

Weekend fun in Norwood



Left column: Norwood residents came out in costume to enjoy breakfast with some of their favorite movie, comic and game characters at Backstage Boosters' Breakfast with the Stars event at the Norwood High School Dining Hall on Jan. 23. The characters were played by Norwood Drama participants. Top right: Norwood received more snow during last weekend's winter storm, but younger residents didn't seem to mind, as they took to hills around Norwood with sleds and tubes. Bottom right: The Concerts on the Common Committee kicked off its Winter Concert series on Jan. 24 with a performance by S.O.S. Big Band.

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Staff cuts on the chopping block for schools

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee reviewed \$1,748,884 in potential cuts to the FY17 budget, as well as potential changes to fee structures and other sources of savings on Jan. 20.

The School Committee must reduce its \$42,620,028 proposed budget to meet revenue projects and reach \$40,596,559.

Superintendent James Hayden proposed a series of operational reductions totaling \$68,127 and personnel reductions totaling \$1,680,757. This would leave \$274,585 more in reductions until the target is met.

"There'll be more, but that's the beginning," Hayden said.

According to Hayden, personnel reductions would account for 24.3 FTE's and around 19 existing positions.

The actual positions cut would include six positions at the elementary school, seven at the middle school and six at the high school.

At the elementary level, this would mean losing a grade three teacher at the Balch, a grade five teacher at the Callahan, a grade one and a grade two teacher at the Oldham, and a grade one and grade three teacher at the Prescott school.

The direct impact, Hayden pointed out, was an increase in class sizes from the teens to the twenties. The elementary schools would also be sacrificing proposed positions, including teachers, to eliminate class sizes as high as 28, an ELL teacher and an adjustment counselor.

Hayden said the middle school was still putting together its figures, and six existing positions to be cut, totaling \$330,000 had not yet been identified. That said, the

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HI GUYS, A TRUE LOVE STORY Kelli went to Ursuline Academy and Trevor went to Xaverian Brothers. They met through friends and began dating in their junior year, which continued for more than six years. When it came time for college, each selected a different school to prepare for their own futures, Kelli went to Roger Williams, and Trevor, Quinnipiac. Being apart for four years was difficult, as they cared very much about each other. After graduation, they moved to Connecticut upon securing jobs.

On the occasion of their six-year anniversary Trevor said that he had a surprise for Kelli. "Trevor was always doing something nice for me," said Kelli, and I was excited about spending an anniversary date at a surprise location. They drove back home to Massachusetts to Trevor's parents' home to get ready. As they prepared to leave for the surprise location, Trevor's brother, Cory, was taking pictures, not unusual as Cory is a photographer.

Kelli and Trevor drove to Boston and parked in the Common. They began to walk along the shoreline of the Charles River. At sunset, they walked over to a Gondola, where a Gondolier and a violinist were waiting. They stepped into the Gondola and were presented with a basket of fruits and cheeses along with champagne. As they were enjoying their ride on the Charles, Trevor asked Kelli to pick up a bottle that was floating in the river. She needed encouragement from Trevor to touch the bottle thinking it was trash and litter. She picked it up and inside the bottle was a beautiful love letter from Trevor. With 'water works,' she read the letter aloud to the last sentence which read, 'This is why I have to ask you...' And the rest is history, it wasn't an anniversary gift, it was a proposal! As Kelli looked up, Trevor was on one knee with a



Jackie Saber

ring in his hand. Of course Kelli said yes. She was totally surprised and was in a bit of shock. Then the questions to Trevor, 'Do our parents know,

rived home that evening, Trevor's brother presented them with a slideshow of the entire proposal on the Gondola, beautiful memories Trevor and Kelli will have forever. Kelli Kadlick hails from our town and Trevor Larrubia from Ashland. They will marry next year and we wish them a lifetime of fun and happiness!

NFD RETIRES THREE Through retirement, Our Town is losing three of our NFD's most experienced personnel. We thank Captain Robert Henry for 33 years of service, Captain Kevin Romines for 30 years of service, and Senior Firefighter Joseph McDonough for 34 years of service. Thank you for all you have done for Our Town with wishes for good health and happiness in your well deserved retirements!



you didn't seem nervous, how did you get the bottle into the water?'

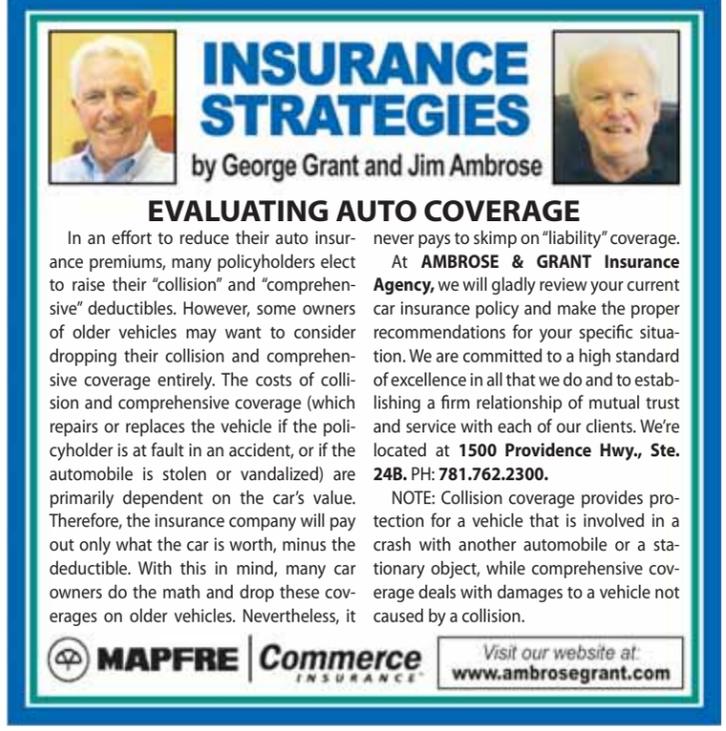
After they exited the Gondola, Trevor took Kelli to her favorite restaurant in the North End with another surprise, with both sets of parents there to congratulate them and join the celebration. When they ar-

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MORE MONEY NEEDED? We hope that the Town can manage to avoid another over-

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by George Grant and Jim Ambrose

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Selectmen review FY2017 budget presentations

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen reviewed budget presentations from Town government departments during its Jan. 26 meeting.

Town Manager John Carroll said that while the Town's allocation to work with was \$33,215,366, the first pass requests totaled \$35,142,427. This represented a gap of \$1,927,061 that needed to be met. Carroll said he made \$2,000,014 in requests for cuts from the departmental budgets to cover that gap.

Carroll said because of the cuts, the general government would have \$87,000 that could be "theoretically placed back into the budget." For the cuts that were made, most were moved over into capital expenditure requests, which would require borrowing. These included items like \$141,000 for police radio cars, though Carroll said "a lot of these are not going to happen."

Town Accountant Tom McQuaid also reviewed the Town's approximately \$2 million overage on snow and ice removal during fiscal 2015. He recalled that Town Meeting approved that half of the amount be taken from free cash in 2015, and in May, the Town would request another \$449,220 from fiscal 2016 free cash to cover much of the first year of delayed payments that the state allowed. More money would need to be applied to that debt in fiscal 2017.

"Even though they let you overspend on snow and ice, you have to pay it eventually,"

McQuaid said.

For most of the departments, increases that remained in the budget were largely due to salaries and associated pay, stemming from step increases and cost of living increases.

The Recreation Department said it had initially requested funding to sand the gym floor in the civic, as well as take care of air conditioning in the weight room and some lighting. These projects added up to around \$67,000 that were deferred. Recreation Department Superintendent Gerry Miller said the department would also move a request for Coakley Middle School playground provisions to capital expenditures as well, as this was likely an \$80,000 expense.

Miller said the Coakley athletic facilities were the "lynchpin" of the Town's outdoor programming and where the "bulk of the use is." He said the Town does not have a fully ADA-compliant playground and adding a Coakley Playground would take care of this need.

The Public Works Department presented many level-funded or reduced budgets, or in the case of a sewer maintenance budget line, funds included for a study were cut because of a donation that could be used to cover the costs instead.

Refuse removal was up \$40,000, Superintendent Mark Ryan said, and the Town was entering the fourth year of its five-year contract with Waste Management. The Town was essentially at \$183 per ton of waste removed. The Public Works

overtime budget was increased by \$6,000, and Ryan said the Department usually ends up exceeding the budgeted amount anyways.

The Department was going to request, through borrowing, around \$300,000 for new equipment, including two vehicles that needed to be replaced as soon as possible. Vehicles Ryan identified were the one-ton dump truck and one of the Town's frontloaders that dates back to 1991.

Ryan said that chapel renovations needed in 2009 would have been in the \$700,000 range, but the cost estimates have increased by \$100,000 or so each year since. He said this project was again headed for borrowing requests.

Ryan introduced a \$251,000 request - as opposed to the previous year's \$19,250 - for resurfacing around seven and a half miles of sidewalk. He said they would try to borrow \$250,000 of that amount. He said work had last been done in 2005, when \$500,000 allowed for around 18 miles of sidewalk.

This year, Ryan said the initial snow removal request was for \$670,000, but it was reduced to \$550,000 based on analysis of the systems in place, which he said was "right around where we should be."

Chief of Police Bill Brooks said his department's salary line was up around 1.7 percent, but

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So, has anyone calculated the blast radius?

The Board of Selectmen will decide whether developers E.W. Development can store 37,000 gallons of propane underground at 70 Endicott. The Boston-based developers are part of the project team for Endicott Woods, a 14 building, 112-unit townhome development on 13.5 acres of land at the end of Endicott Street, near the Norwood Commerce Center, that has been nearing completion. According to E.W. development, they would likely use 750 gallon tanks, if approved, and the tanks would be scattered throughout the site according to where the townhomes are.

So, by doing some basic math, $37,000/750 =$ Holy Crap! They want to stick somewhere between 40 and 50 propane tanks on that piece of property? Well, at least a quick Google search of pictures of 750 gallon propane tanks will confirm they are only the size of...Holy Crap! They are really that

big? Okay, okay, before working ourselves into a lather at least we know it was the developers last resort since National Grid confirmed they can't possibly get natural gas to that location. Hey, wait a minute...isn't that Endicott location surrounded by natural gas pipelines servicing addresses surrounding the Endicott Townhouses? A quick phone call to National Grid confirms that not only is there natural gas servicing the area, they also confirmed they could service the Endicott townhouses with natural gas. So, what gives? And we won't even bring up the possibility of utilizing oil instead of propane.

It turns out the developers chose to use a series of propane tanks because they were told that the work queue for 2015 was filled and they would have to wait, once an order was placed with National Grid,

to get onto the queue for 2016. So, Selectmen need to decide if they should approve the tanks based, perhaps almost exclusively, on the fact that it is more convenient for the developers financially to get the units occupied as quickly as possible, against the possible disruptions and danger posed by these tanks to the neighborhood it occupies and surrounding areas.

Now, to be fair, Fire Chief Anthony Greeley doesn't feel there is a threat to the public, and this newspaper respects his opinion greatly. That being written, no one can say for sure they are a flawless solution. Propane fumes are highly flammable and hazardous when inhaled. Though these tanks are underground, propane is heavier than air, so absorption by soil is also a concern because unlike natural gas which is lighter than air and dissipates as it rises and you can smell it, soil can strip the odorant

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Letters to the Editor

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Letter to the Editor:

In the last few days, several residents have approached this writer at the library, post office and grocery store to talk about, among other things, the articles appearing on the front page of the Norwood Record. These residents are extremely disappointed and depressed by what is happening in town.

There is no such thing now as Norwood strong; Norwood is weak. Developers know it and are running roughshod over state and town officials. Norwood has gone from a bucolic town into the City in the Suburbs. Residents are wondering how and why all this has been allowed to happen.

Campanelli/Upland Woods morphed from a business contract into a Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40B, affordable housing development of 268 units. David Marcus/Forbes Hill's application for another Chapter 40B for 300 one, two, and three-bedroom apartment units is presently before the state's Housing Appeals Committee. Avalon Bay/Plimpton Press is coming before Norwood's Zoning Board of Appeal next Tuesday, Feb. 2, at Memorial Hall, with an application for another Chapter 40B for 218 apartment units.

It is contrary to reason that applications for additional 40Bs in Norwood are being presented while Forbes Hill's application is being contested. Don't forget Regal was approved for 44 units. So, the total number of studio, one, two, and three-bedroom apartment units in Norwood adds up to 830 so far, and that does not include the projects on the Record's front page. How many people will all those units house? How many automobiles?

There is a request by a developer to permit storage of underground gas tanks containing a total of 37,000 gallons (2,000 gallons are maximum) for 14 buildings of 112 units at 70 Endicott St. (Public hearing in Selectmen's Office is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 9.) Moreover, why would a local owner wish to demolish an historic building at 82-84 Chapel St. in order to construct a building 31 percent larger than the original, have major parking, traffic, and water issues, and be detrimental to the neighborhood? (Public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 16, before the Zoning Board at Town Hall.) Add to this mix the possibility of a town-wide operational override plus trash fees.

These projects are creating a harmful effect on this town's residents and services. Young couples are moving to Westwood, Walpole and Medfield, primarily for schools. Norwood's population has a large number of senior citizens and most of them would like to stay in their own homes or move into an over-55 residence. Those of middle age are working hard, some with two jobs, just to make ends meet. One resident said he has "not seen a pay raise in three years" and "feels lucky" to have a job to support his family.

No wonder residents are disappointed and depressed. Well, enough is enough. See you at the Public Hearings.

Judith Howard Town Meeting Member - 3

A BIG THANK YOU

Letter to the Editor:

Before we get too much further into the new year, all of us at the Norwood Food Pantry would like to thank the people of our community for their incredible outpouring of generosity over the holidays.

The food drives you organized and your gifts of time, food, and cash made this season so much warmer and brighter for your hungry neighbors. And the toys and other gifts you donated for the children of these families in need helped make this Christmas a happy memory they will treasure for a lifetime.

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Ruth Taeger, Executive Director

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PLENTY OF PARKING IN REAR



The developers for the Endicott Woods condo development on Endicott Street are seeking a license to store 37,000 gallons of aggregate propane underground. A public hearing will be held on Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Selectmen's chambers.

PHOTO BY SAM NICKERSON

NFD Chief not concerned with Endicott Woods propane request

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

Though it seems like a rather large request, Norwood Fire Department Chief Anthony Greeley said a request for a license to store 37,000 gallons of propane underneath the Endicott Woods development is mostly an issue of "semantics."

The developers for the around 112-unit, townhouse-style development are requesting a license instead of a permit because the aggregate amount stored exceeds 2,000 gallons. This license application triggered the public hearing that is to take place on Feb. 9.

According to Greeley, the reason the developers are ap-

plying for such a large amount is because all of the units are on one parcel of land and under common ownership of the condo association. If the units were individually-owned and on separate parcels, the total would only reflect what was needed for each group of units.

"It's not one tank, but a

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because they were replacing many departing officers with younger officers at a lower salary, this only reflected cost of living. Also, he was able to report decreases in longevity pay, though holiday pay was up half a percent. He said the department was struggling a bit with overtime and that they had three officers out on medical leave.

Brooks proposed an intended change to his command staff, in which a deputy chief would be selected from the five lieutenants.

Fire Chief Tony Greeley said the department's equipment requests, including a car and one other machine, had been moved to capital expenditure requests. Overtime re-

call and substitution pay were both increased by nominal amounts. Overall, Greeley said the department's bottom line was up three percent.

Greeley said he anticipated a stipend transfer to cover a Fire Investigator, as current Fire Investigator Billy Turner was retiring and Greeley said the position is actually referred to as a team and should include at least two existing members of the department. The move would not increase the number of staff, but would compensate firefighters who are certified in fire investigation.

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Daily registration of voters will be conducted at the Town Clerk's office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 P.M.

A mail-in registration form is now available at Norwood Morrill Memorial Library and the Norwood Post Office.

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Hajjar to seek Selectman seat

To the residents of the Town of Norwood,

My name is David Hajjar and I am announcing my candidacy for the office of the Board of Selectmen. I have lived in Norwood for almost 50 years. Along with my wife Elaine, I have raised three great children, all of whom went through our school system. We have also opened our home to a young foster child, who has lived with us since June 2015.

I have been an active member of our great community. I was the Scoutmaster of Troop 42 for four-and-a-half years and currently maintain an Assistant Scoutmaster position. I have been on the Town's Personnel Board since it was established in 2003 (13 years), serving as Chairman for seven years. I have served as Chairman of the recent 1.5 percent Task Force. I am currently an active Town Meeting member.

I recently retired from Verizon Communications af-



David Hajjar

ter 33 years. All of my years at Verizon were in their Real Estate Department. I directed their facility design and construction, their property management or technical services functions for a large geographic area. My most recent position was in their strategic planning group which was responsible for the facility location prioritization on a going forward basis for half of the

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As your Selectman I will be available to you, work for you and listen to you in order to keep Norwood the wonderful place my family and I call home.

If you wish to join me in making a difference, contact me at dehajjar@gmail.com or on 617-680-2061.

I look forward to meeting many of you along the campaign trail.

David E. Hajjar Norwood

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school would be losing a middle school reading teacher - resulting in the loss of Title I funding - and a proposed .6 foreign language. The middle school, Hayden did say, would not be returning to a split seventh and eighth grade team.

At the high school, Hayden said they were still waiting on final numbers, but would also be asked to find six existing positions to be cut, also totaling \$330,000, in addition to a proposed foreign language teacher and funding for a middle/high school SPED department chair.

Hayden said in addition to avoiding high class sizes based on current projections, he was also keeping an eye on One Upland - which already has two high school students enrolled - and the other housing developments going up around town.

Member John Badger reiterated that the 19 positions were "real people in the schools who we'd be cutting."

Hayden said that the number was not final, as things are subject to change with hire downs and state or federal money estimates. He urged staff to hold off on beginning to look for another job.

"Other districts love the fact that we do this because they get well trained people that they don't have to train, and they get a discount and lure them away from us," Hayden said. "What happens in situations like this, we try to tell our staff that we're fighting hard for them ... some will go out and look for other jobs now."

Member Patrick McDonough said the middle school should be the Committee's "big focus this year," and said he was "hesitant" about the number of cuts on the table. He said that in past practice, the higher number tends to get lower as the budgeting process goes on.

Hayden said that the first pass number is "the most difficult one to reach" but afterwards, it be-

comes easier to move funds around or make non-personnel reductions.

Badger said the 19 cuts on the table now "speak volumes" for the value of an override, showing that they would be able to buy 19 positions back with that money. In the meantime, there were at least "19 very scared people out there."

Member Lisa Igoe questioned why personnel were already being looked at as a source of reductions before more "inanimate objects" and fees or buses.

"In my opinion, I don't think that's the first place we go," she said, noting that younger, energetic teachers would be lost because their jobs were always on the line.

Hayden cautioned that the "process does evolve," even though it "looks bleak right now."

Operational reductions included things like instructional supplies at all the schools - leaving \$65 per pupil at the elementary schools, \$93 per pupil at the middle school and \$112 per pupil at the high schools - textbooks, and library books.

The operational reductions also included cuts to the school conference line item by \$40 per teacher at each level, reductions in substitution overtime peak load and in office supplies.

The Committee held off on voting on the proposed reductions until the final numbers were in from the middle and high school and the positions to be lost could be identified. In the meantime, it asked Hayden to research several fee structures and changes that could lead to savings.

Hayden was directed to look into raising bus fees - bus passes currently cost \$250 - as the fees do not cover the cost of the buses, but pay for gas, as well as what the impact would be if bussing was eliminated at the high school. Hayden said changing busing could affect school day hours for middle schools and could throw off

the tiered system currently in place.

The Committee also expressed interest in bringing an article related to funding a buildings and grounds study to Town Meeting. Among the goals of the study would be to look at the feasibility of closing a school to provide savings.

Hayden said closing a smaller elementary school would mean eliminating around six teachers, a principal, secretary, nurse and two custodians, but could lead to \$535,995 in savings after bus expenses. Reopening a school would mean bringing it back up to code, however.

Member Courtney Rau Rogers suggested since Oldham and Callahan would be most impacted by the Upland Woods development, both could be closed and relocated to the Savage Center, while the Willett could move the Oldham School and the central administration could move to the Callahan.

Hayden said there would be complications with the buildings and the current Savage Center tenants, who pay rent to the district, and an architect would be needed to tell the district about what would be needed to bring the Savage up to school codes. He said they would need to continue to examine enrollment projections with an eye on the apartments being built around town.

Hayden also reviewed athletic and fine arts fees. It is currently \$200 per athlete, with an \$800 cap per family and performance fees for fine arts were \$150 per event.

Igoe said she didn't want the committee to be "taxing those families" that are involved and suggested a flat activities fee assessed to all students, as is done in many colleges. She said it might make it so students get more involved as well.

Hayden said he would have to look into whether it was legal for a public school district to do something like that.



Norwood's English Language Learner programs met all of their annual objectives dictated by state laws in 2015. Superintendent James Hayden said the techniques have also helped students in the mainstream.

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Norwood ELL students doing well

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

According to data collected by the district and the state in 2015, Norwood Public Schools is meeting the needs of its English Language Learners and helping them exceed standards.

According to Assistant Superintendent Alec Wyeth, Norwood met its Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives - a state Department of Education standard - for Limited English Proficient Students in all three areas for the second year in a row.

The first objective was measuring progress in learning the English language, which Wyeth called a growth statistic comparable to MCAS. He said the district's target was 51% growth, but Norwood reported a 68% growth, reflecting 130 of the district's English Language Learner population.

Wyeth said this was "tremendous."

The second objective reflected the attainment of English language proficiency, of which there are six levels: entering, emerging, developing, expanding, bridging and reaching, at which point the students are ready to move into the mainstream.

Norwood's target was to have 13% of the students at level five or above, but actually reported 18% percent at that level. This was based on 239 English Language Learner students in grades K-12. Wyeth said the number was a bit of a drop from last year's total, which staff would keep an eye on, but it was still a good result.

The third objective was the cumulative progress performance index, which Wyeth said was identical to the MCASS and PARCC progress performance index. The target was 75 points, but Norwood was at 87 points, which Wyeth said was a "very strong indicator that our teachers are doing really good work."

While Norwood has had a "clean record for the past two years," or that the District is meeting all of its Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives for English Language Learners, Wyeth said, Norwood's track record from 2012-2015 shows a "blip in 2013," when the district was not meeting the

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NFD fights home fire and gas leak

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

Norwood Fire Department responded to two more major incidents this month, including a fire and a gas leak caused by a car crash.

On Jan. 22 at around 8:10 p.m., firefighters received word there was a fire at Stonebridge Apartments on Dean Street. When they responded to the scene, they found Building 46 “in alarm,” Department Spokesman George Morrice said.

“Upon further investigation, Captain Mark Boyland encountered a first floor apartment on fire,” Morrice said. “Crews entered the hallway to heavy black smoke and had to force entry into the apartment.”

The kitchen was determined to be on fire in the unit, and the Engine 4 crew knocked down the fire, while Ladder 1 took care of ventilation and searched the second floor of the unit. There were no injuries from the fire, but the residents were displaced due to fire damage. According to Fire Investigator Billy Turner, the fire was an accidental kitchen fire, and Captain Boyland said damage was likely around \$50,000.

Firefighters cleared the



Norwood Fire Department was on hand after a vehicle crashed into a Highland Street home, causing a gas leak that temporarily displaced the residents.

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scene by 10:33 p.m.

Earlier in the week, on Jan. 18, the Department received a call stating that a pickup truck had crashed into a three-family house on Highland Street.

In addition to damaging the block foundation of the building, Morrice said the truck also destroyed three gas meters and their connections into the home. This caused a gas leak, allowing natural gas to flow freely into the home.

The home was evacuated by fire and ambulance crews, including a non-ambulatory inhabitant on the second floor.

The gas pipe was eventu-

ally shut off, but it was unclear whether the underground portion of the pipe was damaged, so the residents were provided temporary housing while the temperatures were cold.

Heat and gas were restored and the Norwood building and plumbing inspectors examined the condition of the home. The gas company was able to restore heat to the home at 10 p.m. that night.

It would not be the last time a car crashed into a house in Norwood this month, as a car on Railroad Avenue crashed into a house there on Jan. 23.

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bunch of tanks here and there for each group of units,” Greeley said. “This is the issue and it’s really not an issue, as multiple neighborhoods in our town heat with underground 500-750 gallon propane tanks.”

Greeley cited streets including Mylod Street, Ryan Drive, Hamilton Circle, and Thompson Road, where around 40 or so individually-owned properties use propane tanks to heat their homes. He also mentioned Sopp Circle and Plantation Drive as locations where residents have propane tanks.

“The reason why a neighborhood like that had to rely on individual underground storage tanks is because the gas company had been unable to bring gas lines down into these neighborhoods,” Greeley said. “The gas company might say, ‘we can’t get there for another year, five years...the developer and the prospective homeowners have to decide, do they want to heat with oil and have a tank in their basement, or have a 500 gallon tank in their yard.’”

Representatives at the Norwood Commerce Center at 61 Endicott – the end of

Endicott Street – said that tenants utilize both natural gas and oil.

“National Grid did not say we could not or would not provide service to the development,” National Grid spokeswoman Mary-Leah Assad said. “National Grid did notify the developer that our work plan for new gas main in 2015 had been fully subscribed for the remainder of the year and that the work would be targeted for the 2016 construction season.”

Assad said that there was no signed agreement between National Grid and Endicott Woods that would have included bringing gas lines to the development into National Grid’s work queue.

Last week, Town Engineer Mark Ryan said the developer had looked into having National Grid install gas, but could not schedule the work in time for building occupancy.

Greeley said two 1,000 gallon tanks were going to be used for two administration and clubhouse-type buildings, while the rest of the tanks would be smaller. He did say that the tanks would not all be

going into the ground at once, but that they would be going in during each construction phase, which likely extends out over several years.

Each of the tank installations, he said, would be permitted by the Fire Department. According to Greeley, the Fire Department visits the site and inspects the location of the tank and makes sure of site plan markings and setbacks, including a 10-foot depth underground. As for the piping to the unit and how the gas feeds into the home, Greeley said that is up to the plumbing inspector to approve.

Greeley said he has spoken to a number of Norwood residents about the issue already, including many on Holly Drive, where natural gas from the street heats many of the homes. He told them that the project would create no new hazard and that the hearing is mainly triggered because the units will all be on one parcel of land.

“We’re erring on the side of caution for sure, as I’ve told many residents so far,” Greeley said.

Sports

Girls Basketball wallops Framingham

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Quick starts enable coaching staffs to tinker around with different lineups and schemes, things they wouldn't have a chance to do in a nail-biter.

By outscoring Framingham 23-4 in the first quarter on Friday night, Norwood head coach Amy Lepley was able to mix and match exactly as she pleased, and she now feels more confident than ever in her team's depth after finishing off a 55-22 pounding of the Flyers at home.

"I'm really lucky to have 12 kids I can put out and feel really confident," said Lepley after the win, the fifth in a row for the Mustangs since a 53-41 setback at Wellesley on Jan. 5. "It's nice to have a game like this that we can work those girls in and get them a little bit more confident."

Eleven of 12 Norwood players scored on Friday night, with three cracking double figures. Starters Meghan Reen and Maura O'Neill each scored 11 points to lead the team, while reserve Caitlan Shaugnessy finished with 10, establishing a new career high in the process.

"Down the stretch, when we have foul trouble or whatever, I feel really confident, and they feel really confident in going in the game and doing what they need to do," said Lepley.

O'Neill's basket on an assist from Alyssa Chamberlain opened scoring for the Mustangs, who never trailed. Framingham tied the game at 2-2, from which point Norwood embarked on a 14-0 run, capped off on a Reen layup off a fast break, courtesy of a steal by O'Neill.

The Mustangs' breathtaking pace slowed considerably in the second quarter, during which time they scored only six points. Hardly a matter, they held the Flyers to just two, taking a 29-6 lead into the locker room.

Lepley didn't seem at all concerned with the drastic drop in scoring from the first quarter to the second. Having a 19-point lead after just eight minutes, it's understandable why.

"There were a lot of different combinations out there, especially in the second quarter," said Lepley, when she began inserting reserves into the game earlier than usual. "I was trying a lot of different girls together, which is great [that] I was able to do that. I think the lack of our offensive execution is just them not being used to playing with one another."

The lead had increased to 31 points by the end of the third quarter, 45-14, and Lepley pulled all of her starters for the entirety of the fourth. Megan Giambanco, Cait and Michelle Brincklow and Kara Mahoney more than held their own, com-



Michelle Brincklow, left, and Maura O'Neill, right, prepare for a defensive set in Norwood's blowout win over Framingham last Friday. A win on Tuesday night over Needham got the girls to 10-2, and thus into the postseason for a third consecutive year.

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binning to outscore Framingham 10-8 in the final quarter.

"We've really been working a lot on offensive execution, and doing a little bit of different stuff," said Lepley of her plans of attack on offense. "Our offense leads us to have different opportunities...off-ball screens, and them reading those screens, so I think they're getting a lot better at reading those screens."

The 22 points allowed for Norwood established a new season-best, just a week after holding the Rebels to 25 points in a 50-25 win in Walpole. It was the third such occasion the Mustangs have held an opponent to under 30 points, with the other game being a 68-27 victory over Dedham back on Dec. 22.

That win over the Marauders is the only larger margin of

victory (41 points) for Norwood this season than the 33-point margin over Framingham on Friday.

The Norwood girls basketball team is off to the postseason for the third season in a row after defeating the Needham Rockets on Tuesday night, 56-35.

Norwood will see Dedham again on Friday night, this time at Dedham High School, at 6:30 p.m.

NHS Wrestling does well at Weymouth

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Norwood wrestlers converged on Weymouth High School for the Wildcats' annual wrestling tournament two Saturdays ago, earning satisfying results in spite of modest expectations.

Garfield Sales, DeVaughn Carter and David Benjamin all earned top-four finishes in their respective weight classes, continuing a slow-but-steady progress for the team in Billy McDermott's first season back as head coach of the program. None of the three wrestlers were seeded in their brackets prior to the tournament.

"He's not even seeded today, and I guarantee he's going

to finish top 3," predicted McDermott before Sales' match in the heavyweight bracket, his statement foreshadowing the junior's success.

Sales, a junior, finished third in the heavyweight bracket, while Carter (junior, 152 pounds) and Benjamin (sophomore, 160 pounds) each placed fourth in their classes.

Due to several factors, which included illness and school attendance, Norwood sent only five wrestlers to Weymouth.

With 14 total weight classes in MIAA wrestling, the Mustangs stood virtually no shot of winning the tournament thanks to a lack of depth. But thanks to the individual aspect of a tournament setting, McDermott

was able to make it a point to look at each bracket, rather than simply a comparison of teams.

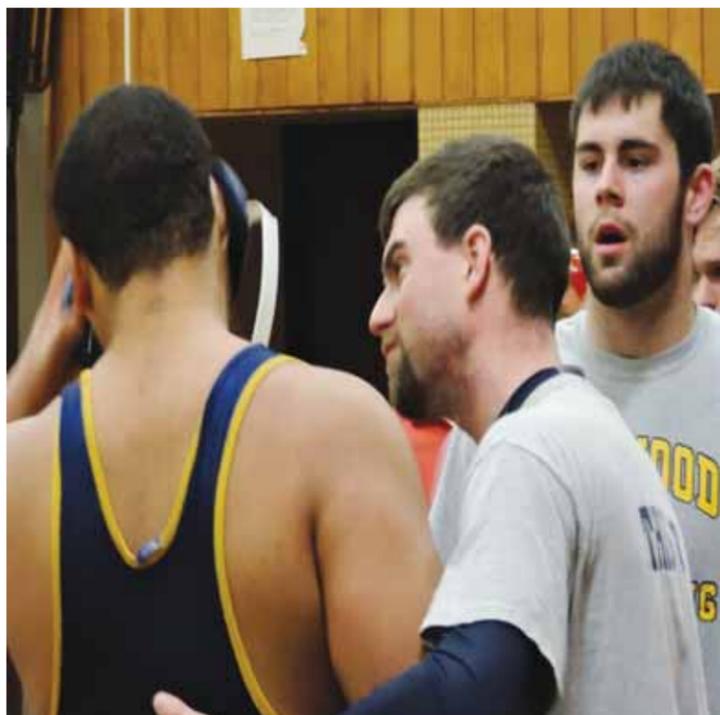
"Today, you're your own team. It doesn't matter if everybody's losing, all that matters is you today," McDermott relayed to his wrestlers.

"They're taking that into effect. They just want to keep winning, keep getting those points. We're trying to fine-tune their little problems, and that's why these tournaments are great, a different style of wrestling."

McDermott did look at one would-be head-to-head result, looking at the day the Mustangs had in comparison with the

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Garfield Sales, left, gets a pep talk from head coach Billy McDermott, center, and 2014-15 Norwood co-captain Mike McDonough, right, who was back for the day to help out the Mustangs.

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Norwood came from behind and held on to knock off the Framingham Flyers on Monday, 5-4, for their second win of the season. With Emily Cataldo and Erin Kelly accounting for all five goals, the Mustangs earned their first win since Dec. 16 over Brookline/Newton South.

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Norwood Girls Hockey on verge of turning corner

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

A recent string of solid efforts hasn't been enough to lift Norwood back into victory formation, a 4-2 loss to Milton last Wednesday no exception.

Dating back to a 1-1 tie vs. Westwood on Jan. 11, the Mustangs are 0-3-1 over their last four, but in addition to the tie, have a one-goal loss to Weymouth and now a two-goal loss to show for it--Milton's fourth goal coming via an empty netter, no less.

Whether it's a sign that greener pastures lie ahead, or whether frustrations will continue to mount, remains to be seen. But color Norwood head coach Tim Coskren slightly optimistic with the performances of late.

"We've improved. Even though it doesn't show it in the standings, we've improved so much over the last month," said Coskren. "A lot of it is basically because the girls are giving a lot more effort, and maybe they're building up some confidence that they can skate with a real good team."

Norwood led 1-0 and later 2-1, both leads coming on goals from freshman star Emily Cataldo. A third goal remained elusive, with the Mustangs ultimately conceding a goal on a breakaway at 8:39 of the third period, giv-

ing Milton a 3-2 lead in the process. That goal stood up to be the game-winner, with an empty netter at 14:49 having no bearing on the outcome of the game.

The Wildcats, at 6-3-2, completed a season sweep of the Mustangs, also beating them 5-3 on Dec. 12 in the season opener for each team. Milton is yet to lose a game in Herget Division play, now 4-0-1 after last Wednesday's result.

"Milton's a strong team, they've done very well," said Coskren. "Five or six minutes left, 2-2 game...we've got to keep it up."

Janelle Kelleher once again did everything she could between the pipes for Norwood, coming up with 31 saves on the night. She faced more than double the amount of shots as Milton's goaltender, a 34-16 margin.

"Janelle made some awesome saves tonight to keep us in the game," said Coskren, aware of Kelleher's efforts oftentimes going to waste. "The girls have understood that now. When Janelle is on the top of her game, it gives us an opportunity to be in every single game. We've got to get a couple of lucky bounces here or there though, which we haven't."

Cataldo gave the Mustangs an early lead at 3:22 of the first

period, merely flinging the puck on net from atop the leftwing circle in the offensive end. She attempted a shot from even deeper on her next shift, from well outside the blue line on Milton's side of the ice, hoping to create one of those lucky bounces Coskren alluded to.

Tied at 1-1 early in the second period, Cataldo tipped in a Franki DeVingo offering from the point to give Norwood another one-goal cushion. A power play for the Mustangs immediately after the goal failed to yield even a shot on net, however, thus silencing the momentum considerably. The Wildcats evened

the score at 7:00 of the period, never to trail again.

"We're a much more improved team than we were at the beginning," said Coskren. "So these teams that we're playing for the second time, I think, will be surprised of what we can show."

Victory over Framingham

On Monday afternoon, Norwood's improved play finally paid dividends, to the tune of a 5-4 come-from-behind victory over the Framingham Flyers.

Initially trailing 3-0, the Mustangs rallied behind a hat trick from Cataldo and

two goals from Erin Kelly, snapping a 10-game winless streak (0-9-1) in the process.

After yesterday's game vs. Needham, a game held after the Record's deadline, Norwood will have six games left in the regular season. Of the six teams they'll face, four (Dedham, Wellesley, Natick and Walpole) will be rematches of games from earlier in the season, all of which the Mustangs lost. Only the game vs. Dedham was decided by two goals or less, a 6-4 loss for Norwood on Dec. 23.



Emily Cataldo now has five goals in her last two games, even after being denied at the doorstep in last week's game vs. Milton.

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out of the propane. So before a leak is detected propane gas could remain uncontained, or worse, seep into basements. These tanks will also need to be filled by trucks transporting the propane through Norwood streets, how many and how often trucks will be called to the site isn't known by this newspaper, but we do know that every truck required is one more than natural gas requires. A quick internet search has found experts claiming that propane represents ten times the number of accidents as natural gas. Though, undoubtedly other experts would deny these claims.

The point of our bringing all this up is not to cause hysteria, but to suggest that approval by Selectmen should not be a *fait accompli*. It is true that some neighborhoods in Norwood are currently serviced by propane tanks, but in those cases it was either impossible to get natural gas to those streets or it would be multiple years before it being possible, which is not the case at Endicott. And the example used by Chief Greeley in this week's paper, including Mylod Street, Ryan Drive, Hamilton Circle, and Thompson Road utilizing propane only totaled 40 tanks, which is about the same or less of the number of tanks proposed at this one location at Endicott.

This newspaper doesn't know if approval of these tanks should be denied. What we do know is that a lot of serious questions need to be asked before approval is granted.

Wrestling

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Barnstable Red Raiders, who filled all 14 weight classes on Saturday.

"One thing I noticed when the tournament was over is Barnstable had a full lineup," said McDermott. "And we finished just 10 points behind them as a team [63-53]."

"I told the guys, 'the sky is the limit' if we get that full lineup."

Norwood was back at Weymouth this most recent Saturday, as part of a quad meet with three other Bay State Conference Schools: Wellesley, out of the Herget Division, and Framingham and host Weymouth, out of the Carey. Scoring is done on a round-robin basis; as in, the Mustangs had separate scores

Boys Hoops beats Needham, one win from qualifying for postseason tourney

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

On the heels of an epic 45-42 road win over the Needham Rockets, Norwood finds itself just one win away from postseason play.

The Mustangs (9-4) went into Needham on Tuesday night and battled back-and-forth with the Rockets in the first half, never truly pulling away, but never trailing after a Jarred Houston three-point play near the end of the second quarter to make it 22-20 Norwood.

Needham, which had been 10-1 coming into the game, its only loss on the road to Catholic Conference foe Xaverian, began the game shooting lights out from 3. Alex Dorion shot 4-for-4 in the first quarter alone, the team as a whole starting out 6-for-6 from beyond the arc. As soon as the deep ball stopped falling for the Rockets, the tide immediately swayed towards Norwood; a 4-for-21 slump to end the game from 3 was at least partly to blame for Needham's demise.

Norwood shot 5-for-12 from 3, less than half the number of attempts as Needham.

"I think we are learning to win, but it's definitely still a work in progress," said Mustangs head coach Rich Cormier after the game, his team on the cusp of its first trip to the tournament since 2012. "This is a huge win. Needham is a really, really good, well-coached team. We lost one the other night [at Framingham], I'm really proud of these guys coming here on the road and beating this team. This was a really, really good win for

these guys."

Jordan Curry led Norwood with 10 points, his fourth outing in double figures in his last five games. Richie Watson had eight, Chris Bell had seven, and Houston finished with six for the Mustangs, which had 10 players score in all.

"I'm not really surprised by different guys," said Cormier, in reference to the vast array of scorers. "Each game it seems like somebody steps up, whether it's with their defense or whether it's with their offense."

Dorion's 12-point first quarter accounted for all of the Rockets offense in the opening eight minutes, which was combated by a more balanced attack of Conor Riggle, Natanael Fonseca Castro, Curry and Watson scoring points for Norwood. Needham led 12-11 after the first.

"That's what we've been all year," said Cormier. "In games that we've won, we've had one, two or three guys step up."

Upon opening up an eight-point lead on a Curry 3-pointer late in the third quarter, Norwood's largest lead of the night, the Rockets actually closed the game on a 13-8 run. But the calming presence of

Bell proved to be just enough for the Mustangs.

Bell, who's started every game for Norwood since his freshman year in 2012-13, crossed up a defender at the free throw line and nailed a jump shot to give the Mustangs a 40-34 lead as time wound down. After the Rockets pulled back within three points with 1:23 remaining, Bell sank both free throws in a 1-and-1 situation after being intentionally fouled, making it a two-possession game again.

In the final 20 seconds, Watson made the front end of a 1-and-1 to put Norwood on top 45-42, but missed the back end, giving Needham one more shot to tie the game. With a tick under 3 seconds left on the clock, Thomas Shaugnessy fired from deep, coming up well short, enabling the Mustangs to get out of Needham with a victory.

"As coaches, you look at practice a lot," said Cormier. "And there's days where you leave practice, and you don't feel great about what just happened. We've had two really good days of practice, and I think that's the kind of stuff that carries over into games."

Norwood shot 6-for-9 on free throws in the fourth quar-

ter, compared to just 2-for-6 for Needham. In addition to Bell, Dan Ugochukwu also came through in the clutch, making both of his free throw attempts in the fourth.

The Mustangs improved to 3-1 on the season in games decided by five points or fewer. It was tied for their closest margin of victory on the season, matching a three point win at Archbishop Williams in Braintree on Dec. 13.

Norwood will try to clinch a playoff spot on Friday night at home, taking on the team which handed them their first loss of the season back on Dec. 22: the Dedham Marauders, who are now 7-7. Tip-off is at 6:30 p.m. at Norwood High School, where the Mustangs are still unbeaten on the season (5-0), compared to 4-4 on the road.

"Just gotta play," said Cormier, not overhyping the significance of Dedham standing in the way of a tournament berth. "Just gotta play and try to get win No. 10."

Additionally, the Mustangs will be playing on Sunday at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence, R.I., taking on the Canton Bulldogs (2-9) at 1:30 p.m.



Norwood Boys Basketball is now one win away from qualifying for a spot in the postseason tournament, after its win against Needham this week.

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Library Events

LIFELONG WELLNESS SEMINAR

If you are a baby boomer interested in maintaining good health, join nutritionist and author Peg Doyle, M.Ed., at the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. for a lively and productive discussion on staying well after age 50. Contrary to popular belief, everything that goes wrong physically after the half-century mark is not necessarily due to "old age." In this interactive presentation, Doyle will share some secrets to living a long, healthy, and potentially medicine-free life. To sign up, please call the library at 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

LOCAL PLAYWRITING GROUP TO PERFORM AT THE LIBRARY

The local theater group "Playwrights Reading Room" (PRR) will perform a series of three original plays at the Morrill Memorial Library, each one to take place on a different Saturday from 2-3:30 p.m. between February and June. The first play, "Skin and Bones," is written by Laura Neill and will be performed on Saturday, Feb. 6. It is about a volunteer theater usher in her sixties named Katharine and Marly, a forty-something bouncer. While the two have seemingly little in common, both are concealing secrets that demand to be told. When their small talk doesn't line up, an unexpected honesty arises between them.

The next play in the series, on Saturday, April 30, is "Chat Rats" by Mary Sue Price. The final play, to be performed on Saturday, June 11, will be announced shortly. To sign up for any or all of these performances-written, directed, and acted by members of PRR-please call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

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

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ride for next year! We have allowed apartments, condos, town homes, etc., to scar the landscape of beauty that our town used to have. Does allowing in more brick and mortar structures guarantee anything but more expense to our town? It only brings more unnecessary work and money for the school department, police department, fire department, public works, etc. Have you seen the structures that are being built at the end of Endicott Street? Take a ride down Lane Drive and see what the neighborhood looks like now. I guess the damage is done all around Town so there is no use of complaining.

CONDOLENCES

Our Town sends its condolences to the family of the late William J. Joyce. He was a member of the Norwood Fire Department for 32 years. We also send condolences due to the passing of Paul Wanecek, Town Assessor and proud member of the Colonial Boys. Memory Eternal.

MY SAY

I have ALWAYS been proud of my country, unlike the First Lady, and have tremendous respect for our ancestors for their building of America for you and me. Unfortunately, most of the young generation today never knew their ancestors and are unaware that they were the



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COURTESY PHOTO

reason America became the greatest country in the world. Are we still great when we allow the ACLU to state that the phrase, 'God Bless America,' is unconstitutional? In Glenview, N.J., an elementary school was attacked by the ACLU because of the phrase said after the Pledge. The state of Wisconsin's governing body for H.S. athletics has declared chanting ...U-S-A to be un-

sportsmanlike behavior. Should they chant...I-R-A-N? Mrs. Clinton has promised to investigate UFO's if elected. (That's important).

Enjoy the snow,
BYE GUYS

"I want to focus on our future,"

President Obama said recently. What happened to the past eight years?

SENIOR NEWS

ARTS & CRAFTS: Offered every first Thursday of each month at 11 a.m.

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

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

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC: Hellenic Health Care will be available for

blood pressure screening on the first Wednesday of each month. Ellis Nursing Home will offer blood pressure screening on the second Wednesday of each month. The Walpole VNA will provide blood pressure screening on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

BRIDGE: Our Bridge Club meets on Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. in the Library. The Tuesday group has been cancelled.

COMPUTER CLUB: The Computer Club meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

CRIBBAGE: Our seniors meet every Monday at 12:45 p.m. to play cribbage. **DIABETES WORKSHOP:** The Diabetes Workshop Thursday, Jan. 28 at 11 a.m.

EXCEL CLASSES: Excel classes have resumed.

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

HANDCRAFTERS: Handcrafters meet every Monday from 1 - 3 p.m.

LINE DANCE CLASSES: held each Tuesday. Class will be held from 1-2 p.m. **MASSAGE**

THERAPIST: Karen Tracy is here on the first Monday of each month. Please sign up at front desk. Massages are \$30 for half an hour.

POETRY CLUB: Is held on the third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m., facilitated by Nancy from the Library.

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

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

WHIST PARTY: Whist parties will be held on the fourth Friday of each month 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

JANUARY EVENTS: Line Dance with Dave Valero: Jan. 29 at 1 p.m. \$5.

VETERANS VALENTINES DAY BREAKFAST

From 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Feb. 14 at VFW Post 2452, 193 Dean St., Norwood, The Norwood VFW would like to show our continuing appreciation of service by offering our 2nd annual Free Veterans Valentine's Day Breakfast. This breakfast is offered to all veterans for free. Guests and public (non-veterans) are welcome for \$5.00 each.

WILLET SCHOOL

CRAFT FAIR

On Feb. 5, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., join the Willet School for their annual craft fair. Vendors include Thirty-One Gifts, Avon, Ava Anderson, Girl Scout Cookies, Pampered Chef, homemade headbands, hooded towels and more! Crafts will also be offered to families and students of the Willet School. Contact Julie 781-559-3368 for more info

NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR MENTALLY ILL 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. 4. 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 South Norfolk Alliance is composed of such families who find mutual support and join together to advocate for their loved ones. We welcome all families in the South Norfolk Area who are dealing with mental illness and their loved ones. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled or not according to the decision of the Norwood schools. For further information call Ray at

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objectives for the cumulative progress performance index. Superintendent of Schools James Hayden said that this was a credit to the English Language Learning staff, which was in mainstream and separate classrooms with students. He said the staff had developed techniques that not only benefitted English Language Learners, but also mainstream students as well.

The annual assessment of English Language learners is required by Title III of the No Child Left Behind Act, which directs funds to assist districts in teaching English to those children with limited grasp of the language and to help them meet the same state standards required of all students.

No Child Left Behind was reauthorized as Ever Student Succeeds Act in Dec. 2015. Under this new Act, the accountability measures previously in Title III were removed, though accountability measures for meeting goals for the English Language learners remains under Title I. This also means that currently, there are no punitive measures for districts that do not make the great in one or more of the areas. The changes will take effect on July 1, 2016.

508-668-2941.

NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The February meeting of the NRMCM will be held at the Norwood Elks, with the usual 9:30 a.m. coffee and donut session, before the 10 a.m. meeting start. A lot of things were voted on at the January meeting that will have to be worked on to see how we will be implementing them. Moving the meetings up to an earlier start wasn't one of the ones that passed.

A few of the things that were voted to accept at the meeting were the following: Wearing name tags, having a thought for the day, each board member starting their reading with a joke, table teams to be responsible for obtaining speakers for a given month, and having members speak in place of absent guest speakers. These and others will have to be discussed to see what direction they will take and when and how to start them.

HELP FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE GRIEVING

On Saturday, Jan. 30, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, Community VNA Hospice and Palliative Care, 10 Emory St., Attleboro, Mass. is hosting a children's grief program. Kids' Club is designed to help chil-

dren ages 5 - 13 to deal with the loss of a significant person in their life. In a supportive and understanding atmosphere, experienced grief specialists guide the children to explore and express their feelings through crafts and sharing. This program is free and open to children from all towns. Pre-registration is required; please call 508-222-0118 or 800-220-0110. Future Kid' Clubs are planned for March 19 and May 21. For more information about this program and other grief support and services, visit www.communityvna.com. Kids' Club is funded under grant support from the TJX Foundation.

DIVORCE RECOVERY

A six-week program for those who are separated or divorced. The series covers the emotional stages of divorce offering support and healing. The group will meet at the First Congregational Church, 100 Winter St. in Norwood, on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. starting Jan. 27. \$90.00 fee. Call 781-762-3320 to register.

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAIR

On Saturday, Feb. 6, from 10-11:45 a.m., join the Norwood Public Schools for their 16th annual Early Childhood Fair at F.A. Cleveland Elementary School, 33

George F. Willett Parkway, Norwood. There will be Preschool Activities & Crafts, Jungle Jim - Balloon Sculptor, and Music with Miss Tina. All activities are free! There is NO pre-registration required for this event. If you have any questions please call Christine Tomasello at Norwood Public Schools - (781) 440-5983 or by e-mail ctomasello@norwood.k12.ma.us.

ADOPT-A-HYDRANT

Last year we experienced record breaking amounts of snowfall in our community. This huge amount of snowfall caused delays in firefighting operations throughout New England. In the event of a

fire, fire engines respond with enough water in their tanks to provide only a few minutes of fire protection/suppression. Therefore, it is imperative that firefighters gain access to a water supply via a fire hydrant. If a fire hydrant is buried by snow, it can be difficult to find and valuable time is lost digging it out. This process can take anywhere from 5 to 7 minutes. Since fires double in size every minute, precious minutes lost could be the difference between life and death. Norwood firefighters and DPW workers worked tirelessly to keep hydrants clear last year, but we need your help. The Norwood Fire Department is looking for volunteers to "adopt" a hydrant near their homes or places of work. In doing so, it only makes a safer environment for your families and co-workers.

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TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING in Room 12 of the Municipal Office Building on February 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Paul Molloy (Case #15-35) with respect to property located on **42 Varwood Circle**, in a **G-General Residential District**.

This Application requests a SPECIAL PERMIT under Section 5.4 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow adding second story addition, but maintaining existing foot print.

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

BOARD OF APPEAL

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

Norwood Record, 1/28/16, 2/4/16

TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING in Room 12 of the Municipal Office Building on February 16, 2016 at 7:15PM** on the request of Jack Madden Ford, Inc. (Case #15-34) with respect to property located on **825 Providence Highway**, in a **M-Manufacturing District**.

This Application request a VARIANCE under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow

1. Variance from Section 4.1.1 and 4.1.1.2 (13) to allow a front set-back of 11.1 feet in a Manufacturing zone where 75 feet is required.
2. Variance from Section 4.1.1 and 4.1.1.2 (13) to allow a front set-back of 23.6 feet in a Manufacturing zone where 75 feet is required.
3. Variance from Section 6.1.4.5 to allow parking within 5 feet of the property line in a Manufacturing zone. Any other relief the Board may deem necessary.

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MONDAY JAN 18

0715 phone - Vandalism *report filed Location/address: Needham Electric Supply - Canton St Lock box broken unto. Unknown if anything was stolen.

0927 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Winter St Report oil bill may have been compromised. N664 reports no information was compromised.

0955 walk-in - Susp person spoken to Location/address: Bank Of America - Washington St Report of a party hanging out in the ATM. N664 reports she is staying warm until business across the street opened for the day.

1350 walk-in - Threats *report filed Location/address: Railroad Ave Party in the lobby reports an employee of an auto body threatened bodily harm.

1521 walk-in - Larceny services rendered Location/address: Day St Party in the lobby reports larceny of tools. N665 reports that party will return with more information at a later date for investigation.

1559 phone - Susp activity assisted party Location/address: Bahama Dr Resident wishes to speak to an officer regarding past suspicious activity regarding delivery trucks. N666 advised that resident and she will call back if the issue continues.

2004 phone - Well being chk *report filed Location/address: Washington St Visiting nurse reports that her patient will not answer the Door. N662 and NFD were able to gain entry. NFD transports her for a voluntary medical evaluation.

2040 phone - Assist citizen assisted party Location/address: Lansdowne Way Caller seeking advice on a noise issue with her neighbors. party was advised.

TUESDAY JAN 19

0656 phone - Assist other agency services rendered Location/address: Rock St Request from Malden P.D. to assist with speaking with parties involved in a reported theft in their town. N664, n666 responded and spoke to parties involved an advised them to contact Malden P.D. per their request.

0923 phone - Alarm-burglar *report filed Location/address: Negahdaripour - Chickering Rd Entry/exit door, front porch. N664 reports it appears a screen door, not accessible, has blown open. Neighbor responded with key, units checked inside, all appears in order.

1007 911 - Civil dispute civil matter Location/address: Boston Market - Lenox St Report 2 employees having an argument. N667 reports verbal only, spoke to manager, matter resolved.

1108 phone - B & E commercial under investigation Location/address: Storage Trailer - Endicott St N665 reports under investigation pending victim submitting a full list of missing items.

1327 phone - Noise complaint services rendered Location/address: Lincoln St + Prospect St Caller reports that a dog has been barking for a while outside. N665 spoke with the home owner and she will bring the dog inside.

1327 911 - Violation of town bylaw spoken to Location/address: Day St Report b/m, blue/grey hoodie, clipboard, stated was from electric company, left towards library. Units locate and check 2 door-to-door solicitors-they are not wanted and ordered to stop until properly registered.

1328 other - building check services rendered Location/address: Day St In the course of this investigation, #82 now stated the male was at the back door To this home. N661 reports inner door to apt. 1 was found closed but unlocked. Officer able to reach around and lock door, no entry to apartment, #82 reports she is at work.

1430 phone - Well being chk spoken to Location/address: Springvale Rd Nurse at Brigham and Women's Hospital requests a well being Check on a female party who sent a strange facebook message. Party was spoken to and seemed to be fine.

1511 911 - Civil dispute services rendered Location/address: Boston Market - Lenox St Report 2 employees arguing again. Units spoke with them and one party was escorted off the property.

1811 911 - Soliciting area search negative Location/address: Momtm - Devon Rd Caller reported solicitor. Nothing found.

1826 walk-in - Susp vehicle services rendered Location/address: West Border Rd Walk-in reported suspicious vehicle. Vehicle belongs to nearby dealership. No issues found.

2006 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Washington Court Condo - Washington St Caller reported party attempted to take a look at his energy bill earlier in the day. Officer reported subject may have been soliciting for a clean energy company. No crime committed. Parties advised.

2228 phone - Stolen lic plate *report filed Location/address: Family First Carpet Cleaning - Lenox St Rear plate pc MA 175lc1 stolen. Entered into NCIC.

WEDNESDAY JAN 20

0255 911 - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Holly Dr Public assist. Caller fell out of bed, unable to get to Door. NFD gained entry and she is ok.

0915 phone - Warrant service *arrest(s)made Location/address: Brockton Va Hospital - Belmont St N665, with assistance of Brockton VA Police, places subject Under arrest and transports directly to Dedham District COURT. N493 to file the arrest report. Arrest: Wheeler, Richard Address: 89 Groaton Rd West Roxbury, Ma Age: 33 Charges: warrant arrest

0948 phone - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Autumn St Report burner on stove is not working. N662 reports it is only 1 of the 4 burners. N662 called daughter of resident she will have it fixed.

1006 cellular - Well being chk services rendered Location/address: Chapel St + Elks Pkwy Caller reports an elderly woman, whom he saw at 0800 hrs on George Willet Pkwy, is still outside- walking. N663 reports she did go to a dr.'s appt. And n663 courtesy transport back to Walpole Sr. Ctr. S/m 28305 1014 hrs, e/m 28309 1026 hrs.

1510 phone - Well being chk services rendered Location/address: Prescott School - Richland Rd Principal requests a well being check on a parent. Units spoke with her and all is well.

1541 cellular - Animal complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/address: Guild Medical Center - Washington St Report dog left in MA pc 92wa90 since 1510 hrs.

1720 phone - Disturbance *report filed Location/address: Bullard St Caller reported three men knocked at his door, may have been involved in an earlier road rage incident. Officer checked area, nothing found.

1816 phone - Susp vehicle *report filed Location/address: Worcester Dr Caller reported suspicious male party attempting to open vehicles. Officers checked area, nothing found. See report.

2100 initiated - Susp person services rendered Location/address: Rooming House - Nahatan St Officer out with suspicious party. Checked ok.

2130 phone - Disturbance *report filed Location/address: Chamoun Company - Lenox St Caller reported verbal argument. Parties advised.

2220 phone - Assist other agency services rendered Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Hospital reported stabbing victim. Incident occurred in Brockton. Brockton police on scene.

THURSDAY JAN 21

0024 911 - Disturbance *protective custody Location/address: Se Sector - Monroe St Caller reports a male party in his apartment is out of control. N677, n664, n666, n668 responded. NFD responded for a head injury and party is intoxicated. Transported in protective custody of hospital.

0027 911 - Assist citizen Fire Dept notified/respo Location/address: Lynwood Dr Caller reports broken water pipe in her bathroom. NFD, n663 responded. NFD handled same.

0930 cellular - Well being chk area search negative Location/address: Washington St + Nahatan St Passing motorist reports a w/m, blue winter jacket, gray sweatpants, ran in/out of ffic. N664 stops a pedestrian in front of Dunkin Donuts Nahatan St-not him.

0945 walk-in - Assist other agency services rendered Location/address: Norwood

Hospital - Washington St N665 accompanies Mansfield officers as they make a warrant arrest on a patient in unit .

1105 phone - Attempt to commit crime *report filed Location/address: Morrill Memorial Library - Walpole St Report the door and door lock damaged as if someone tried to break-in.

1230 walk-in - Assist citizen spoken to Location/address: Hill St Walk in reports all his ID'S have been stolen. N664 spoke with man and his wife. Man is suffering from memory loss, his wife will fill out paperwork at the station.

1425 phone - Unwanted party *report filed Location/address: Broadway Resident reports party will not leave, possibly dk and off medication. 1443 hrs-located day/central, NFD, with n667 following, transports to hospital.

1540 cellular - Found syringe services rendered Location/address: 868 - Washington St Report syringe on sidewalk near drainpipe for this building. N663 properly disposed of same.

1546 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Railroad Ave Report foot prints in snow around home since 1/20 0700 hrs. N663 spoke with the calling party, she is satisfied.

1630 phone - Robbery *arrest(s)made Location/address: central market & travel - washington st Employee states she was the victim of an armed robbery by taser. Bolo broadcast to the cars and surrounding cities and towns. NFD notified and responded for the calling party. Walpole pd and MSP attempted to stop MA co k94390. That vehicle crashed on route 27. Walpole Fire Department transported one party to Norwood Hospital with n666 Following. Msp accident reconstruction, msp k9 and Norfolk District attorney's office responded. Negoshian's towed MA Co k94390 to the station. N665 transported that party from Norwood Hospital to the station. Arrest: Matos, Michael A Address: 981 East St Apt. #2 Walpole, Ma Age: 31 Charges: robbery, armed & masked, subsq.off. assault w/dangerous weapon A&B

1712 911 - Hang up call confirmed accidental Location/address: Ledgeview Dr Accidental 911 call. 1740 phone - Assist citizen assisted party Location/address: Cotter Farm Rd Caller reported possible fraud. Under investigation.

1810 phone - Assist citizen *report filed Location/address: Katie's Way Caller reported unknown party making suicidal comments online.

1826 phone - Assaults *complaint/summons Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Past assault.

FRIDAY JAN 22

0638 phone - Malicious damage *report filed Location/address: Municipal Lot - Cottage St Caller reports his tires slashed overnight. N665 sent

0829 911 - Motor vehicle accident *report filed Location/address: 1045 - University Ave Report car vs. Deer. NFD sent. Don and Wally's tows MA pc 999xy3. N677 reports deer is in the woods but wandering near the road. N.A.C.O. responded but deer had gone deeper into the woods-unable to locate.

0857 walk-in - Larceny *report filed Location/address: Cameron Rd Resident in lobby reports larceny by check.

1145 phone - Lost and found *report filed Location/address: Coakley Middle School - Washington St Principal turns over to S.R.O. some paraphernalia left in auditorium.

1501 initiated - Assist citizen *report filed Location/address: Buckminster Dr N665 flagged down and receives a report of fraud. After investigation-no fraud, resident has the check she wrote, nothing compromised.

1515 phone - Citizens complaint group moved Location/address: Fr Mac's - Vernon St Report kids playing soccer on top of a cover on top of the field. N664 moved them along.

1651 phone - Noise complaint services rendered Location/address: Monroe St Report of neighbors yelling outside. N677 reports no disturbance, one male party was playing with a dog.

1825 walk-in - Civil dispute services rendered Location/address: Chamoun Company - Lenox St Party in the lobby seeking to gather belongings from a residence under the supervision of a police officer per court order.

2042 phone - Well being chk taken/referred to other Location/address: Bos-Prov Hwy Employee reports concerning phone call from a child who states he lost his mother and hung up. N661 spoke to that employee. Upon call back, that party stated he was making a prank phone call and lives in Marlboro. Marlboro PD notified and responded to that address to verify.

2145 phone - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Norwood Drain Cleaning - Second St Resident reports an elderly confused party in his driveway. N677 reports that party lost her way walking home and Provided her with a courtesy transport to Talbot Ave.

2313 phone - Susp person area search negative Location/address: Monroe St Report of suspicious parties walking in the neighborhood.

SATURDAY JAN 23

0101 initiated - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Jack Madden Ford - Bos-Prov Hwy N663 spots party walking between cars in Jack Madden lot. N669 responded. Male party states he was cutting through property to the Mobil station. Fio'd and sent on his way.

0702 phone - Message delivery unsuccessful service Location/address: St James Ave Request by msp for well being check on party who was involved in motor vehicle accident on Mass. Pike with airbag deployment and left scene of accident. They would like him to call them as soon as possible. (MA. Reg# 582vv3) n663 reports no answer at the door and no cars in driveway. MSP. notified.

1028 phone - Larceny *report filed Location/address: Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports missing tires and rims from a storage area.

1624 phone - Noise complaint spoken to Location/address: Folan Ave Neighbor dispute regarding noise. All parties advised.

1626 phone - Parking violation spoken to Location/address: Epic Source - Cedar St Report of a Gomes Landscaping truck parked on the street, unoccupied with an open door. Owner responded and moved that vehicle.

1721 911 - Drunk person *protective custody Location/address: Prospect St Caller reports a family member is intoxicated and attempting to leave in a vehicle. N678 placed that party under protective custody. NFD responded and transported her to Norwood Hospital with n678 following.

1812 walk-in - Larceny *report filed Location/address: Shiva Bazaar - Lenox St Party in the lobby reports a larceny of her wallet.

1819 initiated - Disabled mv assisted party Location/address: Coakley Middle School - Washington St N677 comes across a vehicle stuck in the snow and assisted that party.

2203 phone - Missing person services rendered Location/address: Riverside Community Services - Beacon Ave Staff reports a missing resident. Bolo broadcast to the cars and surrounding cities and towns. Staff called back to report that party had returned.

SUNDAY JAN 24

0242 911 - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Confused party requesting help from untraceable cell phone. subject located at hospital, being attended to.

1217 radio - Noise complaint *report filed Location/address: Austin St N666 speaks with a resident of this address regarding several neighbor complaints about a car alarm sounding late at night. N666 could not make contact with the vehicle owner, but will attempt to call her.

1346 phone - Assist citizen *report filed Location/address: mobil gas - wash./rr av - washington st CP reporting her friend is refusing to exit her vehicle. Don And wally's tows MA pc 5zsa80. N664 gives one female a transport back to the station where she will wait for a ride Home.

2120 initiated - Susp vehicle spoken to Location/address: Callahan School - Garfield Ave N677 comes across MA pc 1mr322. Those parties checked out ok and were sent on their way.

ALLEN

Deborah A. "Debi," 44, formerly of Norwood, on Jan. 19. Beloved daughter of Helena T. (Regan) Allen of Norwood and the late Russell G. "Russ" Allen. Loving and little sister who will be greatly missed of William "Bill" Allen and his wife Carrie of Marlton, N.J. Cherished aunt of Kimmie and Chris Allen who loved her very much and also shares her passion as huge New England Patriots fans. Debi was a 1989 graduate of Norwood High School and was a former Dental Asst. for Dr. Stone. While her life was too short, she lived life to its fullest all the while battling Multiple Sclerosis. She competed in the Miss Massachusetts pageant and has a chapter written about her in a book called "When the Road Turns". She also made an appearance on the Montel Williams show to discuss her battle with MS. Debi donated most of her time working and volunteering with the MS Society, food pantries and animal shelters. She is now with her father who

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passed away two months ago who she missed terribly. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, New England Chapter 101A First Ave. Waltham, MA 02451.

CARVER

Robert G. of Norwood passed away on Jan. 22, 2016 at the age of 77 with his family at his side. Beloved husband of 53 years to Ellen J. (Carlson) Carver. Devoted father of Douglas Carver of Norwood and Robert Carver Jr. and his wife Linda of Narragansett, R.I. Brother of Joseph Carver of Walpole and the late Louise Martell, Dorothy Murphy and

Nancy Porazzo. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Catherine and Samantha, and many nieces and nephews. Bob attended Dedham Schools growing up and then went on to work for Boston Edison in the Underground and retired at the age of 55. Bob was a member of the Norwood Elks and Walpole Fish and Game Club. He was a US Navy Veteran. At the request of the family all services and burial will be private. A gathering in Bob's memory will be at a later date. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood.

MURRAY

Lauren M. of Norwood, on Jan. 17. Beloved daughter of Edward and Maureen (Carroll). Loving sister of Kara Murray. Also survived by many aunts,

uncles, cousins, and her loving dog, Harper. Funeral arrangements by the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lauren's memory to Paws for People, www.pawsforpeople.org.

WANECEK

Paul F., 66, of Norwood, on Jan. 12. Beloved son of the late Francis W. and Margaret L. (Murphy) Wanecek. Brother of the late Mary Jane (Wanecek) Connor. Survived by three nieces, two nephews, many Godchildren, and many close friends. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (Rt. 1A), Norwood. Late Town Assessor for many years for the Town of Norwood, and member of the Norwood Colonial Boys. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy in his memory may be made to St. Catherine of Siena School, 249 Nahatan St., Norwood MA 02062.

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