



(top) A mock train crash was held at the Norwood Depot train station on Saturday, Sept. 24. The MBTA, Norwood Police Department and Norwood Fire Department participated in the event.

PHOTO BY PAUL ELDRIDGE

(right) Two Norwood firefighters assist an injury victim during Saturday's mock train crash.

PHOTO BY DANIEL KOBIALKA



Finance Commission discusses Morrill Memorial Library's budget

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

The Morrill Memorial Library Board of Trustees joined the Norwood Finance Commission on Monday to discuss potential budgetary issues that could affect the institution's long-term success.

Board of Trustees Chair Stuart Plumer said the library has reduced its budget \$46,000 from last year, but anticipates an \$80,000 budget shortfall in Fiscal Year 2013.

But Plumer noted the group wants to stay ahead of any potential budget hurdles.

"We don't want to fall behind," Plumer said. "We are going to be filing for a waiver this year, [but] we don't want to start down the slippery slope of getting consecutive waivers."

Plumer said the group has reduced its hours and will remain closed on Sundays year round as it combats its financial issues.

"The biggest cut we had has been the Sunday hours," Plumer said, noting the library remained open 35 Sundays per year prior to the cut.

Plumer told the commission the Board could go before the town at the Nov. 14 Special Town Meeting to request additional funding.

But the trustees will manage their current budget.

"We are prepared to live with the budget as it stands now," Plumer said.

Commission member Alan Slater noted the town will face many difficult financial decisions in FY '13.

Budget

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Train crash a smash

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

Norwood brought a Saturday Night Special to the Norwood Depot train station as the MBTA and the town hosted a mock train crash.

The simulated train disaster took place at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Hill Street. The event marks the first evening mock train crash conducted in the Commonwealth.

"We hope we'll never have to use the training, but we're very thankful the MBTA brought it to Norwood," Norwood Public Safety Officer Paul Murphy said.

The simulated train crash featured a collision between a home delivery fuel truck and an outbound commuter rail train, leading to a fuel leak and passenger injuries. The incident occurred around 8 p.m. on Saturday.

The mock crash gave local police

officers, firefighters and emergency medical services officials (EMS) an opportunity to manage an emergency situation by working together.

"It's a collaborative effort with cities and towns, the fire department, EMS and police department," MBTA Spokesperson Lydia Rivera said.

Rivera noted the MBTA works with local official in towns and cities

Train crash

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Concession stand confusion over costs, funding

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

Plans to complete a concession stand at the new Norwood High School's football field have reached an impasse as those involved consider cost and funding options.

The Norwood High School Alumni Association (NHSAA) presented Norwood Public Schools Superintendent James Hayden with a \$30,000 check to be used to build a concession stand at the NHS field during the School Committee's Sept. 14 meeting. The committee accepted the NHSAA's donation.

However, Permanent Building Construction Committee (PBCC) Chairman Ted Callahan said the cost to build a concession stand could prove challenging for the town.

"To build anything in today's construction market with those kind of funds is overly ambitious," Callahan said.

A Sept. 15 meeting was held to discuss the concession stand, but Callahan said the gathering raised questions about the design of the structure.

"It does not seem to resemble the one [NHSAA President] Gerald Miller and his group talked about," Callahan said.

Callahan noted he remains uncertain about who will take the lead on the concession stand project.

"I don't know where to go from here," Callahan said. "I don't know who has control of this."

School Committee member Dick Kief said estimates have exceeded the NHSAA's donation, which has raised concerns about how much the concession stand will cost to build and who will provide the additional funding to complete the project.

"In my opinion, we're not going to spend any School Committee funds at all," Kief, a former PBCC member, said.

Kief noted the concession stand questions could be raised at November's Special Town Meeting.

"We certainly don't have any money to put in," Kief said, noting the School Committee's financial concerns. "It may be something that has to wait and be brought up at town meeting."

Kief said the School Committee may recommend adding a concession stand article to the Town Meeting warrant.

Miller said the NHSAA would like to have a concession stand completed by next spring.

But Callahan noted few are looking beyond the \$30,000 donation currently.

"I don't see any way we can look beyond that," Callahan said of Miller's presentation at the Sept. 14 School Committee meeting.

Miller said the NHSAA would support whatever happens with the concession stand project.

"We raised \$30,000 toward the concession stand," Miller said. "Whatever it turns out to be, that's what it'll be."

Town Manager John Carroll declined comment regarding the concession stand project.

Kief noted he believes the project may not be completed if an article remains absent from Town Meeting.

"I don't see it being done if it's not discussed at the Special Town Meeting," Kief said.

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(left to right) Norwood firefighters Paul Hogan (Hazmat Tech/EMT), Chris Griffin and Dave Lazzaro help operate the newly-acquire fire engine.

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Jackie Saber

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IN MEMORY

Our Town sends our sincere condolences to the Marsh family due to the passing of Elmer Marsh, their beloved father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He was the loving husband of the late Anne (Costello) Marsh. Elmer was a '36 graduate of NHS and the co-owner of Our Town's iconic "Welch's News Stand" for almost 40 yrs. He was a graduate of Boston College and a Captain in the US Army during WWII.

Elmer was much respected, a well-liked gentleman, and a very active member at the Senior Center. Many years ago he initiated the 'Reminiscence Hour,' which at the onset quickly became extremely popular, as it remains today, bringing back memories of our great Town. Our deepest

Saber

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Sealed proposals will be received up to 11:00 A.M., October 21, 2011, in the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA for Engineering Services.

This request for proposals is for a feasibility study for a prospective dredging of, including the following three (3) phase Scope of Work:

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The Phase 1 fee is not to exceed \$20,000. Phase 2 would be negotiated, if funding for the project is approved at Norwood's Town Meeting.

The Town will hold open an option, at its sole discretion, to retain the selected engineer for Phase 2 or to seek other proposals.

Proposals must include, as a minimum, one original and two (2) hard copies of "Application to the Designer Selection Committee" and a brief project Approach Statement as well as an electronic copy of your proposal. The Town will schedule interviews, if necessary, to short-listed consultants, after it evaluates all applications.

The proposal must be filled out and signed as directed therein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed to the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA, endorsed with the name and address of the offeror and marked "Ellis Pond Dredging, CONTRACT #NGM-12-04".

Proposals shall be considered, and the contract awarded in accordance with MGL Chapter 7, 38K. Every proposal shall be on forms furnished by the Town. Proposals submitted on other forms may be rejected. The contract award shall be made within 30 working days after the opening of proposals. The Town shall have the right to reject any and all proposals or parts thereof, or items therein, and to waive any defects or irregularities as to form, therein in accordance with MGL.

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BY: John J. Carroll, General Manager

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Selectmen delay restaurant show cause decision

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen hosted a show cause hearing regarding the possible closure of Thai restaurant Buffalo Dreams LLC, Thai Celantro, at its Tuesday meeting.

Selectman Bill Plasko noted Thai Celantro, located at 712 Washington St., had appeared closed for several weeks.

Thai Celantro owner Annie Sann appeared before the Board to explain the restaurant's recent inactivity.

Sann noted the restaurant had been closed for roughly a month and a half due to financial challenges.

"Business is slow," Sann told the Selectmen. "We're backed up on a lot of bills."

Sann said she had recently paid the restaurant's electric bill in full which totaled more than \$2,000.

"I was very worried about the outstanding electric bill," Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue said.

The restaurant had received its license from the Board more than a year ago at a time when the establishment had served French cuisine.

Sann said the restaurant failed to turn a healthy profit, which prompted the change to Thai food. However, the Thai Celantro owner emphasized the switch did little to help the business earn profits.

"We're going through a rough time," Sann said.

Sann explained the restaurant changed its approach by becoming a Thai restaurant, which forced additional modifications to its strategy.

"It's hard to find a Thai chef," Sann said. "That was another hard thing to do."

Sann noted Fridays and Saturdays remained busy at the restaurant, but finding employees to fill weekend shifts proved difficult.

"Employees don't want to work [Friday and Saturday]," Sann said. "When customers come in, we didn't have good service."

Selectman Paul Bishop

questioned whether the Board would be helping or hurting Sann if they allowed her to maintain her license.

"I personally don't feel I'd be doing the right thing by helping you keep going," Bishop said, noting the restaurant could continue to build debt.

Sann emphasized she would like to re-open the restaurant next month, and is attempting to locate a buyer to purchase the business.

However, Bishop asked whether Sann could maintain a viable business with her current strategy.

"It seems to me you have a plan for failure but don't have a plan for success," Bishop said. "That's my problem."

Selectman Allan Howard offered a motion to continue the hearing on Nov. 8, providing Sann time to re-open the restaurant and find a buyer.

"I'd love to give you a chance to do this in a six-week period," Howard told Sann.

Plasko said the town could benefit if the business re-opens, but noted Sann had a responsibility to notify the Selectmen of the business' temporary closing.

The Selectmen accepted a motion to continue the show cause hearing in six weeks by a 3-1 vote. Donohue provided the sole vote against the measure.

The League of Women Voters announced the completion of "Looking at Norwood: A Guide to Town Elected and Appointed Officials and Committees" at the Selectmen meeting.

LWV Director Martha Colamaria said the guide was created as a resource featuring information about Norwood's offices and committees for residents and town officials.

Colamaria noted preliminary work on the guide began 17 years ago, but the project took a major step forward in 2004.

"Our project became revitalized and it became a priority," Colamaria said of the project's timeline.

The guide has been dedi-

cated to the memory of late Norwood resident Faye Brady Siegfriedt, an environmentalist and conservationist who served the community as Chairman of the Conservation Commission.

Colamaria said the guide could not have been created without Siegfriedt.

"Faye was a contributor, an intelligent woman who realized to make things happen you have to become involved," Colamaria told the Board.

Donohue said she appreciated the decision to use the guide to honor Siegfriedt's memory.

"She was a real hardworking person," Donohue said of Siegfriedt. "She cared a lot about things."

Colamaria emphasized the guide will help create an informed citizenry that will participate in the town's government.

"I think you'll find the book is fascinating, a real page-turner," Colamaria told the Selectmen.

Town Manager John Carroll emphasized the guide will provide town officials crucial information.

"It'll be very helpful for our office," Carroll said.

Bishop noted the book offers a tremendous amount of information to the town and its residents.

"It's an excellent document," Bishop said. "It's laid out very well."

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OPINION

A little of this and that...

A little bird told me that the cost of building a new concession stand at the new high school would be 5 or 6 times the \$30k fundraising amount submitted by the well-intentioned group. The Norwood High School Alumni Association (NHSAA), and that design plans have been altered dramatically from its original design. The School Committee, through member Dick Kief, is extremely unlikely (read no chance in hell) of providing additional funds to supplement the effort, and that Jerry Miller's hope of having one completed by next spring is as unlikely as the schools providing the money.

Approaching Town Meeting for the funds could get ugly. Yes, it would be very nice to have a solid concession stand to match the new school both aesthetically and architecturally, but there couldn't be a worse time to approach TM with any project that falls under the category of "Wouldn't it be nice."

That being written, the Record applauds all efforts of the NHSAA to date and wish them luck in their efforts to contribute to Norwood schools...

It was painful to watch the owner of a Thai restaurant plead to Selectmen on Tuesday for more time to either reopen or sell her eatery on Washington Street, and applaud Norwood's leaders for granting her more time. Take it from someone who has been running small businesses for over 25 years, never has there been a more difficult time to be self employed. Her forthright comments relative to having to struggle to pay bills, particularly her electric bill, which is a killer for all Norwood businesses, were refreshing in their candor. Nothing is more irksome than listening to politicians during election campaigns champion the efforts of small businesses as the backbone of our economy, and then turn their backs on them once in office. Here is hoping things work out well for her...

For those who scrutinize police logs every week, have you noticed the numbers of intoxicated people needing assistance lately? Norwood Police are constantly being called to investigate passed out people on lawns, at train stations and other public areas. At least in the old days drunks and druggies would do it in the sanctuary of their parents' basements, or their own crawlspaces under bridges and by the railroad tracks, not openly and with callous disregard for those doing their best to navigate their difficult lives without seeking relief in a bottle or needle. If you need help, get it. Just stop publicly displaying yourselves...

Good to see a significant tenant is going to be moving into the Elmway Farms retail area off of Dean Street. If all goes according to plan, Monkey Business Sporting Goods will be taking a significant chunk of space in the otherwise ghost town looking former Superfund Site. Apparently, the Norwood mural on the wall facing Route 1 suffered some significant water damage during the years the building sat unattended, but it appears a big effort will be made to save it. Just this writer's opinion, but I never really liked that mural. It looks very out of place, more urban than suburban, and should it not be saved no tears would be shed here...

Perseverance. You have to hand it to Judith Howard and her tenaciousness in preserving the Little Red Schoolhouse when everyone else, including me, had written it off as landfill. She refused to just give in and almost single-handedly orchestrated saving the materials from the former site and having a replica built on the Town owned Morse House property on Washington Street in South Norwood. Kudos to a woman who simply refuses to give up...

Good to note everyone, including Selectmen, taking the concerns of abutters and other neighbors of the new high school seriously. Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue, acting as chair for the absent Mike Lyons (and looking very natural at it, by the way) accurately noted that the Town not only has a moral obligation to do what they can, but a legal one as well. No one, not even municipalities, has the right to detract value without regard to property owners...

Finally, here is hoping that business owners on Washington Street downtown adhere to the new parking policy established by the Town to help stimulate more business. Town Manager John Carroll sent a letter to all businesses and landlords explaining that all employees should park in the Cottage Street parking lot during the day and can receive a pass so that they will not be ticketed, this so that customers will have an easier time parking and shopping. Here is also hoping that Norwood Police follow up with a significant and not just occasional ticketing effort to punish those who ignore the initiative. One without the other is just wasting everyone's time...

JUST MY OPINION

To the Editor:

I am writing in regards to the recent opinion "Farmers not making the decisions here" and the current controversy surrounding the decision to change the current site of Norwood's Farmer's Market.

In your opinion comments you noted that the goal was "to create a way for residents to purchase fresh, locally grown produce...while at the same time draw as many people as possible to Norwood Center". It would seem logical that the primary reason one has a "FARMERS" market is to allow residents to purchase fresh produce. The Town of Norwood placed the market at the present site. (I assume at the time, the powers to be, in their great wisdom, believed it was close enough to the center of town.)

In talking to customers at the market last week, it seemed that they and the vendors were adamant in their desire to have the operation remain at the present site - a fact that should be considered critical when making a site determination. One would surmise that if the vendors thought they could make more money on the Common, they would be quite eager to move.

The local vendors have worked for years building up a customer base at the current site - the site that was originally chosen by the town. Presently, most everyone in town knows where the market is located, there is plenty of parking, it is convenient for the older customers as they can drive to the stand and shop without worrying about carrying heavy produce a block or two away and convenient for parents who don't need to be concerned about crossing a busy main street with multiple children in tow.

The current success of the market is commendable. For a small farmer's market to generate 400-500 customers once a week during a limited time of operation is a credit to the vendors, the quality of product they provide and the loyal customers of Norwood.

I have only lived in Norwood for 45 years but have witnessed many attempts to improve the business climate in the downtown area - attempts that failed and were, of course, at taxpayers' expense. Due to antiquated tax laws and high rents there is

little incentive for the property owners to lower existing rents to attract businesses that would be an asset to the town. It seems it is much more beneficial for property owners to write off their financial loss in Norwood against one of their other more profitable properties.

It might prove beneficial if the Town implemented a tax surcharge on any unoccupied properties after a year of vacancy (a novel idea).

Currently, if one desires a manicure, pizza or Chinese food, Norwood Center is the place to be!! The ills of Norwood Center will not be cured by moving a Farmers' Market (that operates 20 or so days per year) to the Town Common.

I'm sure many would agree that it would be refreshing to see the uptown property owners put some of their own money in improving their properties and reduce their rents. Friends of Norwood Center would not even be needed!

In closing, I am not sure why an empty parking lot in South Norwood owned by Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue should enter the discussion of where to locate the Farmers' Market. I can only conclude that it was a petty remark made by one who doesn't like her voting in favor of leaving the market at the current location and/or would like to detract from the issue at hand. Better a vacant lot than an empty building!!

Robert McCarthy
Norwood

LAX GIVES THANKS

To the Editor:

The Norwood LAX Club would like to thank Ernie Boch and Norwood Bank for their support and generous donation, as well as the hundreds of people that came by the booth on Norwood Day.

The Club was formed in 2006 to help support the youth of Norwood playing Norwood High School Boys Lacrosse and help defray the cost of the program to the players. (The Boys High School Lacrosse Varsity and Junior Varsity teams were formed in 2004 and the start up of the program took a lot of fundraising and was not initially funded).

Donations assist the Club in awarding an annual Scholarship to a College Bound Senior that has participated on the Norwood High Boys Lacrosse Team. This year's recipient is Brian Rossman, Class of 2011.

Bob Wallace, President,
Norwood LAX Club

MORRISONS CAN'T SAY ENOUGH

To the Editor:

Words cannot possibly be put together to express our gratitude to our family, friends, co-workers, Norwood Fire and to our community of the town of Norwood. The outpouring of support, generosity, concern and

compassion for Kevin and our family throughout Kevin's bout with cancer has deeply warmed our hearts more than you can ever imagine. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Phil Morrison Paula,
Michael, Shawn,
and especially
Kevin Morrison

CASEY 5K ~ THANK YOU

To the Editor:

Thank you to Jim and Laurie Henry, Kevin and Brenda Sweeney, and their terrific families who once again organized an incredibly efficient and successful Casey 5K Fun Run/Walk on behalf of Casey Marsh on Sept. 10. This was the fourth year the Casey 5K has been held, and as it has been in the past, it was a beautiful day, both because of the weather and because of all the wonderfully kind and generous people, who participated, sponsored, donated and volunteered. We were again overwhelmed and humbled by the goodness of so many. A special thanks to Peter Gugliotta and his young female guitar students who added such a pleasant touch with their lovely voices and fabulous guitar playing!

Although the Casey 5K originated to benefit Casey's at home care, we have shared the proceeds with others in the community who have required assistance over the years. Approximately \$4,000.00 from previous years' proceeds has been donated to local agencies and families. Our family has been so blessed by the kindness of so many, and we want to share that kindness with others.

Thank you to all who so generously and thoughtfully supported the Casey 5K 2011! God Bless You!

The Marsh Family
Norwood

NORWOOD DAY THANK YOU

To the Editor:

Norwood Day 2011 is now part of our town's history; a great day with many laughs, memories and re-introductions of friends, neighbors and classmates.

We kicked off Norwood Day weekend with glorious fireworks, sponsored again by T.G.I. Friday's. The Town of Norwood and its residents completely enjoyed their gift. They were spectacular!

It seems that, every year, Norwood Day continues to grow in both attendance and a greater variety of activities for its residents. This year we reached an estimated 16,000 people and provided a new Interactive Van - Games 2 Go.

The success of Norwood Day would not be possible without the continuous support from our business community who share our vision. A big "Thank You"

Letters

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Cleveland, Prescott Elementary Schools achieve MCAS AYP

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

Norwood Public Schools made their mark in the Commonwealth following the release of the 2011 MCAS results by the Massachusetts Department of Education last week.

The Cleveland Elementary School and the C.J. Prescott Elementary reached Adequate Yearly Progress.

Gov. Deval Patrick and Massachusetts Commissioner of Education Mitchell Chester commended the Cleveland School for its MCAS performance in both English/Language Arts and Mathematics.

The Cleveland School exited the underperforming status category as it met AYP for the second consecutive year.

"We are extremely excited by the Cleveland School meeting AYP," Superintendent of Schools James Hayden said, noting the school was one of 18 in the Bay State recognized for meeting AYP two years in a row.

Cleveland School Principal Scott Williams took the initiative to help students improve their test scores by instituting an MCAS boot camp two years ago.

Williams noted teachers and students worked together to make the program a success.

"It was strategic. It was necessary," Williams said of the program. "It was swift in its implementation."

Williams emphasized teachers helped students throughout the year by offering test tips and strategies along with tests mod-

eled after the MCAS. Teachers would provide feedback weekly to Williams to see the program's effectiveness.

"It's a quick snapshot of where kids are doing well and where kids are failing," Williams said.

The Prescott School achieved AYP in all categories after failing to display progress in mathematics last year.

"We were delighted," Prescott School Principal Brianne Killion said of her school's MCAS performance. "We had very high goals to reach and we met them. We were very excited."

The Balch Elementary School faces corrective action in mathematics after failing to reach AYP in its subgroups for two consecutive years.

The school reached AYP in ELA, but will be expected to revise the School Improvement Plan to show the use one or more corrective actions and submit the plan for approval to School Committee Chair Bill Plasko Jr.

The Oldham Elementary School's performance dropped as the institution failed to reach AYP in mathematics and ELA after displaying progress in both categories last year. The school will be placed in "Improvement Year 1" as a result of this year's MCAS performance.

The Callahan Elementary School achieved AYP in ELA and in its mathematics subgroups, but its mathematics' aggregate scores failed to reach AYP. However, the institution faces no accountability status

currently.

The Coakley Middle School failed to reach AYP in mathematics while failing ELA when graded on a subgroup level.

Norwood High School achieved AYP in ELA, but failed to show progress in its mathematics scores.

"Our challenge every year is to become better," Usevich said. "You cannot be in a complacent mode with this."

Blue Hills Regional Technical School met AYP in ELA, but failed to reach AYP in mathematics for the first time.

Hayden noted the town's emphasis on ELA helped

MCAS

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We would also like to thank the Norwood Town Departments who always help on Norwood Day: Department of Public Works, Police Department, Fire Department, Light Department, School Department, Engineering Department, REACT, and the Recreation Department.

In addition, we would like to thank all those who helped make Norwood Day the great day it has become: Committee Members

and Volunteers-Linda Berger, Dan Burns, Jack Chamberlain, Martha Colamaria, Bernie Cooper, Dolores Elias, Mike Lyons, Lee Kennedy, Joe Greeley, Brian McDonough, Kevin McDonough, Rick Morison, Ernie Paciorkowski, Nicole Pelaggi, Paula Pelaggi, Linda Rau, Reggie Regan, Kevin Shaughnessy, Jack Taylor, Jean Taylor, Howard Weinstein, Eileen and Ron Woodworth, Jim Nassif, Pam Conroy, Mary and Mary Kate Taggart, Dorothy Prevoir, Joe Malinn, Joanne Gleason, Linda Reilly, Tom Lambert, the Freshmen Football Team who helped us to set up early in the morning, and the boys J.V. Soccer, who helped us to take everything down.

See you next year!

Gerald F. Miller
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New Beginnings at UMass Boston

By J. Keith Motley, PhD, UMass Boston Chancellor

Like most New Englanders, I treasure the warm summer months. They give me the chance to recharge my batteries for the school year ahead. But my true favorite season is fall, when we join our students in embarking on new beginnings at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

A couple of weeks ago I had the privilege of welcoming some 16,000 new and continuing students to our harbor-side campus at our Fall Convocation, the ceremonial kick-off to the new academic year. It is truly an honor to greet students who come to the University of Massachusetts Boston from across Massachusetts and from 136 countries for a great, student-centered, urban public research university experience.

And it is wonderful to know that so many opportunities await them in each of our eight colleges. For example:

- » Our College of Education and Human Development's Teach Next Year program, which offers young and mid-career professionals the opportunity to combine in-class instruction with in-school experience;
- » Our College of Liberal Arts, which continues to add programs, such as the new PhD in Developmental and Brain Sciences;
- » Our College of Management, nationally ranked for its undergraduate and MBA programs, many of which include international study and collaboration;
- » Our College of Nursing and Health Sciences, the state's leading source of nursing professionals, with programs that are ranked among the best;
- » Our College of Public and Community Service, which offers its students amazing opportunities to intern in state government;
- » Our College of Science and Mathematics, a national leader in green chemistry, with the first doctoral program in the nation in that field;
- » Our McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies, whose centers and institutes help shape public policy in Massachusetts and beyond;
- » And University College, which offers a host of opportunities for people seeking career advancement or looking to expand their horizons.

It's also wonderful to see our campus already transforming according to our master plan for expansion and revitalization. The foundation for the Integrated Sciences Complex is being poured right now; it seems that each week brings a new milestone in its construction. When it is completed in 2013, our students will enjoy access to its 220,000 square feet of state-of-the-art research facilities, high-tech classrooms, and teaching laboratories. I am excited just imagining what our students will make of the opportunities this space presents to them.

I invite you to see for yourself what else is happening at Greater Boston's only public university by joining us for our fall Open House, held on campus on October 15. All are welcome to attend; please visit our new website at www.umb.edu to register.

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Food Pantry needs help

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

The Ecumenical Food Pantry of Norwood is reaching out to local residents for assistance as it is suffering a shortage of basic supplies.

"We're running extremely low on dry pasta, canned pasta, spaghetti sauce, mac and cheese, and canned tomatoes, paste, and sauce," Ecumenical Food Pantry stock and Rotation Manager William Discepolo said. "And we're almost out of baked beans, canned and jarred fruit - even peanut butter. We urgently need donations in all these categories."

Food pantries often find themselves short of important supplies in the fall as items from the Postal Workers' Drive in May are depleted and holiday giving remains

several months away.

"But because of the economy, the need is especially critical this year," Ecumenical Food Pantry Executive Director Ruth Taeger said. "In past years, we've served about 250 families from Norwood and Westwood. But this year, over 350 families have come to us for help. That's an increase of more than 40 percent."

The food pantry will accept donations that can be dropped off at 150 Chapel St. in Norwood on Thursday mornings between 8:30 and 9:30 or Saturday mornings between 7:30 and 11. Volunteers will be on hand to assist in carrying bags and boxes.

Drop-off boxes are located in the Morrill Memorial Library and Hannaford's Supermarket, both on Route 1A/Walpole Street; Shaw's on Nahatan Street; and

Stop & Shop on Route 1/Providence Hwy.

Checks and cash donations are always greatly appreciated, as well. Checks should be made out to "Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood" and sent to 150 Chapel Street, Norwood, MA 02062.

Taeger noted any donations make a significant difference.

"A can or two - or a case or two for those who can afford it - can do a huge amount of good right now," Taeger said. "The people of Norwood have always responded so generously to those in need, and we're hoping they'll remember them again on their next trip to the supermarket."

The Ecumenical Food Pantry, a volunteer organization, has served the Norwood community for more than 20 years.

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schools with the MCAS this year.

"There are areas where we made improvements in English/Language Arts," Hayden said. "We have worked very hard over the past year on writing

and we've seen improvements in those test results."

The School Committee will provide a detailed analysis at its Oct. 12 meeting.

"We'll look at what progress was made and what needs to be

done," School Committee member Dick Kief said.

Kief noted the group will look for new ways to improve NPS' MCAS test results going forward.

Budget *continued from page 1*

"Fiscal year '13 is a different budget year," Slater said. "We have a lot of competing interests. We'll just have to see how things turn out."

Plumer emphasized the library needs funding to maintain a consistent level of high-quality service.

"If the library consistently asks for waivers, we're going to have a lot of trouble keeping the staff we have and hiring new staff," Plumer said. "If we can't meet payroll, we won't be able to hire quality people."

Plumer said losing the library's literacy program could prove to be a substantial loss for the town.

"Our literacy program is one of the most outstanding in the state," Plumer said. "We don't want to see that lost."

Commission member Judith Langone noted the budget remains a concern for many departments throughout the town.

"It's not that the library is not important," Langone said, "but the library's budget has been increased almost every year."

Langone said making cuts could become necessary for the library in the future.

"I know you don't want to reduce services at your library but we have to reduce somewhere," Langone said.

Commission Chairman Joseph Greeley noted one-third of state municipalities have applied for waivers this year, but next year remains up in the air for many areas.

"Next year is just a total unknown at this point, but we know it's not going to be pretty," Greeley said.

The commission has asked to receive additional information from the library's Board of Trustees regarding its budget concerns.

The commission announced during its meeting that Langone will operate as the group's new Chairman. Commission member John Hayes will maintain his position as Vice Chair.

Train crash *continued from page 1*

throughout the Bay State as it plans mock crashes at least twice a year. Previous mock crash locations include the Bowdoin and Alewife Stations.

"We try to pick locations we have never done before," Rivera said.

Murphy said at least 30 volunteers donated their efforts to the crash, portraying victims during the simulation. Volunteers included members of the Norwood High School Drama Club and a boy scouts troop.

"There's a merit badge for emergency preparedness they have to get to become an Eagle Scout," Assistant Scoutmaster Sean Geary said. "Opportunities like this don't come along every day."

More than 100 people

watched the mock train crash.

American Medical Response Medical Supervisor Webb Simon said he has been involved with real and mock train crashes in the past, but anticipated the Norwood simulation would be chaotic at first because it took place at night.

"But once the resources come in, the situation starts to iron itself out," Simon noted.

Simon said the evening mock train crash allows officials to prepare for emergencies that could occur at any time.

"People don't expect things to happen at night," Simon said. "The level of preparedness is lesser at night."

Simon emphasized the simulated train crash provided a learning experience that the

town can use to help its residents in the future.

"They see what they did right and they see what they did wrong from the crash," Simon said. "Protocol may change depending on how things go."

Norwood Fire Chief Michael Howard said the event offered a potentially priceless learning experience to those involved.

"This is a unique opportunity for all of public safety as well as state agencies to work together," Howard said. "We're privileged to take part in this opportunity. It's been a good experience."

Howard noted the town and the MBTA would review the results of the simulated train crash in upcoming weeks.

'Miles for Liam' Run and Walk raises \$6,000

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

At least 200 people joined the McGourty family at the second annual "Miles for Liam" 5k walk/run for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy on Sunday. The event offered participants the opportunity to raise money and awareness for Muscular Dystrophy Association Duchenne Research.

Norwood resident Liam McGourty, 4, was diagnosed with DMD two years ago. DMD, a genetic disorder causing a progressive condition affecting skeletal, or voluntary, muscles in the arms, legs and trunk, impacts one out of every

2,400 boys worldwide, according to the Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Research Fund.

Local residents have stepped up to show support for one of their own, raising \$7,000 at last year's event.

"Norwood is a wonderful community," Kristen McGourty, Liam's mother, said. "They're so supportive."

The McGourty family started Liam's Living Life, Experiencing Life, Enjoying Life and Planning for the Future (L.E.E.P) a foundation in his honor that supports families along with increased research and awareness about DMD.

Liam's L.E.E.P sponsored the second annual event with

support from the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), Norwood Fire Department Local #1631 and Westwood-Mansfield Pediatrics. In addition, Walgreens and Kohl's displayed their support with booths at the event.

"We're just growing last year's event," MDA Executive Director Melanie Britto said.

Britto noted the fundraiser provides the community a chance to join together to work towards a common goal.

"It's a nice way to connect," Britto said.

Participants started and finished their 3.1-mile journey at

Liam

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Hud Grant issued

The Norwood Housing Authority (NHA) has been awarded a \$240,000 grant by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist its federal public housing residents in accessing services of agencies in Norwood and surrounding communities which help the elderly and persons with disabilities to maintain independent living.

The \$240,000, three-year grant was awarded through HUD's Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency - Service Coordinators (ROSS-SC) Program. This program allows grantees to hire or retain service coordinators to assess the need of residents of HUD funded Public Housing and coordinate available resources in the community to meet those needs.

"The opportunity to receive this grant will allow the Norwood Housing Authority to increase our service coordination program for our residents at a time when the need has never been greater," NHA Executive Director Stephen Merritt said. "With the commitment of the Norwood Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, we have been able to create a program working with many local providers over the last few years, but this assistance will help us deliver better service to more residents who may need some help in their daily living."

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•The Sage School	Foxboro	4-14 years (K-8)	Thurs., October 6 - 9-11 am ♦ Sun., November 13-1-3pm	508-543-9619	sageschool.org
•Learning Project Elementary School	Boston	5-12 years (K-6)	Tue., October 4 - 4-6 pm ♦ Sat., October 15 - 11-2 pm	617-266-8427	learningproject.org
•Boston Trinity Academy	Boston	11-18 years (6-12)	Sat., October 15 - 12-3 pm ♦ Tues. November 15 - 6pm	617-364-3700	bostontrinity.org
•Dexter School	Brookline	4-18 years (boys K1-12)	Sat., October 15 - 11-1 pm ♦ Sun., Nov. 6 - 1-3 pm	617-454-2721	dexter.org
•Southfield School	Brookline	4-18 years (girls K1-12)	Sat., October 15 - 11-1 pm ♦ Sun., Nov. 6 - 1-3 pm	617-454-2721	southfield.org
•Noble and Greenough School	Dedham	11-18 years (7-12)	Sat., October 15 - 9-12 pm ♦ Tue., Dec. 6 - 6:30-9 pm	781-320-7100	nobles.edu
•Boston University Academy	Boston	13-18 years (9-12)	Sun., October 16 - 1-3 ♦ Sun., December 4 - 3-5 pm	617-353-9000	buacademy.org
•Dana Hall School	Wellesley	11-18 years (girls 6-12)	Sun., October 16 - 1-3 pm	781-235-3010	danahall.org
•Jackson School	Newton	5-12 years (K-6)	Sun., Oct. 16 - 1-3 ♦ Wed., Nov. 9 & Wed., Feb. 1 - 9-11 am	617-202-9772	jacksonwalnutparkschools.org
•The Newman School	Boston	13-19 years (9-12)	Sun., October 16 - 2-5 pm	617-267-4530	newmanboston.org
•Waldorf High School of Mass Bay	Belmont	14-18 years (9-12)	Sun., October 16 - 1-3 pm	617-489-6600	waldorfhighschool.org
•The Rashi School	Dedham	5-14 years (K-8)	Tues., October 18 - 7-9 pm ♦ Sun., Nov. 20 - 1-3 pm	617-969-4444	rashi.org
•St. Sebastian's School	Needham	12-18 years (boys 7-12)	Tues., October 18 - 5:30-7:30 pm	781-449-5200	stsebastiansschool.org
•Kingsley Montessori School	Boston	2-12 years (PreK-6)	Wed, October 19 - 8:45-11 am ♦ Sun., Dec. 4 - 2-4 pm	617-226-4931	kingsley.org
•British School of Boston	Boston	2.9-18 years (N-12)	Thurs, October 20 - 9:30-11 am ♦ Sun., Dec. 4 - 1-3 pm	617-522-2261	britishschoolofboston.org
•Lesley Ellis School	Arlington	2.9-12 years (PS-6)	Sat., October 22 - 10-12 pm	781-641-1346	lesleyellis.org
•Thayer Academy-Upper School	Braintree	13-18 years (9-12)	Sat., October 22 - 12-2 pm	781-664-2221	thayer.org
•Thayer Academy-Middle School	Braintree	11-14 years (6-8)	Sat., October 29 - 1-3 pm	781-664-2221	thayer.org
•Belmont Day School	Belmont	4-14 years (PreK-8)	Sun, October 23 - 1-4 pm ♦ Sun., Dec. 4 - 1-4 pm	617-484-3078	belmontday.org
•Brimmer and May School	Chestnut Hill	4-18 years (PreK-12)	Sun., October 23 - 1-3 pm ♦ Sat., (Gr. 6-12) 2 pm	617-738-8695	brimmerandmay.org
•Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall School	Waltham	14-18 years (9-PG)	Sun., October 23 & Sun., November 6 - 1 pm	781-314-0800	chch.org
•Charles River School	Dover	4-14 years (PreK-8)	Sun., October 23 & Sun., November 13 - 2-4 pm	508-785-8213	charlesriverschool.org
•Commonwealth School	Boston	13-18 years (9-12)	Sun., October 23 - 3-5 pm ♦ Tue., Dec. 6 - 7-9 pm	617-266-7525	commschool.org
•Delphi Academy	Milton	2.9-13 years (PreK-8)	Sun., October 23 - 1-3 pm ♦ Sat., Dec. 10 - 10-12 pm	617-333-9610	delphiboston.org
•Fayerweather Street School	Cambridge	4-14 years (PreK-8)	Sun., Oct. 23-1:30-4pm (PreK-8) ♦ Sat., Jan. 7-9:30-11:30(P&K)	617-876-4746	fayerweather.org
•Fenn School for Boys	Concord	9-15 years (boys 4-9)	Sun., October 23 & Sun., November 20 - 2-4:00 pm	978-369-5800	fenn.org
•The Fessenden School	West Newton	5-15 years (boys K-9)	Sun., Oct. 23 & Sun., Dec. 4 - 1-3 pm ♦ Tue, Nov. 15 6:30-8 (K-only)	617-630-2300	fessenden.org
•Newton Montessori School	Newton	15mo-12 years (Todd.-6)	Sun., October 23 - 1-2 pm ♦ Thurs., Nov. 17 - 9:30-11 am	617-969-4488	newtonmontessori.org
•Shady Hill School-Lower School	Cambridge	4-10 years (PreK-4)	Sun., October 23 - 2-4 pm	617-520-5200	shs.org
•Shady Hill-Middle School	Cambridge	11-14 years (5-8)	Wed., November 16 - 7 pm	617-520-5200	shs.org
•The Advent School	Boston	4-12 years (PreK-6)	Wed., October 26 - 9-11 am ♦ Sun., Nov. 20 - 2-4 pm	617-742-0520	adventschool.org
•Meridian Academy	Brookline	11-18 years (6-12)	Wed., October 26 & Wed., November 16 - 7 pm	617-277-1118	meridianacademy.org
•BB&N Middle and Upper School	Cambridge	12-18 years (7-12)	Sat., October 29 - 9-12 pm	617-800-2136	bbns.org
•BB&N Lower School	Cambridge	4-12 years (PreK-6)	Sat, October 29 - 1:30-4 pm	617-800-2471	bbns.org
•The Rivers School	Weston	11-18 years (6-12)	Sat., October 29 - 9:00-12 pm	781-235-9300	rivers.org
•Meadowbrook School	Weston	4-14 years (Jr.K-8)	Sun., Oct. 30 - 1-3 pm ♦ Tue., Dec. 6 - 9-10:30 am	781-894-1193	meadowbrook-ma.org
•The Park School	Brookline	4-15 years (PreK-9)	Sun., October 30 - 12-3 pm	617-277-2456	parkschool.org
•Dedham Country Day School	Dedham	4-14 years (PreK-8)	Thurs, Nov. 3 - 5:30-7:30 pm ♦ Tue., Nov. 15 - 8:30-10:30 am	781-329-0850	dedhamcountryday.org
•Cambridge Friends School	Cambridge	4-14 years (PreK-8)	Sat., November 5 - 1-3 pm	617-354-3880	cfsmass.org
•Milton Academy K-8 Division	Milton	5-14 years (K-8)	Sat., November 5 - 1:30-3:30 pm	617-898-2509	milton.edu
•Cambridge Montessori School	Cambridge	21 mos. to 14 years (T-9)	Sun., November 6 - 1-3 pm	617-492-3410	cambridgemontessori.org
•The Cambridge School of Weston	Weston	14-18 years (9-12)	Sun., November 6 - 1-4 pm	781-642-8650	csw.org
•Carroll School	Lincoln/Waltham	6-15 years (1-9)	Sun., November 6 & Sun., January 29 - 12-4 pm*	781-259-8342	carrollschool.org
•Lexington Montessori School	Lexington	21 mos-14 years (Todd-8)	Sun., Nov. 6 - 1-3 pm ♦ Thurs. Jan 5 - 9:30-11:30 am	781-862-8571	lexmontessori.org
•Newton Country Day School	Newton	10-18 years (girls 5-12)	Sun., November 6 - 1-3 pm	617-244-4246	newtoncountryday.org
•The Chestnut Hill School	Chestnut Hill	3-12 years (Beginners-6)	Sun., November 6 - 1-3 pm	617-566-4394	tchs.org
•Nashoba Brooks School	Concord	3-14 years (PS-8)	Sun., Nov. 6 - 1-3 pm ♦ Thurs., Jan. 12 - 6:30-8:30 pm	978-369-4591	nashobabrooks.org
•Oak Meadow Montessori School	Littleton	3-14 years (PreK-8)	Sun., Nov. 6 & Sun., March 18 - 1-3 pm	978-486-9874	oakmeadow.org
•Tenacre Country Day School	Wellesley	4-12 years (PreK-6)	Sun., Nov. 6 - 2-4 pm ♦ Thurs., Jan. 12 - 8:15-9:30 am	781-235-2282	tenacrecds.org
•Beaver Country Day School	Chestnut Hill	11-18 years (6-12)	Fri., November 11 - 8:15-11:30 am ♦ Wed., Dec. 7 - 7-9 pm	617-738-2725	bcdschool.org
•The Winsor School	Boston	10-18 years (girls 5-12)	Fri., November 11 - 8:30-12 pm	617-735-9503	winsor.edu
•Inly School	Scituate	15 mo-14 years (Todd.-8)	Thurs., December 1 - 5:30 pm ♦ Fri., Dec. 2 - 9 am	781-545-5544	inlyschool.org
•Adams Montessori School	Quincy	2.9-12 years	Sun., December 4 & Sun., February 12 - 1-3 pm	617-773-8200	adamsmontessori.org
•Fay School	Southborough	4-15 years (PreK-9)	Sun., December 4 - 1-4 pm	508-490-8201	fayschool.org

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Napper Tandys.

Arlington resident Jeff Hayes, 26, won the race with a time of 18:14, but the victory was far from the only thing on Hayes' mind.

Hayes noted he ran the race with his brother, three friends and his future father-in-law only hours before his wedding ceremony in Sharon.

"The girls are all getting their hair and nails done, and the guys wanted to do something manly," Hayes said of his decision to run the 5k prior to his wedding.

Hayes emphasized the event offered an opportunity to help a worthy individual.

"I wanted to find something for a good cause," Hayes said, "and Liam looked like a good kid."

Sharon resident Jenny Cunningham, 25, finished as the top overall female performer with a time of 21:34.



(left to right) Abigail McGourty, 2, Kristen McGourty and Liam McGourty, 4, participated in the second annual "Miles for Liam" 5k for DMD on Sunday, Sept. 25.

PHOTO BY DANIEL KOBIALKA

Cash prizes were awarded to the top three male and female runners and medals were distributed to winners in eight age groups at the walk and run.

However, the day's festivities were far from over as participants crossed the race's finish line.

Music, food and entertain-

ment filled Day Street as participants celebrated their efforts working together to raise awareness and money for DMD. In addition, raffles gave participants the raffles chance to win sports memorabilia, gift baskets and gift cards.

An MDA spokesperson said this year's "Miles for Liam" raised at least \$6,000 for DMD.

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NO RESPECT

A mass of twisted metal, in the visible shape of a Christian Cross, was left standing at the site of the horrific NY Twin Towers attack, committed by individuals of sub human life. A group of atheists are suing to have the symbol removed. It doesn't start a religion, as pursuant to the First Amendment, so what's the issue? Hatred of Christianity?

PLEDGE TO OUR FLAG

A group of individuals from Brookline, Mass. is asking the school committee to "DO AWAY" with the Pledge of Allegiance in all classrooms in their public schools. A representative from the group spoke on a TV stating that the Pledge is "BULLYING, NOT EDUCATIONAL," and "MAKES HIS SKIN CRAWL." If he and his anti-American mob don't respect what our American Flag stands for, they have the right to leave our country, hopefully for good, with a "big hand from a little lady!" Don't his statements make YOUR skin crawl? BYE GUYS,

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Sports



Norwood resident Matt Brown takes the stage at the TD Garden on Saturday, Sept. 24 as part of the second annual Matt Brown Gala. Several Boston Bruins players attended the event, including Milan Lucic, Andrew Ference and ex-Bruin Ray Bourque.

PHOTO BY KEVIN STONE

Matt Brown Gala a huge success

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

There are times in life where you have no choice but to rely on friends and family and make a commitment to "never give up."

Norwood resident Matt Brown faced that reality a year and a half ago on January 23, 2010 when he broke his C4 and C5 vertebrae in a high school hockey game that left him paralyzed from the chest down.

On Saturday, Brown along with his family, the Boston Bruins Foundation and Journey Forward, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping those who have suffered spinal injuries, hosted the second annual Matt Brown Gala at the TD Garden.

It was a night where a message was delivered to all in attendance: be appreciative of everyone and everything you have. It was also

a night where friends, family and event participants could open their arms to each other and embrace the fact that they were all fighting the good fight.

The night began with a reception at the TD Garden Legends Lounge for people who had donated \$250 for a ticket. Food and drinks were served as people shared stories and laughs and also got to rub elbows with Milan Lucic and Andrew Ference of the 2011 Stanley Cup Champion Boston Bruins while a collage of pictures from Matt's recent journey were displayed. Olympic hockey hero Mike ErUZIONE and Bruins legend Ray Bourque were also in attendance.

The Bruins have been huge supporters of Matt, and with the Gala being held in their own barn, attending was an easy decision.

"Matt's been a friend for a while now and this is as simple as us getting a chance to help out a friend who's a pretty inspirational guy," said Ference. "Getting to donate some stuff and just help out someone who has such a positive attitude and outlook on life is just a no brainer," he added.

Auctions helped raise money throughout the evening. Auction items included all-inclusive behind the scenes Bruins and Celtics experiences as well as trips to Oregon, Ireland and New York. In addition, Red Sox, Celtics and Patriots gear was also up for bidding, as well as baseballs, basketballs, hockey sticks and tea, jerseys from professional athletes.

For Ray Bourque, a Boston legend on the Garden ice for more than a decade,

Matt Brown

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Swimming stays unbeaten

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

If it were the NFL, the Norwood swim team would be a quarter of the way to reaching 16-0 like the 2007 New England Patriots.

On Friday, Mustang swimmers and divers remained unbeaten to open their season at 4-0, this time dismantling Wellesley with a 98-85 victory. While the score may appear close, Norwood won eight out of the 11 events at the meet.

Norwood's Mary Pat Norton and Megan Clifford continued to lead, while younger role players played a key part in keeping the Mustangs at zero in the right hand column.

Perhaps the most amazing thing coming from the swimming and diving camp is the amount of records being broken, as two more were set on Friday as well as some personal bests.

Sophomore Jimmy

Conley's 500-yard freestyle performance and Kristen Folan's diving score set new school records.

Freshman Charlotte Rivard qualified for state postseason action in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Junior Alex Metta rounded out another record-setting day as she swam to a personal best in the 200-yard Individual Medley and a season best in the 100-yard backstroke.

The win over Wellesley followed a lopsided 106-79 victory over Natick. Norwood swim team head coach Kim Goodwin said the win was even more significant because the Mustangs had not beaten Natick in "many, many years."

Overall, the Mustang swimmers and divers are making some serious waves in the Massachusetts high school pool at 4-0, and will look to continue turning heads in upcoming meets.

Football moves to 2-1

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

Despite getting their first win on their new field a week ago against Natick, the Norwood football team was not pleased with the way the game ended after having a large lead in the first half disintegrated before the defense finally won the game for the Mustangs.

The mantra of the team all week heading into Friday night's road game against Wellesley was "finish," and after humiliating the Red and Black last year, Norwood was prepared for a dogfight.

What they came out with was an impressive 16-6, "grind it out" victory in their first road test of the season. The Mustangs improved to 2-1 overall with the win.

Head coach John

Sarianides was pleased with the victory, but quickly pointed out that it is still very early, and that his Mustangs are not where he would like them to be.

"A good win for us, but not perfect by any means," he said. "I thought we were outstanding defensively. We bent but we didn't break and that's big... We got off the field when we needed to on third down, and that's really just what our game is about."

On offense, it was the same old story as senior quarterback Tom Munro again led his team into a fairly hostile environment. Munro threw two touchdowns and found a way to succeed when things were not always well for his team.

"Tom is really the catalyst

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to everything,” Sarianides said. “He’s just a real tough kid, and [Friday] night wasn’t as easy sometimes as the Natick game was, but he fought through when he got pushed a little bit and that’s big.”

Munro found TJ George for 27 yards on his first touchdown in the second quarter after Norwood had taken a 3-0 lead in the first, thanks to a Devon Ryan field goal.

Leading 9-0 at the half, Munro eventually found Brendan Cathcart in the third quarter for an 11-yard touchdown that put the Mustangs up ahead 16-0.

Wellesley’s Dan Elfman punched in a touchdown from the 1-yard line that made it 16-6 heading into the fourth quarter. But the Norwood defense would rise to the occasion,

pitching a shutout in the final 12 minutes.

The team now turns its attention to an 0-3 Brookline squad that comes to town on Saturday afternoon following a 29-0 loss to Walpole. Despite their record Sarianides cautioned his team about a potential “trap” game this weekend with an Oct. 6 road matchup against Walpole looming.

“We simply can’t overlook [Brookline] this week,” he said. “They may be 0-3 but that’s a much different program than it has been recently and those coaches are doing a good job getting those kids up and ready to play. It’s going to be real easy for us to overlook them and my job is to make sure we don’t let that happen, especially with [Walpole] coming up.”



Senior captain Andrew Alty remains a key part of the Mustang offense as the team's primary running back.

PHOTO BY ZALINA MCGUIRE

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the ability to come back to the building and help bring some awareness to the terrific work Journey Forward is doing was never up for debate.

“I told Matt a while back that whenever I had the opportunity to come help out at these kinds of events I’d be more than happy to,” Bourque said. “With the evolution of all the technology that Journey Forward has come up with in trying to help people with their rehab and continuing to help keep people positive despite an obviously tough time is just so easy to come and support.”

After the Legends Lounge reception, people were invited to walk down the same ramp that Garden anthem singer Renee Rancourt strolls down every night and enter the Garden arena.

Mark Morris and the Catunes provided musical entertainment from a large stage, while two buffets were set up in front of the Bruins bench and where net would be placed during a game. Auction items were available along the rink while Lucic and Ference signed autographs in Sections 13 and 14 for several hours.

An exhibit was set up behind the glass by Journey Forward where people could try things such as a motorized wheelchair and other mobile aids.

While MB3 shirts and hats were sold outside the ramp to the Garden floor,

the Brown family made it clear to attendees that this was truly a community effort as people young and old lent their services all over the arena the entire night.

Matt’s father, Mike, said he was in a state of awe as he watched people continue to move up the escalator entering the building to show their support as the night progressed.

“This is just a fantastic night for all involved,” he said. “When the accident first happened, I asked around and actually got some advice from [people involved in] the Travis Roy (Boston University hockey) incident and was told, ‘Start fundraising right away.’ We did, and we had our first Gala at Gillette Stadium last year. I thought that was great, but the support from everyone involved, from Journey Forward to the Boston Bruins has just been tremendous.”

As for the man of the night, Matt Brown, he, much like his dad, was having trouble truly comprehending all the support he was receiving.

“This is incredible,” he said with a smile. “I wasn’t able to attend last year, and to be at an event with so many people, it just puts a smile on my face.”

Hosting the event at the TD Garden, home of the Stanley Cup champions, added a special feel to an

Matt Brown

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Sarianides wins coach of the week

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

Talk about getting your football program back on the map.

After securing the first win on their new field Sept. 17 by beating Natick for the first time since 2005, head coach John Sarianides’ mission of restoring the pride in Mustangs football this season seemed to be off to a nice start.

Last week, in what was a surprise to all involved, he was named the New England Patriots High School Coach of the Week, and was awarded a plaque along with his whole team by former Patriot linebacker Andre Tippett in the new school building on Sept. 20.

The team was also featured on “Patriots All Access”, a TV show produced by the Patriots that aired Sept. 23, and was presented with a check for \$1,000 to benefit the Norwood football program.

This season is the 16th year in which the Patriots, along with the rest of the National Football league, have conducted the High School Coach of the Week program, which recognizes outstanding high school coaches and promotes youth football throughout the country.

Sarianides said he was humbled by the award, and quickly deflected credit to his players and staff.

“It’s obviously about them,” he said. “Above all else I feel

like it shows that we’re turning a corner here and the kids are starting to get it. It shows we’re taking the steps to try and get this football program back to where it should be.”

Sarianides was even somewhat hesitant about accepting the award.

“To be completely honest with you, I wasn’t crazy about it,” he said. “I really want to try and keep us under the radar a bit, and frankly I thought that it was a little much after just one win, but I suppose it is a bit of nice personal recognition.”

Moving forward, Sarianides

said he feels like it could be more of a showcase for all the improvements to Norwood and the football program that are being made more than anything else.

“It’s about the kids and this town,” Sarianides reiterated. “I just wanted those cameras here at the school for them to meet the kids and and for the rest of this town. I thought it’d be cool for them to get on ‘[Patriots] All Access’ and kind of have that to continue pushing them a little bit, it was nice to be able to show off the new building, so it worked out well.”



Coach John Sarianides has led his squad to a 2-1 record and has taken New England Patriots High School Coach of the Week honors as well.

PHOTO BY GIL HAYLON

Athletes of the Week

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

Back for another season is the *Norwood Record's* Athlete of the Week feature.

After leading the Mustang swim team to a stunning 4-0 start to the season, a pair of senior co-captains garner the award this week, as Mary Pat Norton and Megan Clifford swam their way to the honor.

Head coach Kim Goodwin said she had nothing but praise for her two senior leaders in a recent interview.

"They are both just a huge part of our success so far this season," Goodwin said. "They're both very versatile, always encouraging other teammates and really just trying to do everything the right way."

Norton has been setting personal records left and right so far this season, particularly in the backstroke, while also making the conversion from swimmer to diver when needed.

"She's so much more outgoing this year it's not even funny," Goodwin joked. "She's gaining more and more confidence every day and it's really helping with her leadership."

Norton said her team has performed well this season, surpassing the expectations of many.

"Everyone's been really stepping up so far and it's actually going a lot better than any of us could have ex-



Norwood's Mary Pat Norton (above) and Megan Clifford are leading the swim team to a dominating start to the season.

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pected," Norton said.

As for Clifford, she too has been at a personal best in the pool so far this season, thanks in large part to her teammates.

"It helps when it's fun coming to the pool every day," Clifford said. "The team unity this year is great, and, obviously, winning makes it a lot more fun as well."

Goodwin noted perhaps the best thing about both Norton and Clifford are their laid back attitudes as both have not yet considered taking swimming to the collegiate level.

"Well, people are interested," Goodwin said. "They're enjoying being seniors."

Now that expectations have already been surpassed for the season, both girls, as

well as Goodwin, are not really sure what else to expect the rest of the way. However, each knows that their success rests on their shoulders as well as the camaraderie of the team.

"Everyone is getting along, there is no one who's ever singled out and that's important," said Norton.

"Being unbeaten so far makes it more fun because you always want to improve and keep seeing everyone get better," Clifford said.

"As far as expectations I'm not really sure," said Goodwin. "Conceivably we could have a really good record, the start's been great for us. As long as [Norton and Clifford] keep organizing the rides, the pasta dinners and leading in the pool I could see us being a really, really good team."

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already inspiring night for many.

"I'm at the home of the Boston Bruins...the Stanley Cup Champions...you can't really beat that," Brown added. "I didn't have any expectations for this night coming in, because I truly had no clue what was going down, but it's just been really special."

As Brown enjoyed the

support of an entire community and beyond, his father Mike said he has already thinking about ways to improve the Gala next year.

"We're going to definitely try," he said.

"This whole night is really just about people getting to meet other people who may have some difficulties in their life as well and knowing that everyone's in it together. It's about friends and family, and it's about fighting a good fight. We're going to try and keep doing this until Matt and everyone else in the same predicament is out of their chairs and walking again."

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Library Notes

THE PENGUIN LADY VISITS THE LIBRARY

Dyan deNapoli, author of *The Great Penguin Rescue: 40,000 Penguins, a Devastating Oil Spill and the Inspiring Story of the World's Largest Animal Rescue*, will be at the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m. to talk about her book. As a Senior Penguin Aquarist at the New England Aquarium, the highlight of Dyan's career was flying to South American as part of an international team of penguin experts to help save 40,000 penguins from an oil spill. The three-month effort that took 556,000 hours of volunteer labor represents the largest number of animals within a species ever to be rescued and rehabilitated. Please sign up for this free event, funded by the Friends of the Library. Autographed copies of *The Great Penguin Rescue* will be available for purchase after the program.

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Force of Nature: the David Suzuki Movie will be shown for the first time in the United States at the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. This film by Stella Gunnarson is a "last lecture" by David Suzuki, iconic Canadian scientist, educator, environmentalist and activist. He describes it as "a distillation of my life and thoughts, my legacy, what I want to say before I die." David Suzuki's award-winning nature programs on CBC, BBC, PBS and The Discovery Channel have received acclaim for over 30 years. Suzuki takes you on a fascinating tour of his upbringing, his time in a Japanese internment camp, his studies during the American space race, his activism in the sixties and his experiences up to the present. The narrative is interwoven with stunning scenes from the key places and events in his life over the past 70 years. Get to know the real David Suzuki and hear about his vision for the environment. Embark on an intimate and entertaining journey of discovery about his life that may inspire you to start thinking about living your own legacy. Sign up for this must-see screening, presented by the Norwood-based organization Together Yes, at the library Reference or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222. The library is accessible to the physically disabled.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Interested in researching your family tree? Back by popular demand, genealogist Joe Petrie will return to the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. to demonstrate how online databases can provide a wealth of information to help you explore your family's roots. He will teach you how to successfully navigate two of the library's databases, Ancestry and Heritage Quest, in addition to introducing you to other valuable, easy-to-use Internet resources. Joe Petrie is a retired Adjunct Professor of Computer Science at MassBay Community College whose hobby is genealogy. He is a member of the New England Historical Genealogical Society, the Family History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Cape Breton Genealogy and History Association. He has researched in depth his own Canadian ancestry as well as his wife's Irish roots and loves to share his knowledge of and passion for this subject with others. Register for this free program at the library Reference or Information Desk.

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Our film fest continues in our Meryl Streep movie series with *Mamma Mia* (Oct. 17), *Julie & Julia* (Nov. 21), and *Out of Africa* (Dec. 19). Sign up at the library Reference or Information Desk or call for any or all of these free films. Complimentary popcorn is provided by Regal Cinema, Bellingham.

If sign-up is required for a program, please come to the Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or x222. These are free programs and are funded by the Friends of the Library. The Morrill Memorial Library is accessible to people with disabilities. For more information, visit the library website at norwoodlibrary.org.

SENIOR NEWS

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

GLEE CLUB

The Glee Club will meet on Tuesday mornings at 11:15 a.m.

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The Club meets at the Norwood Elks every second Tuesday of the month, except July and Aug., at 10:00 a.m. They have coffee and donuts available before the meeting. All are welcome and there is plenty of parking. You don't have to be a Norwood resident but you must be 60 or older and be retired or semi retired. The dues are \$10.00 yearly and there is no initiation or initiation fee. Just walk in and say "Hello." The Club has two breakfast meetings a year and a Valentines Luncheon Dance in February. They have two trips a year, one in the summer and one in the winter. The men have a golf league, horseshoe league and a newly formed bocce league. Golf is played at the Norwood Country Club on Thursday mornings with scheduled tee times. Horseshoes are played at the Elks pits on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. The new Bocce league plays at the Senior Center courts on Wednesdays at 9:30 am. Every league would welcome new members.

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CRAFT FAIR

The Craft Fair, scheduled for Oct. 1st has been cancelled due to a lack of interest.

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The American Red Cross will

hold a community blood drive on Monday, Oct. 3, from 2:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. at the Norwood Civic Center, 165 Nahatan Street. All eligible and new blood donors are encouraged to give blood. Donors are needed every-day to ensure an adequate blood supply for patients in need. In Oct., all presenting donors will receive a \$10 EMS Bucks Card*, redeemable at participating Eastern Mountain Sports locations in Massachusetts and online at ems.com. Presenting donors in October can also enter to win** a seven day Bermuda cruise for two aboard Norwegian Cruise Lines, courtesy of Colpitts World Travel and Norwegian Cruise Line. Prizes are not redeemable for cash and non-transferable. To make an appointment to donate blood, please call 1-800-733-2767 or log onto redcrossblood.org.

THUNDER HILL 4H REGISTRATION

Thunder Hill 4H will hold registration for its youth clubs on Tuesday, Oct 4 at 7 p.m. in Kemp Hall at Norfolk Co Agricultural High School (the Aggie). Sheep Club is for youth 9-19 who like working with large animals. The sheep are housed at the 4H barn in Medfield. Thunder Hill Canine Encounters is for youth ages 8-19 and their dogs. They meet on two Thursday nights a month at the Aggie to learn about obedience, showmanship, some rally, a little agility, Canine Good Citizenship and more. Mutts are welcome. The rabbit and cavy program meets one Tuesday night a month at the Aggie and has youth ages 6-19 and their rabbits and/or guinea pigs. Poultry Club is also for ages 6-19 and meets as needed. All youth have fun with hands on learning about their animals and how to exhibit them as well as participating in 4H programs like visual presentations and record keeping. New this year is a cloverbud club for 6-8 yr olds who love animals. They will

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NORWOOD IRISH MUSIC CLUB

The Norwood Irish Music Club invites you to join them, Saturday, Oct. 8, 8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. with music by The Wild Rovers. Located at Workmen's Hall, 99 Wilson St. (off Rt. 1A), refreshments will be served and the cost is \$10 per person. Dances are held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. All are welcome. Call 781-982-4092 for more information.

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Norwood Recreation Department is having a Halloween Haunted House sale with several masks and costumes, available. Friday, Oct. 14, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. in the Willett Room of the Civic Center.

NHS CLASS OF '61 PLANS 50TH REUNION

The NHS class of '61 will celebrate their 50th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Old Colonial Café, 171 Nahatan St., 6:00 p.m. Cost for this event is \$40 per person. Other events planned include: Friday - golf, post-golf gathering at Conrad's; Saturday-tour of new NHS, football game in

Newton; Sunday brunch. For additional information and costs of each reunion activity, please contact: Charlie Donahue, cdona@aol.com or Maureen Crook Vinson, vinsonmaur@aol.com 781-769-4202.

NORWOOD CULTURAL COUNCIL NEWS

Are you interested in bringing a cultural program to Norwood students and residents? Then now is the time to apply for cultural council grants! Last year the Norwood Cultural Council funded programs from opera to poetry, bubbles to Bach. Applying for a grant is a great way to help fund a very special program that your organization would not otherwise be able to afford. Applications are due to Norwood Cultural Council by the postmarked application deadline of Saturday, Oct. 15. Or drop them off at the Norwood Town Hall by the deadline. Visit <http://www.massculturalcouncil.org/applications/lccapp.asp> for application instructions and additional information. Also, Recruiting New Members! Now is the time: get involved in your community by joining the Norwood Cultural Council! We meet once a month, do some good, and have a lot of fun. Email Jeanne O'Rourke at jorourke22@hotmail.com if you're interested in getting involved.

ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING

St. Catherine of Siena School Electronic Waste Recycling Event will be on Friday, September 30 from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, October 1 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the schoolyard. Bring in your old computer equipment, monitors, televisions, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, stereos, VCRs, speakers, radios, and game players. Computer monitors, televisions, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers will be recycled for \$10 per item; all other equipment will be recycled for \$5 per item. All proceeds will benefit Saint Catherine School's Technology Program.

ANNUAL YARD SALE

St. Catherine of Siena School 4th Annual Yard Sale Saturday, Oct 1 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 249 Nahatan St. The gymnasium will be full of great finds including household items, furniture, books, toys, exercise equipment, antiques, collectables, and

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NORWOOD WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The Norwood Woman's Club invites you to Tea on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 12:30 p.m. Come make new friends or see old friends. Get out your hat and gloves and join us. We meet at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Parish Hall at 24 Berwick St. and welcome new members. You need not be a resident of Norwood to join. For more information please call Trina at 781-762-8173.

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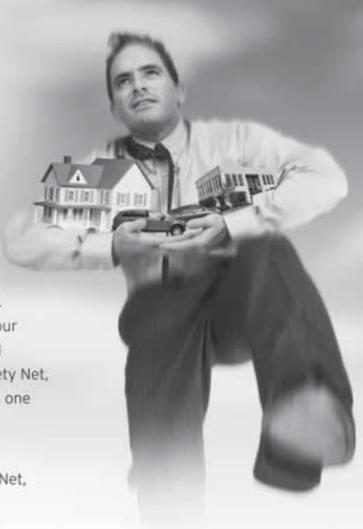


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Police Logs

Tuesday, September 20

1051 phone - B & e of motor vehicle *report filed. Location/address: Codman Rd. B&e to mv.

1229 phone - Unwanted party spoken to. Location/address: Advanced Tire - Washington St. Caller reports female on property who has letter of disinvite. Caller is not there but, a neighbor is reporting this to him. He is on his way back to business. Officer spoke to female in lot across the street, she states she was not on property, and is now leaving.

1510 phone - Larceny *report filed. Location/address: Auto Salon Custom Detailing - Washington St. Larceny of \$500.00.

1515 phone - Assist citizen spoken to. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Patient reports he was assaulted by security. Problem with psych patient. No report, no assault.

1604 911 - Road hazard services rendered. Location/address: Walpole St. Caller reports while on the way home he passed an open man hole cover with cones around it, but saw no workers or detail officer, caller could only say it was just out of the center. N662 checked entire length-no manholes open upon units arrival.

1648 phone - Drug law violation area search negative. Location/address: Windsor Gardens MBTA Station - Engamore Ln. Report that a navy blue, jeep pulled into lot, a white male, grey hoodie reached in passenger side window, some furtive hand movement and some type of hand exchange, car left lot, 5-6 kids left towards Ryan Dr. Units to both areas-cars and kids goa.

1726 phone - Dispute civil matter. Location/address: Washington St. Report landlord stated he was going to tow tenants car from the lot even though that is where she has parked since moving in, landlord also called her workplace, believes this stems from tenant calling health dept. about problems at the home. N661 spoke to tenant-civil matter.

1749 phone - Well being chk spoken to. Location/address: Walpole St. Caller reported strange odor from the residence. Officer spoke with homeowner, checked ok. Gas company fixed a problem yesterday. Odor may be a result of that repair.

1809 walk-in - Motor vehicle accident papers exchanged. 1909 initiated - Susp activity *report filed. Location/address: Keegan's Norwood Jewelers - Washington St. Detective requested report number.

1910 phone - Juvenile offenses gone on arrival. Location/address: Norwood Central MBTA Station - Broadway St. Caller reported kids vandalizing newspaper dispensers. Officer checked area, no kids found. Newspaper dispensers tipped over, undamaged.

2103 initiated - Lost and found *report filed. Location/address: Washington St. + Dean St. N661 confiscates a found bicycle.

2231 911 - Medical emergency Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Austin St. Report resident passed out. NFD obtained refusal.

2302 phone - Susp activity spoken to. Location/address: Dean St. Report glass breaking noise, 2 kids on bicycles around cars facing sidewalk. N661 reports appears no cars were entered, 2 broken bottles found in the lot, units to 97 Lane Dr, spoke to parent of 1 youth who will handle same.

Wednesday, September 21

0026 911 - Medical emergency Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Westview Dr. Caller reported abdominal pain. Norwood Fire transport to the hospital.

0209 911 - Medical emergency transported to hospital. Location/address: Melville Ave. Caller reports his son is unconscious but breathing. N667, NFD responded.

0355 initiated - Mischief (kids) State DPW/Norwood DPW no. Location/address: from Chapel St. to Windsor Gardens - Walpole St. All trash barrels were knocked over into street from Chapel St. to Windsor Gardens. DPW responded

and spent over an 1 hour picking up knocked over barrels & trash from roadway.

0433 initiated - Susp vehicle *arrest(s)made. Location/address: BMW Gallery - Bos-Prov Hwy Spv in lot. MA. Reg# 712eb5. As a result, owner of vehicle arrested for outstanding warrant. Vehicle towed by "Center Auto" due to (revoked insc.) Arrest: Washington, Glenn Address: 20 Bramblebush Rd., Sandwich Dob: 06/08/1985 Charges: warrant arrest.

1005 phone - Civil dispute spoken to. Location/address: Walpole St. Problem with tenant taking her shed from landlord's property against his wishes. Matter resolved, they have agreed upon a specific time.

1014 phone - Hit and run *report filed. Location/address: Irish Heaven Inc - Central St. Hit an run to owners mv.

1200 phone - Animal complaint taken/referred to other. Location/address: Winslow Ave. Small dog got hit by white van that kept going. NACI notified.

1340 911 - Susp activity services rendered. Location/address: Springvale Rd. Caller reports a loud explosion around the port a potty. Youngster threw a firecracker in area of potty, no damage. Officers spoke to caller.

1905 phone - Lost and found *report filed. Location/address: Silver St. Report that a broken bicycle was left on property within the last 1 1/2 hrs.

2328 phone - Susp activity civil matter. Location/address: Lansdowne Way Report due to a notice from the post office being left at the base of her door as opposed to in her mailbox, resident believes the apartment management co. Is going through her mailbox. N663 reports resident upset that management has master key for all mailboxes, advised to speak to them.

Thursday, September 22

0726 phone - Kids gathering spoken to. Location/address: Belmont St. Caller reports the kids are loitering in the area of Belmont St. Resident would like them moved along.

1344 911 - Susp activity spoken to. Location/address: Lansdowne Way Caller reports male dressed in all white including a mask is out front of her apt doing some work that the complex is not aware of. Management showed up with officers, they do know about it.

1612 walk-in - Breaking and entering *report filed. Location/address: Pleasant St. Walk in reports past breaking and entering. 679 to speak with party, report filed.

1720 911 - Domestic *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Alandale Pkwy Caller reported domestic in progress. Officer reported one under arrest. Arrest: Salvucci, Anthony P. Address: 55 Alandale Pkwy Dob: 10/23/1986 Charges: a&b Destruction of property +\$250, malicious

2003 phone - Phone harassment *report filed. Location/address: E. Cross St. Caller reports harassing phone calls.

2033 phone - Disturbance *report filed. Location/address: Autumn St. Caller reported possible threats, family disturbance. Officers on scene report verbal argument only.

2054 phone - Road hazard spoken to. Location/address: Tremont St. Caller reported kids on bikes causing a road hazard. Officer reported parents present, advised.

Friday, September 23

0703 phone - Well being chk spoken to. Location/address: Cedar St. Caller requesting well being check on occupant of car parked behind his house. Male party appears to be passed out. N662, N664 responded. Officers spoke to male party who stated he drove from Ohio and didn't want to wake anyone in the house when he arrived so he slept in the car.

0719 initiated - Kids gathering spoken to. Location/address: Belmont St. N663 moved kids along and advised.

0820 phone - Well being chk services rendered. Location/address: Dean St. Caller reports a youngster (4yo) waved him down. He is alone and crying. Grand-

mother on scene, child fine and reunited with her.

1122 radio - Warrant arrest *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Olde Derby Rd. Section 35. Docket #1154mh0217. Female transported to DDC. S/m 1926.3 @ 1134 hrs. E/m 1932.2 @ 1151 hrs. report filed by Det. Stapleton.

1215 phone - Assist other agency services rendered. Location/address: Nahatan St. Odor of gas out front. NFD responds, National Grid will respond.

1225 phone - Susp activity services rendered. Location/address: Rock St. Brother of the resident may be returning after staying a few days. His property was left on the porch but he made comments about forcing the door in and damaging things. Area checked negative at this time, residents will be home after 3:30 and the property owner is aware of the issue also.

1304 phone - Warrant arrest *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Riverside Comm Mental - Lenox St. Female arrested on 4 warrants. S/m 37917.5 @ 1313 hrs. E/m 37918.0 @ 1314 hrs. Transport to DDC s/m 37918.0 @ 1358 Hrs, e/m 37922.4 @ 1412 hrs. Arrest: Girouard, Jacquelyn Ashley Address: 9 Forbes Ave Dob: 07/25/1991 Charges: warrant arrest

1413 walk-in - Fraud *report filed. Location/address: Winslow Ave. Resident in station to report someone stole mail from mailbox and forged a check she had written for her brother, which he did not get.

1838 cellular - Breaking and entering *report filed. Location/address: Forbes Ave. Caller reports someone broke into her home this afternoon. N665 N677 N668 respond. BCI notified. N665 to file report.

1910 phone - Noise complaint spoken to. Location/address: Lansdowne Way Male party reports possible disturbance in upstairs apartment. Spoke to female and she was having a loud argument on the phone. Spoken to.

2301 phone - Death at home *report filed. Location/address: Alandale Pkwy NFD notified. N662 N668 responds.

2348 phone - Disturbance *report filed. Location/address: Village Rd E Open line with male screaming. On call back male reports no issues. N665 N677 sent. Verbal domestic between mother & Son. N664 will leave report.

Saturday, September 24

0707 911 - Well being chk *protective custody. Location/address: Spruce Rd. Caller reports a male is in driveway in fetal position and can't wake him. N677, N664, NFD responded. He was breathing and intoxicated. N664 took protective custody of male and returned to station.

1433 phone - soliciting spoken to. Location/address: Washington St. Caller states person came to door spreading the word of God, N663 sent to confirm. N663 reports Jehovah's Witnesses, informed to let station know when there in town.

1930 911 - Noise complaint services rendered. Location/address: Oolah Ave. Caller reports a noise complaint coming from the first floor. N666, N661 sent, could not hear any noise.

2041 phone - Animal complaint gone on arrival. Location/address: Ivy Cir. Caller reports that there is a raccoon in her kitchen. N679 sent. NACO notified. N679 reports animal left prior to arrival through a cat door.

2139 phone - Mischief (kids) gone on arrival. Location/address: Overlook Dr. Caller reports someone rang her door bell an hour ago and ran. Area checked with negative results.

2337 phone - Susp activity *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Walpole St. Caller reports female and male knocking at the door looking for money. One female placed under arrest for an outstanding warrant. Sm 32297.5 @ 23:38 em 32299.3 @ 23:42. One male placed in pc. Arrest: Miller, Jennifer Address: 129 Olde Derby Rd apt. #1c Dob: 09/20/1970 Charges: warrant arrest Drug, possess class c

Sunday, September 25

0118 phone - Noise complaint spoken to. Location/address: Oolah Ave. Loud music. N665 N662 sent. Spoken to.

0611 phone - Stolen bicycle *report filed. Location/address: Cedar St. Caller reports her son's bicycle was stolen.

1131 phone - Susp activity services rendered. Location/address: Tremont St. Adult riding a child up and down the street on bike. Child did not have a helmet on. Officer reports bike being put away on arrival.

1152 phone - Vandalism *report filed. Location/address: Coach Ln.

1229 phone - Assist citizen services rendered. Location/address: Gay St. Caller reports there are syringes in the street. N667 sent and placed in sharps container.

1229 phone - Animal complaint no action required. Location/address: Devon Rd. + Norwich Rd. Caller reports a dog barking all day. N661 sent to the area and all was quiet.

1321 cellular - Animal complaint could not locate. Location/address: Jake and Joes Sports Grille - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller is concerned because there was a dog locked in a car. N664 sent and could not locate.

1700 phone - Mischief (kids) spoken to. Location/address: Beech St. + Day St. Caller reports kids in the street playing football and going into other peoples' yards to retrieve their ball. N664 advised kids to not go onto other peoples' property.

1731 phone - Disturbance services rendered. Location/address: Nichols St. Neighbor dispute over children. N662 N666 sent. Matter resolved.

1733 911 - Mischief (kids) spoken to. Location/address: St. Joseph Ave. Caller reports group of kids in the street playing football hitting the wires. N661 sent. Spoken to.

Monday September 26

0042 initiated - Susp person *protective custody. Location/address: Cedar St. Officer reported female placed into protective custody. Transport to Pond Ave starting 2109.6 @0059. No one willing to take custody. Subject transported to station starting 2110.0 @0116. Ending 2111.4 @0119.

0621 phone - Report of gas leak services rendered. Location/address: Winter St. + Nichols St. Caller reports strong smell of natural gas. N664 and NFD responding. Contacted National Grid and they were sending someone right out, eta 30 mins.

0930 walk-in - Susp activity *report filed. Location/address: Norwest Dr. Complainant reports someone was outside his home on Saturday night, jiggled the door knob and took off when he heard the person inside.

0957 911 - Suicide / or threat *report filed. Location/address: Day St.

1100 walk-in - Complaint of m/v *report filed. Location/address: Concord Ave. Complainant reports a person continues to drive a vehicle while dk.

1106 phone - Threats *report filed. Location/address: Concord Ave. Caller is receiving threats against him. Report to be filed.

1346 phone - Larceny *report filed. Location/address: Morse St. Caller states he saw someone remove clamps from track and put them into his mv.

1514 phone - Fraud *report filed. Location/address: Baystate Wine and Spirits - Walpole St. Caller reports youth just gave a fake id, he took off running leaving id behind. He got into a small silver Ford partial plate 223mw. Possibly 223mw7.

1646 phone - Assaults *report filed. Location/address: Elliot Field - Washington St. Report her kid was hit by another kid from the neighborhood.

2123 phone - Serve summons services rendered. Location/address: Oolah Ave. N663 reports checked all 3 floors and with landlord, no one familiar with this person on the paperwork.

2124 phone - Mischief (kids) spoken to. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Caller reports kids riding their bikes in front of the building. Spoken to.

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William, 82, of Norwood, a former long-time resident of Walpole, Monday, Sept. 19. Bill, who lived as a young man in Wrentham, worked at Lifeworks Employment Services for many years and following his retirement attended the Norfolk Adult Day Health Center in Norwood for over 20 years. Recently, Bill was supported at the South Norfolk ARC Day Habilitation program in Westwood. He was a popular man in the town of Walpole, often seen eating at his favorite restaurants: TT's and the Mug & Muffin. He leaves behind his three friends; John, Harold and Joseph with whom he shared a home. He also leaves a large number of wonderful, caring staff from Lifeworks, NADHC and SNCARC who have supported him for over 30 years. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. Interment was in St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury.

CURRAN

Peter R., 87, a lifelong resident of Norwood, Sept. 25. World War II US Army Veteran. Peter was born in Norwood on Nov. 4, 1923 and was a retired Foreman for the Town of Norwood Water Dept. He is the Beloved husband of the late Theresa M. (McAuliffe) Curran. Devoted father of Barbara J. Salute and her husband John of Norwood, Robert J. and his wife Maureen of Westwood, Patricia A. Curran of Norwood, Peter R. and his wife Patricia of Norfolk and Terry M.

Curran of Norwood. Brother of the late William Curran, John Curran, Evelyn Reed, Dorothy Curran and Marie Pasioneck. Also survived by 9 grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and his caregiver Linda Staruski of Sharon. Son of the late Peter M. and Barbara Rita (Folan) Curran. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Interment with military honors was at Highland Cemetery.

DaSILVA

Maria R. (Rodrigues), 85, of Norwood, formerly of Portugal, Sept. 16. Beloved wife of the late Silvestre DaSilva. Devoted mother of Silvestre D. DaSilva of Norwood and Alberto D. Silva of Walpole. Also survived by 4 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Daughter of the late Jose and Maria P. (Esquina) Rodrigues. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Interment will be at a later date in Portugal.

DONOVAN

Patricia M. (Murray), of Norwood, formerly of Arlington & Somerville, Sept. 22. Beloved wife of the late John J. Donovan. Devoted mother of Sharon Donovan and her husband Walter Brown of San Francisco, CA, Janet Donovan and her husband Tony Rodriguez of Lexington, Lianne Donovan and her partner Marlena Pena of Oakland, CA, Paula Donovan of Gloucester, Justine Donovan and her husband the late Barry Finn of Derry, NH, and Neil Donovan and his wife Megan Foley of Silver Springs, MD. Dear sister of the late Marthajane Boudreau, James and John Murray. Sister-in-law of John Boudreau of Waltham, Thomas Donovan of NY, and Patricia Murray of CT. Cherished grandmother of Eoin and Liam Meisel, Nicole Rodriguez, Michelle Diaz, Natalie and Gabriel Finn, Max and Jake Foley-Keene. In addition she is survived by many nieces & nephews. The Brasco & Sons Memorial Chapels of Belmont assisted the family with arrangements. Expressions of sympathy may be made in her memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 311 Arsenal St, Watertown, MA 02472.

MIKE

Jennie, 91, also known as Dr. Mike or the Governor of Norwood, Sept. 23. Jennie was born in Detroit MI on March 21, 1920 and has lived in Norwood for 90 yrs. She was a retired Staple Operator working for Bird & Son's in Walpole from 1947 up until her retirement. She was the Daughter of the late George and Helen (Richards) Mike. Loving sister of the late Ida Rossetsky, Sadie Mike, Nicholas Michaels and Abraham Michaels. Cherished aunt of James Rossetsky of Norwood, Bobby Michaels of TX, Dennis Rossetsky of N.Attleboro, Bobby Rossetsky of Norwood, Ann Raider of TX, Helen Rossetsky of Norwood and Shirley and Carol both of TX. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Interment was at Highland Cemetery. Donations may be made in her name to St. George Orthodox Church, 6 Atwood Ave., Norwood, MA 02062.

RICH

Edward James, 87, passed away Sept. 17 in Palm Bay, FL. He was born in Boston and came to Brevard County in 1986 from Norwood,

MA. Edward was a member of the American Legion Post 163 in Melbourne. He is survived by his daughter, Gail Maddern; sons, Ronald (Ronna), Ted (Beverly) and Alan (Gaylene); many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Funeral arrangements by Brownlie-Maxwell in Melbourne, FL. Donations may be made to Hospice of Health First, 1900 Dairy Road, Melbourne, FL 32904.

SCHUESSLER

Gertrude Elizabeth, 91, a resident of Norwood since 1945, Sept. 19. Gertrude was born Nov. 5, 1919 in Columbus, Georgia, the only daughter of Perry Brown and Carrie Gertrude (Holstun) Schuessler. She attended Troy State Teachers College in Alabama and taught for a year in Alabama before moving to Boston and working as an Insurance Underwriter at US Fidelity and Guarantee Company for 50 years until her retirement in 1984. Gertrude was the sister of the late Perry Schuessler and the late Bernard Schuessler. Funeral arrangements made by the May Funeral Home, 85 Nichols Street. The private interment was in Highland Cemetery.

WOODBERRY

Roland Kent, 80, of Norwood, and formerly of Charlton and Walpole, Sept. 18. He served in the US Army from August 1952 to August 1954. Born Oct. 29, 1930 in Danvers, the son of Gordon F., and Grace L. (Salter) Woodberry, and moved with his family to New York City early in 1931 where his father worked for Frederick Law Olmstead in the construction of Fort Tryon Park. Mr. Woodberry attended the public schools in Norwood, graduating from Norwood High School in 1948 and continued his education at Northeastern University, earning his bachelor of science in Business Administration in 1955. He was an active member in several Masonic groups for over 50 years including Master of Orient Lodge AF & AM in Norwood in 1961, followed by 37 years as the lodge's treasurer. He was the Puissant Sovereign of St. Matthew's Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine of Springfield, in 2004. Roland was also a member of American Legion Post 70 of Norwood and of the Cape Cod Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Roland was the brother of the late Barbara Brock Haggblad. He is survived by three nephews, Peter, Paul, and David Brock; his niece, Bonnie B. Flaman; three grandnephews, and two grandnieces. Funeral arrangements by the May Funeral Home, 85 Nichols Street. Interment was in Highland Cemetery. Donations in his memory to the Masonic Learning Center for Children, 33 Marrett Road, Lexington, MA 02421 or to the Shriner's Burns Institute, 51 Blossom Street, Boston, MA 02114, or to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

Condolences Extended To:

Catherine King, on the loss of her sister-in-law, Barbara e. (King) Whalen, of Readville, Sept. 23.

John P. Songin and Jeanne Moores on the loss of their father, Walter H. Songin, of Walpole, Sept. 22.

Peter Gigliotti, on the loss of his grandfather, Paul Peter Miele, of Waltham, Sept. 17.

Anne McCarthy, on the loss of her cousin, Richard E. Crosby, of Barnstable, Sept. 12.