



This rendering shows the proposed new Department of Public Works yards of Lyman Place. Updated plans were presented to the Permanent Building Construction Committee last week.

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PBCC updated on new DPW yard plans

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

Plans are moving ahead for the new Department of Public Works (DPW) yard on Lyman Place.

Last week, the Permanent Building Construction Committee (PBCC) was presented with updated floor plans of the project from Peabody-based Weston & Sampson, which was hired for the design phase after Annual Town Meeting voted back in May to appropriate \$1.2 million for the DPW project.

According to DPW Director Mark Ryan, the plan is to have “a pretty good final layout of the buildings” by the end of the

month before getting into more “in-depth” structural and engineering designs in the coming months.

The project involves complete removal of the current facilities on Lyman Place and construction of three new buildings totaling 53,000 square feet. Included in the project are modern vehicle and salt storage facilities, mechanics and wash bays and administrative offices to bring the DPW to a centralized location. Currently, the DPW yard crew is housed at the Norwood Civic Center while the Engineering Department is at Town Hall.

“The size of the buildings would be increased so we could

put all our vehicles under cover,” Ryan explained in a phone interview. “We have over 25 vehicles, and only six of them can be garaged. The bays are much too small now. The current building was built in 1949, and vehicles have gotten much larger.”

Ryan said the project also includes improved crew locker rooms and lunch areas.

“We’re really in schematic design right now. We’re pretty much all set with that,” he said.

Once the initial design and engineering phases are complete, Ryan said, the town will look to solicit bids for a con-

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MCAS drops concerning to School Committee

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

School officials expressed concern last week with some downward trends on the spring Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) results, which were presented to the School Committee on October 10.

In his presentation to the committee, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Alec Wyeth noted that scores in several of the grade levels have slipped as compared to last year’s MCAS scores. However, as Wyeth explained, the district as a whole still performed well compared to state averages under a new growth-evaluation model meant to document improvement over time.

Wyeth presented the English Language Arts (ELA) results for grades 3 through 10 and will present the math and science scores to the committee at their next meeting on October 24.

In third grade, 65 percent of students scored in the Proficient or Advanced levels in the ELA portion of the exam, the same percent as last year and four points higher than the state average.

But the level of students in Proficient and Advanced dropped slightly in grades 4 through 7, though all remained above the state average. The

largest drops were in grades 5 and 7, which both saw a six-percent reduction in students scoring in Proficient and Advanced. In fifth grade it went from 74 to 68 percent and in seventh grade from 80 to 74 percent.

“The good news is that we’re seven points above the state [in grade 5], but it’s going the wrong way,” said Wyeth, adding, “We really want to see our grade 7 students do better. We want to see those trends continue to go up, not down.”

The highlight of this year’s testing was in eighth grade, where the percentage of students scoring in the highest ranges increased by five points, from 83 to 88. This was the only grade level to have a percentage-point increase, and it was also one of two grades, along with grade 6, to reach “High Growth” status under the state’s new system. All other grades were in the “Moderate Growth” band.

“This was really a great performance” in the eighth grade, said Wyeth.

In grade 10, the scores remained steady at 92 percent Proficient and Advanced, compared to 88 percent as the state average. The school did slip out of the High Growth

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School Committee approves previously cut spending

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

The School Committee voted unanimously last week to restore several line items that were eliminated as part of the budget process earlier in the year.

Superintendent James Hayden said the final state budget gave the school district a budget surplus of \$914,431, allowing the schools to restore several items that were part of the original fiscal year 2013 spending plan.

The original proposal was for a total school budget of \$37.2 million, but based upon revenue projections at the time, Town Meeting ultimately passed a smaller budget of \$35.2 million, requiring elimination of seven full-time equivalent (FTE) positions and \$947,000 in other reductions.

Once the final state appropriation was known, Hayden said, work was done to compile a list of priority line items to restore to the district in order to keep adequate services.

"We're looking back at our priorities," said School Committee Chairwoman Courtney

Rau. "We made our projections based on what the town projection was, and that always changes. I think our overall goal is capacity building."

Among the items voted restored, Hayden recommended \$210,000 for future teacher contracts; \$178,000 for textbooks and instructional supplies; \$65,000 for a speech teacher; \$60,000 for a high-school adjustment counselor; \$60,000 for the special-education medical account; \$54,000 for a middle-school guidance counselor; \$46,000 for clubs and activities at the high school and middle school; \$40,000 for MCAS elementary and middle-school MCAS tutoring; \$32,000 for a reading teacher at the Cleveland Elementary School; \$30,000 for secretarial support; \$28,000 for computer software and supplies; \$27,000 for professional development; and \$25,000 for library books.

The vote results in an increase of 4.1 FTEs, said Hayden, who said he would begin advertising to fill the positions right away.

"Our basic stance is that we don't have a pie that's big enough right now. This is

needed," School Committee member Paul Samargedlis said of the restorations. "This isn't something that should be looked at as additional. It was subtraction by necessity [earlier in the year]."

Hayden said the fact that Town Meeting sets the budget in May, before the state budget is finalized and Chapter 70 local school funding figures are known, makes it difficult to plan ahead.

"You can't take a promise to the bank," he said, referring to what the state promises to fund, mainly Circuit Breaker reimbursement for special education. "The important thing is, we're going to be able to add some things to our budget that are going to help our children."

In addition to the restorations, Samargedlis wanted to get comparative salaries for teachers in other similar school districts, noting that the main reason teachers seem to be leaving the system is money. He said retaining talent should be the "number one" priority of any business.

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struction contract and go to Town Meeting next May for funding. The proposal must also go through the Planning Board for site-plan approval and Zoning Board of Appeals for use as a preexisting non-conforming structure, said Ryan.

"We're looking to have a firm number on construction

costs" by March, he said. "If all goes well, construction will begin at the end of June or beginning of July of next year."

Under that timeline, the new DPW facilities would be operational by October of 2014.

Talks of a new DPW yard can be traced back to 1987, when the town first pursued a feasibility study to relocate the operation. Another study was done in 2002, at which time "we looked at over 40 sites throughout the town," said Ryan.

"Two years ago we started putting together concepts," he said.

A study conducted by Weston & Sampson concluded that the DPW could remain at its current location, but needed additional storage space, perhaps a garage for off-season equipment. Town Meeting last year approved the acquisition of land on Lenox Street for DPW storage, and Ryan said the off-season equipment can be stored at the Winter Street composting facility.

The PBCC is scheduled to meet again Thursday, October 25, at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall, at which time it is expected more detailed plans will be presented. Meanwhile, members of the committee were scheduled to meet with engineers for the project at least once this week for an informal workgroup session to advance the designs.

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Selectmen reach financial settlement with fire chief

Board also wants Strong Chief law abolished

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

The town has reached a financial settlement with longtime Fire Chief Michael Howard to end his employment with the town.

Howard, the fire chief since 2004, was on medical leave since April, before being told by the Selectmen last month not to return to work.

Howard was planning legal action against a number of top town officials, who he claimed had obstructed his return to work following his medical leave due to an unspecified condition, which he said was "directly related to and caused by my job as fire chief."

However, at their meeting Tuesday night, the Selectmen announced that they had reached an agreement for Howard to end his employment with the town. The announcement came following an executive session to discuss "the physical condition or mental health of an employee/settlement agreement."

The board had previously made an unspecified offer that Chief Howard had rejected.

According to a prepared statement released Wednesday morning, the board reached an agreement with the chief that will "place him in Inactive Status pending his separation from employment with the town of Norwood."

"More importantly, the

agreement allows the board to move forward quickly to appoint a new fire chief. We will begin that process today," said the statement.

The agreement places Chief Howard on injured leave retroactive to April 18. He is required to apply for accidental disability retirement no later than 14 days from the agreement. He will receive a total annual salary of \$125,180 while on Inactive Status, Should his application for accidental disability retirement be denied, he will remain on injured-on-duty leave until May 17, 2014.

According to the statement, the deal protects the town from any and all future legal action by Chief Howard.

"We realize that the action we have taken will have significant financial implications for the town. However, it is the board's opinion after much consultation and consideration that these concerns are far outweighed by the benefits to the Fire Department and the town," the statement said.

The chief did not return a call seeking comment.

The board also voted at the meeting to submit an article for the November 15 Special Town Meeting to rescind the so-called "strong chief" law designation from the fire chief position. The vote would put direction of the fire chief directly under the town manager as opposed to the Selectmen.

Recreation news and events

Also at the meeting, Superintendent of Recreation Gerald Miller gave an update on the project to enhance the athletic fields at the Coakley Middle School.

He said he is still waiting to hear back on the status of a grant from the state Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), which he said should be known later this month.

The town recently applied for up to \$1.2 million in state funding through the DCR for the project, which involves converting the fields to artificial turf, as well as installing lights, a playground and a walking path, among other things. The project requires an additional appropriation from Town Meeting and an agreement with the School Committee to transfer ownership of the land, said Miller.

While there was some concern over the amount of land being transferred, Miller said the schools would still have the same access to the property. He said to complete the grant procurement process, the town would have "care and custody" of the land.

"It's basically just a change in ownership. There's really not going to be a lot of change to the land," said Miller. "They're going to benefit from having artificial turf and walking paths."

Miller also updated the

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OPINION

Skating on thinning ice

At first glance, the money secured to build a skating rink in South Norwood seemed like a wonderful opportunity. This newspaper was excited about the prospects given Norwood does have a rich hockey history and public skating does give families an opportunity to get out and exercise. However, initial euphoria may have been a bit short sighted, and concerns of those living in South Norwood should not be so quickly dismissed as some are trying to suggest.

A letter submitted to this newspaper by RINC (Recreation in Norwood Committee) made some relevant points, but it also seemed a bit presumptuous in implying that their group speaks for a majority of Norwood residents, while at the

same time seemingly writing off South Norwood concerns. The letter states, "Norwood has never been guided by the concept of NIMBY when making important decisions that impact the whole town. And great opportunities benefiting the entire community should always trump personal interests."

Seriously, do they really think Norwood officials, or any other form of democratic government for that matter, doesn't consider NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) concerns of residents important? The whole premise of government is to protect the rights of all, even if the protection of these rights conflict with majority opinion.

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Letters to the Editor

RINK WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS

To the Editor:

Regarding the proposed hockey rink on school grounds in South Norwood, residents of that area should be aware of two facts about hockey teams. First of all, they routinely practice in the early morning hours, often before sunrise. Secondly, hockey rinks tend to play host to multiple teams from different communities, teams which will be practicing in the early morning and playing games at all hours of the day and night during the late fall and winter months.

Be prepared for more congestion and even gridlock on the streets of South Norwood if the rink is built in your area. My advice is to demand that Rep. Rogers and the local politicians who are pushing this down your throat look elsewhere for a site. How about a study to see if their own neighborhoods might be suitable venues for the rink?

L.J. Higginbottom
Norwood

ROGERS CROSSED LINE

To the Editor:

Last week's edition of this paper published a letter from Representative John

Rogers that I believe crossed a proverbial line between common decency and conduct unbecoming of a public official. Rogers personally responded to a letter authored by one of his constituents, Mrs. Patricia Barrett, in which she criticized his performance as our state representative. In an intensely personal attack, Rogers described Mrs. Barrett as "clueless", "misguided", "selfish", and called her a "miserable political hack."

Now, those who know Pat Barrett know she can defend herself. However, after reading Mr. Rogers attack piece, I felt the need to respond. Mr. Rogers should remember that Pat Barrett is a mother, a friend, neighbor and a person who is very involved in numerous aspects of Norwood civic and charitable life. Yes, we know to her to be opinionated and passionate, but she in no way deserved the vitriolic assault that came from her elected state representative last week. Indeed, no constituent/taxpayer should ever, ever, ever receive such public treatment from an official who works for her.

Mr. Rogers also took aim at me last week. I understand I am in the public arena and I can take it, and, I know how to defend myself. Mr. Rogers

stated that (I am): "currently under investigation by the state Ethics Commission for hiding \$100,000 in taxpayer money that (I) took from a state agency who now wants to double-dip as a state representative, too." Mr. Rogers should be careful about making false and malicious statements. He should have slept on that one before pressing the send button.

I know of no such investigation by the State Ethics Commission. It is true that I have been disparaged and written about in the papers due to a request for an investigation by the state Democratic Party alleging that I completed a question on a form incorrectly. Yes, I did not include two years of earnings on the form. My interpretation of the form was incorrect and I have amended the filing so that the earnings are now evident. I have not been contacted by State Ethics regarding any investigation and I do not expect to be so investigated. The money I have earned representing poor people in court has always been public record. I am proud of the work I do defending people who cannot afford to hire a lawyer. My mistake was in not calling State Ethics be-

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Planning Board prepares for medical marijuana vote

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

The Planning Board says it will wait to see how the vote falls next month on whether to legalize medical marijuana in the state.

The board at its Monday night meeting discussed the possible ramifications of Question 3 on the November ballot, which if passed would allow medical-marijuana dispensaries to be built across the state.

But following the advise of town counsel, the board decided to take no action until after the election.

The board was responding to a letter from earlier in the month in which Police Chief William Brooks recommended that the town establish zoning to restrict the location of medical marijuana dispensaries.

Board Chairman Ernie Paciorkowski said Town Planner Steve Costello had met with Brooks, Health Director Sigalle Reiss and Building In-

spector Mark Chubet, and opinion was sought from town counsel on the issue.

Town counsel's opinion was that "if it's not in our zoning bylaws, it's not allowed in the town of Norwood," said Paciorkowski.

"My suggestion is that we follow town counsel's lead on this. He feels that we're covered," said Paciorkowski. "Once it becomes state law, we'd have to act on it. Once it becomes legal, an applicant has the right to come into a town and say 'I want to open a facility.' You cannot outlaw it if it passes. We'll cross that bridge when we come to it."

While Paciorkowski said he doesn't believe the measure will pass, he said the board must be ready for it if it does.

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board on recent and upcoming recreation events. Upcoming Halloween-themed events include the "Trunk or Treat," a free trick-or-treat alternative for children from infants to age 8, on Saturday, October 20, from 5 to 6 p.m. in the municipal lot across from the Civic Center. The department's annual Pumpkin Fest takes place on Thursday, October 25, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Civic Center. Cost is \$5 for child. Another Halloween event, "Spooktacular," is on Saturday, October 27, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the gym. The event will feature games, arts and crafts, dancing, refreshments, face painting and a costume parade. Cost is \$5 per child.

One of the more unique events is the Spooky House Decorating Contest, which residents can participate in for \$5. Judging will be done on October 30, and will be based on originality, arrangement, theme and overall decoration. Miller said that once a household signs up, their pictures and addresses will be posted on the Recreation Department's website and on Facebook.

"People really get into decoration their houses. It's really incredible," he said, adding that the department is considering running tours of these homes for future Halloween.

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Plasko to be honored

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Housing Authority (NHA) will honor William Plasko for his 30-year career of service to the housing needs of Norwood's most vulnerable residents, Stephen Merritt, the authority's executive director said this week.

"We are inviting the community to join in this celebration to also recognize Mr. Plasko's years of service to Norwood through his work on the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, Town Meeting moderator, and any number of other specific committees over the last 40 years," said Merritt. "In February the NHA and the town almost lost our valued friend, colleague,

and citizen leader, when he was stricken while en route to see his newest grandchild in Tennessee."

Plasko spent weeks hospitalized in Connecticut, and was able to finally come home to Norwood in April, said Merritt. After more weeks of recovery he returned to the Norwood Housing Authority on a part-time schedule and rejoined the Board of Selectmen.

Plasko announced his retirement from his full-time career in June. He remains with the NHA on a part-time basis. The extra time he now has is spent with his family, particularly his growing grandchildren.

"So it is with joy and great pleasure that we will gather to show our appreciation to Bill

for all he has done and continues to do for Norwood and its residents," said Merritt.

The event is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 2, at 6 p.m. at the Four Points Sheraton, located at 1125 Boston-Providence Turnpike (Route 1). Dinner is at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Norwood Housing Authority office, 40 William Shyne Circle, and at the Norwood Town Hall information desk, 566 Washington St. Tickets are \$45 each. Tables of 10 are available at \$425. Payment should be made to the NHA Retirement Committee, PO Box 692, Norwood, MA 02062.

Questions may be directed to the NHA at (781) 762-8115 or emailed to plaskoretirement@gmail.com

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Of the restored positions and resources, School Committee member Susan McQuaid said, "I think it does cover some of the major areas we were concerned with."

Also at the meeting, the

committee voted to submit one article for the November 15 Special Town Meeting dealing with two unpaid bills from two years ago. Hayden said the bills are both under \$1,000 and went unpaid due

to an oversight. While the committee had planned to submit another article for funding to replace special education vehicles, Hayden said it was determined that the funding can be absorbed within the School Department's transportation budget. The department uses about 17 buses to transport 74 special needs students outside the district. The superintendent said the plan is to trade in four of the current vans and purchase six new ones.

The School Committee voted to withdraw the original article for the vehicles.

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University Ave. expansion approved

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

The Planning Board on Monday night approved a proposal from MS International Inc. to expand its operation on University Avenue.

In two separate unanimous decisions, the board agreed to site-plan approval and a special permit to waive certain parking requirements for the development.

According to Donald Myers, senior project manager with Norwood Engineering, the proposal involves demolition of about 4,000 square feet of one structure at 1080 University Ave., and construction of about 23,000 square feet of new space, including a fourth crane bay, new office space and expansion of an accessory building.

Myers said the expansion is necessary as MS International has expanded its operation in three years at the site and needs more room for storage. The pro-

posal will bring 35 new parking spaces to the site, increasing the inventory to 84 spots, Myers said.

"This is really a warehouse expansion," said Myers, adding that the new areas will not have public access. "They've run out of space, which is a good thing after three years. They've had great success in one of the buildings that had been vacant for so long."

MS International is a leading importer and distributor of natural stones, flooring, countertop and landscaping tiles, with about a dozen warehouse locations across the nation.

The proposal to expand its operation was first filed with the town back in July. Myers said the project went to the Conservation Commission, which determined that the construction was outside the 100-foot buffer area for wetlands and did not require a wetlands permit.

"We got clearance from them," he said.

He said the developers were also asked by Town Planner Steve Costello to submit a landscaping plan, which they had done prior to coming to the Planning Board. The plans show over a dozen new trees and removal of some invasive species on the property.

As Costello also explained in a letter to the board, "To grant a waiver on future parking spaces for potential expansion, the Planning Board will need to condition this site plan to the proposed office and warehouse activities only. Any additional retail, office or production activities should be prohibited unless allowed by the Planning Board."

The board made that a condition of the vote, with member Debbie Holmwood saying, "This is a special condition because it's just storage."

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"If it passes, we'd have to have a community forum, during which possible zoning options would be discussed to bring to Town Meeting," he said. "The police chief is against this. He certainly makes a good case," said board member Joseph Sheehan.

In a letter earlier in the month to the Selectmen, Brooks cited safety concerns in neighborhood with medical-marijuana facilities.

"If the initiative passes, 35

marijuana dispensaries will open across the Commonwealth," the chief wrote. "If the experiences of other states are any indicator, communities with marijuana dispensaries should expect an increase in crime the neighborhoods where they are located."

Paciorkowski said it would have been "virtually impossible" to have a bylaw written for marijuana dispensaries in time for the November 15 Special Toawn Meeting.

In his opinion, Town Counsel John Flynn cited part of the bylaw stating, "A use not classified under any listed category is forbidden in all zoning districts." "In my opinion, a medical marijuana treatment facility as described would not be a drugstore within the meaning of the Norwood zoning bylaws," Flynn wrote. "If Massachusetts voters approve Question 3 on the ballot...the issue should be revisited."



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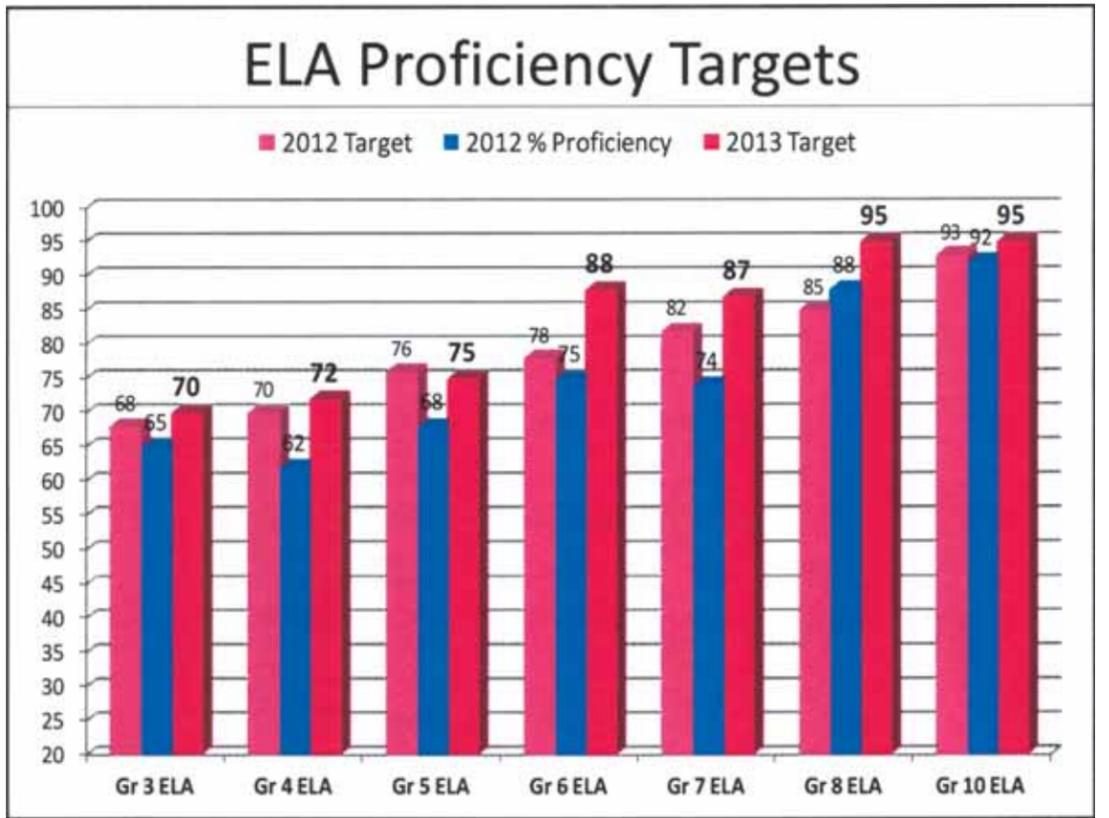
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This MCAS chart presented to School Committee last week shows that English Language Arts results largely failed to meet the school's proficiency targets.

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status it had reached last year.

As Wyeth explained, eighth grade was the only grade to meet its ELA growth proficiency target.

"Some of these numbers are pretty sobering," said School Committee member Susan McQuaid. "There are some good numbers in here and some where we could have improvement."

Wyeth also went over the new state accountability system, which replaces the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) benchmarks under the federal No Child Left Behind Act. While the AYP benchmarks were meant to get 100 percent of students to proficiency by the 2013-2014 school year, the goal of the new system is to cut pro-

iciency gaps in half by the end of the 2016-2017 school year. Instead of AYP reporting, the state will report district and school progress toward narrowing proficiency gaps using a new 100-point Progress and Performance Index (PPI) points system.

As the presentation explained, "Points are awarded to groups of students for making improvement relative to the group's own annual target." To be considered "on target" for a given indicator, a group must earn 75 points. The system consists of a "complicated formula" that includes achievement results from MCAS over the last four years, with extra points being given from increasing the Advanced category by 10 percent or more and/or decreasing Warning by 10 percent or more. Graduation and dropout rates also factor in at the high school level.

"For a school to be considered to be making progress toward narrowing proficiency gaps, it's cumulative PPI for both the 'all students' group and 'high needs' students group must be 75 or higher," the presentation stated. All districts and schools will now be classified into one of five levels, from Level 1 as most successful to Level 5 as least successful. Level 1 and 2, which include all of Norwood's schools, are not subject to any state sanctions.

Wyeth said four of Norwood's schools are Level 1, including Norwood High School, and the Callahan, Oldham and Prescott elementary schools. The Coakley Middle School and Cleveland Elementary School missed Level 1 status by a single PPI point in the "high needs" subgroup, he said.

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Nationally, think the Civil Rights Movement. Locally, think Norfolk Asphalt or Whole Market Foods, where only a minority percentage of residents are directly affected, but whose rights to the enjoyment of their properties are potentially infringed and need to be defended, even at taxpayer expense.

The statement, "Benefits to an entire community should always trump personal interests," is self serving for a couple of reasons. First, the entire community hasn't had a chance to voice their support of the project, so RINC shouldn't be stating they speak for any one or group other than those involved with the project. Second, referring to concerns of South Norwood neighbors as "personal interests" implies selfishness, when quite clearly the safety of everyone is of great concern.

Residents should ask themselves why they now see a police cruiser stationed in the Hawes Pool Parking lot every afternoon. In all probability the

department has determined that public safety is already a concern on this part of Washington Street. So, is it unreasonable to think that the chance of traffic becoming even more congested or someone being hurt or killed while crossing the street with the addition of a rink is a possibility and issues that should be taken into account?

In all likelihood there are skating rinks located in neighborhoods similar to South Norwood, but many more are located in less congested, more commercial or industrial areas like the Iorio Rink in Walpole on Route 1, where it is far less likely the rink will be approached on foot. So, a rink in South Norwood is not a unique concept, but certainly outside of the norm, particularly given that this will be a public rink, and not privately owned. The

Town may manage the rink, but they will do so under some rules established beyond their control and, potentially, their benefit.

This newspaper is not opposing the idea of a skating rink in South Norwood. We think the concept is a good one and that the availability of state money is certainly enticing, making a strong argument for going forward. However, we also think a full vetting of the proposal should take place with no group arguing that the concerns of others, even if in the minority, should be discounted or belittled. One letter writer in opposition to the rink states that not one member of RINC, or anyone else who has spoken in favor of the project for that matter, lives in South Norwood. It's an interesting point.

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fore filing the form. When I called them last week for guidance, I found the office to be extremely helpful.

In contrast to Mr. Rogers, when faced with an allegation, I took responsibility for my mistake and I corrected it quickly. Additionally, Mr. Rogers is incorrect about the "double-dipping" charge. First of all, I have not been elected state representative yet. Although I appreciate his apparent confidence in my candidacy, I must point out to him, the supposed author of a state ethics law, that there is an exemption in the state conflict of interest law (930 CMR) that allows for a state legislator to act as a private bar advocate, because of the important public service we provide to the courts. Incidentally, I do not plan to even attempt both positions if elected. I merely thought it interesting that Mr. Rogers and his letter-writing cohorts were unaware of the exemption in the law.

Political campaigns can be emotional and personal. When someone feels threatened they may at times lash out in desperation. Mr. Rogers, let us, as fathers, husbands, citizens and candidates, take the high road for the rest of this campaign and see to it that the people of Norwood and Walpole receive the very best representation that they so deserve.

James M. Stanton, Candidate for State Representative Walpole

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Sports



Tyler Goncalves (above) has been one of the leaders for the Mustangs this season. While the Mustangs sit at 3-10-1 on the year, there is hope that the team can make a postseason run.

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Mustangs fall to Raiders 2-0

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

While the boys soccer team only boasts three wins, the team has begun to turn the corner and is hopeful of significant improvement.

Unfortunately, the Mustangs fell 2-0 to a very good Wellesley team this past Tuesday afternoon on a blustery day at Father Mac's Field. The real key coming out of the game was the way the Mustangs battled against a perennial Bay State contender.

"I thought we played extremely hard against a very good team who is going to have some success in the tournament," said head coach Brian Merringer. "This was probably our best defensive game of the season aside from a breakdown in the first minute of the second half (Wellesley scored) and at the end we just got tired, but the team played really hard."

After a first-round win in the tournament last year against a higher-ranked opponent, this year's version of the Mustangs (now 3-10-1) have a

lot of similarities to last year's squad. With the one and done nature of the tourney, Merringer feels good about his club's chances at knocking someone off again.

"I was definitely encouraged by our effort against Wellesley," he said.

The only problem for Norwood is that you need to score to win. Despite standout Tyler Goncalves, the Mustangs are going to need some others to step up in the goal scoring department.

"We really just need to start finding a way of putting the ball into the back of the net," said Merringer. "When we're getting out shot by a 3-1 margin almost every game...we need one of those to start going in and it's a different game so that's going to be a point of emphasis moving forward."

Luckily for Norwood, a hot goalie and good defense can steal you a few victories in certain sports come playoff time. Norwood has that strong goalie in Joe Schallme, who made some remarkable 1-on-1 saves during the Wellesley game to keep his squad in it.

"He's been having some of his best games I've seen him have at the varsity level as of late," noted Merringer. "He had a few legitimate goal saving stops against Wellesley, he's played great."

This team plays a solid brand of soccer, with a solid defense and strong goaltending.

The squad, is in fact a playoff team thanks to the Sullivan Rule. Therefore, a team headed to its second tournament in a row when the regular season ends next week is in fact due for some recognition.

Moving forward, Merringer sees the program turning a corner, especially this year's squad. Another tournament win would surely prove that and continue to push Norwood High School soccer in the right direction.

"We've had a couple of positive years where a lot of kids are playing hard. This year, we have a lot of kids playing their hearts out and that are seniors, so we'll see how far that continues to take us."

Field Hockey clinches tourney berth

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

While it wasn't perfect last week, the Norwood field hockey team is still on pace to do some damage come tournament time. Here's a look at how last week went for them:

Framingham: win 3-0.

"With 3 games this week, we wanted to make sure we started the week off strong and get that important 9th win to qualify for the tournament out of the way," said head coach Allison Penza. "We knew yesterday's game was going to be tough as are most games against Framingham but also the field conditions were long and thick grass which really slows down the ball. I thought much of the 1st half we were out of sorts, players not in good positions and we weren't really taking the ball to the open space. We controlled play and kept Framingham pinned down in their defensive zone but were unable to capitalize on numerous scoring opportunities."

Dedham: tie 2-2.

"I thought yesterday was definitely one of the best games all season even though we were unable to get the win. Both teams played well and it was back and forth with each goalie making some key saves to keep their team in the game," said Penza.

"I was pleased with how our team handled being without our starting and backup goalie going into the game. Melanie Noah, a junior varsity player who has played goalie sparingly, was called up the day before and played excellent in goal for us. It was a tough situation to be placed in but she faced the challenge head on and did a superb job in net for us. There was a delay with the officials so the game did not get under way until 5:00pm," Penza explained.

Dedham would score first to

take a 1-0 lead into the half.

"At the half, we as a team discussed how we needed to make sure we executed on our offensive opportunities if we wanted to get back into this game. We knew this was going to be tough especially with the excellent play of the Dedham goalie. In the 1st half alone she came up with some unbelievable saves, probably the best goalie I have seen this season," said Penza.

Norwood finally got on the scoreboard about 2 minutes in the 2nd half on a goal from Senior Forward Jenny O'Donnell assisted by Sophomore Mid Sammy Hayes. It ended up being an important goal with Dedham regaining the lead about 5 minutes later. It would have been tough to come back from a 2 goal deficit, but Jenny O'Donnell would connect again with Sammy Hayes, scoring her 2nd goal of the game to tie the score at 2 with about 13 minutes remaining.

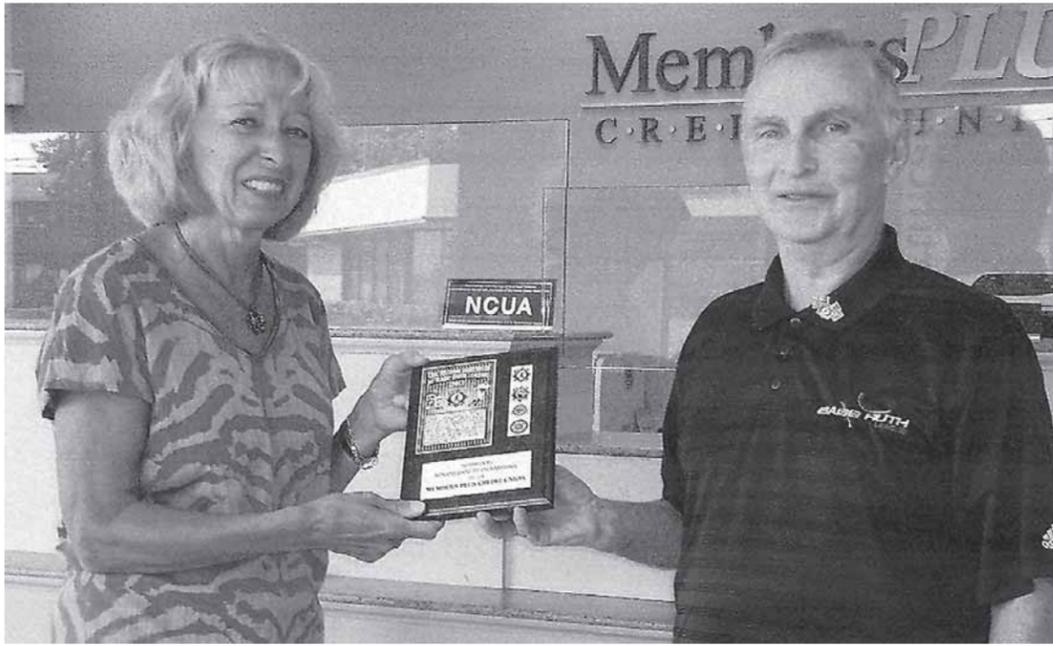
"I thought both teams had opportunities to get the go-ahead goal but both defenses/goalies came up strong in the final minutes. Overall, I thought we played a very solid game, a few breakdowns defensively but pretty consistent effort today."

Norwood then closed out the week by taking on Needham Friday and lost 3-1 (9-3-1 overall, 8-2-1 Bay State League as of Friday 10/11).

"It was a disappointing loss against Needham on Friday. I just felt like we didn't come ready to play and it showed as we never really got into a rhythm against Needham. All the credit to Needham, they dictated play and played with a purpose," explained Penza.

Although outplayed from the onset, Norwood was able to get on the board 1st with a goal from Freshman Forward Hannah Benson at the 21:57

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Jeanne Boyden, Assistant Branch Manager for Norwood, receives a plaque with the Mission of Babe Ruth League, Inc. from George Lally. The plaque is in appreciation for Members Plus Credit Union for stepping up to the plate to help support the Norwood Babe Ruth Baseball programs. The Babe Ruth League mission is to provide the opportunity for every child to participate in the great game of baseball. Lally has been a lifetime member of the Members Plus Credit Union. For information on how one can join the Babe Ruth League please email: georgebrl@norwoodlight.com.

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Swim team improves to 7-4 with pair of wins

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

The Norwood swim team continued to roll last week, going 2-0 in their latest meets.

NHS improved their overall record to 6-4 and their league record to 3-4 with a 86-77 win over visiting Weymouth to start last week off.

“Juniors Manny Escobar, Shannon Bonner, Tessa Maguire, Matt Piasecki, Margerite Lee and Meaghan Shaughnessy had a great meet as they surpassed personal marks,” explained a proud head coach Kim Goodwin.

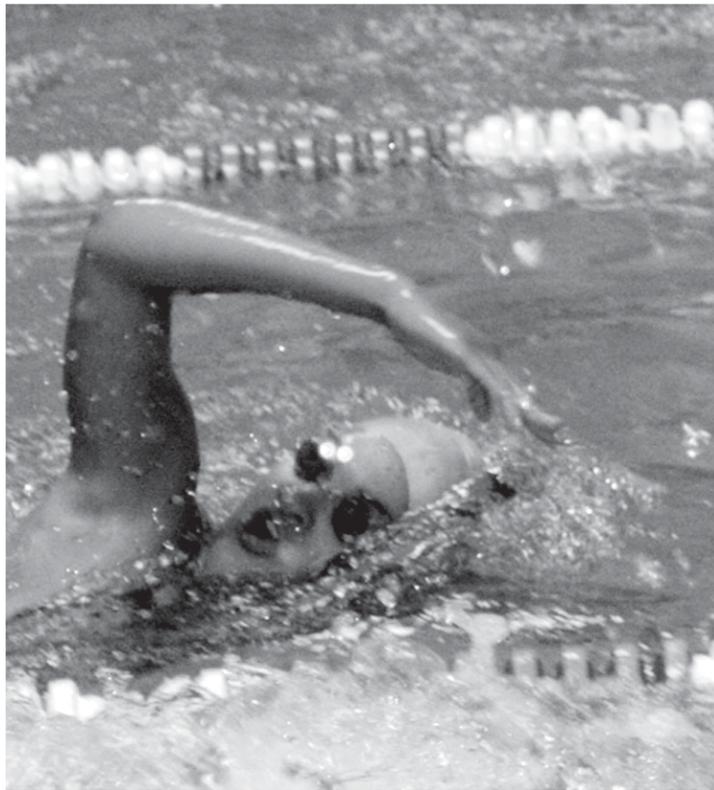
First place honors went to Tricia Lee, Alex Metta, Evelyn Metta, Nick Gaetani, Charlotte Rivard and Kristen Folan.

“These swimmers and divers led the way to numerous sweeps and their teammates were close behind. Diver Mackenzie Begley earned her best score and a trip to sectionals,” she added.

It was another solid performance by all as Norwood won their 3rd in a row later in the week, improving to a 7-4 overall record as they came out on top of Braintree, 97 - 83.

Captains Eddie Hernon and Patricia Lee both narrowly missed their own team records in the 100 breast stroke and 100 backstroke. Patricia Lee remains undefeated with a personal best time in the 100 butterfly as well.

Diver Mackenzie Begley officially qualified for state competition with her 2nd place



Alex Metta has been a force for the Mustangs swim team this year as they sit at 7-4 on the season.

COURTESY PHOTO

finish behind teammate Kristen Folan. Juniors Margerite Lee, Nick Gaetani, Shannon Bonner, Matt Piasecki, Brianna Whelan, and Katherine Osborne lowered personal times in their events while Junior Anthony Rodriguez smashed his team record by an amazing 3 seconds in the 100 back stroke.

Sophomore Manny

Escobar narrowly missed qualifying for sectionals with his 50 yard free time.

“Now that we are two thirds of the way through the season, we are coming on strong and look forward to three very exciting, tough and what looks to be close meets to end our regular season,” added Goodwin.

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Girls Volleyball team continues to improve

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

The Norwood girls volleyball team continued its winning ways last week.

The surging Mustangs are now 6-7 heading into this week after the beginning of the season looked like it would be all about rebuilding.

Head coach Paul Nimblett has done an excellent job of getting his squad to play with poise and confidence and its showing. Last week, the lady Mustangs got two huge wins over a Bay State rival and a local rival as well.

Early in the week, Norwood took down Framingham 3-1.

Game 1: 25-9 Norwood

Game 2: 25-21 Norwood

Game 3: 19-25 Framingham

Game 4: 25-10 Norwood

“The girls came together and had a great team win to further improve our record,” said Nimblett. Emily Clifford was excellent at the service line with 14 service points and 4 aces,” he added.

Nicole Butts contributed with 7 service points, 2 aces, 6 service receptions, and added 2 kills as well.

Next up was Dedham, and Norwood may have earned their most impressive win of the season by grinding out the W in a full five set match.

Game 1 16-25 Dedham

Game 2 25-21 Norwood

Game 3 25-14 Norwood

Game 4 16-25 Dedham

Game 5 15-10 Norwood

“The girls played together and left everything on the court in a back and forth game against a close rival,” said Nimblett

Older leadership always continues to play an important roll in the success of high school teams and this squad is no different than any other.

“The girls are playing with confidence and poise led by their senior captains,” added Nimblett.

Shannon Reen led the way over Dedham statistically with 13 service pts and 9 kills. Kaileen Spaulding chipped in with 6 service points, a ridiculous 28 assists and 3 kills.

At this rate, a lot of people should start paying attention to the impressive story that is the 2012 Norwood girls volleyball team, because with three weeks to play a tournament berth is very much in their sights.

Golf season ends with loss to Newton

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

All good things come to an end.

Unfortunately, when you're on the high school golf team, things end a lot sooner for you than any of the other fall sports.

The Norwood golf team wrapped up its season this Monday with a loss to Newton North, 73.5 - 34.5. It was par 33 at Brae Burn.

Greg Stoney (41) and Tom Eckhardt (40) played well leading the way for Norwood.

They lost their match by one point, 14-13. The next closest match was Mike Murphy (42) and Jack McDonough (40) who lost 16-11.

The Mustangs also lost last Tuesday to Walpole at home 68-40. Tim Sullivan (38) and Chris Cireillo (41) were the only group able to win their match, they won 14.5 - 12.5.

At the BSC Championship match at Framingham CC, Walker Alexander shot 84 but missed qualifying by 2 shots for All-Star, which took the Top 10 and ties with a cutoff at 82. He was named a BSC honorable mention.

Walker Alexander will be the representative for Norwood in the Division II

state sectionals at Easton CC this Monday 10/22.

The Mustangs finished their season 4-7 in league play and 5-7 overall, and excruciatingly missed qualifying for the tournament by a match.

“I'm already looking forward to next year, as we have the majority of our starting lineup back,” said head coach Jim Sweeney.

“We have Juniors Walker Alexander, Greg Stoney and Jack McDonough all back, Sophomores Mike Murphy, Chris Ciriello and Andrew Millin, and Freshman Paul Galvin returning as well. We should definitely be competitive in the league next season.”

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
 NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Pursuant to Mass. General Law 40A, Section 5, the Norwood Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 29, 2012 at 7:15 P.M. at Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street concerning amendments to the Norwood Zoning Bylaws specifically Section 3.4.5 – Accessory Trailers, Sheds and Major Recreational Equipment and Section 3.1.5 (J) of the Table of Use Regulations – Accessory Uses. The proposed amendments are available for review at the Planning Board office at the Town Hall during normal business hours.

Debbie Holmwood
 Clerk

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TOWN OF NORWOOD
ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** in **ROOM 12** of the **Municipal Office Building** on **November 13, 2012 at 7:15 PM** on the request of **360 Performance Training, LLC** (Case # 12-38) with respect to property located on **129 Morgan Drive**, in a **LM- Limited Manufacturing District**.

The application requests:

This application request a **SPECIAL PERMIT** under Section 3.1.5 F.1 of the Zoning Bylaw (Personal of Consumer Services) to allow a Sports Performance Center in an LM Zoning District.

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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Field Hockey

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mark of the 1st half with the assist going to Allison Ryan. It was Hannah's 10th goal of the season. However after that it was all Needham.

"We played tentative and this led to Needham beating us to the ball and us having to be reactive instead of proactive. Although this was a tough loss, I feel we definitely learned from the loss and as a team realize the importance of approaching each game with a sense of urgency and importance."

With some big local games this week, the lady Mustangs clearly are in control of a strong seed in the tourney once October ends. But as it's been all season, maintaining a level of consistency is going to be the biggest part of either their success or downfall.

Boys and girls cross-country fall to Wellesley

The Norwood boys and girls cross country teams returned to their home course after 3 weeks on the road. Despite the runners almost all having their best times on the 3.05 mile course the boys fell to Wellesley 17-43 the girls 20-41.

On the boys side John Maloney was first for Norwood he finished 5th overall in a time of 18:26, J.J. O'Donnell was the number 2 runner for the Mustangs in 6th place with a time of 18:47 George Meltzer was number three 19:21 followed

by freshman Josh Ostromb and Clifton Clark.

Kelsey Colbert and Alanna Keady finish one and two for the Mustangs, 3 and 5th overall. Colber ran a 21:43 while Keady was 21:54, Devon Bartlett took off over a minute of her best time on the course. Sam Baturin, Hallie Miller and Nancy Sangani all finished strong for the Mustangs while freshman Imani Mitchell ran her first varsity meet at home.

The teams completes their season with a final race against Dedham.

Library Events

FOOD FOR FINES AT THE LIBRARY

Do you have overdue books from the library? During the month of November, the Morrill Memorial Library will gladly accept donations of non-perishable food in exchange for fines incurred for overdue materials. All donations go to the Norwood Ecumenical Food Pantry. They can use canned items such as tuna, fruits, vegetables, soup, and boxed meals as well as cereal, pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, and canned or powdered milk. Please, no candy or perishable items. Even if a patron owes no fines, the library will gladly accept donations of food or money on behalf of the food pantry. Money is often needed to purchase toiletries, milk, diapers or formula. For more information, please call the library at 781-769-0200.

CATCH SWING FEVER AT THE LIBRARY

The talented "Swing Fever Trio" will perform at the Morrill Memorial Library on Sunday, November 18 at 3 p.m. as part of our Musical Sundays series. Featuring Norwood resident and pianist/vocalist Steve Rudolph, the group also includes Ralph Pepe on bass and Dan Salvucci on drums. "Swing Fever" will apply its distinctive jazz style to the music of George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Richard Rogers, and more.

Treat yourself and the family to a sampling of the best of American popular music of the past 100 years. Along with Steve's narration, this concert is guaranteed to get your toes tapping.

Please sign up at either the library Reference or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222. This program is made possible through the Library Endowment Fund. The library is accessible to the physically challenged.

FALL 2012 BOOK SALE AT THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Morrill Memorial Library will be holding their Fall 2012 Book Sale Nov. 2-4. Member preview sale on Fri, Nov. 2 from 3:00-4:45pm. The sale opens to the general public Sat, Nov. 3 at 9:00am and continues through the weekend. Sat. hours 9:00am-4:45pm. Bag sale on Sun, Nov. 4 from 2:00-4:45pm. Please call the Norwood library at 781-769-0200 if you are interested in volunteering your time to help with the sale.

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NORWOOD ROTARY CLUB A "SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS"

On Friday, Nov. 2nd, at 7pm the Norwood Rotary Club will present a "Salute to our Veterans," a Patriotic Musical Program featuring the "Singing Trooper," Sgt. Dan Clark. The event will be held at the Elk's Hall, 152 Winslow Ave. Norwood. Light refreshments will be served and a cash bar is available. Donation \$15.00. The proceeds will benefit our Veterans and their families and other local charities. All Rotarians and friends are welcome to attend. Funds will be distributed with the assistance of Edmund W. Mulvehill, Director of the Department of Veteran's Services for the Town of Norwood. In addition to the program, the Club is printing an Ad Book that will be distributed to the attendees. We ask you to support our efforts by placing an Ad in the Program Book.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The Norwood Woman's Club will hold their next meet on Tuesday, November 13, at 12:30pm. Historian Dr. Gary Highlander will present "John and Abigail Adams: An American Life." Join us at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Parish Hall at 24 Berwick Street, Norwood. You need not be a member or a resident of Norwood to join us. Please call Trina Mallet at 781-762-8173 for further information.

NORWOOD LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The League of Women Voters of Norwood and the League of Women Voters of Walpole/Westwood will be presenting a Candidates' Forum on Thursday, Oct. 18 in Memorial Hall at the Norwood Town Hall. It will start at 7:00pm. All of the candidates for local and regional positions on the ballot for the November election have been invited to attend. In addition, representatives both for and against two of the Ballot Questions have been invited to present their points of view on the questions. The questions on the ballot are: Prescribing Medication to End Life; and Medical Use of Marijuana. This Candidates' Forum is open to all and the public is encouraged to attend.

NORFOLK COUNTY RAIL ROAD CLUB MEETING

The Norfolk County Rail Road Club will meet Wednesday evening, Oct. 31, at 7:00pm in the Simoni Room of the Morrill Memorial Library. Guest presenter at the group's monthly meeting will be Allan Pommer, Bolton, MA., recognized railroad historian and a member of the New Haven Railroad Historical and Technical Association. He'll show a collection of slides and movie scenes taken by the late rail buff Bill Albrecht of New Hampshire, showing historic steam powered railroad and industrial equipment in Northern New England. The meeting is free and open to the public. For details, contact: Ed Sweeney, 781-762-5587.

HEALTHY SOILS TOPIC OF OCTOBER GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Norwood Evening Garden Club will host Tom Akin, Conservation Agronomist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, on Tuesday October 30, at 6:45 p.m. at the Carriage House behind the First Baptist Church, 71 Bond Street, Norwood. Mr. Akin will discuss the characteristics of healthy soil, its importance in gardening and how to improve your soil's health. He will also cover how to interpret soil test results, how to optimize plant nutrition and plant health, organic matter in the soil and why you should sell your rototiller. The public is invited to attend. A \$5.00 donation is requested and includes refreshments. Contact Susan Pearson at 508-668-4039 or visit www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.com.

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On Oct. 27, from 9 to 11 a.m. You may bring up to two boxes of paper content, including old bank statements, cancelled or unused checks, and other confidential documents. You will receive a recycled Norwood Bank grocery tote, along with coupons for special offers. For more information www.norwoodbank.com

PLANNING FOR AGING PARENTS LONG TERM CARE

Free Seminar on Oct. 23, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. (includes light buffet). Located at Olde Colonial Café, Norwood. To register online no later than Oct. 19 at www.norwoodbank.com. How to incorporate long term care into your financial plan, options for long term care insurance, Elder Law and Estate planning.

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA SCHOOL ANNUAL ELECTRONIC RECYCLE DAY

St. Catherine of Siena School (SCS) Annual Electronic Recycle Day Saturday Oct. 20 from 7:00am to 2:00pm (no Friday night drop off available this year). Recycling will take place in the school parking lot on Railroad Avenue. All items listed can be recycled for \$10 per item including computers, monitors, laptops, printers, fax machines, scanners, desktop-size copy machines, CD drives, hard drives, TVs, VCRs, projectors, overhead projectors & networking equipment. Please note: TVs over 40 inches will be charged \$20 and we will not be accepting rear projection TVs at this event. All monies raised will go to the Technology Program at the School. Event will be rain or shine.

TRIVIA NIGHT AT NORWOOD VFW

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Norwood VFW will be hosting a Trivia Night on Friday, Oct. 26. With DJ Stump to benefit Service Dogs to Disabled Veterans. The

fun will start at 7:00 p.m. at the VFW at 193 Dean Street, Norwood. Tickets are \$15 per person or a table of 10 for \$100. There will be cash prizes for the top 3 tables, as well as raffles and a cash bar. Tickets are available in advance at the VFW or at the door. Gather your friends and come help the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW in supporting the Service Dogs to Disabled Veterans.

THE CRAFT AFFAIR AT NORWOOD

Please come to the "Craft Affair at Norwood" on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 9:00am to 2:30pm at the Coakley Middle School, 1315 Washington Street, Norwood. \$3 admission. \$2 for Seniors. \$2 for children under 12. There will be raffles and over 60 crafters selling items including candles, scarves, hats, dog biscuits, wooden toys, puzzles, jewelry, chocolates, breads, doll clothes, hand-blown glass, crocheted and knitted items, hand-painted slates, table runners, stained glass and much more. Proceeds benefit the Norwood High School Post Prom Party and to the betterment of Norwood High School programs.

SEMI-ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

The Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Norwood, 24 Berwick St., will be holding its semi-annual rummage sale on Friday, Oct. 26 and Saturday, Oct. 27, from 9am to 2pm. The sale features quality used clothing and accessories, jewelry, shoes and linens, etc. Admission is free. No early birds.

TEMPLE SHAARE TEFILAH DINNER AND EVENING SERVICE

Will have a dinner followed by an evening service on Friday, Oct. 19. The dinner, costing \$9, will be at 6:30pm, followed by the Kabbalat Shabbat service, open to all, at 8:00pm. Please call dinner reservations in to the Temple office by Tuesday, Oct. 16, Tel 1-781-762-8670.

SENIOR NEWS

ALTERATIONS AND MENDING: Bring your alterations to the Senior Center on the first Monday of each month between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Please attach your name and telephone number to each garment.

BASIC COMPUTER COURSE: A four-part basic computer course is frequently offered to those who wish to learn how to use a computer. Sign-up at the front desk.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC: Hellenic Health Care will be available for blood pressure screening on the first Wednesday of each month at noon. Ellis Nursing Home will now offer blood pressure screening on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at noon.

BOCCE and HORSESHOES: Our Bocce Courts and Horseshoe Pits are now open for use! Please call to schedule a time.

BRIDGE: Our Bridge Club meets on Tuesdays at 9:15am and Thursdays at 9:30am in the Library. The Tuesday group has room for new players if you'd like to join them.

COMPUTER CLUB: The Computer Club meets each Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in the library/computer room. Computer users at all levels are invited to attend.

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

DIABETES WORKSHOP: The Diabetes Workshop will meet on Thurs, Oct. 25, at 11:00am.

FOOT DOCTOR: Dr. Cormier is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 23 from 9:00am to noon. Cost is \$25.00. Please call for appointment

GLEE CLUB: The Glee Club meets on Tuesdays at 11:15am. **HISTORY TALK:** "Electing a President," will be the subject of the next History Talk, on Thursday, Oct. 18 and 25, at 1:00pm.

MINI FIX-IT SHOP: The workshop will be open from 1:00 to 3:00pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Please, no televisions.

NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB: The Board of Directors meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10:00am, at the Senior Center. The Club Membership meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks Lodge, at 10:00am.

SHINE: Our SHINE Counselor, Carol, continues to assist you on Tuesdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Please call 781-762-1201 for an appointment.

WAXING: Angela will not be here in October. Call for a November appointment Waxing has changed to an every other month schedule.

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Grateful thanks. —S.D.

DEATHS

ANTONITIS

Victoria T. (Bartucca) 81, formerly of Norwood, on Oct. 13. Beloved wife of the late Alphonse Peter Antonitis. Mother of Al and his wife Rosemary of Concord, Patricia Woods and her husband Glenn of South Carolina, Anthony and his wife Karna of North Attleboro, Teresa Postler and her husband Michael of Concord and Robert and his wife Maureen of Walpole, grandmother of Michael, Ryan, Jake, Hudson, Philip, James, Jacob, Victoria, Zachary and Madison. Sister of Barbara Mamone of South Carolina, Mary Rondinelli of Canton, Frances Ciaccia of Norwood and Jean Michienzi of Cape Cod. She was pre-deceased by her brothers Bruno, Michael, Joseph and Frank Bartucca. Funeral arrangements by the Dee Funeral Home, Concord. Interment St. Bernard's Cemetery, Concord.

ANZALONE

Walter J. 74, of Norwood, on Oct. 10. Beloved husband of Patricia (Solbo), loving father of Marlene Cianci and her husband David of Norwood, Kevin Anzalone of Peabody, Michael Anzalone and his wife Joanne of Medford, Michelle Anzalone of Medford, Daniel Anzalone and his wife Ruth of Arlington; grandfather of Lily, Grace, Jamie, Brianna and Caila; he also leaves his precious puppy, Karlee. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, October 13th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 547 Washington Street, Norwood. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to meet directly at the Church. Interment will be private. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home Norwood.

DONAHUE

Frederick J. Jr., 88, of Norwood, on Oct. 13. World War II US Army Veteran. Frederick was very active and member of the Norwood KofC, member of the Norwood Elks and member of the Norwood American Legion. He was a member of the Norwood Retired Men's Club and ran the Memorial Golf Tournament for 23 years. Fred was also a Member of the Post 70 Retired Federal Employees Association and was a retired Timekeeper for the US Post Office, Norwood. Beloved husband of the late Helen (Ward) Donahue. Loving Companion of Jean Alden of Norwood. Brother of the late Richard and Donald Donahue. Brother in Law of Edward F. Sullivan of Charlestown. Son of the late Frederick J. Sr. and Marion (Sutton) Donahue. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington Street Norwood. Visiting hours will be held on Wednesday morning only from 9-11 a.m. Burial with military honors will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood following the funeral home service.

FELLINI

JOSEPH F., 86, of Norwood, on Oct. 11. World War II US Navy Veteran. Beloved husband of Annmarie (Nabreski) Fellini. Devoted father of Joseph F. Fellini Jr. and his wife Louise of Walpole, Joseph M. Fellini and his fiancée Lisa Falcone of Medfield and Daniel M. Fellini and his wife Bridget of Portland, OR. Brother of the late Andrew Fellini, Marty Fellini, Gino Fellini, Rudy Fellini, Helen Roccia, Emma Maki and Mary Burns. Cherished grandfather of Joseph F. Fellini III and his fiancée Michelle Blair and Andrew M. Fellini. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Burial with military honors will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to Forever Home Rescue 106 Adams St. Medfield, Ma. 02052 or to the Abundant Table, P.O. Box 109, Norfolk, Ma. 02056.

McELROY

Joseph Francis III, 44, formerly of Norwood, on Oct. 7. Beloved son of Ann E. (Kenefick) McElroy of Walpole and Joseph F. McElroy Jr. and his companion Leslie Lafratta of Brockton. Beloved Brother of Mary McElroy of N. Chelmsford, Maureen McElroy of Walpole, Timothy McElroy and his wife Georgia of Florida, and Sean McElroy and his wife Alyson of Stoughton. Devoted Uncle of Kayla, Emma and Avery. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. At the request of the family burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the Epilepsy Foundation C/O Joseph F. McElroy III, 540 Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester, MA. 02124.

PUGH

Robert W., 93, of Norwood, on Oct. 12. Army Air Corps during World War II and the Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He was a manager at Plymouth Rubber in Canton for over 30 years prior to his retirement. Beloved son of the late, Chester Pugh and Alice (Maguire), he was raised in Lawrence and graduated from St. John's Prep and held a degree in accounting from Bentley College. Beloved husband of Mary P. (O'Neill), loving father of Robert B. Pugh, both of Norwood, dear brother of the late George and brother-in-law of Barbara Pugh of Reading, and the late Joseph and Rhona Tully, John and Jane O'Neill and Lawrence and Mary O'Neill. He is also survived by the many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. A collation will follow and interment will be at the National Cemetery at Bourne with military. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

TIESO

Anthony G., 84, of Norwood, on Oct. 8. Beloved son of the late Anthony and Celeste Tieso. Loving brother of Marie Pacella of Canton. Uncle of Donna and Joe Macdonald of Wareham, Dianne Pacella of Ipswich. Great uncle of Andrea Yang and her husband Lifan of Easton, Leanne Macdonald of Wareham, Gabriel Pacella Hazelton of Ipswich. Great great uncle of Matthew and Elizabeth Yang of Easton. He is also survived by many cousins and friends. Funeral arrangements by the Roache-Pushard Family Funeral Home, Canton. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Anthony's memory to Arc of South Norwood, 789 Clapboardtree St., Westwood, MA 02090.



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