



Hill Jewelers, on Washington Street, closed after 32 years of business late last month due to bankruptcy. Their closing leaves another vacancy in Norwood's downtown area.

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## Long time jeweler closes doors, downtown gains another vacancy

**Joe DiFazio**  
Staff Reporter

Hill Jewelers closed after 32 years of business late last month due to bankruptcy. The closing leaves another empty storefront in Norwood's downtown.

"If you look at the block, it tells the story itself," said Jean Taylor, Chairwoman of the Downtown Steering Committee.

The Jewelry Store, located at 696 Washington Street, filed Chapter 7 bankruptcy on January 21. Under Chapter 7, a business entity ceases to operate and receives a court-appointed

trustee who handles looking into the finances of the business, and generally sells or auctions any of the remaining assets to repay creditors.

"The details about why they went out of business, I just don't know," said attorney Donald Lassman, who represents Hill Jewelers. "It's unfortunate ... they've been in business a long time. It's just main street USA. They just weren't profitable I guess."

According to court filings, the jewelry store is responsible for over \$650,000 in debt to over 100 creditors, and has only has assets of \$161,296.38. Between 2012 and 2013 the

store saw a 20 percent reduction in revenue from over \$1 million to just over \$800,000.

"Everybody is suffering, especially the way the town is," said Aron Greenfield, who along with his wife Martha, owns Brenner's Children Shop, which neighbored the beleaguered jewelry store. "We try to do the best we can."

"It's kind of sad," echoed Martha. "Times are tough nowadays."

The Greenfields have owned their shop for 41 years and mourn the loss of another Norwood business. They said

**Hill Jewelers**

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## DPW project passed, Postponement for 40Rs

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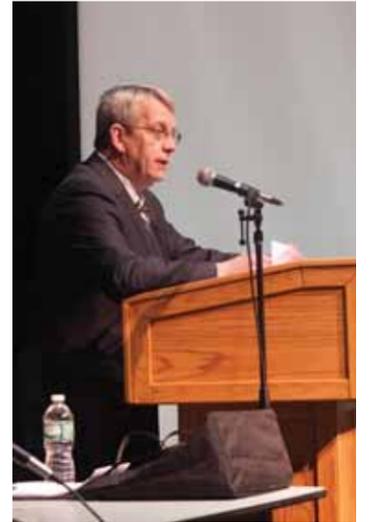
Despite some vocal opposition, the Department of Public Works (DPW) facility project passed 152-12 at Special Town Meeting.

Director of the DPW and Town Engineer Mark Ryan implored the Town Meeting members to "do the right thing" in his presentation of why Town Meeting should support building a new \$16.8 million facility for DPW.

Ryan outlined the current accommodations for the DPW as deplorable, with mechanics working in unsafe conditions outside and \$4.5 million in equipment housed out in the elements. He stated that exposure to poor weather shortens the life of the expensive vehicles used by DPW especially taking a toll on brakes and hydraulic lines.

Ryan also pointed out that the current DPW facilities built in 1950 have plumbing violations, Environmental Protection Agency violations and no women's bathrooms. He said that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration would have a "field day" finding violations with the current conditions. He stated that if he had taken on the project in 2002 it would have cost only \$11 million, and that if they wait, the price will only increase.

The goal of the new facility is to bring DPW equipment under cover, provide a safer and compliant work environment and to consolidate the offices of the Engineering department and



Moderator David Hern presided over Special Town Meeting at Norwood High School Monday night.

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DPW.

Town Accountant and Clerk Robert Thornton went over the project financing stating that \$3 million will come out of stabilization funds to be paid back over seven years. Also, \$13.8 million will be borrowed and paid back over 30 years through hikes in the water rate and payments from N-Star. According to Thornton, the average homeowner's bills will be increased by less than \$50 per year.

Selectwoman Helen Abdullah Donohue spoke out against the project, saying she was always taught "to live within her means" and that this project went against that tenet.

"I've been a Town Meeting member for 45 years, and I have

**DPW**

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never voted against the DPW," said Donohue.

She believes that since its inception, the facility has grown to include other buildings and that the scope had grown too large. She feels that the consultants for the project, Weston & Sampson, should earn less than the nine percent commission they negotiated. She also believes the project should use existing projects and the Sansone building on Broadway Street. Furthermore, she stated that the town's counsel cleared her of any conflict of interest in suggesting that the town buy the Sansone building, having had a previous connection to the family.

Chairman of the Permanent Building Construction Committee (PBCC) William Kinsman pointed out that while Weston & Sampson did have the inside track, it was not the only company considered and that the

project was put out to bid.

Selectwoman Donohue's opposition kicked off the discussion of the project with a vocal minority of dissenters voicing their opinions.

Edward Foley of District 6 said that he also thought the project was over priced and should be redesigned to cost less.

Plakso addressed concerns about the Sansone building, saying that Weston & Sampson explored the feasibility of that building more than Donohue led the meeting to believe in her statement, and that Norwood had no intentions of purchasing any more buildings for this project.

"[I've been] a Town Meeting member for a long time and this DPW [project] has been on the radar for a long time. The conditions are embarrassing and deplorable," said Selectman Mike Lyons. "If we don't do it now when are we going to do it?"

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Brian Palmateer of District 8 raised concerns in the other direction, asking if there is any breathing room and if the building was tall and wide enough for anything that may arise. He worried that if the building was pared down to just the current necessities, it may not accommodate for new technologies that are larger than current vehicles.

Ryan responded to the query saying that since the original building was built in 1950, Norwood has increased from 57 miles of road to over 100 miles of road, and that there wasn't much land left for more roads. He also said that due to bridges in town, the equipment has height restrictions and shouldn't grow much larger and that Weston and Sampson was very familiar with industry standards.

Susan McQuaid of District 4 moved the question, which required a two-thirds majority vote. Moderator David Hern took a voice count and then a physical count. The other two articles slated for Special Town Meeting number one were motioned and carried, concluding the first part of the docket. Town Meeting number two was then opened and articles one through 13 were motioned and carried, except for article 12, which was postponed indefinitely. Article 12 was to set up an Other Post Employment benefits account, but it had already been set up in a prior Town Meeting.

The rest of the warrant for Town Meeting will be discussed in Thursday, February 27 at 7:30 at Norwood High School.



U.S. Representative Stephen Lynch addressed Town Meeting prior to discussion of the first article, speaking on upcoming U.S. budgets and strengthening background checks on federal security clearances.

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### 40Rs Withdrawal

It was announced at the meeting that two proposed 40R projects, the Plimpton Press Project and the Folsom Project, have elected to withdraw their requests for zoning changes. The two warrants were scheduled for Town Meeting number two. According to Hern, he anticipates that both warrants will seek indefinite postponements. He also stated that since the Planning Board recommended the Plimpton Project, they will be able to freely ask for another warrant, but the Folsom Project will have to wait two years because the Planning Board did not recommend their project.

Charlotte Maynard, of Creative Development Company and whose family owns Plimpton Press stated that they wanted more time to get a better clarification on a 40B study commissioned by neighbor Brian Hardiman, which she says is misleading and, accord-

ing to experts she has consulted, is erroneous.

"I want it to be the best project ever, to make a really good addition to the town," said Maynard.

She also wanted a chance to reach out to more Town Meeting members, stating she has received great feedback from the members she was able to explain the project to.

"We will not be presenting [Thursday] in order that all parties have an opportunity to have their questions answered and to get more information on our proposal," she said in a statement. "We have been heartened by the feedback we have received at our many open houses for the Norwood community, and we hope we have demonstrated throughout the many public meetings and presentations we have had over the last year that we're very committed to a thoughtful, collaborative process with Norwood."

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The Board of Selectmen (above) met with Director of the Department of Public Works and Town Engineer Mark Ryan (right) on Tuesday at Town Hall.

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# Selectmen form ice rink committee, DPW gives report

**Joe DiFazio**  
Staff Reporter

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) Bill Plasko proposed creating a committee to look into the different facets of creating a hockey rink.

“We need to begin moving forward,” said Plasko.

The BOS unanimously

passed a proposal to create a skating rink committee. The committee is to be charged with hiring a project manager and architect, to oversee the planning and cost of the project, and report to the BOS. Plasko also suggested five people to be on the committee, Superintendent of Building and Grounds for the School Department Paul

Riccardi, Senior Project Manager for Walsh Construction Chris Sharkey, Assistant Town Engineer Andy Murphy, Town Manager John Carroll, and rink enthusiast Bill Naumann.

The state has given Norwood a grant of \$500,000 for the planning stages with a possible later grant of \$5.6 million to build the rink.

The BOS’ other main business of the evening was an appointment with Mark Ryan, director of the Department of Public Works (DPW), who submitted his monthly report.

Ryan stated that the DPW was working on potholes cre-

**Selectmen**

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## Hill Jewelers *continued from page 1*

that adding Boy Scout uniforms and licensing has helped bring in customers to their children’s clothing store that might not otherwise come to the area. Niche items help drum up business to their store.

“I feel very lonely, I’m practically the only one left in town,” said Aron of the rash of businesses shuttering.

The closing of the jeweler comes on the tail of 26-year old business Val’s Curtains closing on September 21 when its owner Denis Donohue decided to retire.

“[We’re] trying to get more people to the area,” said Selectman Paul Bishop of continuing efforts to revive the downtown.

The Downtown Steering Committee, for example, is one initiative implemented by Norwood to help the downtown area. The Committee was set up in 1998 to review and report back to the Board of Selectmen on specific policy recommendations to improve the downtown area.

“We have to get going on filling our [down]town area. It’s an urgent priority,” said Selectman Allan Howard. “[Hill’s Jewelers closing] is just another example of how urgent getting retail operations in that [area] is. It’s not looking good with so many vacancies.”

Howard stated that there are several difficulties Norwood faces in reviving the downtown area, including large box stores located nearby and a lack of parking. He feels that a main store could serve as a cornerstone to anchor other stores. Howard suggested a family clothing store and a family shoe store could help provide some stability to the Washington Street area.

“It’s a terrible loss for the community,” said Andrew Himmel, owner of neighboring Antique Roadhouse, “But I can’t wait to see what comes in next.”

Stuart Hill, owner of Hill Jewelers, did not respond to attempts to reach him for comment.

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The application requests:

This application request a **SPECIAL PERMIT** under Sections 5.4.2, 5.4.3, 5.7 & 5.7.3 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow the demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a new five(5) bedroom 2,800 square foot colonial style dwelling on a non-conforming lot having frontage of 56’ where required 90’ is required and side yard encroachment of 12.3’ where 15’ is required. The proposed structure exceeds the volume or area of the original nonconforming structure. The proposed structure shall be located other than on the original footprint.

Any other relief the Board may deem necessary.

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 ,8:30 AM to 3 PM.

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# OPINION

## So, what's the big news?

Actually, there is quite a bit of “big” news being reported in this week’s issue, but what’s the BIGGEST news? Well, the fact that Town Meeting overwhelmingly supported a new DPW yard and its associated \$16+ million cost is certainly big news, but this doesn’t take top honors. Nor does the reality that Norwood will have at least one contested race for Town government given that Kevin Pentowski has announced he will seek one of the two Selectmen seats up for grabs, though it is certainly noteworthy that some people still care enough to get involved. And the revelation that the Town saved enough money on Town Hall exterior repairs so that it can put remaining funds toward needed interior work to spruce up the old gal is worthy of a pat on the back to the PBCC and everyone involved in making Norwood a great place to live, but still doesn’t rank as top dog in the headlines.

Unfortunately, the biggest news in this week’s newspaper is the demise of Hill Jewelers in Norwood Center. Closed for several weeks now, it appears the venerable jewelry store finally succumbed to the misery plaguing this swath of Washington St.

Hill Jewelers was one of the last, if not the last, anchor tenant. This comment isn’t meant as dispersion on any of the remaining stores still valiantly struggling to make a go of it there, because each of them offers a reason to fight for one of the few available parking spots. However, Hill Jewelers was very visible, with its high-end displays and expensive lighting. It was chic and unique and well worth the time for anyone to visit when thinking about buying jewelry.

So, why its demise? If it had great inventory at reasonable prices and an able repair department, why couldn’t it continue its legacy? Probably the same reason this writer opted out of making a third trip around the block of Washington to Central and back up Washington again looking for a parking spot to pick up a sandwich. The same reason people gave up trying to buy curtains or art supplies or an ice cream cone. At a minimum, Norwood Center has taken the impulse out of impulsive buying, which eliminates a large segment of the retail industry that relies on this.

At a Selectmen’s meeting a few weeks ago, Mike Lyons appeared a bit agitated at a letter submitted by a resident regarding Norwood Center. Lyons made the point that at one time Norwood had a lot of major tenants with varied shopping opportunities and people opted to visit the malls instead. And, he asked the rhetorical question, “What’s changed since then?”

Actually, quite a bit has changed, most notably Internet shopping. Recent studies suggest large brick and mortar malls are struggling because much of people’s necessity buying is taking place on the web. People are opting to purchase online and having items shipped to their doors instead of spending the time and gas getting to the malls. However, Internet shopping does nothing to satiate the need for immediate gratification. People sometimes need things immediately or have a sudden urge to splurge on a trinket or bobble on themselves or someone else just because it “feels” like the right time. And while they’re there, maybe they pick up a sandwich or grab an ice cream. This is where areas like Norwood Center can satisfy a demand and make a comeback.

That being written, even monumental impetuous urges can quickly be thwarted by an inability to park. So, in this newspaper’s opinion, parking is the most immediate concern needing addressing, though it is certainly not the answer to all of Norwood Center’s problems.

One of life’s great mysteries is how little parking there is there now even with all of the current vacancies. Who owns these cars and why can’t a guy quickly pull in to pick up a sandwich? It’s baffling, and the starting point of solving a very complex downtown problem. Rigorous parking enforcement would seem like an obvious first step, maybe metered parking. A parking garage has been discussed, but we don’t think this will solve anything. We still like the idea of making Washington St. one way in that section of town and implementing perpendicular parking, greatly increasing the number of spaces and making it much easier for people, particularly senior citizens who hate to parallel park, to pull in close to where they need to be and back out without taking their lives in their hands.

This newspaper still believes the greatest threat to the Town of Norwood is its continued Center’s deterioration. Something creative needs to be done soon.

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## Letters to the Editor

### PAID CONTENT IS DISINGENUOUS

To The Editor:

I had to chuckle when I read the puff piece in the 2-20-14 Issue of the Norwood Record, paid for by the potential developers of the Plimpton Press.

The most egregious statement was that the Town would pick up “\$1,000,000 in revenue to the Town in permitting fees and state revenues.” Well, one, I don’t like the state having any strings attached to the Town — control is best kept at home. Secondly, the permitting fees are a one — time (first year) revenue stream that will disappear within the blink of an eye. Secondly, the notion that the Town will increase net new revenue \$200,000.00 is nonsense.

Let’s assume conservatively that the number of units (240) derives on average one student per unit. Minimally, by the time they are in the Norwood School system it will cost \$14,000.00 a year per student for one year’s education (it is \$12,497.00 for 2012). Do the math. This would cost the Town \$3,360,000.00. Also, factor in additional police, fire, paramedics, DPW services, etc. and the Town will make \$200,000.00???? I don’t think so. Further, the tax rate, even though this development is really run like a commercial business for the owner, would drop from \$22.22 per \$1,000.00 of valuation to the residential rate of \$11.58. So the owner/developer, who lives in Newton cuts his tax rate in half and generates a lot more revenue. Good deal, if you can get it. Ask Assessor Wanacek about Windsor Gardens, Norwood Gardens, Norwest Woods, and Olde Derby Village. I don’t think he will tell you they are big money makers for the Town.

The Norwood Economic Development Committee had Mr. John Finlay in back in 2005 to talk about redevelopment as commercially-zoned. He told us he received \$2.00 a square foot. I said that the Smart Growth program cuts both ways — residential and commercial. I suggested he renovate, like most old mill towns, and make it a high-tech building, where there is a natural employee base from Franklin to Boston by using Norwood Central. He had no appetite for this at the time.

It appears that Brian Hardiman and his group can prove that Norwood has more than 1.5% of its land, so a 40R for any of these projects is off the table. I suggest the Town work with Mr. Finlay to develop a commercial development as the property is zoned.

By the way, if there is anything in this Town

that is historic, besides the little house on Neponset Street, it is the Plimpton Press. How many families came to Norwood to work at the “Bindery?” It was the largest book bindery in the “Free World.” Hard to believe the USSR and China were printing a lot of books.

Also, adding stores will detract further from the Downtown Business District. These are the same local people that seem to be in favor of the Plimpton Project. Which is it?

Town Meeting Members please vote no on this and the other 40R articles. Think of the elderly on fixed incomes where new schools, students, and services will stress their budgets even more.

Denis Drummey  
Norwood

### GREAT WORK BY GARDEN CLUB

To the Editor:

With another winter storm this week, summer in the garden seems far away, to say the least. It is past time, however, to give thanks and acknowledge the great work of the Norwood Evening Garden Club — and Ana Puzey in particular, in maintaining the garden at the Walpole Public Library last season. Their generosity and diligence kept our rain garden in top shape to be enjoyed by library patrons. Also, with the addition of beautiful furniture purchased by the Friends of the Walpole Public Library, the setting of the garden is complete. It is a perfect complement to our wonderful new building. Please, everyone, come to see and enjoy it. And thanks again to Ana and the Garden Club for their generosity!

David Wildnauer Chairman, Walpole  
Public Library Board of Trustees

### STILL LOOKING FOR HOUSING

To the Editor:

Norwood Citizens for Responsible Development continues to find land that counts towards Norwood’s 1.5% rule and prevents hostile 40B developments. We appreciate help from your readers. We seek tips on forgotten or easily-missed town or state-owned land in Norwood. Readers may kindly email the parcel’s closest address or intersection to stopnorwood40b@gmail.com. Alternatively, they may mail us at:

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ated over the winter and encouraged citizens to call if they notice a pothole. His crews were also working on finding and fixing water leaks throughout town, digging cemetery plots, and lining sewer pipelines. Ryan also answered Chairman Paul Bishop’s query about damage caused by snow removal and salting operations, saying that

that as the snow melts, the DPW does its best to fix benches, light posts and other things that may have been damaged by plows or otherwise damaged.

“We’ll have a very busy spring,” said Ryan.

To date, the DPW has conducted 25 salt operations, 12 snow plow operations, and five snow removal operations.

Selectwoman Helen Abdullah Donohue raised concerns that were also raised at Special Town Meeting about trucks being parked at the cemetery and materials being stored there. Ryan responded that the trucks being parked were temporary, but the DPW had no plans to change material storage. According to Ryan, the materials are used at the cemetery and in other places by the DPW.

Selectman Mike Lyons congratulated Ryan on the approval of a new DPW facility by Town Meeting on Monday, saying that it was a great conversation and debate.

“The crews are ecstatic,” said Ryan about the new proposed facility.

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Chairman William Kinsman and the rest of the Permanent Building Construction Committee look over site maps of the proposed Department of Public Works facility.

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# PBCC focuses on Town Hall interior

**Joe DiFazio**  
Staff Reporter

The Permanent Building Construction Committee (PBCC) is moving forward with using excess funds from the exterior Town Hall improvement to fix up the interior of the building.

The PBCC met with members of Medfield-based Compass Project Management and Peabody-based Weston and Sampson to discuss project updates on Thursday at Town Hall. Last fall, Town Meeting approved the borrowing of roughly \$3 million to fund both interior and exterior renovations to the building. The bulk of the work was directed towards rebuilding the bell tower over Memorial Hall, which has suffered water damage and stone erosion. Other significant work included masonry and unit stone restoration, replacement of the slate roof on the east side of Memorial Hall, site wall reconstruction and replacement of flat roofing on an office wing.

When the exterior was completed, it came in under budget leaving more than \$200,000 to use on the interior. Representatives from Compass stated that there are two types of repairs that need to be completed on the interior, simple patching and painting in rooms and more ornate repairs to the grand staircase and Memorial Hall. The ornate repairs are more time consuming and would involve more complicated procedures and scaffolding. They also suggested to the PBCC that they create two separate bid packages for these projects, one for each type of work, which the PBCC voted unanimously to do.

It will cost \$8,300 to cre-

ate the package for the more ornate fix-ups and \$7,050 for the simpler bid. The bids that Compass had created originally were confusing to bidders, and these new bids will contain more photo documentation.

Compass estimates the projects will cost \$75,000 apiece. Some of that expense comes from having to do costlier weekend work as to not disturb the daily functions of Town Hall. The bids are slated to be completed by early April.

The PBCC also discussed how the DPW project informational session last Wednesday went. One of the largest clarifications made at the information session concerned at what temperature the proposed DPW building would be heated. The PBCC and Jeff Alberti of Weston & Sampson wanted to point out that the building would only be heated to around 45 degrees, which was a question fielded at the information session.

Bryan Jarvis of Compass went over the DPW project bidders, with the PBCC. Holliston-based Collantonio had the lowest and winning bid, although their bid was still 3 percent higher than originally anticipated. Jarvis pointed out that the Town of Norwood gaining an AA plus bond rating from Standard & Poor's will help mitigate the cost.

Alberti abated some of the PBCC's concern about contaminated soil, stating that language in the contract will ensure any extra that is dug will be the responsibility of the contractor. The discovery of remnants of a tannery and the soil contamination that it caused was the chief reason for the project cost to rise to \$16.8 million.

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# Pentowski enters Selectman's race

**Joe DiFazio**  
Staff Reporter

Kevin Pentowski, a Plimpton Avenue resident, has thrown his hat into the Board of Selectmen's (BOS) race.

"[I got into this race because of] the simultaneous event of all the housing coming to our town [and] the 40Rs as well," said Pentowski. "We already have an issue and many, many problems with the overabundance of apartments in this town. We have the highest per capita of rental unit of any town in the area. We have more apartments than all four surrounding towns combined."

Pentowski has worked with several neighbors on Plimpton Avenue and other Norwood residents in mounting an opposition to the Plimpton Press 40R Project.

Under Chapter 40B law, any town where less than 10 percent of its housing stock, or less than 1.5 percent of its developable land area is affordable, a developer can build a project that is more dense than the town's laws normally permit if the project is 20 to 25 percent affordable. 40R projects count towards affordable housing floors, but the town has much more control over the development. According to the town's studies, Norwood has not reached either floor, and needs

more affordable housing to meet the state mandates.

Pentowski, along with his neighbor Brian Hardiman and several others, put in motion an independent study of the town's 1.5 percent floor that found Norwood to be in compliance with the law. Hardiman financed the study with the aim of erasing any support for the Plimpton Press Project and hoped it would convince the BOS that Norwood had reached its minimums.

According to Pentowski, he also garnered 195 signatures on a petition against the Plimpton Press Project in the early stages of discussing the development and gave them to the BOS.

Pentowski is disappointed in the current Board of Selectmen. He feels as though they are not giving enough attention to the 40R projects, and that they are ignoring the residents of his neighborhood despite all the noise that they've made. He said that while living in Dedham, he saw the negative impacts a large housing project can have and that Dedham is still dealing with issues stemming from them.

"I don't want to go through it again. I don't want to see the town [of Norwood] go through it," said Pentowski. "If we tip the scales to over 50 percent rental [in Norwood] we're doomed."

Although his opposition to the Plimpton Press Project was the catalyst for his campaign to become a Selectman, Pentowski says it isn't the most important issue to him.

"The most important issue for me as a candidate, first and foremost, and why I'm doing all this, is the children of this town, the children and all the young parents, and all the working [class] in this town," said Pentowski.

He says he gains inspiration from his father Mitch Pentowski, who served on the



Kevin Pentowski, a Plimpton Avenue resident, will run in the Board of Selectmen's race, one of the only contested races in the upcoming annual elections.

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School Committee for 37 years until 2010 and was a Town Meeting member for 40 years. The younger Pentowski wants to follow in his father's footsteps in helping the town's youth.

"All I'm doing is what I was raised to do, to put my best foot forward ... voices are not being heard on many issues at Town Hall," Pentowski said. "I have knocked on 3,000 doors at this point, and I have made promises to people that I will step up."

Pentowski hopes his campaign will be well-rounded and wished he had four or five months to mount it. He feels that his involvement in campaigning against the Plimpton Press Project has given him a head start on the race, however.

Pentowski also wishes there were more people running for higher office in Norwood, the BOS race is one of only a few contested races. He says he heard more than a few angry voices while campaigning against the Plimpton Press

Project and had hoped they would run for BOS. He's pleased that several people are running to become Town Meeting members, though.

He's never held public office, but Pentowski believes his background and heart are his best qualifications.

"My greatest asset for being a Selectman is I was born and raised in this town. I love this town. If people would cast their vote for me, I would pay them back with interest. I've shown that my motives are for the best interests of this town. I'm not a career politician, I am a citizen who loves this town," said Pentowski. "Norwood is in my eyes the finest town in the Commonwealth ... This town is a wonderful town and going forward I want to keep it that way."

Pentowski will face incumbent Selectmen Allan Howard and Paul Bishop, who were both elected for the first time in 2011. The Annual Town Elections will take place on April 7.

## Legals

### NORWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Norwood Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, The Wetlands Protection Act and Norwood Bylaw XXV, including any amendments thereto on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 7:40 P.M. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall. The Commission is to hear a request for a Determination of Applicability from Advanced Engineering Group, P.C. of East Providence, RI for the proposed modifications to equipment associated with the existing telecommunications facility. All work is to take place within the confines of the existing fenced-in compound. Project location: 59 Davis Avenue, Norwood, MA.

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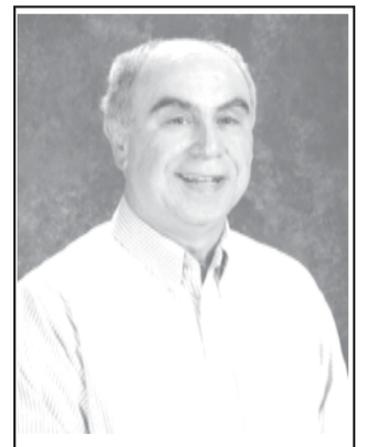
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## What's good for the goose is . . .

People new to Boston might wonder why I-95, coming north from Providence, then circumferentially follows Route 128 to Danvers before heading north again to Portland, Maine. They were not aware of the brouhaha that characterized the plans for extending I-95 from the Canton interchange of 128 through Dedham, Hyde Park, and Jamaica Plain, before intersecting with a planned inner belt.

Acres of housing in Jamaica Plain along the New Haven Railroad mainline were leveled — reminiscent of William Tecumseh Sherman's march through Georgia — before the project encompassing the two major highways came to a halt: the inner belt would have to pass through Cambridge.

If poetry tells us that Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned (William Congreve, in *The Mourning Bride*, 1697: "Heav'n has no Rage, like Love to Hatred turn'd,?Nor



My Kind  
of Town/  
Joe Galeota

Hell a Fury, like a Woman scorn'd"), then prose has no match nor adequate descriptors for a Cantabridgian similarly upset. Planners underestimated the clout that this suburb, home to many Harvard profes-

Galeota

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# Holy Cross honors Norwood High teacher for baseball career

**Joe DiFazio**  
Staff Reporter

Norwood High School (NHS) math teacher Jim Sweeney Jr. has been inducted into the Holy Cross Athletic Hall of Fame for his baseball career at the school.

"He's special. I would have been proud of him if he didn't play ball, he's just a great kid ... everybody he played for liked him, great attitude, work ethic, he just did what he had to do and he was pretty good at it," said his father Jim Sweeney Sr.

Sweeney Jr., was both a pitcher and designated hitter and won various honors while at Holy Cross. He said he found out about being inducted into the Holy Cross Hall of Fame the same day as his son's second birthday party while surrounded by family.

His baseball career spanned from when he was young to a stint in professional baseball, playing in the minors.

"He got in the Norwood High Hall of Fame in 2009 and that was special, but to get into the Holy Cross Hall of Fame is really special," said Sweeney Sr. "I think it's pretty good. [He got into] two hall of fames and got to play professional baseball. [That's a] pretty good career."

Sweeney Jr. started early with T-ball and playing with his father.

"I remember playing in the backyard with my dad since as far back as I can remember," said Sweeney Jr.

His father, who played baseball himself, recognized his talent early on.

"We started him early, taught him the basics and let him go from there, he had some talent when he was younger," said Sweeney Sr. "[We would] just show him the basic stuff and you move up and see what he can do on the field. No pressure or anything, [we] just let him go play."

Sweeney Jr. was a varsity starter at baseball from his sophomore year through graduating NHS in 1997. He then went to Holy Cross with part of his tuition taken care of through a sports grant; he said that it wasn't considered a scholarship at the time. He injured his knee during his freshman year, but came on strong his sophomore year in Holy



Jim Sweeney Jr. pitching for Holy Cross. He has been inducted into the Holy Cross Athletic Hall of Fame for his baseball career at the school.

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Cross' Patriot League.

That year Sweeney Jr. earned Patriot League Player of the Year, National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Third Team All-American, First Team All-Patriot League for pitching and designated hitting, Patriot League Academic Honor Roll, and a few other honors. His .448 batting average was fourth in the country for division I baseball. Sweeney Jr. says earning player of the year was a surprise to him.

His junior year he earned the Riopel Award as team MVP, and was First Team All-Patriot League for designated hitting again. His coach was talking to several major league teams including the Chicago White Sox about the possibility of drafting him.

"I didn't know what to say. [My coach] started throwing around signing bonus numbers from the eighth to the fourteenth rounds and I'm like 'wow, I really got to start thinking about this.'"

The White Sox drafted him as a pitcher in the fourteenth round later that year.

"Getting drafted was a shock," said Sweeney Jr.

Sweeney Jr. said it was tough to leave school and his teammates as a junior, but the White Sox gave him a signing bonus and would pay for his last year of school, which would take some burden off of his parents.

"I knew I would go back, and in my first two off-seasons

I did two fall semesters to finish my degree [in economics]," said Sweeney Jr.

He started off in the minors in Virginia and was the starting pitcher in the Single A All-Star Game. He was getting ready to go to Double A, when he was traded to the Anaheim Angels. In Spring Training in 2002 Sweeney Jr. told his father his shoulder wasn't feeling right. He rehabbed the shoulder for several weeks, but it didn't get any better. An MRI showed a few muscle tears and the team released him.

He had surgery on his shoulder that year and while recovering, did some substitute teaching at Norwood and did some one-on-one aid with students. He attempted to go back to baseball, but his shoulder was never the same and he retired. He began working for EMC, but the corporate world wasn't to his liking. He remi-

nised about subbing while he was recovering from surgery.

Sweeney Jr. made the decision to get his teacher's certification, and quit EMC to teach at NHS. He is now in his seventh year of teaching. He coached baseball for four years, but with the arrival of a second child, did not have enough time. He currently coaches golf,

but says he has plenty of time to get back to coaching baseball.

"I couldn't be happier right now. Living in Norwood, my parents are around the corner, most of my family is still here, and to be teaching up at the high school ... it's been a great experience," said Sweeney Jr. "I'm thrilled to be doing what I'm doing now."

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sors, had. When those affluent residents on the other side of the River Charles learned that some would have to sacrifice their homes and all would have to listen to 18-wheelers rumble by 24-7, they immediately put the kibosh on the planned inner belt, which then sank the I-95 extension. City dwellers joined their suburban neighbors in breathing a big sigh of relief. For years city kids under the aegis of METCO have been playing and starring in basketball, football, and track for suburban schools without their neighborhoods in Dorchester, Mattapan, Roxbury, and Jamaica Plain receiving due recognition when the Herald and Globe All-Scholastic teams would be listed. The suburbs never lobbied to have the athletes' neighborhoods even parenthetically included in the listings.

In the meantime, Charlestown and South Boston, which supplied many of the hockey players for Matignon and other schools, never received their share of recognition.

Now that Norwood and Medfield supply much of the hockey talent for BC High and Catholic Memorial respectively, it might be unsettling for those communities to come up blank when the All-Scholastic teams are identified (Franklin, also, has long been a significant supplier of hockey talent to CM).

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# Up in smoke

Where there's smoke, there's medical marijuana. Ain't that the truth?

Already, some "half-baked" reader is hiding in his basement, underneath the black light, next to the Jimi Hendrix poster. Next, putting a Blue Oyster Cult 8-track in, just to set the mood, he pens a letter asking, "Frank, what kind of writer uses the word, 'Ain't?'"

I recall a reader who once commented, thusly, on one of my columns: "Frank Sullivan should come in from the tall grass ..."

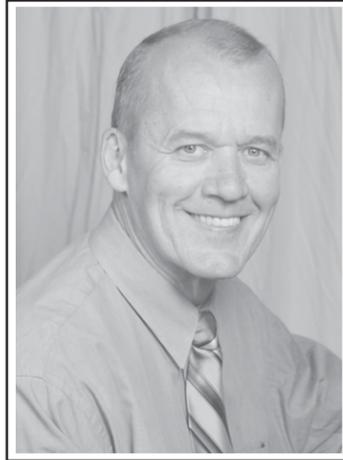
Much to the delight of my friend, Al B. Sure, I responded, "I assure you, if I am in the tall grass, I am smoking it ..." That made more than a few of you, while handling the papers, roll out your criticism. Hey, I know those puns are horrible, but it's ez to go after the "wider" view.

That all took place before "medicinal" hooch became the in thang.

Have the hazy happenings around the wacky tobacco licensing controversy increased your appetite? Consider this irony: when the application process for the licensing of "medicinal marijuana" shops in the Commonwealth was announced, Hostess Cakes disappeared.

It's not that anyone's paranoid, but the first hint that something was up should have been that the Department of Public Health (DPH) was involved. Look on the bright side. It could have been the Department of Children and Families (DCF).

There's an idea. Why don't we take the agency overseeing the granting of licenses for medical weed and merge it with the agency where one doesn't have to be licensed to intercede



## Frank Reflections/ Frank Sullivan

on behalf of the most vulnerable age group in our population?

Then, all at once, we can grant a circumspect license for a head shop. Fail to take care of children and screw up evidentiary custody processes all at once.

I don't mean to open up a "cannabis" of worms, but how about these "token" excuses for the fact that this reefer madness doesn't pass the smell test? This one wasn't aware that that one lied on the application. That one didn't know that putting down a "reefer"ence from an official in Arkansas (where they inhale, but don't smoke) isn't acceptable for the storefront a "pot"hecary in Boston.

Another official claimed to have been "duped." Beautiful. Dopes getting duped. Who would have thought?

Next thing you know, there is an alleged location in the heart of one of Boston's busiest shopping districts. And another right around the corner from an elementary school and a stone's throw from a McDonald's that doubles as the Land of Oz. "Pay no attention to those men behind the curtain," getting stoned.

Talk about a business plan with the potential to be a "pot" of gold? Is the Harvard Business Review weighing in? Certainly enough careers there have been enhanced by Aunt Mary's medicine.

Next, that dude over there, the one with all the connections, Bogarts the process and grabs four licenses for his friends: Herb Good, Cheeba Ding, Jay Roach and Ganja Blunt.

No, this topic isn't funny. Yes, there are those of you who use marijuana to ease your pain. Ease what pain is the question?

Are you easing the pain of not being able to cope with life? Are you easing the pain of some debilitating illness? I have two friends who are physicians, oncologists to be exact. Each tells me that, in their opinion, prescribing marijuana for pain is something with which a majority of medical doctors disagree.

This is just another way of society indicating when all else fails, we will lower our standards. What are we telling the generation of youngsters between the ages of 10 and 20? Marijuana is medically useful. Go ahead, use it for everything from a headache to a hamstring, to a broken heart, to a hangover.

Speaking of hangovers. You are probably also going down the road of "more people die yearly from alcohol than they do from marijuana."

I will stipulate that more teens, and adults for that matter, die from alcohol-related causes than from marijuana. If alcohol's destructive force, the heartache it annually causes millions, and its legal status, is the justification for "medical marijuana," why don't we entirely legalize marijuana?

What's going on with this whole "medical marijuana" issue is more a matter of greed than of need. The weed and the making of the green is big business.

All I can say is, "Get back to me in a few years, Mary Jane." Here's the skinny on this topic. Grab some Visine and a "fatty" and enjoy the ride.

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## February is American Heart Month

Heart disease kills an estimated 630,000 Americans each year. It is the leading cause of death for both men and women in the US. The American Heart Association states that one reason for this is "a lack of commitment to a heart healthy lifestyle."

It is important for every individual to take responsibility for reducing personal risk factors for heart disease that can be controlled or treated. These risk factors include high blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking, diabetes, being overweight and physical inactivity. High blood pressure is a very significant risk factor for heart disease. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 68 million people in the US are living with hypertension, and less than half have the condition under control. It is called the silent killer because sometimes your blood pressure numbers are your only warning. If you have high blood pressure that is left untreated, your chance of having a stroke or heart attack, developing heart failure, kidney disease and other life threatening conditions increases. Over time, untreated high blood pressure causes artery walls to become over stretched and damaged. According to the National Institute for Health, "People who are over age 55 have a 90 percent chance of developing high blood pressure in their remaining lifetime."

Adults should have their blood pressure checked on a regular basis. Many people are unaware that their blood pressure is elevated. Diagnosing and treating high blood pressure can save your life.

In an effort to identify individuals who may be unaware that they have high blood pressure, and to monitor those who are trying to reduce a known condition, the Norwood Health Department offers blood pressure screening clinics to adults of all ages at the following times: First Monday of each month from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. First Wednesday of each month from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. These clinics are held at the Health Department, located on the ground floor of the Town Hall. In addition, clinics are held monthly at each senior housing complex and at the Italian Social Club. A complete list of clinic times and locations is available at the Norwood Health Department and on the town website ([www.norwoodma.gov](http://www.norwoodma.gov)). Please contact the Norwood Health Department at 781-762-1240 with any questions.

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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A and Section 10.4 of the Norwood Zoning Bylaw the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 10, 2014 at 7:15 PM in Room 12 at Norwood Town Hall concerning the application of Herb Chambers of Norwood, LLC to modify an existing Major Project Special Permit by allowing the construction of two new automobile dealerships at 1120 Boston-Providence Highway (Assessors Map 15, Sheet 22, Lot 10) instead of the one dealership currently approved for that location. The applicant is Herb Chambers of Norwood LLC, c/o Cheney & Hern LLC, 470 Washington Street, Norwood, Ma. The property owner is Gator Properties, David Dalzell, Manager, PO Box 33, Norfolk, Ma. 02056. Plans and supporting studies are on file in the Planning Board Office at Town Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours.  
Ernie Paciorowski, Clerk Norwood Record, 2/20/14, 2/27/14

### TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood has rescheduled a PUBLIC HEARING in ROOM 12 of the Municipal Office Building on March 4, 2014 at 7:15 p.m. on the request of Don Venterosa (Case # 14-06) with respect to property located on 1080 Pleasant Street, in a M-Manufacturing District.

The application requests:

This application requests SPECIAL PERMIT under Section 3.15 -D6 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow indoor recreation for Olympic weightlifting training..

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, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

BOARD OF APPEAL

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

Norwood Record, 02/27/2014

## DEATHS

### GAVIN

Sally Theresa (Kelleher), formerly of Norwood, on Feb. 20. Beloved wife of David J. Gavin. Loving mother of David Sean and his wife Paula of West Roxbury, Marney Kristen of Dennis and Patrick Connolly and his wife Tracey of Westwood. Loving grandmother of Kelleher, Connor, and Thomas. Loving daughter of the late Patrick J. and Mary F. Kelleher. Sister of the late John G. Kelleher. Funeral arrangements by the P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers expressions of sympathy may be made in Sally's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

### RANDO

Nancy M. (Gribben), 74, of Norwood, on Feb. 17. Beloved wife of the late Joseph A. Rando Jr. Devoted mother of Joseph "Jay" A. Rando III of Norwood. Sister of Robert Gribben and his wife Rita of Maryland, Maureen Norris and her husband Frank of Florida and Vironica Walsh and her husband John of Milton. Daughter of the late Robert Gribben and Mary (Handrahan) Gribben. At the request of the family all funeral services and burial will be private with a memorial service at a later date. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood.

### SHANNON

Mary F., 90, formerly of

Norwood, on Feb. 19. Beloved wife of the late Lewis "Pat" Shannon for 66 years. She is survived by 8 children; Paul of Somerville and the late Lissa Onderdonk, Teddy of Norwood, Mary of Shelburne, Nova Scotia, Kathy of Cambridge, Maureen and her late husband Bob Wanders of Easton, Anne and her husband Mark O'Brien of Centerville, Richard of Dennis and Ellen of Quincy. Also survived by Kim Shannon and 7 grandchildren; Lewis, Christina, Shannon, Matthew, Michael, Mary, and John Paul. Mary had 5 great grandchildren; Kiera, Cordell, DeAndre, Kya, and Lucas. In addition she is survived by a sister, Alice McCabe and 3 brothers, Tom, George and Jack Hanlon. She was previously deceased by loving sisters and brother, Ellen Hanlon, Joan Walsh and Eddy Hanlon. Mary graduated from Girls Latin High School in 1942. She went on to work at John Hancock in Boston. At 18 years she attended a dance for soldiers where she met a young army Sergeant Pat Shannon, who would change her life forever. They fell in love through their letters back and forth for 3 years. When the war ended they married and had 8 children. They were going for 9 so they would have their baseball team. As a teenager Mary was a Red Sox fan like no other. Whenever the Sox were in town she would walk to Fenway Park from Girls Latin with her best friend "Dot" and root them on. Her heroes were Ted Williams, Joe Cronin, Bob Feller and Charlie Wagner. Mary and Pat had a long and wonderful marriage spanning

66 years. Together they were devout Catholics and shared the deepest of faith. She and Pat were wonderful examples of how to live a Christian life. Mary was the best mother 8 children could ever hope for. She dedicated herself to her family. Throughout her life, everyone who had the honor of knowing her loved her for her gentle nature, compassion and huge heart. We will all miss her dearly. Funeral arrangements by the Robert J. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home, West Roxbury. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery.

### SONGIN

Claire Marie (Welch), 84, on Feb. 22. Beloved wife of the late Walter H. Songin. Loving mother of John "Jack" Songin of Norwood, Mary Frisbee and Thomas Songin, both of Walpole, Jeanne Moores of Norwood, Carol Corcoran of East Walpole, Timothy Songin of Walpole, Judie O'Reilly of Salisbury, and Walter H. Songin, Jr. of Walpole. Cherished grandmother of 25 and great grandmother of 25. Sister of Jean Dion of Norwood, Elizabeth Foster of East Walpole, Mary Ellen Lloyd of Norwood and the late Brenda Welch. Funeral arrangements by the James H. Delaney & Son Funeral Home, Walpole. Interment in Saint Francis Cemetery, Walpole. Memorial donations may be made to: St. Jukes Childrens Hospital, 252 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis TN 38105 or VA Hospital, 1400 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury, MA 02132.

## Library Events

### SEWING FOR STRAYS AT THE LIBRARY

Help make cozy quilts for pets awaiting adoption by coming to the Morrill Memorial Library on Saturday, March 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Approximately 50 quilts will be donated to the Norwood Animal Control Shelter and Cat Perfect Rescue. Upon being adopted, the dogs and cats will take a warm, comfortable quilt with them to their new home. "Sewing for Strays" is a Sewstainability initiative sponsored by the organization Together Yes. Plan to come for the day or for a couple of hours, at your convenience. If you can't stay to sew, considering bringing some snacks for the sewers to show your support. No experience is necessary, and all materials will be provided. Instructors will be on hand to help. Please be aware that this event is not appropriate for small children as there will be steam irons, scissors, and pins in use. For more information, please email [sustain@tgryes.org](mailto:sustain@tgryes.org). The library is handicapped accessible.

### RADIO PERSONALITY AND AUTHOR CARTER ALAN

Join the Friends of the Library as they welcome local author and radio personality Carter Alan on Monday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Morrill Memorial Library. Mr. Alan is the author of the recently published "Radio Free Boston: the Rise and Fall of WBCN" as well as books on the Irish rock band U2 and renowned sound

engineer Dinky Dawson. After leaving WBCN, Alan moved on to his current roles as Music Director, Assistant Program Director, and on-air host weekdays from 10-2 at WZLX, Boston. This event promises to be a real treat for those with fond memories of 'BCN and an interest in hearing firsthand about the legendary station from one of its own. Sign up at the library Reference or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222.

### LIBRARY HOSTS FORMER STATE SEN. MARIAN WALSH

Marian Walsh, former MA State Senator, will appear at the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, March 10 at 7 p.m. to talk about her timely new book "Run: Your Personal Guide to Winning Public Office." Walsh encourages Americans who are fed up with divisive politics and with incumbents who seem to be continually under investigation to "take back their democracy" and run for office. A complete unknown when she first ran for office in 1988, Walsh served two terms in the MA House of Representatives, nine consecutive terms in the MA Senate, and has never lost an election. Beginning with a frank discussion of her own political experience, "Run" shows how to channel passion for a cause into a running platform and explains the most important things a candidate needs to know. Sign up for this free event with Marian Walsh at the library Reference or Information Desk or

call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222. Autographed copies of "Run" will be available for purchase after the program.

### IRISH FIDDLE AND HARP CONCERT AT THE LIBRARY

The spring Musical Sundays series at the Morrill Memorial Library will begin with a traditional Irish fiddle and harp concert on Sunday, March 2 at 3 p.m. with Laurel Martin and Kathleen Guilday. Laurel Martin studied the regional fiddle style of Ireland with master fiddler Seamus Connolly. In addition to performing extensively throughout New England, she has taught Irish Traditional Fiddle music at Boston College, Wellesley College, Philips Academy, the Indian Hill Music School in Littleton, and at workshops and festivals across the country. An All-Ireland harp champion, Kathleen Guilday studied traditional style and repertoire in Ireland and has been performing for more than 30 years, both as a soloist and as a member of various Boston area groups. Kathleen has appeared at Boston's Symphony Hall with The Chieftains and has entertained President and Mrs. Clinton and Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern at the White House. Sign up for this performance, made possible through the library Endowment Fund, at the Reference or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222. The library is handicapped accessible.

# Sports

## Girls come from behind to beat East Bridgewater 43-41



Freshman point guard Meghan Reen receives a pass from sophomore Hannah Benson as a Viking defender reaches in to stop the ball.

PHOTO BY GILLIAN SMITH

**Gillian Smith**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood girls basketball team pulled out an incredible, and much needed, come-from-behind win against the East Bridgewater Vikings last week, 43-41.

Norwood struggled through the first half of the game, unable to rebound their own shots and giving East Bridgewater several open shot attempts. Drives to the basket by freshman point guard Meghan Reen gave the Mustangs hope that they would be able to contend, but the Mustangs did not have the intensity they needed for a win that would break their three-game losing streak.

A strong defense was something the Mustangs relied heavily upon, as they found the Vikings in possession more than they would have liked. With 4:35 left in the half, the Mustangs were down 18-14 and the potential defeat was already wearing on them. When they were able to take possession and drive into Viking territory, they were unable to hit their shots, losing rebound after rebound to high-energy Viking defense.

To add insult to injury, a Mustang foul and two successful Viking free throws gave East Bridgewater a 20-14 lead going into the last two minutes of the half. With two more quick baskets, the Vikings threatened to

dominate not only the rest of the half, but also the rest of game. Fighting to keep the Vikings from building their lead, the Mustangs worked the ball down the court, finally hitting a three-pointer in the last few seconds of the half, to end the half down 24 to 17.

The first half saw the Mustangs struggling to stay on pace with the Vikings. Instead of kicking up the speed of their play, the Mustangs forced several turnovers and missed baskets.

It was after halftime that the Mustangs were able to find their groove, with Reen finding her sweet spot towards the end of the third quarter and into the fourth.

"Instead of forcing her plays, like she was in the first half, Meghan picked her spot in the second half and took advantage of it," said coach Alex DaLuz. "It was clear she had relaxed into the game and was much more solid in all her plays."

As Norwood picked up urgency toward the end of the third quarter and into the fourth, it all began to click. Regular fans were reminded of a very similar game just one week before, in a heart-breaking loss to Westwood in which Norwood held the lead for much of the first half and fell apart in the second. In this game, the first half belonged to the Vikings, but the Mustangs stole the

show in the last half.

Coming out of what DaLuz called a "sluggish" first half, the Mustangs fought through intense Viking defense throughout the second half, finally clinching the win with a well-timed basket by Julia Copponi with 11.7 left in the game.

"Considering the way we started the game, it was great to get a win," said DaLuz. "We played really well in the second half, especially during the last 12 minutes of the game."

The girls travelled to Sharon for the first season of the Division II South Tournament on Tuesday. With a win under their belt, the Mustangs may have the opportunity to play at home against Oliver Ames on Thursday, if Oliver Ames is able to defeat Plymouth North.

"We've lost a lot of really close games lately and it feels good to have come out of this one on the winning side," Daluz said.

Looking forward to the postseason, DaLuz said the team is confident in their ability to defeat their worthy opponents.

"I think we are playing better than the results have been the last few games," he said. "We have had a good week of practice coming off a nice win and I feel we have a good game plan for the postseason. I don't want to see it end tomorrow and neither do they."

## Wrestlers finish successful season

**Gillian Smith**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood boys wrestling team rounded out a successful season at the MIAA Division II State tournament at North Andover last Friday.

J.J. O'Donnell, 145 lbs., finished the season 25-10 after a disappointing loss at the tournament on Saturday, but coach Dan McDonough looked to O'Donnell's previous wins throughout the season and said he considered it an overall success.

At the Sectional meet on Saturday, February 15, wrestlers Mike McDonough, 160 lbs., and O'Donnell proved they were serious competitors. McDonough, a 5-seed, placed third and came back from a serious three-point deficit to win in the last 20 seconds.

O'Donnell, a 6-seed, placed fourth at the sectional meet, a success that assistant coach Dan McDonough said was not surprising but very exciting.

The Sectional success continued with DeVaughn Carter, 138 lbs., and senior Alex Pandolfo, 152 lbs., each winning in the consolation rounds. McDonough said he was impressed with Pandolfo's overall performance throughout the season.

"He came off of a season that he spent mostly injured and was just ready to wrestle this season," McDonough said. "He ended with a winning record and was one of our quickest wrestlers."

McDonough said he was regularly impressed with Pandolfo's ability to turn on an opponent in a flash. Despite not being the biggest of wrestlers, McDonough said it was Pandolfo's "street tough" that helped him come out on the winning side of many meets.

"I just remember him showing up on the first day of the season saying he wanted to win and I knew he was going to take this season very seriously," McDonough said. "I am so happy with his progress; he had no trouble winning."

McDonough highlighted the immense impact senior captain Joe Munro had on the

Mustangs wrestling team this season. Munro, who was sidelined last month with a knee injury, finished his final season on the team with a 16-3 record, which McDonough said was indicative of his ability.

"There's no doubt he would have done very well in the postseason," he said. "It's crushing to have such a successful season and then not be able to compete in tournaments, but he stuck by the team and supported all of the wrestlers. He was crucial in creating this band of brothers."

Munro's presence was felt at all of the meets in the last month of the season, as he cheered on teammates from the stands and helped to keep up spirits through tough meets. Looking forward to off-season training and next winter's team, McDonough said he is excited to see how the team will grow and develop. In particular, McDonough said he is anxious to see first-year wrestler Carter grow as an athlete over the next several months. With 14 points at Sectionals, McDonough said he is "doing something right."

"Anytime you go up against your opponent and you have that high of a score, you are succeeding as a wrestler," he said. "He is a very promising 138-pounder and I am excited to see where he takes his skill."

After a few weeks off, McDonough said spring practices will start up as wrestlers begin to work on their strength and technique. The off-season is where the team develops a strong bond, McDonough said, and when new wrestlers join the team, they take advantage of the time to grow.

During the off-season, McDonough has also worked to develop a junior high wrestling program, which will be competing in Bay State meets throughout the spring. McDonough took 10 members of the newly-formed team to a middle school meet and seven of those wrestlers placed. One of McDonough's wrestlers took first place, after wrestling

**Wrestling**

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# Boys indoor track wraps up a season of rebuilding

Gillian Smith  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood boys indoor track team closed out their season with a strong postseason presence and now looks to the spring season to train and develop an even stronger team.

Junior Tim Buckley represented the Mustangs at the State meet on Saturday, running the mile in 4:32, just two seconds shy of a personal record and one second shy of his time at the Division III Championships on Saturday, February 15.

"He probably placed 18th or 19th, which he was a little disappointed with," said coach Russ Booth. "I have to remind him, though, that he is one of 24 people across the state who was good enough to make it in this event. I am extremely proud of what he has accomplished this season."

At the Championships, Aaron Cockrane placed eighth overall in the 55-meter dash, Buckley placed third with a 4:31 mile and Eric Sullivan completed the 300-meter dash in 38 seconds, giving the Mustangs a 15th place finish on the day.

"It was nothing fantastic but I think we did pretty well," Booth said. "Any time you get to go to the championship level is a great opportunity."

Booth said his runners worked hard throughout the season and developed into quality runners. The harsh winter weather made training particularly difficult this season, Booth said.

"We don't have the greatest facility, although it is much better than at the old high school," he said. "Meet-wise, I think we would have done better if we had more kids come out for the team."

Booth credited senior Mark Ranalli with keeping team mo-

rale high with a positive attitude throughout the season.

"He worked so hard that he made others want to run hard as well," Booth said. "He's a great kid, a goofy kid, but he brought a lot of enthusiasm to the team."

Booth said that even on days when practice was cancelled due to the snow, Ranalli would often tweet a picture of the snow with a caption that said something along the lines of "No days off, got to get out and run."

"I believe he actually did get out there and run," Booth said. "I have to give him a lot of credit. He's not the fastest kid, but he worked extremely hard."

Ranalli's time improved by nearly 12 seconds over the season, something Booth said is incredibly difficult in a race as short as the 600-meter run.

"He set a good tone for the younger kids to come back and run the same event and showed them how hard they have to work for the mid-distance races," Booth said.

The outdoor track season starts just after St. Patrick's Day, so Booth said the team will take some time to recover and then will jump into the spring season with the same enthusiasm they showed throughout the winter season.

"It's always hard to come off a championship season into a rebuilding season, as much as I hate to use that term," Booth said.

Booth said a lot of basketball players will come out for the spring track and field season, which will help the program grow. He is looking forward to having Buckley and Cockrane for another season, but will lose Sullivan to spring sports, so he is envisioning an entirely different season for the spring.

for only two weeks.

"It's a tricky program to have because we are not guaranteed that the junior high students will attend Norwood High School, but that's a

risk we are willing to take," McDonough said. "What we need is numbers and I think this will be a great opportunity to develop a program to introduce wrestling to younger kids."



From left, head coach Rick Keif, junior captain J.J. O'Donnell (fourth place), junior captain Mike McDonough (third place) and assistant coach Dan McDonough.

PHOTO BY COURTESY OF DAN McDONOUGH

# Girls hockey beats Walpole Rebels, 6-0

Gillian Smith  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood girls hockey team swept the Walpole Rebels last week, 6-0, as they worked toward the postseason.

The Mustangs got on the board early at 12:08 in the first period and rode the wave of success throughout the entire game, stopping the Rebels every chance they could. "This might be the first time Norwood has ever beat Walpole 6-0," said assistant coach Molly Barefoot. "It was very exciting."

Barefoot said the most important thing about the game against the Rebels was that the win was an entire team effort, from the start through the backup goalies. Everyone got a chance to take to the ice and play their hardest and it worked for them.

"What was incredible was that we had five different girls score goals in the game, instead of the same two girls the whole game," Barefoot.

With goals from senior defenseman Sheila Carroll, junior defenseman Shannon Gillis, junior forward Sammy Hayes, sophomore forward Casey MacDonald and senior captain forward Emily Kelly, Barefoot said she was impressed by the effort the girls put into the game.

"Any time you have a shut-out it feels good, especially with a win like this," Barefoot said.

Looking back on the season, Barefoot said she was most impressed with Kelly and Carroll, who Barefoot said

went into every game with a winning mindset. Hayes has also had a stellar season, with a high scoring record and smart skating throughout the season. The Mustangs started the post-season with a game against Boston Latin Academy on Tuesday. Heading into postseason tournament games, Barefoot said the team is confident they can take on Division II opponents.

"We are excited to play against strong teams," she said. "It is a long road for any team, but I believe we have a very good shot."

The Mustangs road a roller coaster season, as they worked through several injuries and moved players around to compensate for those injuries. The girls rounded out their season 11-6-3, after a recent loss to the Falmouth Clippers and a tie with Barnstable during their

three-day, three-game streak last week.



Junior forward Sammy Hayes has had an incredible season, according to assistant coach Molly Barefoot.

PHOTO BY GILLIAN SMITH



Senior defender Colleen Glaser looks for an open teammate as she drives down the ice toward the Rebel goal.

PHOTO BY GILLIAN SMITH

## Norwood Youth Softball Registration



Registration is now open for the 2014 Norwood Youth Softball Season. This is our 4th year running this program and we are excited to get the season underway. To register simply go to [norwoodyouthsoftball.blogspot.com](http://norwoodyouthsoftball.blogspot.com) and download registration form.

Prior participants should be receiving an email with our registration form and information on the league

New families who have never participated and are interested, please message us through Facebook and we will provide you with more information.

[www.facebook.com/pages/Norwood-Youth-Softball](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Norwood-Youth-Softball)

Registration will continue to March 15th.

Thank you, and we look forward to see everyone on the field this year.

Play ball!

# The Record Book

## 2ND ANNUAL YOUTH ART MONTH BENEFIT

The Friends of the Visual Arts Norwood will be presenting its 2nd Annual Youth Art Month benefit on March 20th. It will be held in the library at Norwood High School from 6-8pm. The benefit is a gallery show celebrating the accomplishments of students in the Norwood Public School's Visual Arts Department. Artwork from grades 1-12 will be on display reflecting the district's diverse and rich program. Alumnae, local artists and teachers have donated artwork that will be for sale to raise money for scholarships and art enrichment opportunities. Refreshments will be provided. There is a suggested donation of \$5.00 at the door. There will be a 50/50 raffle. Hope you are able to join us on March 20th. The Norwood High School Library is located at 245 Nichols St, Norwood, MA 02062.

## TEMPLE SHAARE TEFILAH DINNER

Followed by an evening service, on Friday, March 7. The dinner, costing \$15, will be at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Kabbalat Shabbat service, open to all, at 7:45 p.m. Please call dinner reservations in to Stuart Zorn by Tuesday, March 2. Tel. 1-508-488-6420 or thezorns@gmail.com. Temple Shaare Tefilah is a Conservative, Egalitarian congregation located, on Commerce Way in Norwood. For more information and directions see [www.templeshaaretefilah.org](http://www.templeshaaretefilah.org).

## CATMOBILE BRINGS LOW COST SPAY NEUTER SERVICES TO NORWOOD IN MARCH

The Catmobile will be parked in Norwood at Petco on Friday March 28. Located at Petco, 1210 Providence Highway, Norwood. The Catmobile is operated by the Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society (MRFRS) and is staffed by a licensed veterinarian and a veterinary technician. The Catmobile offers low cost spay and neuter services for cats only. The package consists of spay/neuter surgery, rabies vaccination, exam, nail trim, and treatment for fleas & ear mites. Spay package costs \$100 and neuter package costs \$80. The package is available to anyone and there is no qualification process, but reservations are required and can be made online at [www.catmobile.org](http://www.catmobile.org) or by calling 978-465-1940.

## THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL MEETING

Will hold its monthly meeting in Cafeteria B of the Lorusso Building at Norwood Hospital at 7p.m. on Thursday March 6th. Mental illness is a label for a variety of diseases of the brain. Often it strikes in late adolescence, devastating the afflicted person and the family. The Alliance is composed of such families who find mutual support and join together to advocate for their loved ones. We welcome all families in the South Norfolk Area who are dealing with mental ill-

ness and their loved ones. In case of inclement weather, cancellation will be ruled by announcement for the Norwood schools. For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

## BLUE HILLS ADULT HISET PREPARATION PROGRAM

Registration for the Blue Hills Adult HISET Preparation Program (Formerly GED) will be held at Blue Hills Regional Technical School, 800 Randolph Street, Canton MA on Thursday, March 6, at 6:30 pm. Classes are Free. Funded by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. For further information please call 781.828.5800 ext. 325 or visit [adulted.bluehills.org](http://adulted.bluehills.org)

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

First Congregational Church (UCC) will host an Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, March 5, at 7:30 PM. Come join us as we enter the season of Lent through a contemplative worship experience, including the Service of Ashes and the Celebration of Communion. The Chancel Choir will perform. 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 a.m. and is followed by a fellowship hour in Pingree Hall. Church school classes and nursery care are provided during the service. Our pastor, Reverend Dr. John Hamilton, is glad to extend pastoral support. For more information, please call the church office at (781)762-3320.

## LEARN ABOUT MAKING BEDTIME JEWISH AT TEMPLE ALIYAH BRUNCH

Bring your tots in their PJs to "Making Bedtime Jewish," the third brunch in Temple Tots' Sunday Learning Series, on Sunday, March 2 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Temple Aliyah. Explore playful and soothing yoga practices and learn about the magic of Jewish bedtime rituals and prayers, led by Mary Kaye, director of Buddahful Kids Yoga of Wellesley, and Aliza Berger, the Temple's Shabbat educator. Cost is \$20/family. Register online at [www.templealiyah.com](http://www.templealiyah.com) or call the office with questions at 781-444-8522. Send checks to Temple Aliyah, 1664 Central Ave., Needham, MA 02492.

## INTERGENERATIONAL SHA-LA-LOM SHABBAT AT TEMPLE ALIYAH

Come join Temple Tots for a fun-filled intergenerational Sha-la-lom Shabbat led by Temple Aliyah's Shabbat Educator, Aliza Berger, on Friday, March 7 at 5:30 p.m. Bring your grandma, grandpa, uncle, aunt, or older friend for our Tot service and

stay for a traditional Shabbat chicken dinner. Dinner registration is \$12/adult, \$5/children over age 5, and free for children 5 and under. RSVP by noon Monday, March 3, 2014. Please include names and ages of children and names of any intergenerational guest you plan to bring. Register online at [www.templealiyah.com](http://www.templealiyah.com) or call the office with questions at 781-444-8522. Mail checks to Temple Tots, Temple Aliyah, 1664 Central Ave., Needham, MA 02492.

## NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB NEWS

The NRMCM meeting for Tuesday, March 11 at 10 a.m. will be a sign up for Golf, Horseshoes and Bocce for the coming season. We will be selling tickets for our May breakfast meeting. Those who have been dropped from the rolls can be reinstated by just paying your 2014 dues at this meeting or mail a check to PO Box 155 to the Norwood Retired Men's Club. The June trip should also be announced at this time. Retired Customs Officer Mike Cunningham, will be the guest speaker. All meetings are held at the Norwood Elks building. You don't have to be a Norwood resident to belong but you must be 60 or older and be retired or semi-retired. Just come to a meeting and introduce yourself.

## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MARDI GRAS BIBLE STUDY

Join us at the First Congregational Church in Norwood on Sunday,

March 2, for a Mardi Gras Bible study. On the following Sunday, March 9, our Lenten Bible study will begin. During Lent we will be looking at Lenten and Easter traditions and symbols. We'll meet for both studies in the church parlor at 8:15 a.m., and begin each class with a time of fellowship including coffee, muffins, and bagels. Each of the Lenten classes will end with a time of quiet and meditation, as well as the lighting and extinguishing of the Lenten candles. The Lenten Bible study will run through Palm Sunday, April 13. 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 a.m. and is followed by a fellowship hour in Pingree Hall. Church school classes and nursery care are provided during the service. Reverend Dr. John Hamilton is glad to extend pastoral support.

## THE NORWOOD WOMAN'S CLUB TO HOLD MEETING

The Norwood Woman's Club will hold their next meet on Tuesday, March 11 at 12:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Parish Hall, 24 Berwick Street. We will have Mr. Patrick Hoye, who will entertain us with "Irish Music and Humor." New members are always welcome. Hope to see you there. Any questions call Trina Mallet at 781-762-8173.

## BALCH SCHOOL PTO

On Friday, March 14, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., the Balch School is holding its annual Italian Dinner. This wonderful family event has been a tradition at our school for many years. Our 5th Graders will be taking the honors of serving our guests as waiters/waitresses, host/hostess, and pastry chefs! There will be a raffle as well. Please come join us for a nice dinner with family and friends. The price for dinner is \$5 per person, which includes: beverages, salad, pizza, coffee, and assorted desserts. Soda is available for an additional cost of \$1 per can. There will also be a raffle. All proceeds from this event go toward paying for the 5th Grade class yearbook, T-shirts, and end-of-year party. Hope to see you there for a wonderful evening.

## CLEVELAND SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

On Feb 28, at 7 p.m. Located at the Elks Hall, 152 Winslow Ave, Norwood. The evening will include team trivia, raffles including Boston Bruins tickets, silent auction, and a cash bar. Tickets are \$20 at the door, and \$175 for a table of 10. Tables are selling out quickly. To reserve please contact Jayne Ford at [jayneford@verizon.net](mailto:jayneford@verizon.net)

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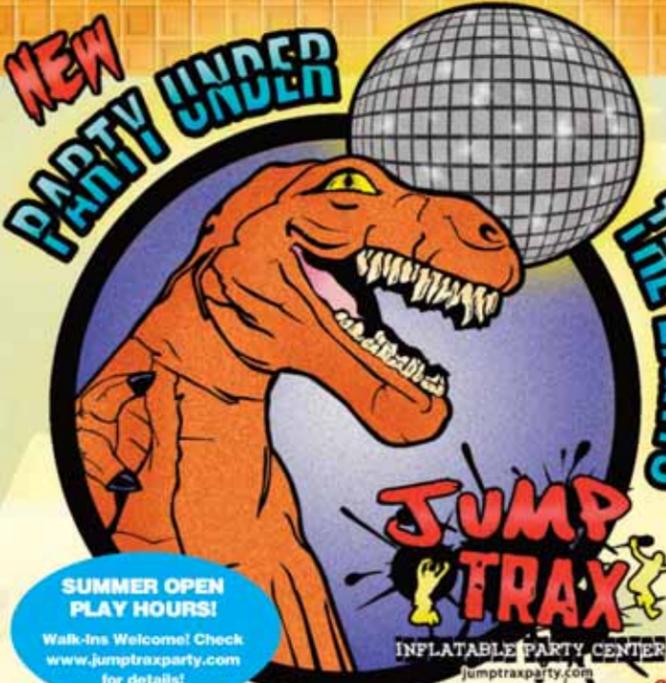
The Norwood Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, The Wetlands Protection Act and Norwood Bylaw XXV, including any amendments thereto on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall. The Commission is to hear a request for a Notice of Intent from Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. of Worcester, MA representing Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid of Worcester, MA for the proposed decommission of an existing propane plant. Work will involve the removal of the existing in-ground propane tanks and its associated piping, structural support, and walkways. Project location: 127-129 Dean Street.

Copies of request and plans are available for review by appointment only. Please call Mr. Al Goetz at 781-762-0781.

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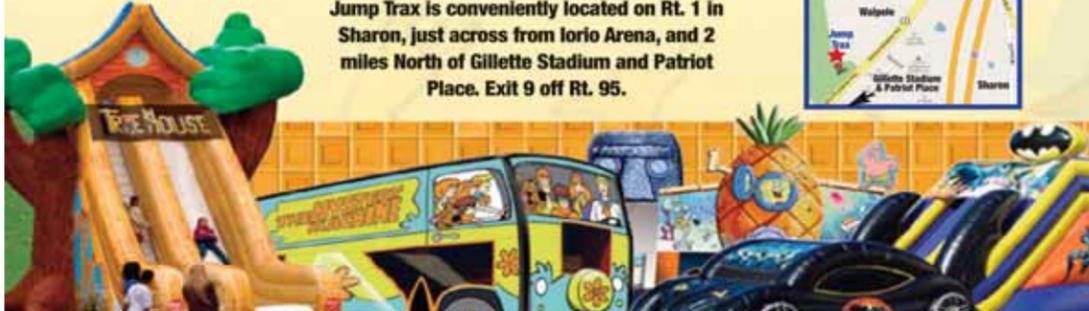


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**Tuesday Feb. 18**

0030 phone - Susp vehicle services rendered Location/address: Edgehill Rd Caller reports red p.u. truck racing up and down street revving engine, then pulled into #134 Edgehill Rd. N661, n665 responded. Officers report car was cold and house was in darkness.

0245 phone - Domestic arrest(s) made Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Female called from hospital and was reporting she was Assaulted earlier in evening by boyfriend who since left Hospital and was out walking without a coat and was wearing Baseball cap. N662, n664 responded to look for male and Located him. N679 responded to hospital to speak to female But she had since left. n679

located her on Washington St Heading towards Walnut Ave. After speaking with female there was probable cause to arrest. N661 transported female home To Elliot st. /st. Mil: 34665.2 @ 3:03 /end. Mil: 34665.7 @ 3:07. N679 returned with male party under arrest. Arrest: Thomas, Keith R Address: 440 e Main North Adams Dob: 05/04/1985 Charges: a&b

0836 phone - B&E of motor vehicle Location/address: Plymouth Dr Items left in the vehicle after a large purchase from Home Depot stolen.

0907 phone - Parking violation services rendered Location/address: Guild St Report cars park on the yellow striped lines in front of home. On Wednesday they block trash barrel pick-up. N662 notified to watch this area today, email sent for future shifts.

1642 phone - Disturbance spoken to Location/address: Railroad Ave + Central St Report pedestrian and u.p.s. Driver in an argument. N679 spoke to all parties, pedestrian upset over being hit with slush as truck passed by, advised improper operation form, matter resolved.

1645 phone - Larceny complaint/summons Location/address: Subway - Lenox St Report employee stealing. N661 to file a complaint Summons: King-White, Tireake D Address: 49 Vernon St Norwood Dob: 12/09/1990 Charges: larceny under \$250

1705 911 - Report of gas leak police & fire notified/r Location/address: Spruce Rd Report smell of kerosene from furnace. NFD handled same.

1716 phone - Complaint of m/v area search negative Location/address: Union St Caller reported vehicles operating at a high rate of speed and unable to stop for traffic. Officers reported vehicles in the area operating within posted limits and roadway is clear of snow. No violations.

1803 phone - Well being chk area search negative Location/address: Wilson St + Walpole St Caller reported party on street wearing attire inappropriate for the weather. Officers located subject, transport

assist to Olde Derby Village.

1819 phone - Assist citizen spoken to Location/address: Fairview Rd Caller reported town plowed snow into her driveway. Officer spoke with party, advised.

2254 phone - Well being chk Location/address: Washington St Caller requested well being check for resident after reading suicidal comments online. Officers located party, Norwood Fire transport to the hospital.

**Wednesday Feb. 19**

0403 phone - Well being chk services rendered Location/address: Sycamore St Caller concerned about her neighbor as kitchen light is on and never is. Unable to reach neighbor by phone. N662, n679 responded. Car in driveway, not shoveled. Spoke with caller. N662 will check back in morning to see if someone is home.

0906 phone - Parking violation services rendered Location/address: Chapel Ct Report residents of #26 park their cars in front of this address, overnight and also inhibit plowing operations. Email left for 12-8 shift to check for overnight parking ban and caller will call DPW to see if they will come by during the day and clean up the street.

0935 other - Serve summons services rendered Location/address: Plymouth Dr No answer.

0936 phone - Message delivery message delivered Location/address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St Units deliver sex offender notifications to those entitled to same.

1021 walk-in - well being chk Location/address: pleasant st Party in lobby reports his daughter left the home to go to Her mother's home in Westwood, not dressed for weather, mother is not home. Units locate Nahatan/Lenox, NFD, with N662 following, transports to hospital for voluntary Evaluation. Riverside notified.

1046 phone - Threats Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Security reports a patient of the pain clinic called and yelled at the staff.

1317 phone - Well being chk Location/address: Richland Rd Property owner received a call from the former tenant at #204 who stated he would return with a paint ball gun and get money owed to him by current tenants. Off Mahoney reports the house is secure and no answer. Owner was going to inform them also.

1425 phone - Road hazard state DPW/Norwood DPW no Location/address: Highland Dt + Walnut ave Resident reports stop sign is missing.

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1529 walk-in - Assaults complaint/summons Location/address: Rosemary St Past assaults. Summons: Charges: a&b Threat to commit crime Witness, intimidate, obstruct justice

**Thursday Feb. 20**

0131 initiated - Motor vehicle stop spoken to Location/address: Junior High South (Coakley Middle School) - Washington St R.I. Reg# 605718 . Party hanging out in parking lot talking. N662 responded. Spoken to and sent on their way.

0711 phone - Complaint of m/v area search negative Location/address: Clay Chevrolet - Hyundai - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports an elderly male in a gold colored suv traveling n/b in the s/b lane. N661 in area and checked to Westwood line and checked side roads. Nothing found.

0725 initiated - Animal complaint Location/address: Washington St N662 was approached by resident who stated he was bit on the leg by the turkey in S. Norwood in front of Balch School.

1224 phone - Assist citizen Location/address: Eks Pkwy Resident found a wallet in the street.

1345 phone - Alarm-burglar building checked/secured Location/address: Ledgeview Dr Garage and basement door and interior motion. N679 reports home is secure. Homeowner located at adjacent home-all ok.

1648 phone - Susp activity services rendered Location/address: Beech St + Morrill Rd MA. 711vh3 out front and a teen knocking on the door waiting in the car. Officer reports goa and spoke with the teens mother who is unable to reach him now.

1722 911 - Susp person spoken to Location/address: Short St + Washington St Caller reported disheveled female walking in street being followed by a silver car. Officers reported female with dementia walked to daughter's house nearby. Husband followed in car to ensure she arrived safely.

1833 phone - Soliciting spoken to Location/address: Morrill Rd + Bond St Officer verified solicitor registered.

1916 phone - Disturbance Location/address: Sunnyside rd Caller reported possible disturbance at above address.

2156 911 - Hang up call Location/address: Cambridge Rd Received 911 hang up. On call back, caller reported disturbance. Officers spoke with parties. Subjects separated for the night.

**Friday Feb. 21**

0156 phone - Susp activity services rendered Location/address: Cottage St Callers burglar alarm was making a beeping noise and she was concerned and would like outside checked. N664 responded and checked outside perimeter. All appears to be in order. n664 spoke with caller; satisfied.

0639 phone - Power outage electric/light dpt notifi Location/address: Olde Derby Rd Caller reports hearing a bang resulting in power loss. Also reported on Wilson St. & Orleans Rd.. N667 checking area poles. ELD notified and reports they are aware of outage and trying to pinpoint source. ELD work crew is on their way in.

1016 phone - Susp activity gone on arrival Location/address: Washington St Report w/m, hat with brim, jacket black over green, going through dumpster, appears to be taking mail from trash, left towards Fairview Rd. N665 checked complex and surrounding streets-go. 1043 walk-in - Hit and run services

rendered Location/address: Home Depot - Bos-Prov Hwy Party in lobby reports his parked, unoccupied vehicle was struck in this lot on Monday. 1049-party has an appointment to keep so he will come back later, unit canceled.

1222 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Ocean State Job Lot - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports a male walking his tan vehicle and seems nervous. BCI responds and officers locate the subject as he was picked up by his father. Subjects are known to the officers.

1342 phone - Well being chk transported to hospital Location/address: Rear Alleyway - Washington St Report of a male lying in parking lot, scratches on face, maybe dk. NFD sent. N679 reports subject just released from hospital, he will go back for treatment, NFD transported.

1405 cellular - Robbery arrest(s) made Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Report cell phone stolen at knife point. After foot pursuit-3 placed under arrest for n679, n661 transports 1 from Chapel St; n667 transports 1 from Willow/Lenox, n663 transports 1 from Willow/Lenox. N663 assists in booking-fingerprinting. Juvenile arrest Age: 17 Charges: robbery, armed Juvenile arrest Age: 14 Charges: robbery, armed Juvenile arrest Age: 16 Charges: robbery, armed Witness, intimidate, obstruct justice

1426 phone - Susp activity area search negative Location/address: Lenox St Report that ma pc partial 916, Jeep, Cherokee, silver, b/m driving erratic in lot, then approached by a female. There was money exchanged for a t-shirt that appeared to have something in it. Female left on foot. Car left south on Washington St. Delay due to calls for service, n679 checked area- both the girl and car are gone.

1600 phone - Assist citizen spoken to Location/address: Village Rd W Mother requests we bring daughter to hospital for evaluation due to her not going to school or to counseling. N662 spoke to mother, explained section 12, c.r.a., etc. Daughter not exhibiting any issues for police to act on today. Mother satisfied.

1627 911 - Assaults Location/address: Limey's Pub - Washington St Bartender reports after refusing to serve a patron, the patron grabbed his shirt then left before officers arrival.

1747 phone - Citizens complaint services rendered Location/address: Walpole St Report public tree on Ellis pond hit by lightning. A piece of the tree flew off and broke the dining room window. N678 reports homeowner will speak to his insurance company.

1845 walk-in - Larceny complaint/summons Location/address: Richland Rd Landlord in lobby reports items missing from the home he rents out. N667 reports civil matter, landlord/tenant issue.

2113 phone - Auto theft no action required Location/address: Shiva Bazaar - Lenox St Customer reports her car stolen in last 15 minutes. N662 reports she had driven the other family car today and it is there in the lot.

**Saturday Feb. 22**

0242 911 - Disturbance services rendered Location/address: Washington St Caller reports guest staying at his house knocking over furniture. N678, n663 responded and states friend is visiting and knocked over computer screen and then they got into an argument. He asked her to leave. She is waiting for a friend to pick her up as officers

standby.

1112 walk-in - Hit and run Location/address: Lenox St Walk in party reports hit and run. N667 returns to lobby.

1120 phone - Well being chk gone on arrival Location/address: Day St + Central St Caller requests well being check on male sitting on the ground yelling drinking from an alcohol bottle. N662 n661 sent. Area searched. Unable to locate male.

1217 radio - Drunk person Location/address: Lenox St

1540 phone - Drunk person police & fire notified/r Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St NFD transports pc to the hospital.

1737 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St Subject advised and is leaving. He has been in three times this week with issues out of this jurisdiction.

**Sunday Feb. 23**

0002 911 - Disturbance spoken to Location/address: 6th St Caller reported disturbance with family members. Officers spoke with parties. No domestic occurred. Parties advised.

0036 phone - Susp person gone on arrival Location/address: Walpole St + Chapel St Caller reported male walking into traffic. Officers checked area, nothing found.

0245 phone - Susp person spoken to Location/address: Edgehill Rd + Windsor Rd Caller reported suspicious male. Officers reported party lives in the area, and checked ok.

0448 911 - Breaking and entering complaint/summons Location/address: Folan Ave Caller reported ex boyfriend kicked in her door. Party fled prior to arrival. Bollo broadcast to area towns for subject.

0607 phone - Assist citizen assisted party Location/address: Windsor Shell - Walpole St Cashier at shell gas station stated ATM door is open and wants an officer to see it. Cashier states no sign of damage to machine. N663 responded. N663 reports the ATM's compartment appeared to have not been completely shut and came open. The compartment that was open was not the money storage area. N663 advised the cashier to review the CCTV tapes and contact the police station if they suspect a crime has been committed.

0730 phone - Disturbance services rendered Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Caller reported patient out of control. Officers report patient now compliant.

1228 911 - Report of fight spoken to Location/address: McDonalds - Union/Rte1 - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports confrontation in the parking lot.

1504 phone - Susp activity no action required Location/address: Buckminster Dr Caller reports male unknown to him was at his back down. Male had spoke to the male that was at the door that had gone to the wrong apartment. N666 n661 sent. Unable to locate male.

1757 911 - Assist citizen spoken to Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Caller states she is not happy with the treatment she is receiving. N661 responded N661 reports no issues.

1929 phone - Well being chk other Location/address: Martn Thornton - Washington St Caller states he is worried about his girlfriend because of what she posted on face book and because she will not pick up her phone. N662 respond Caller reports he is in contact with his girlfriend and she is fine, she is not home.

2047 walk-in - Malicious damage no action required Location/address: Washington St Walk in party reports her vehicle was damaged by party known to her.

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# SENIOR NEWS

**AFTERNOON DANCE:** This month's dance with John Rampino will be held on Friday, March 14 at 1 p.m. Cost is just \$5.

**ALTERATIONS AND MENDING:** Bring your alterations to the Senior Center on the first Monday of each month between 1 p.m. and 3 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. New class will be announced soon.

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

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

**BOOK CLUB:** Our Book Club will be meeting on March 17 at 10 a.m.

**BRIDGE:** Our Bridge Club meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. 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.

**COUNCIL ON AGING:** Our next COA Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 6 at 1 p.m.

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

**DIABETES WORKSHOP:** Will be held on Thursday, March 27.

**EXCEL CLASSES:** Will be March 19. Classes from 2:30p.m. to 3:30p.m. \$2 per class. Sign up at front desk.

**FOOT DOCTOR:** Dr. Cormier is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11 from 9:00 am. to 12 p.m. Cost is \$25. Please call for appointment.

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

**HISTORY TALK:** There will be no History Class until further notice.

**MASSAGE THERAPIST:** Karen Tracy is here on the first Monday of each month. Please sign up at front desk.

Massages are \$30 for half an hour.

**NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB:** The Board of Directors meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. At the Senior Center. The Club Membership meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks Lodge, at 10 a.m.

**OIL PAINTING:** Oil Painting class is offered Thursday, March 27 at 9:30 a.m.

**PROPOPE:** Will not meet until further notice.

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

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

**SQUARE DANCE:** Please join our Square Dance every Tuesday at 9 am.

**TRIAD:** Please join us on Monday, March 24. Our speaker will be Susan McQuade from Shriner's Hospital.

**WATER COLOR:** The next session is scheduled for Thursday, March 13 at 9 a.m. Payment of \$20 must be made at sign-up.

**WAXING:** Next waxing session will be held on Monday, March 24, 2014.

Please sign up at the front desk.

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

**WHIST PARTY:** Whist parties will be held on the 4th Friday of each month 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

**March 14:** Boston Flower/Garden Show, Seaport World Trade Center, Transportation, Lunch, Show \$75.00 per person, Arrival Time 11:30 a.m.

**April 15:** Debbie Reynolds, Mohegan Sun Casino, Transportation, Lunch, Show, \$79 per person, Arrival Time 9 a.m.

**May 20:** North Shore Acappella , Luciano's Lake Pearl ,Drive on your own, Lunch, Show, \$55 per person, Arrival Time 11:30 a.m.

**June 12:** The Temptations, Venus De Milo, Swansea, Transportation, Lunch, Show, \$74per person, Arrival Time 11:30a.m.

**Friends Dance:** On Friday March 21, at 7:00p.m.

**Mini-Bus Trips:** Tuesday, March 04: Wal-Mart , Tuesday, March 11: Market Basket , Tuesday, March 18: Twin Rivers, Tuesday, March 25:Savers/Tahiti-Lunch.

**Shopping Trips :** Walpole Mall - 2nd Wednesday of each month ,Hannaford's/ Dollar Tree - Thursday, Shaw's - Friday . We can only accommodate 20 people for each trip. Please call ahead to schedule.

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## Scouts celebrate founding

The Boy Scouts of America annually celebrate its founding on February 8, 1910, based on the program started by Lord Baden Powell in England on August 1, 1907. Scout Sunday celebrates a cornerstone of the scouting principles: the Scout Law says that a "Scout is Reverent" and the Scouts of all ages promise to do their "Duty to God." These values strengthen youth character in their family, community and faith. St. Catherine of Siena of Norwood sponsors Cub Scout Pack 49 and Boy Scout Troop 49. Scouts from both the Troop and the Pack assisted in celebrating the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass on February 2, 2014, officiated by Monsignor Paul Garrity. The Scouts were recognized for their achievements, and the following scouts received religious medals: Giacomo Serratore, Light of Christ Medal, Jeffrey Wilds and Thomas Skerry, Parvuli Dei Medals.

## Norwood Citizen of the Month

*Congratulations to the January winners of Dr. Philip O. Coakley Middle School's Citizen of the Month. Citizens of the Month exemplify the School's mission statement and are chosen by teachers and staff. To celebrate their accomplishments, an end of the year breakfast celebration will be held for students and their families.*

*Grade 8: Pedro Gonzalez, Katelin Hawks, Mia Fanizzi. Grade 7: Andrea Stebbins, Mary Panetta, Abdallah Khalil. Grade 6: Noelle Connelly, Amanda Flahive, Jake Mannering. Special Subjects: Christina Adamidis-Spanish, Principal Ann Mitchel*

## Police Logs *continued from page 14*

**Monday Feb. 24**

0252 phone - Assist other police depart services rendered Location/address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St Lincoln nb police reported an NCIC hit for a stolen gun from Norwood in 1988. Search of computer and paper records revealed no firearms matching description. Lincoln nb police will put a hold on weapon until records department can follow up in the morning.

0824 phone - Well being chk services rendered Location/address: Central St Officer spoke with the resident and the caller.

1030 phone - Unwanted party services rendered Location/address: Tax Scents - Washington St Report at 1030 hrs they want to serve a customer with a letter of dis-invite. N662 reports customer did not show up.

1200 initiated - Road hazard state dpw/norwood dpw no Location/address: Washington St + Austin St N671 reports cover to water pipe is missing.

1618 phone - Assist citizen civil matter Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Ex-employee in lobby requests police go view a patient she is accused of pinching to prove there are no marks on the patient. N664 reports hospital administration and nurse's union handling same.

1620 walk-in - Larceny taken/referred to other Location/address: Richland Rd Party in lobby reports larceny by check. N667 reports referred to Brockton PD where the incident happened.

1625 phone - Disturbance other Location/address: Whitewood Cir Mother received call from daughter reporting noise as if someone is in home. N679 checked home-no one around upon arrival, parent arrived and is satisfied.

1634 cellular - Drug law violation area search negative Location/address: Bos-Prov Hwy + Neponset St Report there are 2 males and 1 female in a blue pick-up truck, last seen Neponset St outbound. Caller states the female has heroin in a black bag she is carrying. Caller was parked next to this truck and saw the items.

2121 initiated - Motor vehicle stop arrest(s)made Location/address: Nichols St + George Willet Pkwy Ma co reg#p41349. As a result one male placed under arrest on outstanding warrant. Arrest: Reid, Christopher J Jr Address: 52 Railroad Ave Norwood Dob: 07/25/1992 Charges: warrant arrest License suspended, op mv with