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A chance for Selectmen candidates to introduce themselves

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

Residents will be asked to fill two seats on the Board of Selectmen during the upcoming Town election this April, and there is no shortage of candidates seeking to fill them.

One of the seats currently belongs to Michael Lyons, who announced this winter that he will not be running for

reelection. The other seat currently belongs to Helen Abdallah Donohue, who has served on the board for the past 15 years, and is running for reelection.

Joining her are challengers Dennis Mawn, Tom Maloney, David Hajjar and David Butters.

"It's so refreshing to have a good selection of candidates for the town," Donohue said. "No matter who gets elected

for Selectmen, the town is going to be well served."

Donohue, a lifelong Norwood resident, has been a practicing attorney in the area since 1977, and was also an English teacher in the Norwood Public Schools. Donohue said she has been a Town Meeting member for the past 48 years.

For Donohue, the biggest issue facing the Town of Norwood is always the bud-

get.

"The biggest question always to me is control of the budget ... because people enjoy a good quality of life in Norwood that has to be preserved," Donohue said.

If reelected, Donohue said she will continue to fight hikes in utility fees and to stop excess spending. She cited the Public Safety Building and the new DPW facility as projects that could have been

trimmed while still providing quality facilities to the "excellent" departments.

Donohue also said she had her eye on affordable housing in Norwood and felt the Town had reached its 1.5 percent statutory minimum needed to deny 40B projects.

"I think that the legislature has floundered about the law,"

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Planning Board prepares TM articles

By Amanda Webster

Staff Reporter

The Norwood Planning Board continued its discussion about changes to the manufacturing zoning bylaws in preparation of the May Town Meeting.

The board discussed several Zoning Bylaw amendments, some of which would allow old factory buildings in town to accommodate new retail space without needing to go through the elongated process of acquiring a special permit.

At the board's last meeting, development manager for Cathartes, Dave DePree presented his plans to renovate and rehabilitate the more than 300,000 square feet of property located on Morse Street. DePree discussed possible revisions to the bylaws with the board in order to have possible retail tenants be able to move in and utilize the space once renovations have been completed.

"We're talking about trying to preserve an old building," said Town Planner Paul Halkiotis.

"I don't see it as bad if they want to divide that whole building up into stalls and 80 percent of them were retail. That takes an existing building that is largely underutilized with very few jobs located there and gets tax abatements and it fills that with commerce," he said.

Board member Ernest Paciorkowski expressed concern over the possibility of a large, chain retail store moving into the Morse property and creating a disturbance for nearby neighborhood residents.

In response to Paciorkowski's point, the board agreed to cap the maximum retail space allowed for buildings inside the manufacturing zone at 10,000 square feet. Any space that requires more than the allotted 10,000 square feet would require a planning board site plan review.

The board also agreed that the manufacturing zone

could also house indoor, commercial recreation sports such as laser tag and paintball with the exception of any activity that includes a firearm or shooting of a weapon, such as archery. A shooting or archery range would have to go through the process of acquiring a special permit to operate within the manufacturing zone.

The amendments will have to be approved at the May Town Meeting.

In addition to zoning bylaw changes, the board is also preparing the Community Preservation Act for Town Meeting, in efforts to get the act adopted.

The CPA would enable a fund to be spent only on historic preservation, open space and recreation or affordable housing. The money for the fund would come from both the state's Community Preservation Trust Fund and a property tax surcharge. The town can approve a surcharge between 1 and 3 percent and the state will match 25 percent of the revenue.

The board agreed upon a 1 percent surcharge Monday evening to present at Town Meeting. A 1 percent surcharge for an average home owner, with a home assessed at \$381,519, will cost the homeowner \$32 a year. If the CPA were to be adopted, the surcharge could be changed at a later date as it would be voted upon on a yearly basis, according to the planning board members.

Exemptions will be available for the surcharge, as the board agreed that exemptions for senior citizens, low to moderate income households and the first \$100,000 of assessed value for property owners.

The board also agreed that commercial property owners would receive an exemption for the first \$200,000 of property value, since in the town of Norwood commercial property owners pay twice the tax rate as residential property owners.

The Community Preservation Act will have to be approved at Town Meeting.

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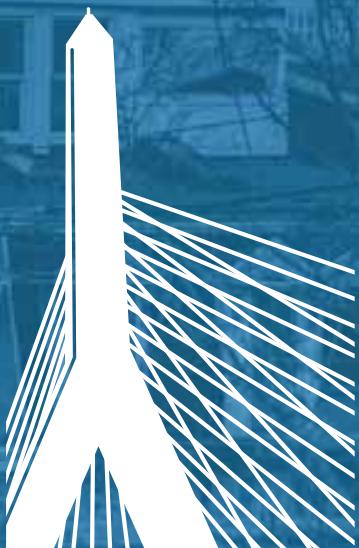
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CITY OF BOSTON CREDIT UNION



Police are still searching for information related to the murder of Edison Tejeda on March 14 at the Stonebridge Apartment Complex. Tejeda's killing marked the first homicide in Norwood since 2008.

PHOTO BY SAM NICKERSON

Man murdered on Dean St.

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

A 28-year-old man died of gunshot wounds in Norwood early on March 14 and law enforcement is seeking information about the victim and his activity before his murder.

Norwood Police received a report of "possible shots fired or fireworks" near 42 Dean St. - part of the Stonebridge Apartment complex - at 1:39 a.m. on March 14. Officers who responded to the incident found evidence of a shooting and located Edison Tejeda, who had been shot several times outside of the building, in a rear hallway.

Tejeda, who was alive at the time the officers found him, was transported to Norwood Hospital by Norwood Fire/Rescue, but died from his wounds shortly after.

Tejeda's relatives do live in the Dean Street apartment complex, and he was known to have a previous address on North Main Street in Brockton.

"This does not appear to be a random shooting," Norwood Police said in a statement, advising that there did not appear to be a threat to the public, as it seemed like an isolated incident.

Norwood, Westwood, Canton and State Police responded, and State Troopers are continuing to investigate the case and the scene, where bullet holes and blood spattering were found. District



28-year-old Edison Tejeda was shot outside of 42 Dean St., where he lived with his mother, early in the morning on March 14. He died at Norwood Hospital a short time later.

COURTESY PHOTO

Attorney Michael Morrissey said no one was in custody yet and law enforcement was still looking for information.

"Those who knew Edison Tejeda and may have known his movements in the period before his murder can help us piece together what has happened here," Morrissey said Monday afternoon. "Detectives are actively interviewing those of his family and friends whom we have identified, but anyone who may have information about this crime or about Edison's activities before the murder are asked to contact (Norwood) police at 781-440-5181."

The incident marks the first homicide in Norwood since 2008, when Scott Haynes was beat to death by Kevin Schultz, who received a manslaughter conviction in 2010.

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Helen Abdallah Donohue



David Butters



David Hajjar



Dennis Mawn



Tom Maloney

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Donohue said, saying certain restrictions on multi-family homeowners should be lifted so their rented units could be counted.

Affordable housing was also the major issue that sparked Dennis Mawn's candidacy.

Mawn is another lifelong Norwood resident who served 24 years in the Army Reserves, with several overseas deployments - including to Iraq - and a 17-year career as a firefighter. He has been actively involved as the Norwood firefighter's local union president.

"I think I see a lot of changes in the town I'm not too happy with," Mawn said.

"I've said before, one of the biggest issues in the town is 40B."

Mawn likened 40B projects to an octopus, whose tentacles "grasp on to a lot of aspects" including traffic, public safety and the schools, creating problems that are "going to continue to grow and grow if we don't get a reign on it."

He said a fresh voice, with leadership and negotiating experience such as his own, could help find a solution to the issue that he feels has split many people who are otherwise working towards the best interest of the town.

Mawn also felt the Town of Norwood's budget and is-

sues had grown too big for the current style of government. He said that Norwood should aim to model itself after Braintree or Weymouth. These towns have retained their town charters, but have opted for a city-style of government with a mayor and town council.

Mawn said his work as a firefighter would "certainly not be an excuse" for missing out on any Selectman duties, and that conflicts would be worked out with the chief. He also said it "would not cost the town a dime" for him to attend the weekly meetings.

When asked about his string of absences at Town Meeting, Mawn said he was

still reviewing the dates, but knew that there were some work and ceremonial conflicts that had kept him from attending, which he said were not excuses.

Tom Maloney believes his experience in both the private and public sectors would be a unique asset to have on the Board of Selectmen, which he said is in charge of what is essentially a \$171 million corporation.

Maloney, who moved to Norwood in 1999, has served for the past six years on the Finance Commission and has chaired the Capital Outlay Committee for four years. He is also a regional lending manager for the Bank of Canton.

For Maloney, the number one issue he hears from residents is housing and the strain that high density housing puts on town services. He said the town was very close to achieving safe harbor from 40B's, which would give the Town more control. But Maloney doesn't want to exclude business from Norwood.

"We do want to work with developers," he said. "We're a pro-business town, a welcoming town. We want people to want to come to our town, but we want to have control and to maintain control of our

Candidates

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zoning bylaws."

He also said that he was proud to serve on the Committee that selected new Norwood High principal Jonathan Bourn after the retirement of George Usevich. But, above all, Maloney rests his candidacy on his financial experience.

"One thing you learn pretty quickly is that you have to respect your fiscal disciplines," Maloney said. "We establish guidelines, and we have to stick to them."

David Hajjar said the Town needs engaged leadership that is actively engaged in planning Norwood's future and is open with sharing information to the public.

Hajjar has spent the past 13 years on the Town Personnel Board, and has chaired the body for seven years. Under his leadership, the Board has developed policies related to personnel and human resources for the Town's general government. He also oversaw the development of reports and policy on ADA compliance and CORI and fingerprinting.

Hajjar has also been a Town Meeting member for four years, chaired the 1.5 percent task force and retired from Verizon after 32 years in management positions. Hajjar was also the president of several elder housing nonprofit corporations based in West Roxbury.

As part of the 1.5 percent task force, Hajjar oversaw the group's mission of identifying possible land purchases for the Town and creating a measurement tool for gauging where Norwood stood on the 1.5 percent issue.

"I have previously indicated that I would run for a seat on the Board of Selectmen once my last child graduated high school, which was June 2014," Hajjar said. "Since that time, I have prepared myself for a run and decided 2016 was the right time for me."

Hajjar identified town revenue and whether Norwood needs an override, as well as how the town can work with businesses as key issues he'd like to address.

"While there are working groups, I believe we need to break it up into specific focus groups, such as short-term, long-term and business relationships," he said. "Maintaining a great private-public relationship is not only good for the tax rate of the town, but the quality of life we want. It's not a matter of

doing what businesses want, but the ideas that will encourage an open discussion."

Hajjar also noted the importance of consolidating town "working groups," including facilities, human resources, dispatching, and others.

David Butters also spoke on the importance of supporting small business in the town. After working for over 25 years in Corrections, Butters has owned his own security company and said he understands the needs of small business owners.

He also stressed the importance of supporting public safety, especially at the schools, mentioning recent criminal activity and the influx of housing in town as justification.

On the financial front, Butters said he is "dead set" against an override and wants to focus on keeping the tax rate low.

"I will be working for the people. I'm retired, so I'll have a lot of time to spend to take care of the town issues, and to keep this a great town that it's always been," Butters said.

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TOWN OF NORWOOD – ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a PUBLIC HEARING in Room 12 of the Municipal Office Building on April 2016 at 7:15 PM on the request that 82 Cedar Street Realty Trust (Case #16-03) with respect to property located on 82 Cedar Street, in a G-General Residential District.

This Application requests a VARIANCE under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow: The construction and maintenance of a two-family dwelling on Lot 7 and a two-family dwelling on Lot 8 and an unnamed parcel, said lots being pre-existing non-conforming lots having less area, lot frontage, and lot width than required under the zoning by-law, and the attachment of said dwellings to each other, pursuant to Section 4.1.2 (note 6), together with such other or further relief as the Zoning Board of Appeal may determine to be appropriate.

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

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Norwood students engage less in risky behavior

Sam Nickerson*Staff Reporter*

The results from the Norwood Public Schools' Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) have been released and Health and Wellness staff says Norwood students are less likely to engage in risky behavior than the statewide average.

"We have some really amazing young men and women in this town," Wellness Department chair for grades 6-12 Tara Noyes said.

Noyes said the YRBS is a budget-driven survey that is administered throughout the state via the Center for Disease Control and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education which measures risky behaviors students are engaging in.

The survey was administered in October 2015 to grades 7-12. Noyes said this was the first time grades 7-8 were surveyed in some time and it was the fourth year since 2012 that the district participated in the survey.

Overall, 1,334 students were surveyed, representing a 91 percent response rate, putting Norwood in the "excel-

lent" category.

The data indicated that as grade level increases, more students view their lives as stressful, with males showing a dramatic jump going from grades 11-12 in all categories, and females showing large increases in grades 8-9 and 10-11 in three out of four categories.

Noyes said the largest increase with grade level was of at least one lifetime use was alcohol. In grade 7, 13 percent of students reported having tried alcohol at least once and 73 percent of 12th graders reported the same. She said the rate of lifetime use also doubled between grades 9 and 10.

At the high school, 55 percent of students reported lifetime use of alcohol, compared with 16 percent at the middle school.

Noyes also said cigarettes or marijuana use increase dramatically from grade 10 to 11, representing a 26-50 percent shift. She also reported that while Norwood students reported their lowest registered lifetime use of cigarettes, e-cigarettes saw the second highest reported lifetime use - 42 percent at the high school - and a large jump from grade

8 to 9.

Noyes said the e-cigarette data was still being evaluated across the state because it's a new concern and there hasn't been a lot available on it so far. She said substance abuse coalition, Impact Norwood, would be working more with students and also vaping stores to negate distribution to students.

Overall, male high school students had a higher rate of lifetime use of all substances than females except for alcohol, where females surpassed males by 11 percent. In all, 15 percent of students reported binge drinking, which Noyes said was a concern, but was still "very low compared to the state." In total, 398 students reported having drunk alcohol, usually at parties within Norwood where parents knew there was drinking.

As for marijuana use, Noyes showed a jump between grades 10-11 from 16 percent to 29 percent, but that number decreased again in grade 12. Norwood students reported very low use of other illicit drugs, such as synthetic marijuana, LSD, cocaine, and prescription medicine.

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BOS opts against public comment

Option a mixed bag in other towns

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

On March 8, the Norwood Board of Selectmen voted to deny a resident's request for a public comment period at each Selectmen's meeting, citing existing protocol and duties to state Open Meeting laws.

"There is no local or statutory authority mandating a public comment segment for any government meeting," Norwood Selectmen Chair Paul Bishop said. Bishop noted that laws direct the control of any agenda to the chairman.

The Board voted unanimously against the request, saying they didn't feel it was needed.

Selectman Bill Plasko said he didn't think it was productive or necessary, as Open Meeting Law "balances interests" between the public's right to witness public government action and the elected bodies' responsibility "to do their business in an orderly fashion."

Bishop agreed, saying the Board had an "obligation to run a meeting and keep it under control at all times" and that an "open mic" style approach could lead to the Selectmen losing control of their meetings.

Plasko said that residents can

always contact the Board with any issues they'd like to discuss and can set up meetings with individual Selectmen as well. If the members deem it appropriate to discuss in a meeting, it can be put on the agenda.

"We're flexible, and the public has plenty of access to the board in many other ways," Plasko said.

"The Board of Selectmen could have removed the wall that exists between the Board and the public. Public input at the Board of Selectmen meetings would be a game changer," Kevin Pentowski, who submitted the request, said. "That is the only reason why my request to speak with the Board was denied. Our Board of Selectmen prefers not to deal with the public."

How do other boards in town and in nearby towns handle public input?

According to the Westwood Selectmen's office, the chairman will look to each board member for input during a presentation or discussion, before asking if there is any public input on whatever is being discussed.

At the end of each meeting agenda, there is a section for the public or press to ask questions about items from earlier they'd

like more clarification on, or regarding an issue they'd like to be considered.

"Usually, we'll get you something more detailed (after)," the representative said.

The representative from the Selectmen's office said she believed a similar format was used by the Sewer Commissioners, the Planning Board and the School Committee in Westwood. Despite including the feature, the representative said it doesn't always get used, unless there is a major topic - such as the University Station development - underway that commands town-wide attention.

The Canton Board of Selectmen also has a public comment period built into its agenda, but has outlined specific rules for the procedure. It is limited to 15 minutes and speakers have no more than five minutes, unless a fourth-fifths majority of the Board votes otherwise.

Dedham Selectman Mike Butler said the Dedham Board of Selectmen also regularly schedules a resident comment section.

"By 'regularly,' I mean the public meetings we hold twice a month," Butler said. "From time to time, we hold a third

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David Hajjar
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St. Patricks Day Luncheon at Senior Center



Sam Nickerson

Staff Reporter

Park Dance academy and musician Mike Reynolds.

In attendance were several members of the Board of Selectmen, State Senator Michael Rush, State Representative John Rogers and District Attorney Michael Morrissey, who made the luncheon possible, with help from county sheriff Michael Bilotti. A leprechaun also visited the room full of green-clad seniors, giving out treats from his pot of gold.

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Noyes said that while prescription drug misuse was not a “very huge problem,” it was still an “area of concern for any high school” because it often leads to heroin addiction.

In all, the YRBS showed that Norwood students were generally overestimating how often their peers were engaging in risky behaviors. It also showed that most middle and high school students have negative views of alcohol use and a general understanding of the harms of prescription

drug misuse.

Interestingly, less than half of middle school students reported they’d feel safe at the school during an emergency crisis, though Noyes believed this number would be different since the implementation of several safety measures and campaigns.

Noyes also said the YRBS indicated that Norwood females were a little higher in the state when it came to depression, with multiracial and students of color appearing more likely to report depression.

School Nurse Leader Jill Driscoll also announced that Norwood Public Schools received grant money to conduct Screening, Brief Intervention,

and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) surveys to the students as well. The non-mandatory SBIRT uses motivational interviewing to identify students at risk of risky behavior and provide positive reinforcement for students making healthy decisions.

Driscoll said many of the SBIRT questions are similar to what was encountered on the YRBS. She said nurses will give the survey in one-on-one environments, with students who are making healthy choices taking only five minutes or less.

“They come and talk to us about all kinds of things in the nurses so I’m hoping this will just be one more thing that’s okay to talk about,” Driscoll said.

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Driscoll clarifies NPS Narcan status

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

School Nurse Leader Jill Driscoll spoke to the School Committee on March 9 about the availability of overdose reversal drug Narcan in Norwood Public Schools.

As reported before, Norwood nurses are all trained on Narcan administration, but do not carry it at this time, though they were working towards doing so in the future. Driscoll said she has been working on drafting the "best protocol" based on information from other schools. She said the information is now being reviewed by administration for legal and liability purposes.

Driscoll said that Narcan was "tremendously expensive" at the moment because it is the "only thing that does that job," much like an Epipen. While it's less than a dollar per spray in the hospital, a box of Narcan nasal spray costs between \$60-75 to buy - though it does have an 18-month shelf life.

Driscoll said the Clinton Foundation has an initiative to get Narcan into every high school and could help fund the Norwood Public Schools' supply.

Superintendent James Hayden noted that Narcan administration can lead to the person who overdoses becoming violent when they come out of the overdose, and legal protection matters were being looked into for the nurses. He said that in the meantime, police and fire units all carry the drug, but cannot give their supply to the nurses because there are not pharmacists or doctors licensed to dispense medicine.

Member Patrick McDonough said he was in favor of the nurses trying to get Narcan in the schools via the Clinton Foundation.

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meeting within a month that may have an agenda to address items that are time sensitive, for example. We do not include Open Discussion on those agendas."

In Dedham, the Open Discussion segment happens after the Pledge of Allegiance and five minutes is allocated to allow for residents to bring items to the Board's attention.

"When necessary, we remind the audience that Open Discussion gives the public a chance to raise a concern, and for the Selectmen to listen," Butler said. "It is not intended to be a time and place for an unscheduled deliberation or debate of a topic."

Butler said a resident will appear before the Board at this time once out of every three meetings, and it could just be for a "thank you" or to raise a concern, which is usually referred to the Town Manager to resolve, unless it warrants a future item on the Board's agenda.

The Sharon Board of Selectmen, like its Norwood counterpart, opts not to use a public comment period during its meetings.

"We prefer individuals with specific comments to share to contact our office and schedule time on an agenda if it is an actionable item," Sharon Selectman Frederic Turkington said.

"Board meetings are designed to deliberate and take action on matters. Selectmen have availability to meet with citizens outside of meetings by appointment to address individual concerns or to offer commentary on public issues."

Turkington said residents are always welcome to email comments or to set appointments with Board members outside of the public meeting.

Of Norwood's elected boards, it appears that the only one to include a regular agenda item for public comment is the School

Committee, which has a public forum option.

Chairman James Gormley said the feature is utilized sporadically by residents, but said it does offer the opportunity for citizens to make a "brief statement." The statement is acknowledged, but the Committee does not comment or act on the issue during that meeting.

"My own feelings are that it serves the purpose of allowing citizens to be heard. That is never to be discouraged," Gormley said. "It also gives the committee the opportunity to assess issues that may be under the control of the committee to resolve or to educate the public."

The Impact of Opioid Addiction in Norwood

A Community Forum and Dialogue to Understand the Opioid and Heroin Epidemic

In 2015, Norfolk County experienced 139 deaths from overdoses. Moreover, the number of deaths from drug overdoses has been rising in the last 5 years. Without the immediate access and administration of Naloxone, these fatalities would have been higher. There is no doubt that the trend in overdoses, continues to negatively impact Norwood, as well as all communities in the Commonwealth. We are addressing the Opioid / Heroin Epidemic as a Public Health and Safety issue. The Norwood Police Department, Norwood Fire Department, Impact Norwood, in cooperation with the Norwood RTC are sponsoring this community forum on various aspects of this epidemic.

Forum Agenda

What is the impact of the addiction problem in Norwood? How are local law enforcement and fire department first responders managing the epidemic?

- **Norwood Police Chief William G. Brooks III and Fire Chief Anthony Greeley**

Opioid dependency, does the medical and dental community bear some of the responsibility? - **Tim Hempton, DDS**

An insight into the physiology of addiction-biological, environmental, and developmental - **Julie Purcell Hempton, Emergency Department Physician Assistant**

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Sports

Girls Basketball thrives in Lepley's first season

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Amy Lepley had the good fortune of inheriting an über-talented Norwood girls basketball team in her first season behind the bench as a head coach.

The Mustangs were 29-15 in the two seasons immediately prior, when she was the head junior varsity coach under Alex DaLuz, qualifying for the Division 2 South tournament on each occasion.

Lepley not only maintained the status quo of getting Norwood into the postseason, she took the program to even greater heights by winning a postseason game. The 52-36 first round win over the Dartmouth Indians was the first playoff win for the Mustangs since 2003.

"Not bad, not bad," was how Lepley described her first season as head coach, which came to an end on March 5 in a 51-39 loss to Hingham. "We had some awesome, awesome wins. Credit to the girls, they came and competed every single night, which is something you can't teach. Overall, it was such an awesome season for my first season; I'm excited to build off of it."

Accolades such as sweeping Walpole, winning on the

road at Natick and capturing the Acton-Boxboro Christmas Tournament title go to the Mustangs, all precursors to getting a tournament game at home for the second year in a row.

The run came to an end at the hands of Hingham, also for the second year in a row, this time on the road in the second round. Norwood simply couldn't matchup with a much larger Harbormen team, although as Lepley pointed out, the Mustangs didn't have much of a height advantage in any game they played this season.

"We've been out-sized every game," said Lepley, downplaying size as the sole reason Norwood lost to Hingham. "I thought we did a really good job [vs. Dartmouth] of boxing out, putting a body on a girl. I thought that was our best rebounding effort of the year."

"Our girls just looked a step slow and they [Hingham] were very athletic and they were very physical. At times, they just pushed our girls out of the way. That's the game of basketball."

After graduating just one player last year season, Julia Coppolini, the Mustangs will be hit a bit harder by the graduation bug this season.

Captains Maura O'Neill



Amy Lepley, picture above during a game earlier in the season, guided Norwood to a 15-7 record in her first season behind the bench. That record includes a postseason win, the first for the Mustangs girls basketball program in 13 years.

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and Hannah Benson will graduate in June, as will starter Alyssa Chamberlain and reserves Cait Brincklow and Kara Mahoney.

"We're going to miss a lot with our seniors, there's definitely going to be some gaps to fill," said Lepley. "But hopefully some younger kids can step up into those roles."

Which is to say, you shouldn't be expecting Norwood's run of three consecutive postseason appearances to be coming to an end.

Captain Meghan Reen, who eclipsed the 1,000 point threshold this season - as a jun-

ior - and verbally committed to Assumption College before the season began in November, will return for her fourth varsity season next winter. She'll be joined by her younger sister Kaylin, a sophomore who's made a name for herself as one of the top 3-point shooters in the area.

Ally Copponi, who started in each of the Mustangs' playoff games alongside the Reen's, O'Neill and Chamberlain, will be entering her senior season. The 5-foot-11 center was Norwood's only true big, and showed flashes of brilliance on the offensive end,

such as her career-high 19 point performance in the 60-47 win at Natick on Jan. 8.

Krista Bradley and Caitlan Shaugnessy are key rotation players who'll return as seniors, in addition to Michelle Brincklow and Megan Giambanco, who'll be juniors.

"To have those girls, who've had experience for the last three years, is going to be crucial," said Lepley.

Filling out a schedule in the Bay State Conference practically takes care of itself, with

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Anti-semitic chant lands Catholic Memorial hoops fans in hot water and results in playoff game ban

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Championship weekend is days away, with the basketball finals slated for Saturday in Springfield and the hockey finals locked in for Sunday in Boston.

Eight basketball and seven hockey champions will be crowned in Massachusetts over the weekend, the culmination of journeys with roots in Decem-

ber all coming down to one final game.

Generally speaking, the focus at this time of year centers around which teams can finish off an undefeated season, which Cinderella stories have a shot at a true storybook ending, which players and/or coaches can ride off into the sunset in the final game of their careers with a state championship.

Instead, an ugly incident at the Catholic Memo-

rial Knights-Newton North Tigers boys basketball game last Friday night is



Jake Levin

dominating the headlines - tainting an exciting 77-73 win by CM for the Division 1 South title.

In case you haven't heard yet, a brief summary of what went down: Newton North students chanted "where are your girls?" and things of that nature to CM's student section, a reference to the parochial school's all-boys enrollment. The CM students response: "You killed Jesus," a reference to

Newton North's sizeable Jewish student population.

Outlets such as the Washington Post, Barstool Sports and Deadspin picked up on the story, on top of the local TV stations and newspapers in and around Boston. The chant was termed as "hate speech," which it is, although I have a hard time believing that was the in-

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Norwood-based MMA fighter wins in professional debut

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Leading up to his professional debut last week, Norwood-based MMA fighter Matt Tullos said that theoretically, he could have gone pro years ago.

It's hard to argue with that sentiment after watching Tullos win the first match of his pro career at CES 33 in Lincoln, R.I. last Friday night, forcing his opponent to tap out with a move called a "rear naked choke" 3 minutes, 46 seconds into the first round of the featherweight bout.

"It was a good challenge, it wasn't like a cakewalk, but it was a good challenge for my pro debut," said Tullos, who defeated fellow-new pro Shan Bachok out of Fairfield, N.J. "There was a moment where people thought I might be in danger with an arm bar; other than that, it was pretty smooth."

After an amateur career that saw him go 7-0, Tullos (5'10", 148 pounds) maintains a record with a goose egg in the loss column. The Brazilian jiu-jitsu

fighter made good use of his elbows and grappling abilities in the fight in a ballroom at Twin River Casino.

Early on in the first round, Tullos took Bachok (6'1", 148 pounds) down, eventually moving him over to the cage and held him up against the chain-linked wall. Bachok was able to get a few elbows of his own in on Tullos, but Tullos was able to lift Bachok and toss him down, beginning a huge surge of elbows to the head with about 1:30 remaining in the 5-minute round. Fifteen seconds later, Tullos implemented the rear naked choke, and Bachok decided enough was enough and tapped out.

"I feel like I'm a superior grappler to basically everybody I fight, so if I can take people down, I'm going to be in control from that time on I think," analyzed Tullos afterwards.

The fighter had a large crowd come to cheer him on, many of his supporters decked out in "Tullos 2016" mock presidential campaign t-shirts, with the sub-caption "Make MMA Great Again."

"That's one of the quicker fights I've had," he recalled. "That was probably the most dominant and fastest fight for me."

The fighter out of Connors MMA in Norwood sustained minimal damage, requiring no medical attention. He said nothing more than muscle soreness plagued him the next day, which is perfectly normal.

"I feel good," said Tullos on Tuesday, about 90 hours after the fight. "There's usually some muscle soreness after the fight for no reason, probably just because you're tensing up so much, there's so much adrenaline running through your body. But other than that, I felt great. I could have fought the next day, I would have been fine."

There was a bit of adversity Tullos had to deal with before the fight, in terms of finding an opponent. Two other fighters were originally slated to face off with him in his pro debut, before Bachok became locked in as the opponent.

Looking ahead, Tullos is eyeing his next bout for sometime in June, at a loca-



Matt "The Paperboy" Tullos, who trains out of Connors MMA in Norwood, followed up his undefeated amateur career with a win in his pro debut last week.

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the professional ranks.

"I've been in this sport for so long. I've been involved in fighting since I was 13. I'm used to this, I'm used to the lights, I'm used to the walk," he said.

"It couldn't have gone any better, I don't think."

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tent of the CM students.

Nevertheless, action had to be (and rightfully was) taken to set a precedent that chants invoking religious beliefs would not be tolerated in the future. The CM administration barred its students from attending Monday night's Div. 1 state semifinal vs. Cambridge at the TD Garden, a 77-73 loss for the Knights.

I'm not exactly sure how this policy was policed at the Garden; color me shocked if there wasn't a single CM student in the building.

But when I first heard the story, and saw the ensuing hot takes from the Twittersphere, I actually feared an even more drastic and less sensible punishment would have been taken.

It's still rather totalitarian to banish an entire student body from attending a game based on the actions of x-number of students, but I truly feared the CM brass may have pulled their basketball team out of the tournament all together.

The players obviously had nothing to do with the chant, so I'm having a hard

time seeing how punishing them would have solved anything.

Banning the team from postseason play would have been the equivalent of receiving the death penalty for being a passenger in the car of someone driving 100 miles per hour in a 65 mile per hour zone.

The driver (in this case, the CM fans) should absolutely get in trouble for crossing the line at speeds that hight, likely a loss of license for a certain amount of time. Which is exactly what happened: they had their license to attend the Div. 1 state semifinal revoked.

The passenger (the CM basketball team) shouldn't be charged with any sort of crime. They weren't an accomplice. They weren't throwing golf clubs or batteries at oncoming police officers trying to catch up with the car driving at ridiculous speeds. They were...trying to win a game.

Like with anything in life, moderation is key. How far over the speed limit can you go without fearing capital punish-

ment?

I'm from Hingham, where you can barely start a "Let's go Hingham!" chant without the fear of a four-hour Saturday detention for a month straight. You need to be able to have some fun while you're watching a game.

The CM students ruined it for all student sections this weekend at the Mass Mutual Center and Springfield College in Springfield and the TD Garden in Boston, where every syllable uttered by fans decked out in their school colors will be scrutinized like never before.

Again, I highly doubt that was their intention; we're talking about high school kids here, not a bunch of extremists.

Maybe CM losing on Monday night was for the best, to avoid any further sideshow of whether or not its fans would be allowed to travel down I-90 on Saturday. But at least the players had the final say in that matter by failing to beat Cambridge, and not an administrator pandering to public pressure.

Ramblin' Man

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Some random musings, a.k.a. ramblings, as we drudge through the dead season between winter and spring sports here in Norwood...

I don't hate the shootout in hockey per se, I think it's a great absolute last resort, but I'm seeing too many high school postseason games being decided in it. Under MIAA rules, if a playoff game is tied at the end of regulation, a six minute 5-on-5 overtime period is played, followed by a six minute 4-on-4 overtime period. If there's still no scoring, it's on to a shootout. This one's a quick fix for me: start off with a 4-on-4 overtime period, and if that solves nothing, a 3-on-3. It's worked out pretty well in the NHL; last season, which still used 4-on-4 overtime, 340 out of 2,460 team games played went to a shootout (13.8 percent). With 3-on-3 overtime in effect for this season, 188 of 2,072 team games played thus far have gone to a shootout, or just 9.1 percent. I'm all in on creating more opportunities for a true team win than an individual winning or losing

the game. Hopefully none of the championship games at the TD Garden come down to a shootout on Sunday...Overtime is also a no-brainer for regular season game, yet it doesn't exist under the current MIAA rules. You figure most teams rent out ice for two hours, and most high school games, both boys and girls, wrap up in an hour and a half, tops. Five more minutes on the game clock (accounting for stoppages, etc.) would be no more than an extra 10 minutes for a game to be completed...Via Mustang Sally (@Sally_Coskren) on Twitter, Erin Kelly was named a Bay State Conference all-star as a defenseman and Janelle Kelleher was named as an honorable mention as a goalie in girls hockey. It's a testament to both girls that despite a season that was short on wins, the Mustangs actually allowed fewer goals this season than they did the season before, when they were a tournament team. Congrats to both girls...Don't think I've forgotten about basketball, but there don't seem to be as many issues plaguing high school hoops in Massachusetts. I guess some people may have a per-

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home-and-home meetings with each Herget team and a single game with each Carey team accounting for 16 of the 20 games on a schedule each year.

With 80 percent of next year's schedule already accounted for, Lepley wants to make sure Norwood's non-conference schedule is just as stacked as it was this season.

"I'm looking to schedule some tough teams, just so that we can see different type of teams - maybe they play a different style - because the more you put the girls in that type of situation, the better they'll do down the line," she said. The Mustangs wound up playing Holy Name (Worcester) and Lexington in the A-B Tournament (where Norwood swept) and Westwood and, by chance, Wellesley in the Westwood Tournament

(where Norwood got swept). The third meeting with the Raiders did not count as a league game, giving the Mustangs a 2-2 nonleague record.

"I'm open to really anything," Lepley said on scheduling out of conference opponents for next season. She wouldn't completely rule out a regular season meeting with Hingham, the team that's eliminated the Mustangs two years running, but added the distance between the schools might be a factor. "I'll have to talk to my AD [Jon Longley] and see what he's thinking."

There's no rush, of course, with the next winter sports season over eight months away. Mark your calendars for Nov. 28, 2016, the first day of tryouts.

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The NHS Girls Basketball team was 2-2 in nonleague play this year, and 15-7 overall.

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Lepley drawing up a play during a game at home earlier this season for Norwood during a timeout. The Mustangs finished 7-2 at home on the year, vs. 8-5 on the road. Norwood averaged 52.4 points per game on offense, while giving up an average of 43.8 points per game defensively for a scoring margin of plus-8.6.

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sonal preference of two 16-minute halves vs. four eight-minute quarters, but that's semantics...another issue basketball doesn't have is that of mass defections of players to junior programs and prep schools. Which isn't to say it doesn't happen at all, but compared to hockey, it's merely a blip on the

radar...Remember last winter, when baseball and softball were slated to begin for Norwood on April 1, and due to the crazy amounts of snow were pushed back roughly 20 days each? I think we can safely say there will be no three-week delays on Opening Day this season...Pencil in April 5, as both baseball

and softball open up against the Milton Wildcats. Barring a rainout, of course...It's easy to get excited for the Mustangs on the diamond this spring, seeing as how they won a State Championship and all, but don't forget about the softball team, either. They lost only one game in the regular season last year...And

quickly, on professional sports, the trade of Chandler Jones from the Patriots on Tuesday is a testament of how well Bill Belichick has drafted and developed players on the defensive side of the ball the last several seasons. Everyone's due to get paid, so something had to give.



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BARBER

Beatrice A., (Monahan) formerly of Norwood, on March 5. Beloved wife of the late Charles E. Barber Jr. Loving daughter of the late Francis A. and Catherine (Leonard) Monahan both formerly of County Sligo, Ireland. Graduate of Norwood High School class of 1953. She was Prom Queen her junior year of high school. Retired operator for New England Telephone and Telegraph. Lifelong member of the IBEW Local 2222. Loved all animals and was involved in the MSPCA as a donor and occasional volunteer. She spoke often of her beloved pets, especially a pair of one black and one white cat she called "Percy" & "Tuffy." She will be buried alongside her parents in the Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

LIEBER-KENNETH

William, of Norwood, Mass. on March 11. Beloved husband of Marie Biondi-Lieber. Loving brother of the late Margie Coleman and Joan Lublin. Ken leaves his adored pets Ziti, Cappuccino, and Guido. Adored brother in law of Rita Croce and her husband Joseph Croce, Valenti Biondi, Gordon Coleman and Kenneth's beloved cousin, Michael Lieber. Kenneth was loving uncle to many nieces and nephews. He was a mem-

ber of Army Reserve and was awarded soldier of the year. Funeral arrangements by the Stanetsky Memorial Chapels, 475 Washington St., Canton. Interment to follow at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the East Coast Italian Greyhound Rescue, 143 Fullerton Ave., Whitman, MA 02383, c/o Mary Franco.

STANTON

Sylvia M. "Britta" (Bergman), 93, formerly of Norwood, on March 11. Beloved wife of the late Paul P. Stanton. Devoted mother of Mary E. MacLeod and her husband Bruce of Callawassie Island, S.C., Kathleen J. Gentle and her husband James of Plymouth, and Patricia A. McGrath of Walpole. Sister of Richard A. Bergman of Wrentham, and the late Bernard C. Bergman, Jane E. Bergman, Nancy S. Abbott, George C. Bergman and C. Ronald Bergman. Cherished grandmother of Thomas Romig, Paul Romig, Jennifer Bergman, Christopher Barnicoat, Chad McGrath and the late Daniel McGrath. Loving "grammy-mother" to Sebastian, Nicholas and Kayla Romig, Kaitlyn Romig, Vanessa McGrath, Tyler and Jocelyn McGrath, Ewan Barnicoat and Majbrit Carpenter. Aunt and Great Aunt to many nieces and nephews. Devoted friend to the late Louise Tatko. She

was a retired teacher for the Walpole and Norwood Public School Systems. In her retirement, Sylvia volunteered for many years at Norwood Hospital, Kendall Whaling Museum in Sharon and New Bedford, and also taught English as a second language to many. Funeral arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., Norwood. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy in her memory may be made to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund, 24 Berwick St. Norwood, MA 02062.

WARD

Mary A. (Walsh), 99, of Norwood, on March 12. Beloved wife of the late James Matthew Ward. Devoted and loving mother of Kathleen M. Ward of Norwood and Suzanne P. Waldron and her husband Eric of Worcester. Daughter of the late Coleman and Sarah (Reilly) Ward. Sister of many late brothers and sisters. Also survived by many nieces, nephews great nieces and great nephews. Mary was a member of St. Catherine of Siena Church Ladies Sodality. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood. At the request of the family, burial will be private. Donations may be made, in her name, to VNA Hospice Care, 100 Tradecenter, G-500, Woburn, MA 01801.

Library Events

ESSAY CONTEST AT THE LIBRARY

It's time to get out pen and paper, iPads, or laptops and enter the Morrill Memorial Library's annual essay contest! This year's topic is "The Bravest Character I Know and Why." Each submission must include the entry form, be no more than 1,000 words in length, and describe why your favorite character from a story is your hero. The contest, sponsored by the Outreach Department, is open only to students who are Norwood residents. The three age groups are as follows: Group 1 (Grades 3-4), Group 2 (Grades 5-8), and Group 3 (Grades 9-12). Anyone interested in entering the essay contest may stop by the library for details and the entry form, or find them online at www.norwoodlibrary.org. To qualify, the essays need to be submitted between Tuesday, March 15 and Friday, April 15, 2016 before midnight, either by email to nlning@minlib.net or delivered to the library's Outreach Department. Three prizes will be awarded for each age group. The first, second, and third prizes are \$35, \$25, and \$10 gift cards to Barnes & Noble, respectively. A celebration will be held at the library to honor the contest winners and hear their essays read on Monday, May 9 from 7-9 p.m.

TUTORS NEEDED!!

Morrill Memorial Library will sponsor a Volunteer Tutor Orientation for literacy tutors on Monday evening, March 21, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about the literacy program and the required trainings to become either an ESOL (English as Second Language) or Basic Reading Tutor. Each training is 18 hours, and following the training, tutors are asked to commit to meeting with a student once a week for two hours. Neither prior teaching experience nor knowledge of another language is required. However, volunteers must have a high school diploma or equivalent and must register for the orientation. Please call 781-769-4599 for registration or further information.

VOICE AND PIANO DUO TO PERFORM

The duo of Beth Purcell (vocals) and Chris Roppola (piano) will perform at the Morrill Memorial Library on Sunday, April 3 at 3 p.m. as part of the spring Musical Sundays concert series. Beth Purcell has a broad background in musical theater which enriches her interpretation of songs in the American Songbook. From jazz cafes to performance halls, she has entertained through New England, with leading roles in Rodgers & Hammerstein, Cole Porter, and Sondheim productions. She is also a Cantorial Soloist at Temple Beth Shalom in Melrose where she has worked for the past 15 years.

Chris Roppola is a music director, accompanist, vocal coach, and pit musician. Since beginning his work in the Boston area 15 years ago, he has been involved in nearly 100 musicals, cabarets, and revues and has worked with dozens of theater companies, community and arts organizations, and schools.

To sign up for this concert, made possible through the library Endowment Fund, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

RELAX WITH A COLORING BOOK AT THE LIBRARY

Come to the Morrill Memorial Library to try out the latest trend in relaxation: coloring books for adults! Join us to de-stress and express your creativity with an evening of coloring on Thursday, March 24 at 7 p.m. in the Simoni Room. Coloring books, colored pencils, and refreshments will be provided. This program is open to adults and teenagers. To sign up for the coloring book program, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

SENIOR NEWS

ARTS & CRAFTS: Offered every first Thursday of each month at 11 a.m.

BASIC COMPUTER COURSE:

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

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

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

BOOK CLUB: Our next Book Club will be meeting on March 21 at 10 a.m.

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

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

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

DIA B E T E S WORKSHOP: The Diabetes Workshop Thursday, March 24 at 11 a.m.

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

FOOT DOCTOR: Dr. Cormier will be here Tuesday, March 15 and 29 from 8:30 a.m.-noon.

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

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

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

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

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

POETRY CLUB: Is held on the third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m., Facilitated by Nancy from the Library, March 16.

SCRABBLE: Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. Come and join us for a game.

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

TRIAD: March 21 at 1 p.m.

WATER COLOR: The next session is scheduled for Thursday, March 10 at 9 a.m. Payment of \$20.00 must be made at time of signup.

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

WHIST PARTY: Whist parties will be held on the fourth Friday of each month 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

MARCH EVENTS
Tuesday, March 22-Kohls
Tuesday, March 29-Cracker Barrel/Outlets

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NORWOOD RECREATION DEPARTMENT Summer Employment Opportunities

Seasonal Playground Supervisor – Sr. Play

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Seasonal Lifeguards & Sr. Play Camp Leaders

Applications for the 2016 summer season at the Norwood Recreation Department are available now.

Applications will be accepted through April and interviews held April – May 2016 (dates TBD).

Positions will be available from June 27 – August 19 with an orientation preceding start date.

Please complete the application and return it to:

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MONDAY MARCH 7

1051 phone - Fraud spoken to Location/address: Walnut Ave Report tax return filed using resident's information. N662 reports resident just seeking advice, did not wish to file a report.
1142 walk-in - Larceny Location/address: Vanderbilt Ave Report car tires stolen.
1345 walk-in - Lost and found spoken to Location/address: Rite Aid (Store # 10144) - Bos-Prov Hwy Postman walks in and states he found 16 Massachusetts driver's licenses in the mailbox in front of rite aid. 1 owner notified and others will tried to be contacted.
1528 phone - Susp activity services rendered Location/address: Melville Ave Report 3 kids on 2 bicycles, 1 kid going in/out of an open garage. N662 spoke to caller-never saw anything being taken, no victim ,no door on garage, no answer at 3 apartments.

1602 walk-in - Fraud Location/address: Walnut Ave Walk in party reports tax fraud.

1804 walk-in - Mischief (kids) services rendered Location/address: Bahama Dr Party in the lobby reports someone sending her pizzas to her work and home. N677 advised them.

1925 phone - Drunk person Location/address: Hansen & Donahue - Vernon St Caller reports that one of the tenants is dk and being loud.

2014 911 - B & E of motor vehicle Location/address: Sky Restaurant - Bos-Prov Hwy Report of multiple break and enterings of motor vehicles.

2035 initiated - Assist other agency services rendered Location/address: Village Rd W Probation requests a curfew check on a probationer. N679 reports that party was at home. Probation notified.

TUESDAY MARCH 8

0300 911 - Disturbance services rendered Location/address: Sunset Ave Repossession driver states owner of vehicle came out and refuses to let him take the car. N662,n677 responded and advised driver. Matter resolved at this time.

0337 phone - Motor vehicle accident Location/address: Taxi Stand - Washington St Norwood Cab Co. Reports one of their drivers was involved in an accident on Washington St. just before the hospital and driver may be pinned. N666,n664,n668, nfd responded. Cab driver was not pinned and both drivers refused treatment. Don & Wally's towed MA.reg# ta272 & Center towed MA. Reg# 1ed445.

0520 911 - Fire alarm police & fire notified/r Location/address: Cmcs - Geraldine Dr Caller reports fire alarm sounding in her home. N663, Nfd responded. Faulty plug. NFD handled same.

0924 phone - Phone harassment Location/address:

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Harrow Rd Detective Gover will file a report.
1112 phone - Warrant of apprehension Location/address: Mountain Ave N664 places subject under arrest and transports directly to Dedham District Court

1143 phone - Warrant of apprehension Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St N669 places subject in e/r under arrest and transports Directly to Dedham District Court.

1218 initiated - Motor vehicle stop written warning Location/address: 1 - Chapel St MA pc 556eg5. Units accompany owner to her home to be shown proof of a prescription for some pills that were in the car.

1544 cellular - Report of fire Fire Dept notified/ respo Location/address: Morse St + Short St Report pile of leaves on side of road is smoldering.

1725 walk-in - Drug law violation Location/address: Westover Pkwy Party turned in small jar of marijuana for destruction.

1737 phone - Assist citizen gone on arrival Location/address: Jefferson Dr Caller requests to speak to an officer. Upon arrival that party was gone, she states that the matter was resolved.

2313 911 - Susp person area search negative Location/address: Downing St Caller reported hearing someone run by her bedroom window. Officers checked area, nothing found.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 8

0142 initiated - Susp vehicle citation fine Location/address: Alden Park Apts. (365,367,371 block) - Washington St N666 reports suspicious vehicle in Alden Apts. parking lot. N678 n668 responded. Two citations issued for possession of marijuana under an ounce. (MA. Reg# 843en2)

0527 phone - Noise complaint spoken to Location/address: Austin St Caller complaining of neighbor's car alarm going off intermittently all night. N663 responded. N663 states alarm is not currently sounding and he spoke to the owner's mother. She stated she will address the issue. Vehicle is MA reg 3eh168.

0929 other - Be on the lookout services rendered Location: [stu] Bolo for attempted home invasion on rt27 for a Mazda, Tan/beige,w/m,5'8",skinny,hoodie,black handgun.

1551 phone - Fraud Location/address: [nod 2124] St. Catherine of Sienna School - Nahatan St Caller reports computers were hacked into yesterday.

2032 initiated - Susp vehicle services rendered Location/address: Junior High South (Coakley Middle School) - Washington St Officer out with suspicious vehicle. Checked,Ok.

2129 phone - Assist citizen services rendered Lo-

cation/address: Nichols St Resident requested walk through of house following threats received in Boston. Property checked ok.

THURSDAY MARCH 9

0109 initiated - Susp activity group moved Location/address: Limey's Pub - Washington St N666 reports large group hanging outside Limey's Pub. Officers responded and group moved.

0129 initiated - Susp person spoken to Location/address: Railroad Ave + Fulton St Spoken with; lives in the area. All in order.

0756 phone - Well being chk services rendered Location/address: Lenox St Newton Wellesley Medical Practice looking for well-being check on patient who needs to get to the hospital for treatment. N677 responded and delivered message. Dispatch verified with doctor as to receiving call back from patient.

1212 phone - Unwanted party services rendered Location/address: Norwest Woods - Chestnut Hill Realty - Norwest Dr Officer advised management and the unwanted party .subject served a letter of trespass.

1333 phone - Susp activity area search negative Location/address: Boch Overflow Lot - Vanderbilt Ave Report of a man walking his dog who noticed tires were missing on vehicles. Officer spoke with an employee who stated the tires missing were from a previous incident already reported. Employees were also on scene putting new tires on vehicles.

1621 phone - Mischief (kids) group moved Location/address: Norwood Central Station Building - Broadway St Report of a group of five youths walking on the tracks. N661 spoke with youths, group was sent on their way.

1928 911 - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Caller requesting assistance in getting back to halfway house in WALPOLE. N662 provided a courtesy transport to 1 North Lewis Ave in Walpole. S/m 28518 at 1935, e/m 28521 at 1944.

2237 911 - Hit and run Location/address: McDonalds - Everett/Rte1 - Bos-Prov Hwy Customer reports his vehicle was struck by MA pc 226ep9. N665 located that vehicle and stopped it over the Westwood Line. Westwood PD notified and responded. Hit and run occurred in Westwood. N665 places one male party under arrest for oui and transported him to the station. Center Autobody towed MA pc 226ep9. Arrest: Lovett, Gregory Address: 135 Carroll Ave Westwood, Ma Age: 33 Charges: oui liquor or .08% Negligent operation of motor vehicle

SATURDAY MARCH 12

0204 initiated - Susp vehicle spoken to Location/

address: Norwood Depot - Railroad Ave MA. Reg# 968zn1. Spoken to and sent on his way. 1002 initiated - Parking violation citation fine Location/address: Norwood Post Office - Central St N679 enforces parking at post office lot. Five citation issued.

1151 walk-in - Susp activity services rendered Location/address: Fulton St Party in the lobby to report past activity that looked like drug dealing. N664 advised that party.

1300 walk-in - Assist citizen Location/address: Garden Pkwy Party in the lobby to surrender ammunition.

1400 phone - Mischief (kids) services rendered Location/address: Cross St Resident reports neighborhood kids moved her reflective marker. N677 advised her.

1517 phone - Neighbor disturbance spoken to Location/address: Whitewood Cir Resident seeking advice regarding a neighbor working on his vehicle. N665 advised all parties.

1616 phone - Found syringe services rendered Location/address: Washington St Report of a needle on the grass near sidewalk. N666 recovered that item and disposed of it properly.

1826 phone - Assist other agency services rendered Location/address: [wap] Main St Walpole pd requests mutual aid for a female party who made suicidal statements. Officers assisted Walpole Fire who Transported that party to Norwood Hospital.

SUNDAY MARCH 13

0531 911 - Disturbance spoken to Location/address: Centennial Dr Caller reports loud voices coming from apt. Below him. N662 and n677 dispatched. N662 spoke to residents of apt.5. tv was too loud. They were advised to turn it down.

0720 911 - Power outage Police & Fire notified/r Location/address: Greenwich Rd Caller reported possible blown transformer, no power. Officer and fire department responded.

0919 911 - Unwanted party Location/address: Yew Dr

2150 initiated - Susp vehicle spoken to Location/address: Cleveland School - George Willet Pkwy N663 comes across a vehicle in the school lot, reports that was teenagers on their phone. Sent on their way.

2306 initiated - Motor vehicle stop Location/address: Nahatan St + Curran Ave Ma pc 819zg5. As a result, n663 placed one party under arrest and transported him to the station. Center Autobody towed MA pc 819zg5. Arrest: Hajjar, Matthew J Address: 20 Chatham Rd Norwood, Ma Age: 19 Charges: drug, possess to distrib class d Liquor, transport unlawfully inspection/sticker, no

2322 phone - Susp vehicle spoken to Location/address: Elks - Winslow Ave Report of two vehicles parked in the lower lot. N666 spoke to all parties involved, they checked ok and were sent on their way.

440-5983 or email ctomasello@norwood.k12.ma.us

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR NORWOOD TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Nominations are now open for the 2016 Norwood Teacher of the Year Award. Organized by the Norwood Masons, this annual award program recognizes teaching excellence in primary and secondary education. Nominations may be made online at www.orientlodge.net through April 1. Any full time teacher working in a Norwood school during 2015-16 is eligible. A reception will be held in honor of the nominees on May 6 at the Masonic Building on 76 Day St. in Norwood. The winner will receive an award and cash stipend. A donation will also be made to the winner's school in honor of the award winner.

JAZZ CONCERT AT FIRST PARISH OF WESTWOOD

On Saturday, March 19 at 7 p.m., First Parish of Westwood presents an exciting concert, "Nostalgia Jazz," performed by The Worcester Jazz Collective. The concert will be held in the Meeting House at 248 Nahatan St. Tickets are \$15 (\$10/se-niors, \$35/family of up to five), and will be available at the door or in advance by contacting the church office at 781-326-5344. The Worcester Jazz Collective consists of a sextet of musicians, performing on drums, percussion, bass, piano, trumpet and sax. Their repertoire, a medley of jazz standards made famous by Frank

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ST CATHERINE OF SIENA SCHOOL AUCTION

Come Celebrate! Saint Catherine of Siena School Spring Gala and Auction Saturday, April 2 from 7 p.m. 'til midnight. Email Kathryn Hand at handkathrynl@msn.com for more information.

NORWOOD LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

A Candidate Forum at Norwood Town Hall on March 21, at 7:30 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend and ask questions of the candidates running for town-wide offices.

EASTER PUBLICITY 2016 – FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

Holy Week at the First Congregational Church in Norwood (United Church of Christ), an open and affirming congregation welcoming all, offers a number of services that cover a range of worship experiences. We commence at 10 a.m. on Palm Sunday, March 20. The service begins in a spirit of anticipation, with the Procession of Palms, waved in joy by the congregation. The Maundy Thursday service on March 24 will be in two parts. We begin with an intergenerational meal in remembrance of the meal that Jesus shared with his disciples. Pingree Hall will serve as our Upper Room. The potluck meal begins at 6:30 p.m. (If you plan to attend the potluck, please call the church office at the number below to aid us in planning

the meal.)

Upon finishing the meal, we gather in the sanctuary. There, beginning at 7:30 p.m., we will conduct the service of Tenebrae, with gospel readings from Jesus' last hours, Communion, and the gradual extinguishing of lights. On Good Friday, March 25, at noon, we will gather in the Sanctuary to hear the seven last words of Jesus and to pray during the time of the cross.

Easter Sunday, March 27, begins with our Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. in the parking lot of St. Timothy's Church in Norwood, led by Rev. Dr. Tom Zoelzer and members of the Junior High Youth Group. For directions, please call the church office at the number below.

Our celebration of Christ's resurrection continues at the 10 a.m. Easter Sunday service in our sanctuary with festive music. All the hymns will be accompanied by a brass quartet, and the Chancel Choir will sing a Caribbean-style Hallelujah to celebrate the Lord's redirection. The brass quartet will also play a celebratory offering during the service.

FREE PARENT WORKSHOP

On Wednesday, April 13 at the Savage Educational Center, room 219, from 6:30-8:30, join the Norwood Public schools in there free parenting workshop on Setting Limits and Consequences. The workshop is free and for families with children from toddler to early elementary age. To register contact Christine Tomasello at 781-

FORUM ON THE OPIOID/HEROIN EPIDEMIC

The Opioid epidemic and its impact on Norwood will be the focus of a community based panel discussion on March 31, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the Norwood High School Auditorium. A panel of local speakers will address the Opioid Epidemic as a Public health and safety issue covering topics such as Narcan usage by first responders, law enforcement concerns, the responsibility of the medical and dental profession, the biology of addiction and public health prevention strategies to reduce substance use. Speakers; Secretary of Veterans Services Francisco Urena, Norwood Police Chief William G. Brooks III, Fire Chief Anthony Greeley, Tim Hempton, DDS, Julie Purcell Hempton, Emergency Department Physician Assistant and Sigalle Reiss, Norwood Health Department Director & Impact Norwood Co-Chair.

WILLET EARLY CHILDHOOD PEER ROLE MODELS

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

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Sinatra, Miles Davis, Art Blakey, Duke Ellington and more, promises an exciting evening for music lovers of all ages. Mark your calendars now for March 19, tell all your friends and neighbors, and get ready for this exciting trip down memory lane!

TEMPLE ALIYAH PURIM CARNIVAL Come join the fun at the Temple Aliyah Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

p.m. There will be unlimited games and activities for tots to tweens. Lunch, hamantaschen, and cotton candy will be available for purchase. Be part of our Purim mitzvah, "Soap for Hope:" Please bring full- or travel-sized toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrushes and toothpaste) to donate to Circle of Hope in Needham. Admission is \$20/family or \$15/single. Pay at the door or register in advance at templealiyah.com.

SHOW YOUR MUSTANG LOVE!

On Friday, March 18 from 7:30-11 p.m. at the Norwood Elks Club, 152 Winslow Ave., join us for some fun sharing live music and lite bites, while showing your support for our Mustangs benefiting the NHS Boys Hockey and Lacrosse teams of Tickets are \$20 pp in advance, \$25 at the door. For tickets call Pauline @ 781-801-4844 or pmakmccue@gmail.com

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

BOS CANDIDATES DEBATE ON NPA

Watch the five candidates for Selectmen debate live on NPATV on March 23 at 7pm. Moderated by Table Talk and Inside Norwood hosted Tom Cummings.

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