozzi, summing up a period in which the Mustangs outshot the Ma-

raiders 20-1. Jake O'Rourke had the first goal, calling for the puck from Sean Mellen atop the attacking zone and letting it rip to put Norwood on top 1-0 at 13:59. TJ Glover followed just 42 seconds later to give the Mustangs a two-goal edge heading into the break.

After Norwood's onslaught in the first, Dedham (2-6-0) outshot the Mustangs 19-10 over the game's final 30 minutes.

"It's always nice to get the win," said Clifford. "But we've got to play better hockey than what we did tonight. We won't be winning many games if they don't play better than that.

"All night long we turned the puck over," added Clifford. "All over the ice. We had 18 turnovers alone in the second pe-

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Hockey
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Hard work paying off for Norwood Wrestling team

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

He is only about halfway through his first season as head coach of the Norwood wrestling program, but Phil Mastro has already yielded tangible results.

Beyond the won-loss record of 4-4, which is more wins than the Mustangs had all last season, the first thing you might notice about this team is its conditioning.

"We're the most well-conditioned team in Massachusetts," says Mastro. "There's no one that's even close. Come the third period [of a match], our guys might be tired, but not as tired as their guys."

In an attempt to increase what he calls the "tiredness threshold," Mastro said that his team will run sprints even after matches, when theoretically a player would be the most spent on energy.

"Our practices are a lot harder than last year," said Mastro in a phone interview, when asked what the biggest



Norwood Wrestling coach Phil Mastro says his team is "the most well-conditioned team in Massachusetts."

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difference might be in the performance of his team this year. "I'd say our practices are harder than any team in Massachusetts."

Mastro, who wrestled at

Catholic Memorial in high school and collegiately at the University of New Hampshire and Bridgewater State University, said that Norwood practices like a college team. This in-

cludes a brief stint in the weight room, a little bit of instruction, and then going straight to wrestling, with 21-minute matches.

In the Peckham Wrestling

Classic, which took place last Saturday at Canton High School, several Mustang wrestlers had banner days. Wrestling against schools such as Norton, Xaverian and host Canton, Norwood walked away with two first-place medals: one from co-captain Mike McDonough in the 160-pound weight class, defeating his opponent with a pin in the championship, and one from co-captain JJ O'Donnell, who won the 170-pound championship with a pin of his own in the final.

Additionally, junior Jake Wilson notched a fourth-place finish in the 132-pound weight class, while sophomore Garfield Sales also finished fourth in the heavyweight division.

The Mustangs were next in action on Wednesday January 14 at home. This weekend, the team will participate in a mini-tournament at Weymouth High School on Saturday at 10 a.m.

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riod. We got away with it tonight, but we're lucky."

The Marauders cut the Mustangs lead in half at 3:43 of the second period behind captain Ronnie Pucci's goal, but Armando Piatelli responded with his second goal in as many games a minute and a half later to put Norwood back on top. Piatelli was able to carry the puck from the neutral zone into the attacking zone untouched, letting it fly from the right circle.

With the Mustangs unable to put the game away, Dedham took things up a notch physically, winning loose puck battles in the neutral zone, in the corners, and wherever else they could throw their bodies around.

"We stepped up our physical game, and saw the tide kind of change when we started getting our head into it more," said Marauders coach Joe Huff. "We knew what we had to do. I think it was just a matter of confidence on our part, to prove to ourselves that we can do it.

"The fellas played really well," continued Huff. "The effort was there, the opportunities were there, and we just couldn't capitalize on the opportunities."

Norwood didn't officially ice the game until Dan Farrell's empty netter with 10 seconds left in the third.

"We weren't making hits, we weren't catching passes, we weren't making passes. We weren't doing the simple things that we got to do to put the puck in the net," O'Rourke of his

team's performance after the first period. The senior captain also had an assist on Glover's goal.

"I think that's been one of our problems this year, we don't really have any fire in the locker room coming out onto the ice," said O'Rourke when asked how his team can get motivated in the future. "Even when we've had it in the locker room, we don't transfer it onto the ice. You've just got to have that mindset when you wake up in the morning, on the bus going to the game, warm-ups, everything."

Norwood and Dedham play again on Feb. 11, that time at the Bliss and Omni Flood Rink in Dedham.

On Saturday, the Mustangs dropped a 1-0 decision to the Wellesley Raiders at Babson College, snapping a two-game point streak. They returned to action on Wednesday at Natick. Norwood next plays on Saturday at home vs. Walpole at 2 p.m., the first of a three-game homestand for the Mustangs.



Norwood's JT Glover, right, readies himself for a faceoff against Dedham. The Mustangs went 1-1 last week, still yet to fully snap out of its early-season funk.

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vantage, and I thought we had the guard advantage. So, make it difficult on the guards so the 'biggs' don't touch it."

The Raiders outscored the Mustangs 16-10 in the fourth quarter, but by then it was a case of too little, too late. Senior Lexi Jones led Wellesley with 14 points in the losing effort.

Through eight games, Norwood ranks out well in the BSC in several major categories. They're third in the 12-team league in scoring offense at 59 points per game (PPG), trailing only the Braintree Wamps (ranked No. 1 in the Boston Globe Top 20 Poll) at 62.9 PPG, and Walpole at 59.1 PPG. The

Mustangs are fourth in scoring defense at 40.6 PPG, trailing Braintree, Natick and Wellesley, and rank second in scoring margin (+18.4 PPG, trailing only Braintree).

Thanks to a scheduling quirk, the Wamps are one of two Carey Division teams Norwood won't face in any BSC crossover games, Newton North being the other.

The girls were back in action with first place on the line vs. Natick on Tuesday, an event held after the Record's deadline. They next play in a Norwood basketball double header on Friday night, with the girl's team facing Walpole at 5 p.m., and the boys following at 6:30.



Norwood's Hannah Benson, right, looks to defend the paint during a recent Mustangs win over Wellesley. The Mustangs have put together a stellar season thus far, running their record to 7-1 on the year.

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The return of the Ramblin' Man

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Back in the day, during my sophomore year of college at the University of Rhode Island, I took a class called "Writing in an Electronic Environment."

The idea of the class was pretty much as it sounds: writing, online. Not all that foreign a concept for today, even in 2010.

The main project for the class was to come up with a personal blog, called an "enthusiast blog." Something we were enthusiastic about. Naturally, I began a sports blog right then and there, and even after the class was over, I continued updating the blog off and on for the better part of four years.

I blogged about a variety of topics related to sports, mainly in the professional ranks, and tried to give my readers something different. Something that the talking heads on ESPN wouldn't already be blabbing away about. Something that wouldn't necessarily please everybody, but get people thinking and talking.

There would be times when I hadn't cranked out a blog in a few days, maybe due to nothing major going on in the world of sports, but I still had several smaller thoughts that I wanted to get out there. If there were enough of these thoughts, I'd

combine them into a smaller blog of their own. A way for me to ramble, if you will.

These blogs became part of my Ramblin' Man series, named after the Allman Brothers song of the same name. Just a few scattered, non-substantial thoughts, but some quick hitting points I felt like making.

So that's the background. While I'm assuming the majority of people who read The Record are Boston sports fans, I would assume that roughly 100 percent of them are Norwood Mustangs fans. So I'll be including plenty of local

thoughts about the high school teams, maybe even venturing across the borders into other towns if I see something noteworthy while I'm at a game.

Ramblin' Man probably won't be a weekly routine, more bi-weekly or even once a month. We'll see how it goes. But without further ado, here's the debut (revival?) of Ramblin' Man:

Just watched Ohio State win the first College Football Playoff, flipping back and forth between that and re-runs of Breaking Bad on AMC. Like Mike Ehrmantraut says on the show, no more half measures.

And wasn't the four-team playoff just that? There were easily twice as many worthy teams out of 128 FBS teams in all. What's the difference if three or four one-loss teams play or six or seven one-loss teams play?...I'm not even a college football guy (URI had a winning percentage of .214 while I was there), but still. Bring on an 8-team playoff...I enjoy the basketball atmosphere at Norwood High, especially with the balcony above the gym. Always cool to have a bird's eye view...Best athletic facilities I've visited so far in the Bay State Conference, Norwood aside? Milton, by far...Why are some hockey rinks so much colder than others? Looking at the Ponkapoag Rink, among others...If I had a vote in the Boston Globe Top 20 poll for girls basketball, you can bet the Mustangs would be in the top 20 by now...the Patriots will beat the Colts 38-17 on Sunday...Peyton Manning hasn't played his last game in the NFL, but he's played his last game for the

Broncos...I'm a fan of shootouts in the NHL, but I hate teams getting a point for an overtime loss. A shootout loss is one thing, as it replaces ties, but rewarding losing under any circumstances, especially at the professional level, is mind-boggling...on that note, I'm glad high school hockey in Massachusetts doesn't have such a system...by the time you read this, there'll only be 37 days left until Red Sox pitchers and catchers report to Spring Training...David Ortiz will be in the Hall of Fame some day, as should fellow designated hitter Edgar Martinez...How Pedro Martinez wasn't a unanimous selection to the HOF was a joke, but then again there's never been a unanimous selection...I haven't paid attention to the NBA in a few years, and this current Celtics roster isn't making it any more enticing to jump back in...that's about it for this Ramblin' Man, until next time...



Jake Levin

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Tuesday Jan. 06

1450 phone - Complaint of m/v area search negative Location/address: Vara Building Trust - Bos-Prov Hwy Report of a foreign car, beige/green, large muffler, partial 1f64, doing donuts in lot.
1732 other - Restraining order served unsuccessful service Location/address: Plymouth Dr
1746 911 - Assist other police department services rendered Location/address: Churchill Dr Caller reported possible suicidal party at above address. Subject traced to a similar address in Norfolk. Norfolk Police responded.
2045 walk-in - Assist citizen spoken to Location/address: Coakley Middle School - Washington St Caller reported suspicious statement left online about a school employee. Officer investigated incident. No suspicious activity took place.

Wednesday Jan. 07

0416 walk-in - Susp person spoken to Location/address: Dedham Savings Bank - Central St Dedham savings courier reports there is a homeless man sleeping in the atm lobby. N665, n666 responded and spoke to party. Advised of location and services available to him.
0656 911 - Susp activity building checked/secured Location/address: Berwick Pl Caller reports she arrived at friend's home to feed cat and found back door was wide open. n666, n665 responded. Officers went through house with key holder. Everything appears to be in order and it is possible she may have not shut door tightly. She will notify homeowner and if a problem, call us back.
0933 other - Harassment restraining order legal service made Location/address: Nichols St N669 attempts service of an order. N669 served order in hand.
1307 phone - Well being chk services rendered Location/address: Neponset St Homeowner is inside and will contact the caller.
1345 phone - Complaint of m/v area search negative Location/address: Walpole Town Line - Walpole St Report MA pc 1000zz following the Wrentham ambulance and passing cars and going through red lights, not part of the ambulance run.
1430 walk-in - Assist citizen spoken to Location/address: Broadway Party in lobby to 1) retrieve property held for safekeeping, 2) retrieve property left at old address, and 3) report her Ipad as being stolen. N661 advised that party.
2115 911 - Susp person building checked/secured Location/address: Cleveland School - George Willet Pkwy Caller reports a party looking through windows with a flash light. N679 reports it is school custodians.

Thursday Jan. 08

0657 phone - Susp vehicle spoken to Location/address: Oakleigh Rd + Devon Rd Caller reports a suspicious Jeep as well as other vehicles in the past parked on the corner of Devon & Oakleigh for the past month. N665, n661 responded and spoke to occupant who is a PI.
0803 phone - Lockout fire dept notified/respo Location/address: Bank of America (atm) - Walpole St Party called and is locked in atm. (frozen) bank security notified and NFD responding. 0805 hrs- another customer able to get the door open. NFD notified.
1053 phone - Alarm-burglar spoken to Location/address: Bank of America (ATM) - Walpole St ATM door issue at boa. Security advised. Customers getting locked inside.
1611 phone - Well being chk services rendered Location/address: Norwood Crossings - Central St Doctor at Johns Hopkins Hospital MD requested a well being check at 202. Subject left a message and they were also concerned about his wife. Officers report he is fine and involved in a civil suit with the hospital.

Police Logs

1653 911 - Animal complaint services rendered Location/address: Woodstuff - Washington St Caller reports that a dog has been in a parked vehicle, alone for over an hour. Dog's owner was located.
1755 phone - Hit and run Location/address: Railroad Ave Caller reported past hit and run.
1758 initiated - Motor vehicle stop complaint/summons Location/address: Washington St + Central St Pc MA 439yx3. Don & Wally's towed same, three citations issued. Possession of marijuana under an ounce
2138 phone - Susp activity services rendered Location/address: Washington St Caller reported possible break in to the house. Officer reported door did not shut due to weather. No B&E occurred.

Friday Jan. 09

0846 911 - Abandoned call police & fire notified/r Location/address: Cutler Counseling Ctr - Washington St Upon call back-busy signal. N666 reports nfd arrived on Scene-they had gotten a separate call for smell of smoke in building and NFD will handle same.
0901 phone - Fraud spoken to Location/address: Richland Rd Resident reports she gave her electricity bill account number to a caller. N669 reports it was a sales pitch to change electricity provider-no personal information compromised, resident assisted in setting up phone on the "do not call" list.
0953 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Walpole St Report that a b/m, large build, knocked, then turned door knob, then left with another male and female towards Wilson St. N666 reports Jehovah Witness pamphlet inside door. Units checked area for the 3 subjects- goa.
1059 other - Assist other agency services rendered Location/address: Edgehill Rd N679 conducts a residency check.
1149 other - Assist other agency services rendered Location/address: Dean St N679 conducts residency check. Not home.
1205 walk-in - Assist other agency services rendered Location/address: Melville Ave N677 accompanies officers to attempt to serve a warrant. N677 reports subject was not there.
1216 other - Assist other agency services rendered Location/address: Elkway St N679 conducts residency check.
1256 phone - Complaint of m/v area search negative Location/address: Monkey Sports MA, Inc - Bos-Prov Hwy Two teens speeding around the lot
1631 phone - Assist citizen spoken to Location/address: Arnold Rd Caller reports that his neighbor has tampered with his heating system. N663 assisted party.
1921 walk-in - Susp activity Location/address: Alpine Rd Party in lobby seeking advice regarding phone calls. N679 responded.
1941 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Meditech - University Ave Caller reports hunters on golf course, n669 and n664 responded. Spoken to msp running exercises.
2016 911 - Unwanted party Location/address: Sokos Pizza - Washington St Caller reports that a former employee who has been issued a letter of disinvite is inside the restaurant.
2126 phone - Well being chk services rendered

Location/address: William Shyne Cir Elderly caller seems reports seeing people in her apartment when she woke up. N679 sent to check on the well being of the caller, all is well.

Saturday Jan. 10

0016 911 - Lockout fire dept notified/respo Location/address: Brookfield Rd NFD assisted in getting resident back into home.
1004 phone - Assist citizen fire dept notified/respo Location/address: Nahatan St Caller reports neighbor banging on wall as he has fallen. N677, NFD responded and assisted.
1031 phone - Well being chk services rendered Location/address: Hill St Caller requests well-being check on his friend he has not been able to make contact with. N678 responded and stated no one came to door. Officer spoke with neighbor who stated he was in the hospital. Message relayed to caller who had spoken with his friend's sister.
1202 911 - Assist citizen spoken to Location/address: Suit T5 - Engamore Ln Mother calling stating her 13 year old daughter is out of control. Mother also requesting ambulance for possible evaluation for daughter. N663, n661 and Norwood Ambulance sent. N663 reports no transport but verbal argument.
1510 phone - Alarm-burglar services rendered Location/address: Countryside Ln Front door. N669, n663 responded. Door is open and mad dog at door. Keyholder arrived and home was checked. All in order.
2021 phone - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Broadway Subject picking a dog for adoption was uncomfortable arriving alone. Officer responded. No issues.
2028 phone - Assist citizen building checked/secured Location/address: Whitewood Cir Caller states beep sounded when door opens downstairs. Caller states no one should be opening the doors. N661 and N677 responded. Officers checked house, everything is in order.
2120 phone - Drunk person arrest(s)/made Location/address: Hampton Inn - Bos-Prov Hwy Subject inside the lobby yelling and tossing things around. He was refused service by a taxi. As a result one under arrest. P/c: Henderson, Michael E Address: 8 Washington St Apt. #7 Foxboro Age: 37 Charges: disorderly conduct Protective custody A&Bon police officer Resist arrest
2129 phone - Well being chk area search negative Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Subject treated at the hospital after falling on his face, left the emergency room ama on foot and lives in Vermont. W/m, 55, gray top and dressed in several layers.
2143 phone - Susp activity arrest(s)/made Location/address: Bos-Prov Hwy NFD off with a possible dmv. Requested police as the window is broken and female is crying. As a result one under arrest. Female transported to the station for a ride. 2211st mi 2108 hrs P/c: Bagley, Kenneth J Address: 50 Mansur St Roslindale Age: 53 Charges: A&B on family or household member
2157 phone - Noise complaint spoken to Location/address: Norwest Dr Loud music from the third floor.
2247 phone - Assist citizen spoken to Location/address: Dominos Pizza - Washington St Dispute results after a customer was concerned her food was tampered with. Officer advised and reports they will contact management.
2344 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Lenox St Subject looking in the dumpsters

Sunday Jan. 11

1508 phone - Susp vehicle gone on arrival Location/address: Washington St Caller reports a suspicious white male in a vehicle (MA reg 53gg71) driving back and forth. N661 and n669 sent.
1639 911 - Disturbance Location/address: Petco - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports a mother being verbally abusive to their child in the store. Parties were gone upon arrival. N669 spoke to the witness.
1657 911 - Threats Location/address: Sokos Pizza - Washington St Employee reports online threats made by former employee. N669 advised party of their options.
1702 phone - Unwanted party Location/address: Lenox St Caller reports having an argument with a family member and reports he is refusing to leave. N661 reports parties will separate for the evening.
1848 phone - Citizens complaint spoken to Location/address: Melville Ave Caller requests to speak to an officer regarding ongoing dispute with landlord. Advice was given.
1912 911 - Susp activity area search negative Location/address: Dean St Caller states she hears people coming up her stairs and may try to break her door down. N677 and n669 responded. Officers searched area, did not locate anyone. No signs of an attempt to enter apartment.
2108 walk-in - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Sokos Pizza - Washington St Party in the lobby seeking assistance with paperwork. N669 assists parties in obtaining harassment prevention order.

Monday Jan. 12

0151 initiated - Well being chk Location/address: 47 Chapel St - Chapel St Officer approached by woman stating friend at above address is suicidal. Officers respond to location, no one home. Vehicle stopped by another officer is subject in question.
0154 initiated - Motor vehicle stop Location/address: Chapel St + Winslow Ave Pc: MA 1bs515. Operator of vehicle is subject sought in call 15-460. Norwood Fire responded, transport to the hospital.
0530 phone - Fire alarm fire dept notified/respo Location/address: Washington St Caller reports water coming out of the windows of the wood stuff store. N661 and NFD responding. NFD entered the business to locate the water leak. There was a broken sprinkler pipe.
0831 phone - Fraud Location/address: Railroad Ave
0925 phone - Assist citizen Location/address: North Plain St Resident reports nephew was trying to get her to sign a paper, but would not tell her what it was for and he left when she pushed her lifeline button.
1137 phone - Assist other agency spoken to Location/address: Adams St Nurse concerned about a patient she is visiting and is dk. Officers report nurse already on scene and the doctor will address the issues today.
1240 walk-in - Assist other police depa spoken to Location/address: Florence St Party in lobby reports she is the victim of a domestic assault that occurred in Brockton. After speaking with Brockton PD and due to her having her children with her, they will summons her in.
1523 phone - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Village Rd E Parent outside having trouble with special needs child outside. Officers confirm they are inside and well on arrival.
1959 911 - Wires down police & fire notified/r Location/address: Pleasant St Caller reports that he got his bicycle tangled in low hanging wires. NFD responded.
2302 911 - Assist citizen Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Caller reports that his daughter, who suffers from bipolar disorder ran away from the hospital. There is no section 12. units will speak with the caller. N661 transports one female back to Norwood ER s/m 55487 e/m 55487. Female returned for voluntary evaluation.

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GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS WATER FEATURES IN THE GARDEN

The Norwood Evening Garden Club will host a panel discussion on demystifying water features for the garden. Moderated by vice president Nancy Costa, the program will cover small, medium and large water features created by club members Lois Walsh, Ana

Puzey and Donna Lane, each of whom will discuss how to choose, install and maintain fountains, pumps and fountains, creating water garden designs, selecting and maintaining plantings. They will also discuss the pros and cons of adding fish and caring for the water garden year round. Ms. Walsh will demonstrate how to create a small water feature, which will be raffled off at the conclusion of the meeting. Whether you prefer a gentle trickle or a waterfall, a water feature can bring peace and tranquility to a garden, deck or patio. If you have questions about installing a water feature in your landscape, you won't want to miss this program on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 6:45 p.m. at the Carriage House behind the First Baptist Church, 71 Bond St., Norwood. The public is invited to attend for a small donation. Refreshments will be served. A member of The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, New England Region, and National Garden Clubs, Inc., members of the

Norwood Evening Garden Club have been providing education and public beautification in Norwood and its surrounding communities since 1996. The Club, open to novice and expert gardeners, draws its members from Norwood, Walpole, Westwood, Dedham, Medfield, Randolph, and Stoughton. For information about the Norwood Evening Garden Club, contact Susan Pearson at 508-668-4039 or visit www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.com.

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On Jan. 31, at Elks at 8 p.m. an upcoming fundraiser for the Norwood Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars. It is an evening of Jimmy Buffet music and summer fun at the Norwood Elks on Elk Pkwy Norwood. The event will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased at the door or tables may be

reserved by calling Patty Griffin Starr at 781-551-0509 or pgriffstarr19@yahoo.com

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2015-2016

Mr. James Hayden, Superintendent of Schools, is pleased to announce that the Norwood Public Schools is beginning its Kindergarten registration. During the week of Feb. 2, - Feb. 6 2015, kindergarten registration will be held at the George F. Willett Early Childhood Center 100 Westover Parkway from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. And the evening of Thursday, Feb. 5, from 5 to 7 p.m. It is very important that parents/guardians register their child during this week. In order to be eligible for kindergarten in September 2015, a child must be five (5) years old on, or before, Aug. 31, 2015.

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COORDINATED FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Programs Anita Preble - Free Family Workshop, Social and Emotional Learning in Young Children on Thursday, Jan. 29, located at the Savage Educational Center - Room 219, 275 Prospect St., Norwood. From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The importance of teaching social skills, Connection between SEL and academic skills, Incorporating SEL into current curriculum, ideas for activities for social and emotional development, SEL and the autism spectrum disorders/social stories. 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. The Norwood Public Schools CFCE Programs are funded through the 237 Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care's Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant.

NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S NEWS

The February meeting for the Norwood Retired Men's Club will be held at the Norwood Knights of Columbus Hall, at noon, on Tuesday, Feb. 10. It will be the

15th annual Valentine Dinner Dance. A choice between stuffed chicken breast or baked haddock for the entree. John Rampino will provide the music for your dining and dancing pleasure. The price is \$30 per paid up members and their guests. For information or tickets call George Wallace at 781-326-9273 or E-Mail leftywally @aol.com. The deadline is Friday, Jan. 30. Jim Schmidt 781-769-2442 weanone@norwoodlight.com

BLUE HILLS ADULT EDUCATION FREE CLASSES

On Thursday Jan. 22, at 6:30 p.m. HiSET Preparation Program. Pass your HiSET Test and receive your High School Equivalency Diploma. Located at 800 Randolph St., Canton, MA. Classes are held on Tuesday & Thursday Evenings. Registration, Please bring photo ID, Please come to door #10. 781.828.5800 ext. 325 www.adulted.bluehills.org. Funded by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

THE CATMOBILE SPAY/NEUTER FOR CATS ONLY

Is coming to Petco in Norwood on Jan. 21. It is operated by the Merrimack River

Feline Rescue Society and staffed by a licensed veterinarian and one veterinary technician. The package consists of spay/neuter, rabies vaccinations, exam, nail trim, and treatment for fleas and ear mites. Microchipping is available for \$20. Individually packaged take-home flea treatment is available for \$15 per dose. The spay package for female cats costs \$120. Normally, the neuter package for male cats costs \$80, but during January, thanks to a generous grant from PetSmart Charities, male cat neuter packages will cost only \$20. Space is limited. Feral cats cost \$35 and will be ear-tipped. Reservations are required and can be made online at www.catmobile.org or by calling 978-465-1940. Take advantage of our special pricing and make your appointment today!

BOARD MEMBERS WANTED Norwood Youth Football & Cheer 2015 season. Several positions available. Visit www.norwoodyouthfootballcheer.org for information. Deadline to be put on the ballot is Friday, Jan. 16. Join the team and make a difference!

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL-SOUTH NORFOLK AFFILIATE

The next monthly meeting at Norwood Hospital on Thursday Feb 5. Mental illness

is a label for a variety of diseases of the brain. Often it strikes in late adolescence, devastating the afflicted person and the family. The Alliance is composed of such families who find mutual support and join together to advocate for their loved ones. We welcome all families in the South Norfolk Area who are dealing with mental illness and their loved ones.

WILLETT PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

For September Enrollment 2015-2016 School Year. Looking for 4-year-old Peer Role Models! Three days per week, noon to 2:30 p.m. \$265 per month. Four days per week noon to 2:30 p.m. \$320 per month. Peer Role Models must: reside in Norwood, be toilet trained, may not have any identified special needs. Demonstrate strong English Language Skills. Applications online or at the Willett School.

NRMC VALENTINE PARTY

The 12th annual Valentine's Day Dinner Dance will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 10, the second Tuesday of the month. Those interested in signing up may do so at the December meeting but the price and place of the event are still up in the air at the time of this writing. We hope to have all the information at the meeting.

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SENIOR NEWS

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.

BOOK CLUB: Our next Book Club will be meeting on Jan. 26 10 a.m.

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

COMPUTER CLUB: The Computer Club meets each Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Library/Computer Room. Computer users at all skill levels are welcome to attend.

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

DIABETES WORKSHOP: The Diabetes Workshop will meet Jan. 22 at 11 a.m.

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

FOOT DOCTOR: Dr. Cormier is scheduled for Jan. 27 from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$25. Please call for appointment.

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

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

HISTORY TALK: Classes will be held on Thursday, Jan. 22 at 1 p.m. The topic will be American Indians.

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

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

OIL PAINTING: No Oil Painting class is offered in January.

PROPOPE: Is held on the third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m.

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. to 2 p.m. Please call 781-762-1201 for an appointment.

SQUARE DANCE: Please join our Square Dance Class every Tuesday at 9 a.m.

TRIAD: Please join us on Monday, Jan. 26. Our speaker will be Norwood Public Health Dept.

WATER COLOR: The next session is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 15 at 9 a.m. Payment of \$20 must be made at time of sign-up.

WAXING: Cancelled until further notice.

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 to 3 p.m.

FRIENDS DANCE: Friday, Jan. 16

TRIPS: Feb. 26: Foxwoods Casino, Day Trip-Details to follow. March 10: Tony Kenny's Irish Cabaret, Luncheon, Show & Transport, Venus De Milo, Swansea, Mass. The cost is \$85 p.p. April 17: Bingo Bonanza, Wright's Chicken Farm, Northern RI. All you can eat Lunch & Transportation. The cost is \$49 p.p. May 17: Late Night Catechism, A Hilarious Comedy Show, Lunch & Show Drive on Lantana's Randolph. The cost is \$65 p.p.

TRIAD Monday Jan. 26, at 1 p.m. Featuring: Sigalle Reiss Board of Health Line Dance Party with Dave Valero, Friday Jan. 30 at 1 p.m. Cost - \$5.00 Mini-Bus Trips: Tuesday, Jan 20: Twin River, Tuesday, Jan 27: Patriots Hall Tour.

Library Events

KIDS SCRABBLE CLUB

On Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. The Kids Scrabble Club is looking for more players. Drop in any Tuesday night, from 7 to 8 p.m., for a fun and friendly game of Scrabble in the Children's Program Room. For grade 3 and older, all levels of ability are welcome. No registration required.

LIBRARY FILM FEST: BRITISH WOMEN WHO RULED

The Morrill Memorial Library's Winter 2015 Film Fest, showcasing British Women Who Ruled, kicks off with "The Iron Lady" on Monday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. Starring Meryl Streep, who won the Oscar for Best Actress, this 2011 film is based on the life of Margaret Thatcher (1925-2013), the longest-serving Prime Minister of the U.K. The next film in the series, shown Monday, Feb. 2, is "The Queen," a 2006 historical drama depicting the British Royal Family's response to the death of Princess Diana and featuring Helen Mirren as Queen Elizabeth II. "Mrs. Brown," starring Judi Dench, will follow on Monday, Feb. 9. This 1997 drama is the story of a bereaved Queen Victoria and her relationship with a Scottish servant and the uproar it provoked. The film series concludes with a screening of the 1998 movie "Elizabeth" on Monday, Feb. 23, starring Academy Award nominee Cate Blanchett as the young Queen Elizabeth I. All films begin promptly at 7 p.m. To register for any or all of these films, stop by the library Reference or Information Desk, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, or email norprograms@minlib.net. The Friends of the Library have generously funded the film license, and Regal Cinemas in Bellingham are donating the popcorn.

VANGOGH PRESENTATION AT THE LIBRARY

Beth Knaus of ArtMatters in Walpole will return to the Morrill Memorial Library on Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. to talk about the dramatic, romantic, and tragic life

of Vincent Van Gogh. His paintings are passionate and beautiful and allow us a glimpse into the experience of his madness. While his career was short, his gifts and influence were great. For a look at Van Gogh's work and the brief but brilliant flame that was his life, sign up at the Reference or Information Desk, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, or email norprograms@minlib.net. The Friends of the Library are funding this program.

4TH ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION TEA

The Morrill Memorial Library staff and Board of Trustees cordially invites all past, current, and future library volunteers to the Fourth Annual Volunteer Appreciation Tea held in the library's second floor Simoni Room on Thursday, Feb. 12 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sweets and savories prepared by the library staff and trustees will be served buffet-style, in addition to coffee, tea, punch, and water. The cookbooks containing these recipes will be displayed alongside each offering and are available to borrow through the Minuteman Library Network. If you are interested in attending the tea as a prospective volunteer, please call the library at 781-769-0200. Current and former library volunteers need not RSVP, just stop by. We look forward to this opportunity to express our appreciation for all our volunteers' dedication and hard work.

"THE LAST OCEAN" FILM SCREENING AT THE LIBRARY

The award-winning film "The Last Ocean: the Toothfish and the Battle for Antarctica's Soul" will be shown at the Morrill Memorial Library on Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. as part of the Together Yes Spring 2015 sustainability series. The Ross Sea in Antarctica is the most pristine marine ecosystem on Earth, for now. Unless fishing is stopped, the natural balance of the Ross Sea, with its implications for all oceans, will be lost forever. This beautifully made documentary explores the environmental impact of fishing this "last ocean" and whether we should be actively protecting it instead. To sign up for this evening of film and discussion, stop by the library Reference or Information Desk, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, or email norprograms@minlib.net.

THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT STORYTIMES

Will start the Winter Session of Storytimes on Jan. 14. The schedule includes "Babies 'n Books" on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. for ages infants to 17 months. A drop-in program. "On My Own Storytime" held Thursdays at 10 a.m. for ages 3 & 4. Registration required. Toddler Time on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Children under 3 and their caregivers. Drop in. Wacky Weekend Story & Craft. Saturday, Jan. 17 at 10:30 a.m. Children 3 and up are invited to attend these special storytimes. Drop-in. Lucy the READ Dog will visit on Thursday, Jan. 22 at 4 p.m. Registration required. Please register at the

Children's Desk, email norchild@minlib.net or by calling 781-769-0200 ext 225.

SCRABBLE CLUB FOR ADULTS

Like to play Scrabble? Match words and wits with other adults every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. year-round at the Morrill Memorial Library. This group of Scrabble enthusiasts welcomes beginners through advanced players, and no registration is required. There is an annual tournament with prizes every May. Scrabble boards, dictionaries, and score sheets are provided each week. Come check out the Scrabble scene in the library's second floor Simoni Room any Tuesday night. Questions? Call the Adult Services Department at 781-769-0200, x110.

CHRONIC DISEASE HELP

Interested in increasing your energy and relieving pain caused by chronic health concerns? Come to a program at the Morrill Memorial Library on Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. with Christene Lee Gerardi, an Integrative Medicine expert, who will address topics that include reasons why medications may not work, the simplest ways to be more productive and active in 30 days, and how and why Integrative Medicine could benefit you. To sign up for this 45-minute engaging and interactive talk, stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

NUTRITION MYTHS DISCUSSION

Holistic Health Counselor Robin Cervantes will speak at the Morrill Memorial Library on Jan. 15, at 7 p.m. on the topic, "5 Allegedly Healthy Foods That Could Be Ruining Your Health." Ms. Cervantes acknowledges the frustration of trying to eat all the right foods only to find you were misled or misinformed. In this workshop, she will talk about specific foods that are touted as being good for you but could actually be harmful to your health and produce the very symptoms you are trying to resolve. To sign up for this discussion, stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

THE STITCH DOCTOR IS IN

Fellow knitters and crocheters: are you swamped by swatches? Incensed by increases? Peeved at patterns? In knots over SL1 K2TOG PSSO? Oh, and do you have a gift deadline? We can help! From now through the holidays, the knitters and crocheters of the Morrill Memorial Library will be available by appointment to help with knitting and crochet quandaries. Please bring all of the materials for your project, including needles and patterns. Also, please let us know ahead of time what sort of project you'd like help with, in case we need to look up a new technique. A second pair of eyes can't hurt! Please contact Adult Services Librarian Liz Reed to schedule all appointments and to answer any questions about this service. Liz can be reached at 781-769-0200 x110 or lreed@minlib.net.



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