

DOR rejects first tax rate submittal

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen had a special meeting on Dec. 18 to make changes to the tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year that were approved on Dec. 15.

According to Board of Assessors chairman Timothy McDonough, the situation “really was an emergency,” as the state Department of Revenue had rejected the original submittal from the Town.

The initial approved tax rate reflected a shift from residential to commercial of 1.61, resulting in tax rates of \$10.57 per \$1,000 for residential properties and \$22.99 per \$1,000 for commercial properties.

According to McDonough, the Department of Revenue said this was “too great a shift according to the new assessed values,” and while they were “theoretically” allowed to make a shift of up to 1.75, Norwood was only allowed a maximum of 1.52.

McDonough submitted a formal request to allow a greater than usual shift for this year on Dec. 16, but the Department of Revenue also denied that request.

The Selectmen approved a shift of 1.52, changing the residential tax rate to \$11.12 per \$1,000 and the commercial rate to \$21.70 per \$1,000. McDonough said these rates were still lower than last year

“Some property values will see an increase in their taxes while some will see a decrease,” McDonough said, noting this was a “direct result of the valuation of all properties” that took place earlier in the year, shifting values depending on location, design, and varying property styles.

Selectman Bill Plasko said the Board was able to approve the change promptly because it forgot to close the hearing with the assessors at the Dec. 15 meeting. The hearing was closed prior to the Board’s approval of the new tax rate.

Timelines for 40B proposals have Norwood on edge

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Staff Reporter

Town officials and members of the public have discussed at length the possibilities regarding two 40B projects interested in coming to Norwood.

First, The Town is engaged in an appeal with the state Housing Appeals Committee regarding the Davis Marcus Partners’ 300-unit Forbes Hill development next to Campanelli’s One Up-

land site.

The Department of Housing and Community Development sided with the developers, saying that Norwood had not reached the 1.5 percent land area minimum, and a joint meeting of the Selectmen and Zoning Board of Appeals decided to take the appeal to the next level earlier this month. If the ap-

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A tale of two Crèches



For the 15th year, the Crèche Committee and installation crew erected the Crèche scene on the Town Common amid beautiful weather ahead of the Holiday Extravaganza. The crew included Selectman Allan Howard, Denis Drummey Sr., Denis Drummey Jr., Rob Way and Kevin Murphy.

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Although some would consider the appearance of the Crèche at the Morse House property a miracle, others like Dan Kelly, Michael Saad, Sr., Michael Saad, Jr., Adam Foley and Frank Foley know better. They happily constructed the Manger scene on December 1st, and hope everyone comes down to check it out before the end of the season.

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BEH receives an extension, and will dance with Matilda

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Airport Commission discussed several new presences at the airport during its monthly meeting on Dec. 16.

First, the Commission gave an extension to start up company Waltzing Matilda Aviation until next month to provide further financial information.

First officer Matt Hurley stood in for owners John and Paula Thomas, and submitted a substantial amount of financial information. Vice Chairman Mike Sheehan clarified what the Commission meant by financial "proof."

The Commission requires new commercial entities to have current financial statements, three months of operational statements and payment history to show they are stable enough to be awarded a permit to operate at the airport. Sheehan said that while the information looked good and organized, he wanted to see three months of the business's bank statements, with any necessary redactions, from July to November.

"The numbers should all match (with what's already been submitted)," Sheehan said.

Afterwards, the Commission voted to extend Boston Executive Helicopters' (BEH) 2014 commercial permit again until the January Meeting. Commissioner Les LeBlanc

asked if all of the current BEH paperwork for their 2016 application was in yet, but Airport Manager Russ Maguire said it was not and this was simply an extension of their existing permit.

The Commission also held off on approving another possible new entity at the airport, Tuckamore Aviation, which intends to sublease hangar space at BEH's hangar.

BEH leases its space from Boston Metropolitan Airport Inc., which in turn leases the land from the Town of Norwood. The Commission wanted to send Tuckamore Aviation's lease with BEH to Town Counsel to clarify that it was a legal lease. Sheehan also pointed out that there were several issues with the lease, including how the lessee and lessor were referred to on the first page.

Maguire said the company had three waiver requests in its application, all regarding financials, as the company would be a start up at the aviation. He also said they would be doing charter flights, scenic tours and government work for the Bureau of Land Management, but were still waiting on certain certification.

Chief Pilot Jeff Hubbard said the FAA was dropping off the second of its necessary certifications that day and the company would be ready to use its one helicopter for all intended uses.

Sheehan said he also had several other comments regarding the lease, including that BEH was listed as a reference, which he said might be inappropriate because there was "clearly a relationship." Sheehan also said corporations require a vote authorizing presidents, in this case BEH president Christopher Donovan and Tuckamore's Monica Snow to act on the corporation's behalf in signing the documents.

Snow disputed that, saying she was fully authorized to sign all documents.

Chairman Mark Ryan said the Commission had a history of working along with companies to square away their applications and the minor lease issues could be taken care of at the next meeting. The Commission voted to put Tuckamore on the next meeting's agenda.

During the meeting, Maguire also addressed the Airport's security plan after Sept. 11, 2001. He said Norwood was the first airport to have its security plan approved in the state in early 2002, and it entailed security badge use, which is still required today.

Maguire said that no one in the public is barred from the airport, but only badge holders can have unescorted access. All others must have airport staff or a badge holder accompany

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School Committee submits first pass budget

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Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee submitted its first pass budget for fiscal year 2017 on Dec. 16, but not before entering some heated discussions about the budgeting process.

The Committee unanimously voted to submit a \$42,620,028 budget, which was \$834,013 over the level services budget of \$41,786,015. The level services budget would provide all of the same services as this school year, with no additions or subtractions. According to Superintendent James Hayden, this represented a 4.6 increase over the previous budget of just over \$39 million.

The Committee discussed at length how it should address 36 requests for staff or funds from the district, which reflected 25.4 full time employees and \$1.4 million. Hayden and the budget team organized 18 requests, or around \$826,453 into priority one requests.

Hayden said these would be

the first priorities required to continue to provide top notch facilities and to address student needs and community relations.

The budget had an inflated collective bargaining line item of \$272,202 due to contracts with teachers and union 50 expiring. There was also \$87,000 built in as a yearly payment for the math textbooks that were purchased for this school year.

Special Education costs reflected \$3.6 million, and were based on assumptions made regarding state circuit breaker help, which alleviates some of the out of district costs. Last year, the district received \$14 million, and this year the district guessed around \$1.2 million.

"This is a lot more than we've done in other years," Hayden said.

The School Committee noted that the tax levy as approved by the Dec. 16 meeting meant that according to the 55/45 percent split between schools and general government, the schools would be around \$1 million in the hole

when trying to address the level services budget.

School Committee member Patrick McDonough identified the Coakley Middle School as a priority area, and suggested approving three additional teachers to eliminate the split seventh and eighth grade team, which was not working, according to principal Jackie Mann.

McDonough said the school was in "utter chaos" as a result of scheduling issues at the beginning of the year and teachers were worried for their students. McDonough also put forth funding a Special Education department chair - a priority two request - in his motion.

This reflected \$173,424 in additional funds that was approved by the School Committee to the level services budget.

Member Lisa Igoe then put forth several motions, requesting the addition of various priority one requests, as well as the full \$1.4 million in requests. She said she agreed with the

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them on the airport. Maguire said only those who worked on the airport or were pilots - pilots who still flew and could pass pilot license regulations, including medicals - could access a badge.

This was based on policies that are similar to the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) and the state Department of Trans-

portation Aeronautics division.

"We don't give out badges in perpetuity," Maguire said.

Commissioner LeBlanc said he understood the practice, but lamented the loss of "this whole atmosphere" that used to exist.

Maguire also said the Airport had spent around \$9,800 in fixing metallic fence used to keep wildlife out of the airport.

Currently, there is around 15,000 feet of fencing around the airport, and the repaired breaks have created a captive population of around three deer inside. Maguire said the airport has the permits required to take care of them "in house."

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By Jim Drummey

'Twas almost the first Christmas
When the travelers arrived
In the town of Bethlehem,
A long journey survived.

They had left home in Nazareth
In the province of Galilee
To register for the census
At the emperor's decree.

To the fabled city of David
Came Joseph and his wife.
The Child she was carrying
Would bring the world new life.

Long promised by the Prophets, T
his Son of God Most High
Had been announced by Gabriel
To a Virgin most shy.

Mary at first was puzzled,
Wondering how this might be.
But said with trust in God,
"Let it be done to me."

Nine months had gone by
Before reaching this place
To deliver the Savior
Of the whole human race.

No lodgings were available
For this momentous event.
Only a crude stable was ready
For the Messiah's advent.

There were shepherds in the fields
During the birth of the Boy
To whom an angel announced
Good tidings of great joy.

Suddenly a multitude of angels
Broke through the night still,
"Glory to God in the highest,
Peace to men of good will."

After the angels had sung
And the shepherds did depart,
Mary treasured all these things
And kept them in her heart.

Then three kings from the East,
Who had traveled quite far,
Came to find the Jewish King
By following a star.

They met first with King Herod,
Who was greatly disturbed.
The thought of another king
Had him very perturbed.

Taking the wise men aside
And in a tone rather mild,
Herod asked them to report
The whereabouts of the Child.

The star led them to Bethlehem,
Where they caused quite a stir,
And presented the Child with
Gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

After paying homage to Jesus
And being warned in a dream,
They stayed away from King Herod
And his murderous scheme.

The fury of King Herod
Was not pleasant to view.
He ordered the killing of all boys
Who were under age two.

But Joseph had been warned
That Herod had gone wild
Down to Egypt he went
With Mary and the Child.

They stayed safe in Egypt
Until King Herod's demise
And returned to Nazareth
And watched Jesus grow wise.

The story of the first Christmas
Should be familiar to all.
It's the story of God's love
That we need to recall.

Getting presents is fun
As is all the good cheer.
Let's keep the Christmas spirit
Throughout the new year.

A Blessed Christmas to All!

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peal with the Housing Appeal Committee does not go Norwood's way, the Town is able to open further legal proceedings in regular court.

Also on the Town's radar is the Avalon Bay Communities' project at the former Plimpton Press site on Lenox Street. This site would add 218 residential units and require demolition of much of the existing property.

Avalon Bay submitted a project eligibility letter to Mass Housing Partnership (MHP), and the Town was given 30 days to submit its own comments regarding the site and proposed project. Mass Housing Partnership has yet to issue its decision.

"I am surprised that we have not received their decision yet," Town Planner Paul Halkiotis said. "If MHP does not approve the site, I don't think Avalon Bay can file their 40B application."

Another Town official, who asked not to be named, said he had word that MHP's decision was coming within the next several weeks. He had received word in the form of a letter that was distributed to other Town officials, but said this was only his interpretation.

The timeline for Avalon Bay's project eligibility letter is important, as 40B applications consider the municipality's affordable housing status at the time of application. Currently, the Town of Norwood believes it is at 1.51 percent of land area dedicated to affordable housing, but DHCD said it believes the figure is below the 1.5 percent minimum, prompting Norwood's appeal.

There are several possible outcomes for the Town, depending on how the litigation against the Forbes Hill Development pans out:

First, if the state sides with the Town of Norwood and says it has reached the 1.5 percent minimum, neither Forbes Hill nor Avalon Bay could proceed any further with their 40B applications.

If the state sides with Forbes Hill, allowing it to go forward, and Avalon Bay has received a project eligibility letter and submitted an application before Forbes Hill was approved, both projects could go forth.

If the state sides with Forbes Hill, but no application has come forth from Avalon Bay, Halkiotis said the Forbes Hill project would need to be approved by the Zoning Board before Avalon Bay could submit an application in order to block it. This is because the Forbes Hill project allows Norwood to reach its affordable housing goals and have shelter from future 40B developments, as things stand now.

"This is why they have not submitted a 40B application yet," Halkiotis said, referring to the timeline regarding the project eligibility letter. "Avalon said they would submit their 40B as soon as MHP issues a favorable Project Eligibility Letter."



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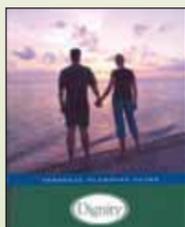
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Warm weather still makes winter prep. necessary but easier

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Despite the warmer-than-anticipated winter weather this year, the Norwood Department of Public Works (DPW) is preparing for any and all scenarios.

Last year, Norwood budgeted \$530,000 for snow removal, but spent around \$2,778,439, or around \$25,952 per mile of road in town. The state set up a program that has allowed municipalities to spread payment for the snow removal across several years.

Still, the DPW has not felt the need to adjust how it goes about addressing storms.

“Our plan has not changed,” DPW superintendent Mark Ryan said. “We really were able to handle whatever sized storm hit the area during the actual event. The biggest problem most communities faced was the volume just was so much that it started to narrow the roadways.”

Ryan said the important aspect of snow removal was making sure two-way traffic was enabled. This, he said, meant emphasizing to contractors and DPW crews that snow must start to be pushed back early during the storm and throughout the season to make sure there is room for additional storms.

Fortunately, snow preparations began for the Town in September, before the department’s new facility had even held its grand opening.

“The DPW started making preparations for winter in September, in particular the salt trucks, in the event of any dustings that are known to pop up in the fall,” Ryan said. “As October approached, our mechanics began getting other vehicles and snow plow attachments prepped.”

Ryan said the DPW began ordering salt in the fall to place in the new salt shed at the Lyman Place facility. He also said that the salt shed at the winter street landfill was also full and “ready to go” for the winter.

Substantial planning with crews also took place last month to inform crews of the strategy and how operations would be handled from the new headquarters.

“In early November, we have our annual snow and ice season meeting with the crews to discuss procedures and expectations, especially operating out of a new facility,” Ryan said. “At that meeting, I also re-emphasized how proud we were of their performance during last year’s record-setting season, all while working out of a temporary location at the landfill.”

Another positive is that the warmer weather this year has allowed the DPW to continue to work on projects that don’t normally fit into the year’s time frame. According to Ryan, this includes cleaning pathways, woods, parks and providing some additional care to the athletic fields before they

get secured for the winter. Work that normally cannot be done when frost is on the ground, including ground-opening work, is also able to continue, which has helped utility companies and Norwood Light.

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middle school priorities put forth by McDonough, but didn't feel they could be kept separate from other key requests.

"I warn this committee, I don't want this School Committee and School System to be in the same position as last year," McDonough said, noting requests that had to be cut from the list, as well as some teacher layoffs that had to take place. "Is there enough to fund these positions? The answer is no. It's a wish list at best."

Member Courtney Rau Rogers reiterated that the issue was a "critical disconnect regarding the revenue the town is pulling in and meeting the needs ... services the Town needs." Rau anticipated that the Finance Commission could take issue with even the increases required to provide a level services budget.

"I'm tired of nickel and diming kids of this town ... I'm sick to death of it," Rau said. "We have to take a stand somewhere."

After voting against motions to put all 36 requests in, the 18 priority one requests, and other additions, Rau said it might make a better point to stick with the original "zero impact budget," because at that point, any requested reductions from the Finance Commission would result in cuts of actual positions and not the School Committee slashing proposed positions. Rau said she would no longer "piecemeal" the budget. "If they make us cut from the \$41 million, they are cut-

ting real people in existing positions and they're going to have to answer to it. That's the hill I want to die on," Rau said. Rau said the District had been at the point where an operational override might be needed for several years and felt it was best to submit the basic budget needed to barely meet student needs and require it need to be funded.

"We're at the point where we can no longer play these games," she said, saying that by accepting cuts to requested positions, the School Committee "will ben to this number that has not served the Town of Norwood for the last eight years."

McDonough raised the question of where that money would come from and said that everyone is required to work within a budget in some form.

"The Town will not have the money at the moment to fund this proposal," McDonough said, saying an override was likely not the solution.

"We can't wave the white flag now, it's way too early," Igoe said in regards to limiting the amount of requests included in the budget.

McDonough said that the School Committee had to make some difficult decisions, but also had to work with their counterparts on the general government side, especially if

they were going to make an override work.

He said it wasn't appropriate to "push it onto (the general government) and say, let them solve it. That doesn't get us anywhere. It just furthers the relationship we have with them."

The requests in question involved adding positions at all levels to reduce class sizes, as well as providing support in the form of literacy help, school psychologists and therapists to deal with an increasing special education and second language learner caseload, among other additions. Due to changes in state definitions of low income students, the Coakley Middle School lost its Title 1 used to handle reading support and MCAS help. There were also requests to add a female physical education instructor and additional foreign language staff.

"We're not asking for these outlandish things. Those are basic needs," Igoe said. "If we want to Keep good teachers working here in this school system, we have to show them support."

The Board voted 3-1 to amend a motion to add the first 18 priority one items, as well as item number 26 and then voted unanimously in favor of that motion to submit its first pass budget as \$42,620,028.

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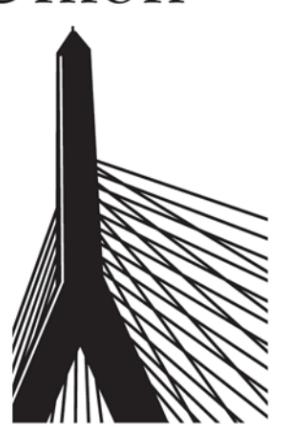
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Norwood Chief of Police William Brooks III was sworn in as president of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association by Attorney General Maura Healey this month.

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Brooks sworn in as MCOPA president

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

Norwood Chief of Police Bill Brooks III was sworn in as President of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association at the Four Points Sheraton in Norwood on Dec. 10.

During the ceremony, Brook's 38-year career as a patrolman, sergeant, detective ser-

geant, deputy chief and chief were celebrated by colleagues and state and local officials. Attorney General Maura Healey administered the oath of office.

"I was thrilled by the ceremony the Association held for me," Brooks said. "I particularly appreciate that so many people took time from their busy schedules to be there, including Attorney General Healey, Secre-

tary of Public Safety (Daniel) Bennett and Rebecca Brown from the Innocence Project in New York City."

In addition to climbing up the ranks as a police officer, Brooks has also been a police academy instructor for over thirty years - and often personally teaches cadets at the Transit Police Academy who will become officers in Norwood -

and is director of the NORPAC task force, which is comprised of detectives from 15 police departments in Norfolk County. He has also already been a part of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association leadership board.

Brooks is regularly consulted by the media on topics such as police militarization and eyewitness identification, the latter of which he has been recognized for at the highest level. Brooks serves on the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's Standing Committee on Eyewitness Identification and on the National Academy of Sciences committee examining eyewitness identification. He is also a regular speaker around the country for the Innocence Project, which works to overturn wrongful convictions.

In 2012, Brooks received the Innocence Network's Champion of Justice Award and this year, the International Association of Chiefs of Police awarded him the Civil Rights Award for Individual Achievement for his work with eyewitness identification. Brooks also has a master's degree in criminal justice and graduated from the FBI National Academy.

"This is a busy time to be a police chief, so I believe I can have real impact," Brooks said.

Brooks' career path has in

some ways mirrored that of his predecessor and mentor, George DiBlasi. Brooks and DiBlasi were both officers together in Westwood, where DiBlasi quickly climbed the ranks and became the chief in Norwood.

DiBlasi then had Brooks transferred to Norwood, where Brooks became to climb the leadership ranks himself. DiBlasi was also president of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association in the 1990's.

"He was a great chief to work for and was way ahead of his time. He had us doing community policing in Norwood back in the early 1980's well before the term became popular," Brooks said of his mentor. "He has always supported me and so I owe him a great deal of gratitude. We stay in touch and he continues to offer me guidance."

Other guests at the ceremony on Dec. 10 included State Senator Michael Rush, State Representative John Rogers, Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association leadership and Brooks' family.



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Prescott students participate in Hour of Code program

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

The Prescott Elementary School participated in the global Hour of Code event for the third year in a row on Dec. 7. Between 3-4p.m. on Dec. 7 - the beginning of Computer Science Education Week -

Prescott students were invited to learn about web and computer coding languages, to show that anyone can learn the basics of computer science.

Organized at the school by Prescott librarian and media specialist Donna Miller, the event was attended by a high of 50 students this year. Accord-

ing to Miller, the event's attendance at the Prescott School has grown each year, with 32 participants the first year and 40 students last year.

"Some of my students were participating for the third time, over half were first timers," Miller said.

During the Prescott's Hour of Code, students could use PCs to play coding games from several websites - some games included writing code as they progressed - or work on iPads to do similar tasks. Miller said the students who had participated in the first two Hours of Code chose to work on the iPads, and

one student, fifth grader Patrick Brady, began working on coding his own computer game.

Similar to last year's programming, Miller will continue the theme of the Hour of Code with a 6-week after school enrichment class focusing on computer science and coding.

The nonprofit organization Code.org, which promotes accessibility to computer science in schools, for women and students of color, organizes the global event. The Hour of Code has partnered with Microsoft, Apple, Amazon, College Board, and other organizations to extend its reach.

"We have participated each year for a variety of reasons - primarily because the students really enjoy it and it opens up another way for them to use their math and logic skills in ways that are not available in the regular classroom setting," Miller said.

Miller said she keeps the website available for the whole year so students who could not attend the Hour of Code can look into it later on their own time, as well as for attendees who want to continue to de-

Code

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ELECTIONS/ VOTER REGISTRATION

The Norwood Town Clerk's office would like to remind everyone that there will be four elections in 2016.

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Monday, April 4 - TOWN ELECTION

Thursday, September 8 - STATE PRIMARY

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The application requests:

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

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Norwood Record, 12/17/15, 12/24/15

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By: John J. Carroll
General Manager

Norwood Record, 12/24/15



Students at the Prescott School participated in the global Hour of Code earlier this month by playing computer games that taught them about coding languages.

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Sports

Girls Basketball takes season opener vs. Brookline

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Amy Lepley's debut as Norwood Girls basketball coach went just according to plan, her maiden voyage a 72-54 victory over the Brookline Warriors last Tuesday.

Meghan Reen had 18 of her team-high 22 points in the first half, and despite her scoring dip in the second half, the depth of the Mustangs enabled them to pull away from Brookline.

The recent Assumption College-commit also chipped in with eight assists, and Lepley took note of her solid all-around performance after the game.

"She's one of our captains, so she's a leader for us," said Lepley of the elder Reen. "She's definitely our on-the-floor leader, tells people where to go. She's just really tough to guard, and she showed that today. There's a reason why she committed as a junior."

Norwood never trailed, and its lead expanded at the end of each



The NHS Girls Basketball team had a lot to smile about after a double-digit win over the Brookline Warriors to start their season. The mustangs were helped by substantial offensive contributions from the Reen sisters.

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quarter: a three-point lead after the first, an eight-point lead at half, a 15-point lead after three, and an 18-point margin of victory.

Kaylin Reen, Meghan's younger sister, continued her torrid 3-point shooting from her freshman season, knocking down five 3 pointers on the night. All

15 of her points came by way of the 3, good enough for the second-most points on the team for the evening.

Caitlan Shaugnessy and Megan Giambanco also connected from deep, with the Mustangs shooting 7-for-12 from 3 overall.

"We have a lot of 3-point threats, which we're

going to take advantage of throughout the season," confirmed Lepley.

Brookline was able to linger in the game with sound free throw shooting, connecting on its first nine attempts from the line. When that went cold, however, was about the time Norwood began to put the game out of reach; the

Warriors shot 4-for-13 after the 9-for-9 start.

The Mustangs began the contest with a mini-5-0 run. Meghan Reen had a steal on Brookline's first time up court offensively, and would score the first points of the season for Norwood. She finished the first quarter and began the second with a steal-plus-layup, her havoc being felt on each end of the floor.

After the Warriors came back to make it 7-5, Krista Bradley came off the bench and had consecutive buckets in the paint for Norwood, giving the team a presence in the low post. Bradley finished with six points total, as did Ally Copponi. Maura O'Neill joined the Reens in double figures with 12 points.

O'Neill, one of the Mustangs' three captains along with Meghan Reen and Hannah Benson, didn't score until the second quarter, but had a number of notable plays over the remainder of the game. She had a coast-to-

Girls Hoops

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McDermott again at helm for Wrestling

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Nostalgia is in the air in the Norwood wrestling room.

Billy McDermott, a 2002 graduate of Norwood High School, is back on the sidelines for the Mustangs' wrestling program after previously holding the job during the 2009-10 season.

"I saw the Norwood job was open, so I got a hold of Jon [Longley] and came in for the interview," recalls McDermott. "It was a little bit later, in October, and got the

ball rolling.

"I don't want to coach anywhere else. I'm a Norwood guy. Norwood's my only thing."

McDermott takes over the team from Phil Mastro, whose work obligations took him westward to Arizona. McDermott can relate to work interfering with coaching wrestling, as he had to move on from his position the first time due to a new job in Baltimore.

"I cut ties, which wasn't too easy for me," said McDermott, who coached

middle school wrestlers in Norwood, and later ascended to the varsity ranks.

A relatively small team is in place for McDermott this season, both in terms of roster size and the size of the players. Of the 14 weight classes in MIAA wrestling, Norwood forfeits five of them for each meet due to a lack of wrestlers in said classes.

The Mustangs captains are smaller in stature than last year's duo-Greg Williams (132 pounds) and Jake Wilson (138) don't have the size of a JJ O'Donnell (170) or Mike

McDonough (160).

But that doesn't matter to McDermott, who's been impressed with his team's performance in the early going, despite the results not showing in the win column.

"I take my nine matches and I look at the guys that I have, and the wrestling's good," he said. "Team scores don't reflect our wrestling."

For example, in a 48-36 loss to Rockland in a scrimmage, Norwood was giving up the usual 30 points. In terms of actual points won, it was 36-18.

"In my eyes, that's a win for us," said McDermott, who says he'll worry about increasing the size of the team (in terms of numbers) next season.

"Next year, I'm going to be pushing to get the numbers up," he said. "This year, I'm just trying to keep the guys that I have and try to work with them, which is a great group."

McDonough, who is McDermott's cousin, came back to the wrestling room

Wrestling

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Boys Hockey falls to Dedham, 4-2

Marauders end drought vs. Mustangs

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

A historic night for Dedham served as harsh reality for Norwood, with its 27-year reign of dominance over the Marauders came to a screeching end.

Dedham secured its first win over the Mustangs since 1988, a 4-2 victory at Flood Omni Rink at Noble & Greenough School in Dedham on Monday night.

"Streaks are made to be broken I guess, right?" asked Norwood head coach Bill Clifford following the game, his first loss to the Marauders in his 14 years behind the Mustangs bench. Dedham had several ties vs. Norwood since '88, but it was its first trip to the win column against its Thanksgiving football rivals since the Reagan administration.

Goal scoring remains an issue for Norwood, with just six scores through five games. With 25 percent of the season already gone, the Mustangs are on pace for just 24 goals, below last year's total of 28, the fewest scored by all 54 Div. 1 teams in Massachusetts.

"They're waiting for the perfect shot," said Clifford. "There were a couple times we could've blasted it and we passed it off. We had the open shooting lanes and we passed it off. A couple of times they



Coach Bill Clifford

got in the shooting lanes and we shot it when we should have passed it.

"Once you get over that blue line, you've got to look to shoot, and then drive to the net."

Norwood outshot Dedham 29-15, including 12-2 in the third period, but Marauder goaltender Jack Rutherford stood tall with the end of the losing streak in sight.

"They busted their hump all night long," said Clifford of his team. "Give Dedham credit. Dedham hung in there and played tough. I told the kids before [the game], they're gonna be sky-high for you."

Kyle McCue and Connor Flynn scored for the Mustangs, with linemate Sean Mellen assisting both goals. McCue had the primary assist



Norwood's two goal scorers were Kyle McCue and Connor Flynn, with both goals coming on assists by Sean Mellen. Here, Flynn wins a faceoff against Dedham in the offensive zone.

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on Flynn's tally, meaning Norwood's top line registered all of the points on the night.

"I thought we worked hard," said Clifford, acknowledging how young his team is. The Mustangs have eight seniors on their 25-man roster. "The third period we pretty much dominated. I told them 'Guys, I have no gripe. You worked your tail off.' We had opportunities and we couldn't bang it home.

"Hopefully the floodgates will open at some point this year," said Clifford of the scoring issue.

Dedham scored the first goal of the game at 4:08 of the first period, a Steve McDonagh tally one-timed off a faceoff from atop the right circle. Nick Bethoney gave the Marauders a 2-0 lead at 11:39 of the first, putting his team in a position so that it would never trail.

McCue scored in the final minute of the first period, a play made possible by Mellen crashing the net initially to create turmoil. Mellen gained the line cleanly up the left wing, lunging past two Dedham defenders to put the puck on net. Rutherford made the initial save, but McCue was there to clean up the rebound at 14:06. Norwood trailed at the end of one, 2-1.

McCue took a penalty just nine seconds into the middle period, the Mustangs only time shorthanded during the game, killing off the penalty. But the Marauders went back up two at 5:31 on a Robbie Chiozzi goal, which proved to be the game-winner.

Norwood had five power play opportunities, generat-



Nick Naumann and the Mustangs outshot Dedham, but could not solve Dedham goaltender Jack Rutherford, who held the Mustangs to two goals on 29 shots.

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ing nine total shots, but went 0-fer on the man advantage.

Flynn's goal came late in the second period, another instance of crashing the net and hoping for the best at 13:37.

The third period began in promising fashion for the Mustangs, with a power play chance 24 seconds into the final period, and another one at 3:54. But Chris Amato sealed Dedham's victory at 6:17-on the Marauders first shot on goal of the period, no less-beating Norwood goaltender Ryan McGahey five-hole.

Clifford played the final few minutes aggressive, pulling McGahey with 2:33 left after a timeout on the power play for a temporary 6-on-4

advantage. It was all for naught, and Dedham celebrated its first win of the season with extra significance.

The Marauders had been 0-3, losing each of its first three games by identical 5-1 margins over Wellesley, Weymouth and Framingham.

Norwood, 0-5, will have to wait until Feb. 8 to start another unbeaten streak vs. Dedham, when the teams play at Bajko Arena in Hyde Park.

The Mustangs are off until New Year's Eve, when they will face another archrival in the Walpole Rebels at noon at Rodman Arena.

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Girls Hoops

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Krista Bradley and the Norwood Mustangs Girls Basketball team opened with a convincing win over Brookline before falling to Braintree.

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coast steal-plus-layup and drew a foul to give Norwood its first 10-point cushion of the night, and another steal-plus-lay-in in the fourth quarter gave the Mustangs their largest lead of the night, a 59-39 advantage on the heels of a Kaylin Reen 3 to open the quarter.

Despite the impressive team win, Lepley was able to pinpoint two specific areas Norwood will need to improve on going forward.

“Rebounding,” she said. “We’re small, we need to do a better job of rebounding away from the basket and securing that rebound so we can run, which we want to do in transition.

“We need to run our lanes a little bit better,” Lepley added on the improvement front. “They’re used to playing with each other. They were a running team last year so I’m not trying to change much with that.”

Benson and Michelle Brincklow also scored for Norwood, giving them nine players on the score sheet in all.

The Mustangs faced a mammoth task on Friday night in the ESPN Boston No. 1-ranked Braintree Wamps, the two-time defending Div. 1 State Champions. In the first meeting between the schools since the 2012-13 season, Braintree reigned supreme with a 48-28 victory.

Norwood was back in action on Tuesday, facing the Dedham Marauders in an event held after the Record’s deadline. They’re now off until after Christmas, when they’ll play at Acton-Boxborough’s winter recess tournament.

Wrestling

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last week, along with O’Donnell, and said the team was inspired by their return.

“The kids, they look up to them,” said McDermott.

In addition to wrestling for Norwood, McDermott was also a member of the Super Bowl champion football team of 2000, as well as the runner-up in 2001. He’s a firm believer that the students should play multiple sports in addition to wrestling.

“That’s what I tell the guys, play sports,” he said. “The more sports you play, it helps every program.”

The Mustangs lost their first regular season match of the season, 48-21 in Milton last Wednesday night. They had several strong performances at a tournament in Marlboro over the weekend, in preparation for a match at Braintree High School on Tuesday night, in an event held after the Record’s deadline. Their next battle is on Thursday, Dec. 31 at noon at Sharon High School.

“I tell them the history that I have, getting the nostalgia, the felling that Norwood can be good again,” said McDermott, exuberant about his homecoming. “These kids are starting to see it. And we’re working with each other well, that’s what I like. Communication is fun. I feel like a little kid when I’m with these guys.”



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most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, pray for me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity (make request). There is none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.
Grateful thanks. —A.B.

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Looking Back, Forward at 50 Years

By J. Keith Motley, PhD, UMass Boston Chancellor

As the celebration of our fiftieth anniversary comes to a close, the University of Massachusetts Boston has had much to celebrate and reflect on as we set our sights on a promising future.

For five decades, Boston's public research university has continued to grow and to exceed expectations. And we remain committed to our mission of providing accessible, public higher education that is equal to the best.

Our 11 colleges now serve more than 17,000 students from around the world, a far cry from the classes we held in a partially renovated Boston Gas building in Park Square for 1,200 students during our early days. This semester, our graduate enrollment topped 4,000 students, and we also welcomed our largest freshman class ever.

Over the past year we opened our first new academic building in 40 years, the state-of-the-art Integrated Sciences Complex, and we also welcomed to our campus the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate. In a few months we will cut the ribbon on University Hall, complete with chemistry labs, art studios, a recital hall, a theater, and yet more fine spaces for learning and relaxing. These new facilities complement our rapidly expanding research enterprise and our growing roster of academic offerings.

We now offer more than 190 undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs, and recently we introduced an Honors College with more than 500 students. Our student body represents 150 countries around the world, and roughly three-fourths of our students stay in Massachusetts to live and work after college.

We are the most diverse university in New England because we embrace students, faculty, and staff from all cultures, backgrounds, and beliefs. With this comes a deep commitment to student success, in all the ways that is measured. We mold skilled professionals and innovators who will help drive our state's economy, and we also mentor future leaders who are civically engaged and attuned to the qualities that unite the citizens of the world.

As a leader in urban education, we serve more than 2,500 younger students in Greater Boston through our various pre-collegiate programs, and our partnerships with more than 80 school districts in the commonwealth enable us to conduct award-winning work.

During the next 50 years, we will continue to embrace our strengths as an increasingly globalized university by broadening course offerings here at our Dorchester campus and beyond, supporting more students who seek experiential learning in other countries, deepening and extending our pursuit of knowledge, and exchanging ideas with thought leaders around the world.

The past 50 years have taught us that UMass Boston is just as strong and resilient as the students who choose our university for higher learning. We have developed an institution that is increasingly recognized, throughout and beyond our nation, as a model of excellence for urban public universities. I have no doubt we will continue to rise, and we look forward to what the next 50 years holds for us.

For more information about Boston's public research university, visit www.umb.edu



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Code

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velop skills at home.

"A lot of problem solving, logic, and debugging is required to get through the whole program," Miller said.

Code.org features a number of resources and games, which provide students more than one path to solve a problem, but encourages them to complete the task in as few steps as possible, Miller said. According to hourofcode.com, coding tutorials feature popular programming, such as Disney's Frozen, Star Wars, Minecraft and others.

"One hour is only enough to learn that computer science is fun and creative, that it is accessible at all ages, for all students, regardless of background," the website read. "The measure of success of this campaign is not in how much (computer science) students learn - the success is reflected in broad participation across gender and ethnic and socioeconomic groups, and the resulting increase in enrollment and participation we see in (computer science) courses at all grade levels."

Cookie decorating at Civic

The Norwood Recreation Department helped children get into the holiday spirit this month with holiday cookie and gingerbread house decorating workshops. Dozens of families attended the events, part of the Recreation Department's regular holiday programming at the Civic Center, and made Christmas-themed sweets just in time for the holiday.

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Police Logs

MONDAY DEC 14

- 0750 phone - Fire alarm Fire Dept notified/respo Location/address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St C.O.2. Detector trouble alarm for cell block hallway for Cells 7-9. NFD notified, checked same, "0" reading, reset alarm. HELP alarm company notified.
- 0844 phone - Well being chk spoken to Location/address: Fulton St + Nahatan St Request check of waste management driver who appears to be sleeping. Mc8 reports he is ok, truck was in MVA earlier this morning, awaiting a replacement driver.
- 0924 initiated - Debris on road State DPW/Norwood DPW no Location/address: Municipal Lot - Central St + Day St N669 reports there is a cement base for holding a street sign lying on grass alongside parking lot, no sign around.
- 1101 cellular - Trespassing *report filed Location/address: Nassau Gardens - Bahama Dr Employee following a male they are trying to identify for cutting through property. N661 F.I.O.'d same and warned him to stop.
- 1120 phone - Assist other agency services rendered Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Units stand by while a section 12 patient is placed in a private ambulance for transport to another facility.
- 1400 other - Assist other agency services rendered Location/address: St George Ave N663 attempts to serve a letter of suspension/revocation. N665 reports no answer.
- 1538 phone - Assist citizen assisted party Location/address: Centennial Dr Caller reports that her friend who suffers from dementia is attempting to leave the house. Party was spoken to and returned home.
- 1648 initiated - Motor vehicle stop *arrest(s)made Location/address: Boch Subaru N E - Morse St MA pc 5efe10. As a result, n666 placed one female under arrest and transported her to the station s/m 10871 at 1656, E/m 10873 at 1701. Center Autobody towed MA pc 5efe10. Arrest: Lemoyne, Holli Anne Address: 56 Thatcher St Brockton, Ma Age: 38 Charges: stop/yield, fail to license suspended, op mv with warrant arrest
- 1719 initiated - Message delivery unsuccessful service Location/address: St George Ave Immediate threat paperwork.
- 1759 phone - Parking violation no violation Location/

address: Cedar St Caller reports that a vehicle with no plates has been parked in front of his house for several weeks. Vehicle belongs to an Autobody shop and is parked legally.

- 1850 911 - Well being chk *protective custody Location/address: Central St Report of a male party who appeared to be staggering. Party was transported Norwood Hospital.
- 2003 911 - Assist citizen Fire Dept notified/respo Location/address: Crestwood Cir Resident reports water leak in bathroom.
- 2017 walk-in - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Citizens Bank - Nahatan St Party in the lobby reports he may have seen an elderly party being defrauded at an atm. N666 spoke with the reporting party.
- 2107 phone - Report of fire Police & Fire notified/r Location/address: Riverside Comm Mental - Lenox St Transformer malfunctioned, causing a tree to catch fire. NFD notified and responded.

TUESDAY DEC 15

- 0027 phone - Vandalism *report filed Location/address: Endicott St Caller reports tires slashed to several vehicles.
- 0117 phone - Noise complaint services rendered Location/address: Cranmore Rd Caller reports a disturbing humming noise coming from outside. N665 responded and hears the noise and checks the area. It appears to be a generator from car dealership on Carnegie Row. No one there, will check back in morning.
- 0356 911 - Noise complaint services rendered Location/address: Florence Ave Caller reports a beeping alarm sounding in neighborhood. N662 responded and checked the area and located a trash bin that appeared to have a battery operated item inside that contained batteries that were dying.
- 1134 phone - Weapons charges *report filed Location/address: Tremont St Report that a male came out of home and fired a hand gun in the direction of the backyard. N667 seizes a replica gun that shoots blanks and will file a report.
- 1456 phone - Civil dispute spoken to Location/address: Bos-Prov Hwy + Morse St Report 2 parties conduct-

Police Logs

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Library Events

“CARE CLOTH” WORK PARTY JAN. 23 AT THE LIBRARY

Imagine having only a public restroom in which to clean yourself up, with nothing but paper towels and electric hand dryers available. For this winter’s civic project, Together Yes’ Sewstainability group is putting together Care Cloths for the homeless, which are small cloth bundles containing personal hygiene items that can be used anywhere. Please consider volunteering some of your time on Saturday, January 23 at the Morrill Memorial Library between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. to help the homeless. This work party is drop-in; no registration is necessary. Feel free to bring snacks or lunch with you. Any time you can donate to this worthwhile cause is greatly appreciated. Any questions, please email sustain@tgryes.org. Thank you.

TOGETHER YES FILM SCREENING OF “ARISE”

Together Yes is pleased to begin its spring Sustainability Series at the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, January 11 at 7 p.m. with a screening and discussion of the award-winning film “Arise.” A documentary by the mother-daughter team of Lori Joyce and Candice Orlando and narrated by actress and environmental activist Daryl Hannah, “Arise” captures the portraits and stories of extraordinary women around the world who are coming together to heal the injustices against the earth. The film weaves together poetry, music, art, and stunning scenery to create a hopeful story that inspires us to live in harmony with the environment and strive to better the earth. To sign up, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

HYLANDER PRESENTS LECTURE SERIES ON THE U.S. PRESIDENCY

Join popular historian Dr. Gary Hylander at the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, January 25 at 7 p.m. for the first of four presentations on the presidency throughout the upcoming election year: “Hail to the Chief: the Creation of the American Presidency.” The Constitutional Convention of 1787 was, in the words of Connecticut governor Samuel Huntington, a “new event” in human history. In the midst of this new event, nothing was newer than the creation of the office of the President and the Electoral College. Unanimously elected the nation’s first president, George Washington was well aware of his unique position. “I walk,” he wrote, “on untrodden

ground.” To sign up for this program, funded by the Friends of the Library, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

ART OF WINSLOW HOMER AT THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library are pleased to welcome back Beth Knaus of ArtMatters to the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. for an up-close look at the work of Winslow Homer, one of America’s most beloved and influential painters. Homer got his start by illustrating scenes from the Civil War for Harper’s Magazine, documenting post-war rural Americana and later dramatically exploring man’s relationship to nature. To sign up for this program, presented and funded by the Friends, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PRESENTATION

Learn more about the ongoing tragedy of human trafficking with a program by Joan Barry at the Morrill Memorial Library on Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. Ms. Barry, a human trafficking awareness speaker, will focus on the disturbing reality of sex-trafficking of American-born girls and boys, clarify the myths and misconceptions surrounding this serious and growing problem, and suggest what can be done to help. She is a board member of My Life My Choice, a Boston-based non-profit organization offering mentoring to survivors of sex trafficking as well as training to law enforcement, judiciary, and social service providers. To sign up for this program, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

CREATE YOUR OWN COLLAGE, OR VISION BOARD

Join local artisan Lynda Bassett for a fun workshop at the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. to make a beautiful collage, or vision board, using old magazines, images, ads, and other printed material. Express your creativity with your personalized vision board, which can reflect your hobbies and interests, your family, one or more favorite places, even New Year’s resolutions, or can simply be a collection of eye-catching images and/or inspirational words. To sign up for this class please call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email

norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk. There is a \$2.00 fee for all materials, payable to the instructor.

FIRESIDE READS AT THE LIBRARY

On Thursday, Jan. 14 at 10 a.m. and repeated at 7:30 p.m. join librarians Beth Goldman and Margot Sullivan for this fun book review program at the Morrill Memorial Library. Beth and Margot discuss a variety of titles that they hope will strike someone’s fancy. Biography, history, fiction, travel, mystery, and always a cookbook or two highlight the selections. One never knows what they might review! One also never knows what theatrics these two might present! They both have a good time sharing books! Participants are then asked if they have book titles they would recommend. This is an informative and eclectic and sometimes amusing program. Refreshments are served. The Friends of the Library generously fund this program. NO registration is necessary. If inclement weather, please call 781-769-0200 x110.

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THE CATMOBILE IS COMING

The Catmobile, which offers low cost spay/neuter for cats only, is coming to Petco located at 1210 Providence Highway in Norwood on 1/13. In celebration of “Happy Neuter Year” in January only, we are offering the low cost of \$20 for owned male cats. This offer is made possible by a grant received from PetSmart Charities. The regular price for a neuter is \$80. The Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society operates The Catmobile which is staffed by a licensed veterinarian and one veterinary technician. The package consists of spay/neuter, rabies vaccinations, exam, nail trim, and treatment for fleas and ear mites. Individually packaged take-home flea treatment is available for \$15 per dose. A female spay is \$120.

Ferals are \$35 and will be ear-tipped. Reservations are required and can be made online at www.catmobile.org or by calling 978-465-1940.

FRIENDS OF VISUALARTS FUNDRAISER AT BERTUCCCI’S

The Friends of Visual Arts (FoVA) Norwood is having a fundraiser on Tuesday, Jan 12th from 4 - 8 PM. Eat at Bertucci’s of Norwood for dine-in, carry-out or delivery and a portion of the sales will be donated to FoVA to benefit art enrichment activities and scholarships for students at Norwood Public Schools. Be sure to present a voucher at the time of purchase. Vouchers can be printed from the FoVA

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to Mass General Law 40A, Section 10.4 and Section 6.2, and 6.2.15 of the Norwood Zoning Bylaws, the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 11, 2015 at 7:05 P.M. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street concerning the Special Permit request for an additional building sign at Monkey Sports Inc., 949 Providence Highway, Norwood, MA. (Map 17, Sheet 10, Parcel 1). Plans of the proposed new sign are on file in the Office of the Planning Board at Town Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

Paul Donohue, Clerk

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ing a car sales transaction in the breakdown lane are arguing. N665 reports car given back, money exchanged, matter resolved.

1533 phone - Susp person spoken to Location/address: Redbox Automated Retail, Llc - Walpole St Report panhandler in lot near Hannafords. N669 checks az hp hgy14, not wanted, sent on his way.

1543 phone - Found syringe services rendered Location/address: Hawes Pond - Walpole St N665 properly disposed of same.

1623 phone - Citizens complaint State DPW/ Norwood DPW no Location/address: Norwood Airport Inc - Access Rd Report water coming up out of the ground on the grass strip between Access Rd. and airport public parking lot.

1637 phone - Parking violation no action required Location/address: Austin St Report sidewalk violation. N666 reports pedestrian traffic can pass, appears homeowner made a parking spot on grass in front of home.

1640 phone - Malicious damage *report filed Location/address: Endicott St Past damage to vehicles. See report.

2126 phone - Stolen bicycle *report filed Location/address: Nahatan St Caller reported theft of bikes. Officers checked for Suspects, unable to locate.

2315 phone - Noise complaint spoken to Location/address: Concord Ave Loud music. Subject advised.

WEDNESDAY DEC 16

0519 phone - Shoplifting *complaint/summons Location/address: CVS Pharmacy - Nahatan St Manager reports a shoplifter in store. N662, n665 responded. as a result, complaint app. Will be filed.

0657 initiated - Warrant service unsuccessful service Location/address: Elliot St Attempted service of 2 probation warrants by n669 and N661. No one answers door.

0718 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Short St Caller reports seeing a car up on someone's lawn and a man snooping around the house. Vehicle is a 4 door sedan, possibly a green Toyota and male was dark skinned with a hat on. N663, N662 responded and spoke with homeowner who states no problems there.

0719 phone - Vandalism *report filed Location/address: Windsor Shell - Buckminster Dr Caller reports his car tires were slashed last night and then receives an anonymous call from someone who knows where he works, lives and everything else about him. N667 responded to Windsor Shell where he is right now. Report to be filed. interstate responding. (va. Reg# 7flip-7)

0803 phone - Susp person gone on arrival Location/address: Rockhill St + Stone Cir Report of a b/m, white hoodie, jeans was seen yesterday walking in neighborhood, today he is sitting on stone wall. N667 spoke to several residents, checked area and could not locate individual. Residents stated they do not know who he is.

1545 phone - Civil dispute spoken to Location/address: Boch New To You Superstore (Dcdnty Inc) - Bos-Prov Hwy Service dept, unhappy customer. Parties advised.

1625 phone - Vandalism *report filed Location/address: Endicott St

1630 phone - Larceny *report filed Location/address: Manchester Rd Larceny of decorations. See report.

1700 911 - Unwanted party gone on arrival Location/address: Norwood Crossings - Central St Caller not on scene reported family member may have an unwanted party at her front door. Officers report subject left prior to arrival.

1723 phone - Assist citizen spoken to Location/address: Centennial Dr Caller reported problem with an elderly resident becoming confused. Officer spoke with residents, advised.

1842 911 - Animal complaint services rendered Location/address: Tremont St Caller reported dog collapsed. Referred to Walpole Animal Hospital. Animal control notified.

2042 initiated - Warrant service area search negative Location/address: Elliot St No one home.

THURSDAY DEC 17

0401 phone - Noise complaint spoken to Location/address: Cap World Inc - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller 's complaint of tt unit parked in

launch parking lot/driveway to Capworld. N666 responded and spoke with driver who was asked to move the truck and did so. Truck was not running at the time of call.

0402 phone - Susp person gone on arrival Location/address: Alandale Pkwy Caller reports someone knocking on her bedroom window and states party looks like a teenage male. N665, n664 responded, spoke with caller and checked the yard and surrounding area. Nothing found; possibly party had the wrong house. Caller satisfied.

0511 walk-in - Forge/counterf civil matter Location/address: Boch Toyota Scion - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller in lobby to speak with officer in regards to forgery at a dealership. N666 responded. Advice given to party to follow-up with rmv fraud unit.

0630 initiated - Warrant service *arrest(s) made As a result of an attempt to serve a warrant n667 places Subject under arrest and transports to station s/m 63371 0637 hrs, e/m 63372 0641 hrs. Arrest: Delorey, Jill Ann Address: 97 Elliot St Norwood, Ma Age: 48 Charges: warrant arrest Warrant arrest

0645 phone - Susp person spoken to Location/address: Coach Ln Caller reports a suspicious male dressed in a suit walked down driveway at #50 coach lane by wooded area and came back up to his car and drove 2 doors down to Mill Pond Rd. and sat in a driveway with his lights off. N666, n664 responded and located driver who was a livery driver searching for the correct house number. All in order.

0752 cellular - Susp vehicle services rendered Location/address: Lane Dr + Stratford Rd Report of a Toyota, Camry, some type of custom gray paint, pulling in/out of driveways. N667 checked the entire neighborhood-go. N667 reports newspapers at 2 residences, neighbors report this is about the time the delivery driver comes.

0922 initiated - Abandoned vehicle *complaint/summons Location/address: Cedar St N665 comes across MA vin 1ftr0a0vta10471, parked, unoccupied, no plates, on public way. N665 locates owner who will have it towed today, if not, this call will constitute the beginning of the 72hr wait period for abandonment. after further investigation, n665 to file a complaint application and report.

1011 phone - lost and found services rendered Location/address: Town Common - Washington St Resident found a bicycle on the common and took it home and called police. N662 placed it next to telephone pole at #24 Cottage. DPW to pick up same due to its size. DPW reports it its goa.

1156 walk-in - Assist citizen civil matter Location/address: Bradford Dr Resident in lobby reports landscaper harassing her. N664 spoke to all parties, civil matter.

1200 phone - Sex offenses *arrest(s) made Location/address: Hampton Inn - Bos-Prov Hwy Report guest assaulted 2 employees. N665, with n494 present and for n666, places subject under arrest and transports to station s/m 68424 1233 hrs, e/m 68426 1237 hrs. Westwood PD Assisted with a female officer for prisoner search. Arrest: Lappen, Maureen Marie Address: 424 Massapoag Ave Sharon, Ma Age: 55 Charges: Indecent a&b on person 14 or over A&b

1406 phone - Susp vehicle gone on arrival Location/address: Silver St Report MA pc 17ah60 has been driving up/down street for a couple of hours. N667 checked neighborhood-go. Party in lobby reports this call was him. N668 reports subject known to PD, mechanic, in customer's car, trying to find and meet up with customer.

1739 walk-in - Larceny *report filed Location/address: Norwest Dr Walk-in reported theft of a scooter. See report.

1940 911 - Pedestrian accident *report filed Location/address: Clay Nissan - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reported pedestrian struck on highway. Norwood fire responded.

2309 phone - Noise complaint spoken to Location/address: St James Ave Caller reported group yelling. Officers spoke with group, advised.

2330 phone - Alarm-burglar services rendered Location/address: Grant Ave Front motion. Resident stated house does not have an alarm. Officers checked adjacent buildings, no problems found. Key holder on scene

contacted, alarm is from a garage on property. No problems found.

FRIDAY DEC 18

0211 911 - Fire alarm services rendered Location/address: William Shyne Cir Caller reports fire alarm sounding and doesn't appear to be a medical alarm. N668, NFD responded and located alarm which was a personal alarm. NFD checked her out and she is fine.

0257 walk-in - Well being chk services rendered Location/address: Norton Dr + Neponset St Female states she got off highway and stopped, boyfriend got out of car while she was reaching for cell phone for him and was gone. She searched the area and also checked in Canton on Neponset St and was unable to locate him. This was approximately an hour ago. He is a Hispanic male wearing a black hoodie and blue jeans. N669, n677 sent to that area to look for him. Canton P.D. notified and Foxboro State Police also notified and they stated they picked him up and dropped him off at the shell station in Foxboro. Girlfriend notified.

0532 phone - Susp activity area search negative Location/address: Albemarle Rd Caller reports hearing a male yelling and appears to be between his house and the neighbors. N665, n666 responded and checked around the houses and spoke to caller and neighbor who said he didn't hear anything.

0622 walk-in - Susp vehicle spoken to Location/address: David, Joseph - E Cross St Party stated that when leaving her house she noticed a suspicious vehicle parked near her house. MA. Reg. 251lc9. N669 and n666 responding. Officer spoke with operator of the vehicle who stated that she is a care taker for 206 e. cross. and she was just early.

1027 phone - Found syringe services rendered Location/address: Doherty Park - Bradford Dr Worker finds a syringe. N677 properly disposed of same.

1537 phone - Well being chk services rendered Location/address: Forrest Ave Caller requests a well being check on her friend. N677 spoke with that party, all is well.

1659 phone - Assist citizen spoken to Location/address: Centennial Dr Caller reports male with Alzheimer's Disease is confused wants to speak to an officer. N666 spoke to both parties. matters resolved.

2310 phone - Assist other agency gone on arrival Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Caller reports a patient walked out of the hospital after complaining of pain.

SATURDAY DEC 19

0830 phone - Animal complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/address: Shattuck Park - Nichols St Report of a brown dog walking around park., nobody around.

1007 phone - Hit and run *report filed Location/address: Wickham Way Report driver's side mirror was hit while car was parked, unoccupied, in the lot.

1132 phone - Found syringe services rendered Location/address: Walpole St + Endicott St Report syringe on sidewalk where fence meets driveway in front of #392. N677 properly disposed of same.

1308 phone - Larceny *report filed Location/address: Stop & Shop - Bos-Prov Hwy Report stolen bank bag.

1314 911 - Well being chk spoken to Location/address: Sumner St Msp reports receiving a call from male party who sounds confused. First address given of Centennial Drive #5 was a past address. N664 is responding to new address to check on the well being of a party with known mental disorder. N664 reports all ok and parent arrived on scene.

1328 phone - Well being chk *report filed Location/address: Allen Rd Passing motorists report a w/f walking in the road Nahatan/Lenox, not dressed for the weather. NFD locates her on Lenox St. 1337 hrs- care taker calls in the missing person. NFD transports her back home.

1350 phone - Mischief (kids) spoken to Location/address: Melville Ave Report of a kid tipping over the leaf bags and throwing rocks at stone wall. N677 spoke to him and spoke to the cousin who was babysitting him.

1406 phone - Civil dispute civil matter Location/address: 1a Pizza - Walpole St Report dispute with customer, customer spit on his car and left. N666 reports matter resolved.

1523 phone - Well being chk gone on arrival

Location/address: Norwood Shell/United Ma Convenience Llc - Walpole St Report w/f, blonde hair, long blue coat, yelling into cell phone, stumbling while walking around. N666 reports she is Goa, checked surrounding area-go. clerk stated she bought a coffee and was trying to call a cab.

1605 phone - Susp person gone on arrival Location/address: Wags N Whiskers Pet Grooming-Db. Laura Wentw - Walpole St Customer reports possible drug activity near the side of the building.

1752 initiated - Prisoner transport services rendered Location/address: Nahatan St N663 transports one juvenile to the Brockton Juvenile Detention facility. S/m 26617 at 1802, e/m 26636 at 1835.

1807 walk-in - Larceny assisted party Location/address: Williams St + Lenox St Party in the lobby reports a larceny of his cell phone by an Uber driver. N678 referred that party to Somerville PD.

1953 911 - Noise complaint spoken to Location/address: Buckminster Dr Report of a loud party. N669 spoke to that group, they are going home.

2011 phone - Mischief (kids) area search negative Location/address: Forrest Ave Resident seeking advice regarding juveniles ringing her door bell. N669 spoke with the caller and searched the neighborhood.

2036 phone - Noise complaint no violation Location/address: Buckminster Dr Resident reports a loud party. N669 reports no loud noise upon arrival, caller advised to speak with management.

2110 911 - Animal complaint area search negative Location/address: Silver St Caller reports a tan dog was running into traffic.

SUNDAY DEC 20

0026 phone - Susp person *protective custody Location/address: Morrill Rd + Bond St Caller reports 2 suspicious males smoking and hanging around by Bond St and finds it suspicious to be out now. N664, n666 responded and located them by Bond & Walpole St. Both re placed in protective custody. N664 transported 1 Codman Road. N666 transported the other party to Rock St. Both were left in custody of parents or family members.

0042 phone - Susp activity area search negative Location/address: Hill St Caller reports someone knocking on his doors. N669, n677 responded. Nothing found. Caller satisfied.

0110 phone - Noise complaint services rendered Location/address: Winslow Ave Caller reports a lot of banging going on in apartment above. N663, n669 responded and knocked on door on second floor rear. No noise heard and no one answered door.

0153 phone - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Tremont St Resident with a family emergency trying to wake neighbors to get his vehicle out of driveway blocked by other tenant's cars, seeking assistance. Unable to wake other tenants but caller was able to maneuver his truck to get his car out. officer stood by.

0227 911 - Report of fight *report filed Location/address: Mcdonalds - Everett/Rte1 - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports fight going on in parking lot and reports 1 male party bleeding and in men's room. N677, n669, n668 responded. Report filed.

0524 phone - Susp vehicle spoken to Location/address: Mcdonalds - Everett/Rte1 - Bos-Prov Hwy Employee reports the truck that was there in an earlier confrontation has returned. N677, n669 responded and spoke with party who stated the fight was over when he left. He stated he checked on the party that fell and left. (ref:15- 1630-of)

1023 walk-in - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Walpole St + Hoyle St Caller reports that an occupied vehicle had been parked with the engine running for an hour. Units spoke with those individuals, and they will move along.

1110 other - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Greenleaf Rd Units to collect any firearms from this address for a suspended ltc. No weapons were found.

2200 phone - Susp vehicle spoken to Location/address: Wilson St Report of a vehicle with it's lights blinking for the last fifteen minutes. N663 spoke with that party, he checks out Ok.

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website: www.fovanorwood.org and the FoVA Norwood Facebook page.

ADOPT-A-HYDRANT

Last year we experienced record breaking amounts of snowfall in our community. This huge amount of snowfall caused delays in firefighting operations throughout New England. In the event of a fire, fire engines respond with enough water in their tanks to provide only a few minutes of fire protection/suppression. Therefore, it is imperative that firefighters gain access to a water supply via a fire hydrant. If a fire hydrant is buried by snow, it can be difficult to find and valuable time is lost digging it out. This process can take anywhere from 5 to 7 minutes. Since fires double in size every minute, precious minutes lost could be the difference between life and death. Norwood firefighters and DPW workers worked tirelessly to keep hydrants clear last year, but we need your help. The Norwood Fire Department is

looking for volunteers to "adopt" a hydrant near their homes or places of work. In doing so, it only makes a safer environment for your families and co-workers.

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The First Congregational Church will hold its traditional Christmas Eve service of candles and carols on Thursday, December 24, beginning at 5:30 PM. This family-friendly service has been celebrated for more than twenty years, and includes Christmas songs performed by the choir, and a Nativity pageant based on readings from the prophecy of Isaiah and the gospels according to Luke and Matthew. Our Interim Pastor, Rev. Dr. Tom Zoelzer, will bring the message "The Year I Cancelled Christmas." First Congregational Church (United Church of Christ) is an Open & Affirming congregation welcoming all. We are located at the corner

of Route 1A and Winter Street in Norwood. The regular Sunday morning worship service is at 10 am and is followed by a fellowship hour in Pingree Hall. Church school classes and nursery care are provided during the service. Our Transitional Interim Pastor, Rev. Dr. Tom Zoelzer, is glad to extend pastoral support. For more information, please call the church office at (781)762-3320.

GRACE ALLENDORF TO PERFORM AT DAY HOUSE

On Sunday, Dec. 27, at 2 p.m. The Norwood Historical Society is pleased to present mezzo-soprano Grace Allendorf at the Day House, 93 Day St., Norwood. The concert is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. A consummate musician, Norwood native Grace Allendorf is dedicated to performing opera, oratorio, and new music. Recent performances include a concert with the MetroWest Choral Artists and the Nahant Music Festival where she performed in the world premiere of "Sleeping Beauty" by Francine Trester. The

Norwood Historical Society is pleased to have her return to the Day House for her annual recital of holiday music. She will be accompanied by Kevin McGinty on piano.

MORSE HOUSE TOUR

The George H. Morse House will be open for a Special Tour and Celebration on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016 from 1-4 p.m. We are dedicating this Christmas Season to our American Veterans. We will display pictures of our local veterans and ask that you contact Dale Day (781-762-7291) or Jean and Jack Taylor (781-769-3975) if you have pictures of your service that you would like to share at this event. Please plan on stopping by The Morse House to thank our veterans for their service. Refreshments will be served. (Snow Date Jan. 16).

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