



Scott Dunlap of Ai3 Architects recently provided an update on the Long Range Building Study that his firm is conducting for the schools.

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Ai3 gives updates on school study

Trenese Franklin
Staff Reporter

Ai3 Architects' Julie Rahilly and Scott Dunlap updated a packed crowd at the Norwood School's Long Range Study Committee meeting on March 22 at Norwood High School.

The firm is credited with designing Norwood High school and their current goal is to talk about what they have seen in their initial study and evaluation of the elementary schools and the Coakley Middle School.

"We hope to have a number of you provide some thoughts, questions, ideas and input and we have a presentation to stimulate that," said Dunlap.

Dunlap emphasized that he

and Rahilly were not presenting any conclusions or thoughts in their presentation.

"We are really just kind of somewhat at the midpoint of all of our work which will eventually result in some recommendations," said Dunlap.

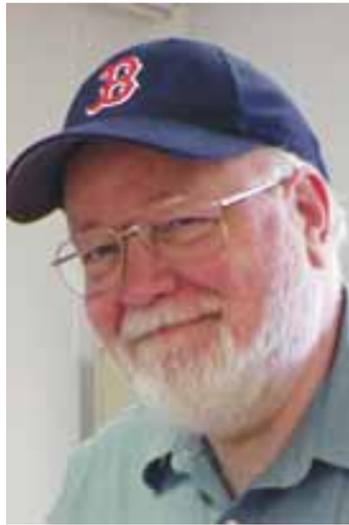
They did, however, produce some preliminary reporting on the buildings.

Ai3's focus is to identify the physical deficiencies of the buildings and then to identify educational deficiencies such as overcrowding. Another question is: does the building provide sufficient total space and specialized spaces to run the educational program?

Dunlap explained that at the

School Study

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John Hall
Candidate for
Finance Commission



David Hajjar
Candidate for
Finance Commission



Robert Donnelly
Candidate for
Finance Commission

Question 1 highlights election ballot FinCom to see new faces this year

Christopher Roberson
Staff Reporter

Going into the April 3 Town Election, Town Clerk/Accountant Thomas McQuaid strongly advised voters to pay particular attention to Question 1, which will prohibit or allow marijuana retail stores in Norwood.

He said that voters who do not want such establishments in town should vote 'yes' and those who do favor having those businesses in town should vote 'no.'

McQuaid said he is expecting a voter turnout of around 15 percent for this election.

He also provided locations for the six polling places in town.

Residents in Districts 1 and 2 can vote at Oldham Elemen-

tary School at 165 Prospect St., residents in Districts 3 and 5 can vote at the Norwood Civic Center at 165 Nahatan St., residents in District 4 can vote at Cleveland Elementary School at 380 Nichols St., residents in Districts 6 and 7 can vote at Balch Elementary School at 1170 Washington St., residents in District 8 can vote at Callahan Elementary School at 116 Garfield Ave. and residents in District 9 can vote at Prescott Elementary School at 66 Richland Rd.

McQuaid said that of the two contested races, the one to watch will be the trio of candidates vying for the two seats on the Finance Commission (FinCom). Those candidates are David Hajjar, John Hall and Robert Donnelly. In addition, incumbent Chairman Judith Langone is running unopposed for reelection.

"There are three really good

candidates, that could be interesting," said McQuaid.

The two FinCom seats are being vacated by outgoing members Joseph Greeley and John Hayes. However, Hayes is running for reelection as a Town Meeting member in District 2.

Donnelly is running for reelection as a Town Meeting member in District 5.

Despite moving from District 2 to District 6, Greeley said he still intended to seek reelection to Town Meeting.

"I thought my District 2 Town Meeting membership moved with me, but I recently learned that this wasn't the case," he said.

Therefore, Greeley is running as a write-in candidate in

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Dozens of residents came out to hear the future envisioned for Norwood schools.

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end of the day, the most important thing in education would be the teachers who walk through the doors and educate the students.

“Interestingly enough, we know for a fact that if you place limitations on them based on a poor quality physicality, their abilities are greatly impacted,” said Dunlap.

Rahilly then walked the audience through the work that Ai3 has done so far. The presentation covered deficiencies

plaguing Balch Elementary, Callahan Elementary, Cleveland Elementary, The Coakley Middle School, Oldham Elementary, Prescott Elementary, the Savage Center and the Willett Early Childhood Center. They assessed which classrooms are undersized, how much growth is happening in the town and the internal functions of each building.

For instance, when Cleveland Elementary School was assessed, Ai3 found that the school had under-sized community spaces. The firm also learned that the wing addition to the building was causing population stress rather than providing relief.

Another example was cited at The Callahan. Outdated building systems were discovered and, if renovations were made on the building, they would most likely trigger added code requirement updates. The Callahan also has an abundance of isolated learning environments.

They also found that other schools, like The Oldham Elementary, weren't in bad shape. Their findings so far indicate that Oldham's deficiency concerns include isolated classrooms in the library, non-compliant access ramps and upgrades that are needed for the windows, roof and finishes.

After presenting all eight of the schools shortfalls and dis-

cussing their findings thus far, Rahilly concluded the presentation and took questions from the audience. Some audience members expressed concerns as to whether or not there will be school closures and/or consolidations.

Dunlap responded by explaining that you cannot renovate two schools at the same time when trying to obtain a grant. Alan Slater, chairman of the Long Range Building Committee, interrupted Dunlap and said that the committee is very interested in school consolidation.

Dunlap explained that there are some pros and cons to consolidation.

“It's a town based, community based decision. We can list examples of incredibly successful consolidated schools, and then we can list examples of incredibly successful neighborhood based schools and when we take a look at why they are successful, it generally doesn't have anything to do with if they're one or the other; it has to do with the fact that they were the best fit for that particular town or community,” said Dunlap.

Ai3 projects that they will wrap up their report sometime in the summer and at that time they will provide conclusions and answers to all issues that were outlined in the presentation.

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Minas garners selectmen approval once again

Christopher Roberson
Staff Reporter

Despite staunch opposition from a number of abutters, the Board of Selectmen voted 4-0 to allow Minas Café to remain open until 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday serving beer and wine, and to have an entertainment license on Wednesday through Saturday until 11 p.m.

During the March 28 meeting, Selectman Helen Abdullah-Donohue recused herself from taking part in the vote and the discussion on the requests by Minas because her family owns abutting property.

On June 14, 2016, the board voted in favor of granting Minas, located at 1241 Washington St., one of the new Wine and Malt Beverage licenses and to allow the restaurant to remain open until 9 p.m. during the week and until 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Prior to Tuesday's vote, Selectman Paul Bishop said the board did not take the correct action back in June in terms of allowing Minas to be open no later than 9 p.m. and 10 p.m.

He said that the State Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) mandates that appropriately-licensed restaurants be permitted to remain open until at least 11 p.m.

Attorney David Hern, counsel for Minas' owners, asked that his clients be afforded the same opportunities as their competitors with similar licenses.

"Frankly, it becomes a question of unequal treatment by the town," said Hern.

Regarding the entertainment license, Hern said that only background music would be played.

"We do not anticipate any problems with excessive noise," he said, adding that the Board has approved other establishments that have applied for an entertainment license.

He also said that Minas is much different from the Krayzee Horse, which was formerly located at 1112 Washington St. and often cited by those against additional entertainment venues in South Norwood.

"This is not a bar, we're not running a bar," said Hern. "This is not the Krayzee Horse."

However, resident Danielle Tinlin responded in opposition.

"We've had numerous issues with this property over the years – broken promise after broken promise," she said, adding that her complaints applied to all the tenants in the plaza, rather than just Minas.

She said that although Minas' owners have invested large sums of money in the business, the same holds true for the surrounding homeowners.

"Some of our families have owned their homes for 65 years, what about our investment?" asked Tinlin.

Resident Richard Saad reminded everyone that Minas is still in a residential zone.

"It's not conducive to the neighborhood, we're not on Route 1, most of us are against this," he said. "People don't go out at 11 p.m. to have a meal, they go out for one thing – to drink."

Resident Madeline Eysie, who favored Minas' request, asked Selectman William Plasko to share his thoughts on the matter; however, he said at the beginning of the hearing that he would wait to hear from the residents before saying anything.

"I'll make them when I'm ready, thank you," he said.

Eysie then accused Plasko of acting in a "hostile" manner.

"I'm all for the good and equal justice," she said, adding that Minas has operated and grown similar to a start-up company.

Resident Nancy Davis also spoke in favor of Minas.

"I was kind of excited about a place that might have music," she said.

Plasko then decided that the time had come to provide the Board with his comments, saying that granting Minas' request did not appear to be necessary.

"I don't see the need in this type of neighborhood," he said.

Plasko also said that he would not support the restaurant being open any later than 11 p.m.

"That's when we have problems," he said.

Olga Abdullah of the South Norwood Committee spoke about the decline in residents' quality of life starting in 1963.

"Things got very, very bad in South Norwood," she said. "The quality of life was going down."

However, Abdullah said she and her neighbors made a herculean effort to turn the neighborhood around.

"We all worked together as residents, we went to tons of meetings," she said.

However, despite protestations by abutters, seemingly outnumbering those in support significantly, Selectmen voted to support the request in a limited fashion, stating they always have the right to revisit the decision should problems occur at Minas.

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OPINION

Residents need to vote on Monday

If you are a registered voter in Norwood, it is absolutely essential you cast a “Yes” vote on ballot Question One on Monday. Voting yes on this question will prohibit marijuana retail stores (pot shops) from opening in Norwood. It is somewhat confusing since intuitively if you don’t want something you would normally cast a “no” vote, but in this case it is reversed, courtesy of the state of Massachusetts. Norwood had nothing to do with the wording of the question, and town officials are worried residents will be confused by it. Therefore, just remember; VOTE “YES” ON QUESTION ONE if you don’t want pot shops opening all around town.

In other races for town government seats, voters have a choice of three candidates for two openings on the Norwood Board of Selectmen. Kevin Pentowski, for the second time in three years, is seeking a position on the board, challenging two incumbents, Selectman Paul Bishop and Selectmen Chairman Allan Howard. This is a difficult decision for this newspaper because endorsing the two incumbents is, in essence, saying everything is just dandy on the current Board. Quite frankly, we think the current sitting board is a bit dysfunctional, with not enough original ideas coming from a majority of them, and too much reliance on one board member calling the majority of the shots. On the other hand the one challenger, Mr. Pentowski, is running on a singular plat-

form, which is promising to take a lead on 40B development in Town and, as a side hobby, getting rid of General Manager John Carroll. We think Pentowski’s platform is too narrowly focused.

Therefore, we have chosen to endorse Selectmen Chairman Allan Howard, and leave voters to decide if they want to maintain the current course by supporting incumbent Paul Bishop or shaking things up by supporting Mr. Pentowski. Selectman Bishop is a hard worker, though not very creative or proactive. The biggest benefit he has is sitting next to Selectman Bill Plasko, allowing him to state on way too many occasions, “I agree with the gentleman to my right” and then repeating verbatim what Mr. Plasko just said. So, in comparing the two incumbents, we determined that once you get past the “aw shucks” persona of Mr. Howard, that he is the more creative of the two, with a better ability to appreciate multiple sides of an argument and supporting the side that benefits the greater amount of residents while maintaining fairness.

And speaking of Selectman Plasko, his choosing to publically endorse, through paid advertising, two candidates for two seats on the Finance Commission has raised some eyebrows, including those of this newspaper. Though there is nothing unethical about doing so, we question whether or not it is

sending the right message to voters. Do residents want such like-minded representatives on multiple boards, which is the message Mr. Plasko is asking the public to accept? And would the two endorsed candidates then be beholden to Mr. Plasko in future voting? They are fair questions for voters to ask, though perhaps unfair to Mr. Plasko’s endorsed candidates.

The Finance Commission has two open seats and three candidates vying for them. They are David Hajjar, Robert Donnelly and John Hall. Mr. Plasko has endorsed both Hall and Donnelly, leading many to speculate he has it in for Mr. Hajjar who, in our opinion, has been nothing but a hard worker on both the Personnel Board and as an articulate and pleasant Town Meeting member. We think he has earned a spot on the Finance Commission and endorse his candidacy. Mr. Hall and Mr. Donnelly, based on their resumes and associations with the Town are both very qualified and both would represent Norwood very well. We are going with Hall simply because his resume of public service is a bit stronger and he has been unafraid in the past to state his case and then stand his ground on multiple issues.

Regardless of who you support, it’s meaningless unless you get out and vote this Monday, April 3rd. The Town needs your input and it is your civic and moral obligation to do so.

Letters to the Editor

SELECTMAN’S ACTIONS UNPRECEDENTED

To the Editor:

Over the past couple of weeks I have read advertisements of endorsements for particular Finance Commission candidates from a sitting Member of the Board of Selectmen. In my 40-plus years in Town government service, I have not seen this in Norwood. This is an unprecedented move in local town politics.

Due to reasons of health and after discussing my situation with my colleagues, I retired from my seat on the Finance Commission as of March 30. But in doing so, I did not expect a sitting member of the Board of Selectmen to try to publicly influence another Board’s election in order to stack it with members of his thinking.

I also find it interesting that the only candidates being endorsed by the sitting member of the Board of Selectmen have never reached out to seek advice or information from me.

I hope the voters of Norwood see what is going on and vote for a little more independence than the attempted influence being advertised by a sitting member of a different elected Board.

I thank you all for supporting me election after election. It has been a tremendous pleasure serving this great town, so please vote for continued independence.

John Hayes

Finance Commission Member for 30 years

SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGE SENDS WRONG MESSAGE

To the Editor:

On Feb. 8, the Norwood Public School Committee voted to change the name of Holiday Break, which typically takes place approximately from Dec. 23 to Jan. 2, to Christmas Break. This is clearly an endorsement by the School Committee of Christmas as an official holiday of Norwood Public Schools (NPS). The name Holiday Break was problematic enough as there are no other major religious holidays that fall in that 1-2 week time frame. In 2017, Eid takes place in September and June, and Hanukkah ends on Dec. 20.

With either name, a Christian holiday has been given precedence over all others, and Christians have been given preferential treatment with a school break that spans over one of their major holidays, something no other major religion has the privilege of in NPS. This is a violation of the First Amendment. As a government entity, public schools cannot promote or give preferential treatment to a particular religion. While I don’t expect the timing of the break to change anytime soon, schools can do a better job of how they present these breaks and the reasons for these breaks to parents and students. Having a short break at the end of a semester makes great sense, but it should be called that.

What is additionally alarming is the timing of this name change. With a rise in white supremacist groups and anti-immigrant policies, this sends a message to the parents and students of NPS that their traditions are not important, that their children will be subjected to indoctrination by the school through a clear endorsement of the Christian reli-

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On April 3, Norwood voters will have the opportunity to vote to prohibit the opening of retail marijuana shops in our town.

Unfortunately, the “opt-out” system within the current law requires a YES vote to prohibit marijuana shops, which is somewhat counterintuitive. I hope voters don’t find this confusing.

I believe that retail sales of marijuana at shops in Norwood would be bad for our community. We are in the middle of a drug crisis in our country – and it is a drug crisis, not just an opioid crisis – and I am concerned about the message that weed shops would send to kids. They watch what we do and listen to what we say, more so than many people realize. What would they think if they saw drugs being sold out in the open, with the signs, displays and cash registers that go with it?

Some voters may not realize that with retail sales comes the sale of “edibles,” those high-potency THC products that have been the cause of so many emergency room visits in other states. Speaking of other states, remember that teen marijuana use rose in Colorado after that state voted to allow retail sales, and marijuana-related traffic deaths jumped 48 percent. I visited Colorado a year or so ago and saw the marijuana shops first-hand. I cannot imagine Norwood Center looking like what I saw there.

I am encouraged by the fact that Norwood voters voted against the idea of legal pot in the first place. But many of those who voted in favor of legal pot likely supported the ability to smoke in your own home more than the idea of retail weed shops in our town.

Whichever way residents choose to vote, I hope they are clear about the issues at stake. A YES vote supports the PROHIBITION of pot shops in Norwood. And the ballot question concerns only retail sales to people looking to get high, not the sales of marijuana to people with medical marijuana cards.

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Capital Outlay Chairman Thomas Maloney and Town Manager John Carroll (left) recently pitched the \$7.2 million request from the Capital Outlay Committee to the Finance Commission.

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FinCom completes budget, sends \$183.8M request to TM

Christopher Roberson
Staff Reporter

Despite a succession of obstacles, the Finance Commission (FinCom) still voted unanimously to pass Norwood's \$183.8 million budget for fiscal year 2018 – an \$11.2 million increase over last year.

Final approval now rests with Town Meeting, which will convene in May.

"It wasn't easy, there was way too much drama, people

need to respect it as a budget process," said Joseph Greeley during his last meeting as a FinCom member on March 23. "No one's really happy with it, but it's the best that we could do."

Vice Chairman Alan Slater agreed with Greeley.

"This has been the most challenging budget that I've worked on," he said.

Member Anne Haley, the FinCom's liaison to the School Committee, said school officials showed great determina-

tion to submit a balanced \$42.7 million budget to the town.

"I was very impressed with the School Committee, they stepped up and made some really difficult decisions," she said.

However, Greeley reminded everyone about the recent million-dollar contribution from the town that pulled the schools out of a \$902,818 deficit.

"We won't be able to do this

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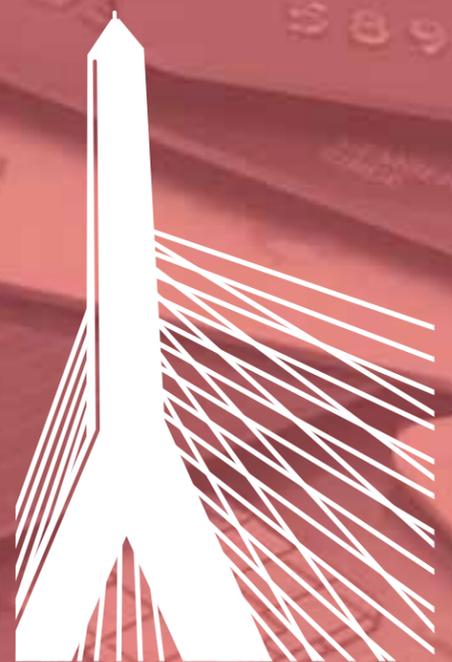
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gion. It's an unwelcoming message during a time when the school should be sending the opposite message of inclusion and support.

Some like to argue that it's just a name, but what we call things is very important. We can call someone who is careful with how they spend their money frugal or cheap depending on our attitude toward that person or their spending habits. Companies rebrand their products all the time. The product itself doesn't change, but the name or way it's presented to the public does. And we endorse attitudes, behaviors, and beliefs with the words we use.

The name was obviously important to Patrick McDonough and Michele Mullen who motioned and seconded the name change. But I am curious about the motivation behind the name change. Is it to more accurately portray NPS as an establishment that endorses Christianity? And if so, for what purpose?

*Aubrey Adrianson
 Norwood*

A "YES" VOTE TO QUESTION 1 STOPS POT SHOPS

To the Editor:

Ballot Question 1 is a referendum regarding prohibiting recreational marijuana retail establishments in Norwood. Although the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has made the sale of recreational marijuana legal

in the state, the Speaker of the House has postponed the implementation of the law. In addition, cities and towns still have the option to prohibit "Pot Shops" from opening when the postponement ends. A yes vote on ballot Question 1 is a vote to stop "Pot Shops" from opening and selling recreational marijuana in Norwood.

Norwood's ballot Question 1 does not impact the production or sale medical marijuana. It is only directed at recreational marijuana sales establishments. Those who need Marijuana to reduce pain will not be affected.

Presently, the state legislature has not put regulations in place regarding limitations on recreational sales, levels of THC in edibles, smoking marijuana and driving, and smoking and driving with children in a moving vehicle.

Many police departments and first responders in the state have expressed concerns regarding driving under the influence of recreational marijuana. By voting Yes on Question 1, time will be gained for local officials to review the information that the state is now gathering on the impact of legalization.

A 2014 report in the New England Journal of Medicine also expressed health concerns with Marijuana usage. Recreational intake of this drug has been linked to upper respiratory disease, cardiovascular disease, and impairment of the developing brain in teenagers. All are good reasons to take a step back on this issue and reassess the consequences of legalization on the community.

Please consider a YES vote on Question 1 to stop "Pot Shops" from opening and selling recreational marijuana in Norwood.

*Timothy Hempton, DDS
 Walpole*

SCHOOL CALENDAR IS SETTLED, OR IS IT?

To the Editor:

I and several of my friends were troubled by the recent remarks of School Committee Candidates Maura Smith and Teresa Stewart about the settled issue of calling the Christmas vacation something other than Christmas Vacation. They suggested during the League of Women Debates that the term Christmas on the school calendar is somehow offensive, with Ms. Smith saying that the term "alienates" a segment of our population.

The Candidates may not be aware that 76 percent of the Norwood population voted in 2014 to put Christmas back on the calendar, and thanks to the perseverance of Committeeman McDonough that matter was finally resolved. To bring this matter up again would be a slap in the face to the majority of residents in Norwood. If the new members of the School Committee intend to make this a part of their social agenda, they should be aware that in so doing they will "alienate" a large segment of voters of this town who are fiercely protective of maintaining our Christian traditions in the face of political correctness run amok.

*Jim MacPherson
 Norwood*

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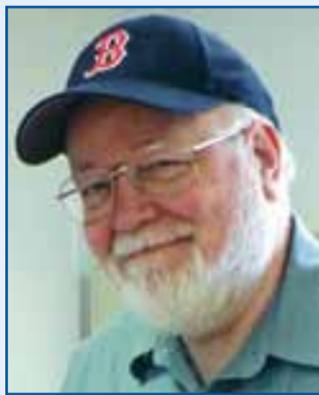
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More than 40 cases of the flu reported

Christopher Roberson
Staff Reporter

To date, 41 Norwood residents have been afflicted by the influenza virus during the 2016-2017 season.

“The flu is rearing its ugly head,” said Board of Health Chairman Joan Jacobs during the March 28 meeting.

Assistant Health Director Stacey Lane said this is the time of year when people are most susceptible not only to influenza, but head colds and other viruses as well.

“You’re indoors more, you’re more exposed,” she said.

According to the Center for Disease Control, symptoms of influenza can include a cough, sore throat, headaches, fatigue and a fever. However, it is possible to have the virus and not have a fever.

In other news, Lane said the town’s application for a Drug Free Communities grant was submitted on March 10.

If Norwood is chosen for the federal grant, Lane said the town would receive \$100,000 per year.

However, Lane said there are several other communities vying for the same grant.

“There’s a lot of competition,” she said, adding that the Health Department will know in the fall if Norwood was selected.

Lane also said that the town has continued to bolster its emergency preparedness by partnering with other towns.

“Increased communication is always good,” she said.

Health

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again, something needs to change,” he said. “I caution everyone about [fiscal year] 2019.”

Slater said the schools’ 6.1 percent budget increase is unprecedented compared to neighboring communities.

Chairman Judith Langone also agreed with Greeley about the schools’ future costs.

“We can’t throw this kind of money at it every year, we won’t have it,” she said.

The FinCom also voted unanimously to pass \$6 million of the \$7.2 million in requests from the Capital Outlay Committee.

“This is a very luxurious list,” Langone said of the 27 line items.

Capital Outlay Chairman Thomas Maloney said the total request could be reached by taking \$1.3 million from free

cash, borrowing \$2.9 million and drawing the remaining \$2.8 million from water and sewer rates.

The list also included a request from the schools to purchase three mini buses and two wheelchair lift buses for \$310,000.

“There’s over \$300,000 in fleet expenses from the schools that has never happened before,” said Greeley.

Some of the other big-ticket items include \$2.3 million to restore the EPA sewer, \$900,000 to renovate the interior of Town Hall, \$437,000 for technology investments in the schools and \$380,000 for the Water Main Rehabilitation Program.

The \$1.2 million that the FinCom could not approve was earmarked to restore St. Gabriel’s Chapel to its original

state, which was the second of three options suggested by the Permanent Building Construction Committee (PBCC).

“Given where we are, I would rather not vote for doing the St. Gabriel,” said Langone.

Greeley said that although the renovation should happen, the financial justification will always be a challenge.

“The building is definitely in need of something, but there will never be a good time to spend \$1.2 million,” he said.

Slater said he “would rather wait a few years” and use funds from the Community Preservation Act.

Therefore, he recommended that before voting on the item, the FinCom should meet with the PBCC to discuss the project in greater detail.

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Library Events

AWARD-WINNING FILM "REVOLUTION"

The Together Yes Spring Sustainability Series concludes with a screening and discussion of the film "Revolution" on Wednesday, April 12 at 7 p.m. This award-winning documentary embarks on a global journey to uncover the grave dangers threatening the world's oceans – and ultimately humanity – and determine what it will take to reverse them. From the coral reefs in Papua New Guinea to the rainforests of Madagascar, our fate is tied to even the smallest of creatures. The film finds inspiration in the face of the environmental movement, namely those leading a global revolution to challenge leaders to take action to stem climate change. To sign up, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

JAZZ AND BLUES CONCERT

The spring Musical Sundays concert series continues with the solo guitar program "Jazzin' the Blues" by Paul Speidel at the Morrill Memorial Library on Sunday, April 9 at 3 p.m. Mr. Speidel will take the audience on a musical journey from the beginnings of jazz— with examples of blues roots— to the modern day. Works by Duke Ellington, Miles Davis, and other greats will be performed, accompanied by brief introductions and explanations of the music.

For over twenty years, Mr. Speidel has appeared at major clubs and festivals in the greater Boston area. In addition to having taught in the Newton Public Schools, he performed live on WBUR's "Radio Boston" program to nearly 500,000 listeners last year. To sign up for this concert, made possible through the library Endowment Fund, please call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222,

email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by either the library Reference or Information Desk.

STEALING REMBRANDTS: THE TRUE STORY OF INTERNATIONAL ART THEFT

The Friends of the Library are pleased to welcome author and security expert Anthony Amore to the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, April 13 at 7 p.m. to present "Stealing Rembrandts: the True Story of International Art Theft." The world's most significant art heists share one thing in common: the priceless works of Rembrandt. While Hollywood has portrayed the theft of high-value paintings as the work of dashing, personable thieves working to steal art for evil, reclusive geniuses, the truth is actually much more interesting. Amore takes his audience behind the scenes of the most notorious of these heists, telling the true story of art crime from conception to recovery.

Amore is the co-author of "Stealing Rembrandts: the Untold Stories of Notorious Art Heists" and the author of "The Art of the Con: the Most Notorious Fakes, Frauds, and Forgeries in the Art World." He has 15 years of national security, law, intelligence, and crisis management experience with federal government agencies.

To sign up for this event, presented and funded by the Friends of the Library, please call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

CHAMBER ENSEMBLE TO PERFORM

Seele Musicale Chamber Ensemble returns to the Morrill Memorial Library on Sunday, April 23 at 3 p.m. with a program of predominantly Baroque music for

voice, strings, and oboe. Seven members of the ensemble will perform works by Marcello, Bach, and Handel, as well as a premiere of a piece by the late 20th century composer, Alan Hovhaness. "Seele," pronounced "Zayla," is the German word for "souls" and refers to the soul of the music as well as the souls of the composers and the musicians. Part of the library's spring Musical Sundays line-up, this concert is made possible through the library Endowment Fund. To sign up, please call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by either the Reference or the Information Desk.

OLD-TIME FAMILY STRING BAND

The Homegrown String Band will perform at the Morrill Memorial Library on Sunday, April 30 at 3 p.m. to wrap up the library's spring Musical Sundays concert series. A modern incarnation of the old-fashioned family band popular before the advent of radio and TV, this quartet of husband, wife, and adult daughters will entertain the audience with a sound reminiscent of the string and jug bands of the '20s and '30s. Enjoy music made by an authentic family band playing instruments such as guitar, fiddle, banjo, mandolin, banjo ukulele, mountain dulcimer, harmonica, jaw harp, and doumbek. The family has been performing at venues throughout the U.S. for 20 years, from the National Theatre in Washington, D.C. to the Festival of American Music in Branson, Mo. To sign up for this concert, made possible through the library Endowment Fund, call 781-769-0200, x110, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

SENIOR NEWS

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

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

BINGO: Every Wednesday, from 12:45 to 3 p.m. \$5.00 to get started. We have begun a new game, for \$1.00 with a winner take all prize! You must be here by 12:45 p.m. to play the new game!

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

BOOK CLUB: Our next Book Club will be meeting on April 24 at 10 a.m.

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

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

COUNCIL ON AGING: COA Board Meeting will be held on April 6 at 1 p.m.

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

DIABETES WORKSHOP: Diabetes Workshop will be held on April 27 at 11 a.m.

DIGITAL PHOTO ORGANIZATION & EDITING: The first and third Wednesday of each month, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

EXCEL CLASSES: Excel classes have resumed. Please sign up.

FOOT DOCTOR: Dr. Michael Mitri is scheduled to be here on April – please call for exact day – \$35.00 charge.

FRIENDS EVENING DANCE: April 21, 7-10 p.m. Johnny Rampino.

GLEE CLUB: Glee Club meets every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. New members are always welcome.

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

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

MAH JONG: Mah Jong players meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10 a.m.-noon. Learn to play Mah Jong -Thursday and Fridays at 1 p.m.

MANICURES: Half hour for \$10.00, Thursday, April 28, 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. please sign-up.

MASSAGE THERAPIST: Karen Tracy is here on the first Monday of each month. Please sign up at front desk. Massages are \$30.00 for half an hour.

NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB: The Board of Directors meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. The Club Membership meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks Lodge, at 10 a.m.

OIL PAINTING: No oil painting class is offered at this time.

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

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

TRIAD: Monday, April 24 at 1 p.m., US Postal Service.

WATER COLOR: The next session is scheduled for Thursday, April 13 at 9 a.m. Payment of \$20.00 must be made at time of sign up.

WAXING: Monday, April 24, 9 a.m.-noon.

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

WHIST PARTY: Whist parties will be held on the fourth Friday of each month 12:45 p.m. – 3 p.m.

We need your help!

If you or a loved one served our country, our community we would like you to be part of an intergenerational program here at the Senior Center in May. We would like to display any memorabilia that you may have from your service. The program is called For Those who Served...We Thank You! We need your help to make this program a success. Please call Kerri at 781-762-1201 for more information. All items will be returned.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin (Never known to fail!)

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.
Grateful thanks. —A.M.S.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin (Never known to fail!)

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.
Grateful thanks. —R.Z.B.

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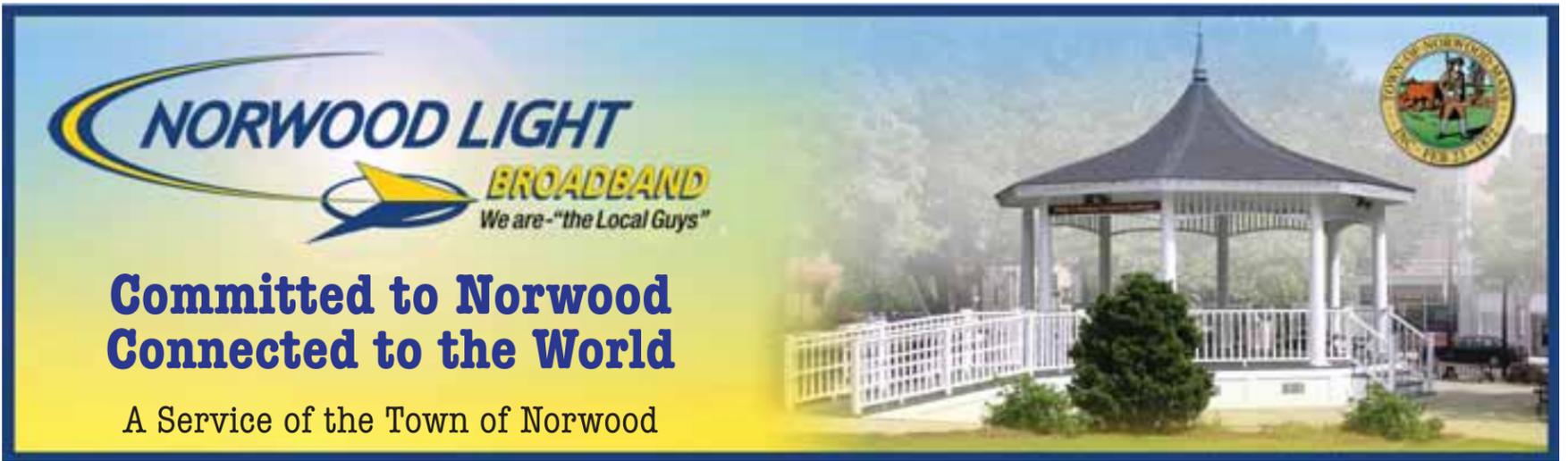
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District 6.

In addition, Hall is running unopposed for reelection as a library trustee.

The other contested race is for the Board of Selectmen. Kevin Pentowski, for the second time in three years, is challenging incumbent Selectman Paul Bishop and Chairman Allan Howard, who are both seeking a third term.

Howard is also running for reelection as a Town Meeting member in District 2 and Pentowski is running for reelection as a Town Meeting member in District 7.

The departure of Vice Chairman Lisa Igoe and Chairman James Gormley has created an uncontested School Committee race with Maura Smith and Teresa Stewart as the lone candidates.

Stewart is seeking a Town Meeting seat in District 8 while Gormley, also of District 8, is running for reelection to Town Meeting.

The other uncontested candidates include incumbent Town Moderator David Hern, incumbent Board of Health Chairman Joan Jacobs, incumbent FinCom Chairman Judith Langone, incumbent Planning Board Chairman Debbie Holmwood and incumbent Constable Kevin Perry.

In the District 1 Town Meeting race, there are six challengers running against seven incumbents. In District 2, there are four challengers running against seven incumbents. In District 3, there are two challengers running against eight incumbents. In District 4, there are three challengers running against seven incumbents. In District 5, there are seven incumbents and no challengers. In District 6, there are three challengers running against four incumbents. In District 7, there are five incumbents and no challengers. In District 8, there are four challengers running against seven incumbents. District 9 has the greatest number of candidates with seven challengers running against eight incumbents.

Legals

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD

In accordance with the requirements of Mass. General Law Chapter 40A Section 5, the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, concerning amendments to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw. The proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment will amend section 3.1.5 (G) Table of Use Regulations, to allow for Open Lot Storage, by Special Permit from the Board of Appeals, within the Limited Manufacturing (LM) Zoning District. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to accept public comments on the proposed change to the Table of Use regulations. The proposed amendments are on file at the Planning Department at Town Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

Alfred Porro Jr., Clerk

Norwood Record, 3/16/17, 3/30/17

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD

In accordance with the requirements of Mass. General Law Chapter 40A Section 5, the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 7:10 P.M. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, concerning amendments to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw. The proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment will create a new section, 6.2.15 5 that will allow for up to three new billboards on Boston Providence Highway. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to accept public comments on the proposed new Zoning regulations that will allow billboards on Rte.1. The proposed amendments are on file at the Planning Department at Town Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

Alfred Porro Jr., Clerk

Norwood Record, 3/30/17, 4/6/17



Ask The Doctor

Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns a 10-bay auto repair service center in Hyde Park and an 8-bay center in Middleboro. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.

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On a cold Saturday morning two days after the Blizzard of 2017, the members of the New England Motor Press headed down to John Lawler's Automotion garage in Middleboro. There, we find a parking lot full of mostly all-wheel-drive vehicles from various manufacturers.

I jump into a Fiat 500X Lounge 2.4-liter, all-wheel-drive automatic. The interior leather seating is comfortable with heated front seats, a large multifunction touchscreen display, and dual sunroofs. The armrests have a lot of padding and feel like high-quality leather. This is a small car that seats four, with room in the trunk. The ride and handling is much improved over previous models. Priced at a base of \$27,000, the Lounge option has super bucket seats, Bose audio, all the safety options and 18-inch wheels for an extra \$5,350. Destination fee: \$995. EPA: 21 city, 30 highway, combined 24 mpg.

Jaguar has entered the SUV market with a vehicle called the F-Pace 35t Prestige powered by a super-charged, 3.0 liter, V/6 engine producing 340 horsepower in an instant via an 8-speed automatic. This SUV and its amenities are what you would expect from Jaguar with a low entry, firm and adjustable, power heated/cooled front seats and heated rear seats. The interior has easy to navigate heat, a/c, audio and NAV systems. The F-Pace has a smooth ride under all road conditions. Power from the supercharged V/6 feels more like a large V/8. The SUV style has a look all its own. With no options, it is priced conservatively at \$51,000, plus \$995 destination. EPA: 18 city, 23 highway, combined 20 mpg.

Kia has come a long way and the new Sportage is another great example of a quality vehicle with a long warranty. Who would have thought that the Sportage SX would have all luxury options, including heated and cooled front seats and a heated steering wheel? Not to mention powered front seats, a large touchscreen center display and panoramic roof. Power comes from a very smooth 2.0 liter, 4-cylinder turbo-charged engine with 237 horsepower via a 6-speed automatic transmission. It comes in three trim levels, with two engine choices and either front or all-wheel drive. Priced at \$34,000 (destination fee: \$895), it is a real bargain compared to other vehicles in its class.

Boston's own Junior Damato, "The Auto Doctor" has agreed to field auto repair questions from *Bulletin* and *Record* readers. Please forward your questions to news@bulletinnewspapers.com and we will do our best to get your questions answered.

DEATHS

ARSCOTT



Samuel L. 94, of Norwood, Tuesday, March 21. Son of the late Samuel and Grace (Nyhan) Arscott. Beloved husband of the late Mary V. (Doyle). Devoted father of Richard B. and his wife Deborah of Dedham, Kevin N. and his wife Mary of W. Babylon N.Y., the late Frederick W. and his wife Carol (Bartlett), who survives. Loving grandfather of Daniel, Laura, Jeffrey, Rebecca, Leigh, and Dean Arscott, and Sarah McKeever and her husband Mark. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., Norwood. Late U.S. ARMY, WWII Veteran, and retired Auditor for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Samuel's memory to St. Catherine of Siena Church of Norwood Retired Priests of Norwood Fund.

BEAUFORD

Cheryl T. (Sparks) Of Norwood, formerly of Marietta, Ga., passed away peacefully on Feb. 2, 2017 following a long illness. Beloved daughter of Harold and Rita (Melanson) Sparks of E. Falmouth. Loving wife of the late Ronald Beauford. Devoted sister of Gary Sparks and his wife Betty of Norwood. Cherished aunt of Sean Sparks and his wife Amy of Norfolk and Scott Sparks and his wife Rachel of Millis. Dear great-aunt of Mackenzie and Walker Sparks. A celebration of Cheryl's life will be held on Saturday, April 1 from 1-4 p.m. at Sky Restaurant, 1369 Boston-Providence Turnpike (Rte. 1 South), Norwood, Mass. Memorial contributions in memory of Cheryl T. Beauford may be

made to the Neponset Valley Humane Society, PO Box 544, Norwood, MA 02062. Gillooly Funeral Home

HAMPL

Yvonne M. Age 91, of Wareham, March 23, 2017. Wife of the late Louis E. Hampl. Mother of Lois A. Enos of Wareham and Steven Hampl of Northwood, N.H. Grandmother of Dr. Nicholas Enos, Gregory Enos and William Hampl. Sister of the late Ernest Dager, Nicholas Dager and James Dager. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Rita's Church, Front St., Marion at 11 a.m. Interment followed in Agawam Cemetery, Wareham. Donations in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Mass., 309 Waverly Oak Rd., Waltham, MA 02452. For directions and online guestbook visit: www.ccgfuneralhome.com

O'LEARY



Dennis P., Jr. of Norwood died peacefully on March 24, 2017 at Brigham and Women's Hospital surrounded by loving family. Son of the late Attorney Dennis P. and Leah C. O'Leary, Dennis was predeceased by his younger brother Ralph L. Dear brother of Leah C. O'Leary, Martha B. Angelo and her husband Paul of Norwood. Also survived by cherished nieces and their spouses, Darcey C. Angelo (Gavin O'Riordan) of Dover and Kate C. Plato of Norwood and nephews, Dana P. Angelo (Sangita Kalidas) of Wellesley, Russell P. Plato (Joel Nolan) of Newton and Dennis P. Plato (Dr. Jessica Bloomfield) of Denver. Dennis is also survived by beloved great nieces, Teagan and Aria and great nephews, Addison and Asher. Dennis grew up in Norwood and graduated from Norwood schools and Boston University. He also attended Boston College, School of Law and served four years with the US Air Force Intelligence Service. Dennis was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. He lived in East Dennis prior to returning to the Norwood area several years ago. He will be

Prayer to St. Anthony

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers.

Miracles waited on your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (request). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of Miracles.

O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the Sweet Infant Jesus who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.
—B.T.F.

lovingly remembered for his gentle soul, kind and sensitive nature and wry wit. His family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the numerous doctors, nurses, and health care personnel at Norwood Hospital Emergency Room, Boston Medflight Team, and Brigham and Women's Neuroscience ICU and I1D. Their excellent and compassionate care, support and dedication are outstanding and will be forever appreciated by Dennis' family. At the family's request, services are private and interment will follow on Cape Cod at a later date. For anyone who wishes to honor Dennis, donations can be made to the Neuroscience ICU Team at Brigham and Women's Hospital, 75 Francis Street, Boston, MA 02115 or Boston Medflight, 1727 Robins Road, Bedford, MA 01730. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com

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Mary V. (Cooper) Of Norwood, March 24, 2017. Born in Everett, formerly of Allston and Watertown. Beloved wife of the late William A. Rafferty, Sr. Devoted mother of Edward M. Rafferty & Patricia of Framingham, William A. Rafferty, Jr. & Maria of Billerica, John K. Rafferty & AnneMarie of Methuen, Mary Jean Capodanno & Mark of Watertown, and Richard P. Rafferty & Susan of Norwood. Loving grandmother of Erica, Michael, Julia, Megan, Christen, John David, Rachel. Great-grandmother of Reed and Declan. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral from the Lehman, Reen, & McNamara Funeral Home Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 9 a.m. Followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony Church, 43 Holton St., Allston at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. Visiting Hours Monday, March 27, 4 to 8 p.m. Interment at Ridgelawn Cemetery, Watertown. In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Mary may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02215

Novena to St. Claire

Ask St. Claire for three favors, 1 business, 2 impossible. Say nine Hail Marys for nine days, with lighted candle. Pray whether you believe or not. Publish on the ninth day. Powerful novena. Say "May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored, glorified, now and forever, throughout the whole world. Amen." *Your request will be granted, no matter how impossible it may seem.*

—B.T.F.

Sports

Cheerleaders cherish third place finish at nationals

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Norwood High's cheerleading team returned from Florida last week far outperforming its initial expectations, landing at Logan Airport with a third place trophy.

It was a fitting end to a journey that almost never began in the first place, as the team needed to raise \$25,000 to make the voyage to Disney World in Buena Vista, Fla. to compete in the Americheer International Cheerleading Competition in the first place.

Much of the money raised came in the form of a \$10,000 donation from Ernie Boch Jr., the Norwood native whose money took care of traveling accommodations for the 16-member cheerleading squad and its traveling supporters.

"The support from the town and Ernie Boch was overwhelming," Mustangs head coach Crystal Salisbury said, praising the work of the team parents as well. "I'm proud to be a Mustang."

Salisbury, who has been a qualified cheer judge for over 18 years, said that re-



It's trite, but it is true. A picture can speak a thousand words, even if those words are excited variations of "OhmyGodohmyGodohmyGod." Suffice to say, NHS's third place ranking in Florida's national cheerleading competition made all involved very enthused.

PHOTO BY BRENDA AUGENSTENE

ceiving a bid to compete at the national level is an honor.

"An honor that they earned," she said of her team. "I'm extremely proud

of these girls. Massachusetts cheerleading is extremely competitive; only a small percentage of our state can say they qualified."

For a group of girls that's

been cheering together since they were 7 or 8 years old, the trip to Florida was a culmination of their efforts over the years, one last hurrah as a group.

"It was one big family going down," said parent Brenda Augenstene, whose daughter, Keri, is among the

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Lack of familiarity doesn't change expectations on the diamond for Norwood



Nearly the entire core of Norwood's 2015 Division 1 state championship team is gone, but head coach Kevin Igoe looks at the Mustangs as reloading rather than rebuilding.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Household names may not litter the roster – yet – but Norwood High's baseball team is carrying the same expectations this spring as any other: tournament baseball.

Since becoming head coach for the 2012 season, Kevin Igoe is 5-for-5 in getting the Mustangs to the postseason, highlighted by a Division 1 State Championship in 2015.

"Our expectations are to win and be a tournament team every year," he said. "That'll never change."

Only one starter remains from the 2015 title team in second baseman Connor

Flynn, now a senior. There aren't many holdovers from last year's team even, with just seven players who were in the dugout for last season's stunning first round loss to the Attleboro Blue Bombardiers projected to make the Mustangs' opening day roster.

No longer the defending-state champions, Norwood appears to be way off the radar this spring compared to the last two, with Bay State Conference teams such as Braintree, Newton North and Walpole generating the early buzz.

Igoe understands that, cognizant of the talent

Baseball

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Norwood Arena legend Pete Hamilton passes away at 74



Pete Hamilton started his long illustrious career in the Norwood Arena, and finished it as one of the top racers in NASCAR.

COURTESY PHOTO

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

The first – and to date only – Massachusetts-born driver to win the Daytona 500, Pete Hamilton, passed away on March 21 at the age of 74.

Hamilton won the 12th installment of the NASCAR race in Daytona Beach, Fla. in 1970, the peak of a career which began eight years earlier at Norwood Arena Speedway.

Hamilton figures prominently in the 2014 film

Norwood Arena Movie, produced by local filmmakers Jerry Kelleher and Brendan King of 10th District Studios.

The movie explores the

Norwood NASCAR
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Boys lax looking for postseason leap



Coming off of a two-win season, Norwood boys lacrosse head coach Anthony Roman is hopeful the numerous upperclassmen on his team can reverse the losing trend and get back towards the tournament.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Experience won't be an issue for the Norwood High boys lacrosse team this spring.

Trouble is, much of that experience includes losing, as head coach Anthony Roman points out at the begin-

ning of his seventh season in charge of the Mustangs.

While the losses have far outnumbered the wins in recent years, Roman believes there is at least one inherent advantage to having a team that includes 24 juniors and seniors.

"Physically, you're going to see a more mature team,"

Roman said. "We have a ton of upperclassmen and I think athletically, we'll match up better than we have in recent years."

Turning the page on a 2-16 campaign will start on the offensive end, where Roman says he's "very excited"

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Diaspora from his roster since last spring.

"I think it's natural for people to take us lightly because we don't have [much] varsity experience, but it'll be to their detriment," he said. "We've got a lot of talent on this team."

Impossible-to-replace stars such as Sean Mellen and Paul Galvin graduated, along with a slew of others. Would Igoe call it a rebuilding process, however? Not quite.

"We're excited, but we're realistic as well," he said. "We realize who's graduated, but we think we've built a program that is closer to reloading than people think."

Michael James and Chris Petracca are two more key returnees from last season on top of Flynn, and two versatile players to boot. Both are capable of playing multiple positions and, like Flynn, can pitch when called upon as well.

Which is huge, seeing as how Mellen, Galvin, Brian King and Cam Ryan are off on their respective college campuses this spring. Those four – along with Johnny Ryan the year before – formed the core of Norwood's pitching rotation the last two years.

James was the Mustangs' opening day starter last season, but made his biggest contributions as an outfielder and as a dynamic hitter. Petracca and Flynn tossed an inning here or there, but it's more or less a brand new staff of arms for Norwood at the varsity level.

Again, Igoe doesn't appear concerned.

"Pitching won't be a problem," he said. "We certainly don't have a stopper that's gonna throw in the mid-80s, but we've got guys that are really talented. There's different ways to get people out."

Among some pitchers who will step up are Matt Jeannetti, Mat Rice and Ricky Meehan, all of whom have plenty of experience on

the mound at the sub-varsity level but not much on the big league club.

"You reload with a different style," Igoe said. "The ball is definitely going to be in play, but we have very talented pitchers on this staff that we're happy with."

As far as the lineup goes, expect James, Petracca and Flynn to occupy the top three spots early on.

Pat Forrest and Ryan Johnson, two seniors who don't have a great deal of varsity experience, are also expected to hit in the top half of Norwood's order.

Weather permitting, Igoe's team will be put to the test on Tuesday afternoon on the road at 3:45 p.m. against the two-time defending-Super 8 champion Braintree Wamps.

Last season, baseball's opener was pushed back 10 days due to poor field conditions as a result of the weather. The year before that, it was a staggering 20-day delay.

Count Igoe in as someone who wouldn't mind seeing the baseball season compressed like that every season.

"I honestly preferred it," he said. "I don't know why we rush spring sports, we're never ready."

Some highlights of Norwood's schedule include its second-straight appearance in the Bay State Conference-Catholic Conference Challenge, which will take place this season on Saturday, April 22 at BC High. The Mustangs will again face the Xaverian Hawks as part of a quadruple header in Dorchester, also featuring Catholic Memorial vs. Newton North, St. John's Prep vs. Walpole and BC High vs. Braintree. The challenge marks the first of Norwood's two meetings with Xaverian.

The day before, April 21, the Mustangs will get another crack at Attleboro, as the Blue Bombardiers will visit Balch School Field for an early start at 11 a.m. over April vacation.

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history of the quarter-mile race track, which was in operation from 1948 to 1972, and sheds light on many of the characters who crossed over its finish line.

There's little question that Hamilton, however brief his career was, is the most accomplished alumnus of Norwood Arena Speedway. And he was treated as such in the film.

"The climax of the movie was him winning the Daytona 500," Kelleher said, recalling the premier of the movie – which was attended by

Hamilton. "People cheered as if it were live, because no one had ever seen it. It really gave you goose bumps."

Hamilton, whose racing career was cut short due to a neck injury, was deeply moved by the Norwood crowd in attendance that day.

"He was in tears," Kelleher said. "He said he'd never heard anyone clap for him before because he was in the car and couldn't hear the crowd. It was so loud and you're not even sure if you win; you just keep your foot on the gas. I think they did it by hand signals."

Hamilton drove under

Petty Enterprises in 1970, as a teammate of the legendary Richard Petty – whose seven Daytona 500 titles remain the most all-time.

Kelleher said both he and King have been consulted from local outlets such as the Boston Globe for help putting together Hamilton's obituary.

"He was a wonderful guy," Kelleher said.

Hamilton leaves behind his wife of 46 years, Susan; his daughter Becky and her husband Chip; and two grandchildren, Rhett and Savannah.

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The graduation of Zac Pungitore, above wearing No. 77, will hit Norwood hard. But sophomore Joe Spadorcia seems up to the task of taking Pungitore's place at long-stick middie (LSM). PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

about what the team has on attack.

Kyle McCue, who has started for the Mustangs on attack since his freshman year, will lead the group as a junior. Sophomore Jake Smelstor, who moved up from midfield, is part of plans to form a "dynamic duo" up front, Roman said, with Owen Gillis rounding out the trio.

The midfield group, however, remains much more of a puzzle for Roman, who anticipates going with a committee to start the year off.

"A lot of guys are going to see playing time and we're going to see what sticks," he said.

James Piatelli has started in net before for Norwood, but this will be his first season as a full-time starter. As such, he'll play a very important role for the Mustangs.

"He's a key player for us this year," Roman said. "We need him to step up his play."

Nick Girard, one of Norwood's three captains along with DeVaughn Carter and Tom Driscoll, will be the Mustangs' top draw man on the faceoff-X. Roman said that Girard will be playing all over the field, taking on more than just FOGO (faceoff-get off) duties.

Driscoll and Jack Doherty will anchor Norwood's defensive unit, along with newcomers Teddy Willett and Colin Plasko.

Long-stick middie (LSM) duties will be handed off to sophomore Joe Spadorcia, filling in a role the graduated Zac Pungitore excelled at for the last few seasons.

The Mustangs have an intriguing nonleague schedule this season, one that looks a tad different from season's past. The Bay State Confer-

ence slate once again includes Dedham – or more appropriately, includes Dedham for one last time – as the Marauders did not field a varsity team in 2016, but are back this year before bouncing for the Tri-Valley League.

Newcomers to the nonleague schedule included the East Bridgewater Vikings for two games and a single game with the Tri-County Cougars.

"I was looking to give our team a schedule that was more appropriate with what we face in the Bay State [Conference]," Roman said. "We've had one of the toughest strengths of schedules in our league because we scheduled tough games out of conference on top of a very tough league schedule. The last couple of years we've been beaten up by the schedule and I wanted to give my guys a better chance to be successful."

Ten of Norwood's 18 games are against schools that compete in Division 2 or Division 3, much like the Mustangs. All Norwood, a Division 2 team, needs to do is go 5-5 in those games and they'll be back in the postseason for the first time since the 2014-15 school year via the Sullivan rule.

"I really like the work my group has put in the first week," Roman said. "I have nine players who started games last year back on the team. Our top two players can play on any team in the Bay State. We're going to be much better than last year if the faceoff-X and goaltending hold up."

The Mustangs open on Monday at 4:30 p.m. at home against the Foxboro Warriors in a nonconference match-up with the Hockomock League.

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Coaches, parents, and fellow students greeted the team when they brought the trophy back to Norwood from the Disney World contest.

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team's four captains. "We had a lot of fun. It was a traveling party, basically to celebrate the success of just getting there. The goal was to get there; the idea to come in third is just the icing on the cake."

Norwood's other captains include Sarah Dupoutot, Ashley Devaney and Cassie Whitcomb.

The Mustangs finished third out of eight teams in the Division 2 level of the competition, which featured two other teams from Massachusetts, four teams from New Jersey and a single team from New York.

Norwood was in fifth place at the beginning of the

second day of the competition, which took place on March 18-19, but staged a rally on day two to earn the top-three finish.

"Our goal was to come in the top half, we never dreamed of coming in the top three, and they did," Augenstene said. "They were out of their minds. They were so excited and thrilled and felt accomplished."

"We had to hit our routine to place in the top three," Salisbury said. "Day one wasn't their best performance, they had some issues."

"Day two was a much better performance, they had the lay of the land and their confidence level was up. They

knew what they had to do if they wanted to place in the top three."

The team was treated as celebrities coming both to and from Florida, as announcements were made on its flight in each direction.

"Jet Blue greeted them coming on to the plane, wishing them good luck," Augenstene said. "And when we took off to go home, they announced their accomplishment. It was absolutely amazing."

The other Massachusetts teams were from Framingham High and Waltham High; Waltham finished first in Division 2 and Framingham came in sixth place.

Norwood Dancing With The Stars is nine years running

Christopher Roberson
Staff Reporter

For the ninth year, half a dozen residents will compete for the chance to be the next champion of Norwood Dancing With The Stars.

The competition, hosted by the Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation, will be held on April 7 at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel on Route 1.

Foundation Treasurer David Tuttle said the competition follows a format similar to the real Dancing With The Stars television show on ABC. Norwood's version features six amateur contestants who are taught by professional dancers for 10 weeks. He said the Savaria Dance Studio on Route 1 is providing the instruction for this year.

"The dancers are incredible and creative with the energy that they bring to the competition and to their fundraisers," Tuttle said of the contestants.

"Our champion is chosen by the most votes they get by fundraisers they have before the event," said Tuttle. "We

give a Judges Choice award to the dancer who gets the highest scores from the judges the night of the event."

Petr Dubovsky of Savaria said he is honored to be part of this year's event.

"It is a great honor for us at Savaria Dance Studio to be involved in Norwood's Dancing with the Stars this year raising money for the Circle of Hope Foundation," he said. "As members of the Norwood community, we greatly admire all the work this organization does for our neighbors in need. We appreciate the opportunity to be involved this year and help train the exceptional stars who are participating.

In addition to Dubovsky, the other instructors include Tomas Vasicek, Lewis Inman, Vitalija Tyrnova, Kendall Sealey and Vivienne Kogan.

This year's contestants include Christine Kiklis, Robert Smith, Lisa Vitale, Nanci Kelleher, Jason Coras and Timothy Reen.

Kelleher said she became interested in Norwood Dancing With The Stars after her husband participated in competition seven years ago.

She also said the nature of the competition appeals to her personality.

"I'm silly, I dance around at work," said Kelleher.

Kelleher spoke about her training progress under Inman's tutelage.

"At first, I was a nervous wreck," she said. "He has a lot of patience, that's what I need."

Vitale, a second grade teacher at Balch Elementary School, said she is interested to find out what it is like to participate in the competition.

"I love dancing, I'm very intrigued by the whole process," she said, adding that she is also dancing for the foundation's cause. "I love what it stands for."

After attending one of the prior competitions as a spectator, Kiklis said she fought back her initial trepidation and decided to take a run at being the next champion.

"I was like, 'what the hell, why not?'" she said. "This is way out of the box for me, but it's for a good cause. The Circle of Hope is awesome, I thought I'd get out there and

do my best."

As the youngest contestant this year, Smith, 25, said he wanted to represent the "younger generation" in the competition.

Having been a singer for a number of years, Smith said he is no stranger to the spotlight.

"I'm used to performing," he said.

However, Smith said just training for the competition has gone well beyond what he expected.

"It's definitely a lot harder than people may think it is," he said.

Tuttle said that in addition to competing in the event, the proceeds from each contestant's fundraisers are converted into votes and used in the final tally to determine the new champion.

However, he said the real funds "provide financial assistance to residents of Norwood who find themselves in need due to a catastrophic medical occurrence." "This is an event that grows each year and we are so very thankful to have a wonderful town with great residents who step up to support us year after year. Whether we raise \$1 or thousands, it all goes back to the community that supports our mission," said Tuttle.

He said in the past, contestants have chosen from a variety of dances to achieve vic-

tory including the Waltz, the Samba, the Tango, the Cha Cha and the Quick Step.

"They are all wonderful and fun for the dancers and their friends and family," he said.

At the conclusion of the competition, each contestant will receive a replica Mirror Ball Trophy.

"Every year, the members of the Circle of Hope Foundation are amazed at the creativity and dedication that the dancers, their family, friends and instructors bring to the competition," said Tuttle.

Kathleen St. Cyr, a member of the foundation's Board of Directors, started the event in 2008.

"Nobody on the board thought it would work," she said.

However, St. Cyr said that by the next meeting, she had found six people willing to dance in Norwood's first Dancing With The Stars competition.

"I love doing it, I love working with the dancers, I'm thrilled to pieces," she said.

St. Cyr said residents Anna Fogg, Maura Belanger, Thomas McCready and Jack McCarthy have been asked to be judges for this year's event, adding that Fogg, Belanger and McCready are winners from prior years.

"Once they danced, they really got involved in the organization," she said.

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Member Carolyn Riccardi again stressed the importance of voting yes on the April 3 ballot question that asks voters whether or not to allow marijuana retailers or commercial growers in town.

"This stops you from being able to go into McDonald's, buy a Big Mac – and a couple of ounces of pot," said Jacobs, adding that medical marijuana will not be affected.

Riccardi also reminded residents that the question, Question 1, is oddly worded and to be careful not to inadvertently vote 'no.'

"Normally, you would correlate that no means no, but that's not the case," she said. "It's very serious, vote yes."

In the event that the question does not garner enough 'yes' votes, Riccardi said the town could still stop such businesses from opening by implementing a moratorium or forwarding the matter to Town Meeting.

Town Sanitarian Angelo De Luca said Wine Press on Route 1 was cited for having 15 food packages that were expired.

Because this was the establishment's first violation, De Luca said he only issued a warning. However, he said any subsequent offenses would result in fines.

De Luca also said a garbage grinder has not been installed at the International House of Pancakes despite being given a deadline of March 24.

"I don't know what the holdup is," he said.

In addition, Express Pizza was cited for storing knives and other utensils in between equipment rather than in proper storage containers.

Riccardi praised De Luca for the work he has done for the town during the past six years.

"You have a great rapport, you are so helpful," she said.

Member Kathleen Bishop agreed, saying the number of violations has decreased in the time that De Luca has been Norwood's sanitarian.

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FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

The Norwood Public Schools' will be hosting its 20th Annual Fine Arts Festival on Saturday, April 8 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Norwood High School. The festival is a celebration of the award winning Fine Arts program in the Norwood Public Schools. Artwork from grades 1-12 will be on display reflecting the district's diverse visual arts program. There will be performances by Norwood's drama and musical ensembles. The television program will present student created public service announcements, videos, and documentaries. This year we will be showcasing artwork from Norwood High School alumni. Those of you familiar with the Fine Arts Festival will notice that it will be held on Saturday at a new location, Norwood High School. The artwork will be in the gymnasium while large performance groups will be in the auditorium. This festival is free and open to the public at Norwood High School, 245 Nichols St.

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

This workshop is for families with children from toddler to early elementary years. This workshop will focus on: warning signs, symptoms, age of onset, causes and predispositions, social skills deficits and effects in classroom, behavioral issues and strate-

gies and writing social stories. Please join us on Wednesday, April 26 at the Savage Educational Center – Room 219 at 275 Prospect St.

NORWOOD FOOD PANTRY NEEDS MUSCLE POWER

Can you lift 50 pounds? If so, the Norwood Food Pantry could use your help moving and sorting food Monday mornings from 7 to 7:15 a.m. and Thursday mornings from 8 to 10 a.m. To volunteer or find out more, call 781-291-3663.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE ON THE COMMON

The public is invited to an Easter Sunrise Service on the Norwood Town Common, Sunday, April 16 at 6:30 a.m. Sponsored by the United Church of Norwood, the celebration of Jesus' resurrection will include praise, prayer, joyful music and an inspiring message by Pastor Kevin Smith. Following the service, there will be a free pancake breakfast at the church fellowship hall located at the corner of Washington and Nahatan streets in Norwood Center. Everyone is welcome.

At 10 a.m., the church will be holding a traditional Easter Service celebrating the good news from Scripture of the Lord's victory over death. All are invited. Christ is Risen!

The church is located at 595 Washington St., Norwood, tel. 781-762-2589. Parking is available off Nahatan Street and in the Town lot behind the church. www.unitedchurchofnorwood.org.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS MEETING

The National Alliance for Mental Illness – South Norfolk affiliate will hold its monthly meeting in Cafeteria B of the Lorusso Building at Norwood Hospital at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 6.

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Mental illness is a label for a variety of diseases of the brain. Often it strikes in late adolescence, devastating the afflicted person and the family. The South Norfolk Alliance is composed of such families who find mutual support and join together to advocate for their loved ones.

We welcome all families in the South Norfolk Area who are dealing with mental illness and their loved ones. In case of inclement weather, we will align with the Norwood schools. If they close, the meeting will be cancelled. For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

HOSPICE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Nobody should be alone during their end of life journey. Joining Old Colony Hospice as Compassionate Care Volunteer will provide you with an unforgettable experience. As a Companionate Care Volunteer you will provide companionship, comfort and dignity to our patients at this very intimate time. We care for patients in Norwood, Canton, Walpole, Dedham and Sharon. To prepare you to visit our patients, Old Colony Hospice offers volunteers a comprehensive orientation program and ongoing support and education. Please contact Lorraine Shamon at 781-341-4145 extension 211 or at lshamon@oldcolonyhospice.com to get started as a volunteer in your community.

PEER ROLE MODELS ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year for Peer Role Models at the Willett Early Childhood Center. Openings are for 3 and 4-year-old children (must be 3 years old on or before Aug. 31, 2017). For more information please call the Willett Early Childhood Center at 781-440-5902 or visit our website for the preschool application at www.norwood.k12.ma.us

HOLY WEEK OBSERVANCES

In observance of Holy Week, the United Church of Norwood will be holding a Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, April 13 at 7 p.m. The church will also be open for Prayer and Reflection on Good Friday, April 14 at 6 p.m. All are welcome. The church is located at 595 Washington St. in Norwood Center. www.unitedchurchofnorwood.org

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER HOLY WEEK SERVICES

The Anglican Church of the Redeemer, meeting at First Baptist Church, 71 Bond St. Norwood, announces Holy Week Services: PALM SUNDAY, April 9, service at 8 a.m. at the Church, Coffee Hour follows in the Carriage House; MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 13, service at 7 p.m. at the Church; GOOD FRIDAY, April 14, Service at noon at the church; EASTER SUNDAY, April 16, service at 8 a.m. at the church, a brief coffee hour follows in the Carriage House. All are welcome to attend. For more information please visit www.redeemeranglicanchurch.org or call 781-769-7940.

SOLEMN DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

Divine Mercy Sunday Solemn Celebration St. Catherine of Siena Church in Norwood invites you to come and join in the Solemn Divine Mercy celebration on Sunday, April 23 from 1 to 5 p.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 1-3 p.m. in the chapel and the school gym. Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary and the Chaplet to Divine Mercy will begin at 2:15 in the Church. At 3 p.m. Holy Mass in honor of the Solemnity will be celebrated and will include veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy. A plenary indulgence can be obtained by means of this celebration through Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, the Pope. Located at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 547 Washington St.

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