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BAC back at airport

Zack Huffman
Senior Reporter

Boston Air Charter (BAC) can finally get back to offering commercial flights, following last week's decision by the Norwood Airport Commission (NAC) to accept BAC's application for a commercial permit.

The anti-climactic meeting contrasted with the Dec. 23 meeting of the commission, when the NAC demanded that Al Bishop, owner of BAC, submit additional paperwork before his application could be considered.

Having been a fixture at the Norwood Memorial Airport since 2003, Bishop requested he not be treated as an initial applicant and that the NAC waive the requirement that he submit a current financial statement, proof of three months operating experience and three credit references and show a history of payment.

The NAC refused, so Bishop returned last Wednesday with the appropriate paperwork.

The entire ordeal was sparked on March 17, 2010, when BAC pilots took off from the closed Runway 35. Major flooding in the Norwood area had caused Airport Manager Russ Maguire to close the airport to fixed wing aircraft, two days prior.

As a result, the commission unanimously voted, April 6, to suspend BAC's commercial license until June 30. After that date, BAC would have to wait three months before they could re-

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Hundreds of people packed Concannon's Village in a benefit for Craig and Carl Brady, two marines injured in service to our nation.

PHOTOS BY BRAD COLE

Local marines honored

Family presented with House Citation

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The town of Norwood, Veterans Agent Ted Mulvehill and the Military Family Support Group honored two Norwood brothers and United States Marines, Sergeant Craig S. Brady and Sergeant Carl S. Brady, at a Brady family benefit at Concannon's Village last Saturday. Hundreds turned out to show their support for the Brady brothers, both of whom paid a high price for their military service.

Both Brady brothers were injured during their military service. Carl is suffering from a traumatic brain injury caused by exposure to improvised ex-

plosive devices (IED), and is undergoing hyperbaric oxygen treatment, while Craig stepped on an IED, which partially exploded, leading to the amputation of his right leg. Craig, 23, was serving with the 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion in Afghanistan at the time of his injury, while Carl, 25, was serving with the 1st Battalion, 8th Marines, in Iraq.

Both are undergoing treatment: Carl is stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while Craig is undergoing rehabilitation at the Walter Reed US Army Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Hundreds of people packed Concannon's Village on Jan. 22, and thousands of dollars were raised for the family.

"I had 500 tickets printed up, and sure enough, they're gone," Mulvehill said. "It's a good testament to the generosity of this town."

At \$20 per ticket, the 500 printed tickets brought in \$10,000 alone. This number was increased by additional at-the-door ticket sales and the silent auction.

Carl and Craig's parents, Diane and Bob Brady, were in attendance, and it proved to be a huge success. Diane described the event as unbelievable, and thanked the town for their support, saying "Norwood did this."

"We knew a lot of people were coming, and a lot of people were supporting it," Diane said, noting when the event

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Town Clerk and Accountant Bob Thornton

Budget deficit moves discussed

Meals tax, rubbish fees considered

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Even with an anticipated \$1,061,789 in additional Light Department receipts for Fiscal Year 2012, town departments still need to cut \$5,543,429 to balance their proposed FY12 budget. This deficit has since increased to approximately \$6.1 million.

"Cuts are still needed on both sides," Town Clerk and Accountant Bob Thornton said. "Each side would be forced to reduce their budget requests: the schools by \$3.5 [million] and the

general government by \$2 [million] to make that \$5.5 [million]."

The town has an overall budget for FY12 of \$147,926,196. Of this, \$59,681,421 can be split between the school department and general government departments. Using the traditional 55/45 percent split, the schools have a maximum FY12 budget of \$32,824,782, while the general government departments have a maximum budget of \$28,931,711.

The school department initially re-

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HI GUYS, TERRIFIC RESPONSES

Our Town's Fire, Police, DPW, and Electric Departments were kept busy (out straight) during the 'nor'easter' Tues, Jan. 12. As usual, they did a fantastic job as the calls for their particular departments rolled in like the incessant waves on the ocean. We are lucky to have 'The Best'! Listening to the fire/police scanner, it's evident that being a Dispatcher is certainly not a walk in the park either.

SHE HAS ARRIVED

Peter and Trisha Czyryca proudly announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Regan Elisabeth, 7 lbs., 8 oz. Regan was born Dec. 30. (Just made the tax deduc.) Adoring grandparents are Our Town's Ed and Kathy Czyryca, and, Jim and Lil Hart from Ironton, Ohio. Congratulations to all!

HE HAS ARRIVED

Jeff and Valerie Saber announce the birth of their son, Nicholas Jeffrey, 8 lbs., 11 ozs. Jan.10. The handsome little guy is the brother of big sister, Jessica. Loving grandparents are Marcia Warrino from Burlington, and the late Richard Warrino, and Nick and Jackie Saber. Great Grandfather is John Howard. Congratulations guys!

A GIFT THAT MONEY CAN'T BUY

No gift under the Christmas tree was more important to Barbara Eysie than the gift of her husband's life. Michael was gravely ill and has been in the recuperative process for a very long time, but now is doing much better. Many prayers have been answered. Light-heartedly, Barbara decorated Michael with a bow and claims that his life is the best present ever!

THE ABUNDANT TABLE

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Jackie Saber

Christmas meals. The AT serves full course dinners every Wednesday and Friday evenings at the Congregational Church in Norwood to those that are having difficult times. Thanksgiving, 2010, (fourth consecutive year) AT shopped for fixings to feed more than 250 people. The in-house Thanksgiving dinner welcomed 102 guests. AT partnered with HESSCO for the second con-



Michael Eysie

secutive year, with volunteers arriving early Thanksgiving morning to prepare and pack 70 meals to-go, delivered to home bound seniors.

For the third consecutive year, congregants from Kol Tikvah, (Sharon Temple) arrived to cook and serve Christmas brunch to 40 guests, and packed 72 meals to-go for HESSCO elder senior services.

Last year, Friday night dinners began slowly, but are now serving more guests than on Wednesday eves. Aislynn and her committee would like to give special thanks to all volunteers, loyal donors, AT friends, for purchasing Christmas gifts for their guests. Their kindness and generosity has been much appreciated during the holiday season. For AT photos, news, etc, link to aislynn@abundant-table.org.

GET WELL WISHES

Our Town wishes Cleo Eysie a super speedy recovery from illness. Hope you are home soon!

NOR'EASTER

The snow storm on the 12th painted the shrubs and trees more beautifully than could be captured by brush on canvas. It was funny to hear some of the local newscasters state that they had never seen so much snow. They must have been in diapers when the real Blizzard of '78 hit us. Today's TV storm coverage is well over-done. It was just another New England winter storm.

FROM THE NEWS WIRES

Recently, Pres. Obama's healthScare advisory panel met behind 'closed doors' to discuss the following for Medicare patients: limiting the number of visits you will be able to have with your MD, and limiting the

amount of treatments you will be allowed by your MD that the gov't will pay for. You will pay full price for your insurance and the gov't will limit your benefits. It's the pathway to a socialized 'single payer' system. After the passage of the bill last spring, Harry Reid stated that we are finally on our way to a single payer system in this country.

I WAS IMMATURE

Those are the repentant words of Michael Vick. He served some time in jail for choking, electrocuting, drowning, and slamming innocent puppies against a wall, killing all of them, because they wouldn't fight other dogs. Clearly, the dogs had more heart than M. Vick. Thanks to we fans, Vick is just another pampered multimillionaire in the professional world of over-paid sports figures.

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George Soros

Selectmen warily eye budgets

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen met with numerous general government department heads to discuss their proposed Fiscal Year 2012 budgets. They have work ahead of them, as they must make up a \$6.1 million deficit.

It was originally believed the town faced a \$5.5 million deficit, but an error in the health insurance premiums line item increased this by \$640,000. The budget originally called for \$10,898,000, but this amount left of the costs associated with the dental insurance premiums, raising the request to \$11,538,000.

Assistant General Manager Bernie Cooper noted that these numbers were estimates, as the Massachusetts Group Insurance Commission (GIC) has not revealed rates for FY12.

"We won't have any information from the GIC until late March or early April," Cooper said, and until that time, the budget will reflect the \$11,538,000 estimate and \$6.1 million deficit.

Town Clerk and Accountant Bob Thornton recommends the town reduce the deficit with a three-pronged approach: using stabilization funds, cutting the budget proposals and raising fees.

"We've got a ways to go, but by the second Monday in May, we will have a budget that is equal," Thornton said. "We have to."

One step was taken Tuesday night, as Selectmen looked at several department specific budgets. While general government requests for FY 12 are level funded as a whole, several departments are requesting additional funds, difficult to approve in these tough economic times.

Some of these expenses are new equipment. The Fire Department is requesting \$1,011,250 in new equipment. Three of these items- replacements for Squad 1, a truck with a generator and the

NC-3 Ford Crown Victoria- were requested in prior fiscal years, but went unfunded. The new costs include \$281,250 to replace Ambulance 2, \$250,000 to replace the console radios and \$175,000 to replace the department's portable radios.

These radios were purchased in 2002 with a federal grant, and Howard feels it is time to replace the system.

"They have a life expectancy of five to seven years, which we have surpassed," Howard said.

Police Chief Bartley King also had new equipment requests, totaling \$168,000.

"We're looking for four cruisers this year," King said, noting that prior requests to replace two or three police cruisers have gone unfunded, and at this point, a fourth replacement is also needed. These cruisers have a \$150,000 price tag, approximately \$37,500 per vehicle.

He is also looking for a new police motorcycle. Motorcycles are cheaper than the cruisers, get better gas mileage, and can be used to patrol the streets during eight months of the year.

"We're looking to replace one of our motorcycles," King said. "It's a 2002, and by the time we replace it, it will be ten years old."

While public safety is often at the forefront, they weren't the only expensive items discussed Tuesday night. The board also dealt with a \$675,000 request by the Department of Public Works (DPW) for maintenance on the St. Gabriel's Chapel at Highland Cemetery.

"We want to borrow that money," General Manager John Carroll said. "We want to fix up the chapel."

The \$675,000 would be used for waterproofing the tower and for repairs to the main entry, tower, west wing and roof.

"Almost \$700,000 for a building that's hardly used doesn't seem like a good investment," Selectman Tom McQuaid said, asking why they simply

don't take the building down.

He was quickly informed that several members of the Day family remain there to this day, as the building was erected by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Day as a mortuary for their parents. The building has a storied history- it was built in 1903 and had its opening ceremony on Memorial Day of that year. The Day Family then donated the chapel to the town, as long as it was made available to all residents of the town at no charge for funeral services.

"I think it's here to stay," Carroll said, citing its emotional and historical significance.

Donohue added that maintaining the building was vital, saying, "Nothing has been done since it was built... just like all of our other public buildings, we need to maintain it."

This wasn't the only large request by the DPW, as Director Mark Ryan is looking for five new vehicles, totally \$438,000. His top priority is purchasing a new, \$120,000 5-ton sander, replacing the department's existing 1998 vehicle.

"That is a vehicle that is at the end of its life," Ryan said. "We were fortunate to get through this year with it."

Selectmen

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Editorial

The budgetary dance

Budget requests by department managers and the associated reviews by town leaders is a tango of sorts. The lead switches back and forth between both parties as they pirouette around the numbers, managers trying to defend their oftentimes quizzical requests, town officials struggling to distinguish between the real and the surreal.

Managing any municipal department is difficult during the best of times, downright nearly impossible during times like these, when first and foremost the responsibility is to keep everyone working with you continually employed. Unlike many for profit businesses, where taking the ax to employees is commonplace, government jobs are supposed to be forever, in for life as the saying goes.

Capital request reviews are an example of officials dropping the managers during the "dip" portion of the dance routine. No one should blame a manager for loading up on the equipment requests, for it is good business to ask for everything and see what is left after the dance is completed and the judges hold up their score cards. Difficult to believe Town Meeting will be approving many of the requests this year, none seem really dire enough.

Norwood is facing one of its more difficult fiscal years. Six million is a lot to make up and impossible to do without cutting budgets and raising money from existing pools of revenue. There is also a need to create and new sources of income as Town Accountant Bob Thornton so adroitly pointed out. Thornton really is one sharp cookie and a big Norwood asset, staying out of the limelight but making highly perceptive judgments and decisions. His latest Svengali like assumption during his budget preparation process was that Norwood would lose approximately \$600k in state aid, and this was before Deval Patrick even started discussing cutting state aid. The total dollars Norwood is projected to lose in state aid this year is actually \$627k so, as usual, Norwood was well prepared to deal with the hit thanks to Thornton.

Regarding potential new sources of revenue, Norwood may revisit the idea of adding a meals tax to restaurants. When the option to do so was first afforded to cities and towns, this newspaper wrote strongly that one should be implemented. Since that time, virtually every neighboring town to Norwood has done so. The increased revenue from adding the tax will not solve all of Norwood's financial troubles, but it will help and should be seriously considered by TM this time around.

Norwood is also considering adding a trash fee to every residence, and we think this is a VERY BAD IDEA. Unlike a meals tax that is discretionary to the buyer, a trash fee would be mandatory and every residence would be required to pay the same amount, regardless of usage. The amount considered would add about \$12.50 to everyone's utility bill every month; the rationale being everyone can afford it. Just like municipal employment, a fee like this is forever, and making it a part of your utility bill makes it oh so easy to just increase it at will. A few clicks of a billing system keyboard and that monthly fee can go up and up with barely a conversation to be had. "What's a few pennies more monthly, hardly anyone will even notice?" will be the future rationale. This type of fee is not only unfair to many, but should be downright worrisome to those barely able to get by now in this economic crisis. Raising money through existing sources and creating new fees is ok, but every consideration should be given to those ideas that allow residents and consumers a chance to decline participation if continuing to do so will hurt their wallets too much. Forcing mandatory additional taxes and fees on Norwood residents should be a strategy of last resort, and this newspaper has not seen enough creativity from town leaders yet in trying to raise new monies before taking such a Draconian approach.

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Letters to the Editor

COA GIVES THANKS

To The Editor:

On behalf of the Friends of Norwood Council on Aging we would like to thank all who came to our 10th New Years Eve Day Dinner Dance. It was a great success because of all of you and because of the Mug "n" Muffin, Dave and Sheila Monaghan, Scott Samos and the Martignetti Family. Also Nick, George, Anna and their wonderful staff for excellent food, service and hospitality at the Apollo. To the people who have never gone to one of our dances, maybe now is the time to think about it. We hold our dances on the 3rd Friday of each month at the Norwood Senior Center 7 to 10:30 p.m. We have coffee, refreshments and door prices all for \$10. Remember the Senior Center

was built for all the seniors and for \$10 it's worth looking into. Good health, Good luck and God bless all of you.

Bill McCoy President,
Friends of Norwood C.O.A.

DOWNTOWN NEEDS WORK

To The Editor:

Thank you for your article on the ongoing effort to improve Downtown Norwood.

As a four-year resident of the Downtown area, I can express firsthand the need for more businesses and better parking. It is my hope that our town and state governments will make it easier for restaurant owners to obtain liquor licenses, which will encourage investment and competition, not to mention enhancing the area's strong reputation for excellent dining options.

It would also be wise to take a closer look at turning East Cottage Street into a one-way street, enabling diagonal parking spaces alongside Norwood Common. This would alleviate many of the transportation challenges residents and customers are facing, given the close proximity of popular establishments such as Cedar Markets and Lewis'.

I agree with the Cecil Group and FXM Associates that more signage directing drivers to municipal parking lots would be useful, but if we want more successful businesses in Downtown Norwood, more parking spots will be necessary.

Joseph W. Rich
Norwood



Representative John Rogers presented Diane and Bob Brady with a House Citation, thanking the family for their sacrifice to our nation.

PHOTO BY BRAD COLE

Marines honored *continued from page 1*

was announced the family wasn't sure if they would attend. After hearing the positive feedback and the immense amount of support it was receiving, they decided to attend.

Bob Brady shared this sentiment, describing the event as amazing and humbling. He noted that family initially did not want to hold an event like this, and it took a lot of convincing from Mulvehill. The expenses associated with visiting his two sons in Washington D.C. and North Carolina were adding up, and this fundraiser will help him visit them while they continue along the road to recovery.

Also in attendance was State Representative John Rogers, who presented the family with a citation from the House of Representatives, and he thanked the family for the sacrifice they made for our country.

He noted that people like Craig and Carl Brady help pro-

tect the rights all Americans enjoy: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

"Those rights come from the sacrifice of brave young men and women who sacrifice for our country," Rogers said. "We are a land of the free because we are home of the brave - Craig and Carl Brady."

Rogers also thanked Mulvehill for his efforts organizing the event, and the town for banding together to support the family.

"We thank God for communities like this who come together in a time of need to help each other out," Rogers said. "This is what makes America so beautiful."

Mulvehill stressed that this was not a fundraiser, but a way for the town to come together and give back to family that has sacrificed for our nation. It was meant to honor and recognize the Brady brothers for their ser-

vice.

"This is not charity, this is appreciation," Mulvehill said.

The event, which ran for five hours, included live music by the Lenox Street Band and the No-Name Band, a silent auction and door prizes. Silent auction items ranged from a Congressional gift basket donated by Representative Stephen Lynch to original Marine art by Chip Cummings to tickets to an autographed Boston Bruins jersey to a Springtime in the Common painting by Inez Reardon.

Mulvehill noted the generosity of Norwood residents, as some of the silent auction items, including a cord of firewood and Boston Celtics tickets, were donated as people entered the event on Saturday night.

"We got a bunch of wonderful donations," Mulvehill said, thanking all the individuals and organizations that gave to the cause.

Court rules in favor of Asphalt Plant

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

At press time, The Norwood Record has learned that the Massachusetts Appeals Court ruled in favor of the Norfolk Asphalt Company, affirming the Land Court's Dec. 7, 2009 decision that allowed the company's use of 601 Pleasant St. site as a matter of right.

"The decision affirms the Land Court Judgment, which distinguishes bituminous concrete from fresh asphalt, and thereby exempts this manufacturing use from imposition of the local bylaw," Town Counsel David DeLuca said in a letter to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

The court's decision notes that Justice Charles W.

Trombly Jr. found the ZBA's denial was based on legally untenable grounds.

"The judge did not err in concluding that section 5345 of the by-laws does not apply to its manufacturing by Norfolk and in granting summary judgment in Norfolk's favor," the ruling declares.

The town argues that bituminous concrete is a toxic or hazardous material, and therefore requires a special permit, while the Asphalt Plant maintains this is not the case. The bylaw defines asphalt as an oil or petroleum derivative, and the courts believe bituminous concrete cannot reasonable be described as such, as it is a composite material made of sand, aggregates, bitumen and asphalt.

However, this does not mean the town's long legal battle with the Norfolk Asphalt Company is finished. As ZBA Administrative Assistant Deborah Frangioso pointed out, the town can appeal. The appeal is permitted only upon petition to the Supreme Judicial Court within 20 days of the decision.

DeLuca has requested to meet with the ZBA to discuss the details of the court's decision and the option of an appeal, though the final decision rests with the Selectmen.

"Ultimately, it will be in the hands of the Selectmen to make the final call on that, to see if they're going to pursue an appeal," Frangioso said.

High School continues to impress

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

A tour of the new Norwood High School was offered Monday afternoon, and several town officials took time to examine the building and see how much progress has been made in recent months. The tours, led by Tim Bonfatti, Bryan Jarvis and Steve Devine of Compass Project Management, took guests through several areas of the new school, including the classroom wing, library, auditorium, cafeteria and gymnasium.

Participating in the tours were School Committee Chairman Mark Joseph and Permanent Building Construction Committee members Ed McKenna, Bob Silk and Bill Kinsman. They were led around the new Norwood High School, a model school based on the Whitman-Hanson Regional High School. While the building shares many elements with the Whitman-Hanson building, there are some differences.

"They are all a little different," Bonfatti said. "Whitman-Hanson is different from Norwood: the programs are different" and the building has been

adapted to best fit the needs of the Norwood students.

One way this is being done is with technology. Technology plays a key role in the new school, which will have wireless internet connectivity throughout the building, wi-fi access points in the science labs and six to seven computer labs dispersed throughout the building, one of which is located in the library.

"The whole building is wireless," Jarvis said.

Joseph stressed the importance of this, saying, "The heart of everything is going to be technology. This building is being built for that 21st century student."

In addition to the wireless connectivity, there are 73 interactive whiteboards throughout the school.

"There is one in every classroom," Jarvis said.

This technology creates an interactive display. A projector displays the computer's desktop onto the whiteboard, and teachers and students can control the computer by touching the screen.

A different element of tech-

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Last Hurrah all set

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Norwood High School Alumni Association President Jerry Miller and Paula Pelaggi appeared at the Jan. 19 School Committee meeting, where they discussed plans for the Last Hurrah: Come Say Goodbye to Old Norwood High. The School Committee granted formal approval for the event, and authorized the selling of alcoholic beverages at the evening gala.

The Last Hurrah is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, and is split into two parts. A brief program and tours of the old Norwood High School will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and this portion of the event is open to the general public. An evening gala, which runs from 7 to 11:30 p.m., will be a 21-plus ticketed event, and meant to celebrate the closing of the school and end of an era here in Norwood.

The Last Hurrah is meant to be a huge celebration for the town, and is one of the first activities being held by the Norwood High School Alumni Association. In fact, the association was created with the Last Hurrah in mind.

"We initially started the Norwood Alumni Association as an umbrella group to bring together all of the graduates and residents of the town to honor the closing of the school," Miller said. "We wanted to make sure

when we closed it, we did it right."

The Last Hurrah will be open to the general public, and all are invited, regardless of whether they are a Norwood High School graduate or not. Miller said the Norwood High School Alumni Association recognizes the importance of the building to the town as a whole, and one doesn't need to have attended the school to have a connection to it.

"It's a town-wide function to say goodbye to the Norwood High School," Miller said.

Miller has high hopes for the Last Hurrah, and they plan on selling 2,500 tickets for the evening gala. Tickets aren't available for sale quite yet, though they should be soon. The daytime event will be free of charge, and several activities are already planned. Those in attendance will get to tour the gymnasium, auditorium, courtyard, cafeteria and Norwood High School hallways.

The evening gala will also take place in these locations. There will be a Master of Ceremonies and DJ in both the gymnasium and courtyard. Food and beverages will be available as well, including alcohol beverages. The Board of Selectman approved a one-day liquor license for the event, and the School Committee approved the sale of alcohol on the premises for the gala.

"It's going to be a great, great night, and this will just make it

better," Miller said.

The cafeteria is of special note, as it will serve as a memorabilia area, with jerseys and yearbooks from years past.

Miller has requested that anyone with old Norwood High School memorabilia and photos contact him at the Norwood Civic Center, 781-762-0466. The Norwood High School Alumni Association would like to have a wide variety of old Norwood High School items on display, and are looking to showcase memories from the years past.

They are also preparing a commemorative book for the Last Hurrah. This book will feature pictures, articles and comments on the Norwood High School.

"That'll be something you'll be able to put on your coffee table, and leave it there forever," Miller said.

The book will be split into decades, each section focusing on a specific set of years. Alumni Association committee members have been working hard, and Miller estimates the book will be between 40 and 50 pages long.

More information on the Norwood High School Alumni Association can be found at their website, norwoodhighschoolalumniassociation.org, or their Facebook page, which currently has 979 "likes." Miller said they hope to have ticket information on their website by the end of the month.

Parents' Night Out continues to be a success

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Recreation Department is always working to come up with new ideas and activities for the town of Norwood, and one of their most recent success stories is the Parents' Night Out.

"Parents' Night Out has turned out to be quite the success story," Recreation Director Jerry Miller said. "People are coming down and taking advantage of it," and many parents continue to request additional nights out.

The event started as a one-shot deal in November, and 11 children spent the evening at the Civic Center, where they played numerous games, hung out and ate pizza, while parents had a night to themselves. Numerous parents approached Miller and Recreation Department Program Director Linda Berger with positive comments about the event, and this response prompted them to make it a monthly occurrence.

The event was the brainchild of Berger, who ran a similar program when she was

the Youth Services Director at the Greater Beverly YMCA.

"I used to run several Parents' Nights Out in my prior position," Berger said. "We used to have 110 kids participate."

While Norwood hasn't hit the 110-child mark, 11 children participated in the November event, and this number increased to 18 for the December event.

"People are starting to get really excited," Berger said.

"We've had a great response so far, and I think it's only going to grow from here," Berger said. "I'd love to see 50 kids in the gym next year."

For just \$5, parents can drop off children ages 7 to 11 at the Civic Center, and staff from the department's summer camp program watch them while parents get the night off. Currently, three employees watch the children, but this number will grow as the program increases in size.

Berger feels the low price tag has helped contribute to the event's success, as it is cheaper than hiring a

babysitter.

"It's a really terrific alternative for parents," Berger said. "Parents can have three hours to have dinner, run errands, whatever they want."

The most recent Parents' Night Out was scheduled for Jan. 21, but was canceled due to the snowstorm. This setback isn't holding back the Recreation Department, which has already scheduled the next Parents' Night Out for March 11, from 6 to 9 p.m.

While there is a gap between events, Berger does hope to run the program more often in the future.

"People have been asking for it to be held weekly," Berger said. "We would like to do it more frequently."

Scheduling does prove to be an issue, as holding Parents' Night Out in the gym does cut into time for other events held there, such as open gym, basketball and school dances. Parents' Night Out will remain a part of the Recreation Department's offerings, as will there other Friday night activities.

DPW keeps shoveling and plugging leaks

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Department of Public Works (DPW) was put to the test last Friday, as they dealt with yet another snowstorm and a water leak on Neponset Street in Norwood.

The eight inches of snow was enough to cancel school and some town activities. While the Civic Center was open, all programs and classes scheduled for Jan. 21 were cancelled, and the Morrill Memorial Library closed early. Town Hall remained open, as were most town departments.

DPW Director Mark Ryan said they began their snow control efforts at 2 a.m., when a six-man crew went out to salt the roads in town. Plowing began shortly afterwards.

"At 5 o'clock, we had the rest of the Public Works personnel come in and start plowing, and private contractors came in an hour later," Ryan said.

The snow stopped at 1 p.m., though plowing continued until 4 p.m. In total, the DPW spent 14 hours working on the roads, 11 of which were spent plowing.

Ryan said they cost associated with bringing in the private contractors to assist in plowing Norwood's 110 miles of road is still being calculated.

Ryan noted there are numerous concerns that come with each snowstorm, and one that can easily be forgotten is the fire hydrant, which can be covered in snow. Ryan, the DPW

and Board of Selectmen have called for Norwood residents to take a moment while they are shoveling to clear out any fire hydrants near their homes.

"The Norwood Public Works Department is tasked with maintaining the water system in Norwood, which includes shoveling snow around fire hydrants to make them accessible during an emergency," Ryan said. "There are 972 fire hydrants throughout the Town, and as you can expect, it's a monumental task considering the quantity of snow we have received thus far this winter."

"It's difficult to get to many of them, with all the snow here and around town," Ryan said, so he is asking residents to lend a hand by clearing out snow around fire hydrants in their neighborhoods. This request was relayed at last week's Board of Selectman meeting, is on the town website and on Norwood Public Access TV.

There were plenty of other concerns for Norwood residents, including low visibility, icy roads and slippery conditions. In total, there were nine motor vehicle accidents or disabled vehicles on Friday. One of these involved a DPW truck hitting and snapping a pole at the Highland Street/Rosemary Street intersection. This prompted a response by the Norwood Fire Department and Electric Light Department, as the wires in the area were dangling.

In addition to dealing with

the six to eight inches of snow, DPW employees had to deal with a water leak on Friday morning.

"We've got a water leak on Neponset Street," DPW Director Mark Ryan said, reporting it was near Fairfield Circle, between Hazelwood Drive and Wedgewood Drive.

The leak occurred at 5 a.m. in an eight-inch main, right near a 12-inch main gate valve on Neponset Street. While not as major as the recent water leaks on Route 1, it prompted quick response by the DPW, which was at the site digging by 8:45 a.m.

"It's nothing as dramatic as Route 1," Ryan said, noting that drivers who went past the leak might not have noticed the water bubbling up.

The leak itself delayed traffic in the area, as a lane of Neponset Street had to be closed while DPW crews did their work. They were out on the site for approximately six hours, finishing their work at 3 p.m. They returned on Monday morning to pave the area.

Ryan said they were fortunate, as it was a leak, not a water main break or a faulty pipe.

"The bolts were loose," Ryan said. "We were very fortunate there: all we had to do was tighten the bolts."

Because the work occurred during normal business hours, there were no additional costs, such as overtime pay or private contractor fees, associated with exposing the road and repairing the leak.

Cops nab home invaders

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

A home invasion in Middleboro on Tuesday, Jan. 18, required the assistance of the Norwood Police Department to solve. After three individuals broke into a house in Middleboro, the Middleboro police sent a "be on the lookout" (BOLO) to neighboring towns, describing the suspects' vehicle, and members of the Norwood Police Department caught the criminals on Route 1 South.

This BOLO was sent to the Norwood Police at 4:55 p.m., and relayed to officers by dispatcher Joseph Sampson. Norwood Police were quick to act, arresting the suspects approximately 20 minutes later.

They arrested Tyler James Henderson, 19, of 492 Wareham St, Middleboro and Jacob Robert McMahon, 18, of 11 Water St., Middleboro. A third suspect was also involved, though his name was

not released because he is a juvenile. Both Henderson and McMahon have been charged with home invasion, firearm-armed.

Middleboro police reported that Henderson and McMahon were in a brown Ford F150 pickup truck, and believed to be in Dedham or Walpole after the home invasion. It turned out that they were in Norwood.

"At 5:15 p.m., Officers Sarah Lyden and Michael O'Brien were surveying traffic on Route 1 at Dean Street," Officer Kevin Grasso said. "A vehicle matching the suspect's vehicle was spotted driving south on Route 1 with at least two occupants. Officers Lyden and O'Brien pulled behind the vehicle and learned that the registration plate matched the broadcast."

They conducted a felony motor vehicle stop, handcuffed the three suspects, and McMahon and Henderson were transported to the Norwood Police Station,

where they were booked, while the juvenile was sent to Norwood Hospital.

"He was injured and was taken to Caritas Norwood Hospital for treatment for injuries he suffered during the home invasion," Grasso said, adding that once he was released from the hospital, the Norwood Police transported him to the Middleboro Police Department.

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apply for a commercial permit as an initial applicant. BAC did just that, but did not provide the commission with the additional information and paperwork required of an initial applicant.

The Federal Aviation Administration withdrew the two certificate actions proposed against BAC pilots involved in the March 17 incident.

The FAA proposed 30-day fixed suspensions for the pilots for violating FAA regulations 14 cfr 91.129(i), or failure of a pilot to obtain clearance for takeoff and taxing, and 14 cfr 91.13(a), for careless or reckless operation of an aircraft, though the certification actions have since been withdrawn.

The certification action was proposed in September, and if acted upon, could have result in the suspension or revocation of a holder's certificate, or both. Suspensions can be for a fixed

or indefinite period of time. A fixed suspension is meant to deter future violations, while indefinite suspensions are meant to prevent a certificate holder from exercising the privileges of their certificate, until they successfully demonstrate the various requirements to hold the certificate, usually culminating in a re-examination by the FAA Inspector. A certification action of this nature is likely to occur when a serious violation of FAA regulations has occurred.

For the duration of its suspension, BAC was able to continue to work out of Norwood Memorial Airport without offering commercial services.

At the NAC's request, BAC submitted documentation that proved BAC had a right to that office space.

"We provided the Airport Commission with the terms of

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an agreement between HB Holdings and Boston Air Charter," said Matthew Watskey, who represented Bishop and BAC before the commission.

BAC's right to office space at the airport came about from its 2003 acquisition of HB

Holdings.

Since 1996, HB Holdings has leased office and storage space at the Eastern Air Center, which is a part of the airport.

When BAC acquired HB Holdings in 2003, the rights to

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the lease were a part of the deal.

BAC was allowed to remain on the airport, as they have a lease with HB Holdings, and this lease enabled them to keep their office and store aircraft at the airport during that time.

High School *continued from page 5*

nology is the numerous security cameras placed in and around the building. There are approximately 130 security cameras at the new Norwood High School - 100 of which are inside the building, the remaining at key locations outside of the building.

Green technology also plays a role in the new building, in an attempt to reduce the school's energy consumption. One element of this is the lighting.

"All the classrooms have occupancy sensors," Jarvis said. "If no one is in the room after a certain amount of time, the lights automatically turn off."

In addition, lights adjacent to the windows have daylight sensors, and they automatically dim during the day, allowing natural light to fill the classroom.

Guests were also impressed by the progress made in several key areas of the high school. The auditorium has seen major steps forward in recent weeks, as the stage rigging is up, the wooden stage floor is down and hundreds of seats are being installed.

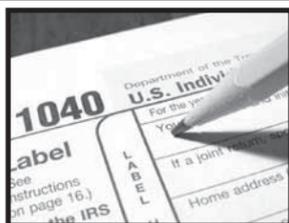
"It's really nice," Joseph said. "It looks like a college setup."

The gymnasium also impressed Joseph. The gym features two full size basketball courts, and can be converted into a volleyball court. The scoreboard has been installed, the full sound system is in, bleachers are installed and the wood floor is down. The upper floor of the gym is a walking track, adorned with eight cast iron Mustangs. There are 12 of these Mustangs in the building, the other four are located in the main foyer.

Another element of the building is the centralized offices. The offices of individual department heads are located close to one another, rather than scattered throughout the building. The close proximity of these offices will allow for better collaboration between departments and enable teachers to easily work in conjunction with one another, Jarvis said.

While a lot of work needs to be done, the new Norwood High School is looking more like a school with each passing day, and come September, the students of Norwood will have access to this 21st century learning environment, giving them the best educational experience possible for years to come.

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iPads donated to Norwood schools

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Norwood students will soon have access to one of the latest pieces of technology: the Apple

iPad. Thanks to donations from Meditech and the Sharon Credit Union, students in both the Norwood High School and Willett Early Childhood Education Center will have access to the device, which is a tablet computer used for e-books, periodicals, movies, music, games and web content.

Superintendent of Schools James Hayden believes the iPad has many educational applications, and feels it will be very beneficial to Norwood students at all grade levels.

"This technology will be able to be used in many ways to help them with their learning needs," Hayden said.

Meditech donated \$15,000 to the schools to be spent on technology purposes.

"I am coupling this money with the capital and technology money," Hayden said, and it is going to be used to purchase several iPads for an iPad cart for use at the new Norwood High School.

"Our new high school is going to be a technological marvel," he said, and use of a portable tablet computer like the iPad to further a student's education is just one way it will be.

In addition, the Sharon Credit Union donated four iPads for use at the Willett Early Childhood Education center. This donation is worth at least \$2,000, as iPads retail for \$499 to \$829.

These donations were unanimously accepted by the School

Committee at their Jan. 19 meeting, and Hayden recognizes the important of technology in the classroom. He noted that students need access to computers, as they are a part of daily life, and many students know how to use this new technology better than some of the teachers and administrators.

"It's the beginning of a new age," Hayden said, and these donations will help them enter it, as it allows them to begin to let teachers and students utilize the iPad in the classroom for daily use. He noted they can be used for everything from e-books to speech synthesizers, and have a wide variety of classroom applications that can enhance the learning environment.

The \$15,000 from Meditech will help them purchase technology and match the technology to the Norwood High School curriculum.

"This is good seed money for us to start," Hayden said.

This \$15,000 represents Meditech's annual donation to the Norwood public school system, and their gift often is used to provide new technologies and enhance the curriculum for students. This year's donation is an increase from years past: in 2009 and 2010, Meditech donated \$10,000 to the Norwood public schools, this 2011 donation represents a 50 percent increase.

"We want to thank Meditech for their donation," Hayden said.

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Sports

Wrestling takes sixth

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

The Norwood wrestling team grappled with some of the best squads in the state on Saturday at last week's Weymouth Tournament. The Mustangs held their own and finished sixth overall.

"With a competition of only 10 teams, and backups, Norwood has shown quality wrestling from new names," said head coach Bill McDermott. "Brenden Zablocki, Brenden Davis and Maceo Mahaffey showed improvements by not being seeded in the top six, and placing in the top six."

Both Brendens experienced success in the tournament. Zablocki, at 140 lbs., earned two wins, pinning Marshfield's James Latak and Milton's Chula Loomis, while Davis, at 152 lbs., won 14-12 against Quincy's Mike Meng and 4-2 versus Newton North's Matt Laredo. Maceo Mahaffey, at 171 lbs., gripped a victory as well, defeating Milton's Jared Michaud.

Norwood's tournament success provided a bright spot in what has been an otherwise gloomy season for the Mustangs. The team has a losing record, but McDermott recognizes things are starting to improve.

McDermott said the Mustangs' 65-12 victory over Framingham on Thursday showed the team's potential.

"I told the guys to show Framingham what Norwood's new program has to offer in the first year, and I think we displayed good wrestling for what the team had to offer."

McDermott said the victory over Framingham gave the Mustangs momentum heading into the Weymouth Tournament.

"Getting those wins means a lot to Norwood because Framingham is one of the best," McDermott said following the match against Framingham. "And if you can win a couple of matches against them, that is a huge plus for the program [and gets us] going in the right direction."

Wrestling

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Karyn Colomey fights for the puck along the boards in a game against Milton earlier this season. The girls' hockey team lost for the first time this season against Wellesley on Monday.

PHOTO BY ZALINA MCGUIRE

Girls' Hockey looks to finish strong

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

The Norwood girls' hockey team fell 2-0 to Wellesley on Monday night, suffering their first loss of the season. Prior to the matchup, head coach Bill O'Donnell said he expected the Raiders to be well-prepared to face the undefeated Norwood squad.

"When you haven't lost any games, you have a target on your back," O'Donnell said.

Despite the loss, Norwood stands at 9-1-0 overall this season. O'Donnell said the Mustangs have played hard, and have shown they can compete with any team in the Bay State Conference.

"Norwood plays in a very competitive league," O'Donnell said. "It's important to keep the team ready

to play."

Norwood lost one senior from a squad that finished last season 13-5-2, scoring the best girls hockey record in Mustangs history. The team earned the eighth-seed in the Division 2 playoffs but suffered a 6-5 loss late in the third period to the Winchester Sachems.

The Mustangs have responded to the heartbreaking loss. First, they iced the Newton North Tigers 3-0 in the season opener.

"We've been building on past successes," O'Donnell said. "The experiences the girls had last year helped them set team goals."

But after the win over Newton North, Norwood was far from done. The Mustangs opened the season with nine consecutive wins. O'Donnell said the team has strived to build consistency, and as a

result, has been competitive in every game thus far.

"Our approach has been the same from the first game of the season," he added. "We just take it one game at a time and focus on the task at hand."

Sophomore goaltender Christina Frasca has helped her team do just that. Frasca entered Monday's game with a 0.77 goals against average, allowing seven total goals in nine games this season.

"The backbone to our team has been consistent goaltending from Christina Frasca," O'Donnell said. "She has worked hard to improve her game, as have the other girls."

The Mustangs have thrived under senior co-captains Taylor Donners, Lisa Coskren and Ali Maloof. O'Donnell said their leadership combined with strong

defensive play could help the team sustain success the rest of the way.

On Wednesday, after the *Bulletin* went to press, the team faced a Milton squad that had won only twice in 11 contests. O'Donnell said he recognizes things won't get easier for the Mustangs in the Bay State Conference.

"With teams like Dedham, Wellesley, Needham and Milton, the conference is tough," said the coach. "On any given night, any team is capable of beating any other."

The Mustangs will look to top last season's success with consistent, defensive play. But regardless of what happens, O'Donnell said his girls are playing as a team.

"The girls are playing for one another. They're enjoying themselves and having fun."

St. Catherine boys win two, lose one

Tom Maloney
Special to the Bulletin

The St. Catherine of Siena 7th/8th grade boys basketball team won two games and lost one in recent South Shore Parochial School League play.

At home against Quincy Catholic on Jan. 9, the result was never in doubt after the Hawks stormed out to 15-0 first quarter lead, thanks to a relentless full court attack headed by veterans James Walsh, Chris Bell and Nolan Rogers.

Guard Conor Riggle led all scorers with fourteen points, while Rogers added six and swingman John Paul Bettinelli tallied five. Reserve guards Sean Fallon, Patrick O'Brien, and Matt Dempsey each chipped in a field goal en route to a 40-10 blowout.

On Jan. 15, the Hawks travelled to St. Francis of Weymouth, where the Crusaders were waiting to avenge a six point loss to St. Catherine earlier in the season. The game started at a furious tempo as the teams traded baskets through the first quarter.

Seventh grade forward Craig Crossley was instrumental in setting the tone for the Hawks by laying in two early buckets and grabbing four rebounds. The frame ended with St. Catherine's up 16-14. In the second quarter, Nolan Rogers and James Walsh tossed in six points apiece, and seventh graders Brian Curley, Colin Faherty and Bettinelli, came off the bench to help thwart the St. Francis attack by manning a shut down 3-2 zone defense.

St. Francis hung tough, however, as they did in December in Norwood; St.

Catherine entered the fourth quarter with only a three point lead. At that point, forward Cullen Weidenaar took over with a trio of big rebounds, a field goal, and three free throws in three attempts.

The final result was a St. Catherine win, 47-38. Rogers led the Hawks with nineteen points. Weidenaar and Walsh knocked in eleven and ten respectively, while Crossley added seven.

The following afternoon, St. Catherine played host to archrival Trinity Catholic of Brockton in a showdown of unbeaten.

The Hawks led by five after the first quarter and three at the half, but Trinity surged to a lead late in the third quarter and held on for a 53-47 victory. League officials who attended the match called it the game of the season so far.

The Hawks applied consistent effective pressure throughout the game to hold Trinity well below their sixty-eight points per game average. Walsh led the locals with eighteen points. Rogers tallied fourteen, including a three point shot that brought the Hawks to within three with two minutes remaining. Bell tossed in seven points to go with six steals, and Crossley added four points.

Riggle and Weidenaar each added a field goal. Also, once again, St. Catherine's benefited from the efforts of defensive stalwarts O'Brien, Faherty, Curley, Fallon and Dempsey. Though the defeat was a tough one, it was the first league loss of the year for St. Catherine, and the Hawks record so far is 8-1.

The Hawks next play at home on Jan. 29 when they host Sacred Heart of Weymouth. All are welcome.

Wrestling *continued from page 9*

The sixth-place finish in the Weymouth Tournament could prove to be another momentous step for the Norwood wrestling team. McDermott said his wrestlers have shown progress that could lead to wins.

"I am enthusiastic about how the team is improving individually and, moving forward, there will be team success," McDermott said.

At least one Mustang wrestler may have found a rival as well. Norwood senior Chris Hutchens, at 130 lbs., defeated

Weymouth's Connery Sparrows, Tewksbury's Matt Greenwood and Marshfield's Josh Fitzpatrick, but suffered a 4-3 loss to Newton North's Nick Moreano. Hutchens will have an opportunity to avenge the loss this Saturday as the Mustangs will face Newton North.

"Chris Hutchens found some league competition in his semifinal match with a new Bay State rival," McDermott said. "With Chris losing 4-3, this Saturday will be an interesting rematch."



Troy Sousa-Semper drives hard to the hoop for a basket against Walpole. The team is 5-6 on the year and faces off against Milton on Friday.

PHOTO BY ZALINA MCGUIRE

Substitution request concerns Selectmen

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Fire Chief Michael Howard was one of many department heads to speak before the Board of Selectmen Tuesday night, where he presented his Fiscal Year 2012 budget, a \$237,998 increase, approximately 4.25 percent more than his FY11 budget.

Regarding the substitution account, Howard is requesting \$527,000 for FY12, an increase of just \$41,000 over FY11's initial allotment of \$486,000. Several members of the Board of Selectmen questioned this amount, as it is far below the department's actual expenditures in that account in recent years.

In FY09, the Fire Department spent approximately \$631,000 on substitution. This increased to \$636,000 in FY10, and they are on target to spend \$637,000 this year.

"What makes you think it's going to be 20 percent less next year?" Selectmen Chairman Jerry Kelleher asked, later add-

ing, "Let's have an honest budget now."

Howard said he was comfortable with the number, as it was based on accumulated vacation time, the department's shift float and history of injuries.

"This figure that I provided you is based on actual calculations of time using floaters to reduce that time," Howard said, adding that there was no contingency built into this budget.

After several prodding questions by Selectman Michael Lyons, it was revealed that this \$527,000 is based on a staff of 64 firefighters, not the existing staff of 62 firefighters.

"This \$527,000 figure takes into account the two positions being put back," Howard said, and this statement prompted a quick response from Lyons.

Lyons said, "Your calculations are based on a faulty premise... you have a staff of 62, it's not a staff of 64 minus two."

Because of this, the \$527,000 is not enough to fund substitution costs, based on the current staffing levels. Lyons flat-out stated that those two

positions would not be returning to the department, and Howard would have to craft a budget that deals with the realities facing the department today.

Howard believes one of these problems is a lack of firefighters on two of his shifts. He has a 62 split across four shifts, meaning two shifts have just 15 firefighters. He wants to increase this amount to 64, so all four shifts have 16 firefighters, and this requires \$92,000. This wasn't the only salary increase requested by Howard, who also wanted \$55,000 to hire a new firefighter inspector and \$33,000 to promote four firefighters to the rank of lieutenant.

Selectman Helen Abdallah-Donohue questioned this request, saying it didn't seem appropriate, given the department's past budgetary issues and the current economic state.

"With all the problems we've had, I can't see increasing anything," Donohue said.

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quested \$36,293,139, meaning they must cut \$3,466,357, while general government requested \$28,931,711, meaning they must cut \$2,075,072. Even though numerous cuts must be made to balance the budget, they are in a better place than there were a month ago, when they were faced with \$6.6 million in cuts.

"The bottom line is from last meeting to this meeting, we're \$1 to \$1.1 million better than where we were," General Manager John Carroll said.

The Budget Balancing Committee also discussed how Governor Deval Patrick's speech before the Massachusetts Municipal Association last Friday will affect their budget. In this speech, Patrick indicated his state budget proposal would call for a \$65 million reduction in local aid, approximately a 6.9 percent cut.

Thornton said this was not incorporated into the third pass budget, as the speech occurred after its completion. However, the new information does not have a substantial effect on Norwood's budget.

"It really is not material enough at this stage to have an effect," Thornton said.

This is because Thornton had projected significant state aid cuts going back to the town's first pass budget from Dec. 7, 2010. In this budget, he projected \$600,000 in state aid cuts, giving Norwood \$8,486,761 for FY12. This is a 6.6 percent cut, and Patrick's 6.9 percent cut would represent a reduction of \$626,987 in state aid funding, a difference of just \$26,987.

"It's \$27,000," Thornton said. "It's not significant, and it may change."

The Budget Balancing Committee discussed several ways to make up this \$5.5 million dollars. Right now, all options are on the table, and a wide variety of methods to raise the funds needed will be considered.

One of these ideas is the local option meal tax. The Norwood Board of Selectmen was against this meal tax in Aug. 2009, and some members still have concerns about it, but if adopted, it could raise \$465,000 in FY12 and \$575,000 in FY 2013 and beyond. It would do this by adding a 0.75 percent tax

to the existing 6.25 percent meals tax collected by the state, and the additional money raised would be passed on to the town as revenue.

"A lot of towns are doing this," Carroll said.

Assistant General Manager Bernie Cooper noted that while Norwood and Westwood have not adopted the local option meal tax, "virtually everyone else in the 128 corridor and outside have done it."

In order to be adopted, the local option meals tax requires approval by both the Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting. Selectman Michael Lyons noted that Town Meeting passed the other local option tax - the local option hotel room occupancy tax - raising it from four percent to six percent with little fanfare.

Selectman Bill Plasko noted the board's original concern with the tax was competition. However, 116 towns statewide, including several neighboring towns like Dedham and Walpole, have adopted the tax, so the added price wouldn't dissuade diners from eating out in Norwood.

Finance Commissioner Judith Langone added, "People aren't going to Norwood saying 'it's 0.75 percent cheaper.'"

Lyons remained against the tax increase, saying he feels there isn't a meals tax in Massachusetts. He believes the 6.25 percent paid at restaurants is the general sales tax, not a meal tax, and by raising it, you are unfairly targeting one specific type of business.

Another idea discussed to reduce the budget was adopting rubbish fees. Carroll looked at several communities that have such fees, and feels the model used in Franklin could be adopted for use in Norwood. If adopted, it would allow them to reduce the budget deficit by \$2 million.

Carroll said he knows rubbish fees might be hard for some members of the Budget Balancing Committee to stomach, but on a per household basis, it is relatively cheap. An individual household would pay \$150 per year for rubbish collection service, coming to \$12.50 per month. This would be billed

monthly to the property owner on their water bill.

Carroll said he would prefer to do it on a proportional, volume basis, meaning the more you throw out the more you pay, but they can't do that. Rather, it would be on a per unit basis. An individual unit would pay the \$150, a two-family household would pay \$300, and so on.

He added that by law, residents would be given the option to opt out of the program. However, the \$150 fee accessed by the town is cheaper than what it would cost to get a private vendor to collect one's trash, and most people don't opt-out.

"The number of people who have opted out [in Franklin] is under 50," Cooper said.

The rubbish fees would be relatively easy to implement: all it requires is approval from the Board of Selectmen by April 15 to go into affect for FY12. Unlike the sale of land or the local option tax, no Town Meeting vote is necessary.

They also looked at the possibility of selling 15.02 acres of land on University Avenue for private development. While the area has an assessed value of \$1.7 million, money raised from the sale cannot be used to reduce the deficit, and would not help cut the \$5.5 million needed to balance the budget.

The committee also discussed the new growth taxes that result from the sale of Norwood Hospital. Because the hospital is now a for-profit company, they are no longer exempt from taxes, though the amount the town will receive is to be determined. The Board of Assessors estimates a value of \$522,000 for FY11 and \$800,000 for FY12 and on, but the actual property value and proceeds from property taxes may take many months to negotiate.

Paul Wanecek, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, indicated the group is working with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and Bureau of Municipal Finance Law as they determine the pro-forma tax and property taxes that come as a result of the sale. Some additional revenue is guaranteed; they are working on determining how much.

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His second priority is a \$55,000 mini-loader, and his third priority is a new front-end loader, which will cost the town \$140,000.

"We have a 1987 front-end loader, and it's on its way out," Ryan said, noting it costs \$40,000 to repair the vehicle's transmission issues alone.

He is also looking for a new one-ton dump truck and underground pipe camera system.

Currently, these five items were taken out of the DPW's budget and placed on the FY12 capital expenditures list. In total, there are \$3,520,006 in items on the first draft of the capital ex-

penditures list, and Carroll recommends borrowing money to fund \$2,855,500 of these requests, while deferring the remaining \$664,506 for future fiscal years. However, this capital expenditures list is still in draft form and subject to change.

An example of items being deferred can be seen in the Recreation Department's requests. Recreation Director Jerry Miller has \$260,000 in capital expenditures, but only \$135,000 of this has been recommended for borrowing.

This amount reflects \$60,000 to replace the Nautilus equipment in the Civic Center gymnasium

and \$75,000 to replace the boilers. The Nautilus equipment dates back to 1984, and the boilers present a pressing need.

"The boilers have actually broken down the past couple of years, and it has cost us \$7,000 to \$8,000 in repairs each year," Miller said.

Items deferred included the replacement of lights, sanding the gymnasium floors and replacement of the gymnasium windows.

For more Selectmen news and the Fire Department's budget, please see page 10.

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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, February 2, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall. The Commission is to hear a request for a Notice of Intent from The Smart Associates, Environmental Consultants, Inc. of Concord, NH representing the Town of Norwood (Norwood Airport Commission) of Norwood, MA for the proposed reconstruction of Taxiway B within its existing footprint.

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

Peter Bamber, Chairman

Norwood Record, January 27, 2011

CONSERVATION COMMISSION SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Norwood Conservation Commission is looking for volunteers to serve on the Ellis Pond subcommittee. The purpose of the subcommittee is to provide recommendations to the Conservation Commission as it addresses the need to improve current conditions of Ellis Pond. The Ellis Pond Subcommittee currently has representatives from the Conservation Commission, Town Meeting members and Board of Selectmen and is actively looking for volunteers from the community. Volunteers who have an interest in conserving natural resources and promoting the recreational benefits of Ellis Pond are encouraged to join.

The subcommittee will meet periodically throughout the year to review pertinent reports about the pond, discuss ideas on how to improve conditions, fund raising strategies and coordination volunteer events.

If you wish to volunteer to serve on this subcommittee, or should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the conservation agent Al Goetz at (781) 762-0781.

COA Bus Driver - TEMPORARY

The Town of Norwood Senior Center is in need of a temporary bus driver for approximately four weeks starting in February.

This position requires the bus driver to transport seniors throughout the town to medical appointments, the COA, their homes and to other locations and activities.

Qualified candidates must hold a valid CDL Class A license with Passenger Endorsement. Wheelchair lift experience is preferred but not required. Must have the ability to work with the elderly in a caring and compassionate way. Satisfactory driving record and ability to pass CORI check and drug screen is required.

Interested and qualified candidates should complete a Town of Norwood Employment Application and return it to:

Michelle Pizzi, Human Resources Director
Human Resources Department
566 Washington Street
Norwood, MA 02062
FX: 781-278-3014 • Email: hr@norwoodma.gov

Employment applications are located on the Town's website under the JOBS link, at the HR office in Town Hall or by visiting the COA Senior Center.

Deadline to apply is Friday, February 4, 2011

THE TOWN OF NORWOOD IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. M/F/D/V AND DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE BASED ON RACE, CREED, GENDER, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE, DISABILITY, MARITAL OR VETERAN STATUS, SEXUAL PREFERENCE OR ANY OTHER LEGALLY PROTECTED STATUS.

Police Logs

Tuesday, January 18

0106 radio - Susp vehicle investigated. Location/address: Davco Air Conditioning & Heating - Pleasant St.

0126 phone - Complaint of m/v services rendered. Location/address: Mountain Ave. Caller reports a vehicle unknown to him parked in his driveway. Would like to have it moved.

0214 radio - Recovered m/v plate other. Location/address: Fairview Rd. As a result of the lpr, license plate of MA. Reg 711-ed5 confiscated.

1655 phone - Assist other Police Depart *arrest(s)made. Location: Town of Middleboro Bolo for MA pc 4737eh wanted for a home invasion where a handgun was used. 1721 hrs- n679 spots the vehicle and a felony stop is conducted in the 1380 block Rte1(s). 3 Subjects placed under arrest. #1)n661 transports to station. #2) NFD transports to hospital for a previous injury with N456 in ambulance and N428 following in N679. #3)N666 using N667 transports to station. Units rotate through watching prisoner at hospital and then assist Middleboro PD in watching same. Arrest: Henderson, Tyler James Address: 492 Wareham St., Middleboro Dob: 09/12/1991 Charges: home invasion, firearm-armed Arrest: McMahon, Jacob Robert Address: 11 Water St., Middleboro, MA Dob: 01/31/1992 Charges: home invasion, firearm-armed

1841 phone - Well being chk spoken to. Location/address: Starr Program - Winter St. Staff reports their client in the rear parking lot of medical building next door stating he wants to kill himself. N662 spoke to client, he just did not want to go back into the program for the rest of the night, he went back inside.

Wednesday, January 19

0023 phone - Domestic *arrest(s)made. Location/address: 47 Chapel St. - Chapel St. Caller reported intoxicated female. Officer reported one under arrest. Arrest: Bair, Cathy Address: 47 Chapel St 30 Norwood Dob: 02/25/1967 Charges: a&b

0045 phone - Larceny *report filed. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Caller reports that money was stolen out of a patient's bag in the emergency room. N664 responded report filed.

1329 phone - Medical emergency taken/referred to other. Location/address: Coakley Middle School - Washington St. Allergic reaction.

1343 phone - Drunk person spoken to. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Caller reports w/male with a cane, having a hard time walking. Jeans, leather jacket. Subject unsteady on his feet, no other problem.

1445 phone - Larceny *report filed. Location/address: Chipotle Mexican Grille of Colorado - Bos.-Prov. Hwy. Larceny of wallet.

1724 phone - Disturbance gone on arrival. Location/address: Chapel St. + Washington St. Caller reported someone throwing snowballs at vehicles. Officer checked area, nothing found.

1759 911 - Breaking and entering *report filed. Location/address: Hampden Dr. Caller reported past break into the house.

Thursday, January 20

0125 911 - Assaults other. Location/

address: Keegan's Norwood Jewelers - Washington St. Caller reports an argument taking place in front of her residence between two male parties. N663, N669 and N662 respond. One male individual found with minor abrasion. stated he had fallen and did not want medical treatment. Courtesy transport home provided.

0725 phone - Harassment *report filed. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Employee has been receiving harassing letters in the mail and would like an officer to take a report. N677 responds.

Location/address: Walpole St. DCF worker reports male ran from him while trying to place him at residence at 103 Winter St. White male 5'2, 118lbs, Wearing a navy colored shirt with gray design, dark jeans And tan Ugg boots. Bolo put out to cars. N661 N664 to speak to DCF worker. Male party entered into NCIC. Subject located, returned to DCF custody. Party removed from NCIC.

1641 phone - Animal complaint gone on arrival. Location/address: Village Rd. E Three Dobermans on the property and one appeared aggressive. Male walking the dogs called them off. NACO notified and advised. Officers checked area, nothing found.

1659 phone - Report of gas leak Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Hazelwood Dr. Caller reports smell of natural gas in the street. N677 sent. NFD notified. Gas company notified.

1919 phone - Assaults *report filed. Location/address: Work Out World - Bos.-Prov. Hwy. Caller reported past assault.

2358 phone - Repossession services rendered. Location/address: Perfect 10 Nail Salon - Washington St. Caller reported pc MA 24gg99 repossessed. Vehicle entered into tow file.

Friday, January 21

0926 phone - Susp activity *report filed. Location/address: Coakley Middle School - Washington St. Report to be filed on Facebook activity among students.

2017 phone - Kids gathering spoken to. Location/address: Prescott School - Richland Rd. Caller reports kids gathering behind the school. Officers located them and moved them along.

Saturday, January 22

0023 911 - Susp activity services rendered. Location/address: Plymouth Dr. Caller reports footprints outside her door and basement windows. She states she found the same on Wednesday as well. N663, N666 responded. Raccoon prints. All in order.

0957 phone - Larceny *report filed. Location/address: 6th St. Report a U.P.S. Package taken.

1019 phone - Abandoned vehicle *report filed. 1340 phone - Susp person area search negative. Location/address: Davis Ave. Passing motorist reports a male, black hoodie, jeans, carrying a flat screen tv, walking towards Rte1A. N664 checked entire street and surrounding area-gone on arrival.

Sunday, January 23

0006 phone - Susp activity gone on arrival. Location/address: St. James Ave. Caller reported three individuals drinking in silver sedan. Officers checked area, nothing found.

0018 911 - Disturbance *protective custody. Location/address: Woodbine Rd. Caller reported intoxicated female screaming. Norwood Fire responded. Subject placed into protective custody. Transport to the hospital, released to the hospital's care. Refer to p/c: 11-51-ar P/c: Spearin, Jennifer L. Address: 295 Center St., Randolph Dob: 04/07/1974 Charges: protective custody 1158 cellular - Animal complaint taken/referred to other. Location/address: 15 block - Albemarle Rd. Passing motorist able to corral a dog, no tags, that was running loose. N.A.C.O. Substitute went and picked up same.

1255 walk-in - Well being chk services rendered. Location/address: Fulton St. Party in lobby request check of son, no contact in 2 weeks. NFD sent. Son came to the door and said he did not want to speak to the police and did not need EMS. Mother was satisfied and said she would take it from there on her own.

1420 walk-in - Animal complaint services rendered. Location/address: 22 block - Dean St. Party in lobby with a dog that was running loose, no tags. N.A.C.O. Substitute picked up same.

Monday, January 24

0022 phone - Susp vehicle services rendered. Location/address: Brookfield Rd. Caller reported red Lexus in driveway. Officer spoke with owner of pc MA bc8332, subject moving in next door and temporarily parked vehicle there. Vehicle moved.

0943 phone - Parking violation services rendered. Location/address: Bellevue Ave. Officer located the owner at the high school and vehicle moved.

1205 phone - Susp activity services rendered. Location/address: Fulton St. Neighbor found door open, all in order inside, officer left note on table. Appears door left open by homeowners.

1432 phone - Fraud *report filed. Location/address: People's Federal Savings Bank - Lenox St. Bank cashed several checks that have since bounced and customer will not explain where the checks came from.

1644 walk-in - Lost and found services rendered. Location: Hennessy Field Resident of Cross St. in with a snowboard she found in a tree at Hennessy Field. "rage" two tone blue and white.

1649 phone - Assist other agency services rendered. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Request police stand by while they medicate a patient who may become violent in e/r room 2. N666 reports patient medicated without incident.

1833 phone - Susp activity services rendered. Location/address: 44 block - Bond St. Report of a white truck with 2 men hitching something up to the fire hydrant. N422 on a private detail on E. Hoyle St. reports this is associated with that project.

2125 phone - Disturbance area search negative. Location/address: 139 block playground - Norwest Dr. Resident believes 1 shot fired from this area. Units checked-no one outside, no footprints in the snow.

2239 initiated - Animal complaint taken/referred to other. Location/address: Hoyle St. + Walpole St. N667 reports a dog running loose in area. N.A.C.O. Picked up same.

Deaths

EGAN

Lawrence, E., 75, of Norwood for 50 yrs., on Jan. 18. A.U.S. Army Veteran. A retired Engineer for Walsh Bros. Construction Co. and retired Vice President for Volpe Construction Co. Lawrence was a Norwood Town Meeting Member, he also was a member and former President of the Norwood Parent Music Assoc. Beloved husband of 50 yrs to Nancy M. (Bresnahan) Egan. Devoted father of Lauren E. Egan of Franklin, Lyn Short and her husband David of Norwood and Lawrence E. Egan Jr. and his wife Corinne of Marstons Mills. Brother of Robert Egan of S. Natick and the late Thomas Egan and Nancy (Egan) Sartanowicz. Brother in law of Mitchell Sartanowicz. Beloved cousin of Jane Murphy of Belmont. Cherished grandfather of Kelly Short, Kristen Short and Matthew Chivallati. Son of the late Thomas H. and Bridie (Howard) Egan. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Interment at Highland Cemetery. Donations may be made in his name to International Rett Syndrome Foundation 600 Devitt Drive Cincinnati, Ohio 45246.

HENRY

Peter E., 75, of Norwood, on Dec. 10. Peter was born in Norwood on Aug. 4, 1935. He attended schools in Norwood, and then went on to graduate from Wentworth Institute and Blue Hills Regional. Peter was a member of the Amvets, the Norwood Retired Men's Club and the Norwood Council of Aging. He was an avid sports fan, golfer and loved to camp. Devoted father of James L. Henry, of Livermore, Maine, Michelle Lee of Livermore, Maine and Barry Henry of Weld, Maine. He had four grandchildren who live in Maine. A memorial service was held at his home, Dec. 13, with funeral services and burial private.

McFARLAND

Bridget "Betty" Elizabeth (Lydon), 91, of Norwood, on Jan. 22. She was born in Norwood on March 10, 1919. Betty was a retired Cook for Bubbling Brook Ice Cream Parlor in Westwood. She was the Beloved wife of the late Alvin J. McFarland. Devoted mother of Carol A. Flodin and her husband Lee of Burrillville, RI. Sister of Katherine Swenor of CA., Anna Lydon, Rita Wight, Helen McLean, Mary Dorothy Bilotta all of Norwood and the late Maryann Lydon and Peter Lydon. Daughter of the late Michael and Annie (Connolly) Lydon. Funeral arrangement by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home. Interment Highland Cemetery Norwood.

RUGGERI

Francesco, 92, of Norwood 20 Yrs formerly of Roslindale, on Jan. 22. Francesco was born in Sicily on Nov. 9, 1918 and served in the Italian Army during World War II. He is a retired Union Laborer. Francesco was the Beloved husband of the late Carolina (Venuto) Ruggeri. Devoted father of Nicolo Ruggeri of Westwood, Antonino Ruggeri of Norwood, Letteria Pino of Australia, Giuseppe Ruggeri of Everett, Rosa Brancato of Walpole and the late Sebastiano Ruggeri. Brother of Antonino Ruggeri of Sicily, Teresa Ruggeri of Sicily and the late Vincenza Ruggeri. Also survived by 13 grandchildren, 1 late grandson Joseph Brancato, 22 great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, brother in laws and sister in laws. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home. Interment was at St. Michael's Cemetery, Boston.

WHITE

Nancy (Porazzo) White, 73, formerly of Ocala, Fla. and Norwood, on Jan. 16. Devoted daughter of the late Joseph & Josephine Porazzo. Loving mother of Roxanne and Joseph of Florida, and Scott of Kansas. Grandmother of Jerry, Renee and Katlyn. Great-grandmother to Aiden and Madelyn. Devoted sister of Lorraine Ford and Diane Brown. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Donations in Nancy's name can be sent to: The MS Society, Greater NE Chapter, PO Box 845945, Boston MA 02284-5945.

Condolences Extended To:

Arlene Gemba on the loss of her sister, Bernice I. (Drake) Urquhart, of Millis, Jan. 12.

Library Events

LUCY THE R.E.A.D. DOG TO VISIT THE LIBRARY

On Saturday, Jan. 29, from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog will visit the Morrill Memorial Library. Lucy is a trained companion dog who loves to listen to children read. She even turns the pages of her own book! Suitable for beginner readers and older. Please register at the children's desk of the library, or call 781-769-0200 X225. For more information, fun games, and photos of her previous library visits, go to her website at: <http://web.me.com/lucythereaddog>.

MONDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Come to the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, Feb. 7 at

7 p.m. to watch The Great Debaters in celebration of Black History Month. Starring Oprah Winfrey and two-time Academy Award winner Denzel Washington, who is also the director, The Great Debaters is based on a true story about a professor at a small African-American college in Texas who inspires his students to form the school's first debate team that goes on the challenge Harvard in the national championship. Sign up for this free film at the library Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x222. Our Monday Night at the Movies series is made possible through the generosity of the

Library

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NORFOLK COUNTY RAILROAD CLUB CANCELATION

Rather than take a chance on a prolonged no-easter, the Thursday, Jan. 27 meeting of the Norfolk County Railroad Club at the Morrill Memorial Library has been canceled. The "snow" date for Gordon Cochrane's not-to-be missed camera tour of California's fabulous rail museums is rescheduled to Wednesday, April 27. Our next meeting, featuring Bill Butler will be Wednesday, Feb. 23, at the library, with details to come.

TEAMWORK TRIVIA NIGHT

The Norwood High School Alumni Association will host a Teamwork Trivia Night at the Norwood Elks on Friday, Jan 28 from 7-11 p.m. featuring Host DJ Mr. Ed. Cost is \$15 per person or tables of 10 are \$150. Checks c/o Norwood High School Alumni Association sent to Paula Pelaggi or Jerry Miller at Norwood Civic Center, 165 Nahatan St., Call 781-762-7861, respond on FB or e-mail ppelaggi@aol.com.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL MONTHLY MEETING

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill—South Norfolk affiliate will hold its monthly meeting in Cafeteria B of the Lorusso Building at Norwood Hospital at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 3. 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. The Alliance welcomes all families in the South Norfolk Area who are dealing with mental illness and their loved ones. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled if the Norwood schools have closed. For further information call 508-668-2941.

11th ANNUAL EARLY CHILDHOOD FAIR

The 11th Annual Early Childhood Fair, sponsored by Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant for Norwood Public Schools. The fair named "A Morning of Fun for Preschoolers", will include preschool activities and crafts with Jungle Jim-Balloon Sculptor, Burt the Raccoon Puppet, Norwood Fire Dept. and concert by Rick Goldin. All activities are free and will take place Saturday, Feb. 5, from 10-11:45 a.m. at the F.A. Cleveland Elementary School, 33 George F. Willett Pkwy. There is NO pre-registration required for this event. If you have any questions please call Jeanne Morrison at Norwood Public Schools - 781-440-5983 or by email at jmorrison@norwood.k12.ma.us.

DOG LICENSES NOW AVAILABLE

The Town Clerk's office would like to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that the 2011 Dog Licenses are now available. All dogs three months old or older must be licensed. Licenses are issued on a calendar basis, Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. Fees are \$20 for both male and female dogs, \$15 for spayed female and neutered male. Certificate showing the dog was spayed or neutered must be shown. Rabies certificate must also be shown. The Town Clerk's office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

LOCK-UP EVENT FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

Arresting Officers from the Muscular Dystrophy Association are on the lookout for community leaders in the towns of Norwood, Westwood, and Walpole who have been accused of having a "big heart"! Once arrested and taken into custody by the MDA officers, this group of "Most Wanted" business leaders will be serving time behind bars - FOR GOOD! These voluntary arrests will be made on Feb. 16, where the "Jailbirds" will be taken to a mock jail at Napper Tandy's for the Lock-Up event. The prisoners will raise bail for their release to benefit MDA. Napper Tandy's on 46 Day St., will host the benefit event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Special thanks to owner John Jacobs and Chef Jeff McGourty who will provide complimentary "bread and water", AKA a deli-

cious lunch, to participants as they serve their time in the cell block. Local businesses in the town will be teaming up to make a difference in the lives of individuals living in the local area that are affected by a neuromuscular disease. Jailbirds will be calling vendors, friends, and family members to reach their bail to help send two children to MDA Summer Camp! Goodwill Ambassador Mandi Keller will be presiding as our official Lock-Up Judge! Some of MDA's Most Wanted locals are: Camille Brooks of the Hampton Inn; Lauri Ryding of Coldwell Bankers, Ed Forsberg from the Norwood Building Department, Matt Shanahan of the Norwood School Department, Mike Canini from the Courtyard Marriott, Michelle Bellanger from Advanced Instruments, Tim McDonough of the Elks Lodge in Norwood, Tonya Donovan of Walgreens, Scott Burnett from Kohl's, Meghan Pendleton from TGIFriday's, and many others are already on the prowl, collecting donations in order to post bail on the 16th!!! If you or anyone you know with a "big heart" is interested in "doing time" at the Lock-Up, would like to make a contribution to bail out a current jailbird, or would like to be a volunteer, please contact Melanie Britto at the local MDA office in Raynham at 508-821-1533 or mbritto@mdausa.org.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BOSTON BLOOD DRIVE

Give Pints for Half-Pints! St. Timothy's Church in Norwood is hosting a Blood Drive on Sunday, Feb. 13 to benefit Children's Hospital Boston. The Children's Hospital Bloodmobile will be at the church parking lot from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. To make an appointment, please call the church at 781-769-2522, ext. 34. For specific questions about donating blood or eligibility, call the Blood Donor Center at 617-355-6677. Each donation can help up to four young patients!

NORWOOD YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION

Registration for the Spring 2011 season for Norwood Youth Soccer is now open. The deadline for Intramural players (U5-U9) is Feb. 18. The deadline for Travel players has passed. Any Travel players registering after the deadline will be placed on a waitlist and charged a \$10 late fee. Register online at <http://www.norwoodsoccer.com>

NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON-DANCE

The Feb. 8 Tuesday meeting of the NRMC will be a Luncheon Dance for all the significant others to attend. The tickets are \$25 a person. The time is noon and the place is the Norwood Elks. John Rampino will be playing for your listening and dancing pleasure. For tickets call George Wallace 781-326-9273 or Joe Cattafe 781-76-4995.

NOMINATION PAPERS AVAILABLE AT TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

The Town Clerk's Office wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that nomination papers for the Annual Town Election to be held on Monday, April 4, 2011 are available in the Town Clerk's Office. Requirements for filing nomination papers: Major offices need 50 signatures of qualified voters. Anyone wishing to run for Town Meeting Member who is not a candidate for re-election needs to obtain 10 signatures of qualified voters in their district. The nomination papers must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office by Monday, Feb. 14, 2011 by 5 p.m.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT TEMPLE BETH DAVID

A Taste of Judaism will be taught by Rabbi Wildstein, Mondays, Jan. 31 and Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. Explore Jewish spirituality, ethics and community with Rabbi Wildstein, who encourages questions and lively discussion. Designed for beginners - Jewish or not. Registration required. Contact Susan in the temple office: info@templebethdavid.net or 781-769-5270. On Sundays, Jan. 30, March 13 and April 3 at 9 a.m. In the Shadow of the Valley: Issues and Jewish Perspectives concerning Death, taught by Rabbi Wildstein. It is not easy to talk about death. However, as we and our parents age, the spiritual and practical concerns about death move from hypo-

thetical and academic, to real questions for which we need answers. Rabbi Wildstein will lead these sessions on our Jewish religious laws and traditions to help learners so that, when the time of need arrives, they will be more prepared. The first session will consider end of life and medical treatment issues. The second will consider rituals, funerals and mourning practices. The third will consider Jewish thoughts on life after death.

NORWOOD HIGH BASEBALL PROGRAM FUNDRAISER

The Norwood High baseball program will be having a fundraiser Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 6 at the Olde Colonial Café, 171 Nahatan St., from 5:30-10 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person which includes donation and buffet style meal. There will be raffle prizes as well. If you are interested in attending you can pay at the door that night or purchase tickets in advance. If you have any questions or are interested in purchasing tickets you can email head coach Jim Sweeney at jsweeney@norwood.k12.ma.us.

DIVORCE RECOVERY SERIES

The Divorce Recovery Series, an eight-week program covering the emotional stages of divorce and offering healing and support to those who are divorced or separated, will be offered at the First Congregational Church of Norwood beginning on Thursday, Jan. 27. The group is led by a professional counselor specializing in divorce issues, and participants are welcome regardless of religious affiliation. The First Congregational Church is located on the corner of Route 1A and Winter Street. The series will meet on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and the cost is \$90. Preregistration is requested. To register or for more information on the series, please call the church office at 781-762-3320.

PNEUMONIA SHOTS

The Norwood Health Department has now expanded its availability of "pneumonia" or Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine (PPSV). In addition to Norwood residents age 65 and older, PPSV is now available to adults 19 through 64 years of age who smoke cigarettes, have asthma or have a high risk medical condition. The vaccine is offered free of charge at the Norwood Health Department, Town Hall, on Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. or by appointment. For more information call the Health Department at 781-762-1240.

To advertise, call The Norwood Record at (781) 769-1725

SECTION A - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID TOWN OF NORWOOD, MA

Sealed bids will be received up to 11:00 A.M. (Verizon time), February 24, 2011, in the Purchasing Department, 3rd Floor, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062 for the following Public Project:

"Roadway & Traffic Signal Improvements - University Avenue PWED"

Bidders must be pre-qualified to perform the work described in these specifications in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 29, Section 8B and Chapter 90, Section 34. The contractors must obtain an Approval Form from the Mass. Highway Department and submit it to the Town of Norwood prior to receiving an official proposal form.

The complete bid package may be obtained in the Purchasing Department during regular business hours. The bid must be filled out and signed as directed herein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed to the Purchasing Department, endorsed with the name and address of the bidder, and marked, "Road & Traffic Signals - University Avenue PWED, CONTRACT NPW-11-10".

A certified check or bid bond, with acceptable surety in favor of the Town of Norwood and equal to at least five percent (5%) of the bid, must be submitted with the bid. The successful bidder shall, within ten (10) days of notification of award furnish the Town a performance bond and labor and materials bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the bid. There shall be a \$100 refundable specification deposit (check only - payable to the Town of Norwood and refundable if plans and specifications are returned within thirty (30) days of the bid opening. There shall also be a separate \$15 non-refundable mailing.

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

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

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

Contractors shall take Affirmative Action to negotiate with qualified minority or women-owned subcontractors in accordance with MGL Chapter 193. For any municipal design or construction project that includes funding provided by the Commonwealth, in whole or in part (such as reimbursements, grants and the like), awarding authorities will need to have MBE and WBE goals incorporated into both the design and construction procurement. The current applicable MBE and WBE goals developed by DCAM in consultation with SOMWBA are 8% MBE and 4% WBE on design contracts and 7.4% MBE and 4% WBE on construction contracts.

The successful bidder shall be required to submit documentation that all employees to be employed in the work subject to this bid have successfully completed a course in construction safety and health approved by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration that is at least 10 hours in duration. Any employee found on a worksite subject to this section without documentation of successful completion of a course in construction safety and health approved by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration that is at least 10 hours in duration shall be subject to immediate removal.

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

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Grateful thanks. —A.B.

Norwood students receive honors

QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

The following Norwood residents were named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2010 semester at Quinnipiac University: Carly Chubet, Jenine Hajjar, and Kimberlee Mansfield.

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2010 semester at Assumption College. Assumption students must achieve a GPA of 3.5 or higher to make the Dean's List. Megan F. Folan, the class of 2014, Kerriann M. Lessard, the class of 2011, Megan E. Libbey, the class of 2013.

NICHOLAS KEDZIERSKI NAMED TO CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S LIST

Nicholas Kedzierski, has been named to the Fall 2010 Champlain Col-

lege President's List for academic achievements and earning a 4.0 grade average. Kedzierski is majoring in Computer Networking and Information Security. Kedzierski's parents are John and Karen Kedzierski.

AREA RESIDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

The following area residents have been named to the Dean's List at Providence College for the Fall 2010 semester. Listed by name and graduating class: Daniel Anderson, 2012, McKayla Burns, 2012, Mark El Bach, 2011, Nicole Folan, 2012, William Kalinowski, 2011, Laura O'Connor, 2011, Zachary Odachowski, 2011, Kaitlin Searfoss, 2011, Meghan Shilo, 2013, Benjamin Weidenaar, 2014. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must achieve at least a 3.55 grade point average with a minimum of 12 credits.

MASSASOIT ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

Massasoit Community College's is pleased to announce its Fall 2010 Dean's List of students from Norwood:

Eric Amoah, Donna Bartlett, Zachary Block, Jayssica Chiuchiolo, Ryan Costigan, Daniel Gingras, Eric Kewriga, Gayle Lewis, Yimy Romero-Perez, Samantha Ruch, Joelle Saade, JeanBaptiste Sanon, Amber Smith, Jessica Spence.

NORWOOD STUDENTS ON CURRY COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

Curry College's Chief Academic Officer David Potash is pleased to announce the following Norwood residents attained membership to the Curry College Dean's List for the Fall 2010 term: Jaclyn Cucinotta, Heather Flaherty, Kristin Salute, Lisa Samargedlis, and Enrik Uka.

LOCAL STUDENT HONORED AT ITHACA COLLEGE

Norwood resident, Sarah A. Stanley, was inducted into Ithaca College's Oracle Honor Society in November. The fall ceremony honors students who have completed their first semester ranked in the top five percent of their academic schools. Ms. Stanley is a Music Performance Ed. Voice major in the college's School of Music.

FINE MORTUARY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES DEAN'S

FINE Mortuary College, LLC: A Private Two Year College, Located at 150 Kerry Place, is proud to announce the Dean's List for the Fall 2010 Term. Louis Hebbelink II, Kathryn Olander and Madison Sullivan earned Honors as full time students. Christen Bergeson, Lee Ann Laorenza, Kelly Mahoney-Miller, Karalyn Rodrigues and Juliann Zinsner all earned High Honors as part time students. Part-time students who made Honors are: Stacey Alves, Cory Dell'Aquila, Katelyn Estes, James Farrell, Robert Fisher, Jeffrey Gigliello, Courtney Grid, Kyle Kokosa, Diane Leitao, Tara McCarron, Chris Northrop, Grainne O'Leary, Heather Reiter, Andrew Stern, Joseph Stevens, Yesenia Torres and Kimberly Wallace.

CATHOLIC MEMORIAL SCHOOL 1st QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Mr. Richard Chisholm, Principal of Catholic Memorial School, has recognized the following Norwood students for achieving placement on the first

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RYAN NELSON HONORED AT SPEECH TOURNAMENT

Twenty-one students from Catholic Memorial's Middle School Program, along with eight pairs of parent judges and Coach Ellen Eberly, attended the Nashoba Brooks Middle School Speech Competition on Dec. 5. Of those who competed, four earned individual awards, including eighth grader Ryan Nelson, honored with a fifth place trophy for his performance in the category of duo interpretation.

NORWOOD YOUTHS EARN BOSTON COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

Brendan Dara O'Malley '11, Dinesh James

Winsor McGinty '12 and Joseph Peter Thomas '12 of Norwood achieved Honors for the First Quarter at Boston College High School. For Honors a student must have at least a 3.2 QPA and all grades "C-" or higher. Boston College High School is a Jesuit, Catholic, college-preparatory school for young men founded in 1863. The school enrolls approximately 1500 students from more than 100 communities in eastern Massachusetts.

NORWOOD STUDENT ELECTED TO LEAD PACE UNIVERSITY STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Confidence Ekeanyanwu, a Senior and Biology Major at Pace University, has been elected President of Pace University's African Students At Pace at the Pleasantville Campus.

NORWOOD STUDENTS DECLARE MAJORS AT PACE UNIVERSITY

The following students have declared majors at Pace University in New York this fall: Jonathan Gallugi, is a junior this fall at Pace University's Pleasantville campus and has decided to major in Telecommunications. Joseph Kiwanuka, is a junior this fall at Pace University's New York City campus and has decided to major in Marketing. Pace University is recognized for professionally-oriented programs in business, law, arts and sciences, information technology, education, and nursing, with a core curriculum based in the liberal arts.

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Friends of the Library. The library is accessible to people with disabilities.

SIGN-UP FOR WEEKLY WINTER STORYTIMES AT THE LIBRARY

Stop by the Children's Room of the Morrill Memorial Library, Norwood, to sign-up for the Weekly Winter Storytimes. Storytimes will run for 6 weeks, through Feb. 14. 3 year olds storytimes will be on Thursdays, from 10 - 10:30, and 4 & 5 year olds will meet on Tuesdays from 10 - 10:30. Lapsits, storytime programs for children under 3 and their caregivers, will meet on Fridays from 10:30 - 11, and 11:30 - 12. The earlier Lapsit requires registration, while the second Lapsit is a drop-in program. For more information about weekly storytimes or to find out about the other children's programs, check out the library website at norwoodlibrary.org, or call 781-769-0200 X225.

CHOCOLATE AT OUR LIBRARY!

Join chocolatier Maria Poirier Brandriff at the Morrill Memorial Library on Wednesday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. for a memorable and mouthwatering presentation. Get in the mood for Valentine's Day or just warm up on a winter evening by indulging in some rich, satisfying chocolate. Maria will discuss the varieties of chocolate available and demonstrate the basics of making chocolate truffles. Samples of her

confections will be available. Currently Asst. Dir. of the Cheshire Public Library in CT, Maria started out as a self-taught chef largely inspired by Julia Child. Her strong interest in dessert and pastry- making evolved into a passion for creating chocolate. In 2001 she received a Certificate of Gastronomy from the University of New Haven and in 2004 she took a private course in chocolate making with a professional chocolatier in the city of Arles in Provence, France. Class size is limited to 50 people and registration is required. Sign up at the library Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x222. This free program is funded by the Friends of the Library. The library is accessible to people with physical disabilities.

St. Jude's Novena

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BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Hellenic Health Care will be available at the senior center for Blood

Pressure screening only on the first Wednesday of each month.

SHINE

We now have two Counselors scheduled to assist you. Carol on Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please call 781-762-1201 for an appointments.

NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB

Board of Directors meet the 1st

Tuesday of each month at 10 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.

CRIBBAGE

The seniors meet every Monday at 1 p.m. in the Senior Center library to play cribbage. If you would like to join, arrive at the center early to be sure you get a table.

BOCCE COURTS AND HORSESHOES

We have closed our Bocce Courts and Horseshoe Pits for the winter. Please check in with us in the Spring.

INDOOR WALKING

Indoor walking in the School Gym continues every Monday through Friday from 9 - 11 a.m.

MINI FIX-IT SHOP

We are very saddened by the passing of our wonderful friend, Mike Bassile. In Mike's memory, Bunny Conrad will continue on and will be joined by Alan Howard, who has volunteered to assist Bunny. The workshop will be open on the second and fourth Monday of each month. This is a free service except for parts you may need to purchase. Please, no televisions.

WHIST PARTY

The whist parties are held on the 4th Friday of each month from 1-3 p.m.

OIL PAINTING

Next oil painting class is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 28.

WAXING

Angela will be available Monday, Jan. 31 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Sign up at front desk.

LINE DANCING

Afternoon dances with Dave Valerio on the 5th Friday of the month from 12:30 to 3 p.m. \$5. April 29, July 29 and Sept. 30.

DIABETES WORKSHOP

We will hold a workshop on Thursday, Jan. 27, at 11 a.m. The Hellenic Health Care of Canton facilitates the workshop.

ALTERATIONS AND MENDING

Bring your alterations to the senior center on the first Monday of each month, between 1 and 3 p.m. Please attach your name and telephone number to each garment.

UPCOMING TRIPS

All trips require sign up at the Senior Center Front Desk and a deposit is necessary. Feb. 9, "Lion King", Providence-\$99 (Includes play and transportation), Feb. 12, "The Heartstrings"-Luciano's-\$36. (Drive on your own), March 9, "Celtic Nights"-Venus DeMilo-\$65, May 6-

13-Boston to Bermuda Cruise (\$749 p.p. Double Occupancy), May 5-8 "Washington D.C. Trip"-Single \$765.; Double \$595; Triple \$555. T., May 17 "Laughs, Giggles & Grins" Pete Michaels and his "friends" at Luciano's-\$36.95 (Drive on your own), July 19-Spirit of Boston Trip-\$78.

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The Computer Club meets at 1 p.m. each Wednesday in the library. Users of all skill levels are welcome.

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Come and exercise in our fitness room. We currently have two treadmills, a recumbent bicycle and a recumbent elliptical machine.

SENIOR BOWLING

The Senior Bowling league meets every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the Norwood Sports Center. This is a mixed league and three strings are played for \$6.

SENIOR SUPPERS

Caritas Norwood Hospital offers a Senior Supper Program consisting of soup, entree and a drink in the cafeteria from Monday through Friday, 4:45 to 6:45 p.m. The cost is \$5.50.

TAX PREPARATION

There will be a change in the way we schedule tax preparation this year. With the new set-up you will be signing up for a specific date and time. Each person will be taken in his/her turn. You will no have the choice of a specific preparer. We hope this will help move things along more smoothly. If you prepare your own taxes and want someone to look it over please make appointment at the last time slot of the day. Sign up began on Jan. 10 and tax returns will start on Feb 11.

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