



On Monday, April 7, Norwood will hold its annual election. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

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## Like the sign says...VOTE!

**Joe DiFazio**  
Staff Reporter

On Monday, April 7, Norwood will hold its annual election. Despite a majority of candidates running unopposed, there are some important contested races. Town officials hope to beat last year's paltry poll numbers.

"Who you vote for isn't as important as the fact that you vote," said Selectman Paul Bishop at a Candidate's Forum, hosted by the Norwood League of Women's Voters on Monday.

In 2013, only around six percent of registered voters made it to the polls, and only the race for Constable was contested.

This year, Bishop is in a three-way contest for two Selectman positions with incumbent Allan Howard and first-time candidate Kevin Pentowski. Selectmen serve three-year terms.

The other contested races are for Town Meeting Member positions. Two of the nine districts have more people running than

seats. In District One, 11 people are running for ten seats and in District Seven, 16 people are running for nine seats.

There is also one non-binding ballot question for the election, asking "Should the Norwood School Committee rename on the School Calendar the vacation break surrounding December 25 as the 'Christmas Recess'?" This ballot question stemmed from an earlier debate about the School System's calendar, so the Board of Selectmen voted to have the question on the ballot.

The voting place for Districts One and Two is the Oldham School, for Districts Three and Five is the Civic Center, for District Four is the Cleveland School, for Districts Six and Seven is the Balch School, for District 8 is the Callahan School and for District 9 is the Prescott School. Registered voters may cast their ballots starting at 7 a.m., and the polls close at 8 p.m.

Even if a candidate is run-

ning for a position on the ballot unopposed, a voter may still write in a candidate choice. The following offices will also be on the ballot: Town Moderator for one year; Member of the Board of Health for three years; two members of the School Committee for three years; two trustees of the Morrill Memorial Library for three years; one member of the Planning Board for five years; one member of the Housing Authority for five years; one member of the Housing Authority for four years to fill a vacancy, and one Constable for three years.

In addition to the offices on the ballot, town meeting members will also be elected. All districts have ten openings elected for three years except for District Six, which has eight, and District Seven, which has nine. District Five also has a one-year member position open to fill a vacancy.

## School Committee closes in on a balanced budget

More aid, teacher cuts helping cause

**Joe DiFazio**  
Staff Reporter

Norwood has shown its concern over the school budget shortfall recently, and with some cooperation from Town Hall and more positions eliminated, the schools are closer to having a balanced budget.

"We're all just very very concerned ... [there are] so many things to be worried about," said Colleen Reynolds, a Town Meeting member and Norwood teacher pledging her support. "I really don't think you should be making cuts ... stand strong with your budgets."

With cuts made to buses for grade seven through 12 and fees raised for athletics and band, many parents and residents have expressed anxieties. Superintendent James Hayden stated that a 28 percent increase in the cost of spending for special education students out of the Norwood School District was a chief reason for the budget shortfall.

"It concerns me that the signs going up are about Christmas vacation instead of our children's education," said Darrin Reynolds, referencing the upcoming non-bidding ballot question asking Norwood what winter break should be called.

The School Committee, however, balanced the budget Thursday night with additional cuts and expanding budgeted anticipated revenue. Superintendent Hayden said that in meetings with Town Accountant Robert Thornton and Town Manager John Carroll there have been some adjustments made that should save the school from having to make deeper cuts to their budget.

"Some of the things we were considering were drastic," said Hayden of the \$1.1 million that needed to be cut from the schools' proposed budgets.

According to Hayden, in his meeting with Thornton and Carroll it was decided to adjust the budget line item for anticipated state aid up \$300,000 because of positive recent projections from the state. In addition to that sum, Hayden said that Thornton found in his sixth pass of the town-wide budget an additional \$205,736 increase from town receipts that, it was proposed, go entirely to the schools.

The meeting also produced some possible warrants for the May Special Town Meeting (STM) that could add to the school budget. One warrant would assign to the schools \$162,223 in

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# OP-ED on Question 1

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE CHRISTMAS RECESS

**Q.** Why even raise this question when there are so many more important things to talk about?

**A.** Because this question gets to the root of many of the problems that plague our society today. Do we want to live under those who think that every decision should be based on what each person thinks is right or wrong, or should we follow the universal moral code upon which our country was founded? A code that comes from the Person whose birth we celebrate at Christmas? Removing Christ from Christmas, and Christmas from our school calendars, is to remove from our society one of its fundamental underpinnings. In his Farewell Address in 1796, President George Washington said that "of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports."

**Q.** But things have changed since the time of George Washington.

**A.** Yes, some things have changed, and not for the better. We have gotten away from the fundamental principle stated in the Declaration of Independence that the people of this country "are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Lib-

erty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." We get these rights from God and not from government. If the Founders of this nation correctly recognized the vital role of God in our affairs, does it make sense today to remove the influence of God in our lives and replace Him with Old Man Winter?

**Q.** But aren't we just arguing over words?

**A.** But words matter. When a couple getting married says, "I do," those words matter. When a person in court swears to tell the truth, the words matter. When an important word like "Christmas" is dumbed down to "winter," that matters. Just as it would matter if Thanksgiving were dumbed down to "Fall Recess," thus eliminating still another acknowledgment of the importance of God in our lives. Imagine the uproar if the School Committee were to change Martin Luther King Day to "Third Monday in January Day." That would be downgrading the positive influence of Dr. King, a Christian pastor, by the way, on American history, just as "Winter Recess" downgrades the positive influence of Jesus Christ, the Founder of Christianity, not only on American history but on human history.

**Q.** But doesn't use of Christmas Recess violate the principle of "separation of church and state"?

**A.** Contrary to popular belief, that phrase doesn't appear anywhere in the Constitution. It comes from a letter written in 1802 by President Thomas Jefferson to the Danbury (CT) Baptist Association. The church had written to the President expressing its concern that its religious liberty was threatened by

the Federalist-Congregationalist establishment in Connecticut. Jefferson replied by expressing his "sovereign reverence" for the First Amendment to the Constitution and saying that Congress should "'make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,' thus building a wall of separation between church and state."

**Q.** So was President Jefferson arguing against the influence of religion in public life?

**A.** No. While he believed that the Federal Government should not impose itself on church or religion, he also believed that church and religion should be able to exercise the freedom to speak out on religious and moral issues. That his "wall" did not forbid a relationship between church and state is indicated by Jefferson's endorsement of the use of federal funds to build churches and to support Christian missionaries working among the Indians. It was Justice Hugo Black who introduced the false meaning of Jefferson's words in a 1947 Supreme Court decision. This misuse of Jefferson's metaphor is still being promoted today to keep all religious influence and ideas out of public life. This would have alarmed not only Jefferson but George Washington as well.

**Q.** Can you give some examples of the influence of God in our public life?

**A.** The next time you visit Washington, D.C., notice how many times God is mentioned on the various monuments and buildings in the city. At the top of the Washington Monument,

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# Norwood raises concerns about recent drug arrests

Joe DiFazio  
Staff Reporter

Chief of Police William Brooks talked about drugs and investigations to a worried Board of Selectmen on Tuesday night.

"The most glaring [information] is the drug arrests. In 12 days we had eight defendants," said Brooks during his monthly report to the Board.

In the middle of March, the Norwood Police made several drug arrests, including a man charged with dealing heroin, among other drugs, and unlawful possession of a loaded handgun after a search warrant was executed at his residence on Dean Street. Furthermore, a young man and woman were found with two pounds of marijuana in their car. The discovery of the two pounds of marijuana led to an execution of a search warrant at their house near the Coakley Middle School, in which an alleged marijuana growing operation was found. Another Norwood man was arrested for allegedly dealing cocaine, where a warrant to search his house was ex-

ecuted. Cocaine, distribution materials and cash were found and seized. There were also several other arrests involving marijuana dealing and possession of drugs like crack cocaine, heroin and prescription pills.

"[It's an] anomaly, unusual spike," said Brooks who explained that though the spurt of activity seems like a trend, it is just coincidental.

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Bill Plasko said that he approves of the job the police are doing, but is getting some push back from concerned constituents about the publicity of the cases. Plasko said that residents are starting to feel like the drug situation might be a trend.

"Drug activity is hard to quantify," said Brooks.

Brooks stated that drug activity isn't as data driven as other crimes, such as break-ins, which you can be counted. He added that people don't report drug activity in the same way car break-ins or robberies are reported. Brooks said that part of the reason the police publicizes certain ar-

rests and successes are to let the town know what's occurring and what the police are doing.

"We try to disrupt that activity ... keep up post-arrest pressure," said Brooks.

Brooks said that he thinks the police are being effective and that they don't stop when the arrest happens, but follow up with landlords and families of users to make sure that the chain is broken. He stated that cases are often made because of thorough investigation, and that some times they just happen to break at the same time. Brooks said that it is a team effort and he thanks his detectives and patrol officers.

"Norwood is a great town ...it's safe," said Brooks.

Selectman Allan Howard thanks the Chief for his work, saying that the Chief is keeping dealers out of Norwood. Selectwoman Helen Abdullah Donohue agreed with Howard. She pointed to the

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for example, are the words "Laus Deo," which means "Praise God." Even the Supreme Court, which has done so much to remove God from our lives, opens its sessions with the prayer, "God save the United States and this honorable court."

Q. But isn't the phrase "Christmas Recess" divisive and hurtful to those who don't believe in Christmas?

A. Divisive is a loaded word for what amounts in this case to a disagreement. People disagree about a lot of things these days, but that doesn't mean that one side should shut up and go away. Aren't we suppose to air our ideas in public in an effort to persuade others to support those

ideas? That isn't being divisive; that's exercising our right of free speech. As for being hurtful to those who don't believe in Christmas, we are not saying that they have to go to church on December 25th or put up a manger scene in their homes. We just want to continue the tradition in Norwood of acknowledging publicly the birth of a Person whose life has been celebrated all over the world for 2,000 years and whose teachings have influenced for the better the lives of more than a billion people.

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police presence and diligence of the Police Chief as to the reason why South Norwood has improved.

South Norwood has improved immensely," said Donohue.

Brooks also highlighted the promotion of Sergeant Christopher Flanagan. The

officer served in the military and also trained new officers. Brooks said that the Norwood Police was proud to have him. The Selectmen asked that he

be brought to a meeting in the future so that they could meet him.

In other agenda, Selectman Paul Bishop said that he and Plasko should meet again with Christopher Donovan of Boston Executive Helicopter and Chairman of the Norwood Airport Commission regarding the lease of a piece of land at the airport. Donovan submitted several correspondences he had with the Airport Commission and the Selectmen. Bishop suggested appointing three more people to the Commission in order to change the complexion of the group and hopefully help resolve some of the issues. The Board unanimously approved the appointments of Hylie Hutchens, Paul Shaughnessy Jr. and Oulton Hues Jr. to the Airport Commission.

The Board also accepted the resignation of Edward McKenna from the Downtown Steering Committee, which he has been a part of since 1998. They thanked

him for his service on the board. Howard asked the Board to approve resident Brian Hardiman to replace McKenna, which they did unanimously.

Plasko, in his personal agenda, officially offered the position of Town Treasurer to resident Robert Marsh. Plasko said that he was happy to offer the important position to Marsh, and remarked that the process to fill the key vacancy was swift and well handled by those involved.

The meeting concluded with the Selectman urging the town to get out and vote on Election Day Monday and offering condolences to the families of Lt. Edward Walsh and firefighter Michael Kennedy. The two men were Boston firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty, fighting a fire on Beacon Street in Boston.

"Firefighters are a special group of people who put themselves in harm's way ... we are very proud of our own," said Bishop.



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# OPINION

## A Yes to Howard, Bishop and Question 1

The day to vote is this coming MONDAY, not Tuesday as many mistakenly think. There is a contested Selectmen's race as well as a non-binding question concerning the school's calendar that everyone should have an opinion of, so please take the time and make a difference.

Of course, The Norwood Record is always available to help you choose in the ballot box. There are three individuals running for two available seats on the Board of Selectmen: two incumbents, Allan Howard and Paul Bishop, and one newcomer, Kevin Pentowski. Pentowski is owed a debt of thanks for getting involved and making the Selectmen's race contested, but his resume of work falls

shy of garnering our endorsement. Toward that end, The Norwood Record endorses both Allan Howard and Paul Bishop for a second term on the Board of Selectmen.

As many know, Pentowski has been an active voice in opposition to the Plimpton and Regal Press proposals for multiple unit housing in his Plimpton Ave. neighborhood, and the actions of he and his neighbors has made a difference in the size and scope of both locations. However, other than this, Pentowski's town resume is pretty thin and we think he needs to demonstrate a more well rounded one before securing a Selectman's seat. Volunteering on a committee or two and becoming an active member

of Town Meeting would be a good start. He commented that, "My greatest asset for being a Selectman is that I was born and raised in this town." We think it takes a bit more than just that to qualify for such an important position.

There is also one non-binding ballot question asking, "Should the Norwood School Committee rename on the School Calendar the vacation break surrounding December 25 as the 'Christmas Recess'? And the answer is

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# Old vault in DPW way

**Chuck Corley**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Permanent Building Construction Committee met on March 27 with Compass Project Management representatives Bryan Jarvis and Jeff Alberti to discuss the state of the new Department of Public Works (DPW) facility at Lyman Place.

One issue with the project was the discovery of a buried vault that blocks off part of the originally-planned pipe construction to the facility. While the pipe could be run through the concrete structure, Jarvis said that it may be better to go around the vault, which would entail the construction of additional manholes. The vault, part of an old tannery, also poses environmental concerns and was a factor in the DPW project's budget.

Due to the impact that construction will have on the surrounding area, Jarvis informed the committee that a neighborhood meeting was planned to discuss how the work will affect the area around Lyman Place, Lenox Street, and Winter Street. Project meetings will also take place on Fridays at 9

a.m. at Town Hall starting April 4. Residents can raise questions and concerns with the developer for the project, Colantonio General Contractors. Part of the area around the facility will be closed off to any vehicular traffic, with the exception of emergency vehicles. Five gates will be placed around the construction site to limit access. However, six parking spaces will remain open for the Civic Center during construction.

To accommodate the contractors, Jarvis noted that parking will be available to them on Cottage Street, and that spots may be specifically marked for the workers throughout the project.

Jarvis explained that the work would also impact two nearby banks, with construction potentially affecting the sewer line by Dedham Savings Bank, and Santander's electrical lines. However, the plans for the surrounding area are not yet finalized. Once they are, Jarvis told the committee that representatives would meet with the banks to discuss the scope of the work with regard to their businesses.

According to Jarvis, temporary power to the site was

planned for March 28, with Norwood Light intending to provide permanent power for the work in the future.

During the meeting, the committee also unanimously approved the encumbrance of \$14,902,281 that will go toward the DPW facility's construction. They also approved paying the invoices for a number of containers in use for the project along Winter Street and Lenox Street.

PBCC member Ted Callahan called attention to his architectural registration, and requested that the committee approve the \$476 payment required for it to remain current. According to member Francis Hopcraft, there were some issues with this matter in the past, and he requested that the committee only vote on it when more members were in attendance. As such, the item was tabled until a later date.

The committee also discussed whether a mobile phone was required for Callahan. While all attending members questioned the need, they decided to maintain the phone for now and see how much it was used in the coming months. They unanimously approved paying the \$769 phone bill.

# Busing is back...maybe

**New committee proposed to help on school budgets**

**Joe DiFazio**  
Staff Reporter

Norwood is betting on state relief to add busing for grades seven through 12 back into the budget for fiscal year (FY) 2015.

"This is our problem, the first priority is to [get students to school] safely," said Selectman Paul Bishop about not wanting to solve budget problems on the backs of school children. "We're putting them in harm's way [without busing]. We live in a different time."

The Budget Balancing Committee (BBC) decided to budget for \$1.4 million in special education Circuit Breaker reimbursements from the state for the school system's budget. This is a \$500,000 increase from initial conservative projections and is contingent upon the school system closing a gap of just over \$300,000 for the current fiscal year. The adjustment is based on positive news heard from the state house and a more liberal projection.

Superintendent of Norwood

Public School James Hayden plans on closing the current gap with spending freezes and extraordinary relief from the state for the cost of nine unanticipated special education students who had to be sent out of district.

"If we end up with a deficit, FY' 14 is going to be in trouble," said Hayden.

The BBC signed a "tri-partite" memorandum of understanding that would back the additional money they have budgeted for the schools, should it not come in from the state.

"The Finance Commission promises to back the leap of faith," said Thomas Maloney, Chairman of the Finance Commission (Fin Com). The Fin Com would have to propose a warrant for Town Meeting to appropriate the money if the state's aid falls short of the new projections.

The additional \$500,000 is split into \$300,000 for other expenses in the school's budget and \$200,000 for busing for grades seven through 12. The

**Budget**

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yes, at least in our opinion.

Our School Committee, in their infinite wisdom, decided to try and be all things to all people by eliminating the reference to Christmas in the schools' calendars, and on the surface one may wonder, what's the harm? For a detailed analysis of this question, please see Page 2 for a wonderfully written op-ed piece written by resident Jim Drummy.

Our two cents version of why Christmas should remain referenced in the calendar is that the School Committee provided a solution in search of a problem. Severing history and tradition as cavalierly as they did was an act of ugly conformity instigated by nothing more than a desire to be politically correct. Well, we think political correctness has run amok and is tearing at the fabric of our society. If you're

tired of feeling guilty about wishing someone a Merry Christmas, vote Yes on Question 1.

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*In Thanksgiving, B.D.*

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# Write-in campaign for Constable

**Joe DiFazio**  
Staff Reporter

Brian Graziano is running for an open Constable position that no one pulled papers to run for.

"Why [I'm running] is because it's something I've always done and enjoyed. I used to do it for the town of Braintree. We moved to Norwood and I pursued it last

year through the election and lost," said Graziano. "I believe that change is good. I will bring fresh perspective to the job and I have the experience."

Last year, Graziano lost to incumbent James Perry almost 71 percent to just about 29 percent. Gerard Shea left the position wide open when he decided not to run again. Graziano is hoping his write-

in campaign will win the position.

"I have six years experience as a constable for the town of Braintree and have been recently appointed again this year, but I'm holding off until after the election," said Graziano. "My experience has enabled me to embrace growth by constantly evaluating new and better ways to meet the needs of a changing community."

Graziano says that one of the challenges a constable faces is walking into a situation where the person being served papers isn't well known by the constable. The person's attitude and temperament may be hostile, but Graziano said the typical situation a Constable finds himself in is uneventful. He says that his knowledge and study of civil law help him on the job.

The Constable of the Town of Norwood is an elected, 3-year, bonded office. The office is vested with a broad range of statutory power. It serves all civil rights processes and subpoenas such as evictions, small claims, capias arrests and bail bonds.

"Who knows what will happen. From what I've heard I have a pretty good chance, and I really hope I win, but you never can tell," said Graziano.

# Food pantry walks to fight hunger

**Joe DiFazio**  
Staff Reporter

The Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood is gearing up to fight hunger with their Walk for Hunger team.

"It's a nice time, it's a lot of people ... the weather is usually nice," said Nick Campagna, who is the captain of the Norwood Food Pantry's team. He also serves on the Food Pantry's board of directors and is a former president of the group.

Walk for Hunger is a pledge walk that began in 1969 and is hosted by the anti-hunger organization, Project Bread. The Norwood food pantry gets a grant every year from Project Bread, which, according to Campagna, serves over 400 emergency food programs in Massachusetts.

"We organized the team to try and give back some or all that Project Bread has given to the food pantry. So our goal was to raise at least as much money as the grant was from Project Bread," said Campagna. "Now we're trying to exceed that goal."

Campagna said the food pantry's team started out with about five people five years ago and that last year the group was up to 10 people. He has been captain for all five years, but has participated in the walk for many more. So far this year the

team has raised over \$1,000, but last year they raised over \$8,000.

"April is generally when the greatest amount of donations come in. Donating online is becoming more and more popular," said Campagna.

The 20-mile walk begins on the Boston Common, and winds through Boston, Brookline, Newton, Watertown, and Cambridge. It takes place on May 4 this year, and the walk is Project Bread's primary funding source. Campagna said that people don't have to walk the full 20 miles and don't have to walk together, stressing it's not a race.

"Last year numbers were way down because of the Boston Marathon bombings. Only 30,000 people walked as opposed to 43,000 that walked [in 2012]," said Campagna. "Donations were down half a million dollars last year."

Despite last year's dip in turnout, the crowd has continuously impressed Wayne Zafft, another former food pantry president. Zafft has participated in the walk for 30 years.

"[It] always surprises me the number of people that show up and they will show up in good weather or bad," said Zafft. "It's always a committed group, it's a lot of fun ... it's always a good time."

**Walk For Hunger**  
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# Students recognized for their art

**Joe DiFazio**  
Staff Reporter

Chelsey Gundlach, a senior at Norwood High School, can spend three weeks to a month on each of her portraits of friends and family. Her work has paid off because she is now among a prestigious few top young artists in the state.

"Winning the gold key for my portfolio was a shocker ... to be recognized for all eight of them was really cool. It's just a really proud moment," said Gundlach.

Gundlach won a gold key from 2014 Boston Globe Scholastic Art & Writing Awards for her whole portfolio, for one of her portraits and also garnered two honorable mentions. Students can receive gold keys, the highest honor, silver keys, and

honorable mentions.

Gundlach became interested in art in sixth grade and has been taking art since. She has been in Advanced Placement class for the last two years. Her portraits are made using a time-consuming technique called stippling. When an artist stipples they make a larger image through the use of very small dots. She started stippling when she was given a drawing assignment to use the techniques as a freshman. Gundlach says she enjoyed the assignment a lot and that it came out very well. The assignment eventually won her a gold key that year. She also received an additional gold key and honorable mention as a freshman. Gundlach will be studying wildlife ecology next year at the University of Maine, but plans to minor in art.

This year the Norwood school system produced 24 awards for 18 artists.

"We've been doing better year after year," says Laurie Mead McGrory, Visual Arts Department Chair for grades six through 12.

This year seven awards were given to students from the Coakley Middle School in addition to the 17 for high school students.

"Gold keys at the middle school are huge. You only have one every few years," said McGrory.

This year's other high school winners are Devin Bartlett with two honorable mentions, and a gold and silver key; Jeanette Belle-isle with a silver key, Sara Harder with a silver key; Nickole Klarou with a gold key; Chloe Lundin, Victoria



Scholastic Art Award winners Devin Bartlett (left) with her silver key drawing and Chelsey Gundlach with one of her portraits.

COURTESY PHOTO

French, Kyree Gates, Melanie Noah, Michael Scavotto, Kristen Short and Iona Stoica each with honorable mentions.

This year's middle school winners were Surya Adeleye with a gold key; Celia

Hazerjian with a silver key; Rachael McCracken with an honorable mention; Craig Riley with a silver key; Erin Ryan with a silver key and an honorable mention; and Jada Vinson with a silver key.

## Walk For Hunger

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The Norwood Food Pantry, located at the rear entrance of Grace Episcopal Church, started in 1989 and will have its 25th anniversary in May. It is supported by several of Norwood and Westwood's churches and synagogues and is affiliated with the Greater Boston Food Bank.

"[The food pantry] will provide emergency food for anyone in need," said Campagna.

To join the food pantry's team or to donate call Campagna at 781-762-6866 or visit <http://support.projectbread.org/goto/norwoodfoodpantry>. Campagna said that people can join the food pantry's team up until May 3, but the sooner the better and there is no minimum for money raised in order to join the team.

Those looking to make a food donation to the pantry may do so by dropping food items off at the pantry Thursday mornings between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. or Saturday mornings between 7:30 and 11:00 a.m. In addition, drop-off boxes are located in various Norwood businesses and organizations including Hannaford's, Shaw's, Stop & Shop and Morrill Memorial Library.

### AFTERNOON DANCE:

This month's dance with John Rampino will be held on Friday, April 11 at 1:00 p.m. Cost is just \$5.00.

**ALTERATIONS AND MENDING:** Bring your alterations to the Senior Center on the first Monday of each month between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Please attach your name and telephone number to each garment.

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

**BINGO:** Every Wednesday, from 12:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$5.00 to get started. We have begun a new game, for \$1.00 with a

## Budget continued from page 6

School Committee still needs to cut around \$50,000 from their budget to be able to pay for the busing that will be added back in.

"These are band-aids," said Town Clerk and Accountant, Robert Thornton.

The BBC voted unanimously to sign the memorandum. Thornton then steered the Committee towards a plan he developed to avoid similar budget struggles in the future. Thornton said that school budget was fragilely balanced with aggressive state aid assumptions, difficult staffing changes and unpopular rises in sports and fine art participation fees.

"[The schools] have already made cuts ... we're only getting [balanced] on a hope and a prayer," agreed Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Bill Plasko.

Thornton's plan would be to use the BBC as a launching board to have an independent study done of the School Department finances and perhaps create a committee of 21 by expanding the BBC. This new committee of 21 would commission the study, analyze it and eventually making recommendations on implementing it.

"The common thread is that everybody cares ... the problem is that we have a balanced budget for next year [but] ... it always

gets very difficult at the end," said Thornton. "It seems like the band-aids are getting bigger... we can't keep doing business like this in my opinion."

Thornton also said that improving the school system would improve home values in the town, and that all of Norwood should be invested whether they have children or not. Maloney agreed, saying that despite the quality of the school system, the perception isn't great. Both men worried that people may start to leave town or avoid moving to Norwood because of that perception. The BBC voted unanimously to work on Thornton's concept.

## SENIOR NEWS

winner take all prize! You must be here by 12:45 p.m. to play the new game!

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC:** Hellenic Health Care will be available for blood pressure screening on the first Wednesday of each month. Ellis Nursing Home will offer blood pressure screening on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The Walpole VNA will provide blood pressure screening on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

**BOOK CLUB:** Our Book Club will be meeting on April 14 at 10:00 a.m.

**BRIDGE:** Our Bridge Club meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. in the Library. The

Tuesday group has room for new players if you'd like to join them.

**COMPUTER CLUB:** The Computer Club meets each Wednesday at 1:00 pm. in the library/computer room. Computer users at all levels are invited to attend.

**COUNCIL ON AGING:** Our next COA Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 3rd at 1:00 pm.

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

**DIABETES WORKSHOP:** Will be held on Thursday, April 24.

**EXCEL CLASSES:** Will resume April 16th. Classes from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. \$2.00 per class. Sign up at front desk.

**FOOT DOCTOR:** Dr. Cormier is scheduled for Tuesday, April 1st and 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Cost is \$25.00. Please call for appointment.

**GLEE CLUB:** Glee Club meets every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m.

**HISTORY TALK:** Class is April 17. The topic will be "Bill Of Rights, Freedom of Religion & Assembly Absolute."

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

**NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB:** The Board of Directors meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. The Club Membership

meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks Lodge, at 10:00 a.m.

**OIL PAINTING:** Oil Painting class is offered Thursday, April 24 at 9:30 a.m.

**PROPOPE:** Will resume on the third Wednesday of each month. This month it will be held on April 16th at 1:00 p.m.

**SCRABBLE:** Thursday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. Come and join us for a game.

**SHINE:** Our SHINE Counselor, Carol, is here to help you with your medical insurance needs on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please call 781-762-1201 for an appointment.

**SQUARE DANCE:** Please join our Square Dance Class every Tuesday at 9:00a.m.

**TRIAD:** Please join us on Monday, April 28. Our speaker will be from The Social Security Office.

**WATER COLOR:** The next session is scheduled for Thursday, April 10 at 9:00 a.m. Payment of \$20.00 must be made at time of signup.

**WAXING:** Next waxing session will be held on Monday, May 26. Please sign up at the front desk.

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

**WHIST PARTY:** Whist parties will be held on the 4th Friday of each month 1:00 to 3:00

p.m.

### TRIPS:

April 15: Debbie Rey, Mohegan Sun Casino, Transportation, Lunch, Show \$74.00 per person, Arrival Time 9:00 a.m.

May 20: North Shore Acappella, Luciano's Lake Pearl, drive on your own, Lunch, Show \$55.00 per person. Arrival Time 11:30 a.m.

June 12: The Temptations, Venus De Milo, Swansea, Transportation, Lunch, Show \$74.00 per person. Arrival Time 11:30 a.m.

### Mini-Bus Trips

Tuesday, April 01: Wal-Mart, Tuesday, April 08: South Shore Plaza, Tuesday, April 15: Lincoln Park, Tuesday, April 22: Patriot Place, Tuesday, April 29: No Trip Scheduled.

### APRIL EVENTS

COA Board Meeting, Thursday, April 3 at 1:00 p.m.

Hearing Solutions, April 4, at 1:30 p.m. "Presentation & Random Hearing Tests."

Norwood Podiatry, Monday, April 7, at 1:00 p.m. "Presentation on Falls Prevention."

New York Life, Thursday, April 17, 1:00 p.m. "Protecting your Nest Egg."

TRIAD Meeting, Monday, April 28, 1:00 p.m.

Kristen Alberino, Public Affairs Specialist at 1:00 p.m.

Ron Goldman, Entertainer, Friday, April 25 at 1:30, cost \$5.00, Saxophone, Trombone, Piano.

### Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail!)

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

### Prayer to St. Anthony

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

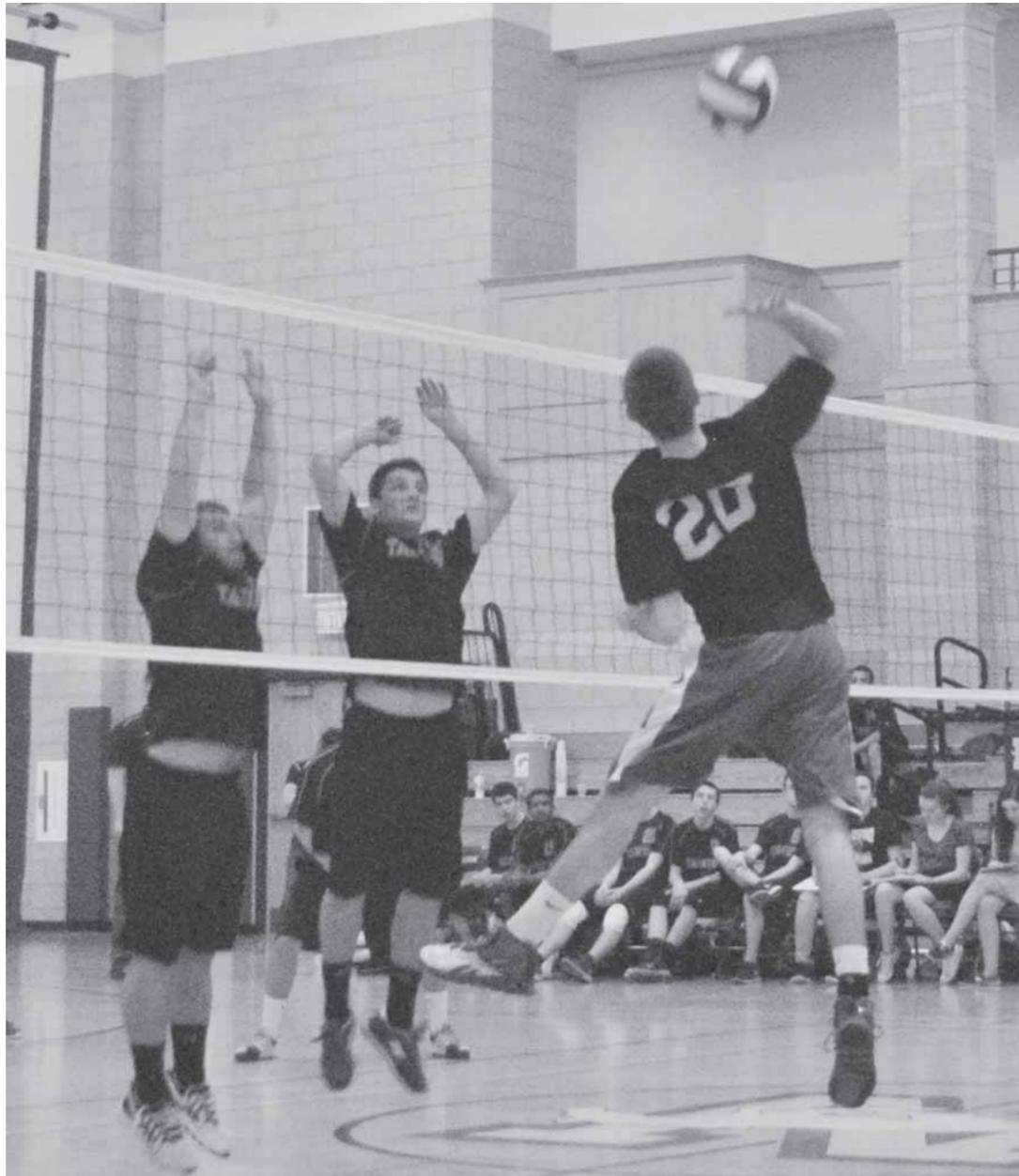
Miracles waited on your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (request). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of Miracles.

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

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.  
In Thanksgiving, B.D.

# Sports

## Volleyball wins opener 1-2-3



Junior Brian Harkins reaches up to spike the ball past two Taunton defenders in a 1-2-3 win on Friday.

PHOTO BY GILLIAN SMITH

**Gillian Smith**  
Staff Reporter

The Mustangs opened up the 2014 volleyball season in style, as they shut down the Taunton Tigers in a 1-2-3 sweep.

The boys started out strong last Friday against the Tigers, denying several tough hits with strong defensive plays. After winning the first set, they went into the second feeling strong, getting good height and making smart hits. The Mustangs benefited off two overpowered Taunton hits, which landed out of bounds, putting the Mustangs on the board 2-0 over the Tigers. As Taunton took possession, Norwood got overexcited and hit several hard shots out of bounds, giving the Tigers a 3-2 lead.

The two teams volleyed for some time before the Mustangs finally pushed the Tigers to the edge, causing them to knock a wild hit out of bounds, tying the game up. After two equally wild hits by the Mustangs put Taunton up by two

points with a 5-3 lead, the two teams fought back and forth for a long time, refusing to give up possession and working to spike it over the net.

Returning players Ian Quintano, Dan Porter and Kevin Perry supported the new players on the team, setting up several good hits and hitting a few of their own. Perry set up several good hits for his teammates, and also made several key hits himself in the second match, bringing the Mustangs to within one point of the Tigers after several wild hits in the middle of the second match.

When it looked like the Tigers were losing their steam, the Mustangs found a couple holes in Taunton's defense with several key spikes. Taunton fought back aggressively, and the score flip-flopped throughout the second match until the Mustangs hit 21 points, when they were able to keep the Tigers to 18 points until they made it to 25, securing a second win.

Coach Lauren Coville reminded the Mustangs that their goal was not only to play an aggressive offense but an aggressive defense as well.

She called out several times throughout the third match to her players as they rotated around the court, emphasizing the importance of good blocks, as well as solid hits.

The reminder seemed to work, as the Mustangs started to gel as a team, working together to block hits and diving to the floor to save those that looked beyond saving. The first half of the third set saw solid Mustang defense, preventing the Tigers from taking off with any sort of lead.

As the lead changed hands several times, the Mustangs saw several disappointing almost-saves fall flat, until Perry was able to slam a spike past two Tiger defenders, finally giving the Mustangs a solid 7-4 lead. The Mustangs rode their success through several solid volleys, finally pulling away with several key hits and keeping the Tigers at 15 points, ending the match with a 25-16 win.

The boys will take on Framingham on Friday at 4 p.m. as they look to continue their success.

## Track team looks to rebuild, win

**Gillian Smith**  
Staff Reporter

After nearly a decade without a dual meet win, the girls track team is primed to reverse its fortune, says coach Bruce Richardson.

Richardson, who is co-coaching with head indoor track coach James O'Donnell, better known to team members as "Coach O'Dee," has over 20 years coaching experience and, in addition to O'Donnell's nearly 35 years of coaching, believes this year's team can acquire at least a win or two.

"With our coaching experiences, we know what to look for in our players," Richardson said.

This year's team is looking strong, said Richardson, as many of the players have returned from last spring's team and some have just come off of a winter season that prepared them for a new outdoor season.

Richardson said sophomore Sinead O'Brian, who did very well last spring and succeeded in the 2013-2014 indoor season, will be a key player on this year's team. O'Brian was named the Most Valuable Player of the indoor track team this past season.

"She is very well focused," Richardson said. "She has a super attitude and is extremely coachable, which is very important."

Freshman Fiona Jordan will also be a player to watch. A middle distance runner, Jordan is recovering from an injury sustained during the soccer season this past fall, but is working on recovering. Jordan will be a crucial part of the 4x100 relay and long jump. "We are taking her training slowly, but I think she will be great this season," Richardson said.

Seniors Alanna Keady and Samantha Baturin and juniors Nicole Marchant will also be on the top of the list, as Keady and Baturin will run long distance and Marchant will lead the 4x100 relay.

The track team is coming off what Richardson called "tumultuous season[s]," where they were unable to win a single meet. This year, however, Richardson is optimistic the team will not only be a "rebuilding year" team, but will also succeed against several opponents.

With meets against Newton North and Braintree to start off the season, Richardson said he will look forward to matching up against Dedham, whose team he said has a similar talent pool to Norwood.

"We match up in certain areas," he said. "But we also have

strengths where they have some weaknesses."

Richardson said Norwood's strength lies in its relays, where the Mustangs have some very quick, very strong runners.

"They certainly have the juice to do it," he said.

One thing keeping the girls from being able to practice as much as possible was this past winter's unpredictable, and mostly frigid, weather. Richardson said getting the girls out on the trail and running in below-freezing temperatures was difficult, but his flair for cooking chocolate chip cookies inspired them to work for it.

"The girls really toughed it out," he said. "We were often outside in 12-degree weather and they bundled up and faced the elements."

In addition to working very hard during training, the girls are very successful academically as well. Richardson said their dedication to schoolwork is a sign that they are able to focus, which is very important for the team. As a former teacher, Richardson said he appreciated the commitment the girls show to their schoolwork. He also credits the girls potential successes with nearly 100 percent attendance at practice every day.

"I'd say we have at least 95-96 percent attendance at every meet, even on terrible weather days," he said. "It's extremely hard to get young athletes to show this kind of dedication, especially when their studies take up so much time as well. They are very special young athletes."

Richardson said he has never had a losing season at the other schools he has coached at, so he is looking forward to getting at least one or two wins, if not more, for the team this year.

"If I seem excited about this season, it's because I am," he said. "I'm always excited for the track season."

One of Richardson's coaching philosophies is that the focus needs to be on improving, not trying to become an athlete out of the blue.

"If your genes don't necessarily make you a very fast runner, that's not a problem," he said. "I might not be able to coach you to run fast, but if I help you run faster than you did at the beginning of the season, I've done my job."

If at the end of the season the girls are better than they were when they started the season, Richardson said he will be pleased.

"Whether we make it to the championships or not, if they have improved it means we have succeeded," he said.



## An Open Invitation to Join Us at Community Night on April 9

By J. Keith Motley, PhD, UMass Boston Chancellor

Earlier this month, the University of Massachusetts Boston welcomed nearly 250 of our friends, colleagues, and neighbors to campus for our annual Community Breakfast, where we honor local leaders who give of themselves to serve others with two awards, the Chancellor's Award for Long-standing Community Commitment and Service, and the Robert H. Quinn Award for Outstanding Community Leadership. The Quinn Award is named after the former speaker of the Massachusetts House who helped found UMass Boston 50 years ago. This year's ceremony was especially poignant as we remembered Mr. Quinn, who passed away earlier this year, leaving a legacy of service and leadership that we aim to live up to every day.

Together, the recipients of this year's awards embody the spirit of community service that Mr. Quinn so valued. Sophia Haynes-Cardwell uses the art of dance to empower countless young people to express themselves in a wholesome and safe environment, and World War II veteran Lou Pasquale advocates for and supports veterans returning from combat and people with disabilities.

The Community Breakfast is but one wonderful morning. I am proud of UMass Boston's engagement and involvement with communities across the state year-round, on- and off-campus. We engage in outreach that brings students, faculty, staff, and our friends and neighbors together in service to the commonwealth. We conduct service learning programs offering students a hands-on education in helping others. We create and nurture strong partnerships among local schools, hospitals, start-ups, big and small businesses, nonprofits, and churches to get real work done in our communities, together.

As a university, we are growing and changing rapidly. As a public university, we could not have achieved this progress without the support of the numerous communities we serve. For 50 years now, we've depended on this support and feedback to educate an increasing number of students from Massachusetts and expand our campus, our services, and our offerings in the ways that will best benefit communities across the commonwealth.

In this spirit of equal exchange, I would like to invite you to Community Night, a meeting for our friends and neighbors at which we will discuss our new programs, community partnerships, and master plan for the campus's future. This event will be held on Wednesday, April 9, starting at 6 p.m. in the Campus Center Ballroom.

It is the priority and privilege of UMass Boston to hear as many voices as possible among our community members when we discuss our accomplishments and our goals—so I hope very much that you will be able to attend.

To RSVP for Community Night, please email [community\\_relations@umb.edu](mailto:community_relations@umb.edu) or call 617.287.5304. For more information about UMass Boston, visit [www.umb.edu](http://www.umb.edu).



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Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30 pm NORWOOD

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## Lacrosse boys lose 9-8

Gillian Smith  
Staff Reporter

The boys lacrosse team lost their opening game to the Mansfield Hornets 9-8 Friday afternoon.

The Mustangs fought through the cold drizzle against the Hornets as they scrambled for the lead. Norwood closed out the first half down by two points, as Mansfield boasted a solid 6-4 lead. Going into the third quarter, the Mustangs spent most of their time on defensive, attempting to block Hornet shots. As the Hornets advanced on the Mustang goal, several shots went wide, drawing the Mustang goalie Karl Baer out of the net and almost giving the Hornets a clear shot. Luckily for the Mustangs, the Hornets were not able to recover in time and the Mustangs gained possession, pushing the play downfield.

As the skies opened up and the rain came down heavily, the Mustangs closed out the third quarter down 8-6. Thanks to Baer and a solid defense the Hornets were unable to gain a larger lead than two points, which coach Anthony Roman said was lucky for the Mustangs.

Stephen Gross and Zac Pungitore led the defense through the end of the game, causing turnovers and picking up ground balls along the way.

"Every time we needed a play offensively, Danny Farrell came up with a play," said Roman.

Roman cited too many turnovers as a key reason for the loss, but also said Mansfield showed up with a solid team, costing the Mustangs the game.

Farrell closed out the game with three assists and two goals, Mike Roy with one assist and two goals and Gross with five ground balls.

The boys will face Milton tonight and Scituate on Saturday as they work towards a winning record this season.



Head coach Roman cited too many turnovers as the reason for the loss.

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The C. J. Prescott School P.T.O. will present two special achievement awards in June at the Prescott Awards Assembly. The awards will be given to an outstanding girl and boy who attended the Prescott School in fifth grade, are presently residing in Norwood, and are graduating from high school in June, 2014. The awards will consist of a \$500 check, a certificate to each winner, and their names to be inscribed on plaques, which will hang permanently in the Prescott School. Application forms are available at the Prescott School and at the Norwood High School Guidance Office. Applications must be returned to the Prescott School by Friday, May 2, 2014.

**SHOW AND TELL YOUR FAMILY BRUNCH AT TEMPLE ALIYAH**

Bring your tots to Temple Aliyah's upcoming brunch program, "Show and Tell Your Family," on Sunday, April 6 from 10-11:30 AM. Bring the whole "meshpacha" and create family keepsakes. Make a family handprint painting with finger paints and have your family portrait taken by professional photographer Josh Levine. Come in your play clothes! Cost is \$20/family. Register online at [www.templealiyah.com](http://www.templealiyah.com) or call the office with questions at 781-444-8522. Send checks to Temple Aliyah, 1664 Central Ave., Needham, MA 02492.

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ing donors will be offered a free breakfast. Presenting donors may come to the Norwood Masonic Building at 76 Day St. in Norwood. Walk-ins are welcome and appointments are encouraged. American Red Cross Massachusetts Blood Services Region Drive Coincides with Annual Spring Massachusetts Freemasonry Open House The Red Cross will hold its Norwood Community Blood Drive, sponsored by the Orient Lodge of Masons. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit <http://tiny.cc/3zdbcxto> register.

**DINING FOR DOLLARS**

The Norwood Junior Woman's Club is hosting a "dining for dollars" evening at Bertucci's in Norwood. Money raised from the event will support The Norwood Police Department's efforts to bring Drug and Alcohol awareness classes to the Coakley Middle School. On Monday April 7, from 5 to 9 p.m. Located at Bertucci's 1405 Providence St. Norwood We will be raffling off great prizes including a Bertucci's gift card. Let Bertucci's make dinner and support our community. Please be sure to mention Norwood JWC to your server at checkout.

**THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILLSOUTH NORFOLK AFFILIATE**

Will hold its monthly meeting in Cafeteria B of the Lorusso Building at Norwood Hospital at 7 p.m. on Thursday April 3. Mental illness is a label for a variety of diseases of the brain. Often it strikes in late adolescence, devastating the afflicted person and the family. The Alliance is composed of such families who find mutual sup-

port 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.

**NORWOOD TEMPLE SHAAARE TEFILAH**

Will have a dinner followed by an evening service on Friday, April 4. The dinner, costing \$9, will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Kabbalat Shabbat service, open to all, at 8 p.m. Please call dinner reservations in to the Temple office by Tuesday, April 1, Call to make reservation 1-781-762-8670.

**NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S NEWS**

The April meeting of the Norwood Retired Men's Club will be on Tuesday April 8. Dues for the 2014 season will be accepted. Tickets for the May Breakfast Meeting will be on sale and there will be final sign ups for golf, bocce and horse-shoes. The speaker will be Mary Roque on financial planning. The June trip will be announced: A Gloucester Lobster Cruise. You'll visit Salem and Rockport also. Of course the lunch will feature lobster. It is scheduled for Wednesday, June 25. We leave at 8:30 a.m. and arrive home about 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$79 per person and is limited to 56 people. The club is still searching for a volunteer for secretary.

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A support group for divorced or separated people covering the emotional stages of divorce and offering healing and support, meets Tuesdays from 7:30 - 9 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 100 Winter Street, in Norwood. \$90 fee. Call 781-762-3320 for more information and to register.

**THE NORWOOD WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING**

The Norwood Woman's Club will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, April 8, at 12:30 p.m., at Emmanuel Lutheran Parish Hall, 24 Berwick Street. We will have Mr. Dick Coffon, who will entertain us with Impressions of Famous Singers and Actors." New members are always welcome. Hope to see you there. Any questions call Trina Mallet at 781-762-8173.

**ST. CATHERINE GALA AND AUCTION**

The 2014 Saint Catherine of Siena School Annual Gala and Auction will be held Saturday, April 5, from 7 p.m.-12 a.m. at St. Catherine of Siena School. There will be music, dinner, hors d'oeuvres, as well as both a silent and live auction. This year the school will be honoring: Second Grade Teachers Mrs. Anne Noah, Ms. Beth Costa; Parish family Mr. and Mrs. John Brent; Alumni Mr. Paul Abely, Class of '52. Tickets are now on sale at [scsnorwood.com](http://scsnorwood.com) under the Advancement Tab. If you would like to make a donation please visit [scsnorwood.com](http://scsnorwood.com) and click on the "Donate Now" button. The money raised pro-

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unused cash from warrants in a 2013 STM. Another could add back \$12,984 that the school system was overcharged for an out-of-district placement sometime before 2009 that will come back to the town. And a third would assign the schools \$80,000 from a surplus of negotiated loan payments that the town saved when its bond ratings improved. If those proposed town warrants pass, the increase anticipated state aid comes in and the increased revenue goes to the schools, they would gain \$760,943 for their budget.

The Budget Balancing Committee later raised the budgeted item for state aid up an additional \$200,000 so that the schools could add busing back in. That budget increase came with a promise that if state aid wasn't received in the amount budgeted, the Finance Commission would go to Town Meeting to look for funds to bridge the gap.

The schools' budget would have to be in the black this year for fiscal year 2015's budget to get that proposed money. However, the school system is currently just over \$300,000 in the red.

Hayden said that he plans to cover the current year's budget through frugality, revolving funds and extraordinary relief payments. Hayden applied to the state for unanticipated out of district

special aid costs, which should be in the vicinity of \$1.4 to 1.5 million.

"We [also] need to make some reductions," said Hayden.

Even though they gained money in the budget, the School Committee still had to make some cuts to get to the final amount of \$38.46 million.

The School Committee voted unanimously to cut one grade four teacher from the Balch School, and two grade three teachers from the Cleveland and Oldham Schools. They also agreed not to hire an additional elementary teacher that was budgeted for. These elementary school cuts shaved \$ 194,599 from the proposed budget.

For the Coakley middle school, the Committee voted to cut an MCAS teacher, a grade six foreign language teacher, and a housemaster to save \$177,399.

The three housemasters would become two vice-principals according to Hayden, who said he preferred that to losing the house-system or one of the teams the middle school students are divided into.

School Committee member Paul Samargedlis said that he was concerned about losing a housemaster because it was something that Hayden pushed hard for before. Samargedlis said he didn't

want the school to lose something it needed. Hayden responded that if he were given more money he would add the headmaster back in, but that this proposed change should work.

At the high school level the Committee voted to cut one social studies teacher, one foreign language teacher and a part-time English position to save \$136,619.

District-wide the Committee saved 130,323 in cuts for proposed teachers that wouldn't need to be hired because of changing enrollment.

The cuts made Wednesday night added to the additional anticipated funds, would tenuously balance the bud-

get. Samargedlis argued for putting busing back in the budget and cutting other pieces. Chairwoman Courtney Rau suggested possibly putting busing on a STM warrant, because it didn't appear that cuts could be made in other places. This discussion eventually became moot when the Budget Balancing Committee agreed to make an arrangement in the budget so busing could be added back.

Samargedlis also suggested floating a warrant asking the town for the \$900,000 in unanticipated special education costs, but the rest of the Committee didn't seem to have an appetite for it.

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