



Norwood Rings in Holiday Cheer!

Children were the focus on Sunday of Norwood's Annual Holiday Extravaganza. Below, Selectman Helen Donohue reads a Christmas story to children. For complete details, please see Page 6.

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Norwood Light Broadband service attacked Subscribers without Internet for hours

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

If you felt frustrated on the day before Thanksgiving because of Internet problems, you were not alone. Norwood Light Broadband (NLB) was the victim of an attack last Wednesday, Nov. 24, when a program ate up available bandwidth, making use of their system impossible. From 10:15 a.m. through 5:15 p.m., NLB customers were unable access the Internet, and some lost use of their phone line. TV service went uninterrupted.

"Despite our using every available precaution, someone

was able to access our network and plant a program that utilized practically every bit of bandwidth we have, making access impossible for anyone else," said Darryl Hanson, Broadband Division Manager for the Norwood Municipal Light Department, in a Nov. 24 email to NLB customers explaining the situation.

Internet service resumed on Wednesday evening, though customers had found themselves in an unwired world for approximately seven hours on Nov. 24. Some phones calls went directly to voice mail, and

Internet browsers displayed a "Cannot display this webpage" message. NLB employees worked to try to figure out the cause, and, once identified, handled the problem.

"Our engineering staff was able to locate and disable the program which immediately corrected the problem," Hanson said. "They are continuing to research how this attack occurred and ways to prevent similar attacks in the future."

The investigation is ongoing and progress is being made.

"So far, we know that some-

one was able to plant a program or script in our network for the sole purpose of attacking someone else (in another country) anonymously," Hanson said. "The program is designed to send millions of packets of blank data to the victim so that he/she is unable to connect to the Internet. Typically when this happens, the attacker plants these scripts in several if not hundreds of networks around the world so that the victim is unable to block the attack."

Due to the amount of bandwidth such a script uses, it makes it difficult to impossible

for customers of the service to use the Internet. It can also affect phone lines, though Hanson noted that with the exception of a few customers, phone service was not affected by this attack.

The reason this attack is such a concern is because it was successful. Hanson noted that there are hundreds of attacks daily, the vast majority of which are successfully deterred. Nonetheless, last Wednesday's attack got through, causing issues for NLB customers.

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Fire Department requesting \$332,000

Money needed for substitution, medical services

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Fire Chief Michael Howard is requesting \$332,000 at the upcoming Special Town Meeting. Of this, \$202,000 is for the department's substitution account, the remaining \$130,000 for their medical services account.

Through Nov. 23, Howard has spent \$325,025 of his \$486,000 substitution account, which is used to call in off-duty firefighters to fill in for firefighters who are out due to injuries, family medical leave, illness, vacations, personal days and military leave.

Approximately 67 percent of the budget has been spent, and Howard will not be able to make it through the remainder of the fiscal year with the \$160,975 that remains.

"[Receiving \$202,000 would] allow me to go back to

a minimum staffing of 14 and carry me through June 30 [2011]," Howard said.

Due to high expenditures in the account thus far, Chief Howard has taken drastic action, reducing the minimum shift to 10 firefighters and two officers. He said he is uncomfortable with this step, as it forces them to take apparatus out of service, and puts the town at risk should something happen.

The International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 1631 has also spoken out against the reduced staffing measure. In a letter sent to Chief Howard and the Board of Selectmen, President of IAFF Local 1631 Andrew Quinn stated, "We have no confidence in this decision," and described it as "potentially illegal," as it increases the threat of risk to the citizens of Norwood and compromises the safety of Local 1631 members.

The Finance Commission took no action on this request at their Nov. 23 meeting. They will discuss it at a meeting held immediately prior to the Special Town Meeting. The reason for this is because of a piece of information revealed by Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI), the company the town is working with on the Fire Department Substitution study. MRI found

that while 14 firefighters is not excessive, the town could make do with a minimum shift of 13 firefighters.

The \$202,000 request is based on a minimum shift of 14 firefighters. The Finance Commission wants to know how much money the department would need to run at a minimum shift of 13 firefighters before they render a decision regarding their support of the request.

Currently, the Fire Department has a \$202,000 request for Town Meeting members to consider. Of this \$202,000, approximately \$99,000 will be funded by the town's Free Cash account, while \$103,000 will be paid with through available funds from the Fiscal Year 2010 budget.

The medical services account has also been an issue this year. The Fire Department had a budget of \$30,000 for Fiscal Year 2011. This money is used toward paying medical bills associated with injuries received by firefighters during their tours.

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"We have also installed numerous fail-safes in our network to automatically correct these types of problems if they should penetrate the security," Hanson said. "So, our task now

is to determine why these precautions did not help in this situation, then make the necessary changes to assure that if/when it happens again, the network handles it better."

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Selectmen move Special TM

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

A Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 6, but General Manager John Carroll and members of the Board of Selectmen recognize there might be difficulty getting a quorum due to Monday Night Football.

"The Jets and the Patriots are playing Monday night," Carroll said, and interest in the game could keep Town Meeting members at home. "My recommendation is you move [the Special Town Meeting] to Thursday night. I think you'll have a lot of trouble getting a quorum."

The Selectmen agreed with this assertion, and will send letters to Town Meeting members informing them that they do not have to arrive on Monday. Only the town clerk, moderator and a few pre-selected members will need to show up, only for the purpose of pushing the meeting to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9.

At this meeting, Town Meeting members will vote on 23 warrant articles, including providing funding for the Fire Department substitution account, petitioning the state legislature for a Beer and Wine license specifically for Norwood Theater and paying for the emergency repairs caused by a pair of water breaks on Route 1 and Morse Street, among others. In total, there are requests for over \$1 million in money articles. Of this amount, ap-

proximately \$109,000 will come from the town's Free Cash account, the remaining \$1,089,000 from various unused accounts.

The Board of Selectmen also heard from Department of Public Works Director Mark Ryan, who provided an update on the two Morse Street projects, which involve work at both the Morse Street Bridge and the Morse Street/Pleasant Street intersection. Both projects should be completed this month.

"We're nearing the finish line on both projects," Ryan said, noting that the bridge project should be completed by mid-December, though they will need to do some roadwork in the area in the spring.

The intersection was paved on Nov. 23, and at this point, all that remains is signal installation.

"We're waiting for the signals to come in," Ryan said. "They should arrive the first or second week of December," and they expect to complete the project by the third week of the month.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Jerry Kelleher noted the DPW's efforts have already had a positive impact at the intersection.

"Morse and Pleasant is already an improvement, even without the signals in," Kelleher said.

The board also met with Norwood resident Fabricio Campos, who applied for a common victualler (CV) license. He plans to open the New England Central Bakery at 1140 Washington St., the former home of Brothers Bakery. The bakery should be open for business Dec. 7.

"I always wanted to do a bakery," Campos said, and will open one that serves breads, sandwiches, cakes and pies.

While it is the former home of a bakery, Campos will use entirely new equipment. It is an entirely new operation, one that looks to find success in South Norwood.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved his re-

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Legal

Public Hearing Notice Norwood Planning Board

Pursuant to Mass. General Law 40A, Section 9 and Sections 6.2.6, 6.2.16, 6.2.21 and 10.5 of the Norwood Zoning Bylaws, the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 13, 2010 at 7:15 PM in Room 12, Town Hall, 566 Washington Street concerning the Special Permit and Site Plan Approval requests for an electronically activated sign at 661-663 Washington St (Map 1, Sheet 12, Parcel 7A). The property owners and applicants are The Hawthorne Group, 3 Hawthorne Street, Norwood, MA 02062. Plans of the new signage are on file in the Office of Community Planning and Economic Development at Town Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

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Editorial

Is this 40R another 40B?

The next proposed big development plan on the horizon for Norwood residents to consider belongs to Robert Folsom for real estate he owns at the corner of Washington and East Hoyle Streets, right next to Norwood Hospital. His plan was submitted in hopes of it receiving a 40R designation.

Chapter 40R is a state statute intended to encourage communities to create dense, mixed use zoning districts, including affordable housing units. Eligible locations for a 40R district include areas within 1/2 mile of any rapid transit, bus, ferry or rail station, and areas of concentrated development, such as a town center. This would not be the first such project as Norwood already has one 40R district, the St. George Ave 40R District, the first smart growth district approved by the state.

Both Chapter 40R and Chapter 40B are state statutes, but this is where the similarities end. Chapter 40B enables local Zoning Boards of Appeals to approve affordable housing developments under flexible rules if at least 20 to 25% of the units have long-term affordability restrictions. The kicker is that even if local boards decide a proposed project is not in the best interests of their town, developers can appeal to the state and get around virtually any local zoning bylaws as long as they meet the criteria stated above.

The most notorious 40B project shoved down the throats of Norwood residents was the old Stop & Shop real estate on Central Street, now the location of Norwood Crossings Apartments. Developers originally proposed a 35-unit condominium project with reasonable density for the area. However, a few persuasive, but ill-informed Town Meeting members were able to convince TM they could fight the plan in court, despite overwhelming evidence that if the town did not approve the 35-unit plan, the developer had every right under 40B to build a massive apartment complex with over 200 units, which he threatened to do, and in fact did do when TM made their poorly advised decision. The town's failure to do the right thing there has now established a benchmark for all developers to point to when arguing that their plans' density is similar to existing housing in Norwood.

The Folsom plan is nothing like Norwood Crossings. First, the area of Washington Street near the hospital is already dense, unlike Central Street. Second, the buildings Folsom proposes to tear down are already mixed use, with both retail and residential tenants. Third, Folsom proposes to increase the units from 19 to 32 in total and presented plans with very attractive buildings to take the place of the existing buildings that, quite frankly, are well kept but old and architecturally ugly.

In the spirit of full disclosure, the owners of this newspaper were the owners of The Norwood Bulletin before it was sold in 2005 (and subsequently ruined, but that's fodder for another column), and was located for many years at 850 Washington St., in one of the proposed buildings planned for demolition by Folsom. This writer can state that Robert Folsom was a good landlord and kept the building up as well as could be expected given its age, and was responsive to his tenants.

That being written, this newspaper does not endorse or condemn Mr. Folsom's current plan. However, we do believe it deserves full and open discourse by all parties and Town Meeting. It was obvious when this plan was presented to Selectmen over a week ago that at least two selectmen had already made up their minds. Selectman Bill Plasko appeared ready to bless the project immediately, while Selectman Helen Donohue appeared ready to exile it to the "Indefinite Postponement" scrap heap. Neither approach is acceptable.

Folsom's plan seeks concessions on a number of issues Norwood has historically opposed, the most glaring being below grade parking, and he is seeking to triple the number of existing parking spaces. This has neighbors concerned about traffic and safety, very reasonable questions to ask. There will also be a lot of construction on a small piece of property, so whether it really will fit in with the neighborhood is worthy of serious debate.

The bottom line is that the project has merit on the surface, but whether or not it has enough to receive TM's blessings should only be determined after a fair and honest full public airing of the plan has taken place.

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Letters to the Editor

OLDHAM EXTENDS THANKS

To The Editor:

On behalf of the John P. Oldham School, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the wonderful businesses in town who donated money and raffle items for our first annual Trivia Night. Because of these supportive businesses in town, we are now able to provide after school enrichment programs for children at all grade levels this year.

We would like to thank all of the following businesses and individuals who made this event a success. Gold Sponsor: Norwood Bank. Silver Sponsors: Dempsey Insurance and Gillooly Funeral Home. Bronze Sponsors: Tracy's Skin Care, Preston's Place Family Childcare, Norwood Sports Center, Poirier Sales and Service, and D&G Deli. We would also like to thank the following businesses and individuals who also showed their generous support: Shear Illusions Hair

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We truly appreciate the willingness of these generous businesses and individuals who were willing to donate money and raffle items for our fundraiser, despite the current economic times. Norwood is truly a community that works together. All of us at the Oldham want to thank you for supporting our wonderful school.

Sincerely,
The John P. Oldham
School PTO

NSF FUNDRAISER A HUGE SUCCESS

To The Editor:

The Norwood Scholarship Foundation recently had their fall fundraiser, which was a sell-out event held at the Elks in Norwood. Gina Mark (A Tribute to Celine Dion) was featured. Gina has an incredible voice and people gave her three or four standing ovations. We are hoping to get her back next year. The committee would like to thank the Norwood Bank and David Spiegel for their generous contributions, as well as Mitch's Catering, the Norwood Elks, BJ's Wholesale, Shaws', Ollie Abdallah, Marion Gaw, and Michelle Howard for their help and support to the Norwood Scholarship Foundation. We are very grateful to all of them. They helped to make our night a success along with everyone who attended.

Thank you,
The Norwood Scholarship
Committee

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quest, granting him this CV license.

They also took care of some appointments. The board appointed Lee Leach to the Conservation Commission. They also reappointed Richard Shay and Peter Strano to the Cable Commission.

"That is a significant commitment, with three companies in our town," Kelleher said,

noting that the Cable Commission meets with representatives from Norwood Light Broadband, Comcast and Verizon. "We appreciate their effort."

The board also approved the formation of a committee to examine possible uses for the old skate park behind the Balch School. There was discussion of turning the site into a community garden, though no for-

mal action had been taken. After receiving a letter from Tracey Jones, Co-President of the Balch School Parent-Teacher Organization requesting students be allowed to use the area during recess to play soccer, football and other sports, the Selectmen decided it was prudent to form a committee to determine what the best use of the site could be.

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responsible for paying costs associated with the injury and recovery, including medical bills, cost of surgery and prescriptions. This year, the Norwood Fire Department has received medical bills from 13 employees who were injured recently. Of these 13, four were injured this fiscal year, while the other nine were injured in years past.

"One person is roughly 40 to 45 percent of the total expenditures, and that is being conservative," Howard said, noting that even one injury can be a large expense to the town, one

they are required to pay.

This \$130,000 request comes on top of a \$60,000 reserve fund transfer approved by the Finance Commission in September. Assuming approval, this brings the total amount for the Fire Department's medical services account to \$220,000 for FY 2011. Barring any further injuries, Chief Howard feels this will carry him through the remainder of the fiscal year.

Finance Commission member Judith Langone noted that an injury affects three areas of the Fire Department's budget.

Injuries have a drastic affect on the substitution account, as Chief Howard will call in a replacement for an injured firefighter should they fall below minimum staffing. In addition, injured firefighters receive their full salary while they are out, so it also affects the salary line item.

"Instead of a [worker's] compensation, they get 100 percent [of their salary], not 60 percent," Langone said.

The Finance Commission unanimously voted to support this \$130,000 request.

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Wednesday, Dec. 8, Rib-E-Que on a roll, cole slaw, potato chips

Thursday, Dec. 9, Chicken Fajita, spicy rice, black beans, sour cream, salsa

Friday, Dec. 10, Norwood's Own Pizza, mixed green salad

Wrap of the Week: Turkey Gobbler: Roasted turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce in a tortilla wrap.

NORWOOD SR. HIGH SCHOOL LUNCHES

Monday, Dec. 6, Chicken Fingers, potato puffs, green beans, wheat dinner roll

Tuesday, Dec. 7, Steak and cheese sub, peppers & onions, potato chips

Wednesday, Dec. 8, Mashed Potato Bowl, popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, golden corn, gravy, dinner roll

Thursday, Dec. 9, Chicken Fajita, spicy rice black beans, sour cream, salsa

Friday, Dec. 10, Norwood's Own Pizza, Caesar salad
Wrap of the Week: Turkey Gobbler: Roasted turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce in a tortilla wrap.

Airport wants to get at root(s) of problems

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Airport Manager Russ Maguire is looking to purchase a \$100,000 compact track loader, complete with a rotary cutter and mulching head. The vehicle would be used for vegetation removal at the airport.

"It's a John Deere piece of equipment" - specifically, a John Deere D-Series compact track loader, Maguire said. "In total, that's \$100,000, with a \$20,000 local share."

Maguire will go before Town Meeting members and request \$20,000 for this purchase at next Monday's Special Town Meeting. Maguire does not need the full \$100,000, as the purchase is eligible for a grant from the Airport Safety and Maintenance Program (ASMP). The ASMP is designed to assist local airports in facility maintenance and repairs, and eligible products can be funded up to 80 percent of total project costs. This means the Norwood Memorial Airport will receive \$80,000 towards the purchase of the compact track loader.

Maguire said the vehicle is necessary, as they are required to clear vegetation from the airspace and keep the runways clear of trees. Norwood works in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the Federal Avia-



The airport is looking to acquire a John Deere D-Series compact track loader, complete with a rotary cutter and mulching head.

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tion Administration to ensure this.

"We've spent \$22,000 on federal projects since 1997," Maguire said, noting Norwood has already paid more than their \$20,000 share of the compact track loader. In total, \$405,000 has been invested since 1997 for vegetation removal at the airport.

The plan is to store the compact track loader at the airport, housing it inside. This will help ensure a longer lifespan for the vehicle.

The \$20,000 Maguire is requesting would come from the Fiscal Year 2011 drain maintenance account, a Department of Public Works (DPW) line item, pending Town Meeting approval. DPW Director Mark Ryan said that even with a \$20,000 expenditure, there would still be money left over

in that account.

"We will fare okay for the remainder of the fiscal year," Ryan said, adding he does not anticipate going back to the Finance Commission requesting additional funds, barring an emergency.

The Finance Commission unanimously voted to support this article at the upcoming Town Meeting, on the basis that 80 percent will be funded via this ASMP grant.

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Santa comes to Town

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Hundreds of Norwood residents, young and old, gathered on the Norwood Town Common to greet Santa and Mrs. Claus, who made their yearly trip to Norwood last Sunday. At its peak, a couple thousand people were in and around Norwood Center for the annual Holiday Extravaganza, greeting Santa, riding in a horse drawn carriage, gulping down hot chocolate or listening to Christmas music.

"It went very, very well," said Assistant General Manager Bernie Cooper, and the event proved to be hugely successful.

This success was largely due to the huge number of volunteers who stepped forward to help bring the day to life. A key volunteer at the Holiday Extravaganza was Dave Cuddy, who served as Master of Ceremonies at this year's event. Cuddy has been involved with the Holiday Extravaganza for over 20 years, and always takes the time to serenade Santa as he arrives on the Walter J. Dempsey Memorial Bandstand. This year, he lead the crowd as they sang "Jingle Bell Rock," "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," and other Holiday songs.

"This is a way for me to give back to the town," Cuddy said, adding that it allows him to help show children how fun Norwood can be. "It is a lot of fun to grow up in this town."

Another key group of volunteers were the members of the Norwood Amateur Radio Club.

"They are great," Cooper said. "They help us maintain communications, so we know where everything is."

Also involved in the event were Linda Rau and Selectman Helen Abdallah-Donohue, who led readings of classic holiday tales. Rau was accompanied by The Grinch, Max and Cindy Lou-Who as she read Dr. Seuss's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," while Donohue was surrounded by Norwood youth as she read Clement Clarke Moore classic poem, "'Twas the Night Before Christmas."

"It's always been a great Christmas tradition for us in Norwood," Cuddy said about Donohue's reading, which is a longstanding part of the Holiday Extravaganza.

Also instrumental to the Holiday Extravaganza was Norwood Bank, who served as sponsor for this year's event. Thanks to Norwood Bank's donation, Norwood was once again able to bring the services of Tewksbury-based Krochmal Farms to town. Krochmal Farms offered horse-drawn carriage rides around the center of town, and proved to be a huge hit, with a line waiting for rides stretching around the Gazebo and out towards the Cottage Street/Washington Street intersection.

"They are always good citizens, always helping us put events

like this on," Cuddy said.

Several musicians were involved in this year's program. There were performances by both the Norwood High School Madrigals, the Coakley Middle School Choir and the award winning Norwood High School Mustang Marching Band, under the direction of Steve Conant. Also performing at the event was Carillonneur Lee Leach, who played several tunes at the Tilton Memorial Carillon in Town Hall.

In addition to all these outdoor events, the Civic Center was also a hub of activity, as face painting, arts and crafts and dancing to holiday music all took place there. Children at the Civic were also visited by several familiar faces: Elmo, Big Bird and Frosty the Snowman, all of whom participated in the Holiday Extravaganza Parade.

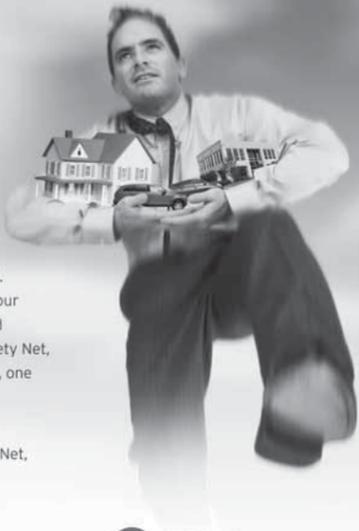
Santa proved to be very busy on Sunday, as he rode in a fire truck to the Town Common, led the annual lighting ceremony, and met with over 200 Norwood children. Santa reports that the top requested item among Norwood youth is the Nintendo Wii.

Before meeting with children for photographs, Santa and Mrs. Claus participated in a short parade, which took him from the Guild Building to the Town Common. They were accompanied by members of the Police and Fire Departments, several scouting groups, numerous elves and the Norwood High School Mustang Marching Band.

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The Norwood Town Republican Committee donated turkey dinners to nine Norwood veterans. Pictured, left to right: Debbie Holmwood, Veterans Agent Ted Mulvehill and Barbara Kinter.

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Republicans donate turkey dinner

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Nine Norwood veterans and their families received a full Thanksgiving dinner this year, thanks to the Norwood Town Republican Committee. This has become a yearly tradition for the group, which works with Veterans Agent Ted Mulvehill to provide needy veterans with a full dinner for the holiday.

"The Norwood Town Republican Committee is glad to do it," Committee Chairman Debbie Holmwood said, noting this is the least they could do for people who put their lives on the line for this county.

The group made everything necessary for a complete Thanksgiving feast, including turkey, stuffing, gravy, potatoes, rolls and pies.

"Everyone on the Town Committee donated something," Holmwood said.

Three members of the committee - Holmwood, Barbara Kinter and Pat Barrett - spent Wednesday, Nov. 24 at Holmwood's Winter Street home, preparing this meal. Mulvehill stopped by to pick up the meal that afternoon, and the veterans picked it up at his Town Hall office later that day.

"There are some that are in more need than others," Mulvehill said, and working

with the Town Republican Committee allows him to provide them with a Thanksgiving dinner, something they might otherwise not have.

All veterans serviced by this program are Norwood residents and range from a World War II veteran to veterans from recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Actions like this make it clear Norwood cares about its veterans, as residents are willing to show their support for the soldiers involved in recent wars.

"There is a sense of giving in this town you don't find in other communities," Mulvehill said.

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Don't forget Luminary Night

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Circle of Hope is holding its tenth annual Luminary Night this Saturday, Dec. 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. on the Town Common.

The luminaries cost \$5, and anyone who purchases one can write a short message on it, anything from season's greetings to a prayer for a loved one. The Luminaries are often purchased in remembrance of someone, and are meant to celebrate life, hope and the season. They can be purchased from any Circle of Hope board member, by calling 781-762-3549, or by mailing a check and messages to The Circle of Hope Foundation, 24 Myrtle St., Norwood, MA, 02062.

"Continuing a Norwood tradition begun nine years ago, the members of the Circle of Hope Foundation call the luminaries a symbol of Life, Hope, the Season, and Remembrance of others," Circle of Hope board member David Tuttle said, and Saturday should prove to be a special night for the foundation and the town.

The Norwood High School Alumni Choir will perform at this year's event. The Alumni Choir is directed by Catherine Connor-Moen, and is made up of graduates from the Norwood High School music program, from the classes of 1996 through 2010. There are 37 people in the Alumni Choir, including five tenors, eight sopranos, 10 basses and 14 altos. The choir will perform at 6 p.m., and will sing several seasonal tunes.

The Luminary Night goes back to 2001, making it one of the Circle of Hope's longest running fundraisers. It is the brainchild of Circle of Hope Board member Kathy St. Cyr, and it continues to be one of their biggest, most successful fundraisers.

"In our first year we did over 600, and last year we lit nearly 1,000 luminaries on the common," Tuttle said. "Each year, it grows."

The lighting begins at 5 p.m., and the Circle of Hope Foundation invites all Norwood residents and friends to the Town Common to be a part of this year's event.

The Circle of Hope Founda-

tion was founded in 1998 in honor of Lee Kennedy's daughter, the late Michelle Kennedy, who suffered from leukemia. During her battle with the disease, the entire community stepped forward to show their support for Michelle and her family, and it is in that spirit that the Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation plans to continue.

The organization provides assistance to Norwood residents who are in need due to a catastrophic illness - last year alone, the foundation gave more than \$45,000 to Norwood residents in need of assistance. The Circle of Hope Foundation holds several fundraisers each year, including this Luminary Night and the popular "Dancing with the Norwood Stars" program.

Should there be inclement weather, there is a rain date of Sunday, Dec. 5 from 5 to 7 p.m.



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Friends of St. Nick to honor Circle of Hope

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

This is a big weekend for the Circle of Hope Foundation. Their 10th annual Luminary Night will be held Saturday evening, but before that, the foundation will be honored as the 2010 Friend of St. Nick (FOSN).

Each year, the FOSN honor a person or group from Norwood who has given back to the community in a selfless and unassuming way, and have opted to honor the Circle of Hope due to their years of qui-

etly helping Norwood residents in need with a luncheon at Concannon's Village on Friday, Dec. 3.

"This is truly a local organization that demonstrates neighbor helping neighbor!" the FOSN Board said.

Tickets cost \$40 per person, or \$400 for a table of ten. Tickets can be purchased by contacting the FOSN at 781-762-0042 or via email, Santa@friendsofstnick.org.

Friends

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First Congregational pitches in!

Members of the Junior and Senior High Youth Groups of the First Congregational Church delivered food and funds to the Norwood Food Pantry on Sunday, Nov. 21. Pictured are (clockwise from upper left) Kurt Bullard, Sam McGrath, Ben McGrath, Luke Bullard, and Greg Stoney of Norwood, Ruth Tager of the Norwood Food Pantry, and Hiromi Kondo of Walpole.

Deaths

CROWLEY

David C., 85, of Norwood, died Tuesday, Nov. 23. He was the beloved husband of the late Patricia (Curran) Crowley. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corp during World War II. Devoted father of Paul F. and his wife June of Attleboro, Brian D. of Norwood and Maryalice Chutjian and her husband Mark of No. Attleboro. Brother of Claire Patton of Florida and the late Anne Dennison and Marie Hegarty. He was the loving and cherished grandfather of Sean, William, Paul and Michael Crowley, and David and Caroleen Chutjian. The funeral arrangements were from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Internment was at St. Francis Cemetery, Walpole.

DONOVAN

Francis M. Sr., of Norwood, Nov. 26. Late employee of Hollingsworth and Vose for over fifty years. Devoted husband of the late Frieda (Petrovick) Donovan. Loving father of John Donovan and his wife Michelle of Medfield and the late Francis M. Donovan Jr. Dear grandfather of Patrick Donovan and Casey Donovan of Medfield. Devoted brother of Margaret Frates of Beverly, Helen F. Donovan of Norwood and the late John P. Donovan Jr. and James J. Donovan. Cherished son of the late Dr. John Donovan and Helen (McCarthy) Donovan. Also sur-

vived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., (Rt. 1A). Interment at Highland Cemetery. Donations in memory of Francis may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

MACAULAY

Mary J. (Donovan), of Norwood, Nov. 21. Devoted wife of the late Francis V. Macaulay Jr. Loving mother of Francis V. Macaulay and his wife Nancy of Norwood, Elizabeth A. Vincent and her husband Jay of Norwood, Robert J. Macaulay and his wife Ann of No. Attleborough, Christopher W. Macaulay and his wife Olivia of CA, John P. Macaulay and his wife Beverly of Norwood. Devoted grandmother of Christiana, Kerstin, Sean, Steven, Shawna, Kerriann, Brett, Kelly, Brian, Patrick and great grandmother of Timmy, Johnny, Samantha, and Amelia. Dear sister of the late John F, Joseph P, James B, Dr. Edward L, Anna E. Tobin, Margaret A, Helen P and William. Funeral arranged by the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St (Rt. 1A). Interment at Highland Cemetery. Donations in memory of Mary may be made to Circle of Hope, 24 Myrtle St., Norwood, MA 02062.

NICHOLAS

Eleanor M. (Wyllie), of Norwood, Nov. 22. Devoted

wife of sixty years of John Nicholas. Loving mother of Lorrie McGillveary & her husband David of Bristol, NH, Christine Sacco & her husband John of Wakefield, Charles Nicholas and his wife Sharon of No. Attleboro. Also survived by ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Sister of the late George, Walter, James, Bruce, Bob and Barbara Wyllie. Funeral services arranged by the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (RT. 1A). Interment at Highland Cemetery.

Condolences extended to:

Jane M. Foley and her husband Michael, on the loss of her mother, Ann M. (Loughnane) Connelly, of Dedham, Nov. 16.

The family of Beverly J. Callahan & her husband Jim on the loss of her brother, Gerald W. Boudreau, of Newton, Nov. 18.

Michael N. McNulty, Eileen Connolly and her husband James on the loss of their mother, Catherine M. (Granfield) McNulty, of East Walpole, Nov. 20.

Daniel L. Sheehan, his wife Chris, and Janice Froment and her husband David, on the loss of their father, Daniel L. Sheehan, of West Roxbury, Nov. 20.

Domenico Abruzzese and his wife Francesca (Sorrentino) of Norwood, on the loss of his brother, Libero Abruzzese, of Belmont, Nov. 27.



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Steve is a graduate of the Cambridge School of Culinary Arts in Cambridge, MA, and grew up in Norwood. He is married to Rebecca Newell. Rebecca is the Executive Chef at the Beehive Restaurant in Boston. She is well-known for her many appearances with Billy Costa on TV Diner. She was also awarded top honors for her fantastic culinary creations on "Chopped" which appears on The Food Network.

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Sports

Norwood dominates Thanksgiving game

Norwood takes down Dedham 34-19 on Thanksgiving Day

Gil Haylon
Staff Reporter

The Norwood football team closed out the 2010 football season with a much-needed Thanksgiving Day victory over archrival Dedham at Coakley Middle School in Norwood.

The 34-19 victory certainly made the Mustangs' turkey taste delicious later that day.

"The win was huge, it was a great way to have our seniors finish their high school careers," said head coach John Sarianides.

In what was a disappointing season for the Mustangs, the Thanksgiving game was a crucial part of sending the seniors out on a high-note, and creating a building block for next season.

Quarterback Dan O'Connor and Dedham would strike first, recovering an opening onside kick attempt from the Mustangs and marching down to score on a 15-yard touchdown pass from O'Connor to Michael Ryan, just two and half minutes into the game. Dedham would miss the extra point and take an early 6-0 lead.

Norwood responded immediately, as running back Andrew Alty took the Mustangs' first play from scrimmage 77 yards for a touchdown. The score came via a sweep to the left, with excellent blocking as Alty was barely touched at the line of scrimmage and used his speed to burn the Dedham secondary. After Kenny Michael's extra point, Norwood would lead 7-6, and that would only be the beginning.

On the next Norwood possession the team picked up the pace and Alty would punctuate the drive with a 10-yard run, eluding a Dedham linebacker with a nifty spin move giving the Mustangs a 14-6 lead. The touchdown was Alty's 14th of the season, and he would finish the day with 142 yards on the ground including the two touchdowns.

"Our no-huddle offense gave them some trouble and allowed for us to control the tempo," said Sarianides about the team's offensive burst.

The next possession on defense, linebackers Shawn Morrison and Aleksander Kaganowicz would wallop a Dedham running back, forcing a fumble which was recovered by defensive tackle Aquie Moxam.

Later in the first half, junior quarterback Tommy Munro would connect with wideout Brendan Cathcart for a 28-yard touchdown to give Norwood a 21-6 lead. And with just over two minutes left in the half, Munro would punctuate a Norwood drive with a quarterback sneak for a 28-6 lead.

The offensive line, led by captain D.J. Shilo was crucial in opening up holes for Alty and creating passing time for Munro.

The Mustangs first half offensive firepower allowed the defense to step up in the second half to contain O'Connor.

Dedham would put up a fight behind O'Connor, who picked apart the Norwood defense to the tune of 360 yards passing. O'Connor would connect with receiver Shane Lowe on a 6-yard strike with just 3 seconds left in the half to put the half-time score at 28-12.

"O'Connor gave us fits, and I thought that Dedham played well collectively," Sarianides said.

Lowe would continue to be O'Connor's favorite target in the second half, putting up almost 200 yards receiving on the day.

In the second half, Norwood's defense would stand tall, limiting O'Connor and the Dedham offense to just seven points on and O'Connor 3-yard run.

Munro would also keep Norwood on point, connecting with speedy senior wideout Owen Gearty on a 69-yard touchdown pass on the first possession of the second half.

The Norwood defense seemed to employ the old bend-but-don't-break strategy in the second half. Dedham would march into the red zone on three straight occasions, but each time would come away scoreless.

Sophomore linebacker David Solis would come up big with two sacks and a forced fumble, all inside the red zone in the fourth quarter. Cathcart, would show off his defensive chops as well, batting down a fourth down pass in the end zone.

"Solis played great, coming through with the sacks at the end. They were knocking on the door late in the game but we were able to make some big plays and maintain our two touchdown cushion," said Sarianides.



The Norwood team celebrates with the Frank Wall/Sal Toti memorial trophy after the victory over Dedham.

PHOTO BY ZALINA MCGUIRE



Junior running back Andrew Alty eludes Dedham defenders on his way to a two-touchdown day.

PHOTO BY ZALINA MCGUIRE

Football

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As the fall sports season has officially come to an end for all Norwood Sports teams, it brought to mind the issue of multi-sport athletes. In many areas of the country, there has been a large decline in the number of high school athletes participating in two or three sports.

This idea of specializing in one sport from an early age has often been used by parents and kids in the hopes of becoming the next prodigy. It seems to make sense that focusing on a single sport would give you a better chance of becoming elite in that sport. Studies have

Quick Hits



Gil Haylon

shown that this might not be the case.

While sport specific skills

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may increase as a result of single sport specialization, overall athletic skills have shown to develop more thoroughly when a child participates in multiple sports.

Balance, agility, speed, mental focus and other athletic skills tend to increase more significantly in children who participate in multiple sports.

Despite all of these studies that indicate that specialization may not be the way to go, the reality is that parents will continue to push kids toward ath-

Quick Hits

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Booth, McDermott provide new leadership

Gil Haylon
Staff Reporter

The wrestling team and the boys' track team will both be under new leadership this season and the new coaches are hoping to lead strong Bay State League squads.

For the wrestling team, Bill McDermott will take over

the coach for the junior high school program in Norwood for eight years and is familiar with almost every Norwood wrestler from 6th grade through 12th grade.

A captain of the wrestling team in his days at Norwood, McDermott knows his team will have to battle through a tough schedule.

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Bill McDermott



Russ Booth

after six years as an assistant for varsity, while another assistant, Russ Booth, will take over the boys' track team.

McDermott, who graduated from Norwood High School in 2002, will really be building the program from the ground up. He has worked as

"My philosophy is that if you can win in the Bay State League you can win anywhere," he said. "It's really one of the best wrestling leagues anywhere."

McDermott hopes to lean

New Coaches

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Football continued from page 9

It was an enormous victory for the Norwood team, as they finished the season with a 3-8 record, getting a win in the rivalry game coach Sarianides deemed the team's "Super Bowl."

Dedham would finish the

year 1-10, dropping ten straight after a season-opening victory.

Norwood hoisted the Frank Wall/Sal Toti memorial trophy after the game, regaining the award after last year's 26-25 loss.

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Nuggets U-19 team takes home state championship

Chris Folan

Special to the Norwood Record

The Norwood Nuggets Youth Hockey U19 Girls team has completed their perfect storm this year, finishing the season by winning a U19 State Championship this past weekend.

The girls took an undefeated 10-0 Middlesex League record into the District 3 playoffs, where they again went unbeaten and won their District Championship. In doing so the girls earned a berth into the eight-team state tournament, where they would clearly be tested.

The team carried their momentum into the state tournament where they won their bracket in undefeated fashion and ultimately beat Reading for the title, finishing at 5-0 along the way.

Norwood opened up the tournament against familiar Bay State rival Framingham, and Norwood goaltender Christina Frasca pitched a shutout, leading the Norwood Girls to a 5-0 victory right off the bat. Norwood's defense was stellar, with Kaitlyn McCarthy and Mackenzie Brown giving the Framingham girls fits as they could not really get much offense going.

Norwood speedster Taylor Donners netted the team's first goal of the tournament late in the first period right off of the faceoff drawn back to her by Emily Kelly - and the floodgates were open. Norwood followed this up with goals by Ali Maloof, two by Hayley O'Rourke and another by Donners; with Kelly, Lisa Coskren, Colleen Glaser, Heather Folan and Samantha Parr all collecting assists.

Norwood then faced a powerful Waltham team and proved to be more than up for the task, winning 4-2. The team received impressive two-way play from wingers Jenny Rossman and Karyn Colomey.

Norwood was very effective passing the puck and making plays in the offensive zone, which opened up scoring opportunities and led to a late scoring flurry by Norwood after a scoreless first period. Norwood netted two goals in the second period, both scored by Maloof, one unassisted and the other on a nice feed from Colomey. The girls netted two more goals in the third period both from Kelly; the first on a one-two pass from Coskren and Donners and the second on a great feed from O'Rourke.

Norwood faced undefeated Reading in the third game and the girls were tested. Norwood scored 30 seconds into the game when Lisa Coskren beat the Reading goalie in the five-hole to begin the period after a great setup by line-mates Maloof and Donners.

The squad would remain quiet until late in the second period when the speedy Donners netted a nice unassisted goal to cut the deficit to 3-2, however Norwood went down 4-2 with only 11 seconds left in the period and started the third period down by two goals.

The Norwood tri-captains were not done, scoring three unanswered goals in the third period when they needed it most. Coskren cut the deficit to 4-3 to start the period on assists from Donners and hard skating defenseman Gina Ubertini, and Donners tied it up with 2:26 left after collecting a great feed from Maloof. Fans were elated when Coskren struck again with the game winner with only 51 seconds left in the game, again courtesy of assists from line-mates Maloof and Donners.

The effort by the three seniors accounted for all of Norwood's scoring in the contest and proved just how dangerous the trio is in the offensive zone.

Norwood was again tested in their semi-final contest against one of the best teams in the tour-



The Norwood Nuggets Under-19 girls' hockey team took home the state championship two weeks ago.

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namment, Stoneham. Frasca rose to the occasion letting in only one goal, while stopping over 25 shots along the way. Norwood's defense found themselves tested early and often.

Led by Folan and Ubertini, McCarthy, Glaser and Brown, Norwood stood up to the offensive powerhouse Stoneham and kept them at bay. Maloof netted both of Norwood's goals in the game as she simply took control. The first of Maloof's goals was in the first period on a Donners assist; and the game winner came in the third period, unassisted, after Maloof went in on a breakaway and left the Stoneham netminder wondering what happened.

It would be only fitting that Norwood would get a rematch against Reading in the final, and they got exactly that. This match

was a battle of two talented goaltenders, with Frasca prevailing as she led her team to the 4-1 victory.

Norwood began the scoring only a minute and a half into the first period, when Brown blasted a shot from the point and O'Rourke redirected it past the Reading goalie to put Norwood up 1-0. Kelly netted the eventual game winner late in the period, taking a feed from Brown and Donners and firing one right over the goalie into the top of the net.

Up 2-0 after a period, Norwood carried their play into the second period with some hard-skating, two-way play by Rossman, Jenna Whelan and Parr. Donners struck with an impressive unassisted and short-handed goal midway through the period, one of several short-

handed situations Norwood found themselves in. McCarthy, Ubertini and Folan did a nice job of controlling the shorthanded situations and not allowing Reading many quality shots.

Maloof added the icing on the cake late in the second period, putting Norwood up 4-1 after some impressive passing and assists from Folan and Colomey, and that would be how the game would end.

The Norwood girls had earned themselves the first state title in Norwood girl's youth hockey history. It is a testimony to how far the girls program has come since its inception in 2003, and it is certainly a sign of good things to come with the girls' hockey program in Norwood.

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letic stardom at nearly any cost. This is far from the norm, and the majority of parents are just looking for their child to have fun out on the field and learn values like hard work and a team attitude from sports.

Still, there are those parents, the ones who want a prodigy, who will work at all costs to create a scholarship opportunity for their child.

The problem of specialization is far more of an issue for children much younger than high school, as adolescents are

at a point where their athletic abilities have reached somewhat of a plateau, as rapid athletic improvement in speed or jumping ability isn't likely to occur.

While there is obviously plenty of room for improvement for high school athletes, it is the younger kids being forced into one sport that can be looked at as a harmful situation.

The other reality of the situation is that there aren't likely to be a whole lot of elite level athletes able to make a living in sports. The probability of one's

child making it as professional athlete or even a scholarship athlete is decidedly slim.

The reality is that sports should be a fun time for a child. From elementary school to high school, sports may not be as important as some people want them to be.

Especially in a sports-friendly town like Norwood, there should be no pressure to create the next LeBron James or Peyton Manning, but rather an opportunity to see personal growth through athletics.

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on seniors such as Micahel Kearns, Chris Hutchins and Aquie Moxam to provide leadership for a team that will have quite a few younger wrestlers.

The team finished just under .500 last year but expects to improve.

"We're going to be better than that," said McDermott. "We have a lot of young talent, but we're ready to win now."

The team begins its season

with a home match against Natick on Dec. 10.

Russ Booth will take over the boys' track team after years of experience as an assistant in track and football for Norwood, Westwood and Sharon.

The team he takes over will rely heavily on seniors Billy Rydzewski, Rich Farah and Dan Cubelli, who will all be captains this season. Rydzewski and Farah led the cross-country team this fall,

while Cubelli captained the soccer team.

"I'm really excited for this season, and we're looking for increased participation," said Booth. "We've had a perennial power [in outdoor track], but not as much [with indoor track]."

Booth went on to explain that some of the members of the spring outdoor track team play other sports during the winter, but he still expects a strong winter squad.

Booth, who teaches Math at the high school and graduated from Norwood High in 1999, says that he learned a lot about track from former coach Jim Forrest. Forrest left to become assistant principal at Dedham High School.

Overall, the new coaches both expect to field competitive squads within the Bay State League, using their experience as assistant coaches to become strong leaders as head coaches.

Calling all Coaches

The Norwood Record is looking to hear from all coaches and parents in Norwood about our local sports teams. Have a tip or a story idea?

Call Gil Haylon at (617) 361-8400 or e-mail us at spots@norwoodrecord.com

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VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS AT DAY HOUSE

The Norwood Historical Society announces its seasonal holiday tours of the Fred Holland Day House, 93 Day St., Sundays, Dec. 5, 12, and 19, from 1-4 p.m. The Christmas decorations on display are the creation of historical society member and artist Jean Detrick. A limited number of the authentically designed, handmade Victorian ornaments will be available for sale. Tour the three-story mansion, take in a concert of holiday music in the Great Hall, enjoy refreshments; learn about local history and Christmas traditions of the Victorian era. The F.H. Day House is located 93 Day St., admission: \$5; children under 12 and NHS members, free. Special events include a concert by mezzo soprano Grace Allendorf on Dec. 5 at 2 p.m.; a concert of renaissance music by the Norwood High School Madrigal Singers on Dec. 19 at 2 p.m.; and the Annual Holiday House Tours on Sunday, Dec. 12 from 1-4 p.m. For additional information, call the Norwood Historical Society at 781-762-9197 or visit the website: www.norwoodhistoricalsociety.org

FLU VACCINATION CLINIC

The Norwood Health Department will be having a second flu clinic on Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Senior Center located at 275 Prospect Street, from 9 to 11 a.m. The clinic is open to any Norwood residents 18 years and older. Please note we will be col-

lecting health insurance information from all participants this year so please bring your health insurance cards to the clinic. No one will be denied a flu shot due to lack of insurance. You may register for the clinic by visiting www.mhoa.com and clicking on the blue box on the right. For up to date information please call our flu line at 781-762-1240 extension 220.

CHRONICLES OF NARNIA CRAFT AT THE LIBRARY

To celebrate the opening of the new Narnia film, "The Voyage of the Dawn Treader", children are invited to a craft time at the Morrill Memorial Library. The craft time, suitable for children in grades Kindergarten and up, will be held Saturday, Dec. 4, at 10:30 a.m. in the children's program room. The craft will be based upon the third book of the Narnia Chronicles. To join the fun, please register at the children's desk of the library, or call 781-769-0200, X225.

A CHRISTMAS COMEDY AND POT LUCK SUPPER AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The First Baptist Church of Norwood at 71 Bond St. will present a Christmas Comedy/Mystery, "Clueless at Christmas" by Stephanie Noonan on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 4 p.m. The cast will include Pastor Norm Bronson, John Longmoore, Tim Gallivan, Darren Grant, Barbara Gallivan and Walter Whitney. Ruth

Taeger will be the director and Tina Hermistone will provide the music. The play is about a pastor and the staff of Morningside Community Church who set out to unravel the mystery of a strange kidnapping. A ransom note creates great frenzy that humorously leads from one clue to the next. There will be a Pot Luck Supper held in the Parish Hall. The public is invited. This is a great way to take some time out during the very busy Christmas Season and relax with friends and family. Just bring along your favorite Pot Luck dish and join in the fun and laughter.

TOYS FOR TOTS HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, Dec. 4, Concannon's Village & Pub Nahatan & Lenox Street, 7:30 p.m. til Midnight. Please Bring an Unwrapped Non Violent NEW Toy for a Deprived TOT. Raffles, including a 50/50, Live Band Entertainment featuring "Tumblin Dice", CASH Bar, Door Donation: \$5 with a Gift, \$10 without a Gift. Gifts will be collected at the event by U.S.M.C. personnel. Please call Trudy @ 781-762-5265 /e-mail @ trudyawal@aol.com or Anne 508-339-6974 for more information.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOPPE

On Dec. 10, 11 and 12, browse a bargain hunter's delight for Christmas gifts and treasures at the annual Christ-

mas Shoppe at Grace Episcopal Church, 150 Chapel St. Hours: Friday, 6 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. Also on Saturday, Dec. 11, beginning at 10 a.m. fill a box of homemade holiday treats at the Cookie Walk. A box can be filled with candies and cookies for \$10. Enjoy with your family or give as a perfect hostess gift!

LETTERS FROM SANTA BENEFIT

The Willett Early Childhood Center has agreed to help Santa with his mail this year! Operation Santa has

been formed to help Santa receive his mail faster. This will ensure Santa has enough time to answer your child's letter with a hand-written response straight from the North Pole! For a \$5 donation, Operation Santa will express mail your child's letter to the North Pole. Your child will receive a hand-written response from the jolly old man himself. All proceeds from your donation will be given to Norwood's own Circle of Hope Foun-

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Legals

Public Notice
Town of Norwood
Public Hearing - Local Tax Levy

The Board of Selectmen has scheduled a public hearing on **Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.**, in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, concerning the percentages of the FY 2011 local tax levy to be borne by each class of property in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 56, as amended by Chapter 369 of the Acts of 1982, and Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1983.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Gerard J. Kelleher, Chairman

Norwood Record, 12/2/10

SECTION A - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

TOWN OF NORWOOD, MA
TEL: 781-762-1240, EXT 106 or 107
FAX: 781-278-3015

Sealed Proposals will be received not later than 11:00 A.M., on December 6, 2010, in the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 for the following:

Lease of classroom space within Town-owned property located at 165 Nahatan Street, Norwood, MA 02062, for the purpose of a driving academy. The available classroom space is approximately 962 square feet. The term of the lease is one (1) year with the option to renew for a second year at the same fixed rate and at the Town's sole discretion.

The minimum acceptable for a one-year rental is \$6,500. The Proposal package offers more details. Bidders must provide five (5) sessions of driving school for Town of Norwood residents during: December vacation, February vacation, April vacation, the week after the last day of school, and one other week during the summer, to be scheduled between the successful bidder and the Norwood Recreation Department.

The complete Proposal package may be obtained at no cost in the Purchasing Department between the hours of 8:15 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

The Proposal must be filled out and signed as directed therein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed to the Purchasing Department, endorsed with the name and address of the Proposer, and marked, "DRIVING ACADEMY, Contract #NRD-11-03".

A certified check or money order payable to the Town of Norwood in the amount of \$500 must be submitted as a security deposit, along with the proposal to lease the property. The purpose of the deposit is to guarantee that the proposer shall hold firm his/her price until an award is made and a contract is signed. The deposits of those unsuccessful proposers shall be returned within ten days of the bid opening, and the deposit of the successful proposer shall be applied towards the first year lease.

The Proposal shall be prepared, considered, and be submitted on forms furnished by the Town. The lease shall be made in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.) Chapter 30B. The lease shall be made within 10 working days after the opening of Proposals, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays excluded.

The Town shall have the right to reject any and all offers or parts thereof and to waive any defect or irregularities as to form therein in accordance with M.G.L. The Town also reserves the right to award the contract to that proposer whose proposal is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

The Town of Norwood notifies that all Proposers will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex or national origin or handicapped status in consideration of a sale.

John J. Carroll
General Manager

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be picked up by his grandmother, s/m 12943.2 1802, e/m 12944.6 1806 hrs; 3)N663 places 2 subjects under arrest; 4)N664 transports 1 female arrest to the station s/m 62894.7 1759 hrs, e/m 62896.2 1803 hrs. 5)N663 transports 1 male Arrest to the station. Refer to arrest: 10-1187-ar Arrest: Fisher, Heather Address: 6 Harvard St., Walpole Dob: 08/29/1985 Charges: heroin, possess Drug, possess class b Credit card, receive stolen Trespass Refer to arrest: 10-1188-ar Arrest: Fisher, Francis A, Jr. Address: 42 Ash St., Dedham Dob: 09/03/1983 Charges: improper poss. Of ammunition / transfer of firearm Credit card, receive lost Unregistered motor vehicle Number plate violation to conceal id Trespass.

1634 phone - Missing person *report filed. Location/address: Respite - Beacon Ave. Report 2 clients are overdue from their curfew. N667 reports 1 returned as officer arrived on scene. N667 took a report for the second subject.

2117 phone - Mischief (kids), spoken to. Location/address: Silver St. Caller reports 6 kids walking down street acting suspicious. N662, N667 sent, spoken to, they were heading home.

2229 911 - Noise complaint, services rendered. Location/address: St. Joseph Ave. Report 5-6 males on the front porch of the home and they are arguing. Units sent. 2230 hrs-caller reports they went back inside the home. N661 reports all quiet upon arrival.

2322 911 - Unwanted party, services rendered. Location/address: Hill St. Report ex-boyfriend has shown up at the apartment N665 reports he is not drunk, N665 transports home to Oolah Ave.

Sunday, November 28

0123 911 - Unwanted party *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Cross St. Caller reported unwanted party. One placed into protective custody, one placed under arrest. P/c: Scanlan, Emmett R. Address: 112 Cross St. Dob: 05/04/1992 Charges: protective custody Refer to arrest: 10-1191-ar Arrest: Pelaggi, Nicholas A. Address: 125 Chestnut Rd., Wrentham Dob: 08/15/1991 Charges: disorderly conduct

0256 911 - Noise complaint, services rendered. Location/address: Woodbine Rd. Caller reported loud party. Officers spoke with residents. Will turn the music down.

0515 911 - Disturbance, spoken to. Location/address: Austin St. Caller reports hearing female yell for help. 666 and 669 responding. Officer reports verbal argument. Report to be filed.

0853 phone - Breaking and entering *report filed. Location/address: David Ter. Report doorbell rang, crashing noise, door is splintered. State K9 responded, Westwood PD notified.

1852 phone - Mischief (kids), area search negative. Location/address: Mayfair Cir. Kids ringing doorbells.

1949 911 - Report of fire *report filed. Location/address: Morgan Dr. Callers report fire on the side of building.

2153 phone - Susp. activity *report filed. Location/address: Davis Ave. Calls for dispute in the street, one subject may have a rifle.

Monday, November 29

0608 phone - Assist other Police Depart, services rendered. Location/address: Highland Cem. - Winter St.

+ Spruce Rd. Officers assisting Westwood Police concerning a run away patient from Westwood Lodge 0627 911 - Report of fire, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Washington St. + Howard St. Caller reports leaf bags on fire. Norwood Fire extinguished fire.

0959 phone - Larceny *report filed. Location/address: Nahatan St. Bike removed from the property.

1547 phone - Medical emergency, services rendered. Location/address: David Terrace Apts. - David Ter. Riverside concerned for client who has increased paranoia According to Dr who saw her on the 23rd. No one came to door, counselor advised.

1702 initiated - Well being chk. area search negative. Location/address: Hawes Pool - Washington St. Passing motorist to N662, on traffic assignment, reports a female sitting at the playground, all alone in the dark.

1821 phone - Susp. vehicle area, search negative. Location/address: Monroe St. E Report of a white minivan, odd looking back, metal roof rack, silver handles, seen 3x in neighborhood, when spotted on 2 occasions, put lights on and left. Also was in the driveway Of #12, driver went to exit vehicle but when spotted, got back in and left. Believe resident is not home.

2111 phone - Malicious damage *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Lewis Restaurant & Grille - Central St. Report subject kicked a door and damaged it. Units locate Nahatan/Central and N665 places him in protective custody and transports to station. After investigation, subject is placed under arrest. P/c: Anderson, Dana E. Address: 10 Summer St. Medfield Dob: 03/25/1967 Charges: destruction of property +\$250, malicious Protective custody.

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dation, which directly supports Norwood families facing financial hardships while dealing with serious illness. Forms are available at the Willett Early Childhood Center, Norwood Recreation Department, or by e-mail at tolman@norwoodlight.com and should be returned to the Willett Early Childhood Center by Dec. 14. We cannot guarantee Santa will have time to respond after this date. Checks can be made out to the Circle of Hope. For more information, contact Laura Tolman at 781-769-0586.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Grace Episcopal Church annual Christmas tree sale begins Thanksgiving weekend. Nova Scotia Balsams and decorated wreaths will be sold in front of the church at 150 Chapel St. Tree lot's hours (weather permitting) are weeknights 6-9 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sundays noon - 9 p.m. Tree prices range from \$15 to \$40. Decorated wreaths, \$15.

BREAKFAST WITH THE STARS

Come join some of your favorite characters including Cinderella, Snow White, Buzz Lightyear, Superman and more at a "Breakfast With The Stars." Enjoy a light breakfast and get an autograph and picture with your favorite "stars"! Sponsored by the Backstage Boosters, the breakfast will take place at the Coakley Middle School, on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$7 each, with children under 2 free. We look forward to seeing you, and don't forget to bring your camera! Please contact Linda McCarthy at 781-769-5021 with any questions.

BARNES AND NOBLE BENEFIT FOR BALCH PTO

Bring your holiday gift list to Barnes and Noble Booksellers at the Walpole Mall on Wed. Dec. 15. Shop any department all day and a percentage of your purchase will benefit the Balch School. Vouchers will be at each register

on Dec. 15 and all you have to do is request a voucher before your purchase is rung up. It's that easy! There will also be a story time in the Children's Dept. 4-4:30 p.m. and we will also have fifth graders singing holiday songs at approx. 5 p.m., where guest readers from the Balch School will read their favorite stories. Proceeds benefit the Balch PTO.

NORWOOD WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The Norwood Woman's Club will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 12:30 p.m. The program will feature Bev Jennings who will get us in the Holiday Spirit with her stories and songs. The meeting will be held at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Parish Hall at 24 Berwick St. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Come and bring a friend. New members are always welcomed. You need not be a resident of Norwood to join or attend. Questions? Call Trina Mallet at 781-762-8173.

UNITED CHURCH OF NORWOOD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR

The United Church of Norwood is holding its annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend. There will be a White Elephant Sale of gently used books, children's toys and games, Christmas items, household goods and other new-to-you treasures. Themed gift baskets will be raffled. There will also be a bake sale, handcrafts, calligraphy and a beautiful array of handmade Christmas decorations. Lunch will be available from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The church is located at 595 Washington St., but use the Nahatan St. entrance. Plenty of free parking in the rear.

WOLVERINE JAZZ TRIO TO PERFORM AT LIBRARY

The library's Musical Sundays series continues with a performance by the Wolverine Jazz Trio at the Morrill Memorial Library on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 3 p.m. John Clark (clarinet and

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saxophone), Jimmy Mazzy (banjo and vocals) and Rick MacWilliams (tuba) will play a variety of jazz from the early 20th century, along with some holiday classics. This free concert is funded by the Library Endowment Fund. Please sign up at the library Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x222. The library is accessible to those with physical disabilities.

HOLIDAY ORNAMENT WORKSHOP AT LIBRARY

Get in the holiday spirit by creating decorative calico ornaments with crafter and staff member Marg Corjay at the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, Dec. 6 from either 9:30 to 11 a.m. or 7:30 to 9 p.m. Using a variety of colorful fabric scraps, you can make your own unique ornaments to put on the tree, display in your home or give as a gift. Each participant will be able to take home two personalized ornaments. This free class is funded by the Friends of the Library. Participants are asked to bring \$3 for supplies and a small pair of scissors, if possible. Class size is limited to 15 people. Sign up at the library Information Desk for either the morning or evening session or call 781-769-0200, x222. The library is accessible to people with disabilities.

ANNUAL MADRIGAL BANQUET

Don't miss your opportunity to attend the Annual Madrigal Banquet on Friday, Dec. 3. The evening will excite and entertain the music enthusiast with Renaissance vocal and instrumental music, dance, and theater by the Norwood High School Madrigal Choir. The event will be held at the Norwood Elks Lodge on 152 Winslow Ave. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the festivities begin at 7 p.m. - cash bar. A family-style dinner will be served during the performance. The cost of admission is \$35 per person. To purchase your tickets, or reserve tables of 10, please contact the Fine Arts office at 781-440-5916. This event is sponsored by the Norwood Parents Music Association, and all proceeds benefit Norwood music students.

BALCH SCHOOL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Save the date of the annual Balch School Pancake Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Balch School cafeteria. For only \$4 per person you will receive a delicious breakfast of pancakes with butter and syrup, sausage, fresh fruit and your choice of juice, milk, coffee or tea. Enjoy the 5th grad-

ers singing holiday songs prior to Santa's big entrance. For a small fee, have your picture taken with Santa and make holiday crafts and ornaments. Don't forget to take a chance on one of our many raffle prizes. All proceeds benefit the Balch PTO. We hope to see you at this fun event!

EVERGREEN FAIRE AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The First Congregational Church of Norwood (United Church of Christ) will hold its annual Evergreen Faire at the church on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Highlights of this year's fair include artisanal glass items; American Girl doll clothes; handmade note cards, the Boutique featuring a large selection of jewelry, glassware and collectibles; and a marvelous Silent Auction including gift certificates, cards and baskets, genealogical study, a child's Bos-

ton Bruins hockey jersey. A catalog listing all the items in the Silent Auction can be picked up at the church office two weeks prior to the fair. There will also be a wonderful selection of handmade quilts, crafts, and sweaters; gently-used paperback and hardcover books for all ages; the White Elephant Room packed with treasures for everyone in the family; and a Country Store well stocked with homemade goodies. A luncheon, featuring gourmet sandwiches and corn chowder, will be served from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Evergreen Faire at the First Congregational Church, located at the corner of Route 1A and

Winter Street. For more information, please call 781-762-3320.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NORWOOD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Pursuant to Mass. General Law Chapter 40R (Smart Growth Overlay District) and 760 CMR 59.05(1) the Norwood Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. in Room 37, the Selectmen's Chambers, Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, Ma. concerning an application to establish the Washington/E. Hoyle Streets Smart Growth Overlay District (WEHSGOD) located at 842-878 Washington Street and 5-11 East Hoyle Street. Said public hearing is to provide an opportunity for comment and to determine whether the provisions of the proposed Washington/E. Hoyle Streets Smart Growth Overlay District shall be adopted by the Town. Any and all interested parties are invited to attend. A draft copy of the Washington Street/E. Hoyle Smart Growth Overlay District (WEHSGOD) Application including a plan, legal description of the properties to be rezoned, proposed zoning and design guidelines can be reviewed at the Planning Board's Office, Norwood Town Hall during normal business hours.

Gerard J. Kelleher
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