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The weekend rainfall flooded the Norwood Memorial Airport, and the wet conditions would have been ideal for the days the site was a World War II Naval training base. Rather than prepare for war, workers had a battle of their own, as they fought to clear the runways of water to allow for proper operation.

PHOTO BY BRAD COLE

Friday's suspended on Tuesday

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

After a Feb. 4 incident where a TGI Friday's bartender served a minor alcohol, the Board of Selectmen voted to suspend the restaurant's liquor license for one day.

The incident occurred during one of the restaurant's Thirsty Thursday events when a server, identified as Debbie, served a 20-year-old guest and former employee a Coors Light. The bartender said this was not the first time she had served the guest, and had assumed he was over the age of 21.

The Norwood Police Department received an anonymous tip about the incident and went to investigate. After identifying approximately 15 customers at the bar, Detective Paul Ryan found the 20-year-old drinker.

While she was not in the restaurant at the time, Manager Veronica Pettingell responded quickly to the incident. The bartender was fired the next day, and a meeting with all front of house team members- employees who directly interact with the customer- was held on Feb. 6.

Attorney Stuart Ravech, who represented TGI Friday's at the hearing, said the company has done so much more since then.

Friday's

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Candidates stop at Senior Center

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The campaign trail led candidates for numerous boards and committees in town to the Norwood Senior Center on Monday. Candidates for the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Planning Board and Finance Commission were on hand to introduce themselves and answer any questions posed by the town's seniors.

Board of Selectmen incumbents Michael Lyons and Helen Abdallah-Donohue, as well as challenger Allan Howard, took full advantage of the opportunity. All three went about this in a different fashion.

Lyons focused on his resume and what he accomplished in his term as a Board of Selectmen member. He serves on numerous boards in town, including the Capital Outlay Committee, Budget Balancing Committee and Alternative Energy Subcommittee. He cited his work with the Massachusetts School Building Authority in bringing the new Norwood High School to town, the success of the single-stream recycling program and the settlement of the electric-light lawsuit.

He also discussed his plans

for the future, acknowledging, "We have much more to do."

"We have to really look hard at the DPW yard," Lyons said. "We have to do something. The Public Works department is really the backbone of this town."

Donohue, who has served nine years on the Board of Selectmen and 42 years as a Town Meeting member, stressed the quality of life in town.

"We addressed many issues that address the quality of life in our town, the best town in the Commonwealth," Donohue said, adding she wants to continue to work to preserve this quality of life.

She will do this through communication, saying, "We have to keep in touch with the people. That's what I want to do."

Howard billed himself as the candidate of change, saying "I ask you to consider me for my fresh ideas and a new energy."

Howard comes with 12 years of experience as a member of the FinCom, and he feels this experience prepares him for a seat on the Board of Selectmen.

"Being on the Finance Commission not only gives a person an insight into our town's finances, but a thorough knowledge of all areas of our town,"

he said.

All three candidates fielded a question by District 9 Town Meeting member Frank Malacaria regarding the Quinn Bill, an incentive bill that increases a police officer's salary based on their level of education. In years past, the state and town split the cost, each funding 50 percent of the salary increase, though state funding was cut last year.

Both Lyons and Donohue cited the town's contract with the Police Department, which states that the town is only obligated to pay their portion of the salary increase.

"We continue to fully fund our portion," Lyons said, adding, "We're not responsible if the state doesn't pay their portion."

Donohue stated, "This problem is not caused by the Town of Norwood. This problem was caused by the state. This is a perfect example of how the state has left us in the lurch again- by not paying its share."

Howard mentioned that 49 of the police officers in town qualify for this salary increase, and should be paid accordingly this year, as the money has been set aside in the town's Fiscal

Candidates

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School Committee hits budget target

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The School Committee was tasked with cutting \$397,699 to reach their targeted budget of \$34,398,137, and they were able to do this at their Mar.10 meeting. While some members weren't comfortable with all the cuts, they were able to make them without raising fees or cutting any existing teachers.

"At the end of the day, there's a zero reduction in [classroom] staff," School Committee Chairman Paul Samargedlis said, later adding that they managed to add a new teacher at the elementary level while making these cuts.

School Committee member Mark Joseph stressed this, saying, "We're not touching the classroom, let's make that crystal clear. We didn't touch one teaching position."

Mitch Pentowski added, "I'm very pleased we were able to balance this budget without firing any teachers."

However, in order to reach their target, several proposed additional teacher positions were cut. The latest was an additional kindergarten teacher, which cut \$45,000 from the budget. The teacher was initially included due to a projected increase in kindergarten enrollment, but this increase hasn't been seen.

"We had projected higher enrollment than we've actually seen," Samargedlis said.

Interim Superintendent of Schools Jeffrey Granatino said that at the current pace, they are on course to have a kindergarten class below that of last year. The 2009-2010 year saw 269 kindergarten students, while only 252 students have signed up for the 2010-2011 year.

School Committee

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Selectmen Meeting notes

New leaf bag policy, Colonial boys recognized

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to approve a new summer leaf bag pickup policy, though it was different from the policy described over the past few weeks. Rather than remove the leaf bag pickup entirely, the town's Department of Public Works will pick up leaf bags on a weekly basis during the summer.

In year's past, from June to September, the town contracts out to Waste Management, who picks up the bags during the last full week of each month. The town is charged \$32,000 for this service. During this time, the Winter Street Composting Facility is open every other Saturday.

That will no longer be the case. Now, the Winter Street Composting Facility will be open every Saturday of the year. The town will not renew the leaf bag pickup contract with Waste Management, and instead, the DPW will pick up the leaf bags weekly. This new setup will save the town approximately \$11,500.

In order to do weekly pickups, the DPW will hire four new summer workers, each of whom will be paid \$10/hour, though this cost is easily offset by not renewing the contract. Two experienced DPW workers will do the leaf bag pickups.

This is different from the

past proposal by Town Engineer Mark Ryan and General Manager John Carroll, which remove the monthly leaf bag pick up during the summer months, but would open the Winter Street Composting Facility every Saturday and Sunday during this time. This would have saved the town \$28,300.

"We all got complaints about that," Carroll said, adding that several people had called, and were not receptive to losing the leaf bag pickup.

Selectman Tom McQuaid questioned whether they could arbitrarily change their contract with Waste Management. According to Carroll, Waste Management is OK with this proposal and doesn't mind giving up the monthly pick up.

"They're willing to give that up," Carroll said. "They don't care about it."

Board of Selectmen Chairman Bill Plasko said he was in favor of the previous proposal, and thought that this idea was even better.

Selectman Michael Lyons added, "It expands services and saves money."

The board took the time to recognize the Colonial Boys. A painted portrait of the group is now on display outside of the Board of Assessor's office in Town Hall, and Donohue felt it was appropriate to extend an invitation to and honor the group.

The Colonial Boys, directed by Jim Grover, have been a staple of Norwood for the past 57 years, appearing at numerous events and parades in town, including the Veteran's Day Parade, the Memorial Day Parade and the Fourth of July Parade.

"You bring joy to the town of Norwood all year long," Donohue said.

Plasko added, "Your organization has really become a fabric of our community."

Selectman Jerry Kelleher added positive comments of his own, saying, "You guys are a good part of the culture of the town."

In addition to town events, the Colonial Boys have performed in Hawaii, Texas and Georgia, and when they do, they proudly march with a banner saying they hail from Norwood.

"You carry the name of the town of Norwood, and you do us proud," Plasko said.

The board also appointed Jesse Uttaro, owner of Straight Stitch, to the Downtown Steering Committee, taking the place of Donna David, who recently resigned from her position.

Finally, the board voted 4-1 to allow the Farmer's Market to return to town. It will be located behind the Apollo from Tuesday, June 23 through Oct. 27. Lyons voted against the location.

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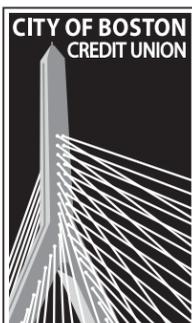
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Construction on the Morse Street Bridge began last week. The bridge will be replaced with a wider roadway. During the construction, detours will be established in Walpole and Norwood.

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Bridge construction begins

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Detours begin Apr. 5

After nearly nine years of delays, the Morse Street Bridge project began last week, and work should be completed later this year, in October or November.

The site will be closed to through traffic beginning on or around April 5, and detours will be established in Walpole and Norwood. In addition, the bridge itself will be closed to pedestrian traffic during construction.

The initial design work to replace the bridge was done in 2001, and the project was expected to begin in 2003, but

funding issues pushed the project back. Despite the tough economic times, funding is now available, as the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) stepped forward, and they will be responsible for the supervision and funding of the project, which will remove the existing structure and replace it with a new, wider roadway. The project also includes the installation of sidewalks at the site.

"It's all being paid for by the state," Town Manager John Carroll said.

The project was originally

estimated to cost approximately \$1.1 million, and it went out to bid last August. According to the MassDOT Web site, the bid came in at \$988,134.

The existing structure is a 27-foot wide bridge that spans the Neponset River, and age has

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Editorial

WET AND WOEFUL Water, water everywhere...

As winter roared off the calendar with a vengeance this past weekend, dumping a 50-year-storm of torrential rain on us for three days, chaos ensued.

Roads were closed. Potholes and sinkholes threatened the tires of those brave enough to travel. St. Patrick's Day events - save for the festivities in South Boston - were cancelled. It was a complete mess.

But the wet, wild weather gave us a chance to think about something in what is an uncommon way these days. It made us appreciate the town, city, county and state workers who serve us.

There is a lot of animosity these days directed towards those employed by government. Unions seem increasingly unmoving and greedy, looking out for numero uno even if it means lost jobs in their ranks. Teachers talk from both sides of their mouths, claiming they are all in favor of quality standards, then digging in their heels to bemoan any effort to actually do so. Corruption claims a new elected official on an almost daily basis. Tax dollars are brazenly wasted.

We are as cynical as you are. Perhaps even more so, given our bird's eye view of municipal affairs. Even so, we have to tip our hat to everyone who worked hard, and continue to do so, in the aftermath of the storm.

Everywhere we turned, we saw public works crews working frantically to keep roads open, divert water and fill roadway chasms. Police stood, drenched to the bone, trying to direct traffic safely to their destination. Firefighters, who might otherwise have been kicking back beers with the adoring lasses of Southie, were instead saddled with a ceaseless caseload of emergency calls.

Even on the state level, officials were quick to act. Did you know that we have a "211" hotline you could call for storm-related information and advice? Neither did we, but the service did - and will continue to - provide valuable assistance for anyone who suffered property damage. As we speak, state officials are determining the scope and cost of the storm and assistance, via federal emergency funds, may be on the way in a rapid fashion.

We can complain about a lot of things going on these days locally and nationally - and we should. But let us not allow these beefs to overshadow the reality that when we needed our government workers to step up, they did. They deserve credit and our thanks. Yes, they were only doing their job. This is what they get paid to do. Nevertheless, we should compliment a job well-done. By our observation, many - if not all - went above and beyond the call of duty.

Now, just to make sure we don't get all Kumbaya here, none of this diminishes our belief that in tough budgetary times our leaders need to make sure that their unions are a productive participant in what will be another rough year of budget debates.

The Town of Norwood, for example, has already transitioned its workforce to the state's GIC health insurance system, a plan that allows buying power and increased risk pool to cut costs. Down the road, in Boston, we almost never hear this floated as a serious option. When it is, it is met with fury.

Lawsuits and ballot initiatives are being floated as a way to force the hand of unwilling-to-change workers. But wouldn't it be nice if, instead of playing hardball, these unions and other government personnel agreed that a minor change to their benefits might save jobs and enhance services? It is just one example of where all sides could work together for a common good.

But, of course this, and other similar compromises are unlikely. Such thinking may only be the product of a waterlogged brain.

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Letters to the Editor

DISAPPOINTED IN HATE-FILLED OPINION

To The Editor:

So according to this newspaper's 3/11/10 editorial, The Norwood Fire Department should be "ashamed". . . In my opinion, the unidentified person who wrote this should be ashamed. . . Ashamed of themselves and ashamed of their hate-filled opinion.

I have been fortunate enough to have been a Boston Firefighter for 23 years (and a Norwood Citizen for the last 10). . . As poorly as the media has tried to portray the B.F.D. recently, I have never been as disgusted and disappointed as I was with the "Norwood Record's" editorial regarding a Norwood Fire ambulance that had recently been put out of service due to a lack of funding (by the way, anonymous writer. . . that ambulance does not only respond to fires, it also responds to medical emergencies. . . Anything from a minor injury to an impending birth to a sudden cardiac arrest). The closest the author of this article comes to identifying themselves during this hate-filled rant is when they refer to themselves as "this writer" at the start of the fifth paragraph. . . Other than that, this person hides behind the title of the "Norwood Record" to throw out angry vitriol via the keyboard because of an obvious personal agenda against firemen. This individual will not even hint at what gender they are, but I believe that they are male (a woman would not direct this level of hate at any group or individual, it's simply not in their makeup).

Fact is, if this person's house caught fire today, Norwood firefighters would still do their best to protect them, their family, and their property. Are firemen "heroes"? No. . . Since when is trying to do right by your fellow human being heroic??? Since never in the belief of most firemen. . . Are we perfect? Again, no. . . far from it. But the vast majority of firefighters joined the profession to help people, protect property, and maybe even help save a life. Is it a "Sweet ride for everyone lucky enough with a seat" ??? How could someone print such a thing??? Boston Fire Lt. Kevin Kelly was riding in the front seat of Ladder 26 during the early afternoon of Friday, Jan. 9, 2009. His ride was about as far from "sweet" as you could possibly get. And everyone else on the firetruck that day

didn't exactly have a sugar-coated tour of the streets of Boston.

Speaking for myself, I love my profession and often wonder where I would be without it. There's obviously some down time, but along with the false alarms we respond to, we go to car accidents. . . water leaks. . . medical assists. . . carbon monoxide detectors. . . etc. We don't pull cats out of trees any more because of legal ramifications; but if we could, we would (most firehouses have mice, so firemen like cats).

And every now and then we get a tough fire. Myself and my coworkers are crawling around inside a pitch-black building that we hope all civilians had escaped from (yeah, we hope the cats got out too. But don't worry, they have an uncanny knack for survival). We can't see the fire but we know it's there because it keeps getting hotter. . . When I was single and a young fireman from Dorchester this experience created an adrenaline rush mixed with a touch of fear. . . But when I married my wife (a life-time Norwood resident) and she gave us two beautiful boys, this experience changed how I felt about the same situation. . . It made me think: "Please God, don't let myself or anyone else die". . . and then I'll mentally rattle off as many "Our Fathers" as it takes for us to put the fire out so we can return to the firehouse & our families safe and sound, I am not trying to sound melodramatic and I am not trying to pick a fight with The Norwood Record's writer, but this individual has a distorted view of what the fire profession is about.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Mason

Editor's Note:

The writer of the editorial in question, and the writer of the vast majority of the editorials in this newspaper is Dennis Cawley. The reason why this newspaper, as with virtually every newspaper published today, does not publish an editorial writer's name is that the editorial speaks for the newspaper, not just the writer. So whether Cawley writes it or someone else writes it, anyone with any problems should ALWAYS assume that the editor of the newspaper is responsible for all of its content. That's why at the bottom of each editorial the masthead appears stating the responsible parties of the newspaper. No one is "hiding" from anything.

CHIEF SHOULD BE ASHAMED

To The Editor:

For the past 60 years I have been proud to say that I live in a well-managed town that offers its residents a great quality of life.

But after a recent embarrassing display by the Norwood Fire Department of placing an "out of service" cardboard sign on a Norwood ambulance, one that belongs to the taxpayers of Norwood, I no longer feel this way. The lack of respect shown by Chief Michael Howard to the residents of Norwood is appalling.

The true sign of a strong leader is one who can make things work, not only in good times, but also in bad times.

Most of us feel very badly that the Fire Department, School Department and all other Departments don't have the funds that they feel that they need. However, many of the residents of this town could also use more funds.

Until recently our town successfully used a private ambulance service with well trained E.M.T.s as a back up to our town ambulance.

In my opinion Chief Howard owes the citizens of Norwood an apology for this childish and embarrassing behavior.

Ellen Naughton

RESPECT

To The Editor:

I respect our Norwood town officials (Fin Com/Selectmen) and thank them for the time and effort they give in trying to effectively oversee the operation of our town. I also have the greatest admiration for our Fire Chief and the dedicated men and women of his department. They do a superb job protecting the community in the areas of fire suppression and emergency rescue operations.

Recently there has been some consternation shown by town officials relating to a budget overrun in the "substitution" account of the Fire Department. The account contains overtime charges indirectly triggered by 1) Contractual obligations (vacations, etc.) and, 2) Other items, e.g. long term injury or illness, a call to active military duty, retirements, etc. The items in #2 cannot be determined in advance and the dollar amount is subject to fluctuation from year to year, depending on the circumstances.

Actual substitution cost for

Letters

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PBCC reviews solar panel use

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Elliot Isban, CEO of American Solar & Alternative Power, attended the March 11 Permanent Building Construction Committee (PBCC) meeting to further discuss plans for a solar panel system at the new Norwood High School. Isban proposed using a photovoltaic system at the site, specifically a copper indium gallium selenide (CIGS) system made by Solyndra.

A CIGS system is made up of a series of small, thin cylindrical panels that absorb sunlight. Because of this cylindrical shape, it picks up direct, diffused and reflected sunlight. Each unit is four-feet wide, and sides 11 inches off of the rooftop. They have a 10 percent efficiency rate.

The solar panel system would be installed on the gymnasium roof. The site can hold a 130-kilowatt system, and such a system would cost \$1 million. However, the PBCC only has \$500,000 to work with, and this amount could bring a 63-kilowatt system to the school, though CIGS units could be added to the site at a later date.

Over time, the system would pay for itself. Isban's 20-year project shows the system will take 11.4 years for a return on

investment. This unit would generate 63 kilowatts, which is only a small portion of the building's usage.

"We're talking two to three percent of our [energy] usage," PBCC member Ed McKenna said, later adding, "If you're looking at this system to save gobs of money, you're looking down the wrong road."

While this is the case, McKenna noted there were other advantages. In addition to putting the town in the forefront of solar power, there are some educational benefits. One Norwood High School teacher, Dr. Michael Crowley, came forward, saying he thinks it could be used for educational purposes, specifically in the science department.

"Crowley seems enthused about using it, and using it in a very positive way," McKenna said.

The idea is that a small portion of the system could run to the school's science lab and be used in experiments. Crowley wants a low voltage amount directed to the lab- approximately 12 volts- and doing this is possible. If installed, it could be a stand-alone system, not part of a larger grid of 16 CIGS units.

Isban confirmed a panel could be used in such a fashion, and said, "I think students will benefit enormously from it."

Isban added that he did not think Crowley's request would be a detriment to the system or a hurdle for them to jump over.

Outside of education, there are other benefits to the system. It is easy to assemble, only requires one roof penetration for an electrical conduit and can withstand winds of up to 130 miles per hour. In addition, if they wish to add onto the solar panel system in future years, they can do so.

"From a practical standpoint, it makes a lot of sense," PBCC member Paul Meyer said, though he questioned the monetary value.

He noted that when the system was installed at the Whitman-Hanson Regional High School nearly ten years ago, they received a 50 kilowatt system for \$500,000, or \$10 per watt. The system at Norwood will be cheaper- approximately \$7.93 per watt, but there are other systems on the market that can be at a cheaper rate.

"Eight dollars per watt is high in this market," Meyer said.

Meyer attended the Building Energy Conference the same day as the PBCC meeting, and saw other vendors selling the Solyndra product for \$2 per watt less than ASAP's price. He acknowledged that the difference in cost might be due to the product's price or a markup.

Screening Comm. takes shape

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

As part of the School Committee's search for a new permanent Superintendent of Schools, potential candidates will be vetted by a screening committee, which started to take shape at the committee's March 10 meeting. While no members were explicitly named at the meeting, the structure was laid out.

The screening committee will have 13 members and will represent various facets of the community and school department. The basic structure for the screening committee came from the New England School Development Council (NESDEC), which recommended an 11-member committee, and two of these members will serve on both the School Committee and the screening committee.

Naturally, the school department will have heavy representation. The committee will feature three principals and three teachers. While no one was named, the group will feature a teacher from Norwood High School, a teacher from the Coakley Middle School and a teacher from the elementary school level.

The elementary school teacher was not part of NESDEC's initial recommen-

dation. Rather, the teacher was added after School Committee member Mark Joseph suggested one be on the committee. He also recommended that Virginia Ceruti, the principal of the Willett Early Childhood Center, be a member, and those on the School Committee were receptive to idea, as Ceruti could be one of the three principals on the screening committee.

While neither named at the meeting nor officially confirmed as a member, School Committee Chairman Paul Samargedlis implied he wants to have Jody Smith on the committee, as she would represent both the Norwood Teacher's Association (NTA) and SPED department, as she is both special education teacher at Oldham Elementary School and President of the NTA.

The remaining four positions would be comprised of three at large community members and one representative from the general government side, perhaps a Town Hall employee. This representative wasn't part of NESDEC's recommendation, but past screening committees have had Town Hall representation.

The screening committee would have numerous responsibilities. They would analyze and rate the candidates for the position and conduct the pre-

liminary interviews. Their task is to narrow down the applicants to the best candidates for the spot. Those candidates would then be subject to an interview before members of the School Committee at a future meeting.

These School Committee interviews would take place in early to mid June. Samargedlis indicated that if conducted at this point, the committee could make a decision regarding the new permanent Superintendent of Schools by July.

Correction:

In the March 11 issue of the Norwood Record, the "Fees cause debate" article indicated the Health Department transferred "a significant amount of money into the center's salary account." Executive Director of the Senior Center Dorothy Vitale clarified this, saying "The Health Department transferred funds to pay for the custodian's time spent at the flu clinic," and that it was not a significant amount.

In the March 4 article "Teen killed in accident," it was reported Robert Foxx had to wait six minutes for a Westwood ambulance. It was Joel Priestley who had to wait six minutes.

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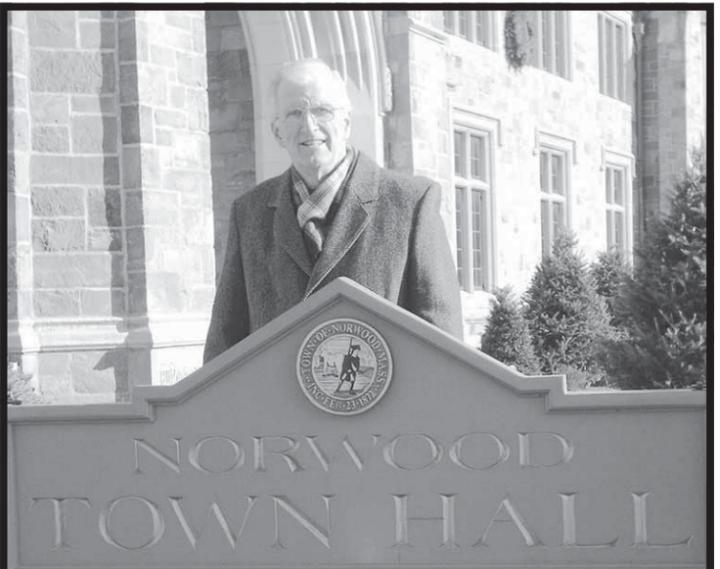
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Servers will only accept two forms of ID: a Massachusetts's Drivers License or a passport. Those with an out of state license will need approval from the restaurant manager before they can be served alcohol. Employees also take training courses, such as SURF, also known as Serving Up Responsible Fun, which educates them on how to check for IDs, deal with intoxicated customers and more.

In addition, new signs have been posted around the restaurant reminding employees of their policy. If a customer looks under 40-years old, they are to be carded. If an employee is

caught accepting an order for alcohol without following this policy, they will be terminated.

"The signs are up all over the restaurant," Ravech said. "The reminders are everywhere."

Ravech and others pointed out that this was an isolated incident.

This was the first time TGI Friday's appeared before the Board of Selectmen. Pettingell stated the restaurant serves approximately 100,000 customers a year, meaning that during their time in Norwood, they've served over 700,000 customers, and this is the first occurrence of serving alcohol to a minor.

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With the exception of this one incident, Friday's has been a good neighbor with the town.

"This is an aberration," Ravech said. "This is something that should not have happened. We try our best to make sure this doesn't happen."

Unfortunately, one bartender opted not to follow the restaurant's policy, and she has been punished accordingly.

"The rule is you check the IDs of anyone who looks under 40," Ravech said. "This one server decided this was some-

thing she did not have to do. Friday's is not endorsing this type of work... this behavior at all."

Selectman Michael Lyons agreed that Friday's had been a good neighbor, but the operation is only as strong as its weakest link.

"That server, that night, was acting as Friday's," he said. "She violated the law, which means Friday's did."

The board voted 4-1 to suspend their liquor license for one day. No specific date was men-

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tioned, only that it would be in the next 30 days. TGI Friday's has 10 days to appeal the decision.

Selectman Helen Abdallah-Donohue voted against the suspension, saying Friday's new policies were indicative of how much work the restaurant was doing to rectify the situation and make sure it does not happen again. She added that they admitted to the incident and worked to fix it, and because of this, thought a warning would be more appropriate.

Candidates *continued from page 1*

Year 2010 budget.

"I say we give the police the money this year, point blank," Howard said, adding they could negotiate for future years.

School Committee candidates discussed several issues, ranging from budget to special education to transportation. Incumbents Mitch Pentowski, Eleanor Travers and Courtney Rau are being challenged by John Badger, and all took time to address questions facing the School Committee, and why they deserve a seat on the board.

Pentowski stressed three things: his 37 years of experience on the committee, his common sense and his enthusiasm for the position, and he hopes the voters will give him three more years in the position.

Pentowski was concerned about Special Education bus-ing, saying it was a mistake not accepting the bid provided.

"I am for getting rid of the SPED transportation account, so we can talk about education, not transportation," Pentowski said.

He added that the school department has an excellent SPED program, which services approximately 16 percent of students in the Norwood schools, and it is important to continue to bring students back into the district.

Travers stressed that fiscal responsibility is necessary on the board, and as someone who has served as both a member of the FinCom and School Committee, she has critical experience working with both the school department and general government departments and understands the budget process, the town's revenue streams and its shortcomings.

When discussing transportation, she said the in-house program is a great opportunity for the town, but it is still a work in process and one that must be closely examined.

"We need a deep, thorough look at how it's working," Travers said.

Rau calls upon her experience as a member of the School Committee and as an educator in public schools. She is currently the Assistant Principal for Student Services at the Bigelow Middle School in Newton.

"I feel I have a body of experience that will bring an intelligent and strong voice to the School Committee," Rau said, adding she would be an advocate for both students and taxpayers.

She said there were several things the committee needed to continue to look at, including SPED costs, the town's MCAS scores and transportation.

Badger told seniors about

his experience, passion and positive attitude. He is the current Vice Principal at the Pierce School in Brookline, and has 22 years of experience in the education world, and this experience gives him an innate, learned knowledge of school systems and how they operate.

When discussing transportation, he said one of the only ways to reduce their costs was to bring more SPED students in district. Bringing these students back to Norwood will allow them to be educated with their neighbors and peers and will save the town money.

"The only real way to cut down on the expense of transportation is to cut down on transportation," he said, meaning that the more students going to out of district schools, the more transportation will cost.

While current Planning Board Chairman Paul Donohue was not on hand, Helen Abdallah-Donohue took time to speak on his behalf, citing his 35 years of experience in the position. During this time, Donohue has been involved as the town hired its first Town Planner and updated the zoning bylaws on multiple occasions, including the most recent update last year. She mentioned portions of the bylaw, specifically its strict regulations on cell towers and adult entertainment.

Challenger James Piatelli was on hand, and hopes to bring his own experience to the board. Piatelli has been a Norwood resident for 14 years, and owns the Pond of Norwood, a sports and recreational facility on Access Road. Piatelli praised the town for its low tax rates, and said it is important to keep a low tax rate to encourage new businesses to come to town.

Also on hand was FinCom write-in candidate Tom Maloney. Maloney is a ten-year resident of Norwood and former Town Meeting member. He also is a loan officer for the Bank of Canton, and hopes that experience will help him on the FinCom.

The FinCom has two open seats, but Alan Slater will be the only name on the ballot. Write-ins will decide the second, and Maloney asked seniors to consider writing him in.

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No decisions yet Capital projects still being reviewed

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Budget Balancing Committee was unable to make a decision about capital projects for Fiscal Year 2011 at their Mar. 10 meeting. These projects will be discussed at future Finance Commission and Budget Balancing Committee meetings, and a decision regarding what to fund and how it will be paid for will be made later.

Thirty six capital projects are being considered, and they have a combined price of \$5,990,469. The Capital Outlay Committee approved all these projects, and now further examination is needed to see if they will be done and how the town will fund them.

The initial list of projects was far larger than this.

"This list was whittled done from a much larger list," Board of Selectmen and Budget Balancing Committee member Michael Lyons said. "We couldn't do everything, obviously."

There are three choices that could be made regarding a project. First, it could be approved and the town could borrow money to pay for it. Second, it could be approved and payment could be deferred to a Special Town Meeting. Third, it could be delayed, meaning the project would be done in a later year. It was acknowledged that these projects would all have to be done eventually.

"These items aren't going to go away," Lyons said, and these items include everything from building repairs to new police cruisers to new playground equipment.

The most expensive group of items is school building repairs. There are plans to replace the classroom lighting in six schools, replace floor tiles at the Cleveland School and replace the windows and exterior doors at the Willett Early Childhood Center. The eight projects cost a combined \$1,676,000.

Another school related project was the proposed \$650,000 reconstruction and expansion of the Coakley Middle

School parking lot, which is part of the school's Director of Buildings and Grounds Joe McDonough's ten-year plan to improve school parking lots.

School Committee member Eleanor Travers said, "I would rather do lighting and windows than a parking lot."

Other members of the Budget Balancing Committee said that the parking lot project was a necessity. Board of Selectmen Chairman Bill Plasko described the Coakley Middle School as more than just a school, but a center of activity for the town. The school is home to numerous sporting events, Town Meetings and more.

If approved, the parking lot project will replace the pavement at the site and increase the number of available parking spaces from 241 to 398.

Not all expenses were school related. Capital funds are also used to cover some equipment costs. Proposed capital expenditures for FY 2011 include \$103,215 for three new police cruisers, \$44,944 for a new prisoner van, \$15,000 to replace the Recreation Department's Nautilus equipment and a combined \$382,000 to replace the Department of Public Work's water utility truck, 5-ton sander/plow, user packer and street sweeper.

FinCom Chairman Alan Slater acknowledged that all projects and expenditures on the list have merit, but that doesn't mean all can be acted upon in FY 2011.

"It's simply a matter of what we can afford," Slater said.

While the FinCom does not have a position on the individual projects yet, Slater said, "We'd be opposed to funding this entirely through borrowing."

The sheet of proposed FY 2011 projects and capital expenditures suggested deferring \$318,000 of the costs to a Special TM, while borrowing the remaining \$5,672,000. This amount is not finalized.

It was stressed that should money be borrowed to fund a project, town Treasurer Robert Maguire would not borrow the funds until necessary.

In addition to discussing the capital projects, the overall town budget was discussed. Town Clerk and Accountant Bob Thornton presented the sixth pass budget to the committee, the town has reached its targeted budget. Their sixth pass budget amount was \$150,988,562.

"We're basically balanced," Thornton said, later adding that the town is where they wanted to be back at the first pass budget from January.

Thornton acknowledged there were two wild cards, but you can't budget to these unknown "what ifs". The two wild cards in question are state aid and the Group Insurance Commission costs. As of the Mar. 11 Budget Balancing Committee meeting, neither amount had been set in stone.

Thornton said, "We don't know the health insurance amount. We don't know the state aid amount."

"You go with what you know now," Thornton added, and the budget is balanced accordingly.

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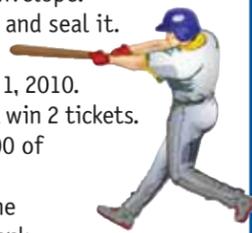
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taken its toll. It was built in 1850, and reconstructed in 1946. The bridge, in addition to being too narrow, has a crumbling bridge deck and failing abutments. An abutment is the end support of a bridge and it is used to support the bearing devices and back walls of the structure.

The new roadway will be approximately two feet wider and feature sidewalks, Town Engineer Mark Ryan said.

The project is part of Governor Deval Patrick's Accelerated Bridge Program. This program is an eight-year, \$3 billion plan that works with local communities to improve the condition of bridges across the commonwealth.

The Morse Street Bridge project coincides with the Pleasant Street and Morse Street Intersection. This project is set to begin in mid-April and is expected to be completed in November.

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A new kindergarten teacher will be needed should enrollment hit 280 students, but right now there is a 28 student buffer. There are additional sign-ups during the summer months, but for now, School Committee members were comfortable enough with this proposal to make the cut.

"The numbers supported pulling back on that request," Granatino said.

The amount allotted for pupil transportation was cut. Originally, the committee had set aside enough funds for a 15 percent increase in enrollment, though this amount was cut in half, saving them \$60,000. Samargedlis said while this is an area they hedge their bets on, it might not be as bleak as the committee initially thought.

The school department is anticipating some retirements, which would lead to hire downs. Should this occur, it could save the department \$30,000, and that was removed from the proposed FY 2011 budget. Also removed was \$40,000 from the preschool revolving account, which Director of Finance and Operations Ralph Dumas feels they can absorb without losing staff.

The largest cut came as a result of the School Committee's budget freeze. They anticipate that \$145,000 of this can be used toward next year's budget, though Samargedlis said they would

obviously fund any necessities that come up for the remainder of this fiscal year.

The remaining \$77,000 comes from reallocating open purchase orders from years past. Dumas worked with Town Clerk and Accountant Bob Thornton to find these amounts. This money can be used to pay forward portions of the FY 2011 budget.

Not all of these purchase orders come from past school department budgets. Because of this, the committee needs Town Meeting approval to reallocate the funds in such a fashion.

"The key here is we need to get the approval at the Special Town Meeting to do this," Dumas said, and the committee voted to place such an article on the warrant.

The Special TM in question is on Apr. 8, and articles on it must be approved and placed on it by the Board of Selectmen.

The School Committee voted 5-2 to approve the cuts. Bill Plasko Jr. and Courtney Rau voted against this latest set of cuts.

Plasko, who also voted against the \$511,059 in cuts at the group's Mar. 3 meeting, said part of the School Committee's mission is to craft a better school for the students and towns, and notes that it is difficult to improve when making cuts.

"I feel that we've cut too far," he said.

The project calls for a complete reconstruction of the intersection, part of which involves the installation of traffic signals. The MassDOT Web site states the lights will be timed accordingly for peak hour demands, and will include a pedestrian-only phase to improve safety conditions at the intersection.

Much like the bridge project, intersection reconstruction will be supervised and funded by MassDOT. The bid for the project was \$658,559.70.

Those interested in learning more about the status of these projects can attend weekly project construction meetings. These meetings will be held every Friday at 8 a.m. in Room 24 in the Town Hall. The first meeting is on Mar. 19, and the public is welcome to attend.

Plasko added that they were working to reach a target set by the Budget Balancing Committee, which is not the ultimate budget authority in town, rather, that job falls in the hands of Town Meeting members.

"I urge us to consider what we're cutting," Plasko said. "The appetite doesn't lie in that room. The appetite lies with Town Meeting."

This was a response to a statement by Joseph, who said that the Budget Balancing Committee has no appetite for a proposed budget one cent over the targeted amount, and that the schools could still function with the latest round of cuts.

"These reductions really won't kill us," Joseph said, noting that they are bringing forward a balanced budget, and they did the best they could to bring it to that amount.

Samargedlis added that while he understands the concern over making the cuts, "Thirty-four million and change is enough to educate our student body if it's spent wisely."

He did note that there was a high probability they would need to go back to Town Meeting in the fall to cover additional costs. These costs could be for a new kindergarten teacher should enrollment increase or an increase in the transportation budget, should student enrollment necessitate that.

CHURCH NEWS

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH PALM SUNDAY/EASTER SERVICES

Grace Episcopal Church will present a Palm Sunday Passion Play Sunday, Mar. 28, 10 a.m. The service will transport the congregation back to 33 A.D. when Jesus made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the Sunday before Passover. Members of the congregation will be dressed in period costumes for the reading of the Passion Gospel and the church will be adorned with banners and palms, as members of the congregation become the spectators greet-

ing Jesus during his ride into Jerusalem. The Palm Sunday Liturgy and Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at both the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services. On Thursday, Apr. 1, the Maundy Thursday Liturgy and the Stripping of the Altar will begin at 7 p.m. The Good Friday Liturgy will be held Friday, Apr. 2, at 7 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter will be held on Saturday, Apr. 3, at 7 p.m. and will be celebrated at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. A Festival Holy Eucharist on Sunday, Apr. 4, Easter Day, at Grace Church, will be celebrated at both 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. ser-

vices. An Easter egg hunt will be held at 11:30 a.m. Questions regarding any of the Holy Week services or events can be directed to the church office at 781-762-0959.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

The Anglican Church of the Redeemer in Norwood, 71 Bond St., will hold several services during Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Mar. 28, 8 a.m. Service with distribution of palms; Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday), Apr. 1, 7 p.m., Service in commemoration of

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Sports



St.Catherine's IBL Junior Hawk Award Recipients – Nate, Jack, Ricky, Emma, Jillian and Rachel

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Chalk Talk/
Keith Noonan
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What to look for

When a pitcher drives toward the plate, by the time she releases the ball, it only has about 40 feet or less before it crosses the strike zone. With softball players throwing harder and harder every year, it is not uncommon for those pitches to be coming in at 55 to 60 miles per hour. This reduces a hitter's reaction time to fractions of a second. Even the best batters to step onto the field are looking to increase their chances of success.

Time was, coaches would tell players to 'back up' in the batter's box. Putting a few extra feet between you and the hurler is no longer an option. By doing so, the hitter is giving more space for the break of potential drops or even rises as they become more prevalent in the Northeast softball realm.

The answer comes from the bench and the on deck circle. Players should study carefully both the pitcher and where her release point is. While doing so, each player will also get a solid understanding of the opponent's timing to the plate. These pieces of information play an important role in the most crucial aspect of hitting: SIGHT.

Once the hitter has obtained the signals from her coaches, she should step into the box and get comfortable focusing both eyes on the area of the pitcher's release point. The hitter should stress in her mind that BOTH eyes should be on the pitch zone. This entails turning the head so the batter is directly facing the pitcher and not looking sideways. Depth perception is the crucial gain by this positioning.

Now that the athlete is ready to see the pitch, it is important to understand just how fast the reaction times must be. Believe it or not, even though there is roughly 40 feet between the hitter

Holy moley!!!

What a great time!

Keith Noonan
Staff Reporter

St.Catherine's 4th and 5th Graders wrapped up a great basketball season with the 1st ever "MARCH MAGIC" Tournament, packing the school gym and raising the roof with some thrilling basketball entertainment and a Free Throw Sharpshooter Competition. No better way to spend Friday nights than witnessing game after game of friendly intensity! The games were often refereed to insure a last-minute outcome where overtime contests were further marked by

a novel Free-Throw Shootout and each player challenged with a shot to win.

Sportsmanship reigned supreme in the IBL as the Monsignor blessed every team from center court. His pride in every player on that court and every fan in the stands extended to services that Sunday as he made mention of the great time had by all. With so many participants and hundreds of fans on hand, the good cheer was very contagious and made the tournament a memorable experience for everyone lucky enough to be there.

With many games coming down to the wire, the competition was fierce

and some would argue that could be a negative thing. However, as with any true Norwood sports fans, the support was amazing for everyone in the game. Even in the pressure-packed situations of the free throw shoot outs, success abounded for every athlete. Missing a shot did not denote failure since so many supporting cheers rang out from the fans in attendance.

Awards were handed out in recognition of MVPs, All Stars, or Rookies of the Year with "Extra Effort"

Great time
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Family strength builds stronger community

Keith Noonan
Staff Reporter

The image of Travis Roy crumpling to the ice is something we can all replay in our minds. We can remember the sinking feeling as our eyes witnessed his lifeless arms unable to stop his fall to the ice. The Boston University hockey player was not a close

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friend or even an acquaintance to most of us, but our hearts went out to him.

Now the tragedy of a catastrophic injury in sports has hit closer to home. Many people in Norwood have some type of friendship or acquaintanceship

with the Brown family. When incidents like these happen so close to our community, we witness more of the residual effects. We see the pain and struggle the family members go through as well. It becomes easier to empathize with the situation.

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St. Catherine's IBL Players show off their well-earned trophies for 2010

PHOTO BY STAN RUNOWITZ

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Awards for Team Spirit, Trying Hard, and Unselfish Play, in addition to the "Junior Hawk Awards" for Enthusiastic Play, Making a Contribution and Good Sportsmanship.

St. Catherine's 'Black Team' Champions were

crowned Friday night and included Gretchen Sandstrum, Annabelle Garrity, Britni Blushi, Ricky Meehan, Kevin Costello, Isabel Galluci, Julia Wenstrom, Zaal Pathaki, Veronica Andrews, Paul Nguyen and Mark Farah.

Extra Effort Awards went to Paul Nguyen, Annabelle Garrity, Mark Farah, Rory Lake, Emily Smith, Derik Griffin, Anthony Bradley, Andrew Battersby, Cayleigh MacMullen, Julia Lynch, John McVinney and Amanda

Rooney. Junior Hawk Awards went to Ricky Meehan, Emma Luniewicz, Rachel Noah, Jack Brooks, Jillian Skerry and Nate Newman.

St. Catherine's moms and dads deserve a lot of credit for coaching and becoming season

ticket holders for the best show in town on a Friday Night during a Norwood Winter. Congratulations to all the IBL Players and thanks to all of our Girls and Boys for such fun entertainment.

Family Strength

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For days and weeks following this horrific incident, thousands of voices cried out in support of Matt. However, often the emotional grief of his loved ones is forgotten about. Mothers, fathers and siblings of the victim have had their worlds turned upside down. Their lives have also been irreversibly changed.

In many cases it can be emotionally harder on the family members. Not only do their everyday routines get adjusted and they have to watch a loved one in pain, but every day they must cope with the feeling of being helpless when they to make it all better. It is a loss of control that can prove to be an immense weight upon their shoulders.

Yet in times of crisis like this, the brightness of the human spirit always seems to shine through. It is evident in Matt's smile, his parents' tears and his teammates' cheers. From the thousands of friends

on Facebook.com to the local celebrities on the radio and television, we have all called out our voices in support. A tragedy seems to bring communities together and strengthens our faith in our neighbors.

As the shock of this accident fades, we will keep our support burning bright. We shall never lose sight of the challenges and hurdles that Matt will face. However, it is imperative that we continue to understand the difficulties his family will endure. When we see his Mom, Dad or sister in the community, we should shout out to them, let them know we are here and that their strength, courage, and perseverance are inspiring to us all.

A fund has been established to assist the Brown Family with Matt's rehabilitation. Donations can be sent to:

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Please keep Matt and his family in your prayers.



Norwood High School tennis star Joseph Dobbels, pictured last season, now returns as a senior to the school's tennis team.

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Above: Emily Whitney in mid-swing shows an excellent example of having the bellybutton facing toward the pitcher allowing the hips to generate power into the swing.

Left: Emily Whitney's pitch shows an excellent example of locating the pitcher's release point.

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and the release point, a decision to swing at the pitch must be made within the first 15 feet of travel in order to have enough time to get the bat to and through the zone.

To be able to swing quickly enough and still have enough power to drive the ball, the hitter must go into the 'load' (the stretching back of the arms and the movement of the body weight to the back foot) while the pitcher is in her wind up. As soon as the pitcher hits her release point the batter should be striding forward and into

her swing. By following these techniques her power will be moving in the correct direction for her hands to follow, should she decide to swing. If the ball is clearly not going into the strike zone, the athlete simply does not bring her hands through.

Making sure power is optimized, the batter should have her belly button pointing toward the pitcher when she makes contact. This assures the hips and the lower body are able to release their force into the swing and maximizes the

power to drive the ball.

Practicing these techniques involves repetition with hitting from pitches coming straight at the player, not from the 'pepper' position. From time to time have the thrower go through the wind up but not release the ball. The hitter's stride should still be going forward and the hips should still be starting to turn toward the pitcher. This drill ensures the batter is not waiting too long to initiate the power generation of her swing.

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The Web site will contain all the news stories that you find in the newspaper, plus important information about our schools, local organizations, religious institutions, local weather and more. You can take a sneak peak at the Web site now while our Web site managers tinker with it.

If your business would like to advertise on the Web site, please call Paul DiModica at (781) 769-1725

Calling all Coaches

The Norwood Record is looking to hear from all coaches and parents in Norwood about our local sports teams. Have a tip or a story idea? Call Keith Noonan at (781) 769-1725 or e-mail us at sports@norwoodrecord.com



Restaurant Week SPECIALS

APPETIZERS

(Choose One)

Cup of Lobster Bisque

Lobster in a rich cream stock flavored with sherry.

Cranberry Pecan Salad

Fresh mixed field greens with candied pecans, sun dried cranberries, Feta cheese and homemade cranberry vinaigrette.

Crab Cake

Pan seared crab cake with lemon pepper aioli.

ENTRÉES

(Choose One)

Grilled Lollipop Lamb Chops

Marinated lollipop lamb chops, grilled to order, served with a fresh mint Demi-Glaze, potato and vegetable.

Oven Roasted Cod & Blackened Scallops

Fresh Atlantic cod fish roasted with seasoned cracker crumbs combo with blackened sea scallops, Maitre D'Hotel (lemon-butter), potato and vegetable.

Filet Mignon

8 oz. center cut filet grilled to order, topped with a mushroom-Merlot Demi-Glaze, served with potato and vegetable.

Pan Seared Salmon & Shrimp

North Atlantic salmon filet, pan seared with gulf shrimp, artichoke hearts, diced tomatoes, Kalamata olives and capers, lemon-wine sauce with white rice and grilled asparagus.

DESSERTS

(Choose One)

Lemon Meringue Pie

Rich lemon pie filling with baked whipped meringue topping.

Strawberry Shortcake

Fresh yellow pound cake topped with fruit garni & whipped cream.

3 Courses: \$20 Plus Tax (Dine-In Only)

Available Monday, March 22nd to Sunday, March 28th

2030 Centre St., West Roxbury, MA 02132

Police Log

Tuesday, March 9

0220 phone. Assist citizen, services rendered. Location/address: Sky Restaurant - Bos.-Prov. Hwy. Caller reports her friend will not leave the lot. Officers report they were all leaving upon arrival.

0615 911. B & E of motor vehicle, report filed. Location/address: Village Rd. E. Caller reports car was broken into over night. 664 responding.

0622 911. B & E of motor vehicle, report filed. Location/address: Buckminster Dr. Caller reports his car was broken into last night. 679 responding.

0700 phone. B & E of motor vehicle, report filed. Location/address: Five by Five - Buckminster Dr. Report to be filed.

0729 phone. Assist citizen, report filed. Location/address: Wickham Way. Officer assisted both residents on a parking dispute.

0910 phone. Vandalism, spoken to. Location/address: Venice Cafe - Washington St. Employee wants to report vandalism, a couple of days old. He may know who did it. Report taken last week on same damage. Nothing new.

0923 911. Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/

address: Kuporatz - Brookview Cir.

1001 phone. Warrant arrest, arrest(s) made. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St.

1103 phone. Well being chk., spoken to. Location/address: Home Depot (warehouse) - Morgan Dr. Wellesley po requests well being on his wife who is at Home Foods. Truck driver just knocked on her mv window and yelled obscenities at her and her kids. Misunderstanding concerning traffic lanes. Female advised of operator registry form.

1132 phone. Assaults, report filed. Location/address: Junior High South (Coakley Middle School) - Washington St. Complaint app. for assault by juvenile, NFD transported same for evaluation. Juvenile arrest. Age: 14. Charges: assault & battery by dangerous weapon.

1339 phone. Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Mayflower Rd.

1552 phone. Parking violation, services rendered. Location/address: Newbury Comics - Bos.-Prov. Hwy. Customer reports his car is blocked in by a subject that is playing in a band inside the store. Party was asked to move it but is refusing to do so. (Delay). N669 reports upon arrival the car was being moved.

1641 phone. Assist citizen, civil matter. Location/address: Village Rd. E. Report property manager's office lost her check for water bill and other related problems with them. N667 spoke to resident, all of the problems are civil, advised her of same.

1652 phone. Mischief (kids), spoken to. Location/address: High St. Resident reports kids on motorbikes making a lot of noise and something banged into her home. She would like to speak to an officer. N664 reports spoke to caller, spoke to kids, no loud bikes upon arrival, they were throwing around a football and it hit the side of the caller's home, kids apologized, everyone satisfied.

1720 walk-in. Threats, report filed. Location/address: Roosevelt Ave. Walk-in reported past threats. Report to follow.

1737 phone. Phone harassment, report filed. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St.

1830 phone. Animal complaint, taken/referred to other. Location/address: Walpole St. Report neighbors dog chased his son, no contact made. N667 spoke to caller. N667 tried to speak to the owner of the dog, he is not home. Another family member came and took the dog. All information forwarded to N.A.C.O.

1849 phone. Domestic, arrest(s) made. Location/address: Railroad Ave. Caller reported domestic just occurred. Officer reported one under arrest. Arrest: Cronin, Gregory J. Address: 341 Railroad Ave., Norwood, MA. DOB: 04/13/1970. Charges: a & b, a & b with dangerous weapon.

1939 911. Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Connors Martial Arts - Kerry Pl. Transport to hospital.

2032 911. Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Garden Pkwy. Report resident fell, maybe hip injury. NFD transported.

2207 911. Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Codman Rd. Transport to hospital.

Wednesday, March 10

0012 phone. Susp. activity, area search negative. Location/address: E Cross St. Caller reported hearing a strange noise, possibly a door opening. Officers checked area, nothing found.

0837 phone. Confused person, gone on arrival. Location/address: Friendly Restaurant Rte. 1 - Bos.-Prov. Hwy. Report of older female walking along a jersey barrier appears confused.

1025 phone. Warrant arrest, arrest(s) made. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Section 35 for Brian Bukis. Det to file report. Arrest: Bukis, Brian. Address: 173 Village St., Medway, MA. DOB: 02/27/1958. Charges: warrant arrest (sec 35, DDC).

1306 phone. Animal complaint, area search negative. Location/address: Junior High South (Coakley Middle School) - Washington St. German shepard in the area near traffic.

1324 phone. Larceny, report filed. Location/address: Republic Plumbing Supply - Bos.-Prov. Hwy.

1409 phone. Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Kings Rd. Youngster has leg stuck in bike. NFD handled.

1518 phone. Assist Fire Dept., services rendered. Location/address: Belnap Rd. NFD handles without the police. Odor of gas in the area.

1546 phone. Susp. activity, services rendered. Location/address: Dean St. On detail lt. reports some type of altercation in a parked vehicle. No fight, passenger has special needs and was upset. Off. follows the worker and client to Morningside Dr. to insure everyone gets home ok.

1606 911. Disturbance, report filed. Location/address: Sturtevant Ave. Received 911 hang up. No answer on call back. Resident called back, reported family argument. Yelling heard in background. Officer on scene reported verbal argument only. Officer advised parties, who then left area. Report to follow.

1814 phone. Well being chk., report filed. Location/address: Paul Donovan Plumbing and Heating - Monroe St. Caller requested well being check on resident at above address. Officers on scene requested ambulance. Norwood Fire transport to hospital. Report to follow.

1901 911. Domestic, arrest(s) made. Location/address: Devon Rd. Caller reported domestic just occurred. Officers on scene reported one under arrest. Arrest: Laszczak, Christopher. Address: 89 Devon Rd., Norwood, MA. DOB: 01/06/1953. Charges: a & b.

1945 911. Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Ridgewood Dr. Resident having breathing difficulty. NFD transported.

2123 phone. Assist other Police Depart., area search negative. Location/address: Kevin's Cleaning Service - Hill St. Dedham Police requested check of above address for suspect in an assault. Party not at home. Vehicle not in

driveway. Dedham Police notified. 2205 911. Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Nichols St. Report uncontrolled vomiting. NFD transported.

Thursday, March 11

0114 radio. Lost and found, other. Location/address: Callahan School - Garfield Ave. N664 reports a table and chairs that are usually in courtyard section are not there. Dispatch checked with staff in a.m.

0316 911. Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Winter St. Resident fell down stairs, head injury. NFD obtained refusal.

0652 phone. Medical emergency, report filed. Location/address: North Ave. Female caller, unable to understand some statements, but it is believed someone is in her home taking her property. NFD sent. NFD transports for voluntary evaluation with N661 following to insure all goes smoothly.

1002 phone. Assist citizen, civil matter. Location/address: Golden Living Center (formerly Emerald Court - Washington St.) Civil matter, all ready resolved and everyone is happy.

1007 phone. Susp. person, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Town Square Diner Inc. - Nahatan St.

1244 phone. Drug law violation, report filed. Location/address: Norwood High School - Nichols St. Dean of students reports finding possible drug residue and a razor in a small bag.

1329 walk-in. Fraud, report filed. Location/address: George St. Person in PA, has his ss # and used it to get dish cable service. Report to be filed.

1435 phone. Well being chk., report filed. Location/address: Phoenix School - Prospect St. 14 yo left the property very upset. He had to be carried off the bus due to his actions and he took off when they put him down. W/male, blk hair, glasses, stocky build. Blk. sweatshirt, jeans.

1803 phone. Drunk person, services rendered. Location/address: Buckminster Dr. Caller reports dk. male walking around the lot. N664, N665 sent. Male party is goa.

1911 911. Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Roosevelt Ave. Transport to hospital.

1942 911. Vandalism, report filed. Location/address: Alvin Distributing Inc. - Dean St. Caller reported three juveniles defacing property in the area. Subjects fled on foot prior to officer's arrival. Officers checked area, suspects not found. Report to follow.

2012 phone. Road hazard, group moved. Location/address: Dellaria Salon - Broadway. Caller reported juveniles in roadway. Second caller reported same group playing lacrosse in parking lot. Officer moved group on.

2040 911. Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Bradford Dr. NFD notified. N679 sent.

2251 911. Domestic, arrest(s) made. Location/address: Washington St. Caller reports her boyfriend assaulted her. NFD notified. N661, N679, N667, N668 respond. One party transported to the hospital

Legals

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 6, 2010 at 7:30 PM** on the request of **Joseph R. Susi (Case # 10-15)** with respect to property located on **42 Rosemary Street**, in a **G-General Residential District**.

The application requests:

This Application requests a special Permit under Sections 5.3 and 5.7.3 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow an extension of an existing single car garage to a two-car garage. The existing garage is approximately 20' x 14' in front and approximately 19' in the rear. The pre-existing garage is nonconforming as it lacks the required setbacks. The extension will result with new dimensions of 26' x 28' and 33' in the rear. And, if appropriate, any other relief the Board deems necessary.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be viewed Monday - Thursday between 8:30 AM to 3 PM.

BOARD OF APPEAL

Patrick J. Mulvehill, Chairman; Barbara A. Kinter; Philip W. Riley; John R. Perry; Harry T. Spence

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TOWN OF NORWOOD SECTION A ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Sealed Bids will be accepted at the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, Massachusetts, 02062 until 11:00 A.M., (Verizon time) April 9, 2010. At that time bids will be publicly opened and read for the furnishing of the following to the Norwood Public Schools:

School Regular Transportation Contract # NSD-10-08

- (1) Transportation of eligible public and parochial school students, Grades K-12, round trip between their homes, school bus stops or distribution points and school, within the Town limits of Norwood for a minimum of 180 school days per year.
- (2) Late bus at the Coakley Middle School.
- (3) Transportation for Extracurricular Activities.

The complete Bid package may be obtained at no cost in the Purchasing Department, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, Massachusetts 02062 between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

The Bid Specifications provide for the submission of Bids as follows:

- (1) A Contract Agreement for a three year period commencing, September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2013.
- (2) Bidders shall furnish a Bid Bond with sureties of \$100,000.00.
- (3) The successful bidder shall furnish within thirty days of award a performance bond equal to the value of one year of the Contract, renewable on the anniversary of the award; a certificate of liability insurance, \$500,000/\$10,000,000; and property damage insurance of \$100,000; and a health certificate for each driver.

Bids shall be prepared, considered, and the Contract awarded in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.) Chapter 30B. Every Bid shall be on a form furnished by the Town. Bids submitted on other forms may be rejected.

A pre bid conference will be held on March 25, 2010, at 11:00 A.M., at the Norwood School Department, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, Massachusetts (Telephone (781) 440-5820).

The attention of bidders is called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed, and the prevailing wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry of the Commonwealth or Massachusetts. All school bus drivers are to be employed under the provisions of Chapter 71, Section 7A.

The Norwood School Committee shall have the right to reject any and all bids or parts thereof, or items therein, and to waive any defect or irregularities as to form therein in accordance with M.G.L., if it is in the best interest of the School Committee to do so.

The Norwood School Committee notifies all Bidders that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit Bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex or national origin or handicapped status in consideration for an award.

NORWOOD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

BY: Ralph Dumas, Director of Finance & Operations

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SPRING FASHION SHOW

The Ladies of St. George Orthodox Church, Norwood are holding a Spring Fashion show at the X & O Restaurant, 217 Washington St. (Rte 138), Stoughton, on Saturday, Apr. 10 at 2 p.m. including a buffet dessert table and coffee and tea. Fashions are by Marshall's. There will be raffles. Tickets per person are \$20. For tickets and reservations, contact: Camille Florio at 781-344-8469 or 781-762-4396. Those who purchase clothing on the day of the fashion show will receive a ten (10%) percent discount.

TRIVIA NIGHT

The Norwood Diamond Club is hosting its Annual Trivia Night Friday, Mar. 26, 7 p.m. to midnight, Norwood Elks. Cost is \$15 per person (tables of 8-10). Light refreshments, cash bar, raffles and grand prize. Proceeds to benefit the Jack Crimmins Scholarship. Contacts: Ed Hickey 781-551-0408, Tracey Black 781-762-9931, Bill Marchant 781-762-5411, Mike Cawley 781-414-2154.

WALK FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

Explore the sights of Norwood with a 5k or 10k (3.1 or 6.2 miles) walk sponsored by the Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club, Saturday, Mar. 27, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., commencing at the Norwood Elks, 142 Winslow Ave. This walk is free, and suitable for all ages. Join other walkers for a soup lunch after walking. Desserts, breads, soups or monetary donations are welcome. This walking association promotes healthy exercise in a non-competitive environment. For further information, contact Betty Foley at 978-443-4857 by phone, or e-mail betfoley@ix.netcom.com

TUTORS NEEDED

The Morrill Memorial Library will sponsor a training program for literacy volunteer tutors beginning Monday, Mar. 22, 7 p.m. The training will incorporate the methods and materials developed by Literacy Volunteers Of Massachusetts to teach English to speakers of other languages (ESOL). Topics covered will include inter-cultural communication, lesson planning and goal setting. Volunteers are asked to make a commitment of tutoring an adult learner two hours a week for at least a year. Neither prior teaching experience nor knowledge of another language is required. Volunteers must have a high school diploma or equivalent and must register for the workshop. Call Tina or Norma at 781-769-4599 for registration or further information.

SALSA/SWING DANCE LESSONS

The Balch School PTO is offering Salsa and Swing Adult Beginner Dance Lessons, Friday, Apr 9, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Balch gymnasium. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple and will include 2 beginner lessons. Come alone, with a partner, or a bring a friend! This is sure to be a fun evening as we learn to dance with Anne Heiermann, a Balch parent and competitive dancer and dance instructor. If you've always wanted to learn to dance, this is a great time to try it. All proceeds benefit school programs funded by the PTO.

PASTA DINNER CJ PRESCOTT SCHOOL

The CJ Prescott School will be hosting a pasta dinner, Friday Mar. 26, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., hosted by the 5th grade class. Cost is \$5 per person. Money raised from the event will go

towards the 5th grade class yearbook, school play and field trip. Contact Joan at 781-769-3763.

MUSIC FROM 'BRIGADOON'

The music from 'Brigadoon' will be performed by the choir of the First Congregational Church in Norwood, Saturday, Apr. 10, 7:30 p.m., Pingree's Coffee House, 100 Winter St. Music for the performance, which will also include several Scottish folk tunes, was arranged by Bill St. Laurent, the choir director of the church. 'Brigadoon' was written by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe, who also wrote 'My Fair Lady'. The original production opened on Broadway in 1947 and ran for 581 performances. There is no charge for the performance. A free will donation (\$10 is suggested) will be accepted for the Abundant Table, which provides free hot meals for the community every Wednesday and Friday evening at the church. The Coffee House is handicap accessible.

AUTHOR'S NIGHT

As part of Spring Author's Night, author Margot Livesey will be appearing on Thursday, Apr. 8, 7:30 p.m., Morrill Memorial Library. Ms. Livesey is the author of six novels and is currently a distinguished writer in residence at Emerson College. She will be discussing her books, including Homework, Criminals, The Missing World, Eva Moves the Furniture, Banishing Verona and the House on Fortune Street. To register for this free program, call 781-769-0200, x222.

BOSTON LIGHTHOUSE

Sally Snowman, Ph.D, the 70th keeper at Boston Light, the only staffed Coast Guard Light Station in the country will speak on Thursday, Apr. 15, 7 p.m., Morrill Memorial Library. Her talk will include a Powerpoint presentation of archival and current-day photographs illustrating life on Little Brewster Island at the entrance to Boston Harbor. To register for this free program, call 781-769-0200, x222.

FIREFIGHTERS HOCKEY GAME

The Norwood Firefighter All-Stars Annual Hockey Night will take place Friday, Apr. 16, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Iorio Arena, Walpole. This year Norwood Firefighters will face off against the 'Legends of Hockey,' including Terry O'Reilly, Ken Linseman, Rick Middleton, Cleon Daskalakis, Gary Doak, Reggie Lemelin and many more. Also on hand will be Rick Cobban, the celebrity clown and Sparky, the Fire Safety Dog. Admission is free and free souvenirs will be handed out to the first 200 children.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

There will be a Blood Donor Clinic Saturday, Mar. 27, 9 a.m. to noon, Norwood Town Hall.

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

The Norwood Public Schools' Fine Arts Department will hold its 13th Annual Fine Arts Festival Monday, Apr. 12 and Tuesday, Apr. 13, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 572 Nichols St. The festival showcases artwork, musical group performances, and videos all created and performed by Norwood students in grades 1-12. This event is free and open to the public. The Fine Arts Advocate of the Year and Albie Awards for outstanding high school seniors will be presented on Tuesday evening, 7:30 p.m. by Cathy Connor-Moen.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

The Norfolk Adult Day Health Center will hold its monthly caregiver support group, Tuesday, Mar. 30, 10 a.m., 595 Pleasant St. This support group is for caregivers of a loved one. Refreshments provided. This group is free and open to the public. Call Marybeth Lynch with questions or RSVP at 781-769-4495.

WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER

The Norwood High Athletic Boosters is hosting a Wine Tasting and Social Fundraiser, Tuesday, Mar. 30, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., OCC 171 Nahatan St. Tickets are \$25 and include the tasting, as well as a light buffet. For ticket information or other questions, contact Nora Glynn at 781-551-8585 or Candie O'Brien at 781-255-9301. The NHS Boosters supports all the athletic teams at Norwood High School.

CANDIDATES' NIGHT

The Norwood League of Women Voters is sponsoring a Candidates' Night, Monday, Mar. 22, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Hall, Town Hall. All 16 candidates on the ballot for the Apr. 5 town election are invited to attend. There are contested races for Selectmen, School Committee and Planning Board. Both contested and uncontested candidates will make opening remarks and then take questions solicited from the audience.

NORWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES

The following parenting workshops will be held at the Savage Educational Center, 275 Prospect St.: Ready or Not - Parenting in the Middle School Years, Wednesday, Mar. 24, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Math MCAS: Helping Your Child Prepare (elementary school level), Thursday, Apr. 1, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please call Jeanne Morrison at 781-440-5983 or email at jmorrison@norwood.k12.ma.us to register for any of these programs.

SHOP ROCHE BROS. FOR POST PROM PARTY

Shop at Roche Bros. in Westwood, Friday, Mar. 19, between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. and donate your cash register receipt to Post Prom Party representatives as you exit and Roche Bros. will donate 5% of total receipts to the Norwood Post Prom Party.

FOXWOODS TRIP

There will be a Foxwoods trip Monday, Mar. 22. Those interested should call Fran Macaulay at 781-686-4346 for information. Cost is \$24 per person. The proceeds will benefit the Norwood American Legion.

LIVE DEBATES ON TV

For the seventh year, NPA-TV will produce live broadcast of its annual debates moderated by Jack McCarthy. There will be two debates: Board of Selectmen & School Committee. NPA-TV has invited the three candidates for the Board of Selectmen seats: Helen Abdallah Donohue, Allan Howard and Michael Lyons. This debate will be held live, Thursday, Mar. 18, 7 p.m., NPA's Town Channel. Immediately following the Board of Selectmen Debate, a second debate featuring the candidates running for the School Committee seats: John Badger, Joseph Pentowski, Courtney Rau & Eleanor Travers. This debate will begin approximately 8 p.m., Thursday, Mar. 18. Both debates will be rebroadcast throughout election season. View-

ers at home are encouraged to phone-in questions live during the broadcast by calling the NPA-TV studio line at 781-352-2605. To leave questions in advance for the candidates, call the NPA-TV Office at 781-551-0338 or email NPA-TV at staff@npatv.org. NPA-TV's Channels are: Town Chan-

nel - Norwood Light Broadband, ch. 23 or Comcast ch 8; School Channel - NLB ch. 22 or Comcast ch 12.

WILLETT FUNDRAISER SHOW

There will be a fundraiser benefit-

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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 6, 2010 at 7:15 PM** on the request of Robert N. Donahue (Case #10-14) with respect to property located on 62 Hillshire Lane, in a G-General Residential District.

The application requests:

This Application requests a Special Permit under Section 5.3.3 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow an 8' x 10' addition to single family home having less rear yard (22.9') where 30' is required and less side yard (9.6') where 10' is required.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be viewed Monday - Thursday between 8:30 AM to 3 PM.

BOARD OF APPEAL

Patrick J. Mulvehill, Chairman; Barbara A. Kinter; Philip W. Riley; John R. Perry; Harry T. Spence

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SECTION A ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID TOWN OF NORWOOD, MA

Sealed bids will be received up to 11:00 A.M. (Verizon time), April 8, 2010, in the Purchasing Department at Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Third Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 for the following Public Project:

"Masonry Repairs at 171 Nahatan Street, Norwood, MA"

The complete bid package may be obtained in the Purchasing Department during regular business hours. The bid must be filled out and signed as directed herein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed to the Purchasing Department, endorsed with the name and address of the bidder, and marked, "Masonry Repairs - 171 Nahatan Street, CONTRACT #NGM-10-02". The estimated value of the project is \$65,000. Existing conditions included in this contract can be viewed during the pre-bid conference on March 24, 2010, at 11:00 A.M. at the Olde Colonial Café, 171 Nahatan Street, Norwood, MA 02062. Attendance is not mandatory, but is strongly suggested.

A certified check or bid bond, with acceptable surety in favor of the Town of Norwood and equal to at least five percent (5%) of the bid, must be submitted with the bid. The successful bidder shall, within ten (10) days of notification of award furnish the Town a performance bond and a payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the award.

There shall be a \$50 refundable specification deposit (check only - payable to the Town of Norwood) and refundable if plans and specifications are returned within thirty (30) days from the bid opening. There shall also be a separate \$15 non-refundable mailing fee (check only - payable to the Town of Norwood).

Bids shall be prepared, considered, and the contract awarded in accordance with all statutes governing such contracts (MGL Chapter 30 and Chapter 149 as amended). Every General Bid shall be on forms furnished by the Town. Bids submitted on other forms may be rejected. The award of the contract shall be made within 30 working days after the opening of General Bids, Saturdays, and Sundays excluded.

An award will not be made to a Contractor who is not properly equipped to undertake and complete the work. The right is reserved to waive any informality and to reject any or all bids or any part of any bid in accordance with the provisions of MGL as amended.

The Town of Norwood notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed or national origin in consideration for an award. As part of his obligation of remedial action under the foregoing section, the Contractor and Subcontractors shall maintain not less than 5% ratio of minority employee work hours to total work hours in each job category specified in Section 44F of Chapter 149 MGL.

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.

Wages are subject to minimum wage rates under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D inclusive, as most recently amended.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to accept any part of a bid or the one deemed best for the Town. Questions can be addressed to Catherine Carney, Contract Administrator, Town of Norwood, at (781) 762-1240, Ext. 107. A planholders' list can be obtained on the Town's website: www.norwoodma.gov.

BY: John J. Carroll, General Manager

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and one party placed under arrest. See report. Arrest: DaSilva, Fabricio S. Address: 1134 Washington St. 4, Norwood, MA. DOB: 09/07/1984. Charges: a & b, a & b with dangerous weapon, warrant arrest.

2303 911. Medical emergency, citation/warning issued. Location/address: Whitewood Cir. NFD notified. N668 sent.

Friday, March 12

0533 911. Susp. activity, area search negative. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Female caller reports a white male following her and whistling at her. She would like to speak to an officer. N667 and N663 search area. N667 to leave a report.

0830 phone. Larceny, report filed. Location/address: Ellis Nursing and Rehabilitation Center - Ellis Ave. Cell phone taken from resident and used, bill run up.

0912 radio. Serve summons, legal service made. Location/address: Railroad Ave. Attempt to serve warrant.

1022 phone. Motor vehicle accident, report filed. Location/address: Washington St. One vehicle towed, NFD transports one to Caritas Hospital. Off. responds to the hospital. Arrest: Towers, John J. Jr. Address: 1899 Hyde Park Ave. 3, Boston, MA. DOB: 11/19/1972. Charges: warrant arrest, license suspended, op mv with subsq. off.

1110 phone. Dispute, spoken to. Location/address: Citizens Bank - Nahatan St. Employee reports customer acted in a menacing, threatening way. He has since left. Customer upset over a fee. They will call if he comes back.

1411 walk-in. Larceny, report filed. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Credit card larceny and fraudulent use of same.

1634 initiated. Drug law violation, arrest(s) made. Location/address: Convenient Food Market - Washington St. N490 requests marked unit for arrest. Don and Wallys to tow MA reg#329BC2. Negoshians to tow MA reg#93GM32. State K-9 notified. Two placed under arrest. See report. Arrest: Millar, Michael E. Address: 129 Spruce Rd., Norwood, MA. DOB: 06/14/1984. Charges: drug, distribute class b, conspiracy to violate drug law, a & b on police officer, stop for police, fail.

1849 phone. Domestic, arrest(s) made. Location/address: Garfield Ave. Caller reports her husband assaulted her and left on foot. N662, N669, N664 respond. One male placed under arrest. See report. Arrest: King, Christian Mark. Address: 2 Garfield Ave., Norwood, MA. DOB: 01/09/1975. Charges: a & b, witness, intimidate, protective custody.

2354 911. Domestic, arrest(s) made. Location/address: Centennial Dr. Caller reports that male party assaulted his girlfriend and him. N662, N669 sent. As a result one male placed under arrest. See report. Arrest: Cook, Jason Michael. Address: 35 Centennial Dr. 1, Norwood, MA. DOB: 01/24/1982. Charges: a & b.

0034 phone. Domestic, protective custody. Location/address: Rock St. Caller reports a disturbance outside. Officers report verbal only. Female leaving with a friend and the male is a pc. P/C: Brant, Stephen W. Address: 6 West St., Wrentham, MA. DOB: 11/29/1986. Charges: protective custody.

0343 phone. Domestic, arrest(s) made. Location/address: Wickham Way. Caller locked herself in the bathroom with her friend and reports two males arguing in the living room. As a result one under arrest. Arrest: McNeil, Aswad Cecil. Address: 37 McAdams Rd., Framingham, MA. DOB: 08/04/1989. Charges: a & b.

1555 phone. Noise complaint, spoken to. Location/address: Endicott St. Report resident banging on her ceiling (caller's floor). Officers spoke with parties involved, noise stopped prior to arrival. Caller satisfied.

1735 911. Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Morningside Dr. Lift assist only, no injury.

2111 911. Disturbance, report filed. Location/address: Tremont St. Caller reported disturbance at home. Officers on scene reported verbal argument only. Report to follow.

2248 initiated. Susp. person, spoken to. Location/address: Callahan School - Garfield Ave. Officer out with party behind school. Checked ok.

2318 phone. Drunk person, report filed. Location/address: Nichols St. Norwood Fire reported intoxicated male at above address. Officers placed party into protective custody, released to parents. Report to follow. Juvenile arrest. Age: 16. Charges: protective custody.

Sunday, March 14

0132 911. Report of fire, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Winter St. Caller reported smell of smoke. Norwood Fire reported furnace problem.

0302 phone. Loud party, spoken to. Location/address: West St. Caller reported loud party. Officer spoke to residents, advised.

0912 911. Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Fulton St. Report possible seizure. NFD transported.

1021 911. Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Highview St. Resident with abdominal pain. NFD transported.

1123 phone. Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Washington St. Resident reports 6 yoa accidentally injected herself with an eppy pen. NFD transported.

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1412 911. Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Feeney Rd. Resident with high fever. NFD transported.

1605 phone. Larceny, report filed. Location/address: Folan Ave. Caller reports someone stole her rock pot. N663 to file report.

1720 phone. Dog bite, report filed. Location/address: Short St. Caller reports dog bite, NACO notified. NFD notified. N663, N679 respond. See report.

2031 phone. Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Hill St.

2032 phone. Assist Fire Dept., Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Beech St. Flooded basement, NFD notified. NFD to handle.

2120 cellular. Assaults, arrest(s) made. Location/address: Community Living Program (Cluster House) - Winter St. Caller reports one of the residents being assaultive. N661, B667, N668 respond. As a result one male under arrest. See reports. Arrest: Debiase, Brett A. Address: 103 Winter St., Norwood, MA. DOB: 05/11/1992. Charges: assault w/dangerous weapon.

2228 911. Medical emergency, transported to hospital. Location/address: Village Road W. Caller reports child having trouble breathing, N667 and NFD responding. N667 reports NFD transporting child to hospital.

2230 phone. Assist citizen, report filed. Location/address: Glendale Rd. Caller requesting assistance on unwanted party located at

another home, N679 and N669 responding. N679 spoke with party see report.

Monday, March 15

0149 911. Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Orchard Ln. Woman fell and has head laceration. NFD handled.

0204 911. Noise complaint, spoken to. Location/address: Washington St. Unknown problem. Language barrier. Loud party told to quiet down.

0300 radio. Warrant arrest, arrest(s) made. Location/address: Washington St. Attempt to make warrant arrest. Two brought into station under arrest. Arrest: Castillo, Tommy E. Address: 18 Turning Mill Lane, Randolph, MA. DOB: 08/26/1985. Charges: warrant arrest. Arrest: Cardona, Sergio R. Address: 1132 Washington St. 5, Norwood, MA. DOB: 08/29/1989. Charges: warrant arrest.

0550 911. Fire alarm, Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/address: Marlboro St. Caller reports water in basement and smoke coming from refrigerator. Norwood Fire department notified. 664 responding.

0630 911. Fire alarm, Fire Dept notified/respo. Location/address: Harrow Rd. Caller reports water in basement and smoke emanating. Norwood Fire notified. 664 responding.

0633 911. Suicide/or threat, transported to hospital. Location/address: Centennial Dr. Caller reports person staying with her is threatening to harm himself. 665, 667 and 668 responding. 668 reports person transferred to hospital. 668, 667 and 664 following ambulance to hospital. Report to

be filed.

1408 phone. Susp. activity, report filed. Location/address: Central Dental Assoc. Inc. - Washington St. Patient has made a written complaint about issues unrelated or the cause of any treatment. Report to be filed.

1521 radio. Warrant arrest, no action required. Location/address: Wickham Way. Attempt to serve warrant & pc for domestic a & b. Subject not home.

1658 phone. Road hazard, services rendered. Location/address: Maxwell Ave. Caller reports there is a tow truck stuck in his front yard. N679 exchanged information so tow company could pay for damages.

1710 phone. Breaking and entering, report filed. Location/address: Walpole St. Caller reports b & e to home. N667, N670 respond. See report by officer.

1840 phone. B & E of motor vehicle, report filed. Location/address: Zimble Corporation - Endicott St. Caller reports male party dressed in all black breaking into yellow truck in Zimble's property. See report by officer.

1917 walk-in. Larceny, report filed. Location/address: Norwood Sport Center - Cottage St. Report debit card stolen and used.

2205 radio. Warrant arrest, arrest(s) made. Location/address: Wickham Way. Framingham request the arrest of a resident. N667 places subject under arrest and transports to station. Framingham P.D. picked up same. Arrest: Cordova, Joseph A. Address: 201 Wickham Way T4, Norwood, MA. DOB: 05/28/1990. Charges: warrant arrest.

Letters *continued from page 4*

FY 2008 and FY2009 averaged \$584K per year. The 'approved budget' in each of those years was \$486K or an average of \$98K less than needed. In 2010, the 'approved budget' was once again \$486K and (surprise) once again an additional \$100K is going to be needed. It appears town officials simply "allot the same amount regardless of what the department head really needs and are complicit in causing an overrun every year.

It seems the spin being put on the overrun by town officials is mismanagement of manpower since they announced they are "reviewing shift schedules, minimum staffing requirements and more." There is no mention of the demoralizing effect this could have on one of our most important departments.

Funds that should have realistically been approved at budget time need to be requested at a special town meeting in April. Due to the inadequate funding citizens will be put at risk (as well as the firefighters) since the only course of action open to the chief is to take equipment out of service when minimum

staffing levels cannot be met, due to lack of funding. This has happened already with the second ambulance being taken out of service on several days due to staffing levels. Firefighting equipment may also have reduced manning levels with compromised capabilities posing additional risk for firefighters and citizens of the town.

If you have a cardiac arrest or a loved one lies unresponsive before you, would you really want to wait for a Canton or Walpole ambulance to respond because the only ambulance in service is out on another call? There will inevitably be a price to pay if we continue to underfund the Fire Department - hopefully it is not a human life.

Bill Dowling

LUCKY TO HAVE HOSPITAL

To the Editor:

Do you realize how fortunate we are to have Norwood Hospital right in our own backyard? Or, are you like me, and take for granted the resources in our own Community, like Norwood Hospital, until we find that we need them? I

must admit that I never really realized how very fortunate we are to have the Hospital so close by until my daughter was injured a couple of years ago. Now, I am so thankful that on the occasions when I need to make an emergency visit, Norwood Hospital is literally only minutes away. And, from our experience, all of the staff at Norwood Hospital are not only very capable, but immensely kind and compassionate. A recent unplanned trip to the Endoscopy Unit resulted in my daughter receiving the utmost attention and resolution of the problem at hand. My heartfelt thanks go out to Kathy Mandigo, Barbara Glavin, Dr. Perrotto and all the other wonderful people in the Unit and in Registration that were so helpful. We have had similarly positive experiences in the past with the staff in the Emergency Dept. as well, and with many others who work at Norwood Hospital. I urge you to think about this the next time you receive a donation request from the Hospital, and consider supporting this valuable resource. It takes a lot of money, I am sure, to keep Norwood Hospital functioning in its capacity, and we certainly do not want to lose it. Just some food for thought!

Betty Marsh

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ing Willett Early Childhood Center enrichment programs, Saturday, Mar. 20, 7 p.m., Norwood Elks Club. Featured acts will be local comedian Jackie Smith, acoustic musician Chuck Fisher and local band, the Blue Mangoes. Tickets are \$15 per person in advance and \$20 per person at the door. Contact 781-269-5463 or dritchie8@gmail.com for tickets and more information..

ITALIAN DINNER/GOLF PACKAGE
The Annual Balch School Italian Dinner will be held Friday, Mar. 19, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., school cafeteria and gym. Cost is \$5 per person and includes a pizza dinner, including salad, beverage, coffee/tee and choice of dessert. Members of the 5th grade class will serve as the hosts for the evening and all proceeds from the event will go toward the 5th grade yearbook and end-of-year activities. The PTO is also selling raffle tickets

for a golf package at the Shattuck Golf Club in Jaffrey, NH. The package includes golf for four and a \$100 Citgo gas card (for use at Kelly's Filling Station). Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10 and can be purchased by contacting Jen Jenks at: jenjenks@verizon.net.

AUDREY HEPBURN FILM FEST
The Morrill Memorial Library library is presenting its second feature film series, spotlighting

Audrey Hepburn; 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' (with George Peppard), Thursday, Mar. 18 and 'Funny Face' (with Fred Astaire), Thursday, Mar. 25. All movies begin at 7 p.m. in the 2nd floor Simoni Room. Immediately following the showing of Funny Face on Mar. 25, Michele Wakin, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Bridgewater State College, will talk about the film and offer a brief Q&A.

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the institution of the Lord's Supper; Good Friday, Apr. 2, noon to 3 p.m., in remembrance of the crucifixion with Scripture, reading, prayer, singing of hymns and a series of seven short messages on the seven last statements of Jesus before his death. People are welcome to attend all or any portion of this service as they are able; Easter Sunday, Apr. 4, 8 a.m., Service in celebration of the resurrection.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN LENTEN EVENTS

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 24 Berwick St., will be offering midweek Lenten worship services each week throughout Lent, Sunday, Apr. 4, Wednesday afternoons, 2 p.m. and Thursday evenings, 6:45 p.m., 24 Berwick St. For any questions or more information, call the church office or Pastor Saling at 781-762-9457.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL LENTEN EVENTS

Rev. John Hamilton will lead the 5-week Lenten Gatherings se-

ries Tuesdays, through Mar. 30, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., First Congregational Church, Route 1A and Winter St. The focus of the series will be a short essay entitled Firewatch, July 4, 1952 by the 20th-century Trappist monk, mystic and writer, Thomas Merton. The essay describes his physical journey while on fire watch at the abbey where he lived, while at the same time following his mental journey as he relives his life, in an extended examination of conscience. Each Lenten gathering will begin with Holy Communion and a light meal, including a short reading from the Merton essay, followed by a table discussion. If you are interested in participating in the Lenten series, contact Rev. Hamilton at john.j.hamilton@gmail.com or the church office at 781-762-3320.

The church is also holding a Lenten Bible Study, focusing on the Lenten section of Handel's Messiah, Sunday mornings, through Mar. 28, 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Route 1A and Winter St. The

study will look at the words to the Messiah and the Bible verses they come from and will listen to a traditional version of the Messiah as well as a new rock version. Each class will conclude with a time of silence and meditation and the lighting and extinguishing of the Lenten candles. For more information, call the church office at 781-762-3320.

PASSOVER SEDER/FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The First Baptist Church of Norwood will present a Full Passover Seder, Friday, Mar. 19, 6:30 p.m., 71 Bond St. The Seder will be conducted by Oded Cohen of Jews for Jesus and his wife Bimini, missionary leaders in the New England area. The Seder will be accompanied by a chicken dinner. Cost is \$15. Reservations are necessary and must be called in no later than Sunday, Mar. 14. There will be a limit of 100 people. Please call Ruth Taeger at 781-769-0425.

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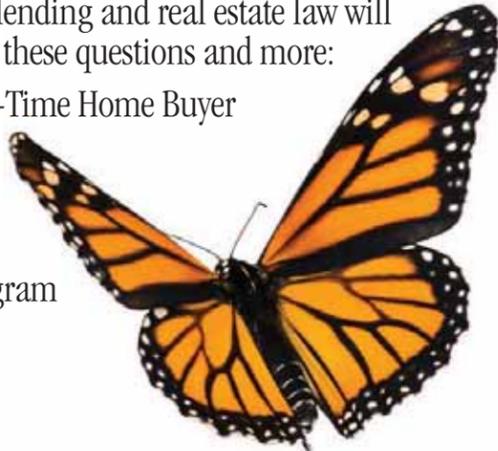
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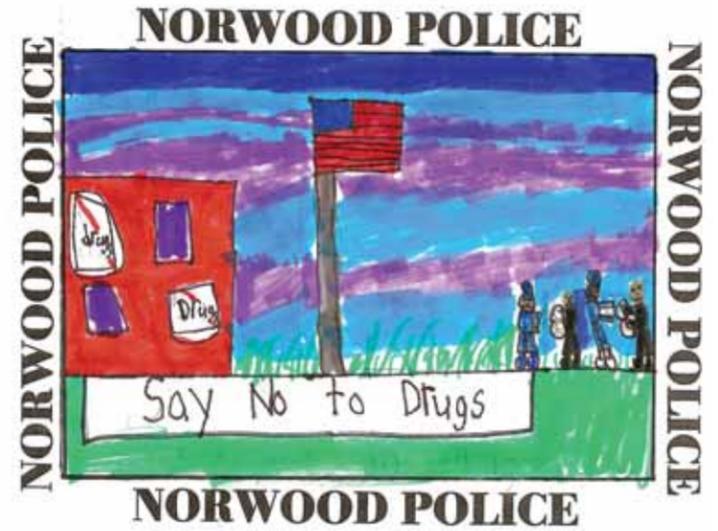
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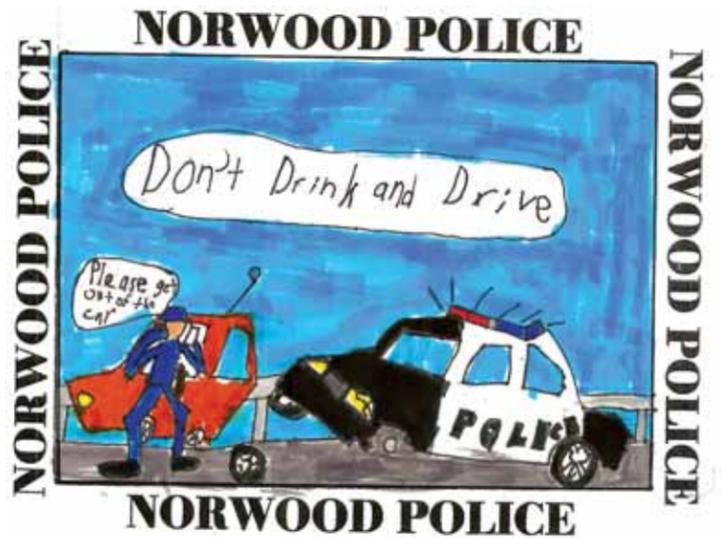


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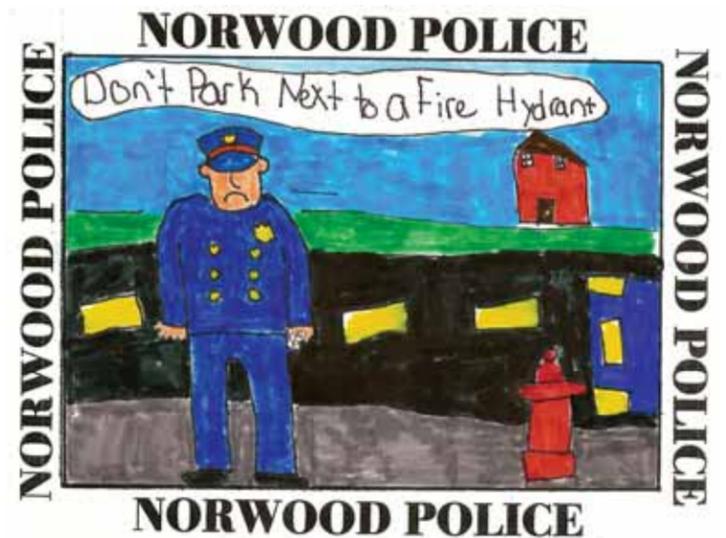
Third graders from Norwood Elementary Schools shared their public service messages through drawings, in the 2009 Norwood Police Association and Norwood Public Schools Third Grade Art Project. Pictures are now posted on the Norwood Police Association's facebook page. Facebook users may go to the photos section and click on a gallery for each elementary school.



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