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Selectmen pen opposition against Plimpton 40B

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen has prepared its letter to the Massachusetts Housing Partnership opposing a proposed 40B development at the former Plimpton Press site.

Drafted by chairman Paul Bishop and Selectman Bill Plasko, the four-page letter contained an opinion on behalf of the Town that Mass Housing

Partnership deny the letter of project eligibility to developers Avalon Bay. If the project should move forward, the Board requested the affordable units in the 218-unit project be deemed so in perpetuity.

According to the letter, the project does not advance Norwood's affordable housing goals and the conceptual design

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The Luminary night will be held this Saturday at Our Town's Common. Buy your luminaries, on which your names will be printed (a mere \$5 per). The Common takes on an aura of pure magic with the more than one thousand flickering lights surrounding the grounds. It is the perfect painting of evening beauty! Call Lee Kennedy at the Civic if you need info...781.762.0466

THE WALL OF HISTORY

Saturday, Nov. 28, the memory filled display cases that represent Town departments, sports, and classes over many years were on display on the walls of the walking track at NHS for the public to view. NPA Director Jack Tolman spoke about the project, stating that individuals are still in the early stages of adding to the beautiful wall of history. Jack is incredible at NPA and continues to strive to further his many well-appreciated accomplishments. One hundred years young, Ret. Fire Chief John Howard was honored to cut the ribbon. Along with the NFD historic memorabilia, he was inducted into the NHS Sports Hall of Fame, also named as a member of a Mass. All-Star team. As an aside, John mentioned to me that his teams had the same coach for football, baseball, track, and basketball. Hence, Benny Murray Field.

IN MEMORY

We send our love and sincere condolences to Our Towns, Helena Allen, due to the unexpected loss of her beloved husband, Russell G. Allen, (Russ). He was the devoted father of Debi Allen of Mansfield and William Allen and his wife Carrie of Marlton, N.J. He is the cherished grandfather of wonderful twins, Kimberly and Christopher Allen. We also



Jackie Saber

send our condolences to Russ's extended loving family. Memory Eternal

A WELL-DESERVED HONOR

Congratulations to our Town Manager John Carroll, as his name proudly sits atop the building as we enter the brand new Town yard facilities.

THEY SAID 'THEY DO'

Carleighann J. DiMarzo and William Patrick McDermott III were recently united in marriage at St. Peter's Church in Plymouth, Mass. The double ring ceremony was blessed by Celebrant, Father William Williams. A wonderful reception took place at East Bay Grille.

The bride is the daughter of proud parents Charles and Donnamarie Dimarzo of Norwood. The groom is the son of proud parents Mary Jean McDermott and William Patrick McDermott, Jr. The gorgeous bride was given in marriage

by her father, and Carlei chose an heirloom lace gown worn by her grandmother, Elena DiMarzo, 77 years ago. Sister of the bride, Dawn DiMarzo, was Maid of Honor, and Kevin McDermott, brother of the groom, was Best Man.

There was a bevy of attending bridesmaids, ushers, a Jr. bridesmaid, a Jr. usher and a ring bearer. Both Billy and Carlei are alumni of NHS. Mrs. McDermott is a Production Chef at Whole Foods, and Mr. McDermott is employed by A. David Lawn Care, and is head coach of the Norwood High wrestling program. Our Town wishes Carlei and Billy a life of happiness and love. Congratulations!

KINDNESS

Recently, as I was driving up town, an individual with his seeing-eye dog was attempting to cross an intersecting street at a corner. As he and his dog tried repeatedly to step into the street, a woman pulled to the side of the road and parked her car. She quickly exited the car and ran to the individual and his dog, calmed them both down and helped them cross the street. Truly an act of kindness! There are still many good and kind people in this world!

Saber

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Jack Tolman looks on as John Howard speaks during the ribbon cutting for Norwood High School's walking museum of its athletic past.

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Holiday House Tour set for this weekend

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Historical Society's 10th annual Holiday House Tour will take place on Dec. 6 this year.

This time around, the self-guided tour will take visitors inside of five homes that will be decorated especially for the holiday season. The tour will begin at 2 p.m. at the Fred Holland Day House - the Norwood Historical Society's headquarters on Day Street - and continue through the remaining properties. It will conclude at the Norwood Masonic Lodge, also on Day Street, for a holiday party.

According to Historical Society president Bryan Burns, the municipal building featured on the tour this year will be the George H. Morse House on Washington Street in South Norwood. The Morse House is the oldest house in the Town of Norwood and actually predates the town's formation.

Morse was one of Norwood's earliest selectmen and came from a prominent business family that had roots in Norwood and Dedham for generations. The Morse House Restoration Committee and the South Norwood Committee have been restoring and maintaining the property since 2000.

Burns said the Day House - a mansion once home to photographer F. Holland Day and built in 1859 and rebuilt in 1893 - will be showcasing some of the Historical Society's collections in a rather unique way. This year, the Historical Society opted to play off of the popular "12 Days of Christ-



The Norwood Historical Society will host its Holiday House Tour on Dec. 6, beginning at the F. Holland Day House on Day Street.

PHOTO BY NORWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

mas" song, and will be showing things like 10 tophats or five spinning wheels, Burns said.

Burns said the Day House is one of the few Norwood properties that is included on the National Register of Historic Places. Selectman Chair Paul Bishop said the property was "a gem. Our gem."

After the tour, the party at the Masonic Lodge will feature refreshments - The event received a one-day alcoholic beverage license from the Selectmen during its Dec. 1 meeting - raffles with prizes from local businesses and performances by Amici Cantores, the Norwood High School alumni choir. Burns said the party was a chance for history and architecture buffs to catch a glimpse of the beautiful ceremonial hall inside the lodge as well.

First organized by Debbie Holmwood and Caroline Pannes, the Holiday House Tour has become the major fundraiser for the Norwood Historical Society, Burns said. They have typically been able

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OPINION

Should they have taken the money?

It would have been so easy. All Selectmen had to do at Town Meeting was accept the money some TM members were practically begging them to take to assist in the legal battle over the Davis' Group bid to build at Forbes Hill under the state's 40b affordable housing laws. By doing so, Selectmen would have bridged a vicious divide currently existing between themselves and a vocal group of activist residents convinced the Selectmen haven't covered every base in defending against these aggressive developers hell bent on building massive housing developments.

Now, Selectmen truly do stand alone and will ultimately be either vindicated by the courts, or forever in the eyes of many be pariahs responsible for what will inevitably be significant upheaval in Norwood as it currently exists. Whether their stand against accepting the money was based on their perceived best interests of the Town, or defiance and arrogance that they know best, each Selectman will ultimately be judged a hero or goat once the court hands down its decision. That is one heavy burden to shoulder.

This newspaper has been recently critical of the currently constituted board, stating unequivocally that most of the actions are dictated by less than the majority of five, the others not intellectually invested in such serious issues facing the Town right now. And we still feel this way, though that doesn't mean to suggest that their decisions have been wrong. Quite frankly we, like everyone else, don't know how things will play out, but we do know that the more people are involved in formulating action plans, the more likely positive results will occur, and right now we are not comfortable that the best interests of Norwood residents are represented by enough people.

At least One hundred and thirty seven people seem to feel the same way, as that many signed a petition asking Selectmen to accept their help. Some of these people have invested enormous amounts of time and money because of the perceived dire consequences of Norwood losing in the courts, and their fears are more than likely justified. The 1.5 Task Force was a step in the right direction, but thoughts and ideas brought forth by that group almost appeared predetermined, and it was far less an open think tank many had hoped it would be.

A vociferous few have voiced their concerns that the Board of Selectmen have a hidden, perhaps even diabolical agenda to force all of these huge multi-unit monoliths upon Norwood residents, and we couldn't disagree more. There is no doubt in our minds that Selectmen have always had the best interests of their community in mind, though at times we question their thought processes. For example, when the Plimpton Press 40R proposal was brought forth to Town Meeting, some Selectmen, particularly Mike Lyons, said that he supported the plan on its own merits, regardless of any threats of court action by the owners. We were astounded. This newspaper supported the proposal ONLY because of the threat of a 40B application being filed in the event TM failed to pass the 40R proposal and the Town being stuck with a much more onerous plan, which is now playing out exactly as we feared.

Despite the sound and logical reasons Selectmen stated they didn't want to accept the additional funds to assist in their legal efforts, and there were definitely some, this newspaper thinks they should have taken the money. Selectman Allan Howard was right when he stated that the Town has an annual budget of around \$160 million and that the \$50k being offered was a pittance, so that wipes out any budgetary argument. Accepting the money would have sent the message that all of Norwood is in this fight together, and the Town will sink or swim with everyone on the same page and unified in the effort. Refusing to accept the money only continues to perpetuate the belief among some that Selectmen just think they are smarter than everyone else, or worse, that there are ulterior motives involved. All this newspaper knows for sure is that they have a lot personally at stake should the Town lose, and it didn't have to be this way.

WHO GOES IF WE LOSE?

To the Editor:

How do you get MORE 40B's here in Norwood? Just simply ignore the facts, and plow on with our Town Manager's "homegrown" 1.5 percent game plan. What a joke. I wonder how many members of Town Meeting actually watched the 1.5 Task Farce meetings. My guess would be not enough. Andy Murphy claimed he was a certified expert at Town Meeting. How many times did he say, "I'm no expert" in the 1.5 Task Farce meetings? Never mind that. He is our "expert." Article 16 was the last attempt to have a legitimate chance in court. Instead, we are doing things Mr. Carroll's way once again. Does this mean when we lose in court we can finally end his services to the town? It should. That should also apply to the services of Town Counsel and our Town Engineer and the Town Planner. How many of them live in this town? None. That says it all.

We could have finally got on the same page in the 40B fight for our town at Town Meeting. Instead, all the citizens' efforts were once again dismissed. It was quite obvious that Town Meeting members were not aware of the cir-

cumstances of that vote. But, the discussions on that article were limited to only about the \$50,000 in question. God forbid we actually talk about the issue at hand. We could have had the top four legal minds in the state along with their experts to defend our town. All that experience and knowledge for a bargain price. But we will carry on with the second stringers in court and lose.

There is a court case going on right now to get the state to recognize group homes. It is being paid for by a former citizen, Brian Hardiman. He now resides in Westwood, and still cares enough to pick up the tab. The Town, along with Town Counsel, want nothing to do with it! Does that make sense? And who was personally walking throughout Town Meeting passing out an update sheet for members to read before the vote? That's right folks, John Carroll. He always has to have his way. When was the last time our BOS actually stood up to him? I'll remind you, he is supposed to report to them. The fox is running the henhouse, and that is a reflection of a very weak Board of Selectmen. Do you really think they want to stop these 40Bs?

So the dance continues, with our Town officials playing little games. There is still plenty of space left on my dance card. Tune in any Tuesday night and listen to the sermon from Bill Plasko during his bully pulpit against the citizens. There is no pride left in town, just agendas, all serving the best interests of out of town developers. Little games are for little boys. I grew up and threw away all my toys. It would seem there are others who view 40Bs and 40Rs as their toys. We all know how children cherish their toys. Just ask Mr. Duffy if he believes in Santa Claus with the 40R gift he got. For those who have not followed this housing issue close enough, you'd better start soon. Norwood has too many bullies in its playgrounds. The future of our community should not be subject to little games. We could start to improve things by opening up BOS meetings to the public. But that would mean our Selectmen would have to actually talk to the citizens and answer their questions on camera. Do you think that would happen with the current BOS we have?

*Kevin Pentowski
Norwood
Letters*

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MANY THANKS TO OUR NFD

I recently had an unexpected ride in one of Our Town's ambulances and a stay at the Norwood Hospital (NH). I wish to thank Dispatch and the medics on the ambulance for great care. Also, thanks to the employees on the 3200 wing of the NH for their kindness.

It's great to know that we have the best in both worlds!

NEWS BITS

The boy who brought a good size piece of metal with wires dangling from it to school was outraged that a teacher confiscated it, as it looked like it could have been an explosive device. It certainly did NOT look like a clock as the boy claimed. Police were



Newlyweds with Norwood roots, Carleighann J. DiMarzo and William Patrick McDermott III, were married at St. Peter's in Plymouth.

COURTESY PHOTO

called, and rightly so. If the same piece of metal was being brought into the classroom of President Obama's daughters' private school, do you think that the Secret Service would not have done the same thing? I think President Obama would have wanted them to be alert. Now, the Texas boy and his family are suing for \$15 million. For what? They are moving out of the country and going back home to the Middle East. Bye.

How about a woman wearing a strainer (colander) on her head

for a drivers license photo claiming she belongs to the church of the 'Flying Spaghetti Monster.'

A spokesperson for the Mass. RMV said exceptions are made for religious reasons.

Recently a newsman asked our President what his definition of leadership was. "My answer to the idea of world leadership is fighting climate change" (that's one of the reasons that he is not considered a world leader).

BYE GUYS,

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and Happy Hanukkah.*



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PB examines ways to maximize benefits in its manufacturing zone

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Planning Board is continuing to examine possible changes to the Zoning Bylaw regarding its manufacturing zone.

According to Town Planner Paul Halkiotis, the board engaged in discussions with representatives from three large industrial properties - the old Plimpton Press site, 63 Morse St. and the Norwood Commerce Center on Endicott Street - several months ago about how to make the underutilized properties more attractive for investment to benefit the owners and the Town.

As such, the Board has looked into creating a mixed use overlay district that would apply to these properties. Halkiotis said it would not be considered spot zoning as long as multiple areas are targeted.

"If we don't create an overlay zone, any changes we talk about tonight could affect all of the manufacturing district," Halkiotis said.

Since the last discussion in September, a potential buyer for the Norwood Commerce Center has backed away from a purchase and sale agreement. Plimpton Press is under agreement as Avalon Bay looks to build a 218-unit 40B residential development and 63 Morse St. is under agreement and is expected to close in December.

Halkiotis said the new owner of the site looked over the Zoning Bylaw and suggested several changes that would enhance operations in order to encourage reinvestment in the property and maximize revenue for the Town. Any changes to the Zoning Bylaw would require a 2/3 vote at Town Meeting.

The first set of suggestions involve the table of dimensional regulations, and include

a 10 percent increase to 80 percent maximum lot coverage and an increase in maximum height from 40 to 60 feet.

Board members expressed their concern with the suggestions, with chairman Al Porro saying increasing the lot coverage for a large property could "create a monster." He suggested a sliding scale instead.

Ernie Paciorkowski asked if the changes could just be handled with a request for a variance with the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) in order to avoid "by right" changes. Halkiotis said special permit applications require a more formal process that takes time and money on the part of the developer, and the possible changes are intended to smooth out the process to encourage development.

Debbie Holmwood said the changes could be opening a "larger can of worms," though she spoke in favor of mixed-use development, particularly if homeownership was involved. Holmwood said the idea was to develop more tax revenue and not to change too much of the "zoning book."

"We're willing to work with you, if you're willing to work with us," Holmwood said regarding the Town's ideal attitude towards developers.

Paciorkowski said as it stands now, developers are forced to either work within the current conditions or propose a 40R development - which also requires a 2/3 Town Meeting vote - but "taking some of the restrictions off" could make for an "easier path" for both parties.

The Board discussed setting a percentage for mixed uses, such as a 10 percent maximum for residential use, that could leave the Town in control of development without both parties having to "jump through all of the hoops of 40R."

Holmwood said.

Currently, assisted living facilities are the only residential use allowed in the zone, and must be approved specially by the ZBA. Halkiotis said that the Board would have to decide whether residential uses should be allowed by right or by special permit. He said the Town should "maintain as much control as we could" and utilize a special permit for residential use according to set percentages.

Halkiotis said that Town Meeting members repeatedly

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PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS MUCH IMPROVED

To the Editor:

A thank-you to the town of Norwood for the improvements it is making in the pedestrian crossings downtown. The crossing paths are visually distinct now, and flanked with bright white borders. And they are installing new crossing-signal buttons that light up to acknowledge that you've pressed them (and provide audible signals as well). My retirement fitness plan is to walk everywhere I can instead of driving, and this is a big help.

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Norwood firefighters and paramedics Paul Ronco and Brian Donoghue were honored alongside their Westwood counterparts for their part in rescuing a teenage girl in May. The girl and her parents presented the men with their awards at the ceremony on Nov. 23.

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NFD members honored at FFOTY in Boston**Sam Nickerson***Staff Reporter*

Two Norwood Firefighters, Paul Ronco and Brian Donoghue, were honored by Governor Charlie Baker at the 26th annual Massachusetts Firefighter of the Year Awards on Nov. 23.

Ronco and Donoghue, along with a number of members of the Westwood Fire Department, received the Group Meritorious Award for helping to rescue an injured teenager who had fallen nearly 30 feet from the top of a rock formation in Westwood on May 8.

Westwood Fire and Police had been called to a party in the woods behind 1145 High St. - in an area called Satan's Kingdom - where there were reports of a fire.

Upon arrival, one teenaged individual required treatment due to an aerosol can that exploded in the fire. Norwood Ambulance 2 - with Ronco and Donoghue - were called to the scene as well.

Westwood Captain Steven Lund - who was given the Rescue Trauma award - discovered another injured teenager, Mattie Walter, lying unconscious and bleeding with life-threatening injuries after falling from the rocks above.

Ronco, Donoghue and a number of Westwood first responders arrived on scene after Lund stabilized Walter and began treating her injuries and preparing her for evacuation to Children's Hospital in Boston. Because access to the scene required traversing difficult terrain with no roads, Walter was transported in a Stokes Basket on foot out of the woods.

The Norwood and Westwood firefighters and EMTs worked in crews of eight, carrying the basket as well as clearing and lighting the way.

At the awards ceremony held at MIT, Walter, aided by her parents, stood on stage to present the firefighters with their award. The governor gave out 43 awards to Firefighters from 22 departments around the state.

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is not appropriate for the Lenox Street site. The letter goes on to say that Norwood already has met its affordable housing threshold - the 1.5 percent of total land area dedicated to affordable housing challenged by Davis Group's Forbes Hill Project - according to state 40B laws, which were intended to promote affordable housing and provide relief for affordable housing builders from exclusionary zoning practices.

"Norwood's zoning practices are anything but exclusionary," Plasko said in the letter, noting the amount of available affordable housing in the Town.

The letter recounts that when a proposal for a similar development on Washington was denied by Mass Housing (separate from Mass Housing Partnership) in 2013, it was because Norwood was found to be one of the leaders in the state when it came to "providing low and moderate income housing within the town."

In November 2013, it was found that Norwood's percentage of rental housing exceeded that of neighboring communities and favorably compared to Greater Boston and the state. The same was said for its affordable offerings.

The letter details "measurable progress in the creation of afford-

able housing" in Norwood, and said that the Town has dedicated "significant local resources" to advancing affordable housing efforts. The letter also claims that it would be unfair for the Plimpton Press 40B to go forth should Norwood lose its case with Forbes Hill, as it would have well over 10 percent of its housing stock be affordable - a threshold figure prescribed by the chapter 40B laws.

The letter argues that it is inappropriate to give Norwood a higher burden or threshold for affordable housing than any other community in the state. It also recounted the Selectmen and Planning Board support for a 40R development at Plimpton Press previously, but with that having failed to garner Town Meeting approval and a number of other projects coming into Town, Town officials feel the timing is not right for the Plimpton Press 40B.

"Because we favored Plimpton Press in the past, people seem to think we favor all projects," Plasko said of the letter. "We're opposing this project."

During the Selectmen's meeting on Nov. 23, Plasko also addressed several matters from the recent Special Town Meeting pertaining to the 40B issue. Plasko mentioned a letter from

District 3 Town Meeting member Judith Howard directed to Moderator David Hern, in which Howard expressed frustration with the moderator's handling of discussion on the floor. According to Plasko, Howard also intimated that Town officials prioritize out-of-town developers over its residents.

"I know that's the furthest thing from the truth," Plasko said. "This board takes its neighbors and responsibility to the town very seriously."

Plasko said he had wanted to speak during the discussion of whether the Selectmen should hire experts to help with the upcoming legal matters regarding the Town's denial of the Forbes Hill 40B project.

According to Plasko, some Town Meeting members said Town Counsel hadn't served the Town well in prior lawsuits regarding the Light Department and the Police and Fire station. Plasko said the Town had actually used experts as opposed to Town Counsel, and still lost the cases. Plasko said he was "very confident" in Town Counsel's prior experience with 40B matters and regulatory agencies, particularly the Housing Appeals Committee.

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Two young residents enjoy some treats at Perks Coffeehouse on Washington Street during what appears to be a very busy Small Business Saturday in Norwood.

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Small Business Saturday a success

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

Though data is still being collected, the Friends of Norwood Center deemed this year's Small Business Saturday a success.

"Everyone we've talked to said something positive about this year's Small Business Saturday," Friends of Norwood Center president John Hall said. "Despite the rain, shoppers still made it a point to shop locally."

As part of the initiative, the Friends of Norwood Center conducted prize drawings, selfie contests and published a map of Norwood's downtown area, which labeled its various attractions. The Friends of Norwood Center, along with local shop small champions Tom O'Rourke - a Friends of Norwood Center board member and president of the Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce - and Charles River Running owner Charlotte Walsh, also provided promotional materials, such as tote bags and balloons, for the event.

"The prize card promotion seemed to achieve its purpose as two dozen shoppers shopped at least three places to qualify for the prize drawing," Hall said.

Small Business Saturday is an initiative started by American Express to encourage shoppers to consider local options instead of or after Black Friday, when large retailers offer discounts and sales after Thanksgiving to jumpstart the holiday season. Business owners and those interested in promoting local business in Norwood have taken on the initiative and made it their own. Last year was the first full year for the event, though Walsh has been doing it on her own for a number of years.

Last year, merchants in Norwood's downtown reported a significant boost in sales on

Small Business Saturday and the Friends of Norwood Center anticipates similar results this year, as it conducts its post-event survey.

This year's success was helped along by the Friends of Norwood Center's outreach efforts online and in person. According to Hall, the group's Facebook page received more than 250 likes and posts made during the day were reposted around popular group Norwood Now and other area websites.

"Overall, the social media portion was successful, and we expanded our presence and messaging over last year's very respectable Facebook page," Hall said. "In the physical messaging arena, we again had a banner across Washington Street, we had more coverage with sandwich boards, and we also got good placement for some bouquets of helium-filled balloons."

Many of the merchants were pleased with the results as well.

"(It was) a very good day. Tremendous compared to a regular Saturday," Walsh said of Charles River Running's sales.

The owners at Envy Boutique reported "steady" business on what she said is already "always one of my best days." Bryan Burns of the Norwood Historical Society said the group's Facebook Page saw considerably more attention and the Day House had a "steady flow of people."

"Our recommendations to merchants led with the value of merchants helping to spread the word via their own communications channels," Hall said.

The Friends of Norwood Center are planning to continue their successful Small Business Saturday and this week launched a "December in Norwood Center" calendar, which details different events around Norwood Center throughout the month. These

include film showings at the library, DJ events at pubs and family holiday activities put on by the Recreation Department, among other offerings.

"Our hope is that shoppers will have a positive experience on Small Business Saturday, which will inspire them to frequent our local shops during the holiday season and throughout the year," Hall said.

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The application request: This Application requested a SPECIAL PERMIT under Section 5.4.4 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow a minimum side yard of 5'4" for a proposed 12' x 20' addition and a 7' x 5'6" addition. Existing dwelling as a 5'6" side yard.

Plans are on File with this application 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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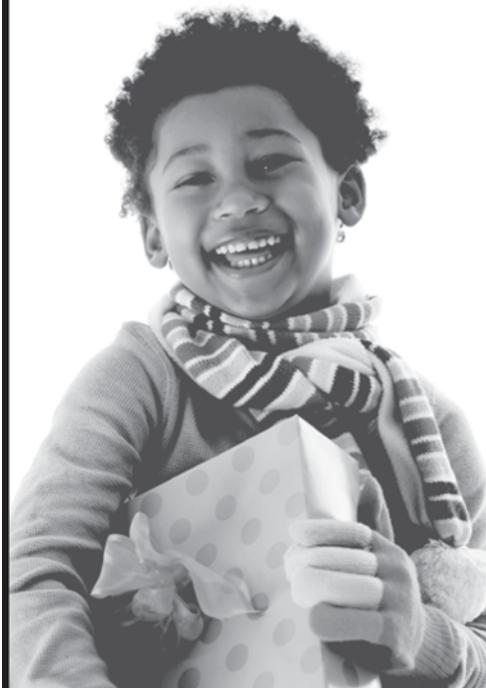
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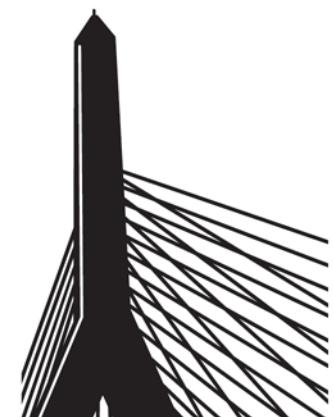
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Animal rights activists protest against the deer hunt

Vekonda Luangaphay
Staff Reporter

The Blue Hills State Reservation opened up to hunters for the first two days of its controlled deer hunt this week, but not without its fair share of controversy.

Environmental and wildlife specialists of DCR, Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife, and Energy Environmental Affairs said that it would improve the forest ecosystem, while protestors say its murder.

David Stainbrook, a wildlife biologist who is the Division Deer and Moose project leader of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife, said there is an overpopulation of deer.

"Right now, there are over five times what it should be for

forest health," said Stainbrook. Based on the survey he conducted, he found there are currently about 85 deer per square mile at Blue Hills, and that the number should be brought down to anywhere between six and 18 deer per square mile. "We want to see those numbers drop in a reasonable time frame, so this controlled hunt is a way to bring those balance, bring those numbers down to where they needs to be."

Marilyn M. Petitto Devaney, Governor's Councilor at the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, said she's there to protest as a person who cares, and not as a politician.

"People hike here with the deer. The deer don't see people as enemies," she said. "I care about these animals, and I mean this is a sanctuary. This is bar-

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Protestors stood by the driveway of Brookwood Farm saying "Shame on you," at patrollers and hunters entering the driveway on Monday, Nov. 30, at the Blue Hills State Reservation.

PHOTO BY VEKONDA LUANGAPHAY

baric."

Petitto Devaney said she had reached out to the State House chief legal councilor, and lieutenant governor just to postpone it, and listen to what the alternatives are.

"That's all I was asking," she said. "It didn't go anywhere."

Back in October, the Energy and Environmental Affairs, DCR, and the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife approved a deer management plan for Blue Hills. The controlled deer hunt was scheduled for Monday, Nov. 30, Tuesday, Dec. 1, Monday, Dec. 7 and Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. By approximately noon on Monday, seven deer had been harvested. Total deer caught for the week was 41 deer, that's 26 deer caught on Monday, and 15 deer caught on Tuesday.

The Brookwood Farm area of the reservation served as the location where hunters would sign out after they finished hunting for the day, and where any deer caught were weighed and recorded. Starting at approximately 2:30 p.m. at the end of the farmhouse driveway, protestors shouted at hunters or patrollers entering the driveway, chanting things like "Shame on DCR" or "Shame on you."

Hunters are required to dress the deer and leave the gut pile at 100 feet from all trail ways in the forest, so as to not leave a mess in areas where people can hike.

DCR Deputy Commissioner Matt Sisk said, "It's cold enough, there shouldn't be a smell," about the gut pile left in the field. He also noted that it's the law that people stay on the

trail when hiking anyway, and therefore it's likely they'll not come across any deer organs. Also predators, such as coyotes, would eat them in the meantime.

Protesters argued about the studies and research and wanted to stop the hunt.

Sherry Weila, who protested the hunt on Monday, said she had wanted to donate \$10,000 to reimburse the cost of hunters' licenses just so the state doesn't go forward with the hunt.

"That's how distressed I am about this inhumane and unnecessary hunt," she said.

A protester yelled out to patrol officer driving his car and entering driveway, saying "You're not the environmental police, you're an environmental terrorist," she said. She was joined by other animal rights advocate.

"This is a massacre. This is not management," said Kate Kenner, a protester there. "You wouldn't kill people for overpopulation."

Steve Karian, a vegan from Quincy, who hikes at the Blue Hills said, "The deer in the Blue Hills have been so accustomed to living with people, we've earned their trust and now people are going in and slaughtering families at a time. It breaks our hearts."

Helene Rayshick, co-founder of Massachusetts Animal Rights Coalition, said she disagreed with how the studies came about.

"The study is done by the department, and we're asking for an independent study with an independent researcher," she said.

Her husband, Steve Rayshick, also a co-founder of

Massachusetts Animal Rights Coalition, said money is the drive.

"We believe the state has made very little effort to research," he said. "The organization that is responsible for doing the studies, the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife, is ideologically and financially biased. They get money from hunters, so they're always going to choose hunting as the solution for things because that's how they make their money."

Protesters held out signs that read "Animal Graveyard," and "Contraception NOT Cruelty."

Stainbrook said even if they use contraceptive methods, the deer would still be alive for up to 20 more years, defeating their purpose of reducing the deer population quickly, and hopefully see less car strikes on deer and more different kinds of plant species germinate and thrive.

He explained that plants seem to disappear from the forest because deer eat them, and plant species that should be growing are not.

"A lot of things that should be there that are not growing are important for the wildlife. We want a diversity of species of shrubs plants and trees. That's healthy for the ecosystem," he said.

Michael Cygan, 47, a hunter who came from western Massachusetts to participate said, "I came out here to actually help the overpopulation and I enjoy hunting. It's been a sport of mine since I can remember as a child."

"It was fun today, and I enjoyed the day. I enjoyed coming out to see something new and enjoy the sport of hunting," he said.

To view the Blue Hills State Reservation Deer Management Plan, visit <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dcr/news/public-meetings/materials/parklands/blue-hills-deer-management-plan.pdf>

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Sports

Football takes down Dedham 22-7 on Turkey Day

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Norwood ended its 2015 season on a positive note on Thanksgiving, snapping a seven-game skid by defeating Dedham on the road, 22-7.

Similar to the prior few games vs. Hopkinton and Bishop Feehan, pretty much everything that could go wrong, did go wrong for the Mustangs in the opening minutes of the first quarter. But unlike those previous games, Norwood was able to correct its mistakes and not only go on to win, but did so by a relatively comfortable margin.

"They [Dedham] came out early, they had some intensity," said Mustangs head coach Jim Tighe, who improved to 2-0 in Thanksgiving Day games vs. the Marauders. After Thursday, which was the 87th meeting between the schools on Turkey Day, Norwood holds a 48-37-2 advantage overall. "We didn't do ourselves justice either by taking care of the ball and doing what we need to do. But the kids responded, they didn't get down on themselves, and they stayed strong and played some good defense."

Mustangs quarterback Joe Leanos threw for three touchdown passes to three different receivers, overcoming an interception on his first attempt to finish nine of 17 passing for 151 yards with three scores and two picks.

"It's great, Thanksgiving," said Tighe. "It was terrific."

Norwood won the opening coin toss and opted to receive, starting from its own 20-yard line. On the second play from scrimmage, Leanos threw the first of his two interceptions to Austin Walrod, who was brought down at the Mustangs 30. Liam Madden found Jack Powers in the back of the end zone five plays later from eight



Fellow seniors Bobby Shayka, No. 73, prepares to block a Dedham defensive lineman while Mike Flynn, No. 27, follows the action coming out of the backfield last Thursday vs. the Marauders.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

yards out, giving Dedham a 7-0 lead with 9:15 to go in the first quarter.

From there, Norwood put up 22 unanswered points and seized total control of the game by halftime.

On the ensuing drive, Leanos was 3-for-3 passing on third downs, his final completion a 24-yard touchdown pass to Sean Mellen, enabling Jay Wladkowski to tie the game on an extra point to make it 7-7 with 50 seconds left in the first quarter.

It was then the Mustangs' defense turn to stand strong, forcing a three-and-out by the Marauders. Taking back over at its own 25-yard line, Norwood went 75 yards in 12 plays, culminating in Leanos's second touchdown pass, this time to Zac Pungitore from 25 yards out. The Mustangs opted to try for a two-point conversion, and

succeeded on a run by Joe Mazzotta.

"It's huge, end it on a good note," said Mazzotta, a senior who was wearing his Norwood football uniform for the final time. "It's great for all the seniors, to end happy. We lost seven in a row, it wasn't the best season. I'm glad we ended on a high note."

Another three-and-out for the Marauders preceded the Mustangs' final scoring series, a quick-strike four-play drive that included a 46-yard completion from Leanos to Pungitore to set up a 17-yard touchdown pass from Leanos to Jake Vail with 1:30 left in the second quarter. Wladkowski kicked the extra point through the uprights for the final point of Norwood's 2015 season.

Dedham's offense struggled even more in the

second half, picking up only three first downs, and never possessing the ball beyond the 50. The one time they did cross midfield was on a play from the 50, a completed pass from Madden to Stephen Acosta, which was fumbled and recovered by Richie Watson to effectively clinch the victory for the Mustangs.

Norwood also defeated Dedham earlier in the season, 28-0, on Sept. 26 at Norwood High School; in a scheduling anomaly, the teams faced each other twice this season, rather than the standard singular meeting on Thanksgiving Day.

Progress from '14?

There aren't many instances of a seven-game losing streak falling during the same season as a playoff appearance, but that's exactly

what happened to Norwood this season.

With all the highs and the lows, the 2015 team managed to finish with an identical record to the 2014 squad, which also finished 4-7.

"The records are the same, but the path is different," said Tighe after the Thanksgiving win over Dedham. "Last year we were in the loser's end of the bracket, so we won some games at the end with some teams in that bracket."

Norwood went 2-1 in loser's bracket play a year ago, defeating Hingham and North Quincy and losing to Milton.

This year, upon entering the Division 3 Southwest playoff bracket as the No. 8 seed, the Mustangs hung around with No. 1 Milton in the first half, trailing 12-10, before the Wildcats pulled away to win 38-17.

Norwood would then lose to Hopkinton, 16-13, a game in which the Hillers took the lead with 30 seconds left, before losing to Bishop Feehan, 21-12, unable to dig itself out of an early 21-0 hole. Both the Hillers and Shamrocks also qualified for the Div. 3 Southwest playoffs, rather than rounding out their seasons in the loser's bracket.

The Mustangs began the season 3-0, streaking past Framingham, Wayland and Dedham by a combined score of 79-20 before entering a brutally tough stretch of its schedule.

"This year, we had some tough undefeated teams in the middle of the season," said Tighe, referring to Wellesley and Milton in particular, each of whom was unbeaten at the time of their meetings with the Mustangs. "We did get into the tournament, so it was more good teams. We had opportuni-

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ties there, too."

In addition to the Hopkinton game, Norwood suffered another loss in the final minute, with even less time on the clock: a 21-17 loss to Natick, in which the Redhawks took the lead with a mere 9 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter on Oct. 17.

"I think what we've got to do is be able to close games," said Tighe. "We had some opportunities to close games this year that we didn't."

The Mustangs will graduate some 18 seniors, listed below in numerical order: (captain) Joe Leanos, (captain) Joe Mazzotta, Damari Mayers, Sean Mellen, (captain) Jake Vail, Mike Flynn, (captain) Zac Pungitore, Gio Stiviletta, Abass Ghadbouni, Minoach Sigue, Viktor Sabha, James Conley, John Gerbutavich, Dan Bamber, Bobby Shayka, (captain) Steve Lussier, Conor Riggle and Ryan Cullinane.



Norwood offensive linemen Max Kane, No. 77 in white, and James Conley, No. 64, hold their blocks during Norwood's 22-7 victory over Dedham on Thanksgiving. The Mustangs have won two Turkey Day matchups in a row, and now lead the all-time series 48-37-2.

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NHS Athletics winter season schedules unveiled

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

One week from tomorrow, the Norwood boys basketball team will open its season at Milton High School with a game against the Wildcats.

And with that, the 2015-16 winter sports season will officially be upon us.

Tryouts for all winter sports began on Monday, which served as the unofficial beginning of the season, but the official tip-offs, puck drops and whistles of various accords don't count for real until that hoops game on Dec. 11.

The other Mustangs winter teams will all open their seasons over the course of the week that follows. Here's a quick glance at the schedules for the boys and girls basketball team, boys and girls hockey teams and wrestling team.

Note: Winter track schedules have yet to be released.

Boys Basketball

The boys basketball team plays 22 games, beginning on Dec. 11 at Milton, with its home opener Tuesday, Dec. 15 vs. Brookline. The schedule consists of a home-and-home series with every Bay State-Herget Division team

(Milton, Wellesley, Walpole, Natick and Dedham) and a single game vs. each Bay State-Carey Division team (Braintree, Brookline, Framingham, Needham, Newton North and Weymouth).

In non-conference play this year, Norwood will play a home-and-home series with Bishop Feehan (Attleboro), an away game at Archbishop Williams (Braintree), and a neutral site game against Canton at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence, R.I. on Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016. The Mustangs will also play in the Westwood Tournament over February vacation, with its opponents yet to be determined.

The home date vs. Bishop Feehan will be Norwood's regular season finale, on Sunday, Feb. 21.

Girls Basketball

Amy Lepley makes her debut as head coach of the Norwood girls basketball team on Tuesday, Dec. 15 on the road vs. Brookline, the same night junior Meghan Reen will play her first game since giving a verbal commitment to play basketball collegiately at Assumption College in Worcester. A daunting task awaits the Mustangs in their second game: a

matchup with two-time defending Div. 1 state champion Braintree on the road. The Wamps ran the table a season ago, finishing 25-0, a season after going 24-1 en route to the title. The Mustangs did not face Braintree last year.

Like the boys team, the girls will play each Herget Division team twice and each Carey team once.

The first home game for Norwood is on Tuesday, Dec. 22 vs. Dedham; it will be the Mustangs only home contest in its first seven games, before finally returning home on Jan. 12 to face Weymouth.

Non-conference action includes a Winter Recess tournament at Acton-Boxboro Regional High School, against two opponents yet to be announced, as well as the Westwood Tournament, for a total of 20 regular season games. The regular season finale is on Tuesday, Feb. 23 vs. Milton.

Boys Hockey

Following the implosion and subsequent razing of Metropolis Rink in Canton, both the boys and girls hockey teams will have two home sites this season: Bajko Arena in Hyde Park and Rodman Arena in Walpole.

Weekday home games for

the boys, of which there are seven, will be played in Hyde Park. The remaining three home games, all Saturdays, will be played in Walpole.

The Mustangs open the season on the road on Saturday, Dec. 12 at Milton, and like the girls basketball team, faces a reigning state champion in its second game: the Hingham Harbormen, who will be opening up their defense of the Div. 1 State Championship at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham on Dec. 14.

A scheduling quirk has Norwood's final five regular season games all at home (four at Bajko, one at Rodman), which follows a stretch of five straight road games.

Like in basketball, boys hockey plays each Herget team in a home-and-home series, and faces each Carey team once.

Including Hingham, Norwood's non-conference opponents are Pope Francis (formerly known as Springfield Cathedral), Brockton and Duxbury. The Duxbury game, on Feb. 24, is the Mustangs' regular season finale.

Girls Hockey

At this point, you get the picture: every schedule features home-and-home series with Herget opponents, and a singular game with Carey foes

(technically, Brookline's team is part of a co-op with Newton South, but all 12 Bay State teams have at least a share of a girls ice hockey program).

The Norwood girls hockey team has a similar schedule structure to the boys, with weekday home games in Hyde Park and weekend home games in Walpole.

The girls open their season on Saturday, Dec. 12 vs. Milton at Rodman, and make their Hyde Park debut on Monday, Dec. 14 vs. North Quincy in a non-conference game.

Other non-conference opponents for the girls include a road game at Fontbonne Academy (Milton) in Quincy, a home game in Hyde Park vs. Westwood, and a fourth opponent yet to be announced.

The regular season finale for Norwood is on Saturday, Feb. 13, "at home," vs. Walpole at Rodman Arena.

Wrestling

Norwood wrestling operates on a slightly different scheduling template than the remaining winter teams.

The Mustangs will partake in nine "dual meets," against a singular opponent, one

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"quad meet," vs. three opponents, and two tournaments at Canton High School and Weymouth High School.

Wrestling faces each team from the Bay State Conference, both Herget and Carey, one time each, and will also face Sharon, in a non-conference matchup with the Hockomock League. The teams which will participate in the two tournaments have yet to be announced.

Norwood opens its season on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at Milton, and doesn't have its first home meet until Wednesday, Jan. 13 vs. Newton North. The quad meet, which will take place at Wellesley High School on Jan. 23, will feature Norwood, Wellesley, Weymouth and Framingham.

The regular season finale for wrestling is Feb. 10 vs. Dedham at home.

For complete schedules for the winter sports teams, check out www.baystateconference.org and click on the link for "Norwood."

Swimmers past and present gather for meet

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

When Norwood swimming head coach Jennifer Rodger took the job last fall, one of her objectives was to stage a successful alumni swim meet.

This past Saturday, Rodger held the Mustangs' second annual alumni meet at the Westwood High School pool, and while the number of attendees wasn't quite what she had hoped for, she remains optimistic the event will continue to grow each year.

"It wasn't as big as I was hoping for, but I think it's going to take time to build," said Rodger, an alumna of the program herself, having swum for Norwood from 2004 to 2008. "I think it's a great weekend for an alumni event, but at the same time it's a really tough weekend because there are a lot of family events going on."

For the second year in a row, Rodger went all out for the event, ordering special alumni swim caps and t-shirts as souvenirs for those who participated.

"Everyone that did come had a lot of fun," said Rodger. "We ran an abbreviated meet with some shorter distances.

It was a lot of fun."

Among the attendees were several recent graduates of Norwood High School, including Charlotte Rivard, Bella Aspinwall and Caitlin Sullivan, all of whom were on the 2014 swim team.

"I think that's the crowd I'm trying to draw in, the most recent graduates," said Rodger.

Rivard has continued her swimming career collegiately, currently a member of the Simmons College swim team. She received Bay State Conference first team honors as a senior last year.

"Charlotte Rivard came, which was awesome," Rodger said, excited that a swimmer who still holds numerous Mustangs records attended. "She was absolutely crushing all the races that she swam. It was cool to see her back in the pool."

As far as the meet itself, which pitted the alumni against members of the current team, Rodger said that while the old school members held their own, they couldn't keep up with the 2015 version of the Mustangs.

"The alumni put some points on the board, and gave

them a little bit of fun for their money, but the current team was still in pretty good shape from the season wrapping up," she said after the alumni fell to the current team.

Rodger said that despite the relatively low number of alumni attendees this year, she definitely plans on holding the event again next

year.

"As the kids from the current team participate in it, and see friends come back, it will grow more fluidly that way."

She even has the location, day and time set in stone.

"Westwood High School, Saturday of Thanksgiving break, at 2:30 [p.m.]," Rodger said.



Norwood swimming held its alumni meet last Saturday, Nov. 28, at the Westwood High School pool, where Norwood holds all of its home swim meets.

COURTESY PHOTO

DEATHS

HUGHES

Dianne Margaret "Ladi Di," 63, of Norwood, on Nov. 23. Beloved daughter of the late William J. & Roberta (Coombes) Hughes. Devoted mother of Robert Francis Hodnett Jr. of Billerica & Justin William Hodnett of Florida. Loving grandmother of Kylee Ryan Hodnett. Also survived by her uncle, Robert Hughes and his wife, Rose of Somerville, and cousins, Dawne Marie Hughes, Robin Hughes Ingalls and her husband Gary, Robert Hughes, and James Hughes. Dear friend of Susan Robinson. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., (Rte. 1A), Norwood. Interment Private. Expressions of sympathy in her memory may be made to the Scleroderma Foundation, 300 Rosewood Drive, Suite 105, Danvers, MA 01923.

LYNCH

Cornelius Thomas Jr., 93, of Norwood, Nov. 22. From 1943 to 1946 he served in the U.S. Army Air Force as a communications specialist in New Guinea, the Philippines and post-war Japan. Beloved Son to Cornelius T. Lynch and Abbie M. (Daley) Lynch. He was the beloved husband of 67 years of the late Helen M. (Wall) Lynch and the devoted father of C. Thomas, III, and Alice B. Lynch of New Jersey; James J. Lynch of Virginia; Ellen Lynch Schiavoni and Edmund S. Schiavoni, Jr., of New Hampshire; Anne M. Lynch-Lupica and Joseph A. Lupica of Brockton; and Theresa C. Lynch

and Mary Lee C. Potter of Somerville. He was the cherished grandfather of Katherine H., Elizabeth M. and Caroline A. Schiavoni; Ramey E. Lynch; Jacqueline A. and Christina E. Lupica; and Owen C. and Claire C. Lynch. He was the beloved brother of the late John H. and William F. Lynch, Abbie M. Lynch, and the late Frances G. Bergen, and the uncle of nine nieces and nephews. He graduated from Dedham High School in 1940 and received a bachelor's degree from Boston College in 1951 and a master's in business administration from Northeastern University in 1955. He began working for New England Telephone in 1941 as an elevator operator on the night shift while in college and served in a variety of positions for more than 46 years including manager of training and education and district manager for revenue matters. After retiring in 1988, he continued as an active member of the Telephone Company Pioneers and served as secretary/treasurer, vice president, president and president emeritus of NIHOA (the National Ice Hockey Officials Association). He was a longtime volunteer with the Bay State Games as a referee and as supervisor of officials, and in 2012, was the first referee elected to the Massachusetts

Hockey Hall of Fame. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., (Rte. 1A) Norwood. Interment will follow at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Friends of Norwood Hockey, Box 308, Norwood, MA 02062.

MONAHAN

Marie C. (Hickey), of Norwood, on Nov. 26. Beloved daughter of the late Jeffrey J. and Margaret (Crowley) Hickey and the beloved wife of John F. "Jack" Monahan. Devoted sister of the late Edward J. Hickey, Sr.; loving aunt of Eileen Hickey, Mary Hickey, Edward J. Hickey, Jr. and his wife Sharon, all of Norwood, Patricia A. Bates and her husband Rodney of Laconia, N.H. and the late Margaret "Peggy" Hickey; cherished great-aunt of Connor Bates of Laconia, N.H. and Shauna, Jeffrey and Patrick Hickey, all of Norwood. Marie worked for Shawmut Bank for 43 years and was a member of the St. Catherine of Siena Church Sodality in Norwood. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rte. 1A) Norwood. Interment at St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury. Memorial contributions in memory of Marie C.

Monahan may be made to the Peggy Hickey Scholarship Fund, c/o Norwood Bank, 11 Central Street, Norwood, MA 02062.

ROWAN

Robert L., 90, of Norwood, on Nov. 27. World War II US Navy Veteran. Bob was the beloved husband of Anne M. (Barry) Rowan; devoted father of George J. Rowan and his wife Lynn of Walpole, and Robert L. Rowan, Jr. and his wife Marie of Norwood; cherished grandfather of Joseph and John; dear brother of the late Kenneth Rowan and the late Barbara McCauley; brother-in-law to Helen and Robert Murray and Virginia and John Gillis. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Bob was a graduate of Roslindale High class of

1943 and graduate of Boston College, class of 1950. Following a long career as a salesman for Sentry Insurance, Bob became an avid golfer. He was a long time Norwood town meeting member, past president of the Parents Music Association, a member of the Lions Club and the Norwood Retired Men's Club, and a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, (Rte. 1A), Norwood. Interment will follow the Mass in Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Bob's memory to Steward Home Care Hospice, 30 Perwal St., Westwood, MA 02090, or St Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



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MONDAY NOV 23

0807 cellular - Debris on road taken/referred to other Location/address: Buckminster Dr Resident reports dead cat on road. Maintenance notified.

0843 phone - Citizens complaint services rendered Location/address: Metropolitan Cabinet - University Ave Units stood by while an employee was fired and left without incident.

0922 walk-in - Assist other agency services rendered Location/address: Melville Ave Units stood by while N.A.C.O. conducted an investigation.

0945 phone - Warrant of apprehension *arrest(s)made Location/address: Winfield St N666 places subject under arrest and transports directly to Dedham District Court.

1342 cellular - Animal complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/address: Walpole St + George Willet Pkwy Report of a brown dog, with its collar, walking along sidewalk towards Hannaford's.

1402 phone - Susp activity area search negative Location/address: Railroad Ave report of a yellow truck, "American Gutter" on side, came to her home and the neighbor's home for work, neither resident ordered any work, left towards center of town.

1418 phone - Animal complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/address: 769 block - Norwest Dr Report of a dog in MA pc usc420 for most of the day.

1515 phone - Unwanted party spoken to Location/address: spot - Broadway Report customer using profanities and will not leave. N662 reports he left.

1649 911 - Susp person area search negative Location/address: Morrill Memorial Library - Walpole St Report of a male party who approached a library patron quickly in the parking lot and made her feel uncomfortable.

1833 911 - Complaint of mv services rendered Location/address: Broadway St Bicyclist reports a motorist nearly struck him and is now pulled over. N669 spoke to all parties involved, all are satisfied.

1938 911 - B & E residence *report filed Location/address: Walters Rd Resident reports a past break and enter.

2007 911 - B & E residence *report filed Location/address: Chickering Rd

2008 911 - B & E residence *report filed Location/address: Highland St Resident reports a past break and entering.

2010 phone - B & E residence *report filed Location/address: Lenox St Resident reports a break and entering of his apartment.

2107 phone - B & E residence *report filed

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Location/address: Edgehill Rd Original call was an alarm coming in as kitchen window. Upon arrival it was determined to be a B&E. MSP canine notified and responded.

2150 phone - B & E residence *report filed Location/address: Ledgeview Dr Resident reports individuals attempted to break into her home and left in a black SUV. Bolo broadcast to surrounding cities and towns.

TUESDAY NOV 24

0108 911 - Drunk person *protective custody Location/address: Ridgewood Dr Caller reports boyfriend is intoxicated and wants him out. N666,n664 responded. As a result, boyfriend placed in protective custody.

0323 phone - Complaint of mv *arrest(s)made Location/address: Hampton Inn - Bos-Prov Hwy Walpole P.D. reports employee at Walmart stated a white male came through registers smelling of alcohol and drinking nips while in line at the register. He left the parking lot in a gray BMW heading rt.1 n/b. Bolo to cars. N666 stops vehicle in front of Ramada Inn. (MA. Reg# 78xk58) n664 responds. N666 returns with 1 under arrest for OUI. Center Auto tows Vehicle. Arrest: Dimartino, Robert J Address: 70 Hyde Park St Dedham, Ma Age: 44 Charges: oui liquor or .08%, 2nd offense Oui-related offense w/license suspended for ouি-related off. Brakes violation, mv Speeding in viol special regulation

0650 initiated - Motor vehicle stop *complaint/summons Location/address: Mobil Gas - Wash/RR Ave - Washington St MA. (co) r40559. As a result of stop, n665 issues a summons for operating on suspended license. Licensed operator responded and took truck.

1236 phone - Susp person gone on arrival Location/address: Central St Report of white male wearing patriot's gear walking on Central street towards post office yelling at passing motor vehicles. N662 and n664 sent.

1634 phone - Well being chk gone on arrival Location/address: Pleasant St + Lenox Ave Caller reports that an elderly male was walking in the street.

1814 phone - Parking violation services rendered Location/address: Roxana St Construction equipment blocking driveway. Equipment moved.

2028 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Hillside Ave Caller reported a group in an older red hatchback removing boxes from a house in darkness. Officers spoke with group.

Subjects moving equipment to a friend's house. No problems found.

2251 phone - Noise complaint spoken to Location/address: Phillips Ave Caller reported loud construction. Parties advised.

WEDNESDAY NOV 25

0056 phone - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St E.R. Reception reports party in lobby transported with husband to hospital and she needs to go home but doesn't have key to get back in. N669 responded and transported her home. Downstairs tenant was able to get her inside.

0210 911 - Well being chk *report filed Location/address: Kent Rd

0603 phone - Susp vehicle services rendered Location/address: Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports suspicious vehicle off to the side of road before the animal shelter. (MA. Reg# 811sh5)n677,n669 responded and report the vehicle they believe belongs to a hunter. N677 made an attempt to contact airport manager but he was not in at this time but will check back with him.

0817 phone - susp activity gone on arrival Location/address: Ellis Playground - Codman Rd Report MA pc 513rn5 was parked near baseball field 10 minutes ago, 2 males maybe black or dark skinned Hispanic, both out of car, 1 smoking, leaned towards each other but no other furtive movement seen and then they left.

0819 cellular - Susp vehicle services rendered Location/address: Conservation Land - Bos-Prov Hwy Report of a white SUV pulled up to the wood line near the billboard. N667 sent. N428, on private detail, reports that was checked on 12-8, it is a hunter, and information was forwarded to n438. N667 canceled.

0914 phone - Susp activity *report filed Location/address: Washington St Resident reports a phone call stating his granddaughter has been kidnapped at gunpoint. Call to school- she is there.

1049 phone - Animal complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/address: Soggy Doggie - Washington St Report employees trying to coral a loose dog on the side street. NACO substitute officer notified.

1123 phone - Disturbance *report filed Location/address: Pleasant St Report son agitated and throwing things around. N667 reports the son left prior to officers arrival, report filed.

1223 other - Be on the lookout services rendered Location: [WAP] Bolo for attempted B&E

suspects: 1)w/m.blk ski mask, blk hoodie; 2)w/m, grey hat, blk hoodie.

1328 phone - Vandalism could not locate Location/address: Norwood Central Station Building - Broadway St Caller reports graffiti on building. N664 responding. N664 Could not locate any graffiti.

1410 phone - Larceny under investigation Location/address: McDonalds - Broadway St Report 1 of 3 deposits is missing.

1419 phone - Hit and run under investigation Location/address: McDonalds - Broadway St Report car hit building near 1st drive-thru window and then left.

1430 walk-in - Pedestrian accident *report filed Location/address: Pleasant St + Garfield Ave Traffic supervisor reports she was struck by a car's mirror at the morning post.

1521 initiated - Motor vehicle stop *arrest(s)made Location/address: Walpole St + Laurel Rd As a result of stopping MA pc 2yz114, Center Auto tows same, N666 places subject under arrest and transports to station. Arrest: Marmelo, Lucas Address: 41 Mattapoisett Rd Acushnet, Ma Age: 34 Charges: warrant arrest

1802 911 - Disturbance *report filed Location/address: Guarino Pastry Shop - Washington St Caller reported man causing a disturbance. Party left prior to arrival. See report.

1912 phone - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Brookside Cafe - Washington St Caller reported car struck a deer. Officer assisted party. No damage found.

2127 initiated - Susp vehicle services rendered Location/address: Norwood Bank - Central St Occupants of pc MA 2428mn moved along.

2130 initiated - Susp person *protective custody Location/address: Lewis Restaurant & Grille - Central St Officer observed party sleeping in a vehicle. One placed into protective custody, released to a friend. See report.

2302 phone - Susp activity area search negative Location/address: Walpole St Caller reported her vehicle was egged, did not want to file a report at this time. Officer checked area, nothing found.

THURSDAY NOV 26

0002 phone - Susp vehicle services rendered Location/address: Saunders Rd Caller reported suspicious white Jeep. Officer checked vehicle, nothing suspicious found.

0017 initiated - Disturbance *arrest(s)made Location/address: Limey's Pub - Washington St Officers on a walk-through of area pubs. Officers reported large unruly group at above address.

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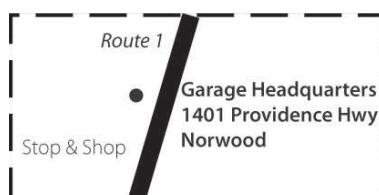
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Santa" has been formed to help Santa receive his mail faster. This will ensure Santa has enough

time to answer your child's letter with a hand-written response straight from the North Pole!

For a \$5 donation, Operation Santa will express mail your child's letter to the North Pole.

Your child will receive a hand-written response from the jolly old man himself. All proceeds from

your donation will be given to Norwood's own Circle of Hope Foundation, which directly supports

Norwood families facing financial hardships while dealing with serious illness.

Forms are available at the Willett Early Childhood Center, Norwood Recreation Department, or

by e-mail at ltolman@norwood.k12.ma.us and should be returned to the Willett Early Childhood

Center by Dec. 4. We cannot guarantee Santa will have time to respond after this

date. Checks can be made out to the Circle of Hope.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SERVICES

On Sunday, Dec. 6, First Congregational Church in Norwood will continue the celebration of the Advent season leading up to Christmas. On the second Sunday of Advent, the congregation lights the second candle of the Advent Wreath, symbolizing Peace. In the following weeks, we will light the candles of Love and Joy. Holy Communion will be served. Come join us in celebration!

ST. NICHOLAS AND COOKIE AT GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Nicholas makes his annual visit to Grace Episcopal Church on Sunday, Dec. 6 at the 10 a.m. family service. This service reminds us of the real saint and bishop who embodied selfless giving and generosity during his lifetime. His presence during the service is a much-anticipated event by both the young and the young at heart. St. Nick's visit coincides with the second Sunday in Advent and Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at both the 8 and 10 a.m. services. St. Nicholas will continue his visit through coffee hour, which follows the 10 a.m. service. All are welcome to take a picture with St. Nick. On Saturday, Dec. 12, beginning at 10 a.m., a wonderful selection of delicious homemade holiday treats will be on sale at the annual Grace Cookie Walk. Need a hostess gift, a gift for someone special or a treat for the family? Fill a box of homemade delights. Arrive early for the best selection! The church is located at 150 Chapel St.

MORSE HOUSE TOUR

The George H. Morse House will be open for a Special Tour and Celebration on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016 from 1-4 p.m. We are dedicating this Christmas Season to our American Veterans. We will display pictures of our local veterans and ask that you contact Dale Day (781-762-7291), Olga Abdallah (781-762-3058) or Jean and Jack Taylor (781-769-3975) if you have pictures of your service that you would like to share at this event. Please plan on stopping by The Morse House to thank our veterans for their service. Refreshments will be served. (Snow Date Jan. 16)

A CHRISTMAS CAROL READING AT DAY HOUSE

The Norwood Historical Society is pleased to present a dramatic reading of Dickens' famed A Christmas Carol on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. The reading will take place at the F. Holland Day House, 93 Day St., Norwood. It is free and open to the public. Although they do not dress in character, Paul, Bill, and Katia immerse their audience in the story as Dickens may have done when he, himself, performed readings of the tale. "I've toyed with the idea of using period costumes" states Hayden, "but I just don't want to make the entire program fictional. I like keeping it simple. We are three actors from the present time, who are here to read you a darn good story! I want the visuals to be in the imagination of the audience." The production at the Day House will begin promptly at 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served at intermission. Tours of the decorated Day House will follow the performance.

FIRST PARISH OF WESTWOOD HOSTS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BARN & FAIR

On Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., First Parish of Westwood will host its annual Christmas Barn & Fair on the grounds of the church at 248 Nahatan St., Westwood. Beautifully decorated fresh and artificial wreaths and greens will be featured, as well as a variety of handcrafted holiday items, vintage jewelry, hand knit items, and our ever-popular Christmas Cookie Walk, featuring delicious homemade Christmas cookies. Once our Christmas Barn & Fair has put you in the Christmas spirit, why not pick up tickets for First Parish's Christmas Concert while you're there? That evening, at 7 p.m., we will offer a concert filled with classical and traditional holiday music, performed by the 60-member Boston Children's Chorus and a well-known local a capella group, Amici Cantores. It will be a glorious night of holiday music, guaranteed to put the entire family in the Christmas spirit. Admission is \$15 (\$10/seniors, \$30/family of up to 5, and tickets may be purchased at the door or reserved by contacting the church office at 781-326-5344.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

On Saturday, Dec. 12 from 8-11 a.m., the Balch Elementary School will hold its annual Pancake Santa Breakfast. Please join us for a delicious pancake breakfast complete with sausages, fruit, pastry, coffee and tea. The cost of the breakfast is \$5. Our Fifth grade students will sing Christmas carols upon the arrival of Santa! There will be arts & crafts for the children

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Westwood, Walpole Responded. Arrest: Gately, Michael W Address: 103 Cottage St Norwood, Ma Age: 22 Charges: A&B with dangerous weapon &b on police officer Disorderly conduct

0031 911 - Disturbance gone on arrival Location/address: MOMTM - Maple St Caller reported someone kicked the side of the house. Westwood Police responded. Property check, secure. No one suspicious found in the area.

0050 initiated - Disturbance services rendered Location/address: Napper Tandy's - Day St Officers cleared group out.

0110 phone - Susp vehicle gone on arrival Location/address: Nichols St Caller reported suspicious sedan. Vehicle drove off while on phone.

0307 911 - Disturbance spoken to Location/address: MOMTM - St Joseph Ave Caller reported people shouting in the street. Officer reported minor disagreement. Parties separated.

0743 phone - Noise complaint spoken to Location/address: Endicott St Report construction workers at new condo building. N667 informed them they will have to stop if there are any more complaints.

0914 other - Well being chk spoken to Location/address: Conservation Land - Bos-Prov Hwy N665 rechecks on MA pc 811sh5 to try and locate the hunter. North Attleboro PD sent to home. 1030 hrs- subject called in, he has left the area, and he spoke to shift supervisor.

0949 phone - Noise complaint services rendered Location/address: Endicott St Report roofers making noise. Per n668 they will be allowed to work.

1135 cellular - Animal complaint taken/referred to other Location/address: [can] Route 95 N Passing motorist reports 1/2 mile before the split there is a cow standing in the grass. Canton PD notified.

1419 phone - Larceny *report filed Location/address: Ajay's Market - Walpole St Report "Jimmy Fund" can stolen.

1601 phone - Complaint of MV taken/referred to other Location/address: Upland Rd Report that the operator and passenger of MA pc 1kd598 Possibly having a fight, vehicle in Westwood at the time of the call. Westwood PD notified and responded.

1804 phone - Disturbance area search negative Location/address: Lucky Mart Inc - Washington St Customer reports an employee asked him to call the Police regarding an unwanted customer. Party was gone upon arrival.

2021 911 - Disturbance services rendered Location/address: CVS Pharmacy - Nahatan St Caller reported party causing a disturbance. Party removed from property.

2043 phone - Noise complaint spoken to Location/address: St John Ave Resident playing loud music in his garage. N661 spoke with Him, he will turn the music off for the night.

2051 phone - Susp person area search negative Location/address: Pleasant St Report of two men standing outside the window of a home.

2300 911 - Assist Fire Dept Police & Fire notified/r Location/address: MOMTM Unit A - Plymouth Dr Strange odor in residence. Nothing suspicious found. Norwood Fire responded.

2344 phone - Neighbor disturbance spoken to Location/address: Ad Cleaning - Washington St Dispute over parking. Parties advised.

FRIDAY NOV 27
0049 initiated - Community police services rendered Location/address: Limey's Pub - Washington St Officer assisted clearing out patrons.

0216 911 - Susp person spoken to Location/address: Ledgeview Dr Caller reported suspicious group. Subjects checked ok.

0335 phone - Susp vehicle area search negative Location/address: Mill Pond Ln Caller reported group gathering around a vehicle. Officer checked area, nothing found.

1055 other - Larceny *arrest(s)made Location/address: Ajay's Market - Walpole St Party in the

lobby reports he is turning himself in for a past larceny. As a result, n669 placed that party under Arrest. Arrest: Deshiron, David F Jr Address: 34 Churchill Pl Dedham, Ma Age: 44 Charges: larceny from building

1312 phone - Well being chk spoken to Location/address: Plymouth Dr Company reports a client who made paranoid statements over the telephone. N665 spoke to that party, she checks ok. caller notified.

1416 911 - Larceny *report filed Location/address: Worcester Dr Theft of construction equipment.

1458 911 - Report of gas leak Fire Dept notified/respo Location/address: Plimpton Ave Odor of natural gas.

1808 phone - Susp vehicle gone on arrival Location/address: Casey St + Prospect St Blue Toyota Sienna playing loud music.

1956 phone - Noise complaint spoken to Location/address: Village Rd E Loud music. Resident and calling party spoken to, both are satisfied.

2054 911 - Disturbance area search negative Location/address: Subway - Lenox St Calling party believes two coworkers may have been arguing before leaving the area in a blue hatchback. Officers searched the area and spoke with the caller who was unsure of what happened.

2103 911 - Disturbance *report filed Location/address: Quick Stop - Washington St Employee reports a customer is giving him a hard time.

2345 phone - Noise complaint *arrest(s)made Location/address: Hampden Dr Report of a resident banging on his door, waking up his Neighbors. N666 places one female under arrest s/m 9506 0016 Hrs. E/m 9509 0021 hrs. Arrest: Odom, Ebony D Address: 816 Truman Hwy Hyde Park, Ma Age: 33 Charges: destruction of property +\$250, wanton

SATURDAY NOV 28

0906 walk-in - Civil dispute civil matter Location/address: Osprey Wireless Inc - Bos-Prov Hwy Walk in party reports having a dispute with his former boss. party was spoken to and advised.

0946 radio - Assist fire dept *report filed Location/address: Nahatan St NFD reports that a light pole fell onto a parked vehicle, no PI. Property management responded.

1002 phone - Susp person gone on arrival Location/address: Wedgewood Dr + Longmeadow Rd Caller reports that a man is collecting trash and leaving it on the street. No trash was found.

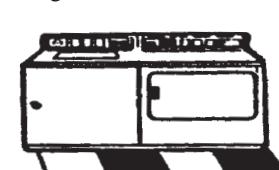
1042 phone - Vandalism *report filed Location/address: Marlboro St Caller reports that teenagers threw eggs at his house last week.

1115 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Cellphone World (Metropcs Authorized Dlr) - Washington St Caller states male party

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in front of his store is acting strange. N662 and n677 responding. N662 spoke with the male party and he was not acting out of sorts. Party moved along.

1312 other - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Boch Honda - Bos-Prov Hwy Report of possible illegal hunting. N677 sent to investigate. N677 located and spoke with party.

1241 phone - Susp person services rendered Location/address: Peters Auto Repair - Washington St caller reports a man walking around her neighbor's property. N678 identified that party as an electrician doing work on the house.

1827 phone - susp person services rendered Location/address: Walpole St + George Willet Pkwy N666 comes across a confused pedestrian. N666 provided her with a courtesy transport to 301a Olde Derby Road. S/m 9527 At 1833, e/m 9528 at 1837.

2320 phone - Disturbance gone on arrival Location/address: Norwood Pk Employee reports five disruptive customers. Group left prior to officer's arrival.

SUNDAY NOV 29

0016 911 - Fireworks area search negative Location/address: Village Rd W Caller reported gun shots or fireworks. Officers checked area, nothing found.

0112 phone - Noise complaint services rendered Location/address: 48 Lenox St - Lenox St Loud noises from apartment. No answer at door.

0403 911 - Susp activity *protective custody Location/address: Codman Rd Caller reported male party attempting to gain entry to house. Officers placed one party into protective custody, released to a friend. See report.

1007 walk-in - Unwanted party services rendered Location/address: Bahama Dr Walk in party seeking advice on an unwanted family member. N678 transports party back to her address s/m 51192 1027 Hrs. E/m 51193 1030 hrs. Units spoke with the unwanted party, she will leave. N678 gives a transport to another building inside the apartment complex s/m 51193 1053 hrs. E/m 51194 1054 hrs.

1614 phone - Noise complaint spoken to Location/address: Hampden Dr report of loud music playing for several hours, that party agreed to turn the music down.

1636 phone - Susp vehicle gone on arrival Location/address: Centennial Dr + West Border Rd Report of ma pc 999lw2 parked in the grass with a group of males standing around the vehicle.

1702 other - Serve summons unsuccessful service Location/address: Plymouth Dr

2228 phone - Well being chk gone on arrival Location/address: Norwood Post Office - Central St Report of a male party who has been outside walking for a long time.

It's beginning to sound a lot like Christmas/Advent

*Soon and very soon we are going' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are going' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are going' to see the King.
Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.*

- Andrae Crouch

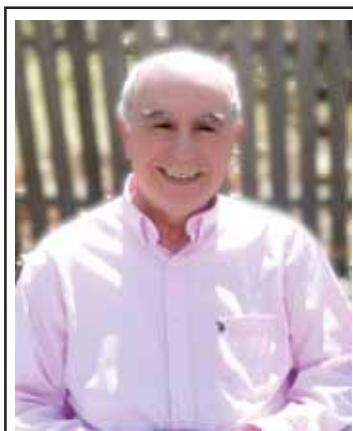
During the week before Thanksgiving, it's normal to assume that not too many customers will be purchasing sliced turkey at the deli counter. The cooked turkey of Thanksgiving (for those of us who are carnivores) and the leftovers are scrumptious and very few want to risk becoming sated with turkey: hence the aversion to eating it shortly before the day itself.

But, on the other hand, many Americans do not mind being sated with things Christmas-y. In addition to stores offering Christmas items all year long, America's stores have not lost a beat this year with the rather late Thanksgiving: find me a mall where the carols don't blare, tinsel doesn't twinkle, electric trains don't rumble, Santas don't nod, and reindeer don't prance. Needless to say, by the time the 25th

arrives, most of us have had it with Christmas.

In 1971, the San Francisco-born but Los Angeles-raised Andrae Crouch composed the song referenced above, "Soon and Very Soon." Recounting that he received the gift of music as a child, he began playing for his pastor-parents before the age of 12. He wrote his first gospel song at the age of 14. When he was 29, he composed "Soon and Very Soon," which because of its catchy rhythm, repetition, and apocalyptic references, has the feel of an old spiritual. He went on to win nine Grammies.

While Christians who seek to keep Christmas in its rightful place acknowledge that the time preceding Christmas is Advent—a time holy unto itself characterized by a time of waiting—the plaintive "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"



My Kind of Town/ Joe Galeota

was one of the principal hymns for them to sing at services for centuries. But now (since 1971) comes an upbeat hymn that captures the joy of anticipation. Truly there is room for both of these hymns for those who believe in the solemnity of Christmas and the one-month-long (versus the customary nine-month-long waiting period): soon and very soon Emmanuel will have come.

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said they are not opposed to apartments, but are opposed to large apartment complexes. Residential portions of mixed-use development would not mean complexes, but housing attached to commercial uses.

"I have no problem with mixed-use. I think mixed-use is a good thing," Paciorkowski said.

There were also proposed changes to parking requirements, as Halkiotis said it may be difficult for the older buildings to meet today's parking standards. Some flexibility similar to the parking regulations in the central business dis-

trict, in which less parking was made available for commercial uses at older buildings than recommended by regulations - though restaurants appear to require the most - could help, though Halkiotis said mixed use development means accommodating parking needs for each separate use.

Paciorkowski said he thought Norwood had an overabundance of commercial parking due to the current regulations as they stand now. Halkiotis again said the Board could set a percentage of the parking regulation's required spaces for the overlay district,

so that, for example, a site may only need to have 80 percent of the spots required by the current regulations. This could also be done via a special permit with the ZBA or other Town agency.

Among the other suggested changes included signage in the manufacturing zone, which is currently limited to 50 square feet. Halkiotis said regulations require signage to be 15 feet back from the right of way, meaning a ladder sign listing all tenants in a mixed use building might not be viewable. Changes to this part of the bylaw could allow for businesses to be listed on a sign near the access point to the property and also out front of their business, via awning or sign.

The Board also discussed how to define or enable the creation of live/work artist lofts - Halkiotis said three other Towns in his research have developed such definitions - and use of the sites by social, civic or recreational nonprofit interests, which are currently not allowed. These nonprofit uses could be allowed by right, Halkiotis said. Other proposed changes included allowing indoor and outdoor recreation, including firing ranges, athletic facilities and golf courses.

Halkiotis said examining the existing conditions around the industrial sites would be needed to see how they play into potential changes. The Board decided members would weigh in on the proposed changes at its next meeting.

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and pictures with Santa. This is a Balch School tradition, we hope to see you there!

FIRST BAPTIST GINGERBREAD FAIR

On Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church's Parish Hall at 71 Bond St., The First Baptist Church of Norwood will hold its annual Gingerbread Fair. Many have been getting together all year to create craft items, knitted and crocheted items, wood creations, etc. There will be lovely pieces of jewelry, a Christmas table with a wide selection of handmade decorative items, toys, books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles. There will be a White Elephant Table featuring gently used items. There will be several items offered on the Silent Auction tables this year. The popular Cookie Walk will be in action again. Cookies are being baked by the dozens and customers can purchase an empty box and fill it with the cookies of their choice. Another feature to be repeated this year, especially for children, will include Gingerbread House Decorating, where young artists (and adults) can create holiday masterpieces with the help of experienced confectioners. For sale this year will be decorated wreaths to make an attractive display on your front door or your windows. Arrive early and enjoy a breakfast of fresh-brewed coffee and a mouth-watering assortment of homemade breads and squares. These will be available all day. Stop by the Cook House between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. for a lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, grilled cheese sandwiches, sausage with pepper & onion sandwiches, delicious homemade soup, chips, soft drinks, and warm home-baked gingerbread with whipped cream - all available for on-site dining or "to go." A great way to plan to meet up with friends and sit down and enjoy a bite. This is a fun way and a great place to start, or add to, your holiday shopping.

NAAANNUAL HOLIDAY SMALL WORKS ART SHOW AND SALE

A much looked forward to event, the non-profit Norwood Art Association, Inc. will hold its annual Holiday Small Works Art Show and Sale at Custom Art Framing, 45 Central St., Norwood, Saturday, Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with an Opening Reception on Friday, Dec. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. Open to the Public - Admission is Free. Featured will be original small paintings and photographs by local artists perfect for holiday gift giving. It is a wonderful time to meet the artists, pick up an amazing gift, and support the NAA. The Norwood Art Association, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing unique opportunities to local artists. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in fine art.

NORWOOD WOMANS CLUB MEETING

On Tuesday, Dec 8, The Norwood Woman's Club will hold its next meeting at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Hall at, 24 Berwick St. at 12:30 p.m. Dorothy Stratton will entertain us with a holiday program. Any questions call Trina Mallet at 781-762-8173.

HELPLIGHT-UP THE CIRCLE OF HOPE

On Saturday, Dec. 5, The Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation invites you to help light up the Circle of Hope by purchasing a luminary to be lit in the Town Common. Continuing a Norwood tradition begun 15 years ago, the members of the Circle of Hope Foundation say the luminaries are a symbol of Life, Hope, the Season, and Remembrance of others. Last year more than 1,600 luminaries were lit on the town common. Luminaries can be purchased for \$5 each from any Foundation board member, by calling 781.762.3549, or by mailing your check and messages to The Circle of Hope Foundation, 24 Myrtle Street, Norwood, MA 02062. Luminaries can also be purchased at the Norwood Civic Center and Murph's Place in Norwood.

CHRISTMAS FAIR AT THE UNITED CHURCH

On Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., The United Church of Norwood's Christmas Fair will be held in the church fellowship hall off Nahatan Street. The fair will feature a "Quilted Corner" with delightful Christmas stockings and other quilted items, an abundant bake sale and Candy Shoppe, unique bottle bird-feeders, jewelry, ornaments, craft items and a silent auction. A terrific variety of raffles include a colorful Patriotic quilt, themed gift baskets, gift certificates, and a sterling silver necklace with a tanzanite and diamond pendant. White elephant bargains will also be available. A delicious and reasonably priced luncheon of homemade soup and sandwiches will be offered. Stop by, do some shopping and enjoy the friendly and informal atmosphere of the United Church. The church is located at the corner of Washington and Nahatan streets in Norwood Center. Enter the hall from the Nahatan Street parking lot. Plenty of free parking behind the church and in the town lot.

EVERGREEN FAIRE

On Saturday, Dec. 5 for our annual Evergreen Faire at the First Congregational Church in Norwood (United Church of Christ) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.! This year's Faire will include handmade cards and sea glass jewelry, intricately carved wooden ornaments by local craftsman Ron Wiik, beautiful terrariums, a large selection of glassware and collectibles at the Unique Boutique, handmade American Girl doll clothes, and a marvelous Silent Auction. Evergreen Faire at the First Congregational Church, located at the corner of Route 1A and Winter Street in Norwood. For more information, please call (781)762-3320.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS

Bereavement Support Groups at Dedham Medical Associates Pediatric Group Room, 3rd Floor 1177 Providence Highway Norwood. Coping with Loss During the Holidays 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Dec. 16. This group is open to adults who have suffered a loss of a loved one due to death. For more information and to register for this free group, contact Doreen Moscaritolo at dmoscaritolo@vnab.org or 781-569-2836

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PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF NORWOOD

APPLICATION FOR A LODGING HOUSE LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Norwood will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. in Room 34, Selectmen's Chambers, Norwood Town Hall on application of Jeffery P. Morrill for a Lodging House License to operate 12 Vernon Street LLC, 12 Vernon Street, Norwood, MA

BOARD OF SELECTMAN
By Frances L. Jessoe, Clerk

Norwood Record, December 3, 2015

ARTS & CRAFTS: Offered Every First Thursday of each month at 11 a.m.

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

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

BOOK CLUB: Our next Book Club will be meeting on Dec. 21 at 10 a.m.

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

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has been cancelled.

COUNCIL ON AGING: COA next meeting will be Dec. 3 @ 1 p.m.

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

DIABETES WORKSHOP: The Diabetes Workshop: Thursday, Dec. 17 at 11 a.m.

FOOT DOCTOR: Dr. Cormier will be here Tuesday, Dec. 22 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

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

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

LINE DANCE: Line Dance Classes are held

each Tuesday. Class will be held from 1-2 p.m.

MASSAGE THERAPIST: Karen Tracy is here on the first Monday of each month. Please sign up at front desk. Massages are \$30 for half an hour.

NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB: The Board of Directors meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center (Except July and August). Meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks Lodge, at 10 a.m.

POETRY CLUB: Is held on the Third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m., Facilitated by Nancy from the Library.

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

WATER COLOR: The next session is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 10 at 9 a.m. Payment of \$20 must be made at time of sign-up.

WHIST PARTY: Whist parties will be held on the fourth Friday of each month 1 - 3 p.m.

DECEMBER EVENTS: COA Board Meeting Dec. 3 at 1 p.m. Senior Center Christmas Party Lunch and Entertainment Dorothy Stratton Dec. 10 at noon \$10 per person Glee Club Christmas Performance Dec. 18 at 1 p.m.

Friends of the COA Evening Dance Dec. 18, from 7 to 10:30 p.m.

Learn To Play Mah Jong Lessons are held on Thursday and Friday afternoons, 1 to 3 p.m.

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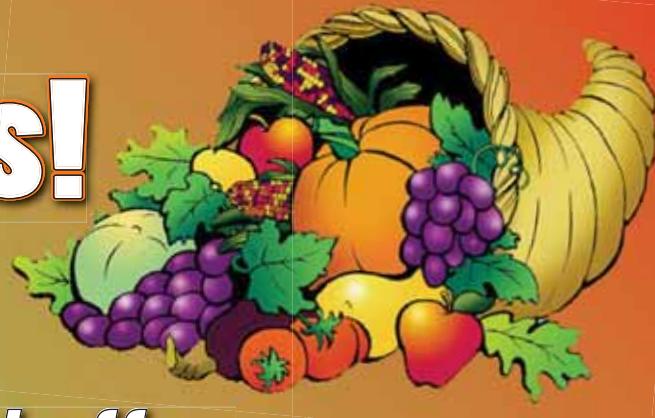
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