



Nearly a third of the Metropolis Skating Rink roof in Canton collapsed due to snow on Feb. 28, while Norwood youth hockey teams practiced inside. No one was injured, but the building sustained significant damage to the roof and an outer wall.

COURTESY PHOTO

State officials warned that the roof of the Metropolis Skating Rink in Canton, leased to the town by the DCR, was in danger of collapsing just one day before 30 percent of the roof collapsed during a Norwood Nuggets youth hockey practice.

COURTESY PHOTO

## Norwood youth hockey escapes rink collapse without injury

**Sam Nickerson**  
Staff Reporter

Norwood youth hockey players and their parents and coaches narrowly avoided tragedy, escaping safely from the Metropolis Skating Rink in Canton after its roof collapsed on Feb. 28.

“It wasn’t just one person. Every-

body pitched in to get kids to safety,” Norwood Nuggets coach Mike Fanizzi said. “It’s amazing how everything clicked together, you just never know.”

Fanizzi said squirt and peewee teams - which include children aged 8-13 years old - had just begun their regular practice shortly after 7 a.m. when he heard the first “boom.”

At that time, players and coaches were split between several locker rooms and the ice. Fanizzi said he was on the ice with three other coaches and around 10 players were underneath where the collapse would take place.

After the first boom, Fanizzi said he looked up and saw a broken rafter.

“I started screaming at the top of my

lungs for everybody to get out,” Fanizzi said. At this point, coaches at the other end of the ice, as well as parents in the stands, began jumping into action, ushering the children out to the lobby and into the parking lot.

Around 15 seconds later, the roof

**Rink Collapse**

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## Bylaw changes to zoning and marijuana discussed

**Sam Nickerson**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Planning Board discussed several proposed bylaw changes and possible articles for annual Town Meeting during a meeting on Feb. 23.

Town Planner Paul Halkiotis brought up a possible zoning bylaw amendment regarding the existing medical marijuana bylaw that was approved during the May 2014 Town Meeting.

Halkiotis said he reviewed the zoning bylaw and the medical marijuana bylaw, and “found some things that didn’t seem like they were in the right place or handled the right way.”

Halkiotis said he had found an article to amend the use regulations section of the bylaw by “creating a new use under section F” zoning.

This was because medical marijuana

**Bylaw Changes**  
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## School Committee begins budget reduction process

**Sam Nickerson**  
Staff Reporter

The School Committee faced its first requests to make reductions to its fiscal year 2016 budget during a meeting on Feb. 25.

The School District’s requests for the year totaled \$41.8 million, which comes in around \$2.7 million over the first pass of nearly \$39.1 million accepted by the Budget Balancing Com-

mittee.

Superintendent James Hayden said administrators had developed three categories of reductions: operational - which included textbooks, instructional supplies, and electricity - personnel reductions, and additional changes.

From these categories, Hayden requested the School Committee approve

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Norwood residents and volunteers continue to shovel out fire hydrants in neighborhoods around town at the urging of public safety officials, in order to provide better access for firefighters.

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# Town and Country

## HI GUYS, TERRIFIC VOLUNTEERS AT THE AT

The Abundant Table made Christmas a little easier for homebound seniors. The AT partnered with Hessco Elder Services and delivered 150 meals. Members from Temple Kol Tik Vah prepared hearty meals along with congregants from the Mormon Church in Franklin who helped with the packaging. The AT is extremely grateful for the generous donations during the Christmas season and is very appreciative of the financial and volunteer support that is ongoing throughout the year. During their Wed. and Fri. evening dinners at the Congregational Church, 45 meals are prepared currently to be delivered to individuals in need. Recently, parishioners and choir members from Norwood's St. George Ortho-

dox Church prepared and served a meal on a Friday evening, along with members of the hockey team, Sunday school students and the wonderful volunteers that staff the AT. If you would like to volunteer or make a donation to the AT, please call...978-501-1264...or E-Mail...Aislynn@abundant-table.org.

## A WONDERFUL SHOW OF RESPECT AND APPRECIATION

On the day after Christmas, many residents gathered across the street from the Public Safety Building to show their support for both the Fire and Police departments. Mark Sweeney organized the gathering after the disgusting anti-police protests that have marked our nation in a negative light. Some of the 'nut cases' carried signs that read, 'disarm the police.' Mr. De Blasio, Mayor of NYC, publicly commented that he told his bi-racial son to beware of the police. Everyone should beware of De Blasio!

## WISHING THEM THE BEST!

The NPD has announced the retirements of Det. Sgt. Robert Rinn, Officer Milton Vega, and Lt. Brian Murphy. Our Town wishes all a very healthy and relaxed retirement! Thanks for your many years of excellent and much appreciated service to the residents of Our Town.

## IN MEMORY

We send our sincere condolences to the family of, Kim Munroe Kazantis, who passed away recently. To Kim's parents, Robert and Paula Munroe, daughter, Chanelle, brothers Steven and wife Vickie, Greg and wife Jessica, former husband Chris, and all family members, we send our love, and our prayers. Kim's brother, Brad, preceded her in passing.

## THANK YOU TO ALL DPW EMPLOYEES!

As usual, Our Town 'shines' compared to other towns when we have a little snow, or when we are inundated with the white stuff as we are now. The work



Jackie Saber

that is ongoing on our streets and sidewalks is beyond commendable.

## OH SAY CAN YOU SEE?

The photographed snowcap that was removed from NHS by our dedicated custodians blew to almost 15 ft. It looked like the clouds had fallen from the sky. Thank you to all employees that made sure that all schools were safe for the kids!

## 'HAPPY HYDRANTS' HELP EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND YOU

Many thanks to all the residents that shovel out the hydrants located near their homes and businesses. It's the right thing to do. Neighbors in the Ward District, Carolyn, Vivienne, Eve, and Lizette, shoveled out their hydrant more than once, like many have done.

## HELP

An issue is raised regarding the newly marked parking spots at the bottom of Vernon Street facing the light on Washington Street. When cars are parked there, cars traveling on Vernon, stopped at the (extra long) traffic signal, along with trucks, and cars trying to make the left hand turn from Washington to Vernon have very little space to maneuver. Can we do away with the new parking spots?

## REALLY?

A bill has been presented on Beacon Hill that makes it 'illegal' not to use windshield wipers and headlights during bad weather.

## IN CLOSING

President Obama said, "Don't over-inflate terror groups as if they are a threat to the United States." The Presi-

Saber

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# Selectmen discuss 1.5 percent plans

**Sam Nickerson**  
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen discussed the 1.5 Percent Task Force's preliminary report submitted to the Board last week during a meeting on March 3.

Selectman Bill Plasko, who also served on the task force, introduced the report and the Town's current status in regards to the 1.5 percent of land area devoted to affordable housing.

Plasko said the committee had worked hard and the resulting report indicates that the Town has "reached the 1.5 percent land area occupied by subsidized housing units that qualifies the Town for safe harbor."

However, the Task Force believed that this might not be enough to secure the permanent safe harbor from chapter 40B developments from the state's housing appeals committee. Plasko said they were "just over, but extremely close" to the 1.5 percent threshold.

"There are still some vagaries in the law, and the calculation Town has at this point is incredibly close to that 1.5," Plasko said. "We could be at risk."

Ultimately, Plasko said the task force recommends trying to purchase around 200 acres of land to provide an adequate "buffer."

The report also suggested that funding eventually be directed to having more geographic information system (GIS) work done, with particular focus on roadways and water bodies in Town. Plasko said that after consulting with Town Counsel, this step could wait, as Norwood could benefit from seeing the results of Stoneham's 1.5 percent hearing before the housing appeals committee.

The report also included suggestions for mid and long-term tasks to add to the Town's affordable housing inventory.

Selectman Allan Howard commended the task force's work, but felt there may be more to do in regards to its original mission.

"I would ask the committee if they would go back to the action steps that (Town Planner) Mr. (Paul) Halkiotis had offered to the committee, if there are any other areas that they have not addressed yet," Howard said. "Maybe there's a point or two in there that could be of help to the committee."

Chairman Michael Lyons asked members of the 1.5 Percent Task Force, who were present at the meeting, what they felt the committee still had to do, if anything.

Halkiotis said it was ultimately a decision the Selectmen would need to make, but

said there was still some "in-house administrative work" to be done. Halkiotis said he didn't think committees, such as the task force, were suited to approach landowners about selling land.

He did think the task force would need to eventually oversee having a consulting firm use a geographic information system to provide "more detailed backup information" about how the task force's figures were developed.

Halkiotis said they would also perhaps need to assist Town Counsel in preparing for hearings with the state housing appeals committee in order to defend the Town's 1.5 percent status.

Task Force chairman David Hajjar said he believed the Task Force did have more work, as the report was only considered a "phase one" document addressing how to best make an impact prior to Special Town Meeting and the temporary safe harbor deadline of September 5.

Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue said that if the task force was to be assisting Town Counsel, the information would have to be "up to date and current" at that particular time.

"If we tried to do this work now, chances are we'd have to change it this summer," Halkiotis said, mentioning there were some properties potentially on the market this sum-

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dent also said, "Race relations in the United States are less divided than when I took office." Hillary Clinton said, "America should empathize and show respect for its enemies and try to understand their perspective and point of view." (Good grief!!) President Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry have both said that global warming is more of a threat to America than terrorism. The truth is... God created the world and climate is part of the program. No human being is able to change that. Global

warming is a money making scheme, right AI?... Because of narcissistic power hungry elected politicians on BOTH sides of the aisle, and a mainstream news media that adheres to Obama's idea of America like Velcro; is this truly the kind of country we want to leave for our children?

BYE GUYS,

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**Franklin D. Roosevelt**

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# OPINION

## A little of this and that...

As another April election rolls around it appears Norwood will actually have challenges to incumbents, which is always a good thing, regardless of how one thinks current government is operating. It also appears, at least from what we hear on the street and what's been submitted in letters to the editor, that the theme for at least some of the challengers is that not enough was done to combat the Upland Woods project and, that if handled properly, the project would never have come to fruition. This newspaper is not convinced of that, but our minds are still wide open on the matter.

Reasonable arguments can be made that the Town was too slow initially to react to the threats of dense housing, and there may be some validity to the point that outside professionals should have been hired to review the matter, but we believe that the prognosis for defeating the Campanelli project was never good, and that the expenditure of tens, if not hundreds of thousands of dollars on consultants and lawyers may have assuaged the minds of some, but not changed the course of history. However, we could be wrong, and if enough people believe we are than that will be reflected in the voting booths...

Somewhat relative to the issue above, but more wide ranging in scope is our reluctance in believing that the law firm of Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP is still in the Town's best interests. We always had a warm and fuzzy feeling when Mike Lehane was at the rudder, but not so much now. Perhaps it is time, given all of the sophisticated challenges the Town will be facing, particularly in zoning related matters, that a committee be formed to evaluate current talent and decide if a change may be in order...

Some readers may have noticed that in the School Committee's review of their current budget situation, not once did they even mention the Committee of 21, established to help them in dealing with the financial challenges of educating our kids. We thought the whole idea of the Committee of 21 was to present a unified front for Town Meeting of both general government and schools in explaining why it is seemingly impossible to live within their means. We snooped around a little bit and it appears there is some dissatisfaction from members of that committee with the performance of the consulting firm hired to assist in the matter, and that progress has been slowed. However, not even mentioning the Committee of 21 during the most recent School Committee meeting is kind of a slap in the face to those volunteers looking to help them out. Perhaps Town Meeting may think so too if the schools come looking for more money without reasonable explanations...

This newspaper has been on record since the time South Norwood was chosen as the site for the Massachusetts Regional Ice Skating Rink of being against the project, and some may think the recent roof collapse of the rink in Canton would give us additional fodder for argument. The collapse itself does not. However, what will be interesting is where the money comes from to rebuild. Initial reports have it that the Town of Canton is on the hook completely. If that is the case, what makes it a regional rink? What about all the other towns considered part of the region, aren't they required to chip in? And does this give the engineers involved in Norwood's plans pause in that perhaps value engineering the roof with cheaper materials or less height and pitch may not be such a great idea?

Kudos to the coaches and parents who made getting the kids on the ice that day to safety their sole priority. The collapse could have been a real tragedy with injuries and the loss of life, but all that was averted by quick thinking adults. Thanks to them, it's just a pile of building materials...

Don't the Concerts on the Common seem like years away? Hang in there, they will be here soon...

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# Letters to the Editor

## RINK PROJECT FULL OF LIES

*To the Editor:*

With regard to your Opinion column on Feb. 19, 2015 (Value Engineering, Uh Oh...), I can answer your questions and more. The town got \$5.6 million so incredibly nebulously by adding 16 words to an economic development project penned in 2008 for the poorest neighborhood in Boston (Jackson Square). BTW, Wellesley tried the same thing just last year and failed miserably, possibly due to them using only six words. Of the \$5.6 million, \$500,000 was originally transferred to the town's coffers in its first contract with DCR. Then, a mere three weeks prior to the inauguration of Charlie Baker (12/16/14), the other \$5.1 million was awarded to the town through its second contract from the DCR Commissioner - Jack Murray (follow his coat tails - there is little surprise that he is from Milton, the same town as our hallowed Town Manager and, surprisingly, he was named commissioner the same summer John Rogers hoodwinked the legislature into approving a Regional Rink for Eastern Massachusetts in Norwood).

There is no \$3.5 million - it never materialized and most likely never will. The town only has \$5.1 million (if they spent the whole \$500,000 originally transferred to them for engineering and design), so by their own estimate, the project is \$2.3 million short, a shortfall that cannot be made up by \$150,000 here and \$30k there. Mark my words, if the \$3.5mil doesn't appear, the shortfall will manifest itself in the very last article at Annual Town Meeting, the dreaded capital outlay. This eleventh hour article is a dreaded article for sure as the weary members (sometimes 5 or 6 days deep into the session) oft times just approve whatever is before them. This is the article that requires borrowing for capital expenditures such as a roof replacement, or additional town vehicles. The skids have already been greased by identifying capital projects needed in and around Short and Washington Streets; Hawes Pool, and the Athletic Fields at the Coakley Middle School. All three of which can (and will) draw inference to the Rink and pick up the slack in the form of infrastructure improvements (think drainage and sewer pipes which have to be lowered for this Rink, new roads and traffic patterns required of the construction and landscaping and site work which certainly can be spread across all three). It's

bid splitting at its finest, and its illegal.

I warned Town Meeting ad nauseum that this was 5 pounds of excrement being shoved in a 3 pound bag. I showed them pictures of the botched epiphany that is the Olin Rink in Milton (a loss leader run by Curry College - because Milton could no longer afford it). Did you know that the Rink Committee's estimate includes purchasing used boards, glass and playing surface? So your question about mid-range (spelled mediocre) building products is spot on - Norwood (the state) is being sold a piece of the contents of that 3 pound bag.

If you have followed the meetings of the Rink Committee you know that even town officials argued the building is too small, bathrooms are in the wrong places, sight lines for spectators do not exist from much of the arena, and the rooms for community involvement and activities outside of the actual skating have been sacrificed. As too, has the notion of this being a multi sports arena and true recreation complex - there is no multi-use surface for indoor soccer as originally promised - remember, they are trying to procure USED boards, glass and playing surface to make the budget work, which it doesn't by their own estimates.

And that idea - or mandate as the bill financing this abomination dictated - of it being an "Eastern Massachusetts Regional Ice Skating Rink and Recreation Center" is a complete joke. Where is the region in all these discussions? Where is the region's money to run this facility - why isn't the region help paying for the construction? The regional aspect of this rink is not being discussed, the members of the committee are totally ignoring this requirement in so much as that there has even been discussion of the hallowed mustang logo being impregnated into the floor of the lobby. The region that is Norwood, how audacious; repugnant. The regional concept is the ONLY way the legislature would entertain this concept - an unprecedented use of the home rule petition by the Representative of the Norfolk 12th, Norwood's own lied to the legislature and in turn the Rink Committee is lying through its teeth right in front of your face in public meetings they had to be wrangled into providing notice for and broadcasting (albeit often times interrupted or truncated).

When the concept of building the rink comes before Town

Meeting again - will it finally be time for the town to tell those who want this rink so bad to find the right place for it instead of forcing it into the wrong location, where they can't afford to put it anyway?

*Todd Gundlach  
Norwood*

## CHANGE IS IN THE WIND

*To the Editor: To the Editor:*

Times keep getting tougher in Norwood these days. Upland Woods will soon dominate the landscape behind the Oldham school. The local residents have been forgotten and are devastated. This 40B could have been easily prevented. Instead, that end of town will be changed fore ever. Will it affect the rest of town? You bet it will. Our Committee of 21 is failing. How will our school system deal with all the new students? There's no classroom space left to re-district the student population and wish the problem away. Where will we build the new classrooms to educate our children? Perhaps we can build the new school over at the current Norwood airport. The way things are going over there, we won't have an airport in town much longer. Not to worry folks, we have a hockey rink being rammed down South Norwood's throats that should fix things nicely. For extra measure, the Planning Board seems to still want to ignore Town Meeting and make Mr. Duffy a little richer with his Regal 40R scam. A scam perpetrated using our Town's bylaws written by Mr. Duffy's lawyer and supported by our own Town Counsel.

What's the status of the 1.5 percent initiative that would fix all these problems? Norwood is using "experts" with no expertise to safeguard our future. The Town doesn't feel it is important to have real experts, even at a bargain price of \$10,000. Had the Town properly examined its land, we simply would not have Upland Woods being built right now. Efforts to preserve our beloved Town have been made by citizens. The expense to try to save the Town has been paid by citizens. The truth about our Town's relationship with developers has been discovered only with usage of Freedom Of Information Act requests. There is an active FOIA request going on right now to get the truth about things. Citizens have been forced to fight their own Town Counsel and our elected and appointed officials. Our Town Manager continues to have his way with things, using Town

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## Rink Collapse *continued from page 1*

gave way.

"By the time I got off the ice, the second boom hit," Fanizzi said. "There were a few of us still in there ... in the Locker Room 3 area. As we started running, other coaches in the area who were screaming (to get out) grabbed a kid out of the locker room. They ran towards us as

going toward the collapse to make sure nobody was in the locker room," Fanizzi said. "Locker Room 4 was under the debris. We bent open the door, stuck our heads in. Nobody was in there. We exited and ran out of the building."

When asked about running towards the collapsing roof,

tegrity of the roof with all of the snow on top of it.

Fanizzi joked that he was thankful the players listened to him "for the first time" when he started screaming to get out of the rink. He said some of the players were late leaving the locker room to practice and coaches - who were on their

*"We're happy to be alive, equipment is our last thought."*

- Coach Mike Fanizzi

we were headed towards them. We passed each other at the penalty box, right where the collapse was going to be."

Fanizzi and fellow coach Chris Sharkey proceeded toward Locker Room 4 to make sure it was empty - players sometimes wander around the rink without telling the coaches, Fanizzi said.

After proceeding another four feet, Fanizzi said the roof collapsed 10 feet or so in front of where he and Sharkey were standing. The impact sent them backwards into a wall, and knocked over several of the children who were waiting in the lobby.

"After the collapse, we looked at each other and kept

Fanizzi said he couldn't even describe what they had done.

"In my mind, I was just concerned for the kids," he said.

According to the Canton Fire Department, around 30 percent of the roof had collapsed and a wall had blown out at the front of the building due to heavy snow that remained on the roof. No injuries were reported.

The rink is leased to the Town of Canton - which is required to maintain it - by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), which owns 42 rinks in the state. Of those rinks, 34 are maintained locally.

DCR officials also said a survey conducted on Feb. 27 yielded concerns about the in-

way to usher them out - had just been in the right spot at the right time.

Norwood Nuggets officials said they were unsure of where the teams would play, and were working with the league to "put the pieces together." The DCR had shuttered several other rinks around the state in February to avoid any incidents.

Many players had left equipment in the building - which has since been condemned and fenced in - during the evacuation, some exiting with only skates on, or no shoes, or shirtless.

"We're happy to be alive, equipment is our last thought," Fanizzi said.

## Selectmen *continued from page 3*

mer. He also noted the document developed by member John Hall that could be used to update the totals.

Plasko said he was not sure if the Town had the appetite for the long term tasks the task force had in mind, especially if the Town achieves its 1.5 percent status, either through a successful defense of its report, or by the "undesirable" process of receiving another large 40B development.

"These are all going to take town finances to get them mov-

ing ... I'm personally doubtful that once the goal is met, that's going to occur," Plasko said.

In addition, Howard inquired after Selectman Paul Bishop's talks with the Plimpton property owners and the possibility for "over 55" developments.

Bishop said the Plimpton

property talks were still "a work in progress." Plasko said he would reach out to Forbes Hill regarding an "over 55" community, but noted the developers had been unsuccessful in finding interest for one in town in the past, even without affordable units.

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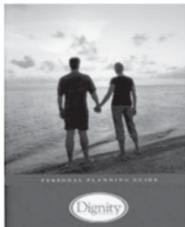
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# Local nonprofits network at VFW

**Sam Nickerson**  
Staff Reporter

Representatives from a number of local nonprofit organizations turned out to the first ever Norwood Non-Profit Fair at the Norwood VFW on Feb. 28.

Co-Sponsored and hosted by the League of Women Voters and the Norwood Junior Woman's Club, the event provided a networking opportunity for nonprofits active in Norwood, and a chance for the public to learn how to become more involved around town.

Around 20 or so nonprofit organizations attended the event, with each occupying a table filled with posters, promotional items, and information

about upcoming events.

"Everybody seems thrilled about it so far, I think there's a lot of people making connections and we're really happy with that. I'm certainly pretty pleased," said Norwood Junior Woman's Club co-founder Angela Popalo.

Popalo said it was nice to see how many people were working on various projects in the community and whether there were opportunities for groups to align on certain projects together.

Norwood League of Women's Voters Carol MacLeay agreed and was pleased with the results of the first nonprofit fair.

"I think things have gone pretty well. We had a good turn-

out for the first time," MacLeay said.

The idea for a nonprofit fair fit right in with the League's mission of voter service and education, member Courtney Rau Rogers said, citing the league's history working to provide a civic voice for women since the 1800s.

"It's all about letting other people know they have a voice ... This is how you find out what that role is," Rau said.

The event attracted groups that organize around veteran's issues, as well as youth groups, environmental organizations and many other local charities and organizations.

**Nonprofits**

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Norwood nonprofits shared information about their organizations during a fair organized by the Norwood League of Women Voters and the Norwood Junior Woman's Club on Feb. 28.

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## School Budget *continued from page 1*

a reduction of \$165,250 to the operational budget, which the board approved 3-1-1, with Courtney Rau Rogers opposed and Joe Montesano absent.

Hayden said Wyeth had put together a spreadsheet that delineated all of the requests from the district principals and department heads into per pupil figures.

Reductions to textbooks, for example, resulted in \$31,137 in savings, Hayden said. The breakdown included \$18 per student at the Willett Early Childhood Center, \$60 per student at the elementary schools, \$22 per student at the Coakley Middle School, and \$45 per student at the High School.

District-wide reductions in supplies requests closed the deficit by \$51,000, while library books yielded \$17,000 in savings. Conference requests were reduced by \$5,166, while the projected curriculum workshops and overhauls took the biggest hit at \$59,000.

The School Committee also accepted \$44,000 in personnel reductions due to two upcoming retirements.

Hayden said a middle school math teacher and a school adjustment counselor would be retiring and hire downs could save as much as \$44,687 without trying to "go cheap" and hire entry level candidates.

Hayden said they try to be reasonable with regards to what the market is, while still ensuring the district hires "good quality people."

The Committee rejected a request to make \$221,152 in reductions to the personnel budget when the motion to approve failed 2-2-1, with Rau and chairman John Badger opposed.

Hayden said the reductions did not affect any current positions, but included six additions that would reduce class

sizes at the elementary school levels by almost 10 students and provide special education services.

Badger said these were "pretty significant numbers" in terms of difference in class sizes. Hayden also said class sizes of 28 students at the elementary level were less than ideal.

Hayden said they would still need to make up for \$2.5 million to meet the \$39.1 million first pass budget for the District, which included the \$221,152 that the Committee voted not to cut.

"We submitted a budget. It's going to take \$41 million ... to run the school system for fiscal '16. That's what it's going to take," Rau said, noting that the administrators put a "great deal of thought" into how best to compromise. "We put forth our budget. If I'm going to be stabbing at windmills, fine. I'll be that role ... This is what it's going to take to run the schools."

District Business Manager Ann Marie Ellis said the Schools were "trending normally" for fiscal year 2015 and were "still in the black."

The Committee also discussed using \$96,000 in special education grant money from two years ago to add to and replace vehicles in the District's special education fleet of 17 vans, five buses, and two smaller caravans.

The fleet was last updated within the last two years when six vans were replaced through the stimulus fund, but some of the fleet had been purchased nearly seven years ago and did not reflect the growing special needs population in the District.

Norwood Schools services around 60 students "going in all different directions" Hayden said, and it didn't always make sense to send large vehicles to drop off one or two students somewhere.

Hayden said the out of district special education population grew in Norwood because they have consistently had "more medically fragile children" moving to the schools, citing a growth of nine students during the last school year that required intensive services. These students, he said, had increased costs by close to \$500,000.

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# Woman hit by train in Norwood

**Sam Nickerson**  
Staff Reporter

A woman hit by a train in Norwood on March 2 was med-flighted to a Boston-area hospital with serious injuries, police said.

According to several Twitter users and the MBTA Transit Police, the woman was struck by a CSX freight train headed southbound on the Stoughton/Providence

line just before 11 a.m. Initial reports suggested the 50-year-old woman was trespassing on the tracks around 100 yards down from the Norwood Central commuter rail stop when she was hit. Transit police said they don't believe there is foul play involved, though Twitter user @Blinkfinger - who was at Norwood Central at the time of the incident - believed it may

have been a suicide attempt. Deputy Chief of Police Kenneth Sprague said there is still an active investigation into the incident by Transit Police. Franklin line commuter rail trains were delayed while the area was being investigated by the Transit police. Buses transported passengers between the Walpole and Dedham Corporation stops during that time, the MBTA said.

## Special Voter Registration Session

The Board of Registrars wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that a special registration session has been set for the April 6, 2015 Annual Town Election.

An evening special registration session will be held at the Municipal Building, Room 32 on **Tuesday, March 17, 2015 from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.**

**This is the FINAL REGISTRATION SESSION prior to the Annual Town Election.**

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A mail-in registration form is now available at Norwood Morrill Memorial Library and the Norwood Post Office.

Qualifications to register to vote are that the applicants must be 18 years old on or before election day and must either be born in the United States or be a Naturalized Citizen.

## Bylaw Changes *continued from page 1*

treatment is a new use in the state, and "this (article) proposed to add to the existing table of use regulations by indicating which zoning districts a medical mari-

juana treatment facility would be allowed in," Halkiotis said. The committee that drafted the bylaw had only recommended the highway business

district, though Ernie Paciorkowski said they had only really "parceled out two areas" for an overlay district for medical marijuana.

The Board also decided to do some further "housekeeping" to the medical marijuana article. Halkiotis said the article defined "medical marijuana treatment facility" in the main body of the bylaw, but did not include it in the definitions section at the end of the bylaw.

The zoning bylaw also included a list of all the overlay districts in the Town of Norwood, but did not include a reference to the medical marijuana overlay district.

Halkiotis said the changes would require a public hearing.

The Planning Board also discussed a previous Town Meeting article to delete a footnote in the zoning bylaw requiring a certain amount of yard area for apartments in Apartment Overlay District downtown.

The article, which had been voted down by Town Meeting, would have scrapped the requirement for multi-family dwellings with at least 10,000 square feet to have at least 3,500 square feet

of yard space per unit after the first unit.

Halkiotis said he understood the intent was to make sure apartment buildings provided some yard area for residents, but the overlay district was in the central business district, where he said there were not many apartment sites that could provide the square footage.

Debbie Holmwood said it was perhaps best not to bring the issue back before Town Meeting after only a year, and suggested building owners could just request a special permit.

"My opinion, you asked and you got told no. You might have 20 new people on Town Meeting ... I think to go ask again within a year is onerous," Holmwood said.

Paciorkowski said he believed Town Meeting's primary problem with the article was the size of the overlay district, which contained the whole downtown central business district. He said he was in favor of downtown housing and would like to revisit the article, but perhaps not until November at the earliest.

Paciorkowski suggested looking at the maps again and redefining the boundaries for the overlay district, which initially stretched all the way through lower Day Street and lower Park Street.

Holmwood said she was also in favor of downtown housing, but did not want it to lead to parking lots "bleeding into neighborhoods," and was not in favor of putting a previously struck down article back on the warrant.

Chairman Paul Donohue said they should consider looking at how other towns have worded similar articles and what other square footage requirements have been successful.

The final issue the Planning Board discussed was a "more complicated, more complex problem," Halkiotis said, that he was not sure how to address.

Halkiotis said two industrial property owners and a realtor representing another industrial site owner had approached him about difficulties regarding redevelopment of the "fairly dilapidated and underutilized" sites.

The properties included the Norwood Commerce Center on Endicott Street, Plimpton Press industrial site, and the 84 Morse St. property.

Halkiotis said the owners felt the list of acceptable use regula-

tions in the manufacturing district presented obstacles to reinvesting in their properties, which have old buildings that "may not be worth trying to save." The owners also cited hazardous waste issues or flood zone construction requirements that made leasing difficult.

Halkiotis said the problem for the Town under these circumstances was that these sites were not generating much tax revenue if they were underutilized. He also said they were not producing jobs the way they were when manufacturing was more prevalent.

The other problem, Halkiotis intimated, was that the sites were "prime candidates for 40Bs," and if Norwood had not secured temporary safe harbor from 40B developments in September, they would likely have received a 40B application for one of the three sites.

Halkiotis said there were several options the Town could take, which included doing nothing, trying to purchase one of the properties to redevelop, or being proactive to "facilitate some change."

If the Town was to step in, it could change the acceptable use types in the zoning bylaw and perhaps open the door for residential use - which Halkiotis said was what the real estate market was calling for - or create a new mixed use zoning overlay district.

Another option would be to allow greater density of development in the manufacturing district to perhaps add value to the land - the increase in value could be utilized to clean up hazardous waste or whatever the owners needed to be able to reinvest. The Town could also create a new zoning district.

"It depends on what is of value here that the town wants to promote," Halkiotis said.

Holmwood said she had looked at how former industrial communities - Providence, Pawtucket, and Lowell - had turned their old buildings into apartments, offices, restaurants, and other uses.

She agreed something should be done to help the property owners, but felt it should be limited and was wary of granting residential uses to the sites.

"We should try to help them out as best we can, obviously without giving away the town," Paciorkowski said.

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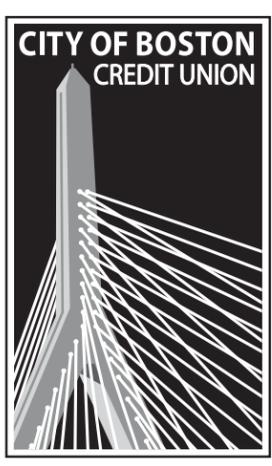
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# Sports

## Despite disappointing finish, Norwood girls basketball team has reason for optimism



Meghan Reen, center, had a phenomenal sophomore season for the Mustangs, averaging 16 points per game. She is part of a talented core that will return next year for Norwood, making them a force to be reckoned with in 2015-16.

**Jake Levin**  
Staff Reporter

The dust has settled from Norwood's 53-50 playoff loss to Hingham, giving head coach Alex DaLuz plenty of time to reflect on the Mustangs' sea-

son. While still disappointed about going one-and-done in the tournament for the second year in a row, DaLuz is cognizant of the goals his team has met in each of the past two sea-

sons. "The goal last year was to qualify for states," said DaLuz, whose 2013-14 squad finished 13-9 in the regular season before losing to Sharon in the first round, 47-45. "The goal this

year was to have a home game." And his team did just that after a 16-6 regular season, a three-win improvement over the previous year's team. Though the Harborwomen prevailed in the tournament game,

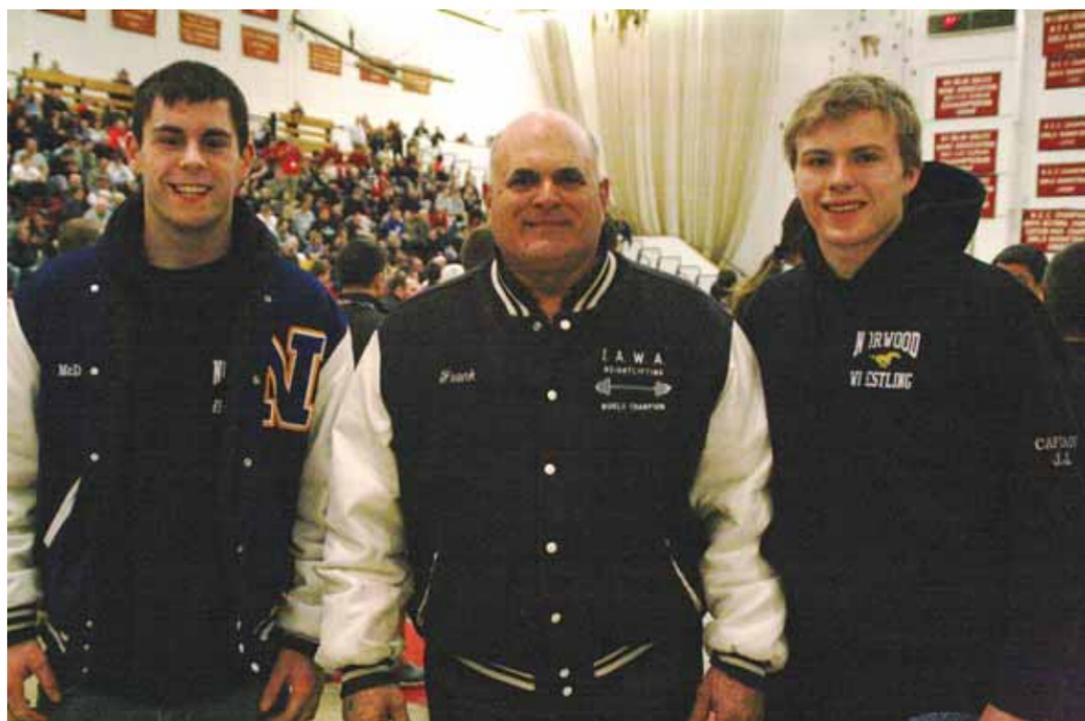
DaLuz has no regrets about how it played out.

"I'm not second guessing anything we did schemati-

**Girls Hoops**  
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## JJ O'Donnell places eighth in state tournament



From left to right: current Mustang Co-Captain Mike McDonough, NHS Class of 1973 Captain Frank Ciavattone and current Mustang Co-Captain JJ O'Donnell.

**Jake Levin**  
Staff Reporter

JJ O'Donnell wrapped up his wrestling career last weekend with an eighth place finish in the 170-pound weight class at Div. 2 All-States in Salem.

A four-year varsity wrestler for the Mustangs, O'Donnell finishes his career with 112 wins. He went 44-12 this season, with 25 of his wins coming on a pin.

After defeating Mark Leon-Duque of Monument High School (South Boston) 11-1, O'Donnell lost to Darius Franklin of Methuen, 14-3, in the quarterfinals. In the consolation bracket, he beat Carlos Dominguez of Malden, 7-2, before Kyle McQuaide edged O'Donnell 10-9 in the final match of his career.

Mike McDonough, also a senior, made the trip to Salem as an alternate after his seventh place finish in states, but did not wrestle. Like O'Donnell, McDonough wrestled varsity all four years in high school, and compiled a 39-12 record his senior season.

Additionally, Frank Ciavattone (Norwood '73) was honored with an Athlete-Contributor award in Salem. Before a standing ovation, Ciavattone, a three-time survivor of cancer, accepted the award from the Massachusetts Interscholastic Wrestling Coaches Association. During his senior year at Norwood, Ciavattone placed third in states. Ciavattone is also in the United States All-Around Weightlifting Association Hall of Fame ('96), where he holds a number of world records.

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## Girls Hoops *continued from page 9*

cally," said DaLuz, whose team was out-rebounded 48-28 in the game. "I just wish we executed better on both ends. I felt that we got severely outworked on the glass, which was ultimately the difference."

Before the season, DaLuz said that sophomore point guard Meghan Reen was one of the best players in the state. She

lived up to that billing by averaging 16 points per game (PPG), to go along with 4.8 rebounds, 4.9 assists, and 4.4 steals per contest, and was the MVP of the team "hands down," according to DaLuz.

Her younger sister, freshman Kaylin Reen, was someone who exceeded all expectations by emerging as the team's three-

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point shooting specialist.

"I had a feeling she would contribute with her shot, but I didn't anticipate the way that she would impact games—even when she wasn't making shots," said DaLuz. The younger Reen averaged eight points-per-game, third on the team behind Meghan Reen and Maura O'Neill (10.2 PPG), while shooting a scorching 48.7 percent from three-point range.

"She was such a weapon and defenses had to account for her as soon as she entered the game. If teams didn't, she made them pay."

DaLuz also noted the improvements of junior Amber Chisolm, who played primarily JV as a sophomore but stepped in to become the top reserve in the front court this season. Her toughness and improved offensive game were welcome addi-

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tions to the team, DaLuz said.

Out of the 15 players on this year's team, only one, Julia Copponi, will be lost to graduation. Theoretically, that means 14 players are set to return. But nobody's spot is safe from year-to-year, said DaLuz.

"Our expectations are high to keep the ball of success rolling," said the coach, who just completed his fourth year in charge of the Norwood girls program. "We look good on paper; it will be interesting to see how hard the girls will work individually to earn a spot in the rotation. If a player outworks and outperforms an incumbent rotation player, then she will earn that spot. We have a lot of good pieces and should have some intense positional battles."

After meeting its goals the past two seasons, there's only one logical goal to set for the next one: win a tournament game.

"There's a great buzz around the program," said DaLuz. "The goal next year is to make a run."



Julia Copponi, right, is the lone senior that the Norwood girls basketball team will lose to graduation. She averaged 5.4 points per game this season for the Mustangs.

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## Time to tweak the playoff system in Mass. hockey?

Jake Levin  
Staff Reporter

For the first time since 2008, the Norwood boys hockey team failed to qualify for the postseason.

It happens. Graduation cycles affect teams on a year-to-year basis, so when you have no more than four years with an individual player, it becomes even more impressive that the Mustangs were able to play into late February and early March for six seasons in a row.

Despite the power outage this year, there's still one undeniable positive for Norwood to pride itself on: they challenged themselves.

As in, they challenged themselves from a scheduling standpoint. Given that Bay State Conference teams play a home-and-home with each team within their division, and play each cross-division opponent once, that leaves room for only four

other games on the schedule. The Mustangs non-Bay State opponents this year included Hingham, Duxbury, Springfield Cathedral and Brockton.

Brockton aside (and hey, they did win the Big Three league), that is an absolute murderer's row of opponents. Cathedral is in the Super 8 after an 18-0-2 regular season with a plus-130 goal differential. Hingham (11-8-3) and Duxbury (12-5-5) both found themselves on the Super 8 bubble, ultimately winding up in the Div. 1 south sectionals, where they are both slated to play in semi-final games at Gallo Arena in Bourne. In other words, it's very much in play that Norwood will have faced both the Super 8 and Div. 1 state champions this season.

Compare the Mustangs' slate of non-Bay State opponents with that of, say, Wellesley: King Philip, Oliver Ames, Winchester and a second game with Brookline. The Raiders drew the No. 2 seed in

the Div. 1 south with a record of 14-2-4. Very impressive winning percentage, but one that never caught the eye of any Super 8 watch list.

Which is easy to explain. First things first, Brookline is a Div. 2 team and went 3-16-1 this season. Why play them twice if you don't have to? Oliver Ames is also a Div. 2 team, and lost its first post-season game after a pedestrian 9-8-3 regular season. King Philip is a Div. 1 school, but failed to qualify for the playoffs with a



Jake Levin

7-10-3 record. Winchester, a Div. 1 team, was also one-and-done in the post-season with an 8-8-4 record.

And yet they drew the No. 2 seed in the south, and were rewarded with a first-round matchup with the No. 15 Bridgewater-Raynham Trojans, in the tournament with a 7-9-4 record only because they won a share of the Old Colony League title.

High school hockey in Massachusetts needs to move to a power-seeding system.

There is so much more to a team's record than its winning percentage, as I just went over with Wellesley. Hingham drew the No. 10 seed in the south, and faced off against the Raiders in the quarterfinals on Sunday after winning their first-round matchup with Weymouth. The Harbormen won 4-0, which on paper looks like a massive upset, a 10-seed beating a 2. Yet in reality, it played out just the way it should have.

Hingham was the last team left out of the Super 8 field, failing to garner a majority vote in the preliminary round of voting. They went from being possibly the 10th team in the Super 8, which would have placed them in a wild-card game, to the 10th seed in Div. 1 south, behind teams that were never even close to being in the discussion for a Super 8 bid.

I'm fine with the current system, which reserves the top seed(s) for teams that get bounced in the play-in games. But after that, the teams should be seeded based on factors beyond simply winning percentage.

Strength of schedule, strength of opponent's schedule, "good wins" and "bad losses" all need to be in play. If it works for the NCAA men's basketball tournament, arguably the greatest sporting event known to mankind, it can work for high school hockey. Right?

# Swim team celebrates successful season



Jennifer Rodger, far right, saw her team win a sportsmanship award during her first year as head coach of the Norwood swim team.

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## Library Events

### TUTORS NEEDED

Morrill Memorial Library will sponsor a training program for Literacy Volunteer Tutors beginning Monday evening, March 9, at 7 p.m. The training will use the methods and materials of Literacy Volunteers of Massachusetts and will focus on English as a Second Language (ESOL). Topics covered will include teaching listening, speaking, reading and writing skills to non-native English speakers, as well as lesson planning and goal setting. Volunteer tutors are asked to make a commitment of tutoring an adult learner two hours a week for at least a year. Neither prior teaching experience nor knowledge of another language is required. However, volunteers must have a high school diploma or equivalent and must register for the workshop. Please call 781-769-4599 for registration or further information.

### NEW DATES FOR LIBRARY MOVIES

Due to the recent storms, the two remaining movies in the Morrill Memorial Library's "British Women Who Ruled" film series have been rescheduled. "The Iron Lady" starring Meryl Streep will be shown Wednesday, March 4 at 7 p.m., and "Mrs. Brown" with Judi Dench has been rescheduled to Tuesday, March 24 at 7 p.m. To sign up, please call the library at 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, or email [norprograms@minlib.net](mailto:norprograms@minlib.net).

### CULINARY NORWOOD BOOK GROUP

The Morrill Memorial Library will hold a series of events in March, April, and May called Culinary Norwood. These events will include book group meetings, food movie screenings, and even cooking presentations by local chefs. Visit our website to learn more: [norwoodlibrary.net](http://norwoodlibrary.net). The first title for the Culinary Norwood book group will be "Mastering the Art of French Eat-

ing" by Ann Mah, and our first meeting will be Wednesday, March 11 at 7 p.m. in the handicapped-accessible Simoni Room. Regular print and large print copies of the book are available at the second floor Reference Desk, so pick up a copy today. Sign up by emailing [norprograms@minlib.net](mailto:norprograms@minlib.net) or calling 781-769-0200 x110.

### CULINARY NORWOOD

French Cuisine with Melissa. Join us on Monday, March 16 at 7 p.m. for a live cooking presentation by Melissa of Melissa's Catering in Norwood. Melissa will take us on a tasting tour of France in four courses, providing samples of each course. Her menu is inspired by the book "Mastering the Art of French Eating" by Ann Mah, which is the Culinary Norwood Book Group book being discussed on Wednesday, March 11. This tasting presentation is part of the program series, Culinary Norwood, at the Morrill Memorial Library. The series includes book group meetings, food movie screenings, and cooking presentations by local chefs in March, April, and May. Visit our website to learn more: [norwoodlibrary.net](http://norwoodlibrary.net). Space is limited for this event, so please sign up by emailing [norprograms@minlib.net](mailto:norprograms@minlib.net), or by calling 781-769-0200 x110 or 222.

### PAJAMA DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY

The Morrill Memorial Library is partnering with the Boston Bruins and the Cradles to Crayons organization in their Eighth Annual PJ Drive, which runs thru March 16. New pajamas (sizes 4/5T - 18/20) are being requested for boys and girls in need across the Commonwealth. There will be a donation box on the first floor of the library. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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## Legals

### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT TOWN OF NORWOOD, MA

The Town of Norwood, Massachusetts, through its Permanent Building Construction Committee (PBCC), will receive sealed bids for Boiler Replacement at Callahan Elementary School, 116 Garfield Avenue, Norwood, Massachusetts, 02062, in accordance with the Contract Documents.

The estimated cost of the project is: \$350,000

Bidding procedures shall be in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 44A through Section 44J, inclusive, and Chapter 30, Section 39M, as amended.

General Bids will only be considered from bidders holding a Certificate of Eligibility from the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the category of Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) and in a single project amount higher than the amount of the Bid. General Bids must be accompanied by a copy of the Contractor's Certificate of Eligibility, an Update Statement, Certificate of Authority, Certificate of Good Faith, Certification of Payment of Taxes and Non-Collusion Affidavit.

This project is subject to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity, Anti-Discrimination and Affirmative Action Program. General bidders and filed sub-bidders are advised that before contract award, the lowest general bidder shall be required to provide the Owner with documentation stating how it intends to meet the minority and women business enterprise goals for the project. The combined MBE/WBE goal for this construction project is 10.4%.

Sealed bids for the General Contract will be received at the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington St., 3rd Floor, Norwood, Massachusetts 02062, until 11:00 A.M. on April 2, 2015 after which time all bids will be opened and read aloud.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond, or cash, or certified check on, or treasurer's or cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the Town of Norwood, Massachusetts, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid amount. Bid Bonds shall be T Listed; Surety company(ies) shall be listed in the U.S. Treasury Department Circular 570, most recent edition, as amended. The bid bond shall be (a) in a form satisfactory to the awarding authority, (b) with a surety company qualified to do business in the commonwealth and satisfactory to the awarding authority and (c) conditioned upon the faithful performance by the principal of the agreements contained in the bid.

Plans and Specifications will be available on March 11, 2015 after 11:00A.M., at the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington St., 3rd Floor., Norwood, Massachusetts 02062. Business hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30A.M. to 4:00 P.M., upon deposit of \$50.00 per set by check, made payable to Town of Norwood. Copies of the FORM FOR GENERAL BID are available at no cost. Document deposit will be refunded upon return of complete bid documents in good condition within thirty (30) days after opening of general bids. Otherwise, bid deposits will become the property of the Owner.

Plans and Specs will also be available electronically by contacting [pbilotta@norwoodma.gov](mailto:pbilotta@norwoodma.gov) or [ccarney@norwoodma.gov](mailto:ccarney@norwoodma.gov) PLEASE NOTE: The maximum drawing and page size is 11"x17" and can be printed on many office printers.

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall send a separate check for \$25.00 per set, payable to the Town of Norwood, to cover mailing and handling costs.

A Pre-Bid Conference shall be held at the Callahan Elementary School, 116 Garfield Avenue, Norwood, Massachusetts, 02062 on March 16, 2015 at 3:00 P.M., at which time the job site shall be made available for inspection.

The Bid Form and other required documents shall be enclosed in envelopes (outer and inner) both of which shall be sealed and clearly labeled with the words "BOILER REPLACEMENT, CALLAHAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, NORWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS 02062 (Date Submitted)". The following shall be included in the envelopes, along with the Bid Form:

- A. Bid Deposit
- B. DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility
- C. DCAMM Prime/General Contractor Update Statement
- D. Non Collusion Affidavit
- E. Certificate of Authority
- F. Certificate of Good Faith
- G. Certificate of Eligibility
- H. Statement of Tax Compliance

The successful General Bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond, and also a labor and materials payment bond as set forth in the specifications; each bond executed in the full amount of the Contract Price. Performance and labor and materials payment bonds shall be TListed; Surety company(ies) shall be listed in the U.S. Treasury Department Circular 570, most recent edition, as amended.

The Awarding Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids if it be in the public interest to do so. All bids will remain subject to acceptance for thirty days after the day of the Bid opening, but the Owner may, in its sole discretion, release any bid and return any Bid Security before that date.

Prevailing wages are to be paid on the work of the project in accordance with the Schedules issued by the Massachusetts Commissioner of Labor and Industries of which are contained in the Contract Documents are made part of the Contract. Additional copies of the schedule are available from the Awarding Authority upon request.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after receipt of award, without written consent by the Town of Norwood.

The Town of Norwood is exempt from sales tax, for which reason bidders should not include sales tax in figuring or in reference to any bid.

By: Edward McKenna, Chairman  
Town of Norwood  
Permanent Building Constr. Comm.



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By J. Keith Motley, PhD, UMass Boston Chancellor

The University of Massachusetts Boston accepted its first class of students 50 years ago. As Boston's public university, UMass Boston's mission has been to provide students from Boston and beyond with access to excellent higher education. The university has been so successful in fulfilling this mission that it has become a nationally recognized, student-centered urban public research university—the first choice for a growing number of students.

Brianna Reyes made UMass Boston her first choice when she was pursuing her dream of becoming a teacher. She graduated last year and now teaches Latin at Chelsea High School. Brianna says one reason UMass Boston was her first choice was its Honors College. As an Honors College student, Brianna pursued a program of study that challenged her beyond her major and helped her prepare for a career in the classroom.

While attending UMass Boston, Brianna also took full advantage of other opportunities on campus, from serving as a Beacon Ambassador, helping visitors get to know our campus, to becoming a member of the innovative Freshman Leadership Institute. Through the institute, Brianna connected with other students interested in leadership and was immersed in a creative curriculum that included participating in a community outreach day.

"I found people at UMass Boston who challenged me to think deeper and inspired me to be better," Brianna says. "I got to travel around the world—performing community service and doing exciting things I never thought I would."

UMass Boston has become the first choice for many students like Brianna. Whether it's access to a high-value, world-class education; the brand-new Integrated Sciences Complex with its state-of-the-art research, teaching, and training facilities; the opportunity to choose from 193 academic programs; the talented and dedicated faculty who help put the small-college feel in this major research university; our beautiful harbor location close to the cultural, educational, and social resources of Boston; or our diverse, vibrant, and multicultural community, there are plenty of reasons why UMass Boston should be your first choice.

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# The Record Book

## RETIRED MENS CLUB MEETING

On March 10 at 10 a.m. will be sign up for Golf, Horseshoes and Bocce for the coming season. We are checking for this year's golf price. The others are pay as you go. All meetings are held at the Norwood Elks building. Golf is at the Norwood Country Club, on scheduled tee times, Thursday mornings. Horseshoes are on the Elks pits, Tuesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. Bocce is held on Wednesday mornings, at the Senior Center courts, at 9:30 a.m. You don't have to be a Norwood resident to belong but you must be 60 or older and be retired or semi retired. Jim Schmidt 781-769-2442 WEANone@norwoodlight.com.

## VFW ST PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

The Norwood VFW will be hosting a Happy St. Patty's Day Party on Saturday, March 14, from 6 to 10 p.m. This event is open to everyone. The public is invited. Tickets are only \$20 per person. The traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner will be provided. This will be preceded by the very delicious lamb stew. This stew has always been a favorite. The dinner is scheduled for 6 p.m. The evening will also feature live Irish and Dance Music by "Back in Time." "Back in Time" is a very popular group that provides wonderful music for everyone's dancing and listening pleasure. This event will be in the Function Hall at the Norwood VFW Post 2452 at 193 Dean St., Norwood. It is strongly encouraged that tickets be obtained by Wednesday, March 11.

## 19TH ANNUAL "LADIES' NIGHT OUT" JWCW FASHION SHOW

Tickets now on sale. Are you interested in this year's newest fashions? Looking for a new wardrobe or to update to your current look? Join the Junior Woman's Club of Walpole (JWCW) for their 19th annual Spring Dinner and Fashion Show which will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at The Four Points by Sheraton in Norwood, MA. Radio personality Lauren Beckham Falcone of WROR's Loren & Wally Show has graciously volunteered her services to act as the Emcee for the evening. Fashioners will be provided by Envy in Norwood, Sassy Boutique of Westwood, and Tre Jolie of East Walpole. This year's clothing styles will be sure to catch every woman's eye. There will be a variety of different styles and fits for everyone to enjoy. The Annual Fashion Show is the JWCW's largest fundraising event. Proceeds from the evening support the JWCW's many charitable, educational, social and cultural projects. Some of these worthwhile causes include: Fisher House for Veteran's Families, Walpole Seniors, Night before the 4th Celebration, Walpole Food Pantry, Breaking Bread, Walpole Scholarship Foundation and Holiday Meals for families in need. The JWCW Fashion Show is a great night out. Don't miss out on the fun!! Great clothing, lots of raffle items, good food and lots of laughs with your friends...all for a wonderful cause. The price is \$50 per tickets. Tickets are not available at the door. Order your tickets by emailing [jwcwfashion@verizon.net](mailto:jwcwfashion@verizon.net) or calling Marina at 508-212-2582. Hurry and act fast as they usually sell out! Are you a local business owner and want to know how you could benefit from exposure to an audience of 300+ women who enjoy fun and fashion? Email [jwcwfashion@verizon.net](mailto:jwcwfashion@verizon.net) and ask about corporate sponsorship, advertising in the event program or other ways you can contribute.

## GOLF AND ICE CREAM FUNDRAISER

Friends of Visual Arts (FoVA) Norwood is having a fundraiser on Thursday, March 19. First, hit the links at Monster Mini Golf anytime between 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$9 per person. Next, keep the fun going and head to Friendly's for some yummy food and ice cream. Be sure to bring the Monster Mini Golf flyer and the Friendly's vouchers that can be printed from our website. A portion of sales will be donated to FoVA to benefit art enrichment activities and scholarships for students in Norwood Public Schools. Visit [www.fovanorwood.org](http://www.fovanorwood.org)

## SPRING CONCERTS AT ST. GABRIEL'S

The Chapel of St. Gabriel the Archangel at High-

land Cemetery in Norwood will be the venue for another series of free Sunday concerts beginning on Sunday, March 15 at 3 p.m. This spring series, to be held on Sundays, March 15, April 19, and May 17, will bring three unique programs to the Chapel. A Bard's Feast will offer Irish music just in time for St. Patrick's Day in March; musicians accomplished in the Chinese zither (guqin), Chinese flute (zhudi), and classical guitar will arrive in April; and in May, Tramontana, a five-person a capella vocal ensemble will present madrigals and baroque music. This will be the second series of three concerts held at The Chapel of St. Gabriel the Archangel at Highland Cemetery, on Winter Street in Norwood. A quaint and picturesque chapel, at the time of its donation to the town in 1903 it was regarded as one of the most beautiful structures of its kind in the nation. In addition to increasing the cultural offerings in Norwood, it is hoped these concerts will bring attention to the Chapel and increase public awareness of this beautiful and contemplative space. On Sunday, March 15, we kick off St. Patrick's Day celebrations a few days early with A Bard's Feast. Renowned storyteller Norah Dooley and harpist Susan Miron, who share a love of music and narrative, will present a magical collaboration combining the traditional Irish melodies and tunes of famed 18th century blind harper Turlough O'Carolan with legend and myth drawn from the Irish folkloric tradition. Leprechauns, the sidhe (fairy people), common folk, heroes and star crossed lovers may all put in an appearance via enchanting words and entrancing harp melodies. All concerts are free and open to the public. Seating is limited and on a first come, first serve basis. These concerts are organized by the Friends of St. Gabriel's, under the auspices of the Norwood Neighbors, a local cultural non-profit organization. The Friends of St. Gabriel's can be reached at [SGabrielNorwood@gmail.com](mailto:SGabrielNorwood@gmail.com) or [SGabrielNorwood@gmail.com](mailto:SGabrielNorwood@gmail.com)

## FREE PASTA DINNER

Come one, come all every Tuesday free pasta dinner at 6 p.m. at the Norwood SDA Church located at 59 Davis Ave. in Norwood. Bible study at 9:30 a.m. and worship services at 11 a.m. on Saturdays.

## NORWOOD AND WALPOLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS COORDINATED FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

Anita Preble - Free Family Workshop Toddler Biting and Other Behaviors Tuesday, March 10, at the Savage Educational Center - Room 219, 275 Prospect St., From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Developmental issues, reasons for biting, appropriate responses, tantrums - how to cope? Sensory issues related to behavior. This workshop is for families with children from toddler to early elementary years. To register contact Christine Tomasello in the CFCE Office at 781-440-5983 or email to [ctomasello@norwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:ctomasello@norwood.k12.ma.us). The Norwood Public Schools CFCE Programs are funded through the 237 Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care's Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant.

## REGISTER NOW FOR NORWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Kindergarten 2015-2016 School Year at the Willett Early Childhood Center, 100 Westover Parkway 781-762-5902.

## NORWOOD WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

Please join The Norwood Woman's Club on March 10 at 12:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Hall at 24 Berwick St. We will be entertained by another visit from Mr. Roger Tincknell, who will perform "From Ireland to America." Any questions please call Trina Mallet at 781-762-8173.

## NORFOLK LIONS YOUTH SOCCER SPRING 2015 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Norfolk Lions Youth Soccer (NLYS) invites players age 3 (as of Sept. 1, 2014) through high school to register for their Spring 2015 season today. You do not have to live in Norfolk to join in the fun! To register, please visit the newly designed website at: [www.norfolkliionsoccer.com](http://www.norfolkliionsoccer.com). If you have any questions, please contact [info@norfolkliionsoccer.com](mailto:info@norfolkliionsoccer.com) or 508-528-8015.

**Tuesday Feb. 24**

0321 911 - Disturbance civil matter Location/address: Suite B - Washington St Caller complaining of roommate's friends still at apartment and being rowdy and rude. N664,n669 responded. All parties spoken to and advise of it being a civil matter and options open to them. Friends left for the night.

0347 phone - Noise complaint gone on arrival Location/address: Monroe St Caller reports a loud truck has been circling on her street, N665 responded, checked the area and stood by. Nothing found.

0708 911 - Abandoned call spoken to Location/address: Sunrise Assisted Living - Saunders Rd Upon call back, it rang then static and disconnect. N669 responded. Officer reports that number does not belong to a resident at sunrise.

1648 walk-in - Larceny Location/address: Bos-Prov Hwy Party in lobby reports his business sign was stolen by party in MA pc 862x13.

1900 911 - Motor vehicle accident arrest(s)made Caller reported crash. Norwood fire responded. Don & Wallys Towed pc MA 21sb52. One under arrest. Arrest: Clinton, Richard F Address: 80 Azalea Dr Norwood Age: 66 Charges: oui liquor or .08%, 2nd offense

**Wednesday Feb. 25**

0139 phone - Dispute services rendered Location/address: Mobil Gas - Rte 1/Dean - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports she is having trouble with a "Uber" driver (MA. Reg# 1yc971) who refuses to take them home and has dropped them off at Mobil. N665,n669 responded and spoke to all involved and driver states there is a problem with their application, has their information and will take care of it In the morning. Matter resolved.

0814 walk-in - Fraud spoken to Location/address: Devon Rd Resident reports possible attempted income tax scam. Resident didn't believe it, just seeking advise. N665 spoke With resident and advised.

1122 phone - Warrant of apprehension arrest(s)made Location/address: Nichols St One transported to court.

1308 phone - Citizens complaint spoken to Location/address: Melville Ave Officers advise tenants on a civil matter over hot water issues.

1356 phone - Animal complaint Naco/Waco notified Location/address: Yarmouth rd Report dog barking since 1100 hrs. N665 reports it is on a runner but the runner got wrapped around a tree. Naco. substitute officer responded. N665 reports homeowner arrived and freed same.

1620 911 - Report of fire report filed Location/address: Hillshire Ln Report of car fire. Norwood fire responded.

1747 phone - Well being chk police & fire notified/r Location/address: St Catherine Rd Caller requests a well being check on her elderly mother. caller reports individual had fallen. NFD responded.

0750 walk-in - Auto theft Location/address: Heaton Ave Report ma pc 696pe4 stolen.

1020 phone - Hit and run complaint/summons Location/address: Metropolitan Cabinet - University Ave Vehicle hit in the lot yesterday.

1426 cellular - Citizens complaint state DPW/Norwood DPW no Location/address: Murphy Memorial Field - Pleasant St Report

# Police Logs

**Saturday Feb. 28**

0141 911 - Report of fire fire dept notified/respo Location/address: NE Sector - Monroe St E Caller reports fire in his bathroom fan . He put it out but needs NFD to check it out. Responded.

0321 phone - Susp vehicle area search negative Location/address: Panella, Douglas - Yarmouth Rd Caller reports a pick-up truck parked across the front of his driveway. When the operator saw resident watching him, he left towards Harrow Rd. N665 checked the area and could not locate. Caller notified.

0337 phone - Shoplifting Location/address: CVS Pharmacy - Nahatan St CVS employee states a white male ran out of CVS with what she believes was stolen candy. She spoke to him and he ran wearing a black hoodie, jeans and approximately 6 ft. N677 spoke with caller and checked tape. Suspect identified.

0731 phone - Assist citizen fire dept notified/respo Location/address: Nahatan St Caller reports his neighbor fell and needs assistance getting up. NFD handled same.

0814 phone - Larceny gone on arrival Location/address: Sturtevant Ave Taxi driver reports that a customer did not pay fare. Taxi was goa, he will come into the station at a later time.

0856 911 - Dispute services rendered Location/address: Oolah Ave Caller reports a dispute over a parking spot. Units spoke to both parties and matter was resolved.

0946 walk-in - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Buckingham Rd Units assists male party while he picks up personal belongings from his home.

1611 phone - Well being chk Location/address: Gardner Rd

1800 phone - Noise complaint spoken to Location/address: Engamore Ln Resident reports his upstairs neighbors have been very loud for the last several hours. N677 reports no loud noise upon

kids walking in street. DPW notified-they are still working on plowing sidewalks.

1503 phone - Susp activity services rendered Location/address: Rama Wine & Spirits - Washington St Teen in black coat walking around the area asking for money. Officer reports a store owner said she was looking for a drink because of low blood sugar. She was assisted and on her way

1621 phone - Assist citizen police & fire notified/r Location/address: Allen Rd Resident locked out of her house NFD responded.

1640 911 - Shoplifting complaint/summons Location/address: Sally Beauty Supply - Lenox St Employee reports a w/f in a gray sweatshirt and blue jeans may be shoplifting in the store. N662 reports the party was given a verbal notice of disinvite.

1640 phone - Hit and run complaint/summons Location/address: Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports ma 161tz2 hit and his vehicle on Rte 1 and fled. Walpole advised. Calling party then drove to the Station and spoke with an officer. Addr 3 Hilltop Dr N. Walpole

1651 phone - Unwanted party spoken to Location/address: Bank of America - Bos-Prov Hwy Employee reports they have an upset customer who does not want to follow bank policies. N665 reports that customer was Escorted off bank property and advised of other bank locations to conduct his business.

1809 other - Restraining order served unsuccessful service Location/address: Alden Dr Party not at home.

1935 walk-in - Threats Location/address: Plymouth Dr Past threats.

2352 phone - Larceny Location/address: Tree Co. - Pleasant St Caller requests to speak to an officer regarding past thefts from his business.

**Friday Feb. 27**

0808 phone - Report of fire police & fire notified/r Location/address: Winter St Report oven fire. NFD handled same.

0844 walk-in - Lost and found Location/address: Chapel Ct Passing dog walker turns in a U.P.S. Package that he found On Churchill Dr. N678 left package back at the proper Address with a note for addressee to call police.

1052 radio - Be on the lookout services rendered Location: [Wew] Bolo for MA pc 2cj575, operator made suicidal statements, Left 1/2 hr ago from Winter St. Area, may have knife/hatchet.

1520 phone - Well being chk spoken to Location/address: Plimpton Ave Request check of roommate after several incidents this week. N677 spoke to him and he appears okay.

1630 phone - Vandalism Location/address: Walgreens - Bos-Prov Hwy Car damaged while parked in the lot.

2122 phone - Susp person gone on arrival Location/address: Walpole St + Elliot St Caller reports seeing a white female party stumbling in the road.

2216 other - Restraining order served legal service made Location/address: Alden Dr Served in hand.

2249 911 - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Nicks Package Store - Washington St N664 speaks with a male party and provides a courtesy Transport to Norwood Hospital.

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**Sunday March 01**

0219 phone - animal complaint services rendered Location/address: rock st Animal control retrieved loose dog.

0945 911 - Death at home Location/address: Margaret St NFD responded.

0957 phone - Animal complaint Naco/Waco notified Location/address: Winter St Caller reports a stray dog. Naco notified.

1150 911 - Motor vehicle accident arrest(s)made Location/address: Neponset St + Meadow St Arrest: Kolczewski, Jon M Address: 108 Winslow Ave Dpt. #a Norwood, ma Age: 41 Charges: oui liquor or .08%, 2nd offense Negligent operation of motor vehicle Marked lanes violation

1729 phone - Assist citizen assisted party Location/address: Jefferson Dr Caller reports past issues with a neighbor parking in her spots. N664 spoke to parties involved, reports several cars were moved and everyone is satisfied.

1924 phone - Noise complaint spoken to Location/address: Plymouth Dr Calling party reports downstairs neighbor is playing a radio too loud. N664 and n679 responded. Music

arrival. Everything in order.

2157 911 - Disturbance gone on arrival Location/address: Jake n Joes Sports Grille - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller in the parking lot stated someone was in his vehicle and would not get out. Caller then stated the party voluntarily got out of the car and there are no issues and that he did not wish to speak to an officer. N677 reports everything in the parking lot is in order and that the manager is not aware of any problems.

2325 phone - Susp activity gone on arrival Location/address: Fisher St Resident reports a male party standing in the street staring At his home. Resident called back to state the male party Had been picked up by a vehicle but could not provide any Description. N679 and n661 conducted an area search with Negative results.

**Monday March 02**

1001 phone - Citizens complaint spoken to Location/address: Holly Dr Report neighbor of #10 has parked their car in her driveway. N661 reports car was moved.

1229 phone - Hit and run Location/address: Kennedy's Public House - Bos-Prov Hwy Employee reports a witness left a note informing her that her parked, unoccupied car was struck by MA pc 1dt257.

1304 phone - Parking violation gone on arrival Location/address: 221 - Codman Rd Report of a red, flat bed tow truck with plow, blocking street.

1340 phone - Well being chk services rendered Location/address: Lansdowne Way Subject no home. Family with management able to gain access. Message left for resident.

1425 phone - Breaking and entering Location/address: Ash Rd Door smashed and entry made. BCI responds.

1435 phone - Disabled mv services rendered Location/address: Nahatan St + Curran Aave Vehicle goa.

1522 phone - Assist citizen spoken to Location/address: Winter St Resident reports another tenant makes banging noises as if using a hammer in early morning hours. N662 spoke to caller, she will call when noise is happening.

1558 911 - Missing person Location/address: Hill St Walk in party reports she has not seen her daughter for several days.

1616 walk-in - Assist citizen assisted party Location/address: Prospect St Walk in party reports that her son is misbehaving at school, she would like an officer to speak with him. N679 advised.

1641 walk-in - Stolen lic plate Location/address: Engamore Ln Walk in party reports that his plates were stolen overnight. License plate was entered into nci.

1727 other - Restraining order served unsuccessful service Location/address: Chapel St N679 reports that is not a current address.

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# DEATHS

## CONTON

Louise M. (Charron), 88, lifelong resident of the Town of Norwood, on Feb. 20. Beloved daughter of the late Eugene R. and Georgiana (Healy) Charron and the beloved wife of the late John F. Conton. Loving mother of Gerard D. Conton and his fiancée Cindy J. Marden of Norfolk, Mary Lou Conton and her husband Anthony Afamefuna, and the late James E. Conton and Jayne E. Holway. Cherished grandmother of Ryan P. Dempsey and his wife Julie Ochs-Dempsey of Norfolk, Michael J. Dempsey and Daniel J. Holway, both of New Hampshire. A Memorial Mass and interment will be held at a later date.

## GIGLIO

Robert W. "Bobby Good Guy," 78, of Norwood, on Feb. 19. Beloved son of the late Salvatore and Marie (Lynch) Giglio. Loving brother of Carole M. Duffy of Norwood. Uncle of Karen Gorman and her husband William of Norwood, Karlene Duffy of Norwood, Kelly Ann Duffy of Norwood and Marie Duffy-Kidd and her husband Joe of Norwood. Also survived by many grand nieces and grand nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Burial will be at Blue Hill Cemetery Braintree, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the Spam Benevolent Fund Inc. 11 Beacon St. Suite 700 Boston, MA. 02108-3002.

## HARRINGTON

Maureen Gabrielle of Norwood, on Feb. 25. Beloved daughter of the late James Hazen and M. Gladys (Bulger) Harrington of Wellesley. She leaves her siblings Janice Young (Harrington) and her husband the late Vernon Young, Nancy Corcoran (Harrington) and her husband Tom, James Jr. (Terry) and his wife Judy and Patty Joseph (Harrington). Also Maureen leaves many loving nieces and nephews. Christopher Young and his wife Jennie, Patricia Young, Andrew Young and his wife Colleen, Michael Young, Richard Young and his wife Amanda, Amy DiStefano and her husband Jeremy, Susan Corcoran, Jean Corcoran, Laura Casale and her husband Jim, Jay Harrington. Matthew Harrington, Adam Harrington, Timothy Joseph and his wife Melissa, Elizabeth Joseph, Nicholas Joseph and his wife Liz, Patrick Joseph and his wife Karisa. She is also survived by 15 grand-nieces and nephews. Matthew, Patrick, Drew, Lauren, Gavin, Quinn, Thomas, James, Ben, Beatrice, Alice, Jack, Owen, Lucy, Morgan. Maureen leaves behind many cousins and beloved friends. Maureen had a devout passion for family and a strong interest in family history and genealogy. Maureen graduated from Cardinal Cushing College and went on to receiving her Masters' degree from Boston State Teachers College. Maureen was a teacher for 39 years. She was a teacher for 32 years with the Norwood Public Schools. Funeral arrangements by the George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, Wellesley. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery, Wellesley. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to The Elizabeth Seton Residence in Wellesley, Dana Farber Cancer Institute for Research in Boston, MA, and St. Anthony Shrine, 100 Arch St., Boston, MA.

## HAWKINS

Mary Ann (Donahue), 95, of Norwood, on Feb. 19. Beloved wife of the late William G. Hawkins, Sr. Loving mother of William G. Hawkins, Jr. and his wife Mary Lou of Foxboro, Patricia Hawkins Greene of Norwood, and Jeanne M. Campbell of Foxboro. Cherished grandmother of Michael W. Greene and his wife Kristin of Washington, D.C., William G. Hawkins, III of Foxboro, Shaun P. Campbell of Lakeville, and William J. Campbell of Foxboro. Sister of the late James Donahue. Funeral arrangements by the James H. Delaney & Son Funeral Home, Walpole. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Joslin Diabetes Center, 1 Joslin Place, Suite 745, Boston, MA 02215.

## O'CONNELL

Edward J., 82, a 46-year resident of Norwood, on Feb. 27. Beloved son of the late Martin and Mary (Hall) O'Connell. U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict. He held a B.A. from Boston College and an M.A. from Northeastern University. He was a guidance counselor at Stoughton Junior High School for many years prior to his retirement. Edward was the loving father of Michael O'Connell of Newport, R.I., Maureen and Kevin Hines, Claire O'Connell, all of Norwood, Richard and Debra O'Connell of Newton, N.H., Marie and Peter Foley of Norwood and the late Theresa O'Connell; the cherished grandfather of Sean, Tara, Madison, Megan, Kevin, Shana, Gavin, Vivian and Jack; the dear brother of Roseanna Grassini of Hyannisport, and the late Michael O'Connell and Mary McShane; the longtime companion of Louise Appel of Stoughton; former husband of Ellen (Kelly) O'Connell of Wrentham; and the uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Edward's memory to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St. Framingham, MA 01702 or via [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

## PELLOWE

Bette A., 73, a lifelong resident of Norwood, on Feb. 23. Beloved daughter of the late William F. Sr. and Mary T. (Deady) Pellowe. Sister of William F. Pellowe and his wife Martha of Norwood and Richard E. Pellowe and his wife Betsy of Nevada. Cherished aunt of William R. Pellowe of Japan, Thomas

# Letters *continued from page 4*

Counsel's feeble legal opinions as a crutch. Nobody forced our Town Manager to welcome Upland Woods to town. He chose to do that.

The process of change with elections has never been needed more. Consider the upcoming elections the crossroads for our Town. The winds of change are indeed blowing strong. New blood in Town Meeting is needed more than ever. Things will change very soon if we as citizens stand up for what is right. It is time for big changes in Town. Let's start by getting rid of Town Counsel. The same Town Counsel that couldn't stop Upland Woods from coming to town. All Town Counsel is good at is throwing up the white flag to defend our town and billing us for that inferior service. We deserve much better. We don't deserve or need any more 40B's or 40R's. More are coming if we don't act now. Let's see action!

It is also high time we consider the process of recalling elected officials in Town if they continue to dismiss the wishes of Norwood's citizens. That very sad process seems to be very likely if things don't change fast here in town. Norwood needs to be properly managed now, or we will face our darkest hour very soon. I still feel love of town will win the day. There's too many good people in town to sit back and let this happen.

*Kevin Pentowski  
Norwood*

## WHAT CAN I SAY?

My Saturday morning began with its usual routine of waking up my 10-year-old daughter, loading her and her hockey equipment into the car, stopping at Dunkin Donuts, and then off to a skating rink to coach a squirt hockey game. The pre-game routine of tying skates, taking a headcount and calling parents of those players not in attendance for the 7 a.m. drop of the puck went as expected. The game began in its usual manner with a 3-minute warm-up, a few final words of encouragement, and a 1-2-3 NORWOOD shouted out by the dozen squirts standing in front of me. Midway through the first period my Saturday morning threw me a curve that I certainly didn't see coming. My cell phone rang and when I looked to see who was calling, my first thought was why is Mike Fanizzi calling me at 7:20 a.m.? On any other Saturday I wouldn't have answered the phone in the middle of a game but for some reason I decided to answer it. "Mike, what's up? I'm behind the bench at the squirt game." He calmly replied "Bill everyone is alright but we wanted to let you know that the roof at Ponky caved in this morning.

Can you send out notification to the program that all other activities at the rink are cancelled today and call me back when you leave the rink?" I couldn't believe my ears but told him I would take care of it and would call him later.

After returning to Norwood and meeting with the coaches that were in the building at the time of the incident the severity of the situation really began to hit me. This wasn't a situation in which a 10' x 10' area collapsed. One third, approximately 70' x 100', of the entire roof caved into the middle of the building crashing down onto the ice. Hearing accounts of the coaches pulling kids off the ice and out of locker rooms as the structure was crumbling sent chills throughout my body. Still trying to digest what these people had to endure I headed over to Canton to view the aftermath.

As I stood in the parking lot staring at what appeared to be a building that had just been hit during an air raid I was thinking how lucky are we that all of our Norwood Youth Hockey family members got out alive? EXTREMELY!! Luck certainly played a part but the old cliché of good teams create their own luck certainly is true in this situation. At the time of the incident there were approximately 30 members, most of which were children ages 9-12, of the Norwood Nuggets Youth Hockey family inside the facility. As the situation unfolded coaches Mike Fanizzi, Bill Harrison, Chris Sharkey, Kurt Sager, Chris Hill and Joe DiBlasi without hesitation put the safety and well being of the children in the building far above their own. They made sure that each and every child was out of the rink before they exited. I have known these men for varying amounts of time from a couple of years to 30+ years. I know they all got into coaching for the same reasons most youth coaches get into coaching. They love the game. They want the kids to have a good experience while learning the concepts of teamwork, good sportsmanship, and hard work. To give the kids a safe environment away from the video games and to give them a focus that will hopefully keep them away from the dangers of society that face our kids today. Their actions on Saturday should not go unnoticed which is why I have chosen to submit this letter.

In a society that has become so intent on finding the mistakes and bad choices made by celebrities, athletes, politicians and the average citizen we shouldn't lose sight of the great things that

good people do that affect our lives. These six individuals affected hundreds if not thousands of lives on Saturday. Each of the children they saved are a son, daughter, cousin, brother, sister, grandchild or friend of someone. They truly are heroes!!

I titled this letter "What can I say?" because I truly don't know what can be said for how these men reacted. What I will say is Bill, Mike, Chris, Kurt, Chris and Joe THANK YOU!! Thank you for keeping our children safe and our Nugget family together. I am honored to know all of you.

*Bill Naumann President  
Norwood Nuggets*

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORT AFTER FIRE

*To the Editor:*

We had a fire in our home in December. Since then we have received many generous donations. We would like to publish a thank you note.

On the evening of Dec. 13, our family experienced an extensive home fire. Thankfully everyone got out safely. Our three pet birds were rescued by the heroic actions of the Norwood firefighters who swiftly extinguished the blaze. From that moment the people of Norwood, the parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena, the families, staff and faculty of St. Catherine of Siena school, the families of Norwood Stingrays Aquatic Club, the Norwood Fire Department Local 1631 and Chief Greeley, the Dick Cotter Foundation, the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the employees of Waters Corporation have supported us through generous donations. Our neighbors, Paul and Gayle McCracken opened their door to a frightened group that evening, and we couldn't be more grateful for their ongoing support. Our friends, Henry and Mary-Ellen Zablocki provided us with a home so the girls could finish school before the Christmas break. The outpouring of support has been incredible and we are humbled by the generosity of our town, our Church, our school, our friends and co-workers. We will never forget how so many rallied around us when we were faced with such a loss. I am so grateful to call Norwood my hometown, St. Catherine of Siena my parish and my daughter's school and Waters Corporation my employer. Thank you for all you have done. We will never forget your generosity.

*Patricia, Noreen and  
Maggie Timmonee  
Norwood*

## Deaths

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# Nonprofits *continued from page 7*

Popalo said they wanted the event to feature organizations that catered to large groups of people with a variety of interests or needs.

Fairly new local nonprofit Journey to Parenthood - which helps families struggling with infertility - seemed like a very niche organization, but the co-founders said individuals who knew someone who had dealt with infertility repeatedly approached them about their services.

"It's a very personal issue, but people kind of open up," said Journey to Parenthood co-founder Colleen Brierley said. "In numbers, there's strength and support."

Brierley said it was nice to spread the word about Journey to Parenthood, but the event also introduced her to a number of organizations she had been unaware of.

"It makes you feel good

about your town," she said.

"I think it's just important because a lot of nonprofits raise money. They're about giving and giving back to Norwood," co-founder Jen Conley said. "A lot of them circulate money and resources they have back into the community."

Ben Tieso Jr. of the Disabled American Veterans Post 90 in Norwood said it was a new experience for his organization, which has been a member of the Norwood Community since 1954.

"Hopefully something comes out of this," he said, mentioning how difficult it could be to awareness about a cause.

David Tuttle of the Norwood Circle of Hope said he was surprised to learn of several organizations that he was not aware of, despite Norwood having "that small

town kind of feel" that makes it such a generous community.

Because of all of the positive feedback, the League of Women Voters and the Norwood Junior Woman's Club appear to want to continue the fair in the future.

"It sounds like everybody likes idea to make this a regular thing, to do an annual thing, and maybe bring in organizations from outside too," Popola said.

Popola said the event even galvanized her own interest in several local organizations, whose meetings she was now planning to attend.

"There is something in this room for everybody today. It's really heartening to see, since we get so insular in our very busy lives. It's good to take our good intentions into the wider community," Rau said.

# Deaths *continued from page 14*

E. Pellowe of Colorado, John F. Pellowe of Norwood and Maura E. Hughes and her husband Patrick of Norwood. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood.

## PETERSON

Sharon (Brown), 64, of Norwood, on Feb. 27. Beloved mother of Leonard Szerlong of Norwood, William Szerlong of Norwood and the late Janice Peterson. Loving daughter of Margaret (Childs) Brown and the late Robert J. Brown. Sister of Robert W. Brown, Edward J. Brown, George P. Brown all of Norwood, Susan Oakes of Mansfield and Margaret Foley of Plainville. Cherished grandmother of Calvin Peterson and Amelia Szerlong. Sharon was a graduate of Norwood High School and Attended Newbury College. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Burial will be at

Highland Cemetery Norwood. Donations may be made in her name to a charity of your choice.

## PRENDERGAST

Priscilla M. (Chassie) of Norwood, on Feb. 24. Beloved wife of the late Joseph P. Prendergast. Loving mother of Joseph P. Jr. and his partner Patty Kimbell of Westwood and James R. and his wife Robin of Wrentham. Devoted grandmother of Patrick, Ryan, Shannon and Jack. Priscilla was predeceased by 12 brothers and sisters. Services and interment are private.

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8'x10' w/2'x8'	
2 pc. Berber Plush Rug Set	'80

**4 Shelf Seed Starting Greenhouse**  
 63 1/2" x 19" x 27 1/2" H  
 Comp. \$50  
**\$20**

**2015 Burpee Seeds**  
**40% OFF!**

**Self-Watering Resin Planters**  
 Assorted colors  
 6" **\$2**  
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 12" **\$6**

**Seed Starting Kit**  
 11" x 22" - 36 cell tray filled with seed starting mix  
**4<sup>75</sup>**

**Mens & Ladies Famous Maker Winter Jackets**  
 Comp. \$80-\$200  
**29<sup>99</sup>**

**Men's & Ladies PJ Sets**  
 Comp. \$24-\$40  
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**Decorative Kitchen Runners**

20" x 42" Cushioned or 24" x 60" Berber  
 Your Choice **\$6**

**Indian Tapestry Rugs**  
**BEAUTIFUL!**

3' x 5'	Comp to \$60	<b>\$25</b>
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8' x 10'	Comp to \$350	<b>'150</b>

**20 Lb Ice Melt**  
 Selection varies by store

Ice Melt Blend **\$5**  
 Polar Express **6.50**

**rain-X Windshield Wash**  
**3<sup>49</sup>**

Windshield Wash **1<sup>99</sup>**  
 Brands may vary by store

**Soft Shell Jackets**  
 Comp. \$80  
**\$25**

**Fleece Jackets**  
 Comp. \$80  
**\$20**

**Mens & Ladies Fleece Lounge Pants**  
 Comp. \$24 & more  
 Your Choice **\$8**

**Famous Maker Ladies Jeans or Casual Pants**  
 Comp. \$48-\$54  
 Your Choice **\$15**

**Premium Rubber Door Mats**  
 By Mohawk & Apache Mills

18" x 30"	Comp. \$15	<b>\$7</b>
2' x 3'	Comp. \$25	<b>'10</b>
3' x 4'	Comp. \$40	<b>'12</b>
3' x 5'	Comp. \$50	<b>'15</b>

**Eco Cotton Premium Towels**  
 Incredibly Soft

Bath Sheet	<b>\$7</b>
Bath Towel	<b>\$5</b>
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Wash Cloths	<b>\$1</b>

**Garant 18" Poly Snow Shovel**  
**\$13**

**48" Extendable Snow Brush & Ice Scraper**  
**\$8**

**Enviro-Log Firelog**  
 5 lb. • 3 hour burn  
**\$13** **CASE of 6**  
 Single Log **'2.99**

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 Comp. \$60-\$150  
**9<sup>99</sup>**

**Silky Touch or Velvet Plush Blankets**

Twin	<b>\$18</b>
Full/Queen	<b>\$22</b>
King	<b>\$25</b>

**20% OFF All Comforters & Comforter Sets**

Twin Microplush	<b>\$15</b>
Full/Queen	<b>\$18</b>
King	<b>\$20</b>

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 Superior lightweight construction  
 Waterproof fabric  
 Hybrid 20" Spinner **Comp. \$34**  
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 Comp. \$60  
**\$40**

8 Sheet Shredder **Comp. \$50** **'30**

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 Heats 1800 sq. ft.  
 Comp. \$199  
 Our Reg. **\$139**

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 Heats 1500 sq. ft.  
 Comp. \$199  
 Our Reg. **\$119**

**Fleece, Pintuck, or Designer Microfiber Sheet Sets**

Twin	<b>\$12</b>
Full	<b>\$15</b>
Queen	<b>\$18</b>
King	<b>\$20</b>

**Biddeford Microplush Heated Blankets**  
 Comp. \$50-\$90

Twin	<b>\$30</b>
Full	<b>\$40</b>
Queen	<b>\$45</b>
King	<b>\$50</b>

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 Your Choice **\$15**

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 96 Gel pacs or 96 Powerballs  
 Your Choice **\$10**

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 Our Reg. **\$139**

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 Our Reg. **\$99**

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