

## Fire Study presented to town

**Brad Cole**  
Staff Reporter

Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI) met with the Fire Department Study Committee, Board of Selectmen, Finance Commission and Town Meeting members to present their report on March 23.

John Klimm, Brian Duggan and Keith Hoyle of MRI provided 31 recommendations to the town, all of which must be considered if they want to bring the substitution account under control.

“There are 31 recommendations, and no one recommendation should be looked at in a silo,” Duggan said. “We feel the solution is multi-faceted and encompasses the recommendations not as a stand alone, but as a team.”

The town needs to consider staffing levels and operational safety; response times and level of coverage; the emergency medical service (EMS); operations that cause overtime; and revenue enhancement programs.

MRI’s top recommendation endorses

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*Kids and adults had a great time at the Oldham School's 43rd annual spring fair on Saturday. The event featured crafts, carnival games, a cake walk, raffles, a silent auction and more.*

**Above:** Rachel McCracken has her nails done by Kelli Gillis.

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## Some capital projects gain committee support

**Brad Cole**  
Staff Reporter

The Budget Balancing Committee and Capital Outlay Committee expressed support for 11 capital projects, which will lead to \$1,629,000 in proposed borrowing. This is down from a proposed \$5,808,006 in spending.

“It’s been reviewed and whittled down to \$1.76 million,” Budget Balancing Committee Chairman Michael Lyons said at their Monday meeting, before the committee cut it even further.

This means \$4,159,006 in projects are being deferred for the time being, including the major renovations needed at the Town Hall tower and the Chapel of St. Gabriel in Highland Cemetery. The repainting of Town Hall will cost an estimated \$1,750,000, while the chapel renovations will cost \$675,000.

“Instead of trying to pay the full amount, we’d look for \$200,000,” General Manager John Carroll said, as this would be enough to pay for the engineering and design documents for the Town Hall project.

As for the chapel, the entire project is being postponed.

While many projects are being deferred, members of the Budget Balancing and Capital Outlay Committees recognized the importance of maintaining and upgrading their buildings and equipment around town. The capital expenditures list calls for replacing the boilers at the Town Hall, Recreation Department and Morrill Memorial Library. If approved, this would cost \$317,750.

“All are in need of repair, and all have been postponed for several years,” Carroll said.

They are also looking to purchase several new vehicles: a 5-ton sander for \$120,000, a front-end loader for \$140,000, a mini-loader for \$55,000 and a new ambulance for \$281,250. The original list also called for \$140,500 to purchase three new police cruisers and one new police motorcycle, but the Budget Balancing Committee voted to defer these expenses and reassess their viability.

**Projects**  
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## It’s all about the budget

### Special TM set

**Brad Cole**  
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen called a Special Town Meeting for Monday, April 25 to help ensure Norwood can balance its budget for fiscal year (FY) 2012. While both the general government and school departments have reached their eighth pass targets, these numbers assume positive action from by Town Meeting members.

“I’m recommending that the Board of Selectmen hold a Town Meeting on [April 25] to deal with these issues,” General Manager John Carroll said, referring to the existence of several budget balancing proposals that need Town Meeting approval, including the local option meals tax, the sale of land on University Avenue and the early retirement incentive program.

By holding a Town Meeting on April 25, it will allow both the general government and school departments to make

budget adjustments prior to the May 9 Annual Town Meeting, should Town Meeting reject these options.

If adopted, the local option meals sales tax is projected to raise \$465,000 in FY 2012 and \$575,000 in FY 2013 and beyond. It would do this by adding a 0.75 percent tax to the existing 6.25 percent meals tax collected by the state, and the additional money raised would be passed on to the town as revenue. In order to be adopted the sales tax must be approved by both the Board of Selectmen and a majority of Town Meeting members. The Board of Selectmen have already approved the measure and placed it on a Town Meeting warrant.

If this measure is rejected by Town Meeting, the general government departments would have to cut an additional \$209,250 and the school department would have to cut an additional \$255,750 from their FY 2012 budgets. This difference is due to the budget split: the school department gets 55 percent of the avail-

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SECTION A - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID  
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Sealed bids will be received up until 11:00 A.M. (Verizon time), April 21, 2011, in the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062 for the following Public Project:

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

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

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to accept any part of a bid or the one deemed best for the Town.

BY: John J. Carroll, General Manager

Norwood Record, 03/31/11



The students in the Norwood High School television production class are hosting a telethon to raise money for Japan on March 31 at 7 p.m.

COURTESY PHOTO

# Kids step up for Japan

Brad Cole  
Staff Reporter

On March 11, Japan was hit by a 9.0 magnitude earthquake, the most powerful known earthquake to hit the country in its history. The effects are devastating: over 11,000 are dead, over 2,700 are injured and over 17,300 people are still missing. The earthquake has caused an estimated \$309 billion in damage, and the country is in the midst of a long recovery.

This has prompted a massive outpouring of charitable and humanitarian response. The Norwood High School television production class is one of the latest groups to step up.

They are hosting a telethon, "Mustangs for Japan," on Thursday, March 31, from 7 to 9 p.m. The telethon will air on the Norwood Public Access Television School Channel: channel 22 on Norwood Light Broadband, channel 12 on Comcast and channel 34 on Verizon.

The 19 second-year students in Ann Kraus's television production class are producing the program.

"They are just an amazing group of students who wanted to make a difference," Kraus said. "It's pretty cool for them to be doing this, for something that's over 9,000 miles away."

The plans for this telethon go back to March 11, when the earthquake hit. Kraus was at the Student Television Network Convention in Florida, when she saw a live feed from Japan. She realized the power visual

media has, and thought her students could use that power to help those affected by this disaster. When she mentioned this to her students, they suggested hosting a telethon.

"They jumped at this opportunity," Kraus said, and the students spent the next few weeks producing educational segments to include in the broadcast.

These segments are Timeline of the Crisis produced by Ryan Begley, History of Japan produced by Jess Gorman and Kaileen Spaulding, The Science of Earthquakes produced by Evelyn Metta, The Culture of Japan produced by Helena Eldoueihy and Samantha McCracken, High School Life for Japanese Teens produced by Spaulding, Allie Ryan and Kaitlin McCarthy,

Japan

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# Wine Vault warned Kelleher, McQuaid bid adieu

**Brad Cole**  
Staff Reporter

Before the Board of Selectmen meeting began, Chairman Jerry Kelleher said he didn't want his final action on the board to involve revoking a beer and wine license.

David Bergman and Jeff Groper of The Wine Vault appeared before the Board of Selectmen for a Show Cause hearing. They were summoned for "failure to provide the public with services contemplated by the license as required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 138, Sections 15 and 77," as the business has been closed since late November.

The board ultimately took no action on The Wine Vault's license at their March 29 meeting, but will revisit the issue on May 10. If The Wine Vault is not open by that time, its license could be suspended, limited or revoked.

Groper acknowledged the business has been closed, information that was corroborated by Detective Richard Giacoppo and other Route 1 businesses.

"We were closed for awhile due to the economic situation," Groper said, but they are now

ready to resume operations at the site.

He has plans to hire a new manager and has placed orders with wholesale suppliers. He believes he will be able to reopen by the end of April, meaning the business will have been closed for approximately five months.

The Wine Vault is required to remain open on the hours listed on their license, and should the business close for any reason, the owners must notify the licensing authority. However, Groper closed the shop in late November and failed to notify the board, culminating in the hearing on Tuesday night. Groper promises the state of the store will change in the weeks ahead.

"We're going to gear up, get the product in, get everything rolling and get this reopened," Groper said.

The board accepted this explanation, and expects to see the Wine Vault reopen soon. However, as a precaution, they voted to bring Groper back in for a second Show Cause hearing on May 10. This will be a separate hearing- not a continued hearing- as the board will have two new members at the

time, and a quorum from the March 29 meeting will not be present.

Selectman Bill Plasko said the board would be within their rights to revoke the license then, as the license is for the public convenience, and if a licensee is not using it, which The Wine Vault hasn't been for the past four months, it can be taken away.

However, Plasko and the board are willing to give Groper a chance to get the business operating again. By giving him until May 10, Groper should have ample time to reopen the business with a new manager.

"We'll have the store open prior to that," Groper said.

The board recognized Selectmen Kelleher and Tom McQuaid, as Tuesday night was their last meeting as sitting members of the Board of Selectmen.

McQuaid and Kelleher were presented with a plaque recognizing them for their six and nine years on the board, respectively.

"Thank you for your years of dedicated service to the town of Norwood," Plasko said as he

**Selectmen**

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# Blue Hills budget detailed

**Brad Cole**  
Staff Reporter

While the overall Blue Hills Regional Technical School budget is dropping by \$124,885, Norwood's share is increasing by \$160,110.

Blue Hills Regional Business Manager David Proule said this is because of an increase in Norwood's student enrollment and an increase in their minimum contribution, an amount set by the State Department of Education (DOE).

Norwood's student population is up 7.5 percent and their minimum contribution is \$861,639 this year, an increase of about \$118,000 over last year.

The Blue Hills budget came in at \$17,86,019. This number is partially offset by state aid. Proule is projecting \$4,261,982

in state aid: \$3,819,759 in Chapter 70 funding and \$442,223 in transportation aid. They are expecting \$372,736 in their excess and deficiency account, which is similar to the town's free cash account.

This leaves \$12,451,301 for the nine member communities to fund. In addition to Norwood, Blue Hills serves Avon, Braintree, Canton, Dedham, Holbrook, Milton, Randolph and Westwood.

The minimum contribution and the enrollment levels determine the individual town assessments. Since Norwood's minimum contribution is set at \$861,639, Norwood's assess-

ment begins there. The minimum contribution for the nine towns is \$9,088,881, leaving a \$3,362,420 budget gap.

This money is split among the nine member towns based on their enrollment. Since Norwood's 64 students make up 7.5 percent of the Blue Hill's population, they pay 7.5 percent of this number, approximately \$252,181.50. Add this to the minimum contribution, and Norwood is expected to pay \$1,139,808, approximately 9.06 percent of Blue Hill's \$12,574,801 request.

**Blue Hills**

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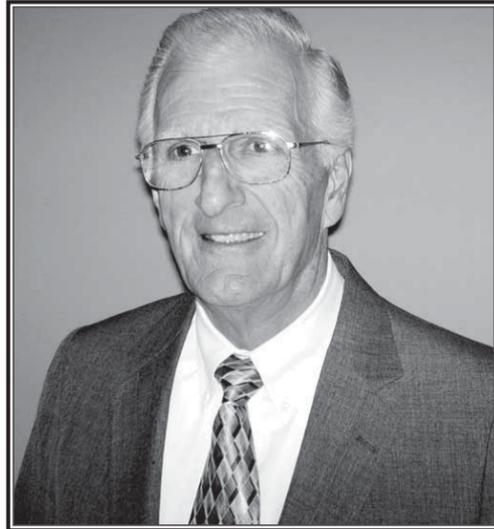
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**Fire Study**

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a level of 14 personnel per shift. However, because of the substitution account issues, MRI recommends starting each fiscal year with a minimum staffing level of 13. The town can adjust accordingly as the year goes on.

MRI also recommends hiring two firefighters at the cost of \$141,513.

“We recommend you contemplate hiring two new firefighters to bring all shifts to 16,” Klimm said.

Using the proposed minimum staffing level of 13, this would create a shift float of three, meaning the department would not have to call in substitutes until a fourth person is absent.

“It is roughly \$24,000 more expensive to hire two new firefighters than pay overtime,” Duggan said.

MRI feels this is a good investment because it provides the department with more flexibility, prevents employee burnout and fatigue and can potentially reduce the number of on-duty injuries. Duggan noted if they prevent one serious injury, they more than make up for that \$24,000 difference.

However, the town might be moving in the opposite direction. As part of the budget bal-

ancing process, Town Manager John Carroll worked on an Early Retirement Incentive (ERI) program. The plan would cut seven positions, two of which are at the Fire Department. Carroll said he had no plan for replacing any of the seven positions cut via the ERI program.

The report also dealt with funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012. The town could fund the substitution account at \$486,000 if all 31 recommendations are followed. If not, MRI suggested increasing the line item to \$609,000.

Members of the Board of Selectmen and FinCom were given a chance to question the report. Selectman Helen Abdallah-Donohue asked if MRI examined the effectiveness of the 24-hour shift.

“We did not see a substantive reason to change from the 24-hour shift,” Duggan said, noting it is the norm across the state.

When questioned if the 24-hour shift causes fatigue, Duggan said, “With departments the size of Norwood, fatigue factors rarely happen with the 24-hour shift.”

District 2 Town Meeting member Frank McKeown noted that since the 24-hour shift went into affect in 1997, substitution expenses began to increase rapidly.

“I’m very puzzled as to why the 24-hour shift wasn’t given more consideration,” McKeown said, noting substitution expenses went \$185,000 in FY 1997 to \$636,000 in FY 2012.

“It seemed to take off right

after the 24-hour shift came into being on July 1, 1997,” McKeown said.

Several people in attendance asked if this information would be presented by MRI at the annual Town Meeting. Selectman Bill Plasko noted that with this meeting, MRI has met its contractual obligations to the town and will not need to be present at any upcoming meetings.

Town Meeting members were invited to the meeting, but only 50 people attended, about half of whom were members of the Fire Department Study Committee, Selectmen, FinCom and the Fire Department.

Several firefighters spoke, including John Shea, who was concerned about the nature of the discussions. People are complaining about dollar values, and in doing so, are taking risks with human lives, Shea said, and you can’t put a price tag on a life.

Duggan said the role of the study wasn’t to diminish the value or role of the Fire Department, but they had to look at it from a fiscal standpoint. These financial decisions will have ramifications, and the town needs to understand what level of service they receive should they have a minimum staffing level of 12 instead of 14.

Fire Department Study Committee member Debbie Holmwood said, “You can’t put a price on a life, but you have to pay for it,” noting they have a budget, and the town can only pay for so much substitution.

MRI’s report is available at the Norwood Town Hall, the Senior Center and Morrill Memorial Library, and online at [www.norwoodma.gov](http://www.norwoodma.gov).

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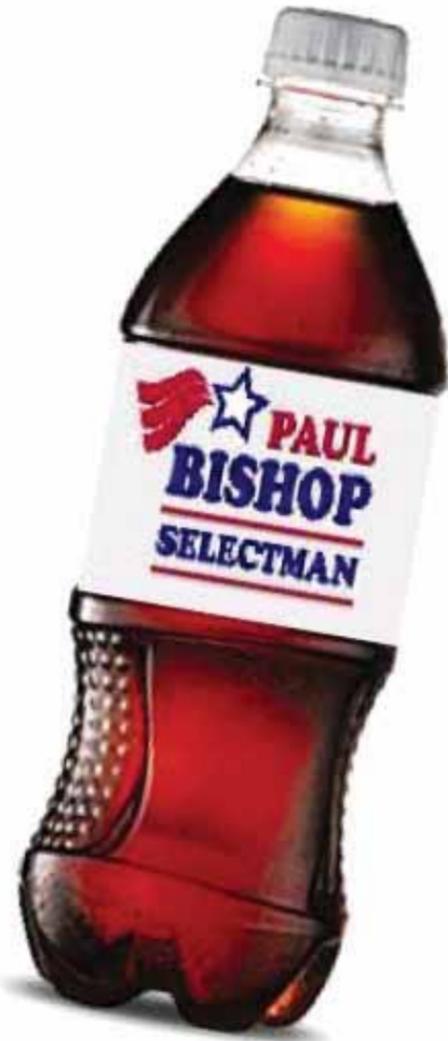
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## Editorial

# No easy decisions

The Norwood Record endorses both **Allan Howard** and **Paul Bishop** for the two open Board of Selectmen seats. Norwood is fortunate to have three very qualified candidates. Any of the three will do a fine job, so it was difficult making the choices.

Allan Howard has the credentials and has run for the position in the past, each time expressing his passion to contribute. A former Finance Committee member and chairman, Howard is intimately aware of all the nuances of Norwood's large and sophisticated budgets. Never afraid to voice his opinion on issues that matter, regardless of whose feathers said opinions may ruffle, Howard will not only be an educated voice on the board, but a forceful one.

This is Paul Bishop's first run for the position and he is well qualified to serve. Bishop's family has lived and served Norwood for generations. Bishop, like his father and grandfather before, was a Norwood Police Officer until his recent retirement. During many of those years he served as the voice of the department as the liaison to the public. This is a very important factor because transparency between the Board of Selectmen and the public it serves is crucial. Less likely to simply opt for executive session upon request by others, Bishop will first need to be convinced that the public's right to know should be superceded by legalities and not just because someone considers the topics too "sensitive." He understands the issues involved in collective bargaining and will bring insights not currently available to the sitting board.

This newspaper also endorses **E. William Bamber** for another term on the Norwood Planning Board. We like Debbie Holmwood a lot, and think she is an excellent candidate for the position. However, what candidates need to do when running against an incumbent is present a forceful argument for the need for change. In this case, we do not believe she has done so, because there isn't one. Reasonable folks could easily conclude that Bamber has been on the board much too long, or that the old boy network needs to be shaken up by female representation, and we couldn't argue with any of it. What we did conclude, however, is that the present board is making sound, rational decisions based on the information before them and that there is no compelling reason for change.

There are also contested races on the Housing Authority, Town Meeting and even a write in candidacy for the Library Board of Trustees. We do not endorse any candidates for these positions, but applaud each and every one of them for caring enough to run.

Both Gerry Kelleher and Tom McQuaid sat for the final meeting on Tuesday evening as Selectmen and both did a very nice job in their farewell addresses. McQuaid prepared a touching pictorial of his life and time serving Norwood, and Kelleher had his daughter bang the gavel to conclude the meeting and her father's final moment as chairman. Both served the Town of Norwood with class and distinction and both will be missed. Norwood is certainly the better for their years of public service and they should be proud of their accomplishments.

Finally, please, please, please get out and vote on Monday. Each of you as Americans should not only want to vote, but should feel obligated to. Men and women are overseas right now, fighting and dying for your right to do so. To simply sit back and let Norwood go on without any contribution on your part is selfish. Even if you haven't been following the issues, cast a vote and throw yourself into the game. We guarantee that when you walk out of that ballot booth you will feel a little bit better about life in general. If only for a moment, and that's worth it...

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## Letters to the Editor

### PRESCOTT GIVES THANKS

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Prescott School I would like to thank everyone who made our 5th grade pasta supper such a successful event. The food was delicious and the service from our 5th grade students was excellent. I would like to thank all our parent volunteers for organizing and running this event. The merchants who supported us were extremely generous and we thank them: Bertucci's, Differ Rentals, Mitch's Catering, Lewis's, Conrad's, Bucca Di Peppo, Hannaford's, Santucci's, Joe and Maria's, Colonial House, Chateau, Bee Hive Florist, Olivardi's, McDonald's Guarino's, CVS, Stop and Shop, Shaws, Roche Brothers, Rama Pizza, B.J.'s, Dessert Works, Pepsi, and Taylor Freezer

of New England. We would also like to thank Mr. Peter Gugliotta and his ensemble for the wonderful music throughout the evening. Come again next year!

Mrs. Brianne Killion  
Principal, Prescott School

### YOU DID IT FOR DONNIE

To the Editor:

I want to thank everyone that came to the fundraiser "Do it for Donnie" on March 17, and also TGI Fridays' managers Brian and Joe. It was a huge success, and we hope that everyone can make it to the main fundraiser on Thursday, May 12, at Christina's Restaurant in Foxboro.

Kerry Webber

## Projects *continued from page 1*

ity in the fall. If the money is available in the free cash account, it could be used to pay for those then, rather than being borrowed for now.

The committee is also looking to maintain the schools, and the three projects proposed for fiscal year 2012 are upgrading the computers and technology at the elementary and middle school level for \$125,000 and replacing the classroom lights at the Oldham and Balch Schools. The classroom lighting projects will cost \$175,000 and \$215,000, respectively.

While these projects have the support of the Budget Balancing and Capital Outlay Committees, not all members were in agreement.

"I say no to every bit of this until we see where we are. I'm not in favor of going forward with this," said Finance Commission member Judith Langone, who added she preferred to see how much free cash the town has in the fall and use that, rather than borrow now, especially in these tough economic times.

"We're asking people to give up wages," Langone said. "We're asking for freezes, but we're barreling through this just because we have a credit card."

Town Clerk and Accountant Bob Thornton said there was some merit to waiting until the

fall for some of these projects. While the \$1,629,000 in proposed borrowing is much more palatable than the original list of \$5,808,006, he said the committee needed to strongly consider if the items needed to be done now, or if they could wait until a Special Town Meeting in the fall and examine it further then.

Even with the support of the Budget Balancing and Capital Outlay Committees, the capital expenditures list is not finalized. Ultimately, it is up to Town Meeting to vote on and determine the town's budget, and it is possible items could be deferred or placed back in for borrowing. A prime example of this is the police cruisers.

"We tried to pull them a couple years ago, and Town Meeting put them back in on the floor," Selectman Michael Lyons said.

While the Budget Balancing Committee agrees there is the need for new police cruisers, they questioned borrowing for vehicles with a three-year life span, as the average life of any loan is 5.45 years.

"Putting cars on the credit card are not what I think we should be doing," Langone said.

The Capital Outlay Committee supported the Budget Balancing Committee's recommendation, but noted that many items were being deferred.

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Living in Japan produced by Ali Quintiliani, Tricia Lee and Sam Barry, Radiation produced by John Pooley, Family Life produced by Brianne King and Samantha McCracken, Next Steps produced by Kayla Garczynski, International Aid produced by Jenny O'Donnell, Heather Folan and Karyn Colomney and International Relations and Industry produced by Hannah Odachowski and Kathleen Porazzo.

These segments will provide insight into the earthquake and its affects, life in Japan and

what people can do to help. Kraus said they are working to include a live Skype chat with a school in Japan, though this has not been finalized.

In addition to these segments, the broadcast will include performances by the Norwood High School Alumni Choir and the drama program. There will be interviews with Rachel DePalma and Evan Storer, two Massachusetts natives who were teaching English in the Iwaki region of Japan when the earthquake struck. They were successfully

"A lot of worthwhile stuff has been deferred," Carroll said.

Lyons added that deferring projects saves money in the short term, but could lead to more expenses in the long term.

"These projects that we're pushing off are going to get more expensive," Lyons said. "These numbers are going to get higher... it's going to effect us incrementally. It's going to be more expensive in the long run."

However, he also agrees that due to the budget balancing struggles the town is facing, it is a good year to slow down and not inject as many fixed costs into future budgets. Revenues are down, and increased borrowing negatively impacts the structural deficit.

The committees also discussed the potential sale of land on University Avenue and how it could impact the purchase of land on Lenox Street. The minimum acceptable price of the 15.45-acre parcel on University Avenue is \$1,773,000, and the Lenox Street land purchase would cost \$600,000.

While neither committee endorsed the University Avenue sale, they both issued conditional support for funding the Lenox Street land acquisition with its proceeds. This is a conditional approval, as it requires that a bidder pays the minimum price and that Town Meeting members approve the sale at their April 25 meeting.

evacuated from the country, and will speak about surviving the earthquake and tsunami.

The program will also feature an auction, and several t-shirts that say Red Sox in Japanese will be available. In addition, Japanese cards made by the Norwood High School's Life Skills students will be sold.

All funds raised during the broadcast will go to assist schools in the Iwaki region.

People who wish to donate can call 781-352-2605 during the telethon or email [mustangsforjapan@norwoodk12ma.us](mailto:mustangsforjapan@norwoodk12ma.us).

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able budget, while the general government departments receive 45 percent.

In addition, there is the matter of the Early Retirement Incentive (ERI), a budget balancing measure undertaken by Carroll as he attempted to balance the general government's budget. The plan would cut seven positions, saving the town an estimated \$315,000.

"I'm proceeding with ERI," Carroll said. "I'm planning to reduce the Police Department personnel by two, the Fire Department by two, the Department of Public Works by two and the library by one."

The law allows them to hire back 30 percent of the retired salary. At an estimated \$315,000, Carroll would legally be allowed to hire back \$94,500 in employees in these fields during FY 2012, though he has no plan to do so.

"In my personal opinion, I don't think we should hire anyone back. We have to deal with

the structural deficit," he said, adding that permanently reducing the number of positions is one way to do this.

Assuming approval of ERI and Carroll's recommended \$1,025,839 in budget cuts and deferrals, the general government would have reduced their requested FY 2012 budget by \$1,340,839. This gives them a net surplus of \$102,928, though this surplus assumes Town Meeting approval of both the meals tax and the proposal to take money out of stabilization to balance the budget.

A third budget balancing technique is the potential sale of 15.45 acres of land on University Avenue. The land has an assessed value of \$1,773,000, and this would be the minimum amount the town would accept for the parcel. Town Meeting approval is required to sell the land.

Sealed bids are being accepted at the Purchasing Department in Town Hall through 11

a.m. on April 11. Since the Town Meeting occurs after this deadline, the parcel of land is being offered conditionally.

There is a fourth item on the April 25 warrant, and it does not involve the budget balancing process, but a decision on who the Fire Chief should report to. At the March 8 Board of Selectmen Meeting, the board asked Carroll to examine what it would require to make the Fire Chief report to the Town Manager. Currently, Chief Michael Howard reports to the Board of Selectmen, and Selectman Michael Lyons felt having him report directly to the Town Manager would lead to a more efficiently run department.

At the March 22 Board of Selectmen meeting, Carroll said he was in favor of having the Fire Chief report to the Town Manager, and recommended placing it on the warrant of the April 25 Special Town Meeting, which the board did. It would require a simple majority vote to change to whom the fire chief reports.

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While Norwood has 7.5 percent of the Blue Hills student population, they are paying more than 7.5 percent of their budget requests. Proule said this is due to the minimum contribution. The DOE determines this number by looking at a community's municipality wealth, which is based on a town's aggregate property values and aggregate personal income level.

Since Norwood has a higher municipality wealth than some of the other member communities, the DOE expects them to pay a higher percentage. The minimum contribution reflects this. Norwood

will pay approximately \$17,809.50 per student, while the average community pays \$14,811.31 per student.

Proule said he understands the economic constraints cities and towns across the common-

wealth, including Norwood, are facing. They worked to reduce their budget, but even though Blue Hills was able to reduce their overall budget by \$124,885, Norwood is not able to share in those savings.

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# Sports



Stephanie Fogg takes a faceoff in a game last season. Fogg, a senior captain, will be one of the leaders on a team that narrowly missed the postseason last year.

PHOTO BY ZALINA MCGUIRE

## Mustang's coach seeks sophomore success

**Daniel Kobialka**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood girls' lacrosse team fell one win shy of a postseason bid under rookie coach Tanya Lowe last season, but things are already looking up only a week into this year's campaign.

"Everybody looks good," Lowe said of this season's try-outs. "Every [player] is showing up every single day ready to play and is excited for the season to get going."

The Mustangs finished last season 6-8-1 overall, and had a chance to capture a postseason spot with a win in one of its final two games. But Norwood lost both contests, falling to Needham and Wellesley and missing out on a tournament berth.

The schedule also provided no relief to the Mustangs last year. Not only did Norwood face the challenge of battling Wellesley, Walpole and other

tough Herget Division opponents, the team was also forced to forfeit their regular season finale because they had scheduled one too many games.

The team suffered a disappointing end to the season, but will not make the same mistake twice. The Mustangs will use the season-ending forfeit as a rallying point as they set goals for this year.

"We missed the tournament by one game," Lowe said, "and that really doesn't sit well by us."

The Mustangs see this season as a learning opportunity, as they can fix last year's mistakes. The squad will face strong competition in the Bay State Conference yet again, and will need to improve on its 5-6 league record if it hopes to play late into the season.

Seven seniors graduated following last season, and the team lost a total of 17 varsity players overall. However, Norwood boasts a strong, ex-

perienced core that should help the team be competitive.

"The majority of girls that started last year were sophomores and juniors," Lowe said. "My seniors [and] captains are strong."

Norwood senior captains Stephanie Fogg, Colleen Gover and Kathleen O'Day will provide leadership, each in their own way.

"Each has their own personality," Lowe said of the team's captains. "My other seniors are incredible as well."

Lowe has seen the team's seniors grow as student athletes as she enters her fourth year with the program. The coach had each player write out individual and team goals on a piece of paper before the start of last season, and plans to do the same this year as well.

But given the way last season ended, the Mustangs al-

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## Rookie head coach leads boys' lax

**Daniel Kobialka**  
Staff Reporter

The regular season opener against Scituate cannot come soon enough for the Norwood boys' lacrosse team.

The Mustangs made their presence felt against Marian and Nantucket at the lacrosse jamboree at Thayer Academy on Saturday. Norwood earned a 9-1 win over Marian its opening performance, and finished off Nantucket 10-0 later in the afternoon.

Norwood set the tone in both contests, playing aggressively on offense and defense.

The scrimmages may mean little by season's end, but they gave the Mustangs an opportunity to "hammer out the details," according to Norwood head coach Anthony Roman.

"I knew we had good athletes and good sticks, and that was on display today," Roman said following the victory over Marian. "We're just dusting it all off and working out the kinks."

The Mustangs finished third in the Herget Division last season, but ended the year on a sour note as Norwood suffered a 10-9 overtime loss to Catholic Memorial in the opening round of

the Division 2 South tournament.

The squad will rely on last year's experiences as it looks to build consistent success.

"A lot of the [athletes] have already played lacrosse," Roman said. "They know what they're doing."

The Mustangs proved they could compete in the Bay State Conference last season, averaging more than 10 points per game. Roman recognizes his team has the talent to compete against any opponent, and has lofty goals in mind for the season.

"I expect a lot of good things," Roman said. "The Bay State League [championship] is in the picture, and making the tournament and making a run in the tournament are goals any good team should have. Those will certainly be our goals."

Norwood will need to perform well at home and on the road if it hopes to accomplish its goals. The team finished 7-2 at home last season, but ended the campaign 3-4 on the road.

The Mustangs' leadership should help the squad with its game management, regardless

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The boys' lacrosse team hopes to have a big season after falling in overtime to Catholic Memorial in last year's state tournament.

PHOTO BY DANIEL KOBIALKA



The lacrosse team will be led by first year head coach Anthony Roman, who is confident that his squad can make a run at winning the Bay State League.

PHOTO BY DANIEL KOBIALKA

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of the venue. Roman admits game management will be his greatest challenge this season, but sees it as something he can learn on the job.

"You play games, you get experience and you figure it out," Roman said of game management.

"The leadership from the juniors and seniors is great," Roman said. "We have some really good leaders in [Andrew] Alty, [Michael] Murray and Brian Rossman. The leadership has impressed me more than anything else from those guys."

Only a week into the season,

Roman has found he can rely on his veterans to keep the team focused.

"With a new coach, good leadership helps out big time," Roman said. "If they're doing a drill and I'm working with someone else, I know they're getting the work done. It's nice."

## Mustangs off and running

Daniel Kobialka  
Staff Reporter

The race has already begun for the Mustangs girls' track team; the team has been racing against the clock as it prepares to start its season.

The Mustangs started practicing March 21, and face their first meet of the season Thursday against Needham. Norwood head coach Matt Curran admits its "bizarre" to start the season without as much preparation as he would like, but likes his team's chances.

"It's going to be a close meet," Curran said, "but I think we have a strong shot to win it."

The lack of preparation provides a challenge to the Mustangs, but Norwood has done its best to maximize its limited training time. Curran has emphasized the skills that will help the Mustangs be successful over the course of a long season.

"This year, we've had to increase the [focus on] technique," Curran said. "It forces us to cram the technique into a

short amount of time."

Roughly 30 student athletes have joined this year's squad. Although Norwood graduated All-State Championship participant Meghan Underhill last year, the Mustangs feature a combination of veterans and young talent that could propel them to success in the Bay State Conference.

"I expect the veterans we have coming back to perform as they did last year," Curran said, "and I think we could have a few good surprises from the freshman class."

Freshmen Alana Keady and Nikki Verrochi could help the team in several areas. Curran anticipates Keady, a Norwood cross-country runner, will help the team in long distance events. Verrochi, a Mustangs cheerleader, should give Norwood a boost in sprinting events.

The freshmen class could jump to new heights as well. Curran expects his freshmen athletes to contribute in the hurdles, but will not put too much pressure on them to start the season.

"Early on, they won't help [in the hurdles]," Curran said of his underclassmen, "but by the end of the season, I think they'll help out in the hurdles."

The influx of freshmen could provide the Mustangs with a bright future.

But the Mustangs include experienced student athletes who can make a difference in the immediate future as well. Cory Ryan, Danielle Ringler and Emma Campbell will look to follow-up their winter track seasons with strong spring performances.

Although the Mustangs lack depth on their roster, the team's athletes have experience in a variety of different areas. Their collective experiences could compensate for their lack of numbers.

"Our roster numbers aren't quite as big as we'd like," Curran said, "but the majority of (athletes) are multi-sport kids."

The team's multi-sport athletes could assist the Mustangs in multiple events this spring.

# Boys' baseball sees early improvement

Daniel Kobialka  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood boys' baseball team may look very different this season. But following a season that saw the Mustangs finish 5-15 overall, change could be considered a positive.

Mustangs head coach James Sweeney admits the team's tryouts were difficult, but for good reason. The team has set its final roster following a week of strong performances from talented student athletes.

Each player put his best foot forward during the process, making the final roster decisions challenging for the coaching staff. But it's a problem most coaches would gladly embrace.

"Overall, the tryouts went well," Sweeney said. "The guys worked hard. They didn't make the decisions the coaches have to make easy."

The Mustangs missed the postseason last year, and will look to their revamped roster to get the varsity baseball program on track.

Norwood started last season strong, earning road wins over Dedham and Natick in its first two games, outscoring their Herget Division rivals 12-1.

But the Mustangs

struggled to maintain their hot streak, going 3-15 the rest of the way.

Part of the problem can be contributed to the Mustangs' lack of offense. Norwood lost only once when it scored three or more runs last season, but went 1-14 when it scored two or fewer.

Norwood's pitching struggled at times as well, and the Mustangs allowed an average of more than five runs per game during the 2010 campaign.

But Norwood may have found the solution to its problems in a young roster, and will sink or swim with its young players this season.

"We're going to have a young group," Sweeney said. "One of the goals is to have them mature over the course of the year."

Despite its youth, the strength of the team could be its experience. The squad features several multi-sport athletes, including junior captain Sean O'Neill.

"We may look young on paper, but I think a lot of the guys will be able to draw from the other experiences they've had in other varsity sports," Sweeney said. "They

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Several members of the fall cross-country team will hope to help the spring track team in the long-distance events.

PHOTO BY GIL HAYLON

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won't be overwhelmed by the level of competition."

Sweeney recognizes his team will need to work hard on the mental part of the game to be successful.

"There will be more focus on the mental part of the game," Sweeney said. "The younger guys need to be able to deal with situations, both good and bad, and move on. They need to trust in their

abilities that got them to where they are."

But the head coach enjoys the opportunity to teach his young players the fundamentals.

"There's going to be a lot of new faces," Sweeney said. "I'm looking forward to working with the new guys every day."

The Mustangs open their season with a home game against Westwood on Monday.

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ready have specific goals in mind.

"We want to make the tournament, we want to have fun [and] we want to walk away from every game with our heads up high because we'll know we put as much effort into every game as we could, regardless of the outcome," Lowe said.

Norwood begins its 2011 campaign at Waltham on April 9.

# Awards

## Boys Basketball

MVP: Sean O'Neill  
 Unsung Hero: Owen Gearty  
 Most Improved: Steven Martinez

## Girls Basketball

MVP: Justine Ryan  
 Unsung Hero: Sarah Eckhardt  
 Most Improved: Meghan O'Connor

## Boys Hockey

MVP: Adam Kewriga  
 Unsung Hero: Michael Murray  
 Most Improved: Kyle Dolan

## Girls Hockey

MVP: Ali Maloof  
 MVP: Christina Frasca  
 Most Improved: Karyn Colomey

## Wrestling

MVP: Aquie Moxam  
 Unsung Hero: Chris Hutchens  
 Most Improved: Adam Sicklick

## Boys Track

MVP: Jon Canniff  
 Unsung Hero: Bill Pena  
 Most Improved: Joshua Dyckes

## Girls Track

MVP: Cory Ryan  
 Unsung Hero: Danielle Ringler  
 Most Improved: Lauren Duggan

## Gymnastics

MVP: Kristen Folan  
 Unsung Hero: Mackenzie Bagley  
 Coaches Award: Kesleigh Eysie

## Cheerleading

MVP: Abbey Wenstrom  
 Unsung Hero: Ashley Holmes  
 Most Improved: Rachel Ivatts

# Selectmen

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presented the plaques.

General Manager John Carroll noted that he has served as town manager for over 30 years, and the current Board of Selectmen was one of the best groups he has had a chance to work with.

Both Kelleher and McQuaid took time in their personal agenda to thank the town and their families. McQuaid presented a slideshow showing his friends and various areas around town, and Kelleher recognized his wife and daughter, who were in attendance.

The meeting ended with Kelleher's daughter Janelle calling for a vote for adjournment and banging the gavel to signify the end of an era for the Board of Selectmen.

# Deaths

## CHAMBERS

Anne F. (Sheehan), of Norwood, formerly of Burlington, March 17. Beloved wife of the late Roy Oliver Chambers. Loving mother of Wayne F. Chambers and his wife Jeannette of Norwood, Scott C. Chambers and his wife Crystal of Raleigh, NC and the late Gerard J. Chambers. Mother-in-Law of Charlotte Chambers of Dracut. Anne was predeceased by 7 brothers and sisters and is survived by 10 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Holden, Dunn and Lawler Funeral Home, 55 High Rock St., Westwood. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in St. Timothy's Church, 650 Nichols St., at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 31. Interment private. Donations may be made in Anne's memory to the Ellis Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, c/o Birchwood Unit Staff, 135 Ellis Ave., Norwood, MA 02062.

## CLEAVES

Francis G., 59, of Norwood died on March 25. Born in Norwood on Sept. 25, 1951, he graduated from Norwood High School, and volunteered for the Jerry Lewis Telethon and many other organizations. He is a retired Custodial Worker for Masoneilan Co. in Norwood. He is the Son of the late George and Rosalie E. (Demers) Cleaves. Brother of James C. Cleaves of Punta Gordo, FL. Long time companion of Karen Chute of Norwood. Uncle of Michelle Cleaves Whaley of FL. Great Uncle of Jacob and Meghan Whaley of FL. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday April 6, 10 a.m.,

at the the Highland Cemetery. Donations may be made in his name to the Muscular Dystrophy Assoc.

## COLLINS

Margaret Agnes "Peg", 57, in Norwood after a long illness, March 21. Peg grew up in Jamaica Plain and later lived in Cambridge, Falmouth and Norwood. She was the beloved Daughter of the late Mary P. (Cunniff) and the late Honorable John F. Collins, Mayor of the City of Boston. Peg was a Graduate of Fontbonne Academy and Ithaca College. Prior to retirement, Peg was a Systems Analyst for Boston Mutual Insurance Company in Canton. She is survived by her devoted Companion of 25 years, Lawrence Wilson of Norwood, Sister of Mary Patricia Potter, of Charlotte, N.C., John F. Collins and his Wife Louise of Alexandria, VA, Thomas F. Collins and his Wife Patricia of Sandwich, MA. Peg is also survived by her beloved Nieces and Nephews, Alison, Susan, Jack, Elizabeth, Jesse and June and her great Nieces, Cassidy and Emily. Peg was admired by all for her optimism and enduring spirit during her prolonged illness. Upon her wishes, a Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by the Gormley Funeral Home.

## GLICK

Nathan, of Norwood, on March 21. Beloved husband of Marilyn (Rosen). Devoted father of Elizabeth Berkowitz and her husband Marc and the late Samuel Walter. Adored grandfather of Benjamin and Max. Loving brother of Leatrice Dubester. Loving uncle and

great uncle of Bonnie, Paul, Jonathan and Samantha. Brother-in-law of Myles Israel and the late Helen Israel. Funeral arrangements by Breznik-Rodman Chapel. Internment was at The Bourne National Cemetery. Remembrances may be made to The American Lung Assoc., 460 Totten Pond Road, Suite 400, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451.

## HOWARD

Frederick, A., 103, lifelong resident of Norwood died March 24. Born in Norwood on Oct. 5, 1907. He was a member of the first class at the Balch Elementary school and graduated from Norwood High School class of 1925, then went on to graduate from Colby College class of 1929. Frederick was a retired Insurance Agent and former owner and founder of the Howard Ins. Co. in S. Norwood. He was also past president of Norwood Chamber of Commerce and former member of Norwood Rotary Club. He is the Beloved husband of the late Celia (Sakakeeny) Howard. Devoted father of Judith A. Howard of Norwood, Philip A. Howard of Norwood, Janice M. Hromi and her husband Alan of N. Kingstown, RI, Andrew J. Howard and his wife Doris of Norwood and Carol A. Whelan of Chelmsford. Brother of the late Samuel Howard, Sadie Shalabey, Philip J. Howard, Adele Maloof, Alice Faysal and Charles A. Howard. Son of the late Abdallah J. and Jamelia (Saad) Howard. Also survived by 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Funeral arrangements under the direction of the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home. Burial was at

Highland Cemetery. Donations may be made in his name to St. George Orthodox Church or IOCC, International Orthodox Christian Charities C/O St. George Orthodox Church 6 Atwood Ave. Norwood, MA 02062.

## MARTINSEN

John Christian, 52, a lifelong resident of Norwood, suddenly March 28. Born in Norwood on January 29, 1959, he attended Norwood Schools. He was a self-employed mechanic and enjoyed working on anything mechanical. He is the Beloved son of Christian S. and Joan M. (Miller) Martinsen of Norwood. Brother of Sheila Boldrey and her husband William of Cove, AR. Uncle of James Boldrey and his wife Lacy of Cove, AR. Also survived by a great niece. A funeral home service will be held 6 p.m. on Friday April 8, at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Visiting hour will be held one hour prior to the funeral home service on Friday April 8th from 5-6 p.m. Burial will be private.

## SYMES

Juliana "Julie" (Teliszewski), 49, of Norwood Died Suddenly on March 27. Beloved wife of James R. Symes. Devoted mother of James M. Symes and his wife Jamielee of Jacksonville, FL., Kellianne Symes and Rachel F. Symes both of Norwood. Loving sister of Bernard Teliszewski of Dorchester, Jennifer Kussmann of Milton, Stephen Teliszewski of Warwick, RI., Joanne Teliszewski-Nickla of Easton and Janet Teliszewski of Warwick, RI. Grandmother of

Jayda Marie Symes. Daughter of the late Bernard and Mary (Dunn) Teliszewski-Fallon. Step Daughter of Joseph Fallon of Dennis. Also survived by many Aunts, Uncles, Nieces and Nephews. Funeral From the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood Thursday at 8 a.m. followed by a funeral mass at 9 a.m. in St. Catherine of Siena Church. Burial at Highland Cemetery. Donations may be made in her name to the Jackie Moore Fund PO Box 113 Bridgewater, MA. 02324.

## WILSON

Lawrence W., Jr., 63, of Norwood, formerly of Cambridge, March 24. Son of the late Lawrence W. and Alice (Wheeler) Wilson. Beloved companion of the late Margaret A. "Peg" Collins. Dear brother of Raymond E. and his wife Diane of Groton and Robert of Revere. Uncle of Christopher and Tyler Wilson. Services will be private. Arrangements by the William J. Gormley Funeral Service.

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Patsy and her husband Robert Lake, on the loss of her sister in law, Marion R. (Pitts) McAdams, of Walpole, March 22.

Harry and Marge Spence, on the loss of their sister-in-law, Edith (Smith) Spence, of Walpole, March 21.

Daniel J. Dondero married to Mary Ellen, on the loss of his sister, and Catherine M. Dondero, on the loss of her aunt, Virginia M. Dondero, of S. Weymouth, March 18.

# FM Global plans expansion

**Brad Cole**  
Staff Reporter

FM Global is planning on building a new 160,000 square foot building at their 1125 and 1151 Boston-Providence Highway site. Representatives from the company appeared before the Planning Board on Monday, March 21 to discuss the expansion.

The new building will house two tenants: Dedham Medical and FM Global. The developers needed to come before the Planning Board for two reasons: first, the size of the site triggers Site Plan Review, which is required for all developments over 25,000 square feet, and second, FM Global is requesting parking relief.

David Mackwell of Kelly Engineering said they are specifically looking at building a 160,000 square foot building with 290 parking spaces. They are requesting relief for having fewer parking spaces than required by the zoning bylaws and for having 24-foot wide aisles in the parking lot, when the bylaw requires 26-foot aisles.

Mackwell believes parking simply won't be an issue at the site.

"We have ample parking for this use around the site," Mackwell said, citing a study of the parking lot on its busiest day, when the Four Points Sheraton Hotel was at its most crowded.

"The lowest number of unused parking stalls was 460," Mackwell said.

He noted that zoning requires 1,700 parking stalls at the entire site, but they have not come close to using that many spots, and this expansion will not change that.

"Even with this relief, we'll still have an excess of 100 empty parking stalls," Mackwell said.

However, he noted they are willing to work with the Planning Board and set aside specific portions of land for use as parking in the future, should it prove to be an issue. Town

Planner Steve Costello said this would be a condition of the Planning Board's decision: FM Global must set aside a portion of the lot to be used as future parking spaces, and if parking proves to be problematic, the Planning Board can require they convert that space into additional parking stalls.

Mackwell said they are willing to go along with such a condition.

"There is plenty of land at the site where we could build additional parking to meet the needs of zoning, if required," Mackwell said.

Costello and Planning Board members agreed that parking currently isn't an issue at the site.

"I think anyone who has been out there now knows there is a sea of parking," Costello said.

However, Planning Board members expressed some concern over the new use, Dedham Medical. Members Marco Brancato, Ernest Paciorowski and E. William Bamber all noted parking issues at other medical buildings in town, including the Guild Medical Center and Winslow Professional Building. These sites were described as being woefully short of parking spaces, and the board doesn't want to see a similar issue at the proposed Dedham Medical site.

This might not be an issue because, as Brancato noted, "[Dedham Medical] seems to have more parking on this plan than they currently do [at the 100 River Ridge Dr. site]."

They also discussed traffic implications and parking mitigation with Robert Michaud of MDM Transportation Consult-

ants. While the new development will lead to increased traffic to the site, it will not have a significant impact on Route 1 or the surrounding traffic signals.

"It's expected to generate 200 directional trips in the morning and evening," Michaud said, as well as 100 hourly trips.

"That level of impact will not have a material impact on how these signals operate," Michaud said, noting Route 1 has ample capacity to handle this sort of increase.

Even so, FM Global has a plan in place to reduce any potential impact. They plan on joining a Transportation Management Association, having bike racks and pedestrian access at the site, hiring an on-site employee transportation coordinator and giving preferential parking to carpools.

Part of the pedestrian access involves installing a sidewalk on FM Global Way, which will connect to the sidewalk on Pleasant Street. This will give people the ability to access the site from behind, not just from Route 1.

Michaud feels these improvements benefit both FM Global and the town.

"It's a poster child for the kind of development the state is fostering these days," Michaud said of the project. "It's smart development."

The public hearing regarding the FM Global site will continue at the Planning Board's April 11 meeting. Discussions at this meeting will include further detail on the pedestrian access plan and the lighting plan for the parking lot.

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**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GALA FOR LAST HURRAH**  
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tion for the June 11, evening gala at 7 p.m. for The Last Hurrah: Come Say Goodbye to Old Norwood High is now available online at our website: [www.norwoodhighschoolalumniassociation.org](http://www.norwoodhighschoolalumniassociation.org). Click on "events" to download the registration form. Registration forms are also available at the Civic Center at 165 Nahatan St. The daytime event is a free open house of the school with many activities from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Contact Jerry Miller at 781-603-8335 with any questions.

**7TH ANNUAL ART IN BLOOM**  
 The Norwood High School art students will once again join the Norwood Evening Garden Club to present Art in Bloom 2011. This is the seventh annual event where club members create floral displays to interpret the work done by students in Drawing and Painting III classes. The historical George H. Morse House at 1285 Washington Street in South Norwood will once again host this year's Art in Bloom on Saturday, April 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 3, from 1-5 p.m. The public is invited. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. For information about the Norwood Evening Garden Club, contact Susan Pearson at 508-668-4039 or visit [www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.com](http://www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.com). For more information about Art in Bloom, call Julie Stenson at 781-344-5650.

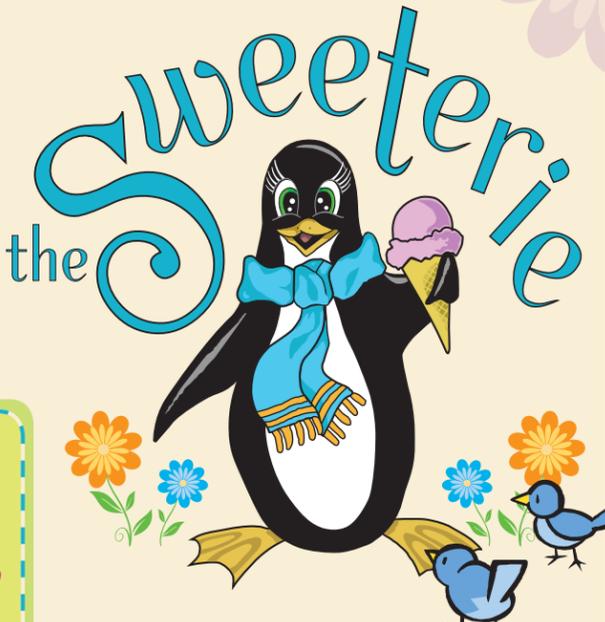
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**Tuesday, March 22**  
 0152 phone - Auto theft \*report filed. Location/address: Davis Ave. Westwood P.D located (MA. Reg# 27ex94) parked in Downey St. School lot with heavy damage. N664 sent to registered owners home and spoke to owner who was not aware that it was missing. Stolen vehicle report filed with recovery information.  
 0905 initiated - Susp person spoken to. Location/address: Westview Dr. All people id'd, matter resolved see follow up report.  
 1042 phone - Animal complaint taken/referred to other. Location/address: Cleveland School - George Willet Pkwy Appears a chocolate lab has been hit by a car, lying on school property, NACO notified and handled.  
 1535 phone - Dispute spoken to. Location/address: Chapel St. + Berwick St. Caller believes a dispute between male and female on Chapel St Park. Male seems to be impeding the girl. Officer spoke to them, they are ok.  
 1600 phone - Drug law violation \*arrest(s)made. Location/address: - Railroad Ave. As a result of a B.C.I. Investigation, 1641 hrs-units stop MA pc 5ny340. N494 places 2 subjects under arrest and N669 transports 2 to the station. N662 assists at the station. Arrest: Katic, Dejan Address: 32 Pine St. Dob: 07/21/1985 Charges: drug, possess class e Arrest: Katic, Perica Address: 32 Pine St. Dob: 05/02/1988 Charges: drug, possess class e  
 1645 phone - Assist other police depart \*report filed. Location/address: Hoyle St.

Request assistance while they attempt to place a subject under arrest. N679 reports subject taken into custody by I.C.E. with-out incident.

**Wednesday, March 23**  
 1158 radio - Animal complaint taken/referred to other. Location/address: Gay St. + Third St. Caller reports dog running loose.  
 1259 phone - Animal complaint area search negative. Location/address: Winter St. + Spruce Rd. Caller reports a black dog in the area during a walk and she has since left the area. NACO in the area and will check same.  
 1520 911 - Domestic \*arrest(s)made. Location/address: Monroe St. Caller reports ex wife just trashed the house and hit him with a cup and pushed their son. Bolo for 601x on area wide 3. Arrest made by Dover PD. Off. Fundora to pick up female for transport. Female party transport to the station starting 20610 @1619. Ending 20618 @1637. Arrest: Gustowski, Jocelyn L. Address: 323b Oakland St., Wellesley Dob: 11/27/1973 Charges: a&b with dangerous weapon Assault w/dangerous weapon Arrest: Gustowski, Jocelyn L. Address: 323b Oakland St., Wellesley Dob: 11/27/1973 Charges: a&b with dangerous weapon  
 2240 phone - Well being chk services rendered. Location/address: Monroe St. Caller requested well being check on children at above address. Officers reported teen male being cared for by an adult family friend. All is in order.

**Thursday, March 24**  
 0746 phone - Neighbor disturbance \*report filed. Location/address: Plimpton Ave. Caller reports his neighbor pulled down the "no Trespassing" signs he put on his fence. N662 responded. Problem between neighbors over fence. Appears to be a civil matter.  
 0839 phone - Susp activity \*report filed. Location/address: Collegetown Auto - Morse St. Larceny from business.  
 0945 phone - Vandalism \*report filed. Location/address: Mosquito Control - Endicott St. Excavator damaged over night.  
 1136 phone - Susp activity \*arrest(s)made. Location/address: Nahatan St. Subject concerned about child without a car seat and two men in the vehicle. Mom om scene and child is well. As a result one passenger arrested on Boston PD warrant. Arrest: Kelly, Kevin R. Address: 159 Edgehill Rd. Dob: 10/17/1987 Charges: warrant arrest  
 1357 phone - Assist citizen \*report filed. Location/address: Plymouth Dr. Woman being scammed by "Publishers Clearing House" she is not out money, but, wants to speak to an officer. They called her 3 times in two days.  
 1434 phone - Traffic light problem Electric/Light Dpt notify. Location/address: Walnut Ave. + Walpole St. Caller reports she had a green light and the walking light was also on at intersection. Child was crossing and she saw him in time to stop. Officer checked lights and agrees, ELD notified.

**Friday, March 25**  
 0740 phone - Susp vehicle citation/warning issued. Location/address: Stearns Dr. + Cushing Rd. Caller reports dk. Colored BMW parked at corner by no parking sign. N663 checked and found 2 more vehicles in parking violation. All cars tagged.  
 0838 phone - Well being chk spoken to. Location/address: Chapel St. Det. Ryan requests wellbeing check on 7 yo who has been taken out of school last week and has not returned. Looking for contact information for parents. Officer spoke to father, mother and child in CA. For sick grandparent. Dt. Ryan satisfied.  
 1321 phone - Suicide / or threat transported to hospital. Location/address: Olde Derby Rd.  
 1439 911 - Warrant arrest taken/referred to other. Location/address: George St. Section 35. Taken right to court.  
 1446 phone - Well being chk spoken to. Location/address: Shaws Supermarket - Nahatan St. Person in mv walking very small dog on leash. Dog having hard time keeping up. Driver denies she did that. Officer believes she may be homeless. Checks ok.  
 1449 walk-in - Larceny \*report filed. Location/address: Norwood High School - Nichols St. Larceny of ipod.  
**Saturday, March 26**  
 0124 911 - Susp activity \*protective custody. Location/address: Vernon St. Caller reports male party lying in roadway in

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front of her home. N662, N661, NFD responded. Party intoxicated and transported to 27 Florence and placed into custody of fiancé.

0519 walk-in - Neighbor disturbance \*report filed. Location/address: Plimpton Ave. Caller having fence issues with neighbor and signs he posted for trespassing were removed and thrown on his porch stairs. N669 responded.

1125 phone - Larceny services rendered. Location/address: Keegan's Norwood Jewelers - Washington St. Employee reports customer trying to use an American Express Card issued in 1984 but customer was born 1988. N663 spoke to all parties-the card is issued from the customer's father's account to his son.

1235 walk-in - Vandalism \*report filed. Location/address: Buckminster Dr. Person in lobby reporting someone scratched her car.

1302 phone - Noise complaint spoken to. Location/address: Clark St. Caller is complaining about noise from boat shop. N667 sent and spoke to both parties.

1322 phone - Drunk person area search negative. Location/address: Town Common - Washington St. Report w/m, 40 yoa, black jacket, possibly drunk, last seen in Alley way from Washington St. to municipal lot. Units checked Alley way, parking lot and surrounding area.

1355 phone - Well being chk spoken to. Location/address: Fales Ave. + St. Catherine Rd. Initial report of male possibly stuck in a tree but during the call the subject climbed back down. N667

spoke to him, he is ok, just doing yard work.

1418 phone - Citizens complaint no action required. Location/address: Oldham School - Prospect St. Report kids playing baseball, signs stating not to use the field are knocked over. N664 sent. While enroute PD confirms fields have been released for use, unit canceled.

1533 phone - Liquor law violation gone on arrival. Location/address: conservation land 100 block - Hampden Dr. Child to an adult whom then calls police reporting kids, appear under 21yoa, in a pick-up truck, had cases of beer and drove towards high tension wires. N679 checked the path-go, spoke to kids in area, truck had left prior to officers arrival.

1716 phone - Parking violation spoken to.

1948 phone - Report of fight investigated. Location/address: McDonalds - Broadway Caller reports group of youths fighting.

2136 phone - Susp activity \*arrest(s)made. Location/address: Burger King Restaurant - Bos.-Prov. Hwy. Report kids leaning forward in the seat and a liter being lit, in MA pc 7ka580. N666 checks 5 subjects. As a result, N666 places 2 subjects under arrest and transports both to the station. A properly licensed person allowed to take the car. N665 assisted in booking. Arrest: Atkinson, Neil A. Address: 143 Gorham St., Chelmsford Dob: 05/09/1987 Charges: drug, possess to distrib class d Arrest: Sylvia, James Address: 6 McCormick Ln.,

Chelmsford Dob: 04/11/1988 Charges: drug, possess to distrib class d

2205 phone - Mischief (kids) spoken to. Location/address: Morrill Rd. Report kids rang doorbell, then 6-8 popping sounds, unknown if gun shots or fireworks. 2)2208 hrs- 154 Nichols St. Reports doorbell rung, fireworks set off, kids ran into Shattuck Park. Units locate the 4 kids involved, no guns, no fireworks, N663 spoke to them and sent them on their way.

**Sunday, March 27**

0005 phone - Disturbance spoken to. Location/address: Morse St. Caller reported neighbor downstairs yelling and screaming. Officers spoke with parties involved, advised.

0546 radio - Susp person \*protective custody. Location/address: Gazebo - Town Common - Washington St. One female placed into protective custody. Attempted transport to relatives home. Starting mileage 47,239 0602 Hrs. Unable to locate home in Chapel St. area. N661 returning to station with party. Ending mileage 47241 0611 Hrs. P/c: O'Neill, Mary S. Address: 176 Austin Apt. #St., Hyde Park Dob: 05/06/1981 Charges: protective custody

1257 phone - Larceny services rendered. Location/address: Ledgeview Dr. Resident reports his American Flag and flag pole that attaches to home are gone sometime between 3/26 2030 hrs and 3/27 0930 hrs. Value: \$35.00. Wanted log entry only.

1905 phone - Assist citizen \*report filed. Location/address: Dollar Tree - Walpole St. Officer assists manager with letter of disinvite.

2058 phone - Domestic \*report filed. Lo-

cation/address: Wickham Way Caller reports that her daughter's boyfriend will not let her leave the house.

**Monday, March 28**

1107 phone - Threats \*report filed. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St.

1322 radio - Warrant arrest \*arrest(s)made. Location/address: Glendale Rd. Warrant arrest subject uncooperative. Subject transported to station. EMT called in to clean up mace from prisoner. Female friend with him. Rockland PD requesting well being on her at same time we are there. Female brought to station to arrange for ride. Transport made by Off. Harkins. S/m 20898 @ 1404 hrs. E/m 20900 @ 1408 hrs. Arrest: Arredondo, Brian L. Address: 34 Glendale Rd. Dob: 05/10/1987 Charges: assault w/dangerous weapon Resist arrest Warrant arrest

1349 phone - Susp activity area search negative. Location/address: Greenwich Rd. Resident reports a male asked him for a cigarette and then walked up the street, appears to be checking out homes. W/m brn jacket, jeans, golf shoes.

1926 911 - Assaults \*report filed. Location/address: Vernon St. Caller reports that he was assaulted by his girlfriend's daughter. NFD notified to check head laceration. N661 N667 N663 sent. NFD requested for female that would like voluntary evaluation. NFD notified and responded. One female transported to Norwood ER.

2338 phone - Report of fight area search negative. Location/address: Lansdowne Way Report 5 boys in a fight. N667 checked the area, spoke to some people in area, no fight upon arrival.

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invites you to come and bring a friend to our meeting on Tuesday, April 12. The public is welcome to come and find out more about the Norwood Woman's Club. Our meeting this month will feature Michael Tougias, who will present a slide show about his book "Ten Hours Until Dawn: The True Story of Heroism and Tragedy Aboard the Can Do in the Blizzard of '78." People are asked to bring items for our Spring Scholarship Silent Auction. Tickets for the May Luncheon at the Lafayette House will also be available for \$23. A light lunch will be served. Our meeting time is 12:30 p.m. at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Parish Hall at 24 Berwick Street. If you are not a member and would like further information please call Trina Mallet at 781-762-8173. We hope to see you there.

Athletic Boosters is sponsoring a Wine Tasting Social on Thursday, March 31, at the OCC, 171 Nahatan St., from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and include the wine tasting and a light buffet. A cash bar will also be available. For advance ticket sales contact a Booster member, email Nora at [noragym@aol.com](mailto:noragym@aol.com) or call 781-551-8585. All proceeds from this event will benefit the athletes at Norwood High School.

**NORWOOD PARENTS MUSIC ASSOC. TRIVIA NIGHT**

Norwood Parents Music Association Trivia Night with STUMP Trivia, Ken Ryan. Friday, April 15 at 7 p.m. Norwood Elks Lodge, Winslow Avenue. The cost is \$15 per person, \$150 for tables of 10. Door prize and cash bar. Bring your own snacks and have a great time while you support the Norwood Music Programs. For tickets or more information contact Kate Schick at 781-603-4017 or Carmel Kerrigan at 781-551-9518/[mayoctk@comcast.net](mailto:mayoctk@comcast.net).

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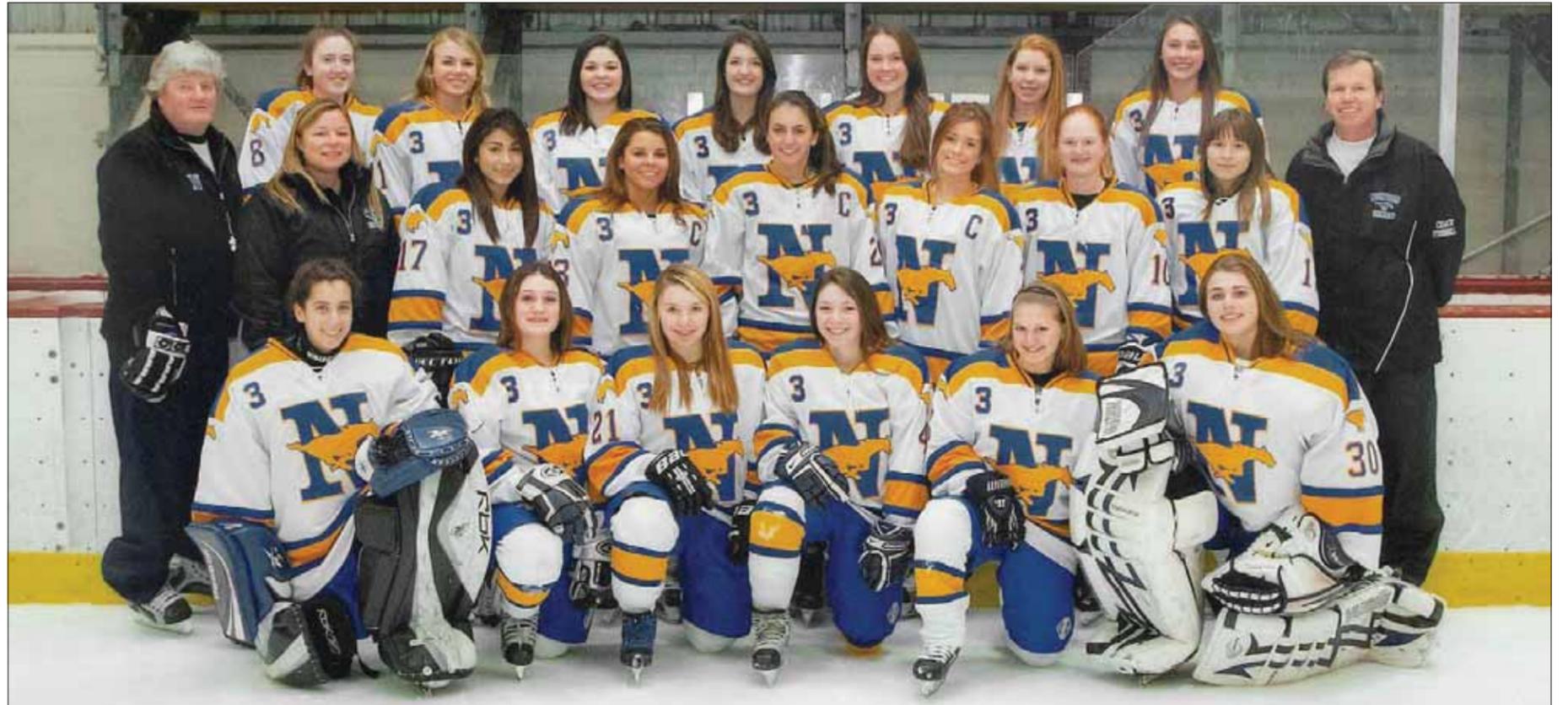
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