

Firefighter Mawn to run Marathon for cancer funding

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter



Norwood firefighter Joe Mawn will run the 2015 Boston Marathon with the Dana Farber Marathon Challenge team. Last year, Mawn ran for MR8, in honor of 8-year-old Martin Richard, who was killed in the 2013 Marathon Bombings.

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A number of Norwood residents run the Boston Marathon for personal and charitable reasons each year, including one of Norwood's bravest.

Firefighter Joe Mawn is running the Marathon this year as part of the Dana Farber Marathon Challenge team to raise money for cancer research and care.

Mawn said he was inspired to join the Dana Farber team after his best

friend's mother was diagnosed with cancer in December.

"Now I have to do it," Mawn said, noting how cancer began affecting his own family at age 18. "It's affected everybody down at the fire department somehow, there's been a couple of members' family members stricken in the last few years."

Mawn said he is committed to raising \$10,800 for Dana Farber through the race and is at around the halfway point.

This will be Mawn's third Boston Marathon. Mawn was an avid participant in the Pan Mass Challenge for years, until he realized in 2012 that a 2013 deployment to Afghanistan as an Army reservist would keep him from the event.

Instead, Mawn opted to run the Boston Marathon. In 2013, Mawn was a quarter mile from the end of the race when the Marathon Bombing took place and was unable to finish.

In 2014, Mawn returned to the Marathon as a member of team MR8, which supports the Martin W. Richard Charitable Foundation. Richard was killed during the Marathon Bombings and was 8 years old at the time of his death.

"It was an incredible experience," Mawn said. As a runner who was more than halfway through the race when the bombs went off in 2013, he was given an opportunity to finish in 2014.

Mawn is aware of how the trial of Marathon Bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev has coincided with the preparations for the 2015 Boston Marathon, but he isn't letting the trial define the experience.

"The good thing about the Marathon is - (the bombing) will certainly be in

Mawn

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Norwood High students Helly Patel, Marlene Antas, Latajah Brown, Beth Tobio, Laura Ailing, and John Capringno joined the School Committee for Student Government Day, and discussed possible solutions to issues facing the school district.

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School Committee finds more money to keep teacher

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Staff Reporter

The School Committee approved the reinstatement of another teacher previously cut from the fiscal year 2016 budget, and heard presentations from the math department chairs on upgrading textbooks during a meeting on April 8.

Superintendent of Schools James Hayden said he was able to put back a position after reexamining bond premium adjustments, which jumped from \$50,000 to \$70,000. Money was also moved from various accounts, including meter receipts, school repair, refuse removal and other interest on bonds and debt principles.

In all, \$72,000 was moved to reinstate a math teacher at the middle school level. During the initial round of reductions

needed to meet revenue projects and account for an almost \$2.5 million shortfall, five full time employees in core subjects were cut at the middle school.

Hayden said that since the middle school would be creating a split seventh and eighth grade cluster, they would still need to eliminate some teachers, but could not afford to cut an algebra instructor.

The reinstatement of the middle school math teacher, Hayden said, would allow for another 50 to 75 students who qualify for the accelerated math program to be able to take appropriate courses.

The School Committee, including new members Patrick McDonough and Lisa Igoe, unanimously approved the re-

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instatement.

Also during the meeting, kindergarten through fifth grade mathematics department chair Jill Milton and grades six through 12 department chair John Casali presented to the Committee their recommendations for purchasing new math textbooks.

Milton said a committee of 50 teachers at the elementary level screened several math programs and met with publishers in order to find three new programs that were piloted in classrooms this school year.

After several months of professional development with the publishers, review meetings and presentations, a “rigorous col-

lection” of feedback from the teachers indicated to Milton that Norwood Public Schools should pursue acquiring Pearson’s Envision program for its elementary math students.

Milton said teachers felt the Envision program was “engaging, hands on, multi-modal, and follows the Common Core.” Pearson also publishes the practice PARCC exams.

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Casali proposed that in 2015, Norwood pursue new textbooks for grades 6-7, while grades 8-9 could be upgraded in 2016, grades 10-11 in 2017, and the

12th grade math curriculum could be updated in 2018.

Walpole and Weymouth were among a list of communities in the state that also use the Big Ideas program at the same level.

Hayden said it was time for new programs, since Norwood Schools had been building its technology capacity over the past four years, but they “really haven’t had the curriculum that matches the technology that’s in the classroom.”

“This is a way of preparation for having students be strong, confident learners, not only because it’s a well grounded program, but because it has different pieces that match the expectations that are going to be put in front of them,” Hayden said.

Hayden said he would like to purchase the first installment of texts this year and the second installment next school year. This would require going to Town Meeting for assistance.

“We don’t want to cut something that’s really, absolutely necessary to pay for,” Hayden said, noting they would commit to it one way or another.

The article would request an appropriate transfer from available funds of around \$291,133 to purchase the Envision program for the elementary level and the Big Ideas program for the sixth and seventh graders. Hayden said he would need \$175,000 to purchase the first installments and that it would not likely go through Capital Outlay.

The School Committee also discussed an article for Town Meeting relating to the snow removal costs incurred during this past winter. Hayden said the Schools had budgeted \$40,000 for snow costs - \$15,000 of which had been used to pay for half of the Committee of 21’s consultant fee - but had spent \$403,182.67 and would need assistance from the Town in that area.

He said the Schools’ total may be combined with the Town’s other departments into one article. The Committee debated whether it was appropriate to include the \$15,000 fee that went to the consultant.

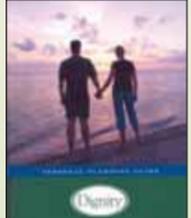
At the beginning of the meeting, Norwood High School students participating in Government Day took on the roles of School Committee members and Superintendent, discussing issues they felt were important - such as teacher cuts, merging schools, PSATS, and textbooks - and taking a mock vote.

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Rink Committee unveils renderings to Selectmen

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen gave its blessing to the Norwood Skating Rink Committee to move forward with presenting its designs to various boards and to the public.

During a meeting held on April 14, Architect Dan DiLullo gave the Selectmen its first look at renderings for the planned rink, which will sit in between the Hawes Pool and the Coakley Middle School on Washington Street.

DiLullo - whose firm, DiLullo Associates, specializes in athletic facilities and has worked on roughly 11 skating rinks - spoke about the building elevation and additional parking.

According to DiLullo, some of the design goals were to "develop a building that's reasonably economical, performs the function that we want it to ... (with) a fairly low profile building, 24 feet ... (and to) drop face of the building down so it's less visible from the street."

DiLullo said that from the

school side, the building "presents a fairly short elevation, so it's not going to be overpowering from that side."

He mentioned that, due to work from the town Engineering Department, they were able to lower the floor elevation of the building, in order to create a more "direct walk from the pool and playground up into the parking lot."

DiLullo said the area currently has around 33 parking spaces for the pool, which was "currently deemed not satisfactory." The designs added 123 spaces, with 97 additional spaces in the back lot. The parking area would be connected by stairway on the left hand side of the building.

Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue asked about the height of the building from the upper and lower lots. DiLullo said it would be around 10 feet at the upper lot and the peak of the roof was around 24 feet from the lower lot, meaning there was a 14-foot stairway connecting them.

Donohue also recommended that the plans show the

property lines around a privately owned building near the front of the rink.

Because some of the parking area would sit where the tennis courts are currently located, Donohue was concerned about the removal of green space from near the "natural water pools" and how close the lots would be to the water.

DiLullo conceded that much of the green space there would be done away with, but that a walkway still separated the parking lots to the pond area, with the walkway totaling nearly 100 feet. He also added that the parking area was around 200 feet from Hawes Brook, was in compliance with inland waterway conservation regulations, and was not situated in a flood plain.

DiLullo mentioned that the committee discovered that the water table was lower than it was first thought to be, so the building would actually be able to handle drainage better in an infiltration area under the park-

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the back of everybody's minds - what they did is only a little scratch on the Marathon," Mawn said. "April 20 will be a beautiful spring race day with everyone out there running and the spectators. Everyone knows that (the bombing is) a thing of the past."

Mawn said his training consisted of an 18-week solo program, with occasional longer runs with other members of the Dana Farber Marathon Challenge team. Most of

the time, Mawn said, the goal is just to finish the Marathon at all, though he will be aiming for a time of four-and-a-half hours.

Mawn also said he's received a good deal of support from his colleagues at the Fire Department.

"Everybody down there's been helping out. There was a dodgeball tournament fundraiser and they'll be along the route," Mawn said. The Dana Farber Mara-

thon Challenge Team raises money for the Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research, and aims to raise around \$5.2 million in total for cancer research.

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Letters to the Editor

ROOT OF PROBLEMS IS LACK OF OPEN DISCUSSION

To the Editor:

There seems to be a bit of concern about the lack of voter turnout in our recent election. Voting is a privilege we all benefit from, so we'd all like to see a larger turnout in future elections. I'm quite pleased to have once again participated in this year's election as a candidate for office. I'd like to thank the many people who offered their support and cast their votes my way. It is very rewarding to offer your services to your community. For those considering running for elected office, I'd suggest you give it a try. It is actually a fun thing to do. For those citizens of town who stepped up to serve at Town Meeting, I commend you and thank you. The issues of our day will be resolved there.

This election was about needed changes, as was the last one. Was this addressed at the polls? When you consider all the new members to Town Meeting these past two elections, the answer is yes. It is a simple question of balance.

The more citizen concerns that are brought to Town Meeting, the better the community is served. I'll remind the public that anybody can speak at Town Meeting by simply registering to speak. You will be allowed to speak there and voice your concerns. That simply does not happen in the meetings of our elected officials. I feel that is unacceptable. That is the main reason I chose to run for elected office.

This Town will continue to have issues if the inputs and concerns of citizens continue to be dismissed. Perhaps we can resolve this through our Town Meeting process so we can truly have "open" meetings of our elected boards. Citizens should not have to file Freedom of Information Act requests to get answers about things. Let us hope that going forward, people from all sides can work together hand in hand resolving things. Also, if town counsel continues to forget who signs their checks, it is high time we change town counsel. Lawyers are a dime a dozen and good ones are easy to find. Changing town

council would be the easiest way to get this Town we all love back on track fast.

Our Board of Selectmen recently approved retaining the services of town counsel unanimously with zero discussion. All in less than a minute. That's not good, folks. As I sat there and watched that, I would have loved to give my input on that subject. But, we don't have truly "open" meetings. This is the root of most of our problems going on in town. This needs to change.

Kevin Pentowski
Norwood District 7 Town Meeting Member

CONGRATULATIONS TO BILL PLASKO

To the Editor:

Since I haven't spoken with anyone from the Norwood Record, I would like to wish Bill Plasko the best on a hard-fought campaign win. I think both sides put forth their best efforts into the campaign.

The Town would be a winner in either case since both candidates take their duty to the Town seriously. I must admit that the turnout was disappointing. Maybe it is worth considering a move of the date to a Tuesday or even a Saturday. Nevertheless, although Bill and I may disagree on past and present issues, with Bill you can be assured that he will put 100 percent into his efforts.

Denis Drummey, Sr.
Norwood

OPINION

Just a few random thoughts...

I tell you we are shocked, shocked that the School Committee continues to find random monies here and there to whittle down that dire prediction made just a few weeks ago that 26 teachers would be eliminated if general government didn't fork over bundles of cash. When they issue their annual, "Come on, it's for the children!" rallying cry, who can say no?

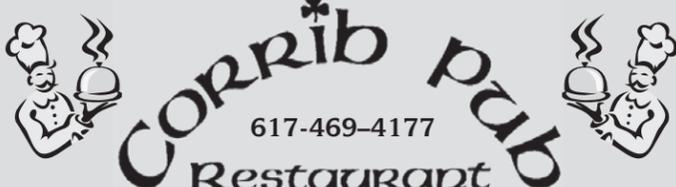
Well, Town Meeting for one, and the feeling on the street is that it was going to be pretty ugly in May if the School Committee didn't tone down the rhetoric and present more reasonable requests, which they appear to be in the process of doing now. At least the Committee of 21 has their backs this time around. Oh, scratch that. It appears this Committee of 21 has gone the way of The Housing Committee referred to by Selectman Helen Donohue at Tuesday's Selectmen's meeting, when Selectman Bill Plasko had to subtly make clear to her that there hasn't been an active Housing Committee around these parts since pints of milk were a quarter down at Neponset Valley Farms on Route 1.

And speaking of Selectmen, congratulations to newly-elected chairman Paul Bishop, whose ascension to the throne appeared to be already settled before a single vote was cast in public session. Ah, the wheeling and dealing of backroom politics. Strange though, how once Chairman Bishop held the coveted gavel he couldn't remember Selectman Donohue's last name, referring to her by her maiden name on more than one occasion during the meeting. Is it true that you forget the little people in the rarified air of seniority, or is it more a case of senior brain flagellation? Only time will tell, but for the immediate future, perhaps it would be a good idea for members of the board to turn their table nametags inward to help His Honor out during meetings.

And one last thing about Tuesday's meeting. Selectman Donohue was absolutely right when she suggested they postpone the public hearing with the seemingly hapless taxi company owner one week so he could prepare a better defense for the myriad of offenses police say he committed during the last year and a half or so. There is no doubt that the six-month suspension of his license was reasonable, some would even suggest lenient. However, he was not properly notified in writing that he would need to answer for everything they threw at him, only a single offense he committed for which he brought a witness to testify on his

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ing lot.
DiLullo also mentioned that the roof load was bolstered well above the building code minimum, with a capacity of around 65 pounds per square foot in total, to account for solar panels and snow loads.

Donohue said this increase was "very good."

The interior of the rink will also have a lobby, management office, concession stand with an outside service window, skate shop, public toilets, a meeting room open to the public, and four locker rooms altogether, with each pair having shared toilets.

Town Manager John Carroll said they had still been awarded only \$5.6 million of the \$7.4 million budget, with the rest currently in an environmental bond bill

and awaiting insertion into a capital spending plan by the state legislature.

"The idea of course, is we can't go out to bid until we have all the money basically in hand, but we've made enormous progress," Carroll said.

The Board unanimously lent its support to the committee to file for hearings with the Planning Board and Conservation Commission, as well as hold a public meeting.

The Board then opted not to include an article for Special Town Meeting to reject the location of the rink, which had received 13 signatures.

Selectman Bill Plasko said the article lacked the 100 signatures needed and the rink had already been approved by three votes at Town Meeting.

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behalf. And the gotcha moment Selectman Lyons threw at him, that he didn't once glance at the paperwork handed to him by Lyons so he could read along with others the litany of charges against him, which he should have had prior to the meeting, came across as petty. The guy was verbally sparring for his professional life, with no time to follow the bouncing ball of words on paper. As Donohue noted, failing to give the licensee proper notice could come back and bite the Town in the derriere should he decide to seek legal action...

"Here is the door, here is the steeple, open the door and see all the people!" Many of us are familiar with that childhood rhyme as fingers are intertwined simulating a church. However, the new church being constructed at the former

location of the Apollo function facility won't bring nearly enough people. We'll be the first to say what most others are thinking; that church is a killer for efforts to bring back the uptown (or is it downtown?) area. Nothing against the church or its congregants, who have every right to be there and are certainly welcome to Norwood, but that location was crucial for the revitalization of the area. Located directly across from the Town Common at the gateway to Norwood Center, many were hoping for a major drawing card. That being written, Norwood Center is still a beautiful place to be, particularly this time of year, and any occupied storefront is better than vacant windows staring back at passersby...

We're still wondering if Norwood taxpayers will need to

fork over all the money spent to date on the new rink if Governor Charlie Baker doesn't approve the additional funds needed once it was determined it couldn't be built for the original \$5.6 mil (yeah, I know, who'da thunk?). Is it possible that a choice will be forced upon Town Meeting that they either come up with the roughly \$2 mil to finish the rink if the funds don't come through or pay back the state the hundreds of thousands already spent with nothing to show for it? Yikes, that would be awkward. But not to worry, the state is flush with cash right now, our public transportation system is the envy of the country and our highways and bridges can go another two, maybe even three years without risk to public lives. What else will Charlie do with all that excess? Start lacing up those skates...

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Art blooms at Morse House

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Evening Garden Club welcomed spring and celebrated local arts with its annual Art in Bloom event on April 11 and 12.

In its 11th iteration and held at the historic George H. Morse House, the event brought together floral designers from the Norwood Evening Garden Club and high school art students from Norwood and Walpole, as the floral designers created works to be displayed alongside the student art on a beautiful weekend in Norwood.

Art in Bloom 2015 chair Nancy Costa said the event always brings the community closer and introduces gardening events to a wider audience.

"It really shows off the quality of the art from the high schools, and it's actually a win-win," Costa said. "Students get to display their art at a lovely place like the George H. Morse house, which gets visitors to the Morse house, and the floral designers have a great space that they can display their art as well."

Costa said the student art was coordinated and submitted by Norwood Visual Arts Department chair Laurie McGrory and Walpole Visual Arts Department head Sandra Allison in February. Then, the Norwood Evening Garden Club assigns works to

its members through a lottery system. This is the second year that Walpole art students have participated in the event.

Costa also noted the 'intergenerational' component of the show, with students and floral designers sharing in the project, and families attending the show.

"When the students come here and they see their art here on display for the first time, they're very proud to see it," Costa said. "And then they stop and say 'Oh my, you saw that in my painting?' when they see the floral work. It's very exciting if the floral designer gets to meet and talk with their student artist."

Costa said she was inspired by the write up provided by her student artist, Jordan Curry, about Curry's piece. She took note of Curry's emphasis on a landscape with "unique values," "a simplistic view," and "vivid colors."

Costa took the inspiration and incorporated a Japanese floral designing technique called Ikebana in her floral design.

"It's a lot of fun and that's what it should be," Costa said. "I met this student yesterday and he was like, 'how'd you get that idea?' We started talking and he said he took lot of time working on the sky in his piece. He explained a lot to me."

Another student, Norwood senior and first-time participant

Laticia Gomes, was excited to see her piece, a tribute to her recently passed godfather, reinterpreted in a three dimensional way by floral designer Vivien Bouffard.

"It's really awesome," Gomes said. "Doing this assignment, I could only think of one other person. At time of the assignment, my godfather passed away so I actually dedicated this piece to him. He loved going to the beach during the summer...I knew this piece had to be in memory of him."

Turning to Costa, Gomes said, "It's really amazing what you guys can do with it, and I think it really does capture the whole thing."

Costa said the turnout this year had been fantastic, due in part to signage around Norwood that had been funded through a Boch Memorial Grant. In fact, she said, people from Lexington had even come to the exhibit solely because they saw the signs.

On April 13, sixth grade students from the Coakley Middle School visited the exhibit on a field trip. Morse House Committee chair Dale Day was also pleased with the turnout.

"It's one of my favorite events and it's a great time of year, great to see the students getting involved," Day said, noting the event "absolutely" brings more people to the historic property.



Dozens of guests turned out to the Norwood Evening Garden Club's Art in Bloom event at the Morse House on Washington Street on April 11 and 12, which featured floral designs inspired by Walpole and Norwood high school students' artwork.

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Norwood High School student artists included Amanda Assad, Amanda Martin, Leticia Gomes, Marissa Gillis, Jordan Jaguar-Curry, Samuel Masse, Samantha Shea, Helly Patel, Jus-

tin Kelly, Chloe Burke, Hannah Doherty, Sara Harder, Susan Quintana and Nichole Klarou.

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Planning Board discusses medical marijuana in public hearing

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

The newly reorganized Planning Board held a public hearing for changes it will propose to Town Meeting regarding the Town's medical marijuana laws during a meeting on April 13.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Board voted to elect Alfred Porro as chairman, Debbie Holmwood as vice chairman, and Paul Donohue as Clerk.

Town Planner Paul Halkiotis outlined three proposed minor amendments to the zoning by-law in the form of three separate articles regarding medical marijuana for Town Meeting.

"The changes can be characterized as organizational, not substantive," Halkiotis said, noting that a public hearing would always be required for proposed changes to the zoning bylaw.

The first amendment dealt with the terms used in the by-law that are not found anywhere else in the zoning bylaw. Halkiotis said state laws are often written with a defined terms section at the beginning of the subject, and that is how the medical marijuana bylaw was written and approved by Town Meeting last spring.

In order to be consistent with the way the rest of the zoning bylaw is written, Halkiotis said

it would make sense to include definitions for Medical Marijuana Treatment Facility and Medical Marijuana Testing Facility into Section 11, where the rest of the defined terms are included.

The second change affected Section 2.2, which lists the various overlay districts in Town. At this point, Halkiotis said, the medical marijuana overlay district - which covers two areas on University Avenue and Vanderbilt Avenue - was not listed among the other overlay districts. The article would add the medical marijuana overlay district to Section 2.2

The third article, Halkiotis said, was "also not really of substance," but more for information, as it proposed including medical marijuana to the table of use regulations for various zoning districts.

Currently, the table does not list where medical marijuana can be used, and Halkiotis said the article proposes adding a medical marijuana use under the service establishments section, allowed by special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals, within the medical marijuana overlay district.

Judith Howard, who is a District 3 Town Meeting member, was concerned about the location and size of the medical marijuana overlay district, and

whether labs would be restricted to one or both of the areas outlined in the overlay district.

"Is it possible that an overlay district can be smaller than what you have?" Howard said, citing the size of the University Ave portion.

Halkiotis said that based on the maps approved by Town Meeting, medical marijuana labs could be opened in either part of the overlay district. Donohue said they worked with the police department to limit "as much as possible" where the facilities could operate.

Porro said the police did not want the facilities on Route 1,

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which could make easy access for criminal activity, and others didn't want the facility uptown.

Ernie Paciorkowski said that medical marijuana facilities are not very big, and could just be a storefront. He also said that while it seems like a lot of space was included in the overlay district, much of the area is actually wetland that cannot be built on.

Joe Sheehan said the laws were created to provide some regulation after medical marijuana was approved in Massachusetts, but there is no guarantee that Norwood will see a fa-

cility actually move in.

Howard was concerned about the overlay districts being developed for medical marijuana and the opening of an electric cigarette store and firearms store in Norwood.

"It just seems to me that they're all pretty negative impacts on our town," she said.

Paciorkowski noted that a Town cannot say that a business is not allowed, but they can restrict where certain types of businesses can go through the overlay districts. Before the articles had been approved, Paciorkowski

said, the whole town was open to development for medical marijuana facilities.

Toni Eosco, of District 5, said she understood the changes were largely just "housekeeping," but was still dismayed by the proximity of the overlay district to day care and family facilities.

Eosco was happy to see that there would be restrictions regarding good lighting and security, as well as the requirement for special permits from the Zoning Board of Appeals in order for medical marijuana facilities to be developed.

Art in Bloom

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Walpole High School participants included Angela Driscoll, Kianna Kaizer, Sophia Giovaniello, Ryan Barry, Amanda Pineo, Elizabeth Duseau, Mary Kate Conroy, Saoirse Keane, Natasha Chatzis, John Almeda, Francesca Bonanno, Sarah Perkins and Emma Lochhead.

Floral designers included Candace Colbert, Julie Costello, Ann Marie Bielenin, Vija Lincis, Sheela Venkatesh, Lois Walsh, Lorraine Devine, Wendy Wilhelm, Tracy Firth, Penni Jenkins, Donna Lane, Barbara Hopcroft, Rita Russo, Nancy Costa, Debbie Schulz, Susan Cosman, Martha Emerson, Janet Taylor, Mel Dawson, Jim Schulz, mother/daughter duo Ana and Linda Puzey, Lynn Fordham, Judith Howard, John Sexton, Ron Wright and Lynne Riley.

Firefighters deliver baby

Sam Nickerson

Staff Reporter

Norwood Firefighters helped deliver a baby in a thrift store parking lot along Route 1 on April 9.

Just before 7 a.m. on Thursday, the department received a call from a couple on their way from Walpole to Newton-Wellesley Hospital who had been stuck in traffic in Norwood when the new mother went into labor.

Firefighters George Burton, Steve McDonough, Scott St. Cyr, and Ed Fitzgerald responded to the Savers parking lot at 560 Boston Providence Highway, where they were able to help the first time parents deliver a healthy baby girl in the

back of the Department's new ambulance. The firefighters then provided transfer to Norwood Hospital.

Burton, McDonough, and St. Cyr are all paramedics, while Fitzgerald is also an EMT. McDonough is also a registered nurse.

The firefighters were off until after this newspaper's deadline, but Fire Chief Anthony Greeley commented on the event.

"To me, it was all about having the ability to dispatch highly trained, highly motivated paramedics and EMTs," Greeley said, calling the entire situation a success story. "In this case, they were able to deliver a healthy baby safe and sound. That's a real credit to the depart-

ment."

Greeley commended all of those involved, especially Burton, who he said delivered the baby, who was already crowning by the time the firefighters had arrived.

Greeley said there have been instances where the department has responded to such calls in the past, but have been able to provide transport to the hospital prior to birth or the parents were able to perform the birth themselves. This was the first time he was aware of where the baby was actually delivered in the back of an ambulance.

In honor of the birth and the circumstances, Greeley said he had a local graphics company outfit the ambulance with a decal of a stork carrying a baby girl.

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DEATHS

CHICOINE

William J., DN, of Norwood, on April 8. Beloved father of Beatrice Turner and her husband, Russ, of Weymouth, William J. Jr. and his wife, Kathleen, of Old Orchard Beach, Maine, Mark and his wife, Kay, of Atlanta, Michelle Tapsell and her husband, Charles, of Germantown, Tenn., Regina Haire and her husband, Frank, of Plainville, and the late Denise Chicoine. Also survived by 12 grand and eight great-grandchildren, and his former wife, Helen T. Chicoine of Westwood. Services and interment in Arlington National Cemetery will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Animal Rescue League, 55 Anna's Place, Dedham, MA 02026 would be appreciated.

GEARTY

Herbert V., 86, of Norwood, on April 8. Served in the Coast Guard during the Korean Conflict and was a graduate of Bentley College of Accounting and Finance. He also graduated from Northeastern University School of Business and the Brown Graduate School of Banking. He retired as Vice Chairman of the Board and Comptroller of the Union Warren Savings Bank of Boston where he worked for over 35 years. He was a member and past president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Club, which was the oldest luncheon club in the country. He was a life member of the Norwood Elks, American Legion and Knights of Columbus. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family at his second home of 42 years in Lyman, Maine. Beloved son of the late George and Annette (Surette) Gearty. Herbert was the beloved husband of the late Margaret (Sparrow) Gearty; the loving father of Paul Gearty of Norwood,

Peter Gearty of Walpole, Martha and her husband, Christopher Griffin, Patrick Gearty and his wife, Maureen, Daniel Gearty and his wife, Robyn, all of Norwood, Brendan Gearty and his wife Sharon of Glendale, Ariz., Margaret and her husband, Christopher Osborne, Brian Gearty and his wife, Cyprina, all of Norwood, Jonathan Gearty and his wife, Debbie of W. Hartford, Conn., and the late Joseph Gearty; the dear brother of Barbara Pawlick of Cranford, N.J. and her late husband, William, Arthur Gearty and his wife, Marcia, Joanne and her husband Greg Gillis, all of Norwood and the late George and Robert Gearty, Margaret O'Neil, Harold Gearty, Annette Hagerty and Raymond Gearty; the cherished grandfather of 31 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; and the uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Burial will follow at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the Ecumenical Food Pantry, 150 Chapel St., Norwood, MA 02062.

IERARDO

Shirley Anne (Betro), 79, of Norwood, on April 11. Beloved mother of James A. Ierardo of Norwood, Susan G. Ierardo of Mansfield, and the late Michael P. Ierardo. Wife of Domenic E. Ierardo of Walpole. Cherished grandmother of Michael, Matthew, and Melissa. Sister of Sarah Blanchard of Charlestown, Joseph Betro and his wife Carol of East Walpole, Helen Howard and her husband Randolph of Walpole, Tina M. Betro and her husband James Lorusso of Wrentham, and the late Patricia A. Cisternelli. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral ar-

rangements by the James H. Delaney & Son Funeral Home, Walpole. Funeral Services and Interment will be private at the request of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Girl Scout House, c/o Anne Marie St. Germaine, 7 Killeen Road, East Walpole, MA 02032.

MCGUINNESS

Edward J., 58, formerly of Norwood, on April 9. Beloved husband of Patti A. (Buckman) McGuinness. Loving brother of Linda Thornton and her husband Allan of Norwood, Deborah Twomey and her husband Matthew of Norwood and Bryan McGuinness of Taunton. Uncle of Brad Thornton and his wife Jennifer of Norwood and Jay Thornton of Norwood. Great Uncle of Michael Bryan Thornton and Campbell Maureen Thornton. Son of the late Bernard J. and Annie T. (LaSalvia) McGuinness. Also survived by many Buckman Family members that loved him. At the request of the family all services will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701.

NEE

John James, 71, formerly of Norwood, on Easter Sunday, April 5. Johnny's concept of family transcended continents, generations, and genetics. "Family" was more than an abstraction for Johnny it was the orbit in which he moved through life and it meant everything to him. His first family included his beloved parents, the late Michael and Mary Nee, and siblings the late Thomas Nee and wife Judith, Michael Nee and his wife Sheila, the Rev. Robert Nee, Martin

Nee and his wife Sheila, as well as Judy Bain and her husband Ronnie. His family grew after he married the late Claire (Babin) Nee and they welcomed their children and later, their spouses: Paul Nee and wife Eileen, Karen Dullea and husband Paul, Elaine Nee, and Jimmy Nee and wife Karen. The next chapter brought beloved wife Jean Mulloy (former wife of Johnny's good friend, the late Larry Mulloy) and her children Larry Mulloy and wife Sue, Michael Mulloy and wife Debbie, Trish Brooks and husband Mike, and Kevin Mulloy. He loved them all as part of his ever-growing family. When the younger generation expanded their families, Johnny always found more room on his team and love in his heart. By the time he completed his journey, he had six grandchildren: Jack, Callaghan, Claire, Addison, Emma and Reagan, as well as four step-grandchildren: Josh, Zach, Kelsey, and Jillian. He has countless nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins, in-laws, friends, and kin from Boston to Galway. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Johnny was a former District Deputy for the Knights of Columbus, member of the Norwood Elks, and retired employee of the MBTA. His family would like to express its utmost gratitude for the exceptional care the staff of the Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center took of Johnny, as they were a constant part of his family for the past 11 years. Donations can be made in Johnny's memory to Armenian Women's Welfare Association, 435 Pond Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

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Mustangs drop nail-biter to Braintree, 11-9 Danny Farrell becomes the school's leading scorer with strong showing

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Danny Farrell etched his name in the Norwood record books, but it wasn't enough to get the Mustangs their first win of the season.

The Assumption College-bound Farrell became the leading scorer in Norwood boys lacrosse history on Friday, surpassing Steve Cottens's school record of 238 career points in an 11-9 loss to the Braintree Wamps.

Standing at 233 points entering the game, Farrell tallied seven goals in the losing effort for the Mustangs.

"That was incredible," said head coach Anthony Roman after the game. "Everybody in the stands knew he was going to shoot any chance he could, but I can't really think of many bad shots he took. He might have dodged a couple of times into traffic that he shouldn't have, but for the most part, he was letting the game come to him, taking it when he needed to.

"He's going to go down as one of the best to play here, it was great to watch."

The game wasn't short on drama, even without factoring in Farrell's pursuit of the

record. Four ties were part of a back-and-forth battle, which was ultimately won on three unanswered goals by the Wamps after trailing 9-8.

Roman said he'd remember the game mainly for the scoring record, but also for more minor improvements from his still-winless (0-4) Mustangs team.

"What I'm looking for, at this point of the season, is the improvement," said Roman. "We didn't get the result, and eventually we will need the result, but right now the result is secondary. We played better than we did the last game."

Norwood played a strong first quarter, jumping out to a 2-0 lead on a goal from Ben McGrath at 2:56, followed by Farrell's first of the game at 4:04. Eric Sullivan (goal, three assists) made the second one possible when he intercepted an outlet pass from the Braintree goaltender, easily connecting with Farrell to give the Mustangs a two-goal cushion. Norwood would lead 3-2 at the end of one, thanks to Farrell's second score.

The Wamps drew even at 3-3 early the next period, but Farrell took matters into his own hands with his team man-up as he bided his time, waited

for the Braintree defense to collapse down on him and streaked to the net for the go-ahead goal.

The Wamps would come right back, however, tying the game 28 seconds later at 4-4, and taking their first lead of the game 33 seconds after the equalizer. They'd lead 7-6 at halftime, with Farrell getting two more goals for the Mustangs, the latter of which tied Norwood's scoring record.

Just one goal was scored in the third quarter, Sullivan's goal that knotted the game at 7-7, setting the stage for an epic fourth.

At 3:19 of the quarter, Farrell's record-breaking goal tied the score at 8-8, and he began the process of extending the record with another goal at 5:44 to give the Mustangs a 9-8 lead. Just four games into the season, Farrell has 23 points (18 goals, five assists).

But Braintree was determined to spoil the day for Farrell and Norwood, ringing up three consecutive goals to retake the lead and add a late insurance goal for the 11-9 victory.

"Defensive assignments," said Roman, when asked about



Senior Danny Farrell, above, became Norwood's all-time leading scorer with a seven-goal effort against Braintree.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

Boys Lax

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Girls tennis team starts season with 5-0 win over Dedham



Aloonee Adhikari, center, serves in a doubles match against Dedham. On the day, the Mustangs won 10 of the team's 11 sets.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Norwood's girls tennis team opened their season with a commanding 5-0 win over the Dedham Marauders on Monday, winning 10 of the 11 sets played.

All three singles players won in straight sets. Senior Nenci Sagani, playing first singles, defeated her opponent 6-3, 7-5. Sophomore Ioana Stoica, on second singles, had perhaps the most convincing victory of the day, breezing by her foe 6-0, 6-0. Third singles player Veronica Coard, a freshman, won her match 7-5, 7-5.

First doubles partners Saloonee Adhikari and Jessica Chammas lost their first set before rallying to keep the perfect day going for the Mustangs,

winning 4-6, 6-1, 6-2. Second doubles Aloonee Adhikari and Alexa DiCesare also prevailed, 6-0, 6-3.

Head coach Carl Briggs, now in his fifth season as head coach at Norwood, has already overseen significant improvement in the program. But he believes even better days lie ahead.

"I think we've got the best team I've had so far," said Briggs. When he took the reins of the team in the spring of 2011, the Mustangs hadn't won a match in eight years. After two more winless seasons, the team finally broke through with a pair of wins in 2013. Following that up by doubling their win total to four in '14, you can

Girls Tennis

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Girls lacrosse team churning out close wins in early stages of season



The Mustangs have jumped out to a 4-0 record on the season after winning a pair of two-goal games against Braintree and an 11-10 barnburner against Foxboro. They also beat Natick, 18-16, on Tuesday.

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Norwood is living on the edge in the early going this season, winning all four of its games by just seven goals combined.

After sweeping Braintree in its first two games, 13-11 and 17-15, respectively, the Mustangs had their first one-goal game of the season vs. Foxboro. With the margin for error thinner than ever, they still found a way to get the win, knocking off the Warriors 11-10 on Saturday afternoon at Norwood High School.

“I think that they have a lot of heart finishing these games,” said head coach Caitlin Harrington, whose team finally got over the hump against Foxboro after falling short in each of the previous two seasons. Last season was especially harrowing for the Mustangs, hitting a crossbar on a free possession as time expired to lose by one. The Warriors are currently ranked No. 25 in the ESPN Boston Top 25 poll. “When a game is close, that’s when the pressure’s on, and they really showed composure today, and just a lot of drive to come out with a win.”

Kacie Smith led the team with six goals, Val Quinlan chipped in with three of her own and Sammy Hayes and Maura O’Neill had a goal apiece for the Mustangs. Quinlan also dominated on draw controls, winning six out of eight of her opportunities in

the second half.

“She is shining right now,” said Harrington, making note of Quinlan’s devotion to the game. “She has her stick on every ball.”

Norwood and Foxboro engaged in a back-and-forth affair, with neither team ever leading by more than two goals. The teams were tied at seven points throughout the game, including 6-6 at halftime. The Mustangs wouldn’t take the lead for good until the 7:55 mark of the second half, when they went up 9-8 on Quinlan’s second goal of the game.

Quinlan would add another at the 9:30 mark to make the score 10-8. Smith responded to a Foxboro goal with her sixth

and final strike of the afternoon at 14:52, which proved to be the game winner. The Warriors added another at 16:00 of the half, but Norwood’s defense withstood Foxboro’s offensive for the final 9 minutes, prevailing with the 11-10 victory.

Harrington believes her team is capable of continuing its hot start.

“I think we can keep going for awhile,” she said. “Be a serious contender for the Bay State [Conference].”

The Mustangs had their highest scoring output of the season on Tuesday, defeating Natick at home, 18-16. This week, they’re in action this afternoon at Weymouth at 3:45 p.m., and host Canton on Monday at 10 a.m.



Kacie Smith, above, takes the ball to the goal against Foxboro.

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Volleyball team showing signs of improvement despite recent string of losses

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Winless since opening day, the Mustangs are mired in a six-game losing streak, and time is running out to turn their season around.

A 3-0 loss to Needham at home on Monday afternoon wasn't the result head coach Paul Nimblett was looking for, but he can still reason for optimism despite the team's 1-6 record.

"I wasn't satisfied, but I was proud of the way we fought," said Nimblett after his team's 25-13, 25-14, 25-19 straight-set loss. Norwood held a 13-11 lead in the decisive third set, but allowed the Rockets to go on a 14-6 run to close things out. Needham had two mini-runs of at least five points during the final push. "I told them, there's nothing to lose, everything to gain. We're getting better."

The Rockets (4-0) are ranked No. 2 in the Massachusetts Boys High School Volleyball Top 25 poll (via their website, massbhsvb.webs.com). Norwood has also faced No. 11 Framingham (3-1) and No. 15 Natick (1-1) during the rigorous



Although the Norwood boys volleyball team is in the midst of a six-game losing streak, head coach Paul Nimblett has seen noticeable improvements in the team's ability to communicate with one another in recent matches.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

stretch.

"It's a tough schedule, night in and night out," said Nimblett. "But playing this competition gets us better."

Nimblett believes his team's communication has improved immensely in their last two matches, even without any wins

to show for it.

"That's one of the things we've harped on," he said. "Just making sure that guys are talking and moving, and playing their spots. [Freshman] Jake Fleming has stepped up, and has played well at the setter spot. Other guys have found

their roles, and there's some good chemistry going on. If we can just put it all together, I think we can turn this around."

Senior Kevin Perry was also singled out by Nimblett for his strong performance vs. Needham, as the co-captain re-

corded 15 kills in the match.

Newton North, ranked No. 5 in the polls, paid a visit to Norwood on Tuesday afternoon, and knocked off the Mustangs by a score of 3-0. The boys are in action this afternoon, the final game of a four-game homestand, vs. Brookline at 4 p.m.

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where the game may have slipped away from his team. "Just defensive assignments. A couple here and there in the fourth quarter that cost us. In close games, that's usually what it's going to be. I thought for the most part, our defense played well, it was just 'didn't cover the right guy here' or 'didn't slide here.' And that's the game."

Roman noted that Farrell is used to being specifically game planned for by opposing defenses, saying that it's been happening since his sophomore year.

"Definitely more notoriety now, but he's always drawn the best players, so it's just a couple more bodies running at him at this point," he said.

Asked if he was concerned if the team was leaning too heavily on Farrell, Roman

quickly downplayed that notion.

"Honestly, I really don't think the offense has been a problem," said Roman. "We haven't held a team under 10 goals this season. We've got to clean up that part."

"I would like a bunch of different guys scoring, but if we're taking good shots and we're getting production, which we have been, I don't mind it. I'd like to win games 9-8, 9-7, 9-6. We've been scoring enough to get that done," he said.

Norwood traveled to Natick on Tuesday afternoon, in an event held after the Record's deadline. They're next in action today, at 4:30 p.m. at home vs. Weymouth, and will travel to Waltham on Monday at 10 a.m. on Patriot's Day.

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understand Briggs's excitement.

Formerly the pro at the Wimbledon 109 tennis club in Walpole, Briggs had been performing double duty the last several seasons, maintaining his status as pro while coaching Norwood in the spring. This year, being forced to choose one or the other, he opted to keep coaching the Mustangs, to finish what he started with his seniors.

"She [Sagani] has been here since she was a freshman, she was a beginner, and that's one of the reasons I wanted to stay on and coach the team," said Briggs, who said he enjoyed being the club pro just as much as coaching, making for a difficult decision. Chammas and Saloone Adhikari have also been with the team since their freshman years. "From being a beginner as a freshman, to playing No. 1 [singles], I think it's a great accomplishment."

Briggs thinks that in addition to his senior leaders, there's some younger talent coming through the pipeline to aid the growth of the program, too.

"We've got a couple of freshman that show some promise," he said, specifically mentioning Coard and DiCesare. "Typically,

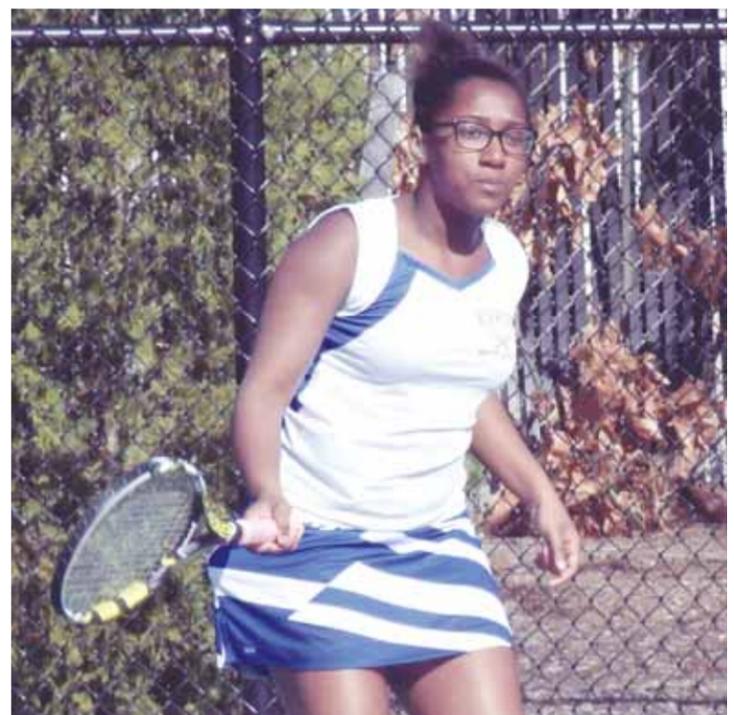
we get beginners coming out for the team, but these players have actually played a little bit. [Coard and DiCesare], both freshman, both show a little bit of ability, and I think they're going to get good quickly. They work hard."

If Monday's results are a sign of things to come, Briggs knows he'll be able to attribute it to his team's work ethic.

"This is the hardest working team I've ever had," he said,

adding that with the number of JV players in double figures, this is the largest roster of his tenure. "They went to the weight room, which we'd never done before. They did extra running; a lot of them spend extra time out on the court after practice is over."

The girls had a match yesterday vs. Natick, an event held after the Record's deadline. They're in action today at Milton at 3:45 p.m.



Freshman Veronica Coard, above, won her first career match by a final score of 7-5, 7-5.

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Police Logs

Tuesday April 07

0028 911 - Well being check, protective custody Location/address: Dean St. Caller reports she is concerned about her daughter who is attending a party with a man she met earlier today. N663, n679 responded and located female who was intoxicated and willingly was transported to home, who took custody.

0142 phone - Susp activity services rendered Location/address: Cottage St Resident concerned that her home alarm went off and would like officer to check home. N662, n667 responded and checked the home. Homeowner satisfied.

0638 phone - B & E of motor vehicle no action required Location/address: Railroad Ave Caller reports her car had been rifled through overnight. She does not think anything is missing and does not wish to speak to officer at this time but would like it documented.

0713 phone - Animal complaint Naco/Waco notified Location/address: Village Rd E Caller reports a duck or goose is huddled under his mailbox and believes it could be sick as it has been there since yesterday. Animal control officer notified and will respond.

1736 phone - Kids gathering group moved Location/address: Dean St Kids shouting. Officer moved group.

1940 phone - Susp vehicle spoken to Location/address: Casey St Caller reported sp vehicle. Occupants check ok.

2220 phone - Susp activity police & fire notified/r Location/address: Mobil Gas - Wash./Rr Av - Washington St Suspicious male party in the bathroom. Officer requested ambulance. Norwood fire checked party. No transport.

Wednesday April 08

0750 phone - Well being check services rendered Location/address: Belnap Rd Request by resident's boss to do a well-being check on his employee as he hasn't showed up for work or called in. N677, n665 responded and spoke with him. He is fine and was asked to call his boss. Boss was notified by dispatch.

1025 phone - Larceny Location/address: Buckminster Dr Ex girlfriend came and removed his credit cards from the apartment. Cash taken at a bank after. Addr: Blue Hill Ave Roxbury, MA

1431 phone - Susp activity services rendered Location/address: Vanderbilt Ave Citizen bank atm doors appears open. Officer reports machine out of order and a drawer was open without access to cash.

1432 phone - Drug law violation area search negative Location/address: Jefferson Dr Caller reports she witnessed same. BCI reponded.

1807 phone - Larceny Location/address: Thai Boo - Washington St Employee reports that a man left without paying for his food.

2002 phone - Well being check Location/address: Wickham Way Riverside requesting a well-being check on a patient. NFD responded.

Thursday April 09

0912 other - Serve summons services rendered Location/address: Norwest Dr N665 reports subjects do not live here anymore and D.C.F. removed the child on 4/8/2015.

1204 phone - Larceny Location/address: The Antique Roadhouse - Washington St Check written on a closed account.

1220 phone - Missing person Location/address: Respite House - Beacon Ave Report client left the home earlier today.

1305 phone - Vandalism Location/address: Central St Car damaged while parked in the municipal lot.

1324 phone - Well being check police & fire notified/r Location/address: Hill St Friend concerned after a call from the resident that she may be having heart issues. NFD gains access. Resident not home. caller advised.

1418 phone - Recovered missing person returned home Location/address: Respite House - Beacon Ave Report client returned home. N665 confirmed same and will

1430 phone - Susp activity services rendered Location/address: Ledgeview Dr Resident reports noise from basement. N669 reports basement is secure, rest of home was cleared-no one inside.

1630 phone - Complaint of mv gone on arrival Location/address: Weld Ave Resident reports an individual on his dirt bike is being loud.

1711 walk-in - Drug law violation Location/address: Puritan Pl Party in the lobby would like to speak to an officer regarding possible drug activity in his neighborhood.

1940 phone - Larceny Location/address: Rama Athletic Club - Washington St Stolen wallet.

2007 initiated - Motor vehicle stop written warning Location/address: Bos-Prov Hwy MA. pc 781jt7.

2211 phone - Susp person gone on arrival Location/address: Shaws Supermarket - Nahatan St Party reports a suspicious male party followed her to vehicle and was also starting conversations with other shoppers approximately one hour ago. N662 searched the parking and spoke to store employees with negative results.

Friday April 10

0147 phone - Assist other agency could not locate Location/address: Endicott St Probation seeking well-being check on homeless person on GPS that has been disconnected in Endicott Park. N667 responded and searched area of last known location. Probation notified of negative locate. 04/10/2015 0232 probation reports male party is on the move and GPS is now monitoring. They are satisfied.

0234 phone - Well being check services rendered Location/address: Pine St Father requesting a well being check on his children that he has not been able to reach. N665, n667 responded and spoke with both of the children. Both are fine.

0823 cellular - Well being check area search negative Location/address: CSX Railroad Bridge - Dean St Passing motorist reports a b/f appears to be going to the bathroom on sidewalk underneath the bridge.

1005 radio - Be on the lookout services rendered Location: [Ded] Bolo for bank robbery suspect. B/m, 6', goatee, thin build, light colored knit cap, north face jacket-grey with black hoodie underneath, stated he had a gun, left on foot on Bussey St.

1110 walk-in - B & E of motor vehicle Location/address: Railroad Ave Report 2 cars entered sometime overnight.

1130 phone - Citizens complaint services rendered Location/address: 200 Block- Woods - Rock St Resident reports seeing a tepee like structure in the woods behind parking spaces 66-68. N667 reports it is inaccessible due to water at this time. Maintenance aware of same.

1320 phone - Suicide / or threat Location/address: Monroe St Report son left 20 minutes ago and made a suicidal statement. Bolo to cars. Notified MBTA bus, Keolis F train and officers on tracks. N667 locates him outside of Nahatan St. NFD transported to hospital.

1325 phone - Assist other agency services rendered Location/address: Parkway St Request check of address for MA. pc 672pm6. N665 reports vehicle is there. Maynard notified.

1507 phone - Assist citizen spoken to Location/address: Pleasant St Mother reports her juvenile son showed up 15 minutes ago but then left again and that we were looking to talk to him about a previous incident. Bolo to cars. Units checked this area and also area of St. John Ave-not around, mother informed to pursue action with juvenile court.

1609 phone - Missing person Location/address: Coakley Middle School - Washington St Mother reports her missing daughter may

be at the Coakley Middle School. That party was located and transported to the station by n678. S/m 24844 at 16:17 hours e/m 24846 at 16:25 hours. Party was released to custody of her mother. Weymouth P.D notified.

1625 other - Assist other agency services rendered Location/address: Parkway St Maynard police department requests officers secure a residence until their detectives can arrive to serve a search warrant. That search warrant was executed.

1657 911 - Susp. activity services rendered Location/address: Nicks Package Store - Washington St Caller reports unattended bags in the parking lot. N669 reports it is only clothes and locates the owner's mother and leaves that property with her.

1711 phone - Disturbance services rendered Location/address: Buckminster Dr Caller reports a party is banging on his door. N665 reports it was a practical joke by a party known to the caller.

1720 911 - Assist citizen taken/referred to other Location/address: Hampden Dr Caller reports she dropped her car keys down a sewer grate. D.P.W notified.

1759911 - Animal complaint services rendered Location/address: Jefferson Dr Caller reports a raccoon is in her backyard and it may be rabid. Naco notified and responded. Naco reports that animal is not rabid, just wild. Calling party was advised to leave the animal alone.

Saturday April 11

0208 initiated - Noise complaint services rendered Location/address: Engamore Ln MA. Reg# 1bd613 - horn going off, n667 located and tried to reach owner but no one answered door. After many attempts contact was finally made with owner and car was moved to a far part of complex until battery issue can be remedied today.

0318911 - Susp. activity services rendered Location/address: Cedar St Caller reports there is someone on his porch asking to come in. N665, n663 responded and spoke to caller who stated she got into a car and believed it was her mother. Area was checked and nothing further was found.

0818 911 - Animal complaint Loca-

tion/address: Railroad Ave Caller reports that two dogs were fighting. NFD and Naco responded.

0855 phone - Citizens complaint services rendered Location/address: Pleasant St + Cross St Caller reports a male party sleeping on the jungle gym. Units spoke with party, he checks out.

1401 phone - Missing person Location/address: Countryside Ln Caller reports that her son is overdue by several hours and cannot get in contact with him. Bolo given out to surrounding towns.

1725 phone - Unwanted party Location/address: Alandale Pkwy Resident reports he would like his daughter's friend removed from the home because she is being verbally abusive. That party agreed to receive a voluntary evaluation. NFD responded and transported that female to Norwood Hospital.

1905 phone - Noise complaint spoken to Location/address: St John Ave Caller reports loud music in the area

2117 phone - Unwanted party assisted party Location/address: Heaton Ave Caller reports unwanted male party on her property. N665 reports that male party is picking up property from previous living arrangements.

2305 initiated - Motor vehicle stop arrest(s)made Location/address: Bos-Prov Hwy MA pc 552vj8. As a result n663 places one female party under arrest and transports her to the station. S/m 12720 at 23:14 hours, e/m 12722 at 23:18 hours. Don and Wally's towed MA pc 552vj8. Arrest: Maida, Nancy Address: 89 Country Club Road Dedham, MA Age: 47 Charges: oui liquor or .08%

Sunday April 12

0033 phone - Drunk person protective custody Location/address: Limey's Pub - Washington St Caller reports a subject is injured walking near Day St. NFD requested and responded at Day & Central. As a result one transported by ambulance for treatment and pc.

0250 phone - Drunk driver arrest(s)made Location/address: Jack Madden Ford - Bos-Prov Hwy Ma 74vj44 towed by center. One under arrest for oui. St mi

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Tickets are only \$20 and your check payable to the Norwood Food Pantry is your tax-deductible receipt if allowed. Tickets for the event can be purchased from Rick McGowan at the Colonial House Restaurant on Savin Avenue or from Carolyn Murphy at Murph's Place on Broadway in Norwood.

The retro 70s band, the Boston Naturals, will be performing, sponsored by a local benefactor, so all ticket proceeds go straight to the Food Pantry. Miggy is also asking all those attending

to bring non-perishable food items to the event. He will have a truck on hand to collect the donations for the Food Pantry's shelves.

The Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood serves over 350 families in the towns of Norwood and Westwood. Clients are encouraged to use the pantry as a stepping-stone toward independence.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER PATRIOTIC ROSARY

On Thursday, May 7, at noon. Located at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 547 Washington St. Rte 1A Norwood. Come join us and pray the beautiful Patriotic Rosary for our Country. For information, call 781-762-4391. We have been hosting this event three times a year since 2008.

RAIL CLUB TO SHOW PROGRAM TWICE-POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER

The Norfolk County Rail Road Club (NCRRC) will show its video program postponed due to bad weather in January and February 2014. In the Simoni Room of Norwood's Morrill Memorial Library, Wednesday evening, April 29, at 7 p.m. The program combines stories about the growth and demise of Pennsylvania's Knox & Kane RR, (K&KRR) the ill-fated Kinzua Viaduct built in 1882, rebuilt in 1900 and once seen as "the world's highest and longest railroad bridge" and its incredible destruction by a vicious tornado in 2003. The K&KRR operated tourist scenic trains over the viaduct for a number of years. Following destruction of the Viaduct, the K&KRR's engine house including its Chinese-built steam locomotive was destroyed by a ferocious fire. The locomotive's fire-blackened hulk was purchased by Connecticut's Valley RR in Essex, Conn. and rebuilt into a modern steam locomotive, now the star of the Valley Railroad's Essex Steam Train tourist railroad's fleet. The meeting is free and open to the public. Details from Ed Sweeney, NCRRC Program Organizer at 781-762-5587.

BAMBOO HOUSE RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER

Any Saturday through the rest of the school year, Dine in at the Bamboo Cafe restaurant at 663 Washington St. in Norwood and 20 percent of the proceeds will go to the Cleveland PTA! You must bring the flyer to receive credit. Flyers are available on the PTA Facebook page. The Cleveland PTA has a new Facebook page that you can "Like" to stay up to date on all of the goings-on at the Cleveland PTA! Please come visit and share: <https://www.facebook.com/faclevelandschoolpta>

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May 4 thru 8, for the 62nd year the Women's Community Committee (WCC) will sponsor free babysitting course for Norwood residents in grades 6, 7 & 8. The course will be held from 2:45-4 p.m. at the Coakley Middle School on May 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8. Beginning April 13, applications for registration will be available at the Coakley Middle School, Morrill Memorial Library and the WCC Thrift Shop, 1091 Washington St., Norwood, during shop hours. Application deadline is April 29. Upon completion of the course, WCC Education Committee Chairman, Ruth Martowska will present each student with a certificate. For additional information, please call the Thrift Shop at 781-762-2991.

NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB NEWS

The May meeting of the NRMC will be a breakfast meeting and will start at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 12, instead of the usual 10 a.m. start. It will be held at the Norwood Elks and we will have Keri McCarthy, the new Senior Center Director, as a speaker at the close of breakfast. The regular business meeting will follow and Phil Sullivan will present the trip for June and give all the particulars. Breakfast is open only to members in good

standing. You don't have to be a Norwood resident, but you must be 60 or over and retired or semi retired to join. All meetings are at the Norwood Elks and there are plenty of parking spaces. There is a handicap ramp at the Elks.

PRESCOTT SCHOOL GRADUATE AWARD

The C. J. Prescott School P.T.O. will present two special achievement awards in June at the Fifth Grade Musical. The awards will be given to an outstanding girl and boy who attended the Prescott School in fifth grade, are presently residing in Norwood, and are graduating from high school in June 2015. The awards will consist of a \$500 check, a certificate to each winner, and their names to be inscribed on plaques, which will hang permanently in the Prescott School. Application forms are available at the Prescott School and at the Norwood High School Guidance Office. Applications must be returned to the Prescott School by Friday, May 1, 2015.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY SEEKS TEAMS FOR RELAY FOR LIFE OF GREATER NORWOOD

The American Cancer Society is recruiting teams from businesses, schools, families, places of worship, and more to participate in the Relay For Life of Greater Norwood event, which will be held on June 19 at Walpole High School. Relay For Life teams are committed to finishing the fight against cancer and raise funds to support the American Cancer Society's lifesaving mission. Teams and individuals can sign up for the Relay For Life event by visiting relayforlife.org or by calling 1-800-227-2345. The Relay For Life is a community-based event where teams and individuals set up campsites at the school and take turns walking around the track. Cancer survivors and caregivers take a celebratory first lap to begin the Opening Ceremony at 6 p.m.

The Relay For Life is a special way to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action to finish the fight once and for all. All are welcome to participate. For more information, contact Amanda Giangregorio at 508.270.4664 or Amanda.giangregorio@cancer.org.

5TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

On Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities ranging from a bake sale and a huge yard sale to a blood drive and a presentation supported by the Norwood DPW on recycling will take place throughout the day. There will also be a variety of entertainment programs for children from ages 2 to 13, and an outdoor concert for all ages. All proceeds from the event will be donated to local charities including Meals on Wheels, The Abundant Table, Generic Ministries, and the Norwood Ecumenical Food Pantry. In addition, the following charitable organizations will also be participating in Community Service Day at the First Congregational Church: Pure Water, Divorce Recovery, Families 4 Christmas, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Christian Wide Services Disaster Relief, Neponset Valley Humane Society, Boy Scouts of America and the Red Cross. Earn a chance to win a flat screen television in a free raffle by visiting the booths of the many

charitable organizations at Community Service Day! Red Cross Blood Drive From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the American Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive at the church. Every minute of every day someone needs blood, but only three out of every 100 people donate blood. You can make a difference! Donors will receive free fresh homemade baked goods with refreshments in the morning hours, or a free lunch of a hamburger or hot dog or veggie burger with salad, chips, and refreshment later in the day. Donors are encouraged to make an appointment by calling the American Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROS (1-800-733-2767) or by visiting their website at www.redcrossblood.org/. Community Yard Sale on the Green Who doesn't love a bargain in this economy? Starting at 10 a.m., members of the First Congregational Church will be manning the tables of a huge yard sale on the church lawn. Here you'll find gently used clothing, toys, sporting goods, books, household items, and possibly your special treasure! No early birds, please!!! The First Congregational Church is located on the corner of Walpole and Winter Streets in Norwood. For more information on the 5th Annual Community Service Day, please visit the church website at www.firstcongregational-norwood.com or call the church office at 781-762-3320.

JOIN THE NORWOOD FOOD PANTRY'S WALK FOR HUNGER TEAM

The Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood is once again forming a team to participate in Project Bread's Walk for Hunger. This year's 47th annual Walk will be held Sunday, May 3, and will provide funding to over 400 emergency food programs in 125 Massachusetts communities. To sign up as a walker or virtual walker or support your neighbors in need with a donation, go to: <http://support.projectbread.org/goto/NorwoodFoodPantry>. Or call team captain Nick Campagna at 781-762-6866.

NORWOOD TO HOST FIRST ANNUAL RUN FOR A VET

Planned by local Police Officer and Afghanistan Vet Diego Silva. The first annual 5-Mile Run for a Vet will be held on May 3 at 10 a.m. Diego Silva, an Afghanistan Vet and local Norwood Citizen is spearheading this run in hopes that the community will help our veterans; no veteran should go hungry, or homeless period. 100 percent of the funds raised will go directly to New England Center for the Homeless Veterans. Runners are expected to meet at 10 a.m. at the Norwood High School parking lot. Diego Silva, after serving for many years with the 1060th Transportation Unit in Framingham and the 181 Vertical Engineers out of Camp Edwards, and a pump tour in Afghanistan, he knows the true sacrifice of veterans, and no veteran should be left behind, hungry, or go homeless, period. Silva hopes that the Norwood & beyond community will come together for this worthy cause, in hopes to help those who give us the right to have freedom. He wants to inspire others to take part in such a meaningful cause. There will be bouncy houses and other kids activities, ensuring a fun afternoon for all. Sponsors of the race include: Central Auto Group, Triplicity Event Group & Public Relations, WF, and Connors Dentistry. To sign up please use this link: <https://www.runreg.com/2015-run-for-a-vet-5-miler>.

NORWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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FY2016 PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

The Norwood School Committee will hold a Public Budget Hearing on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, at 7:00 P.M. in the School Committee Room at the James R. Savage Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062.

A copy of the proposed FY2016 budget will be available for the public to review from April 17-29, 2015 in the Business Office at the James R. Savage Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA and on the Norwood Public School website at www.norwood.k12.ma.us as prescribed in Chapter 71, §38N of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The public is invited to participate.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TOWN OF NORWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS

Sealed bids for "Cleaning and Lining of Water Mains - Vernon Street, Florence Avenue and Marion Avenue - NPW-15-05," for the Town of Norwood, Massachusetts, acting by its General Manager, will be received at the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, Massachusetts 02062, until 11:00 A.M. Verizon time on May 7, 2015, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud.

The proposed work includes cleaning and cement lining approximately three thousand one hundred (3,100) feet of 6-inch cast iron water main, two hundred fifty (250) feet of 8-inch cast iron water main, and installing bypass piping, valves, hydrants, fittings and replacement pipe sections.

The Contract Documents, including Specifications and Drawings, may be examined at the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, Massachusetts 02062 (781-762-1240 x106 or 107) and at the office of Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, LLC, 5 Burlington Woods, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803 on and after April 13, 2015, every weekday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. and copies thereof may be obtained at the Purchasing Department upon payment of \$50.00 (checks only, payable to the Town of Norwood) for each set, for which a refund will be made if returned to the Purchasing Department in good condition within thirty calendar days after the opening of bids. No refund will be made for documents received after this period. If a bidder requests drawings and specifications to be mailed out to him, an additional check in the amount of \$15.00 made out to "Town of Norwood" shall be required. This is to cover the cost of mailing and handling and will not be refunded. Bids can also be obtained electronically at no charge by emailing: PBilotta@norwoodma.gov or Ccarney@norwoodma.gov.

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

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

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

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

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

TOWN OF NORWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. John J. Carroll
General Manager

Norwood Record, 4/16/15

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.

—R.C.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail!)

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.
Grateful thanks. —R.C.

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Police Logs *continued from page 13*

51144 0259hrs 51146 0302 hrs. Arrest: Mack, Kerriann A Address: 72 Maple St., Needham, MA Age: 25 Charges: oui liquor or .08% Negligent operation of motor vehicle License not in possession Speeding
 0955 phone - Assist citizen assisted party Location/address: Roosevelt Ave Caller is seeking advice concerning group home incidents. N665 responding.
 0959 phone - Susp person gone on arrival Location/address: Adams St Caller states that a suspicious black male is watching a house from the end of the driveway. N667 sent.
 1515 911 - Well being chk police & fire notified/r Location/address: Walpole St Caller reports a male lying on the ground. Unsure if it is a medical emergency. NFD, n662, and n677 are responding. male was found to be fine.
 2108 phone - Susp activity gone on arrival

Location/address: Varwood Cir Caller reports neighbor informed her of suspicious male near her car. Neighbor gave ma pc 759wk4 vehicle of suspicious male's vehicle. N665 checked the area and was unable to speak with suspicious male.

Monday, April 13

0613 initiated - Malicious damage Location/address: - Endicott St Caller reports damage to his front end loader. N677 sent to investigate.
 0953 phone - Well being check Location/address: Winslow Park - Winslow Ave Report of a 5-year-old at the park without a parent. Units reunite child with her mother at their home.
 1002 phone - Susp person services rendered Location/address: Work Out World -

Bos-Prov Hwy Report MA tx in parking lot, appears to be filming members going in/out of the building. N667 reports cab is parked, unoccupied and manager did not wish to pursue the matter.
 1103 phone - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Plymouth Dr Kept the peace as the owner entered the apartment. Tenant in the process of being removed for a civil issue.
 1157 phone - Lost and found services rendered Location/address: First Baptist Church - Bond St Person attending a meeting report there appears to be a gun in the bushes behind the Boy Scout troop 108's trailer that is parked in lot. N662 states it is a toy and properly disposed of same.
 1159 phone - Vandalism Location/address: Lenox St Graffiti on rear of building abutting railroad tracks.
 1354 radio - Assist fire dept fire dept notified/respo Location/address: Chapel St NFD responds for an odor of smoke.

1422 phone - Assist citizen Location/address: Wilson St Ammunition found in the house and returned.
 1728 911 - Assist citizen spoken to Location/address: Railroad Ave Caller is concerned for a pedestrian walking in a bathing suit who seems to be confused. N667 spoke with that party, she checks out ok and lives in the area.
 1940 phone - Found syringe services rendered Location/address: Cross St Resident reports a syringe is at the end of their driveway. N663 located and will properly dispose of same.
 2025 walk-in - Stolen lic plate Location/address: Winter St Walk in party reports that his mv plates were stolen. Plates were entered into Ncic.
 2238 walk-in - Susp vehicle assisted party Location/address: Norwood Light Dept - Central St Party in the lobby reports seeing a female party slouched over in her parked vehicle. N669 reports that party had tripped earlier and was resting but is ok now.

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