



The Zoning Board of Appeals approved a proposal to reconstruct 82-84 Chapel Street into eight one-bedroom residential units for purchase instead of rent. Residents in the neighborhood were strongly opposed to the project, which they feel could lead to environmental, parking and other problems.

PHOTO BY SAM NICKERSON

ZBA grants approval to Chapel Street reconstruction

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

A proposal to eliminate the Take Away restaurant and replace the existing residential units at 82-84 Chapel St. with eight one-bedroom units received approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) on March 22.

After four meetings on the matter, the ZBA unanimously approved two requests from the applicant - owner Paul Angelo, whose family has owned the property for many years - for a special permit for reconstruction of the structure under a different footprint and for an extension of a

nonconforming use.

An extension of a nonconforming use can only be granted when doing so would not be "substantially more detrimental to the area and the town than the existing use." The special permit criteria dictates that the proposed use "will not have adverse effects which overbalance these beneficial effects for either the neighborhood or the town."

Chairman Philip Riley said this does not mean that there wouldn't be some drawbacks to the project.

Throughout the case's presence before the ZBA, nearby residents have brought forth several

issues they feel should stop the project. They raised concerns about storm water drainage, parking, a potential vernal pool - which both sides agreed was at least unofficially present - and the property's legal status.

"The outcome wasn't a surprise, but we were under the impression that the board was appointed to represent the best interests of the taxpayers and not one individual," neighborhood resident Matthew Lane said. "We collectively viewed the ZBA as the first line of defense in preventing overdevelopment while main-

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Authorities are still searching for the vandals who doused the Virgin Mary statue at St. Catherine parish in black spraypaint.

COURTESY PHOTO

Church statue vandalized over Easter weekend

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

Police are looking for leads in the ongoing investigation regarding the vandalism of a Virgin Mary statue outside of the Saint Catherine of Siena church on Washington Street.

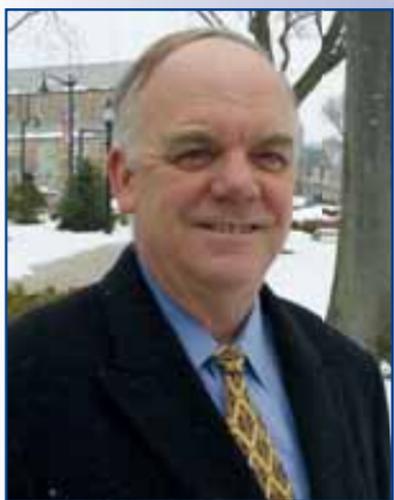
According to police, the incident took place during the evening of March 25. The statue was defaced with black spray paint and its base was tagged with graffiti. The incident was reported by a neighbor from across the street early

on March 26.

"We continue to investigate this incident of vandalism. We do not have any suspect or suspects at this time and look for the public's help to identify those responsible," Norwood Police spokesman Kevin Grasso said.

In a statement released after the incident, Saint Catherine's pastor Father Stephen Donohoe urged the public to pray for the person or

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taining some level of minimum requirement with respect to the integrity of the neighborhood and overall town vision. Their approach to governance through a legal lens without attaching any sense of social responsibility – i.e. ‘we can, therefore we should’ — was a disappointment.”

For instance, neighbors have questioned the number of units currently in the building and its permitting.

Attorney for the project James Hilliard said that “as far back as those records go,” plans indicate the building has 15 rooms with four kitchen sinks, built as four units with six bedrooms total in 1920.

The new building, he said, would increase the footprint to 4,000 square feet, but get rid of the 13 percent of the building that is commercial use. The project will create eight one-bedroom units for ownership instead of the at most six rental units there now.

Riley found in a 1926 zoning map of Norwood that shows the building does lie in a “general residence district,” meaning multi-family units – three-family and above - are not allowed, according to zoning bylaws. The building as originally constructed had four units.

The 1927 Zoning Law - when zoning laws first came into being in the area - also dictates that the commercial portion of the building, the Take Away, is also not allowed.

That said, the building was built in 1920, before zoning laws were established, and the building became a pre-existing nonconforming use for these reasons and for its lack of a setback from the sidewalk.

According to Riley, Town Counsel David Deluca said that the number of units in the existing structure appeared to be a “distinction without a difference” and does not factor into the determination. Riley said that prior to 1955, building department records - which would indicate any permitted changes to the number of units - become “thin or non-existent,” but do show that the owners have requested permits for various types of work on the property, so it is likely that permits for changes in units do exist.

Deluca advised the ZBA that “in the absence of more substantial evidence on the subject,” the Board should assume accuracy in the building department records and plans.

An attorney for the neighbors said that there is a question regarding the legality of the building - pending building permits for the units inside - and that grandfathering protection of pre-existing nonconforming uses only extend to those legally in place.

She said that case law requires proof that the use was lawful in order for it to be grandfathered into the zoning laws. The attorney said it was troubling for the applicant to ask to go from one

nonconforming use to another, which she said was contrary to zoning policy in the state, which seeks to eliminate nonconformities.

“It’s actually far more appropriate for applicant to seek a variance,” she said.

Hilliard said the applicant has now been before the ZBA four times, and a decision was due.

“We have done everything we could possibly do to accommodate the suggested requests of this neighborhood,” he said of changes to the plans to include new drainage systems and different parking arrangements.

The ZBA was largely in agreement when it came to Hilliard’s statement regarding the changes and Town Counsel’s advice.

“There’s nothing that explains or says that we’re off base,” Barbara Kinter said.

Harry Spence said the project would eliminate an eyesore of a building and address a parking problem in the neighborhood that had become troubling.

“I look at it as a win-win situation from the beginning,” he said. “I’m a little bit amazed and chagrined at the attitude of the neighbors.”

Riley said the project didn’t need to be a win-win from the ZBA’s perspective, but just had to have no more adverse effects that overbalance the benefits.

“This is not something that which the board casually or easily made up its mind early on,” he said.

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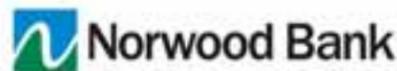


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BOS talk future, bid farewell to Lyons and Berger



The Board of Selectmen wished their colleague, Michael Lyons, well during his final meeting as a Board member after 10 years in office.

COURTESY PHOTO

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen gave the Budget Balancing Committee the go-ahead to proceed with a five-year budgeting exercise during its March 29 meeting.

Selectman Bill Plasko said the Committee felt it was time to do some “community soul searching” in order to “take a hard look at what the community wants to look like in five years and what level of services should be desired by the community.”

Plasko said the School Committee has already begun putting together numbers and projections towards that end, and said the Budget Balancing Committee sought the Selectmen’s approval to have the General Manager coordinate with Department Heads and independent boards to

begin the same process on the general government side.

“Every year we have a really different time getting the budget balanced, particularly on the school side and it’s starting to be a problem for general government,” Plasko said, noting that department heads were struggling to add needed staff, put forward resurfacing roads and sidewalks as an example.

The Selectmen also received a letter from the Zoning Board of Appeals to Norwood Avalon and to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) requesting that DHCD stay its decision on the Avalon Norwood 40B project at the old Plimpton Press site until 60 days after the Housing Appeals Committee rules on the Davis

Marcus 40B proposal at Forbes Hill.

The Board also bid farewell to Recreation Department Program Director Linda Berger, who has taken the position of Recreation Superintendent in the Town of Sharon. Berger was praised for her innovating of the position, developing new programs and putting creative ideas for all ages into place.

“We’re all hoping someday you’ll return to us also,” Chairman Paul Bishop said.

The meeting was also the last for Selectman Michael Lyons, who has opted not to seek reelection in order to move to the Town of Hull with his family. He said he is also moving his business to Hull as well.

Lyons served as board chairman four times during

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people responsible.

“We are reminded never to take the gift and treasure of our faith for granted, but to live it and proclaim it every day,” he said.

Since then, Donohoe said the response from Norwood and beyond as been very positive, as many have not only denounced the act, but expressed support for the parish. Many parishioners and guests gathered at the statue before and after Easter services on March 27, and expressed their frustration.

“No black paint could diminish or deter the good will of the people of Norwood which far exceeds this sad situation,” Donohoe said.

Donohoe also spoke to students at the Saint Catherine of Siena School about the incident during morning prayer. They discussed Christianity’s message of grace and love, which triumph over bad acts.

Since the incident, the parish has had a statue restoration specialist onsite to examine the damage and a restoration procedure is being put into place. Donohoe said he expects the statue to return to its pre-vandalized state.

OPINION

Maloney, Hajjar should be your next selectmen

April 4th is one of the most, if not the most, important Election Day this Town will ever face. Norwood residents are facing threats to their quality of lives (and no, this is not exaggeration) like never before, and now is not the time to vote your buddy into office. This newspaper listed the key criteria it believes all viable candidates must have on their resume a few weeks ago, including a demonstrated history of volunteering their time on committees and groups formed to improve the quality of lives of Norwood residents without self promoting agendas. No one seeks positions on the Finance Commission or Personnel Board for kicks. Both these positions require countless hours every month rendering decisions that may upset some at the moment, but are made for the good of the Town in the long run.

Both Tom Maloney and David Hajjar should receive your votes because they have earned them. Not only have they served on the above boards respectively, each has volunteered their time in other capacities for no other reasons than they want to help. Maloney understands Norwood's finances like few do, and Hajjar has developed many of the policies still in place today relative to human resources.

It is difficult not to endorse Helen Abdallah Donohue given her many years of public service and obvious love for the Town of Norwood. However, this newspaper feels her effectiveness, particularly the last few years when it was time to step up and be heard on several crucial issues, has greatly diminished. Norwood residents require more than Ms. Donohue has provided recently, though all owe her, at a minimum, a debt of gratitude for looking out for their well being over the years.

David Butters and Dennis Mawn should be thanked for stepping up and seeking a Selectman's seat, but neither, in our opinion, merits serious consideration for the position. As a business owner, Butters no doubt understands the importance of public-private partnerships to help a town thrive, but never volunteered that knowledge in any way we are aware of to help Norwood. Mawn is an employee of the Town, but that by itself doesn't constitute actively working to improve things, and in some respects, as the head of the firefighter's union, could actually be a detriment to Norwood taxpayers. Payroll is the largest expense, by far, of Norwood, and having a Selectman so personally involved in contract issues would not be a good thing, even if he was to recuse himself from Fire Department-specific matters. And then there is the elephant in the room of his never attending even one night of Town Meeting as an elected member in 2015, and no concrete answers given as to why.

Norwood needs Selectmen willing to donate much more of their time than simply attending Tuesday night meetings. Hajjar and Maloney have demonstrated they are willing to make the sacrifice, and deserve your vote. If you insist on voting based on the buddy system, you will most certainly reap what you sew in the long run, and we don't believe Norwood has any room for error.

Rau Rogers, Bodenhofer get the nod

There are three candidates for two positions on the Norwood School Committee and all three are qualified and worthy of consideration. In other words, there are no bad choices to be made, and regardless of the winners next week, we think the School Committee will have terrific representation.

That being written, we need to pick two and Courtney Rau Rogers and Myev Bodenhofer are our choices. Rau Rogers is overly aggressive and opinionated, a know-it-all and downright belligerent in trying to get what she wants. We are endorsing her because she is overly aggressive and opinionated, a know-it-all and downright belligerent in trying to get what she wants. We don't have to always agree with Rau Rogers, and goodness knows we don't, but we do appreciate her tenacity and commitment to Norwood kids, and her background in public education, particularly with special needs children, only serves to make her that much more effective and a true leader.

We view Myev Bodenhofer as a really exciting addition to the Committee. We loved her poise and demonstrated knowledge during the Norwood League of Women Voters forum on substantive Norwood education issues. An engineer by training, Bodenhofer has volunteered on the Superintendent's advisory committees and on the Coakley Middle School Council, at the Prescott Elementary School and at the Willett Early Childhood Education Center. She will be a breath of fresh air on a committee in serious need of some.

Now, get out and vote!

IT WAS DIFFICULT TO WATCH

To the Editor:

What happened Tuesday evening, March 22, was extremely sad and disappointing to the dozen or so residents who represented their neighborhood at the public hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). This was the third public hearing pertaining to 8284 Chapel St. The application was for a Special Permit to demolish the present building containing six (6) bedrooms in order to build a new structure larger than its existing footprint that would house eight (8) condominiums as well as parking in back for eight (8) vehicles, one for each unit. This proposed project is right next to and across the street from single and two family homes. The application was approved by the ZBA in two votes for different purposes, both with 5-0 unanimous decisions. Not one vote was for the neighbors, who strongly believe this project will have adverse effects that "overbalance" its beneficial effect and will be "substantially more detrimental" to their neighborhood.

Town Counsel advocates for the town's various boards, and according to town counsel's interpretation of Norwood's Zoning Bylaws for this Special Permit and in the opinion of all the members of the ZBA, that while the proposed structure would create some adverse effects, the "proposed use will not have adverse effects which "overbalance" its beneficial effect for either the neighborhood or the Town." The neighbors requested a reduction in the number of condos, but the applicant's attorney was adamant and stressed several times that the neighbors' request is "out of the question." Although the increase in the number of condos to eight (8) would be home ownership and not rental, the eight (8) parking spaces would be in the back of the structure, and the proposed building would have a much larger footprint than the present one, town counsel indicated they were "distinctions without a difference," and would not be "substantially more detrimental" to the neighborhood. The neighbors disagreed.

In 2020, this building at 82-84 Chapel St. would be 100 years old. Unfortunately, the private owner would demolish this

older home in order to build new. However, with vision and quality renovation this building could be beautiful once again. Many new homes and buildings may look good on the outside, but are cheaply built with chemically-treated pressed board that is held together with glue – see Campanelli buildings off Up-land Road.

And while some adjustments to the property would be made, like for drainage, the number of condos units is still eight (8). Residents of Norwood believe the town is much too dense as it is. Apparently, this appointed board does not. After years of neglect to the building, it is evident the owner does not want to be in the rental business anymore. To sell eight condos at a minimum of \$200,000 each will bring in at least \$1.6 million to the applicant for this corner lot. What happens if all the condos are not sold and remain empty? Or will he sell the property to a developer, now that the Special Permit has been approved? Of course, profit is the bottom line here, and for that, the neighbors will have to suffer as this project will have a tremendous impact on their daily lives.

Neither the applicant, nor his attorney, nor any member of the ZBA showed any empathy toward the neighbors and their concerns. Not one of them lives across the street or next door to this proposed structure. One can argue the merits of the decision by the ZBA, but the final comments by one member of the ZBA was most telling and disturbing. He commented about the aesthetics of the site as the present building is an eyesore. Whose fault is that? The neighbors were shocked when he continued to say this is a win-win situation and he is "chagrined at the attitude of the neighbors." What? After everyone gasped, the ZBA quickly rendered their two unanimous decisions in favor of the applicant. Indeed, this was a very difficult public hearing to witness.

*Judith Howard
TMM – District 3*

LEAGUE TO HOST FORUM

To the Editor:

The Norwood League of Women Voters is hosting a Panel Discussion on School Aid from

the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the Police and Fire Station. It is our intention to share with Norwood citizens what we have learned about the lack of sufficient funding for education from the state. This discussion is open to the public and we urge all who are interested in funding for our schools to attend.

Each year, when the Norwood League of Women Voters prepares the Candidate Forum for our local election, we see the process of trying to balance our school budget dominating the concerns of the School Committee and the people of Norwood. The League knows how hard the School Committee and the Budget Balancing Committee work together to solve this problem, but each year the same problems exist.

Last year, the Norwood League elected to study the yearly school budget process to see if we can help in any way. After much research, we have come to the conclusion that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has not updated Chapter 70 funds for most of its 23 years and that we are not paying our cities and towns for anywhere near the full costs of the Chapter 71B Special Education Law, which was, in fact, passed fully funded. It is our decision to advocate that the state do whatever needs to be done to send more school financial aid to our cities and towns.

The Panelists will be our State Rep. John Rogers, Superintendent of Schools James Hayden and the School Committee Chair, James Gormley. We have also invited the Education Chair Terry Yoffee of the Massachusetts League of Women Voters who will speak about the findings of the Massachusetts Foundation Budget Review Commission and Nancy Gallivan, Walpole School Committee member who gave testimony at the hearings of the Commission. She will talk about her research in the surrounding towns that are experiencing the same problems as Norwood.

*Carol MacLeay,
President Norwood League
of Women Voters*

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Pursuant to Mass. General Law Chapter 40A, Section 9, and the Norwood Zoning Bylaw, Sections 3.2.1, and 10.4, & 10.5. The Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7:05 P.M. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, concerning a Major Project/Special Permit Application and Site Plan Approval for Subaru of New England, 95 Morse Street, Norwood, MA. (Map 15, Sheet 12A, Parcels 3-6, 8). The applicant/owner is Subaru of New England, 111 Morse Street, Norwood, MA. The applicant proposes the demolition of the existing building and to construct a 420 parking lot. Plans and supporting documents of the proposed development are on file in the Planning Board's Office at the Town Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

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School Committee tries to resolve Open Meeting Law complaint

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

The School Committee attempted to resolve an Open Meeting Law violation complaint filed by Roger M. Ferris on March 4.

Ferris alleged that the School Committee violated Open Meeting Laws during its Feb. 24 meeting in three ways: a quorum of members met and deliberated during a recess a topic discussed during open session, the chairman did not state the reasons for going into executive session and the subject of the discussion was not given 48 hours notice of the executive session discussion.

The incident Ferris referred to happened during the School Committee addenda, when member Patrick McDonough asserted that Superintendent of Schools James Hayden had changed his position on the availability of opiate overdose reversal drug Narcan in schools between an informal meeting between the two and that School Committee meeting.

The School Committee discussed the complaint on March 9 and ultimately decided on a course of action to remedy the matter. In a letter dated March 14, School Committee Chair-

man James Gormley said the Committee acknowledged an "unintentional violation" of not announcing the reasoning for going into executive session when the motion was made and approved.

"I believe he's correct in number two," member John Badger said. "Even though we said it and maybe had in our minds that the reason for going into executive session was stated...the actual act of going into exec session wasn't stated."

Gormley, on behalf of the Committee, said that Hayden had waived the provision for 48 hours notice before being discussed in executive session. During the March 9 meeting, Hayden supplied the Committee with a written waiver as well.

"My oral acceptance of this discussion as given prior to the Executive Session when I was asked," Hayden said in the written waiver.

Per Ferris' request, the Committee has elected to participate in a training workshop on Open Meeting Laws after the April town election - as part of orientation, when the new Board has been constituted - and during the March 9 meeting, found that these trainings

can be provided online and via video. The date would still be within Ferris' request for the training to take place within 90 days of the incident.

Ferris said he remains unsatisfied with the Committee's response.

"In your response you failed to admit or deny to two of the allegations," Ferris said in a reply to the School Committee's letter. "The most significant being the board members' discussion during the 10 minute recess."

Badger said the allegation that the Committee deliberated during the recess was "completely inaccurate." In an earlier interview with this newspaper, Gormley said he did not believe what transpired during the recess was considered deliberation. The members discussed meeting protocol and executive session requirements during the Recess, as is mentioned in Ferris' complaint.

Ferris also said Hayden's written waiver should have been executed prior to the discussion, and that the law "doesn't allow for a two week grace period." The waiver, he said, serves to protect the Committee and the individual being

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Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

The Norwood High School InvenTeam is looking for financial assistance to help all 15 members attend EurekaFest from June 16-19.

The Lemelson-MIT competition-winning team successfully tested its invention - a battery-powered, retractable awning that automati-

cally deploys under certain weather conditions with the help of a microprocessor and sensors to prevent snow build up on a particularly susceptible part of Massachusetts model school-designed buildings in February during a brief storm. A video of the test is available on the Norwood Public Schools website.

Since the test, the team has devised and tested a plan to

keep snow from sticking to the Kevlar fabric of the awning. The group tested spraying the Kevlar with silicone, and found that the snow now slides off when ejected forward.

Now, they will go to MIT for several days this June to present their invention - along with the inventions from other national winners - to both the public and during a presenta-

tion to the MIT and inventing community at EurekaFest on June 19. The students will also be able to meet collegiate and professional inventors in various fields from medicine to engineering and agriculture.

According to InvenTeam member Janelle Kelleher, the students will stay in MIT dorms throughout the festival and need \$400 each to go. The Lemelson Foundation covers six students at the event, but Kelleher said the group wanted everyone to go.

"We want everyone to be able to go to EurekaFest because we've been working re-

ally hard on the project," she said in a fundraising appeal.

In total, the team needs \$4,400 dollars, and has also started a GoFundMe page online. Otherwise, checks can be made out to the NHS PTO, with Norwood InvenTeam included in the subject line, and sent to the High School, care of Dr. Michael Crowley.

"It's a really great experience to be able to go and meet with other inventors all around the country," Kelleher said. If all goes well at EurekaFest, there could also be a chance the InvenTeam ends up at the White House for a demonstration.

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discussed.

Ferris said the Committee's response could lead a "dispassionate viewer" to conclude that "the acts were intentional and not merely negligent."

As such, Ferris said he intends to file with the Attorney General after the 30-day expiration period and reiterated his desire to have the Committee acknowledge all three counts of wrongdoing, this time via committee vote and press release.

On March 23, the School Committee voted 4-1 - with

McDonough opposed - to send a letter to Ferris saying it had covered what he had asked for in his complaint and that the online trainings count just the same as the in-person trainings, per the Attorney General. There are only two such workshops coming up, and both of which take place out of town and on school days.

Hayden also said he was now aware that he should have written out his waiver that night, according to the laws, which employees and officials would be notified of.

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his 10 years as a Selectman. He was also a 17-year Town Meeting member, who spent 10 of those years on the Capital Outlay Committee. Lyons also served on the Downtown Steering Committee, the Budget Balancing Committee, the School Facilities Task Force and the Norwood Day Committee.

At the beginning of the meeting State Representative John Rogers presented Lyons with a resolution that was read aloud and approved in the state legislature. The resolution detailed Lyons' dedication and loyal service,

which Rogers said "exemplified the highest ideals of public service during his career."

Lyons himself spoke about how much the Norwood community has meant to him and how much the Town is able to offer its residents.

"Norwood is a great town...it's because of the people, because of the volunteers, how active the community is and how much people care about what happens in this town," Lyons said. He used the Norwood Circle of Hope as his ideal example of that notion.

NORWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Norwood Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, The Wetlands Protection Act and Norwood Bylaw XXV, including any amendments thereto on Wednesday April 6, 2016 at 7:50 P.M. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall. The Commission is to hear a request for a Notice of Intent from Bay Colony Group, Inc. of Foxborough, MA representing Mark Carroll Maxwell Estates LLC of Norton, MA for the proposed construction of a single family home along with associated drainage, sewer and utilities that lie partially with the buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. Project location: 49 Maxwell Avenue, Norwood, MA.

Copies of request and plans are available for review by appointment only. Please call Mr. Al Goetz at 781-762-0781.

Cheryl Rogers
Chairperson

School Committee discusses Guidance Dept. and building study

Jonathan Lourie
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee heard from Laura Giordano of the Norwood High School Guidance regarding postsecondary planning on March 23.

According to Giordano, the guidance staff will continue to roll out planned workshops designed to assist juniors and seniors with matriculation into college and the working world.

events.

“These are great networking events,” said Giordano. “The same people reviewing these applications come to represent at the school.”

Giordano also presented some stats regarding recent Norwood graduates. As of 2015, 75 percent of graduates went on to four year colleges, 13 percent went on to complete vocational programs, five students joined the military, and 2 percent sought employment after

and future budgeting for new buildings, as they relate to a building study the School Committee seeks to have done.

“While we are preparing the educational needs of our students for the 21st century, we also need to consider our buildings and have a plan for the future,” said Superintendent James Hayden.

The current proposal suggests that \$150,000 be used to commission a long-range building study by



The School Committee heard a presentation regarding postsecondary planning from NHS Guidance counselor Laura Giordano and discussed a proposed building study during its March 23 meeting.

PHOTO BY JONATHAN LOURIE

Two of the biggest events are the Career Interest Fair and the Postsecondary Fair, where according to Giordano, “over 60 colleges and military branches attend to speak to students.” All grades are welcome at both

graduation. Some of the four year schools included Tufts, Holy Cross and Boston College.

Building Study

Another topic that was discussed at the meeting was the possible budgeting

qualified bidders with the future needs of Norwood public schools in mind.

“Our high school is our newest building,” said Hayden. While the high

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HR@norwoodma.gov
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An official letter from the registrar's office must be included with application. The letter must include current graduation expectancy date and good academic standing. We will not accept any other documentation as proof of enrollment.

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school is just 5 years old, the middle school and elementary schools are much older.

“All the other buildings are over 20 years old,” said Hayden. The oldest building is The Balch Elementary School, which is 132 years old.

“I think it’s important that people understand how

old our buildings are,” said Patrick McDonough.

The members discussed this with Norwood’s growing list of housing developments in mind.

“With Upland Woods already straddling two growing school districts, we will need a plan,” said Courtney Rau Rogers. “Enrollment will increase and our build-

ings have to accommodate these new students.”

In other new business, the School Committee approved a proposal to look for new food service options.

“We are looking at this to see if there is a way to save the district money. If we don’t like the bids, we won’t pursue it,” said Hayden. “Right now, the food service supports itself and does not run in the red.”

Hayden said the bid would not replace current lunch workers and is only looking at the management.

NPA says it does not edit videos

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

Earlier this year, one resident expressed concerns in a letter to this paper that Norwood Public Access (NPA) was improperly editing videos of local government meetings.

“The unusual technical difficulties started back during the Selectmen’s public hearings on the Regal 40R,” Kevin Pentowski, who raised the issue, said. “That is where comments were clearly altered and video did not match the audio.”

Pentowski cited several video broadcasts of meetings where he felt the tape was edited to exclude or altar residents’ comments, including his own. Among these videos included several from 2014, including a Sept. 9 Planning Board Meeting and a Dec. 4 1.5 percent Task Force meeting.

“There is no adjournment of that meeting as aired. It just suddenly ends,” Pentowski said of the Sept. 9 meeting.

NPA Executive Director Jack Tolman said the station covers 17-18 meetings or so each month, but does not make any changes to the recording.

“When they open up the meeting and when the meeting begins, that’s when we start. When it’s adjourned or goes into executive session, that’s when we stop,” Tolman said. “We don’t do any editing of any of the meetings. That’s not what we do. Then we replay them on the government channel.”

Tolman also offered explanations for some of the meeting tapes that Pentowski said were edited.

One meeting, he said, was not anticipated to run as long as it did. And when the camera’s battery died, the producer completed the recording on his cell phone. Tolman said that anything of note missed as a consequence of the battery death should be written down in official meeting minutes.

Another instance, Tolman said, is that commentary might have been missed when a video camera transitioned from one of its

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DEATHS

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Patricia A. (MILLER), 96, formerly of Norwood, on March 25. Beloved wife of the late Charles W. Bopp, Sr. Devoted mother of Charles W. Bopp, Jr. and his wife E. Sue of Remington, Va., Michael J. Bopp and his wife Marsha of Glenside, Pa., and Joanne M. Peters and her husband William of Leesburg, Va. Cherished grandmother of Jason, Tanya, Trip, David, and Matthew Bopp, and Laura and Christopher Peters. Loving sister of Rita Coyle of Wellesley, Bernadette Aylward of Sherborn and Anne Downing and brother-in-law Leo Downing of Windham, N.H. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral Friday, April 1 from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (Rt. 1A) Norwood. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Expressions of sympathy in her memory may be made to Loudoun Nursing and Rehab Center Activities Department, 235 Old Waterford Road Leesburg, VA 20176- Attention Maybel Costello.

BROWN

Charles S., Sr., 86, of Norwood, on March 20. U.S.M.C. Vet. Son of the late Robert D. and Helen (Kelly) Brown. Beloved husband of the late Mary Ann (Sullivan) Brown. Devoted father of Michael Brown and his wife Nancy of Foxboro, Dr. Beth Latimer and her late husband Dr. Stephen of Potomac, Md., Bobby Brown of Falmouth, Charles S. Brown, Jr. and his wife Jean of Canton, and Barbara Foley and her husband Brian of Foxboro. Cherished grandfather of Maggie and Teddy Brown, Caitlin Sweet and her husband Brandon, Jack and Charlie Latimer, Sophia Elizabeth Brown, Danny, Tim and Jack Foley, and the late Bobby Latimer. Brother of Sister Roberta Marie Brown CSJ, and the late Robert Brown and Father Arthur Brown. Also survived by many nieces and nephews, and two great-grandchildren. Funeral arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., Norwood. Retired Banker for Shawmut Bank, Boston for over 40 years. Past President and 62 year member of Norfolk Golf Club, Westwood. Expressions of sympathy in his memory may be made to Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, Office of Mission Advancement, 637 Cambridge Street, Brighton, MA 02135.

IAFOLLA

Lena T. (Lanzoni), 90, of Norwood, on March 21. Daughter of the late Anthony and Esther (Fabbri) Lanzoni. Beloved wife of Mario A. Iafolla. Devoted mother of Allen Iafolla of N. Attleboro. Sister of the late John, Leo, Henry, and Agnes Lanzoni, and Annie Guida. Funeral arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., Norwood.

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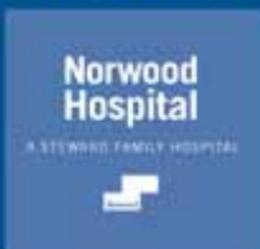
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Cub Scouts attend Mad Scientist Night



Norwood Cub Scout Pack 49 Mad Scientist Night. Norwood's Pack 49 invited Norwood's Pack 42 to join them for a night of fun science!

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memory cards to another, a feature that does cause a slight delay.

"We didn't do anything to make it appear that stuff didn't exist. We had no agenda," Tolman said. "It just happened to be during those two situations with meetings that were important to him. There's a big difference between having a technical problem and actually editing."

Video not official record Tolman said that while there is no editing done to the videos, NPA's recordings are

not considered an official record of the meeting.

"That's why the secretaries are taking written minutes. We just cover (the meetings)," he said.

The Selectmen's office also said that during the meeting, staff runs an audio recorder, but does not maintain an audio archive, as the recordings are simply to aid the construction of the written meetings. Archives of meetings minutes dating back to 1872 are kept at Town Hall and are available for viewing. The minutes to meetings are all listed online.

Yet, at the beginning of many local government meetings, the chairperson notes that the meeting is being "recorded and archived" by NPA TV. Tolman said NPA does keep the files archived at NPA for re-broadcast and public viewing.

"Apparently, at some point in time, Town Counsel advised that we should do it prior to any meeting," Selectman Chair Paul Bishop said. "The secretaries also take audio recordings. It's just to let people know they are being recorded, since NPA does theirs, and we have small recorder for security. It's two separate processes."

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TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** in **Room 12 of the Municipal Office Building** on **May 3, 2016 at 7:15 PM** on the request that Thomas and Kelly Levesque (**Case #16-04**) with respect to property located on **173 Nichols Street**, in a **S2 District**.

This Application requests a **SPECIAL PERMIT** under Section 5.4.4 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow the existing screened porch to be demolished and a 752.21 sq ft addition to be constructed. A special permit is required as it is a non-conforming lot. We feel this project will not cause a hazard, nuisance, or congestion but will be a welcome asset, not only for our parents but for the neighboring homes.

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

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Philip W. Riley, Patrick J. Mulvehill, Harry T. Spence,
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Norwood Record, 3/31/2016, 4/7/2016

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF NORWOOD

The Town of Norwood hereby notifies all residents that the State Attorney General's office has approved the following amendment to the Town By-Laws which was voted at the Special Town Meeting, November 16, 2015 namely:

Article 1. Medical Marijuana By-Law. Amend Article XXXIV of the By-Laws of the Town of Norwood, entitled "Medical Marijuana Regulations By-Law". (A complete copy of this Town By-Law Amendment is posted in 11 different locations in the Town and is on file in the Town Clerk's Office).

The above named articles are posted in the following public places throughout the Town, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 32: District 1 & District 2 - Municipal Building; Norwood News and Bookstore; District 3 & District 5, Morrill Memorial Library; Murph's Place; District 4, Rite-Aid Pharmacy, Walpole Street; Hannaford Market; District 6 & District 7, South End Hardware; Pam's Market; District 8, Shaws Market; CVS - Shaw's Market Plaza; District 9, Neponset St. Gulf Gas Station.

Thomas J. McQuaid, Town Clerk and Accountant

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Library Events

THE IRISH IN BOSTON LECTURE AT THE LIBRARY

Historian and author Anthony M. Sammarco will give an illustrated lecture on "The Boston Irish" at the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, April 28 at 7 p.m. Mr. Sammarco will explore the 19th and 20th century institutions founded by and for Irish immigrants and their descendants, among them Boston College, Carney Hospital, St. Elizabeth Hospital, the House of the Good Shepherd, as well as several churches. Learn how the Irish immigration of the 1840s permanently changed the face of Boston. To sign up for this program, funded by the Friends of the Library, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

GARY HYLANDER ON 1796: AMERICA'S FIRST PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Join popular historian and Professor Gary Hylander at the Morrill Memorial Library on Tuesday, April 26 at 7 p.m. as he examines the nation's first "real" presidential election, since no one was going to challenge George Washington for the job. Upon Washington's retirement, federalist John Adams squared off against his former friend and Republican opponent, Thomas Jefferson. In this presidential election year, Dr. Hylander will present two more lectures on this theme, on July 11 and Oct. 24. To sign up, please call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

BOSTON LIGHT TURNS 300!

Join Boston Harbor Islands volunteer and storyteller Marguerite Krupp at the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, April 25 at 7 p.m. Marguerite will tell little-known stories of the 34 islands that make up the Boston Harbor Islands National Park area, focusing on Boston Light – the oldest light station in the country – as it celebrates its 300th anniversary. Learn about its fascinating history as well as the upcoming birthday celebrations open to the public on Georges Island and the Rose Kennedy Greenway this summer. Marguerite will also show colorful slides of the islands and provide information on visiting this very special, nearby national park. To sign up for this program, please call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk. The library is ADA accessible.

INDIVIDUAL GENEALOGY HELP

Genealogist and Norwood resident Joe Petrie is returning to the Morrill Memorial Library on Mondays and Wednesdays in May to offer free one-on-one assistance to those interested in exploring their ancestry using online resources. You can schedule a two-hour individual session with Joe on select Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30-3:30 p.m. or 6:30-8:30 p.m. Please call the library Reference Desk at 781-769-0200, x110 to find out which time slots are still available. Appointments will be made on a first-come, first-served basis and will take place in the library's second floor Simoni Room.

SONNY & PERLEY TO PERFORM

The spring Musical Sundays series concludes with an appearance by the Sonny and Perley at the Morrill Memorial Library on May 1 at 3 p.m. to perform the music of composers such as Gershwin, Porter, Mercer, Piaf, Ellington, and others. Known for their lyricism, passion, rhythm, and romanticism, Sonny and Perley will entertain the audience with selections from the Great American Songbook and International Cabaret. To sign up for this concert, made possible through the library Endowment Fund, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

MORRILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY LOW VISION AWARENESS COFFEE HOUR

The Morrill Memorial Library in Norwood and Perkins School for the Blind will host a Low Vision Awareness Coffee Hour at the Library on Friday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to noon. The event is designed to show individuals and community leaders how they can help people who are blind or have vision loss maintain their independence and improve their quality of life through the use of assistive technology and accessible library and community services. The open house is a direct result of the Morrill Memorial Library's plans to expand library services to better accommodate patrons who have vision loss or other disabilities. The public is invited to attend the event and explore a wide variety of technologies that enable individuals with low vision to read text, see images, and better use library services. These technologies include high-powered magnifiers, text-to-speech devices, software programs and iOS features and apps. The coffee hour will be held free of charge, from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, April 8 in the Simoni Room at the Morrill Memorial Library in Norwood.

TITLES ON TAP BOOK GROUP

Join the staff of the Morrill Memorial Library at Napper Tandy's of Norwood on Tuesday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. for the next meeting of Titles on Tap. This social group is designed for readers in their 20s and 30s and the young at heart, and is a casual way to meet up with fellow book-lovers for a fun night out. April's title will be "Ms. Marvel: Volume 1, No Normal" by G. Willow Wilson, Adrian Alphona, and the Marvel team. This new take on Marvel superheroes features a Pakistani-American girl as the protector of Jersey City. Copies are available to pick up at the Reference Desk, so come out to meet, discuss, eat, drink, and be merry! RSVPs are not required, but you may sign up by emailing norprograms@minlib.net, calling 781-769-0200 x110 or 222, or visiting the Information or Reference Desks. Visit our blog titlesontap.wordpress.com or follow us on Twitter @titlesontap to learn more.

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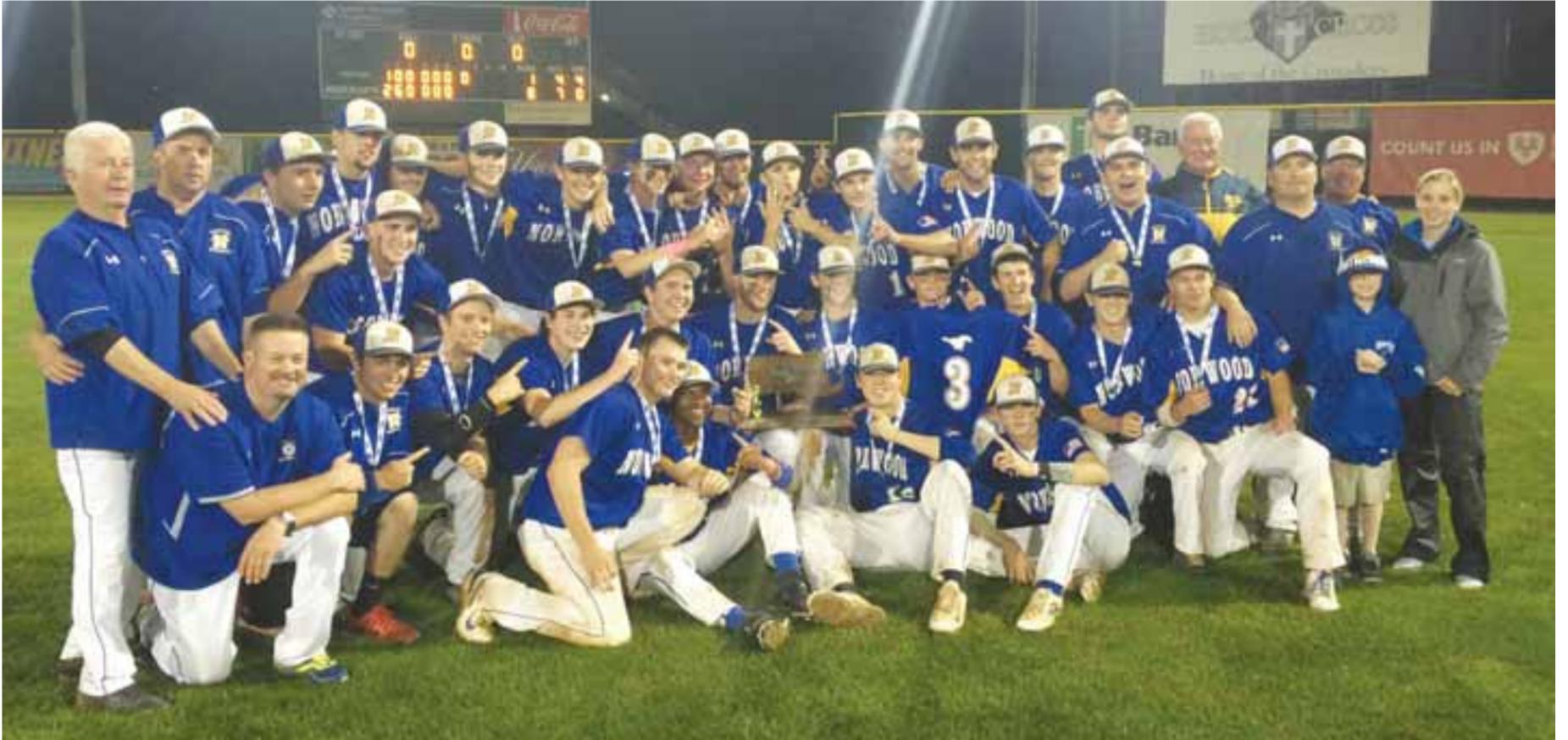
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Sports



A 72-year drought between baseball championships came to an end last spring for Norwood, which beat the St. Peter-Marian Guardians 8-1 in the Division 1 Championship Game at Fitton Field in Worcester. Expectations are high again this year, both internally and externally: the Mustangs came in at No. 9 in the ESPN Boston preseason Top 25 poll.

FILE PHOTO

Baseball eyeing Super 8 tourney for 2016

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

June 20, 2015: Sean Mellen fires a pitch, resulting in a ground ball to Paul Galvin at short, who fires on to Cam Ryan at first, and the Norwood Mustangs won their first state championship since 1943.

All three players who touched the ball on the final play of the 2015 season are back for another go-round with Norwood, along with many other key contributors, putting a target squarely on their backs for the defense of the Division 1 state title.

Of course, if all goes as planned, the Mustangs won't even have a chance to defend said title. How exactly could that be part of the plan, one may ask?

Manager Kevin Igoe believes his team is capable of getting into the Division 1A tournament, or Super 8, a tournament modeled after the high school hockey format reserved for the absolute cream of the baseball crop.

"If things go as planned, we expect to be there," said Igoe, who's set to begin his fifth season as manager of

the Mustangs. "We've got the program in line where we just reload. We don't expect to miss a beat, we'll be right there."

Igoe has compiled gaudy numbers during his run with Norwood. He's 52-28 in the regular season, good enough for a robust .650 winning percentage. That percentage skyrockets up to .824 in the postseason, however, where Igoe's Mustangs are 14-3 overall - including 11-1 the last two years.

Norwood did lose its two biggest power threats in first baseman/outfielder Jake O'Rourke and catcher Kevin Hines, as well as co-ace Johnny Ryan, all to graduation. But Igoe still likes what he sees on his tentative lineup card and in his starting rotation.

It all starts with Mellen, a 6-foot-3 lefty who's committed to Northeastern University since his last outing for the Mustangs - a 14 strikeout, complete game effort vs. St. Peter-Marian in the Div. 1 State Championship game.

After Mellen, Igoe plans on going with a rotation of Galvin, Cam Ryan, Brian King and Michael James.

All but Galvin are left-handed.

"We have a plan in place every year to rotate guys and not kill a guys arm with innings prior to the tournament," said Igoe. "We give them five days rest, no matter what; last year, it worked a little differently because we were stuffing games into a 40-day season. We're real careful, not necessarily on pitch count so much as it is rest between starts."

Due to the massive snowfall of winter 2014-15, last baseball season was delayed by roughly three weeks, thus cramming 20 regular season games into a 39-day span.

This scenario seemingly created an added onus on Mellen and Johnny Ryan, but both pitchers were still fresh to go for the postseason after each pitching between 43 and 44 innings apiece in the regular season.

Galvin forms Norwood's double play combination, with Connor Flynn at second base, for the third straight season. The senior barely pitched at all last spring, making only one start in the regular season, as

well as a key relief appearance vs. Mansfield in the Div. 1 South final. But Igoe says his talent on the mound affords him the opportunity to yank him off shortstop once in a while.

"He's too good not to pitch," said Igoe. "We'll slide Connor Flynn over to short. We don't want to move him out of there, but he's too good a pitcher. We factor in a seven inning game, there's going to be a lot of strikeouts. That's kind of our thought process. It starts on the mound."

When they aren't turning double plays, Galvin and Flynn will be perched atop the Mustangs lineup, which Igoe says as a whole might be "unproven, but I think equally as talented."

"They'll be the straw that stirs the drink," he said of Galvin and Flynn.

Igoe said Danny Sullivan will start at third base and Cam Flahive will start at first base to round out the infield, while the lightning-fast James will man left field when he isn't pitching.

"He's probably one of the fastest kids in the league," Igoe said of James.

Center field will be split

between Mellen and Cam Ryan, based on who is or isn't pitching, while another speedster, Declan O'Brien, will be in right field.

Mellen earned his commitment to Northeastern for his pitching prowess, but Igoe likes all aspects of his game, saying, "We can't leave a 6-foot-3 Division I athlete on the bench. He's got to play every day."

Mike Flynn, penciled in as the starting catcher, is recovering from a wrist injury and will miss opening day. With several scrimmages between now and then, Igoe will look at Kyle Begley and Pat Harkins to manage the pitching staff until Flynn can play again.

In addition to the rigorous Bay State Conference schedule, Norwood again scheduled two games with the Xaverian Hawks (a Super 8 team last season) and two games with the Plymouth South Panthers. One of the games vs. Xaverian will be part of the inaugural Catholic Conference vs. Bay State Conference Challenge, a day-long event featuring four games pitting

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Big shoes to fill for Softball in 2016

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

It's never easy to follow up a regular season in which you were 18 games over .500.

Harder even is it to manage expectations from a 19-1 team that drew the No. 3 seed in the Division 1 South tournament, but suffered some pretty big losses due to graduation.

Norwood softball coach Carol Savino is more than up to the task, however, as she begins her seventh season filling out lineup cards in the Mustangs' dugout.

Savino's been around the game long enough - 52 years of coaching experience, to be exact - to know what it takes to win: solid defense, timely hitting and a solid battery (pitcher and catcher).

She knows her defense will take care of itself, and the top of the lineup will still feature sev-

eral familiar names from the last several seasons.

All eyes turn to the battery, where pitcher Katie O'Donnell and catcher Erin Garczynski are no longer holding down the fort after graduating last spring following outstanding careers on the diamond.

"In high school, the battery is everything," said Savino, who anticipates having another tournament team, but warned it would be unfair to expect another season approaching 20 wins. "We've won the conference six out of seven years. A lot of that is good pitching. Good pitching makes your job a lot easier."

Three pitchers will attempt to slide into O'Donnell's role: junior Cassie Pinciario and freshmen Amanda Olbrys and Katie Welch.

"They're going to be good, but this is really a year for learning," said Savino, who will rotate her pitchers to begin the season, rather than have just one toss



Softball manager Carol Savino guided the Mustangs to a 19-1 record in the regular season last year, winning a 20th game in the first round vs. Franklin before falling to another Hockomock team, King Philip, in the Division 1 South quarterfinals.

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the lion's share of innings as O'Donnell had done. Pinciario is expected to get the ball on opening day.

"If our pitchers don't walk a lot of people and they don't give up a lot of home runs, we'll be in a lot of games because we're solid defensively," said Savino.

Behind the plate, the Mustangs will turn to another freshman, albeit one with a familiar last name: Bryn Garczynski, Erin's younger sister.

The Garczynski dynasty continues along the backstop despite the fact that Bryn is left-handed, a rarity for a catcher in both softball and baseball. But Savino isn't worried much about the anomaly, if at all.

"She's quite quick," Savino pointed out. Lefthanders tend not to catch due to the majority of hitters being right-handed, creating a tighter space to throw out would-be base stealers. "I think her quickness will make up for things. She's really good at what she does."

Norwood's three captains this season are Taylor Reed, Alyssa Chamberlain and Emily Bonoccorso, all looking to end their careers on high notes. The trio has been a part of Mustangs teams that have won at least one tournament game each spring since 2013, including last season, when they knocked off Franklin in the first round, 3-2,

before being bounced by King Philip by the same score in the Div. 1 South quarterfinals.

"Lead them the way you know how to lead," is a message Savino relayed to her only three senior starters, all of whom started as freshmen as well. "I know they can do it."

Reed and Chamberlain will play first base and shortstop, respectively, and be joined in the infield by fellow returners Siobhan Reen (second base) and Janelle Kelleher, who played predominantly designated hitter in 2015 but will take over for the graduated Kristen Flynn at third base full time.

The outfield will feature Bonoccorso entrenched as a starter, with Caitlan Shaugnessy and Katie Mulligan also expected to start. Savino said Meg Lussier is a younger player to keep an eye on for playing time in the outfield.

Norwood begins its 2016 season next Tuesday at home vs. the Milton Wildcats over at the Cleveland School at 3:45 p.m.



Alyssa Chamberlain, wearing No. 2, is among Norwood's top returning players. She'll start at shortstop in the field and anchor the middle of the lineup for the Mustangs, hitting anywhere between third and sixth.

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member schools of the conferences against one another on Saturday, April 23 at Catholic Memorial School in West Roxbury.

"It's championship or bust, that's our mindset. We'd like to take a shot at the Super 8; we'll have to play very well," said Igoe, mindful of the schedule.

Part of that Bay State Conference slate includes a date with the defending-Super 8 champion Braintree Wamps in Norwood on April 13 and the 2014 Super 8 champions, the Newton North Tigers, on May 23 (also at home).

The Mustangs will play Walpole twice, per usual; Monday, May 2 the teams

play in Walpole, with the return game in Norwood on Wednesday, May 25. Last season, the teams wound up playing a third time, in the Div. 1 South semifinals.

The return of lights at Balch School Field, which were damaged during last winter's storms, gives Norwood five currently scheduled night games, all of which are slated for 6:30 p.m. starts.

Once the scrimmages are out of the way, the Mustangs open up their season on Tuesday, April 5 at Milton at 3:45 p.m. Their home opener is on Thursday, April 7, vs. Brookline, also at 3:45 p.m.

Boys Lax starts fresh in 2016

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

It's a mixed bag turning the page on last season for the Norwood boys lacrosse team.

In one corner, you see a team that won just three games, with seemingly endless room for improvement.

But in the other corner, there's the void of Danny Farrell, who became Norwood's all-time leading scorer last season, as well as one of just 50 players in the history of (boys) high school lacrosse in Massachusetts to amass over 300 career points.

"We're figuring it out," said Mustangs head coach Anthony Roman on life without Farrell. "I don't know how we're go-

ing to put balls in the back of the net, but we're figuring it out."

Roman begins his sixth season in charge of Norwood with a relatively inexperienced roster, at least in terms of players being a focal point of a game plan.

"It's not like we'll have a lack of experience on offense, but just a bunch of kids who are used to giving the ball to Danny and working off him," said Roman. "Trying to get them to be more a part of it is what I'm trying to do."

One such player who will be taking on a much larger role is Kyle McCue, a talented goal scorer in his own right who emerged last season as a viable second option to Farrell as a freshman. But he won't be

sneaking up on teams anymore, says Roman.

"Like I tell him at practice, he's going to have a big target on his back," said the coach. "Now he's going to be drawing the best pole. It's a little bit different when last year, he was drawing the worst pole and everyone was paying attention to Danny. He'll have a lot more on his shoulders this year."

On the back end, senior Zac Pungitore is the team's top defender, as well as its lone captain for the 2016 season.

Norwood opens its season on Monday vs. a nonleague team in the Mansfield Hornets, who defeated the Mustangs in last season's opener, 13-11. Opening draw is at 4:30 p.m. at Norwood High School.

NORWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

The Norwood Public Schools' will be presenting its 19th Annual Fine Arts Festival on Tuesday, April 12 and Wednesday, April 13 at the Francis X. Sheehan, Jr. Gymnasium at the Savage Center. The festival is a celebration of the Arts. Artwork from grades 1-12 will be on display reflecting the district's diverse and rich program. There will be performances by Norwood's award winning drama and musical ensembles. Norwood's Television program will present student created public service announcements, videos, and documentaries. This festival is free and open to the public from 6-8 p.m. at the Francis X. Sheehan, Jr. Gymnasium, Savage Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood, MA 02062, with special hours for the Senior Center from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. on April 13.

FAMILY VOLUNTEER FAIR SHOWCASING NORWOOD NON-PROFITS

Join us for a fun-filled day of child friendly participatory activities to support wonderful non-profit organizations. Lots of food, fun & a great chance to work together as a family! Admission is free with donation of: a pair of new/unused socks or a package of juice boxes (to be used for donation projects). For more information visit www.NorwoodJWC.org or email NorwoodJWC@gmail.com

Some activities include: Making cat toys for shelter and rescue animals, creating welcome signs for children who are seriously ill or disabled participating in "Above the Clouds" program, decorating placements for "Meals on Wheels," stuffing socks with snacks, water bottles and goodies for homeless attendees at the "Abundant Table" and lots more.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL MONTHLY MEETING

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill—South Norfolk affiliate will hold its monthly meeting in Cafeteria B of the Lorusso Building at Norwood Hospital at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 7. Mental illness is a label for a variety of diseases of the brain.

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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. For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

NORWOODS WOMANS CLUB MEETING

The Norwood Woman's Club will hold the next meeting on April 12, at 12:30 p.m. We meet at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Hall, 24 Berwick St., Norwood. Dick Coffin from Biddeford Maine will return to do a variety show. Our annual luncheon will be held at the Lafayette House on May 8 at 1 p.m. Meal choice of beef or fish at the cost of \$25. Please bring your checks to the April Meeting. Any questions please call Trina Mallet at 781-762-8173.

RAINING HEALTHY CHILDREN WORKSHOP

If you have young children, come join us on Saturday, April 9, at the First Congregational Church in Norwood for a special child-focused workshop, "Raising Healthy Children with Holistic Health and Spirituality". The workshop will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. and will be facilitated by Christene Gerardi, an Integrative Medicine Consultant and mother of one. In this discussion and Q&A, we'll explore how the Wizard of Oz shows us a faithful path and how to spiritually equip our children to follow their yellow brick road with heart. Childcare will be provided. RSVP by visiting www.firstcongregational-norwood.com/events.

NORWOOD RETIRED MENS CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, April 12 is the date for the next Norwood Retired Men's Club meeting. Tickets for the May breakfast meeting will be on sale and it will be your last chance to sign up for any of the

other summer activities; Golf, Bocce, Horseshoes. Guest speaker for this meeting will be Joe Morgan from Walpole, the ex-manager of the Red Sox. Breakfast had to be increased to \$5 and will be held at 8:30 a.m. on the regular meeting day, Tuesday, May 12. You don't have to be a Norwood resident to join the club, but you must be at least 60 years of age, and be retired or semi-retired. Just show up at the Norwood Elks at 9:30 a.m. on a second Tuesday of the month and someone will greet you. There's plenty of parking.

FORUM ON THE OPIOID/HEROIN EPIDEMIC

The Opioid epidemic and its impact on Norwood will be the focus of a community based panel discussion on March 31 at 7 p.m. in the Norwood High School Auditorium. A panel of local speakers will address the Opioid Epidemic as a Public health and safety issue covering topics such as Narcan usage by first responders,

law enforcement concerns, the responsibility of the medical and dental profession, the biology of addiction and public health prevention strategies to reduce substance use. Speakers; Secretary of Veterans Services Francisco Urena, Norwood Police Chief William G. Brooks III, Fire Chief Anthony Greeley, Tim Hempton, DDS, Julie Purcell Hempton, Emergency Department Physician Assistant and Sigalle Reiss, Norwood Health Department Director & Impact Norwood Co-Chair.

WILLETEARLY CHILDHOOD LOOKING FOR PEER ROLE MODELS

Willett Early Childhood Center is looking for Peer Role Models to enroll for the school year September 2016 - June 2017. There are eight peer role models in each classroom and seven children with identified special needs. Three adults= one licensed teacher and two highly qualified educational assistants. Children must: exhibit strong language skills; be

toilet trained; live in Norwood; turn 3 or 4 years old by Aug. 31, 2016. Children may not have identified special needs. Preschool Applications are located on the Norwood Public School web site, norwood.k12.ma.us and at the front office of the Willett School, 100 Westover Parkway. ST

CATHERINE OF SIENA SCHOOL AUCTION

Come Celebrate! Saint Catherine of Siena School Spring Gala and Auction Saturday, April 2 from 7 p.m. 'til midnight. Email Kathryn Hand at handkathryn1@msn.com for more information.

PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION FOR SENIORS

The Town of Norwood provides opportunities for Norwood senior citizens who meet certain criteria to reduce their property tax by working in a Town department. The Norwood Human Resources Department is currently accepting applications from interested seniors for the FY17 tax year. Additional information can be found on the Town's website under the links for JOBS. Information is also available by visiting the Town Hall or the Norwood Senior Center.

Unlocking a Secure Financial Future.

Join Us For a FREE Social Security Seminar! Tuesday, April 12 at 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

(refreshments will be served)

Learn about your options and how they will impact your retirement planning.

Social Security: A Hit or Myth Proposition

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Czarnowski Consulting, Former Regional Communications Director for the Social Security Administration in New England*

Protecting All of Your Hard Work - Legally

*Presented by: Carol Barton, Esq.
Estate Preservation Law Offices*

Factoring Social Security Into Your Retirement Plan

*Presented by: Phil Swan
Infinex Investment Executive,
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To register, call 781-440-4278 or register online at www.norwoodbank.com

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clude the entry form, be no more than 1,000 words in length, and describe why your favorite character from a story is your hero. The contest, sponsored by the Outreach Department, is open only to students who are Norwood residents. The three age groups are as follows: Group 1 (Grades 3-4), Group 2 (Grades 5-8), and Group 3 (Grades 9-12). Anyone interested in entering the essay contest may stop by the library for details and the entry form, or find them online at www.norwoodlibrary.org. To qualify, the essays need to be submitted between Tuesday, March 15 and Friday, April 15, 2016 before midnight, either by email to nling@minlib.net or delivered to the library's Outreach Department. Three prizes will be awarded for each age group. The first, second, and third prizes are \$35, \$25, and \$10 gift cards to Barnes & Noble, respectively. A celebration will be held at the library to honor the contest winners and hear their essays read on Monday, May 9 from 7-9 p.m.

VOICE AND PIANO DUO TO PERFORM

The duo of Beth Purcell (vocals) and Chris Roppola (piano) will perform at the Morrill Memorial Library on Sunday, April 3 at 3 p.m. as part of the spring Musical Sundays concert series. Beth Purcell has a broad background in musical theater which enriches her interpretation of songs in the American Songbook. From jazz cafes to performance halls, she has entertained through New England, with leading roles in Rodgers & Hammerstein, Cole Porter, and Sondheim productions. She is also a Cantorial Soloist at Temple Beth Shalom in Melrose where she has worked for the past 15 years. To sign up for this concert, made possible through the library Endowment Fund, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.



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Police Logs

MONDAY MARCH 21

0910 phone - Message delivery services rendered Location/address: Dean St Hospital attempting to locate any family member of a mva victim. N664 reports victim's roommate in Brazil. Landlord locates a friend of victim whom will try to call her mother. Hospital notified.

1120 phone - Assist other agency area search negative Location: MBTA Train Stations Bolo for MA pc 829sa9, female, not owner, stating she was going to jump in front of a train. Units checked all 3 stations-not there.

1155 phone - Found syringe services rendered Location/address: Sidewalk 188 Block - Prospect St Resident finds syringe and will dispose of same.

1336 phone - Susp. activity area search negative Location/address: Union St W/m 40's blue coat walking around taking pictures. Location/address: Norwood Airport Inc - Access Rd Report of a dark color f-150 driving around the parking lot, turning its lights on and off. Party spoken to, all is well.

Search negative Location/address: St John Ave Report of a male party walking up and down the street and into driveways.

TUESDAY MARCH 22

0134 phone - Susp activity services rendered Location/address: Hill St Caller reports 2 vehicles (white van) and (dark sedan) keep pulling into his driveway honking a horn and flashing lights and states he has no idea who they are. He is requesting if an officer could sit a few doors down to see if they return. N664 responded and stood by. Vehicles did not return.

0715 911 - Susp activity taken/referred to other Caller reports a car was stopped at light and female driver appears to be asleep at the wheel. (black dodge charger - no Plate # given) requesting a well-being check on driver who took a right onto Rt. 1 n/b heading towards Dedham. Westwood P.D. & Dedham P.D. notified and will check rt.1

0723 phone - susp vehicle services rendered Location/address: Hemlock St Caller reports suspicious vehicle parked in front of her House and a female wearing a skirt and backpack is standing There just staring at it. Unknown if there is a person in Vehicle. N664 responded and reports the female is no where To be found and vehicle is empty. Caller notified.

1109 phone - Susp person spoken to Location/address: - Audubon Rd Report the same 2 females are back in the neighborhood today whom were there yesterday passing out Jehovah Witness pamphlets. N665 reports MA pc 3rf924, and they are members of the organization.

1110 phone - Warrant of apprehension Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St N662 places subject under arrest and transports directly to Dedham District Court.

1153 phone - Susp vehicle gone on arrival Location/address: Rock St Report MA pc 654nv9 driving in/out of the lot for 25 minutes, male on cell phone.

1313 initiated - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Winter St N669 escorts lost motorist to Westwood Lodge.

1447 cellular - Susp vehicle area search negative Location/address: Block - Ryan Dr Report MA pc 1xvp30 was parked on street on property line between house and conservation land, left when caller left, now it is parked on Sumner St. N677 reports it is GOA. Message left on home answering machine.

1649 phone - Well being check Location/address: Wickham Way Riverside reports that a female patient called and made suicidal comments. NFD transports for a voluntary evaluation.

1750 911 - Assist citizen Location/address: Day St Landlord entered property without permission.

1825 phone - Assist other agency Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Norwood ER reports a walk away patient. Officers located party. Subject still intoxicated. Party placed into protective custody, released to the hospital.

1846 initiated - Disturbance services rendered Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Out of control patient. Party now under control.

1849 phone - Susp. activity Location/address: Cedar St

1924 911 - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Surrey Rd Caller requested to speak to an officer. No problems found, parties advised.

2007 phone - Malicious damage Location/

address: Day St Caller reports damage to property.

2204 initiated - Motor vehicle stop Location/address: Prospect St Negoshian's tows MA pc 775dl2. N667 places one male under Arrest. Arrest: Yanulis, Andrew Francis Address: 83 Terrace Road, Medford, MA Age: 27 Charges: drug, possess to distrib class d

2229 phone - Complaint of m/v gone on arrival Location/address: Neponset St Canton PD reports that they received a call of two females driving with open containers of alcohol. That vehicle was heading into Norwood. N677 will search for CT pc mare21.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 23

0619 radio - Larceny Location/address: Tot Lot - Bond St Officer was stopped by the resident and stated that there was some things taken out of his vehicle over night.

0835 walk-in - Found syringe services rendered Location/address: Neponset St Resident in lobby reports needle in a soda bottle. N661 properly disposed of same.

1116 phone - Warrant of apprehension Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St N662 places subject under arrest and transports directly to Dedham District Court.

1446 phone - Mischief (kids) spoken to Location/address: Washington St + Atwood Ave Report of a group of teenagers who keep hitting the pedestrian cycle to see how many times they can cross the street. N665 spoke to them -matter resolved.

1537 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Citgo Gas - Bos-Prov Hwy Report Facebook posting about the business. civil matter. Party advised.

2144 phone - Assist fire dept Police & Fire notified/r Location/address: Morningside Dr Indoor odor of gas. Norwood fire responded.

2146 phone - Assist other agency Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Out of control patient. Subject restrained. See summons.

THURSDAY MARCH 24

0232 phone - Noise complaint services rendered Location/address: Olde Derby Rd Caller reports loud music coming from apt. #117. N678, n663 responded but were unable to get hold of caller to get into building. Nothing heard from outside.

0632 phone - Animal complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/address: Driftwood Cir + Cherrywood Dr Caller states he has a raccoon on his chimney and requesting animal control for assistance. NACO responding.

0751 911 - Well being check spoken to Location/address: Buckminster Dr Request check of child due to overheard statements. N665 spoke to caller, parents, child, school principal, and teacher. There was a bug in the tub this morning causing the child to scream.

0809 911 - Fire alarm fire dept notified/response Location/address: Washington St

1021 walk-in - Auto theft Location/address: Endicott St Report ma TL d8381 stolen.

1229 phone - Illegal trash disposal spoken to Location/address: 1a Pizza - Walpole St Trash left in the dumpster by landscape company. N665 spoke to company owner, he will remove same, caller will recall police it this does not happen.

1341 phone - Assist other agency services rendered Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Hospital issues section 12 on patient and is ready to transport him out of town. They would like an officer to stand by while they get him into an ambulance. N669 handle same, escorted into ambulance without incident.

1348 phone - Susp person spoken to Location/address: Regal Press Inc - Guild St Passing off-duty officer reports to n669 of a male whom just came off into lot from walking on the tracks. N669 checked same-not wanted. N669 reports new resident, given some directions and warned about walking on tracks.

1353 phone - Well being check spoken to Location/address: Plymouth Dr Parent requested a well being on her son. Subject has PTSD and they are concerned about him. Officers report the subject is with family and there are no obvious issues and he refused treatment.

1550 phone - Mischief (kids) spoken to Location/address: Norwood Central Station Building - Broadway St Officer Kehoe spoke with a group of teens and removed them from the area.

2040 phone - Complaint of m/v gone on arrival Location/address: Rama Wine & Spirits - Washington St Report of MA dl 949 operating erratically before pulling into the Rama lot.

2053 walk-in - Repossession vehicle towed Location/address: Walpole St Party in the lobby requesting an officer stand by while he performs a vehicle re-possession.

2211 911 - Assist citizen spoken to Location/address: Engamore Lane Resident hung up on state 9-1-1. Upon call back, resident stated he did not wish to speak to police.

FRIDAY MARCH 25

0754 phone - Well being check spoken to Location/address: Winslow Ave + Hoyle St Report that a male hit the stop sign off of its post and continued walking on Winslow towards Walnut, yelling at himself. N663 checks same-not wanted, upset over not being able to get some items back from girlfriend, sent on his way, DPW notified.

0853 walk-in - B & E of motor vehicle Location/address: Beech St Resident in lobby reports his car was broken into since 3/24 2200 hrs.

0933 initiated - Susp person Location/address: Day St N449, conducting an investigation with other town depts. over issues at the home, reports a male left the home after taking some pictures of the investigation. N663 locates Walpole St./ Winter St., i.d.'s same-not wanted, and will file a report. Also see call#:4044 1013 hrs today.

1135 walk-in - Lost and found services rendered Location/address: Hillshire Lane Resident turns in some found ammunition. The "firearms/ Ammunition surrender form" filled out and items submitted to evidence.

1157 phone - Found syringe services rendered Location/address: Cedar St + Savin Ave Officer returns with a syringe found for disposal.

1232 phone - Phone harassment spoken to Location/address: Pellana Rd Resident receiving text messages about a debt that is not hers. Officer contacted the other person and advised him on the civil process if needed.

1412 phone - Mischief (kids) spoken to Location/address: Jefferson Dr + Neponset St Report 2 kids throwing rubber balls at passing cars, almost caused MVA. N661 reports spoke to them, only an errant throw, they will move to the Callahan Fields.

1419 walk-in - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Bornwood Dr Resident gave up a copy of her license to a scam. N667 Reports no loss of money or ss#. Resident will monitor credit and recall police if anything gets compromised.

1440 initiated - Trespassing area search negative Location/address: MBTA Railroad Tracks - Lenox St N661 spots a subject walking on tracks between Norwood Depot and Norwood Central. Units report he reversed direction and is goa. N661 walked tracks, Keolis notified, and did not locate any paraphernalia.

1521 phone - Assist citizen spoken to Location/address: Arnold Rd Report 14yoa, with developmental disability, going outside and mother does not want him to. N667 located him down the street and transported him back home, spoke to mother.

1757 phone - Well being check spoken to Location/address: Chapel St + Walpole St Caller reports male party slumped over on bench. N677 responded. N677 reports male was out for a walk and sat down to rest. The male resumed his walk.

2153 radio - Complaint of mv gone on arrival Location/address: Meadow St + Neponset St Caller reports parking complaint. N665 responded. N665 reports no vehicles were parked illegally.

2159 phone - Disturbance gone on arrival Location/address: Heaton Ave Caller reports someone banging on her sister's door. N669 and n667 responded. Resident reports it was a knock and then the party left. Individual knocking was GOA.

SATURDAY MARCH 26

0130 initiated - Susp vehicle spoken to Location/address: Convenient Food Mart -

Washington St MA pc 6dkx70.

0141 phone - Disturbance Location/address: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Dba Pvg One Llc - Norwood Pk S Units stand by while several individuals are escorted off hotel property.

0144 initiated - Susp vehicle spoken to Location/address: Morse St + Pleasant St MA pc 198xb2.

0342 phone - Susp person gone on arrival Location/address: Village Rd E Caller reports an sp male near his apartment.

0444 initiated - Walk and talk services rendered Location/address: Neponset Valley Gunsmith - Pleasant St N669 spoke with the store owner who was opening early.

0910 phone - Malicious damage Location/address: St Catherine Of Sienna School - Nahatan St Report of vandalism.

1607 phone - Disturbance spoken to Location/address: Burnley Rd Report that the neighbor at threatened to assault him after his dog went to the bathroom on their property. N663 spoke to all parties, matter resolved.

1640 phone - Civil dispute civil matter Location/address: Metro-P.C.S. - Washington St Customer upset that they will not take the phone he bought back as a return due to missing instruction booklet and its condition. N677 spoke to all parties, civil matter.

1646 phone - Report of fight gone on arrival Location/address: Winslow Ave Park - Winslow Ave Report of a group of 8-10 kids, 2 were fighting, then all Ran towards Washington St. Units checked area-go, spoke to some people-they may have been arguing and horsing around.

1734 phone - Susp person spoken to Location/address: Norwood Airport Inc - Access Rd Report 2 w/m's in parking lot, 1 has something in his hands, other is hanging around a hangar, appear to be under the influence of something. N661 checked them and sent them on their way.

1739 phone - Susp vehicle no action required Location/address: West St Report of a minivan, white, 2 males inside same, on the street. While taking information, caller states they are buying an e-bay item from neighbor, all set.

2123 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Ellis Playground Parking Lot - Codman Rd Report of a car parked in lot. Subject going along wood line with a flashlight. N661 reports a group of kids hanging out were checked and sent on their way.

2202 phone - Noise complaint no action required Location/address: Cedar St Report loud music outside, 2nd house in on left.

2203 hrs- caller states it was turned off.

SUNDAY MARCH 27

0645 phone - Susp vehicle State Dpw/ Norwood Dpw Location/address: Junior High North - Savage Center - Prospect St Caller reported some sort of cart or vehicle in pathway. Officer reported abandoned child toy in path. DPW to remove.

0843 phone - Well being check services rendered Location/address: Neponset St Caller requests a well being check of his 18 y/o daughter. party was spoken to and all is well.

1321 phone - Larceny Location/address: Endicott St Caller reports several items missing from his garage.

1644 phone - Larceny Location/address: Jefferson Dr Resident reports a past larceny that may have occurred during a party.

1659 911 - Susp activity Location/address: Plymouth Dr Report of a male party with a bent coat hanger in the parking lot. N677 reports no one matching that description on scene. MA pc 898zg6 left at a high rate of speed upon their arrival towards Route One. BOLO broadcast to the cars and surrounding towns.

1819 phone - Susp person Location/address: Willow St + Bornwood Dr Report of suspicious male party looking at houses. Officers spoke to that party, he is visiting a relative in the area and checked ok.

1916 walk-in - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: No Name Enterprises Inc - Broadway St party in the lobby reports a black sedan with a group of kids is driving in circles on private property. N669 reports that juvenile is the son of the owner and is learning how to drive.

1948 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Convenient Food Mart - Washington St Report of two suspicious parties loitering in the parking lot. N663 reports those parties were only talking and sent on their way.

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Legals

Section A - Advertisement
Request for Proposals
Town of Norwood

Sealed proposals shall be received up to 11:00 A.M. (Verizon time), April 20, 2016, in the Purchasing Department, Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 for the following service:

“Provide Operation and Management for the Norwood Public School Food Service Program”

A copy of the Request for Proposals may be obtained from the Purchasing Department, 566 Washington Street, Third Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 (781) 762-1240, Extension 106 or 107 or electronically by registering at <https://bids.norwoodma.gov>.

The proposal must be filled out and signed as directed therein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed as follows: “Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062, endorsed with the name and address of the offerer, and marked “Food Service Program – NSD-16-04”. The proposer shall submit an original and five (5) copies of the sealed proposal as well as an original and five (5) copies of the pricing pages. **THE PRICING PAGES SHALL BE SEALED IN A SEPARATE ENVELOPE AND MARKED “PRICING PAGES – Food Service Program – NSD-16-04.”** This contract is a one-year contract with two (2) one-year options to renew the contract at Year #1 pricing at the Town’s sole discretion.

A certified check or bid bond, with acceptable surety in favor of the Town of Norwood and equal to at least five percent (5%) of the bid, must be submitted with the bid. The surety company must be licensed to do business in Massachusetts.

A performance bond in the amount of \$250,000 shall be submitted within ten (10) calendar days of the award of the contract. The performance bond shall be issued by a surety company which is licensed to do business in Massachusetts.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at 10:00 AM in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062.

Proposals shall be prepared, considered, and the contract awarded in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 30B. Every proposal shall be on forms furnished by the Town of Norwood. Proposals submitted on other forms may be rejected. The award of the contract shall be made within 30 working days after the opening of proposals, Saturdays and Sundays excluded.

The Town of Norwood shall have the right to reject any and all proposals or parts thereof, or items therein, and to waive any defect of irregularities as to form, therein in accordance with MGL.

The Town of Norwood notifies all participants that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex or national origin or handicapped status in consideration for an award.

BY: John J. Carroll
General Manager

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January citizens of the month

Grade 8: Pooja Kunaparaju, Aidan Prior, Tara O'Brien, Kaileigh Lennon

Grade 7: Brendan Gillis, James Mourad, Kaylee Hansen

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Grateful thanks. —L.M.P.

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TOWN OF NORWOOD
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Permanent Building Construction Committee (PBCC), the Awarding Authority for the Town of Norwood, invites sealed bids for the Construction of the New Hawes Brook Pool Bathhouse, Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062 in accordance with Contract Documents prepared by Stephen Kelleher Architects, 57 Alden Road, Fairhaven, MA 02179.

Bidding procedures shall be in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 149, Section 44a through 44j, inclusive, and Chapter 30, Section 39M, as amended.

The work includes the demolition of the existing bathhouse and the construction of a new bathhouse. All work must be performed in accordance with the documents prepared by Stephen Kelleher Architects.

Sub-bids for the following sections shall be filed with the Awarding Authority and be received at the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 until 11:00 AM (Verizon Time) Tuesday, April 19, 2016:

Filed sub-bids will be required and taken for the following classes of work:

Mason, Roofing, Painting, Plumbing, and Electrical

The envelope containing the filed sub-bids shall list the section number and the name of the sub-bid category. Sub-bids will be publicly opened and read forthwith.

General Bidder proposals will be required DCAM certified as general construction.

Sealed bids for the General Bids will be received until 11:00 AM (Verizon Time) Monday, May 2, 2016, at the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062.

The estimated construction cost is \$1,000,000. General Bidders shall be General Contractors experienced in general building and renovation work.

A package including Contract Drawings and related Project Manual may be obtained at the Purchasing Department at the above address daily from Monday to Friday between 8:15 AM and 4:00 PM. Plans and specifications will be available after 2:00 PM, Wednesday, March 29, 2016. A refundable deposit (check only) of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) made out to the Town of Norwood shall be required for one (1) set of hard copy documents. No partial sets will be issued. Said plan deposit will be refunded ONLY upon receipt of drawings, specifications and addenda issued (if any) in good condition to the Purchasing Department within thirty (30) calendar days after the opening of the general bids. There will be a non-refundable \$25.00 mailing fee (check only). Bid specifications can also be obtained at no cost by registering and downloading the documents from the following site: <https://bids.norwoodma.gov>.

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this project, the Bidder, both General Bidders and Sub-bidders, shall not be currently disqualified from participating in public construction projects and shall submit with their bid:

- A. The required current Certificate of Eligibility issued by DCAM and an update statement (Form CQ3) summarizing the contractor's record for the period between the latest DCAM certifications and the date the contractor submits its bid;
- B. If a corporation, the required Certificate as to Corporate Bidder
- C. Signed list of alternative items and/or products construed by the bidder to be comparable with respect to quality, form, fit and function as those specified in the technical sections of the specifications;
- D. Cash, a certified check, or a treasurer's or cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, or a bid bond signed and sealed by both the bonding company and the bidder's firm, in the amount of Five Per Cent (5%) of the value of the bid, made payable to the Town of Norwood, Massachusetts. No surety company will be considered satisfactory to the Awarding Authority unless it is licensed by the Commissioner of Insurance to write surety bonds in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Sealed proposals shall be submitted on the form furnished by the PBCC and clearly identified as a bid, endorsed with the name and address of the Bidder, whether the bid is a general bid or a filed sub-bid and the sub-trade category, the Contract #PBC-16-02, and the name of the project, and submitted to the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, Massachusetts 02062 and received no later than the times set forth when they will forthwith be publicly opened and read aloud at this location.

There will be a pre-bid conference at the Norwood Town Hall, Room 24, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA at 11:00 AM (Verizon Time) on Wednesday, April 6, 2016. A site visit of the bathhouse location will follow immediately after the pre-bid conference.

The successful bidder shall, within five (5) business days of the notification of award, provide a Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Bond or Payment Bond by a company authorized to do business in Massachusetts and satisfactory to the Awarding authority, each in the amount of 100% of the Contract price. Failure to provide these bonds within the time specified will constitute grounds for forfeiture of the bid bond or bid security.

Attention is called to the fact that minimum wage rates are established for the project. The attention of all bidders is directed to the General Laws, Chapter 149, as amended which will govern the terms of the Contract and which must be complied with.

The Town of Norwood is exempt from sales tax, for which reason bidders should not include sales tax in figuring or in reference to any bid. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of thirty days, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded, after the date set for the opening of the General Bids.

The Awarding Authority reserves the right and authority to reject any and all bids, or any part thereof, and/or to waive any informalities in the bidding if it is deemed by the Awarding Authority to be in the public interest to do so. Pursuant to such right and authority, the Awarding Authority may, for example, reject the bid of any Bidder which has exhibited a pattern or tendency of failing to complete projects in a timely manner or to comply with applicable laws

such as Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, 29U.S.C. Section 651 et.seq., and the Massachusetts Prevailing Rate Law, MGL C. 149, Sections 26H-27H, or whose bid is inaccurate or incomplete in any way.

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 the 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 removal.

The Awarding Authority may also require any or all bidders to attend a post bid interview with the Authority's representative(s) on a date and at a time and location to be determined by the Authority.

The Town of Norwood is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages participation from certified minority and women-owned businesses. All work under the contract will be subject to and comply with the Equal Employment requirements contained in the contract documents. Contractors shall take Affirmative Action to negotiate with qualified minority and women-owned subcontractors. Contractors shall take Affirmative Action to negotiate with qualified Minority and/or Women-owned subcontractors if sub contracts are used.

Prospective bidders may review aplanholders' list at the Norwood Purchasing Department website: www.norwoodma.gov.

Questions concerning the bid may be addressed in writing to Catherine Carney, Contract Administrator, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062, via email at ccarney@norwoodma.gov, by fax at (781) 278-3015, or by phone at (781) 762-1240, x107.

By: Edward McKenna, Chairman
Norwood Permanent Building
Construction Committee

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