



Project Engineer Matt Smith of Norwood Engineering and Joe Sheehan of the Planning Board look at the site plan for the development proposed for 940-958 Boston-Providence Turnpike.

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Planning Board reviews Rolland development, open lot storage

Wendy's/BJ's officially signed-off on

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Planning Board gathered on Monday evening, Dec. 18 for its bi-weekly meeting. There were four appointments on the agenda, two concerning the development at 940-958 Boston Providence Hwy. (the Honey Baked Ham lot).

The first of these two appointments was a public hearing regarding the developer's request for a special permit to gain relief for the landscaped buffer strip between the site and Rte. 1.

According to Town bylaws, a 20-

foot landscaped buffer strip is required at the front of a property. If there isn't enough room, 10 feet would work if the number of landscape plantings is doubled.

As Project Engineer Matt Smith described it in the case of the development, there is one Rte. 1 island buffer that – in order to maintain enough room for parking spaces and an aisle – ranges from approximately 8 feet to 9 feet.

This narrow section led to the special permit request.

During the public hearing, it also

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Lt. Governor Karyn Polito holds the freshly signed Community Compact with fellow signatory, William Plasko. From left to right: Selectman Thomas Maloney, Plasko, Polito, Representative John Rogers, Town Planner Paul Halkiotis, and Selectman Paul Bishop.

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Lt. Governor Polito, Chairman Plasko sign Community Compact

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Staff Reporter

Last Thursday, Dec. 21, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito came to Memorial Hall to sign – along with Board of Selectmen Chairman William Plasko – the Commonwealth Community Compact, a best practices partnership agreement between Beacon Hill and individual local governments.

The program was established by the Baker-Polito Administration as the result of the Governor's first executive order. In entering into the agreement, Norwood became the 322nd of the 351 cities and towns within the Commonwealth to join.

In her remarks to the small crowd – comprised mainly of Town officials – spread through the Hall to be present at the signing of the agreement, the Lt. Governor described the Community

Compact as a funded, voluntary program created from Baker's and Polito's perspectives as former local officials. She also got at the program's goals and how it hopes to achieve them.

"We wanted it to be driven by you, so that every community could think about what they want to work on, what are their priorities, and then choose the best practices that will help you achieve your goals."

Polito went on to describe how each of the 322 compacts are unique to the individual communities who have chosen to become partners.

"There are no two that are identical because you have hundreds of best practices to choose from, and every community's working on something different, but almost every community is

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Cops for Kids with Cancer makes donation to Town family

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Staff Reporter

On Monday morning, Dec. 11, a small, informal ceremony was held in the community room at the Town Police and Fire Station (137 Nahatan St.), during which a \$5,000 check and some toys were presented to a local family whose 3 year old daughter is currently battling cancer.

The money was raised by Cops for Kids with Cancer, a charitable organization covering New England that was founded in Boston in 2002 and works in close collaboration with the Boston Police Department (BPD).

Mike Weir, Cops for Kids with Cancer Board member – and retired Dedham Police Chief – focused, in his remarks, on the inspiration of its founder – BPD Captain John Dow – to create the organization, in 2002, that has – as of today – raised almost \$3 million.

"When he (Dow) got sick and was going for treatments, he knew what he was going through," Weir commented. "And he saw young families there and he said, 'Geez, I can't imagine – if I'm going through this – what they're going through.'"

Cops for Kids with Cancer is run and

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Kerri Atton holds her daughter Gabriella and a check for \$5,000, as her dad, Michael holds a teddy bear. From left to right: Mike Weir, Maura Flynn, Mchael Atton, BPD Officer Thomas Bent, Gabriella Atton, Kerri Atton, Police Chief William Brooks, Deputy Police Chief Peter Kelly, and Norwood Fire Fighter Andrew Quinn. Photo By Matt MacDonald

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led to a discussion regarding the interpretation of front, rear, and side setbacks.

George Saba – of 960 Boston Providence Hwy. – argued that the proposed new building did not meet the setback requirements.

As Town Planner Paul Halkiotis explained, the front – no matter which way the front entrances of any buildings on the site are facing – is determined by where the property takes its street frontage (and address) from – in this case, Rte. 1.

Saba, however, continued to argue that, in the case of the proposed new building, which – in site diagrams – loosely follows the angled contour of the property line from east to west – and is being interpreted as side yard (with a 15-foot setback requirement) – should, in fact, be considered rear setback and require a 30-foot distance.

The discussion went back and forth, with Chairman Ernie Paciorkowski at one point suggesting that Saba take his case to the Building Inspector if he felt strongly enough about it.

Attorney James Hilliard – representing the developer – brought things to a conclusion by citing what the Town By-law regarding setbacks actually refers to.

“The bylaw says front setbacks must be maintained from each street, and the only time – under your bylaw – you have to be concerned about setbacks is on a corner.”

Rte. 1 is the only street bordering the site, Hilliard continued.

“The setback has to be from Rte. 1. Everything else is side or rear yard. That’s not my opinion. That’s how it has been interpreted for years. That’s how the Building Inspector interprets it.”

The motion to grant the special permit was approved unanimously.

The following appointment had to do with two other aspects of the same development.

The first was the continued public hearing on the site plan review and approval for the project. Unlike the prior public hearing, this one was relatively quick and uneventful, with no public comment, and

the motion to approve passing unanimously.

The second portion of this appointment had to do with the Board taking a vote on a special permit for a drive-thru window on the site.

In the prior Planning Board meeting, the public hearing had been closed but no vote had been taken to give Board members the opportunity to visit and walk the property.

When Paciorkowski stated that he was looking for a motion to vote, he was met with silence as he glanced around the table at his colleagues.

Debbie Holmwood’s “Don’t look at me.”

“No one wants to make a motion?” Paciorkowski asked.

Before he could say anything else, Hilliard spoke up.

“Mr. Chairman, if I may, I’d like to withdraw our request for a special permit for a drive-thru before you vote.”

“Without prejudice?”

“Without prejudice.”

After a long pause and a very brief consultation with Halkiotis, Paciorkowski looked for a motion, received one, and a second, and the motion to approve the withdrawal without prejudice was approved unanimously.

As a result, this special permit request can be made again without having to wait for two years.

The last appointment of the night concerned an auto storage special permit extension for an open storage lot located at Carnegie Row (between Morse and Vanderbilt).

The special permit was originally granted five years ago – for a term of three years – and then extended for another two. The request made at this meeting was for another extension.

According to Hilliard – who was familiar with the background of the case – spoke of the owner’s inability to find someone to come in and build on the land, while also noting that this zone is the only one in Town allowing motor vehicles to be stored: a major issue for the car dealerships.

Referring to the owner, David Spiegel, Hilliard said, “He just wants permission to keep it going until such time as he can develop it commercially.”

Al Porro was not in favor of the extension request, citing his prior opposition to open lot car storage as not being the best use of the Town’s land.

“We’re giving away lots of money and real estate taxes that we shouldn’t be doing for those.”

He also referred to his

agreement with the original special permit and with the first extension in further explaining his opposition to a second extension.

“In five years, we’ve given them an opportunity to develop it and it hasn’t been addressed – with no intention of addressing it – because they (the car dealerships) are all in desperate need for parking unsold vehicles.”

While citing the fact that car storage structures are not allowed in the Town (causing the use of a much greater footprint than necessary), and the fact that the location, zoning, and “finding somebody who fits in there” to be issues, Hilliard then gave the crux of his counterargument.

“If the Board sees fit not to grant a continuance, and the cars leave, and it sits there as fallow land, that’s not fair to the person who owns the land. That’s inherently punishing him for not being able to find somebody to go in there and build a structure.”

Halkiotis, understanding that the votes required for a super-majority (unanimous) vote were not there, offered an alternative of a one-year extension to give Spiegel time enough to move the cars out and to more aggressively pursue development options.

This was adopted by the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

On a related note, Paciorkowski informed the Board that he, Halkiotis, Assistant Town Planner Patrick Deschenes, ZBA Chair Philip Riley, and Building Inspector Mark Chubet, met with Boch Toyota Vice President Mike Clemmey (who, according to Paciorkowski, was speaking more on behalf of the local auto dealership industries rather on behalf of Boch) to discuss car storage options in the Town.

According to Halkiotis, time will be reserved in January for the Board to discuss this – and possible bylaw amendments – for submission to May’s Town Meeting.

In the first appointment of the night, the Approval Not required Plan for 1412-1420 Boston Providence Hwy. (aka the Wendy’s/BJ’s Development) was approved unanimously.

The official signing took place at the end of the meeting, marking the conclusion of that project’s long and winding journey through Town Hall.

The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Jan. 8, 2018.

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Plantation Circle and Avalon Bay top ConCom agenda

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Conservation Commission gathered on Wednesday evening, Dec. 20. The meeting, which lasted about 40 minutes, dealt with two cases. Commission Treasurer Peter Bamber was absent.

Of the two cases, the 7:45 p.m. request for a certificate of compliance regarding the property located at 128 Plantation Cr. proved to be the less straightforward.

An initial problem with the request involved the agenda file number not matching the number of the paperwork pulled by Conservation Agent Al Goetz.

“Before we can issue anything, that has to be cleared up,” he explained.

Commissioner Joe DiMaria, speaking after Goetz’s basic overview of the request, wanted to know the exact location of the lot on a map (a detailed one which was not available at the meeting). Referring to properties in the area, he gave his reasoning for this.

“There is a block-long series of houses that have a drainage swale that needs to be maintained in the back that runs away from that detention basin up the hill, and I believe that’s part of Plantation Circle.”

Complicating the matter was the fact that the detention

basin in question is located within a development area that was part of the old Gradview project that was appealed, with a superseding order issued by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

In responding to DiMaria’s request, Goetz got at the root of the complication.

“I’m sure that the list of conditions that DEP issued in the superseding order lists all the plans that are involved, and we don’t have that in hand.”

DiMaria went on to explain some of the background of the development.

“There’s a detention basin that’s now taken over by the Town. That is part of the original one that’s on this (Plantation) Circle,” which he had earlier described.

With the Commission in general consensus that it would be beneficial to have detailed plans of the drainage for the development, no action was taken on the request (based on the unmatched file numbers). It was rescheduled to the Jan. 17 meeting.

The 7:30 p.m. appointment concerned a request for determination of applicability for Avalon Bay Communities, located at 150-158 and 165 Lenox St.

Nover-Armstrong Associates – the environmental consultants representing the developer – was brought in to determine whether or not the site was subject to Town bylaw and

the the state’s Wetlands Protection Act and regulations.

After doing an in-depth inspection of the site within a hundred feet of its boundaries, it determined that there were no wetland resources within that area.

Based on these, Marta Nover made her request.

“We’re asking the Commission to issue a negative determination basically saying that the area is not subject to your jurisdiction under the State Wetlands Protection Act, as well as your bylaw.”

The negative determination was granted unanimously, with Goetz adding his own thoughts in recommending it to the Commission.

“To me, there’s a benefit to having these old mill buildings taken down because I know that, in the past, it was a printing plant and there’s bound to be some contamination under the buildings and, as part of the project, they have to clean that up. So we gain something there: getting any contamination out of there and gone from the Town.”

In old business, Cheryl Doyle brought up the wetland at the corner of Morse Street and Route 1, saying that it’s turning into “a heck of a parking lot” and causing much damage, citing an earlier enforcement order to have something in place (a guardrail,

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OPINION

Trying to do the right thing

As mentioned in an earlier column, this month we celebrated our 25th anniversary of newspaper publishing, starting with the Dec. 2, 1992 edition of the Norwood Bulletin. It's been a heck of a ride; we have experienced the very best and the very worst in what is can best be described as an industry with an uncertain future.

With a commitment to always do our best, at times we have been found wanting. However, every person who has ever worked at The Bulletin Newspapers will verify that we have never gone to press knowing that something on our pages was wrong. Unfortunately, that doesn't mean we always got it right, no newspaper ever does. That is the basic struggle of all news organizations trying to maintain the integrity of the Fourth Estate. So, when dedicated folks like the ones who work here are exposed to allega-

tions of "fake news", even if it is considered guilt by association, it hurts. And those organizations who partake in publishing news they know to be false or exaggerated, or even knowingly omitting pertinent information because it doesn't reckon with their attempts at persuasion, besmirch the reputations of others who have devoted lifetimes trying to do the right thing.

In some ways, the future of community reporting is probably on more solid ground than regional or national publishing due to the myopic nature of the information. Some will argue that terrific local TV news sources, like NPA-TV here in Norwood, counter that argument, but it really doesn't. Who among us has the time to sit through watching hours of town government meetings weekly? Some may be addicted to the Selectmen's

meetings on Tuesday evenings or School Committee meetings on Wednesdays, but the reality is that, to find out most everything else going on in Town, residents turn to publications like ours. And many times, once folks read about a topic of interest in our newspaper, they will then turn to NPA-TV to get further details because it archives all of its programming for people to stream at their own convenience. What a great resource!

Facebook pages and Blogs are other sources of information, but most of the time the genesis of the information discussed is from newspapers like ours. And, quite frankly, a lot of the time those doing the posting get it wrong. The problem with many of these posts is that they are uncensored; there is no verification of facts or journalistic stan-

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boulders, fencing) to protect it.

"All of a sudden, that area has become part of Morse Street. Everybody drives on it. Everybody parks on it. It's like a free-for-all. There's zero protection to that wetland right now. Zero."

After some discussion as to how to deal with the

situation and as to who is actually responsible (due to the uncertainty of whether or not the order of conditions went with the land or stayed with the original owner), the determination was made to try to find and research the order of conditions, with the possible aid of Town

Counsel.

In additional business, the Commission Signed the order of conditions for the gas main extension project running from Pleasant Street along Morse Street.

The next Conservation Commission meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2018.

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populated entirely by volunteers, raising money through donations and fundraisers. In its early days, it would donate \$500 to each family but, as time went on, it grew, with higher end fundraisers such as golf tournaments and motorcycle rallies ratcheting up the organizations charitable capabilities.

Children are recommended to Cops for Kids by police officers. As Weir stated at one point,

"Nobody knows their community better than the police officers, so that's why we count on them a lot to let us know if there's a family in need in the community."

Cops for Kids Vice President – and retired BPD Captain – Maura Flynn was also present at the ceremony. Although she did not make any remarks, she gave an idea of how a month goes.

The Board of Directors – made up of retired police officers, doctors, and other civilians – meets on the first Tuesday of each month to vote on applications.

Typically – if approved – the process takes about a month to complete.

Flynn said, "We try to do – on an average – six to eight of these donations a month. Each one is \$5,000, so it amounts to a lot of money."

This year, however – leading up to the holiday season – that number has gone up to 10.

Additionally, Cops for Kids with Cancer gives \$10,000 to each of their partner hospitals (Dana Farber, Mass General, and Tufts) each year.

"That's strictly no research," Flynn clarified. "That's strictly for the kids – like, for toys – to make their stay more comfortable. It's the only time the money can be used."

Weir having finished, the Atton family stood next to him and Flynn to receive the \$5,000. Others joined in for photos as 3 year old Gabriella held the check and smiled.

Afterwards, the small group lingered for a little bit, making small talk and sipping coffee. Gabriella's mom Kerri and dad Michael took a moment to comment while keeping a parental eye on their daughter and another on their 1 year old son Jackson.

"I think it's an unbelievable organization to help families in need, especially when they're already going through such a hard time," Michael said. "We can't even begin to tell you how much this is going to help us."

"It's like an emotional roller coaster," Kerri added.

Gabriella was ready to check out the fire truck so Michael finished his thought. "If they do this for other families and they help them, it's probably one of the best organizations I can think of."



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Monday Dec. 18

0754 Phone – Susp Activity Location/ Address: Pleasant St and Dean St Narrative: Caller reported male party passed out in white truck while vehicle moving. Officers out with Party. Center towed vehicle. Norwood Fire transport to the hospital.

1833 Phone – Larceny, report filed Location/Address: Prospect Street. Narrative: Package stolen from front steps.

1833 Walk-in - Narrative: Assist citizen assisted party Party wants guidance on handling a bullying issue going on in school. Advice given, parties referred to SRO Mahoney.

2134 phone - Noise complaint spoken to. Location/Address: Jefferson Dr. Narrative: Report of people yelling, possible disturbance. N669 states no argument, people cheering for basketball game.

2224 Phone -Disturbance, Arrest Made. Narrative: 911 hang up call, yelling could be heard prior to call disconnecting. No answer upon call back. N667 placed one party into custody. N663 transported that party to the station. Refer To Arrest: 17-442-AR Arrest: Shivers, Christopher Address: 155 Byron St., Brockton, Ma. Age: 38 Charges: WARRANT ARREST, Seven counts of larceny of a credit card and one count of threatening a witness/juror/police officer or court official.

0814 Phone - Motor vehicle accident report filed Call Taker: Location/ Address: Washington and Atwood Ave. Narrative: Motor vehicle collision. NFD responding. Center towed two vehicles

0856 Phone - Assist fire dept report filed Location/Address: Florence Ave. Narrative: Water leak found by neighbors NFD responds and gains access. Eighteen inches of water found in basement, gas and water turned off.

1105 Phone -Larceny, report filed Location/Address: United Parcel Service (SECURITY) - University Ave. Narrative: BCI will investigate a theft.

1110 Phone - Assist citizen services rendered Location/Address: CVS on Nahatan. Narrative: CVS pharmacist gave the wrong medication to a party, that party was contacted and is bringing back the wrong prescription.

1156 Phone - Hit and run report filed Location/Address: Nahatan and Pleasant Streets Narrative: Blue Fusion fled after making contact.

1234 Radio - Susp activity area search negative Location Devon Road. Narrative: Subject walking around with a yellow construction-colored jacket and caller reports he may have picked up a package near 85.

1509 Walk-In - Fraud report filed Location/Address: Concord Ave. Narrative: Resident received letter alarming her of possible identity theft.

1556 Cellular - Motor vehicle accident report filed Location/Address: Walpole and Bond Streets Narrative: NFD sent. Don and Wally's towed one vehicle.

1715 Walk-In - Larceny report filed Location/Address: Day Street. Narrative: Walk in party reports items were stolen from the bed of his truck.

1754 - 911 - Motor vehicle accident report filed Location/Address: University Ave. Narrative: Vehicle struck a deer. No personal injuries reported, animal ran into the woods.

1849 Phone - Susp person services rendered

Location/Address: Pond Ave and Sturtevant Ave Narrative: Parties going door to door. Upon arrival, parties were picked up and left for the night.

1934 Walk-In - Larceny report filed Location/Address: Norwest Dr. Narrative: Party requested to speak to an officer regarding a possible larceny from the residence.

2147 Initiated - Motor vehicle stop *arrest(s)made Location/Address: Pleasant and East Cross St. Narrative: Don & Wallys towed MA PC 966NGD. One female placed into custody. S/M 38502 2157 Hrs E/M 38502 2159 Hrs. Arrest: Giovannucci, Nancy L Address: 58 Westview Dr Norwood, Ma Age: 58 Charges: OUI liquor and marked lanes violation

2206 Phone - Hit and run report filed Location/Address: Dean St. Narrative: Caller reports that her parked vehicle was struck by a passing vehicle.

2214 Initiated - Assist other agency report filed Location/Address: Norwood Hospital Narrative: Walk in at Norwood Hospital reports an accidental discharge of his firearm in Westwood. Westwood PD will handle.

Wednesday, Dec. 20

0553 Phone - Noise complaint spoken to Location/Address: Nahatan St. Narrative: Caller states that his upstairs neighbor is banging on the floor. Officers spoke with upstairs tenant who had just got up. No signs of any noise. Advised to speak with Norwood Housing if it continues.

1105 Phone – Hit and run under investigation. Location/Address: Central St. Narrative: Caller reports his car was hit and a witness reports MA 155DXB fled the scene.

1129 911 - Report of fire Police & Fire Notified Location/Address: Convenient Food Mart Washington St. Narrative: 911 call reporting a Pepsi truck

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE NON-EXCLUSIVE LEASE OF SPACE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT ON TOWN OF NORWOOD WATER STORAGE TANKS

Sealed Proposals will be received up to 11:00 A.M., January 23, 2018, in the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 for the following:

The Town of Norwood is seeking formal proposals from Federally Licensed Communications Companies to enter into a non-exclusive lease of space at the Town's municipal water tank located off of Bellevue Avenue, Norwood, Massachusetts. Currently the Town has a two long-term lease agreements in place from Firms co-locating on the tank, one of which is due to expire on March 1, 2018. This Request for Proposals ("RFP") is made pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B, Section 16 pertaining to lease of Real Property. This license is for a term of twenty (20) years. The complete RFP package may be obtained in the Purchasing Department during regular business hours or is available online by registering and downloading at: <https://bids.norwoodma.gov>. The RFP package must be filled out and signed as directed herein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed to the Purchasing Department, endorsed with the name and address of the Proposer, and marked, "NON-EXCLUSIVE LEASE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT FOR COMMUNICATION SERVICES - CONTRACT #NGM-18-02"

Proposals shall be prepared, considered, and the contract awarded in accordance with all statutes governing such contracts (MGL Chapter 30B, as most recently amended). Every Proposal shall be on forms furnished by the Town. Proposals submitted on other forms may be rejected. Proposals shall be submitted with one (1) original and three (3) copies of your proposals as well as an electronic copy provided either by CD or thumb drive within your proposal envelope. The award of the contract shall be made within sixty (60) days after the opening of all proposals received, Saturdays, and Sundays included. An award will not be made to a Proposer who is not properly equipped to undertake and complete the work. It is the Town's intent to award multiple leases; however, the Town reserves the right to award a single lease if it is deemed in the Town's best interest.

A MANDATORY pre-proposal conference and site visit will be held at the Water Tank, Bellevue Avenue, Norwood, MA, on January 16, 2018, at 11:00 A.M. The minimum acceptable price for Year #1 shall be \$90,000.00, payable in advance, with each year having a price escalatory.

The Town of Norwood notifies all Proposers that it will affirmatively insure that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit a Proposal in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed or national origin in consideration for an award.

The right is reserved to reject any or all Proposals or to accept any part of a Proposal or to award to multiple Proposals, if it is deemed best for the Town. A planholders' list can be obtained at the Town's website: purchasing.norwoodma.gov.

BY: Tony Mazzucco, General Manager

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working on doing more."

Speaking after the signing ceremony, she went into more detail.

"You could be working on financial policies, budgeting practices, open space plans, environmental and energy efficiencies, so many options. But we want every community to choose what they want to work on."

Since taking office, the Baker-Polito Administration has included funding for the program in each of its annual budgets and, as the Lt. Governor said, "I anticipate that it will continue to be funded because it's a program that's working well. I have communities that are applying for second rounds of best practices compacts."

The two Town commit-



Lt. Governor Karyn Polito

Town Director of Community Planning & Economic Development Paul Halkiotis has been working on an open space and recreation plan for – by his estimate – the last couple of

Paciorkowski suggested that they try again in the Special Town Meeting in the fall.

Article 4 of this fall's Special Town Meeting (2) – in the amount of \$30,000 – was passed unanimously, but the application for the Community Compact had not yet been finalized, but went smoothly.

"This grant application process is the easiest I've seen," Halkiotis said. "Normally, you have to submit, like, a book of data to get any money."

After going back and forth over the amount, a split beneficial to the Town was agreed upon.

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- Paul Halkiotis

ments – as written into its version of the Community Compact – have to do with its engagement "in an Economic Development Self-Assessment exercise to identify strengths, weaknesses, and areas of opportunity", and with the completion of "a Master or Open Space & Recreation Plan to guide land conservation and development decisions including zoning and land acquisition."

Of these, the Open Space and Recreation Plan – and the funding for it enabled by the Community Compact – was the primary motivation in the Town's application to join.

years.

The current plan – in effect since 2010 – has a seven year shelf life before timing out and, as Halkiotis explained it, "you're not going to get any open space and recreation money (from the state) unless you have a plan on how you're going to spend it. It's that simple."

Halkiotis went in to the chronology leading up to the events of the day.

The estimated cost of preparing a new plan – \$30,000 – was added to last year's budget but didn't make the cut.

However, at the May Town Meeting, it came up "almost by accident", as Halkiotis remembered it, when a Town Meeting member asked about ways to get more grant money from the state, which opened the door for Halkiotis to speak of the – at that point – unfunded plan.

When a motion was made to amend the budget to put the \$30,000 for it back in, the vote was very close, and Planning Board Chair Ernie

state. That's a home run."

He tied it in to the signing that had just taken place.

"That's the great thing about what happened today in getting – first – the support of Town Meeting unanimously and now to be able to say, 'Good news. We don't need all that money.'"

With the Community Compact now signed, the money is there to update the open space and recreation plan. Once approved, the door is unlocked to, as Halkiotis put it, "a vault of other grants." Based on estimates, the time frame for completing the open space plan is by the end of summer, 2018, with the goal to apply for grants by the end of the year.

Halkiotis is realistic, but optimistic.

"We'll see what happens. These things can take longer than you think. But the funding's in place, the wheels are in motion, and we're going in the right direction."

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PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF NORWOOD
 APPLICATION FOR ALTERATION OF PREMISES OF BREWERY POURING PERMIT/MALT BEVERAGES AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE
PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for alteration of premises of Castle Island Brewing Company, LLC, Adam Romanov, Manager of the license under Section 19C under Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General laws, as amended, for Brewery Pouring Permit/Malt Beverages at 31 Astor Avenue.

Present description of premises: Total square footage 1500 sq. ft., 1 entrance, 4 exits, days and hours of sale of alcohol, Monday-Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Altered description of premises: Total square footage 3500 sq. ft., 1 entrance, 4 exits, days and hours of sale of alcohol, Monday-Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Occupancy 190

Public Hearing on this application will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

William J. Plasko, Chairman
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 Selectmen of Norwood as Local Licensing Board

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is on fire in the Convenient Food Mart parking lot. NFD handles.
 1139 911 - Report of fight *report filed Location/Address: Nahatan St. Narrative: 911 caller reports a fight between two people.
 1152 Phone - Motor vehicle collision, papers exchanged Location: Bos-Prov Hwy
 1525 Phone - Missing person returned home Location/Address: Nahatan St. Narrative: Report granddaughter not home and not at Oldham School. 1531 - Bus was late and she is home. N661 confirmed same.
 1537 Phone - Susp activity report filed Location/Address: Washington St. Narrative: Student approached at the bus stop. BOLO for B/M, 60 years old, under 5'9".

Thursday, Dec. 21

0023 Phone - Drunk person arrest(s) made Location/Address: Central St. Narrative: Caller reports a party sitting in a red corolla and appears to be asleep with the car running. N664, N667 responded. As a result, N664 returned with one under arrest for OUI. Center Autobody towed vehicle. Arrest: Ricci, Brian C Address: 88 Rock St Norwood, Ma Age: 28 Charges: OUI Liquor
 0458 Initiated - Hit and run *report filed Location/Address: Wilson St. Narrative: N662 reports car debris in roadway. It appears someone hit a pedestrian sign which is destroyed. DPW notified and will pick up same.
 1020 Phone - Unwanted party spoken to Location/Address: Lane Dr. Narrative: Subject removed and whom was sleeping in his former employee's backyard.
 1115 Phone - Unwanted party report filed Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd. Narrative: Adult son stayed the night but is unwanted after waking up in a bad mood.
 1346 Walk-In - Fraud report filed Location/Address: Neponset St. Narrative: Report car rental account compromised.
 1502 Cellular - Animal complaint

NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Fisher St. Narrative: Employee corralled a loose dog.
 1847 Phone - Road hazard *report filed Location/Address: Fisher St. and Nichols St. Narrative: Tree in the roadway. DPW notified and responded.
 2200 Phone - Motor vehicle accident *report filed Call Taker: Dispatcher Daniel Leavitt Location/Address: Neponset St. and Norton Dr. Narrative: Two vehicles involved with deer collision. NFD notified and responded. DPW removed deceased deer.

Friday, Dec. 22

0718 Phone - Motor vehicle accident *report filed Location/Address: Upland Rd. Narrative: Report of struck deer. N664 responded. Deer was reported to be still alive. NACO notified and responding. Deer is deceased and DPW picked up same. N669, N664 responded to victim of accident by Rose Court. No personal injury reported and vehicle was driveable. Report filed for damage.
 1030 Cellular - Hit and run report filed Location/Address: Plymouth Dr. Narrative: Report that in rear parking lot, her parked, unoccupied car was hit.
 1514 Walk-In - Auto theft *report filed Location/Address: Bos/Prov Highway Narrative: Vehicle entered into CJIS.
 1834 Walk-In - Found Syringe Services rendered Location/Address: Willow St + Bornwood Dr. Narrative: Party in lobby reports two syringes on sidewalk. N662 disposed of syringes.

Saturday, Dec. 23

0748 Phone - Assist other agency services rendered Location/Address: Route 95 South Narrative: Massachusetts State Police requests closure at on ramps to Route 95 due to ten ongoing motor vehicle accidents, DOT responding to treat roads.
 1257 Phone - Wires down Electric Light Department Notified Location/Address: Hoyle St. Narrative: Caller reports a low hanging wire. NLD, NFD

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and Comcast responded.
 1624 Phone - Shoplifting *report filed Location/Address: Sally Beauty Supply - Lenox St. Narrative: Employee reports theft of merchandise, suspect left on foot. BOLO to the cars, area search negative.
 1643 - 911 - Report of fire, NPD and NFD notified. Location/Address: Hill St. Narrative: Light pole caught fire. ELD notified and responded.
 1852 Walk-In - Auto theft complaint/summons Location/Address: Nichols St. Narrative: Party in the lobby reporting use without authority. Vehicle entered into NCIC.
 2337 Phone - Road hazard services rendered Location/Address: Ryan Dr. Narrative: Tree down, blocking traffic.

Sunday, Dec. 24

1308 Walk-In - Stolen lic plate report filed Nahatan St. Narrative: Walk in party reports a stolen plate off her vehicle. Item entered into NCIC.
 1325 Phone - Hit and run report filed Location/Address: Walpole St. Narrative: Party reports past hit and run.
 2055 Phone - Complaint of mv could not locate Location/Address: Chapel and Washington St. Narrative: Report of 149wk1 driving on the wrong side of Chapel St. Units checked the area could not locate.

Monday, Dec. 25

1055 Phone - Neighbor disturbance spoken to Location/Address: High St. Narrative: Matter resolved over snow being left from the property of neighbor.
 1218 Phone - Violation of town bylaw spoken to Location/Address: Neponset St. Narrative: Snow being tossed in the street behind her on Mckinley Rd. Matter resolved.
 1701 Phone - Motor vehicle accident *arrest(s) made Location/Address: Azalea Dr. Narrative: Caller reports vehicle struck curb. N666 located the operator walking down Meadow Street. Negoshian's towed MA PC 3JF472. N666 placed one party under arrest and transported her to station. Arrest: Noonan, Kelly A Address: 7 Taunton St Plainville, Ma. Age: 40

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dards trying to be maintained by the authors. Much of the time they are opinions expressed as facts. They can be misleading and, at times, potentially dangerous or libelous.

And while on the subject of opinions, the Opinion expressed on these pages are just that, and are clearly labeled. We know they can be a source of extreme frustration or anger to those holding a counter position and, as are the nature of opinions, are probably on average only about 50 percent right. But in our "opinion", they can provide a much-needed jolt to some residents likely just sitting on the sidelines, hesitant to get involved. Your anger at our take on subjects, or your elation that we agree with you can be a motivation for you to get involved, to speak up and provide a voice otherwise not heard. How often do you get mad that the lives of you and your neighbors are dictated by a select few, who take actions seemingly unfettered by the majority opinions of the populace? Well, whose fault is that? Incumbents run unopposed the vast majority of the time, and even Town Meeting attendance is ridiculously low. It is high time for more people to get involved.

It is the end of a year and the start of another. Make and keep those resolutions and if one of them happens to be a commitment to public service, however small, we'd like to think we played a small part in it.

Thank you for your continued support, and Happy New Year!

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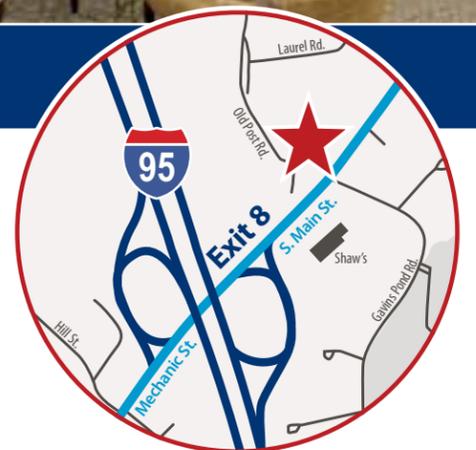


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SENIOR LIVING

Gifts and good cheer at the Ellis Center

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

Last Thursday afternoon, Dec. 21, the senior residents at Ellis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center (135 Ellis Ave.) had a Holiday Party courtesy of Home Instead Senior Care’s “Be a Santa to a Senior” program.

The party provided wished for Christmas gifts to senior citizens who might otherwise not have received any this year and was created and put on by Home Instead Senior Care with assistance from local non-profit Need to Lead.

In the Ellis’ bright and airy first floor dining room, about 40 senior residents – many in wheelchairs – gathered around its open floor area in a semi-circle to receive their gifts.

In the open area near the grand piano, a big, wheeled clothespin full of colorfully wrapped gifts had been rolled

in and – at a steadily quick but unrushed pace – Home Instead Home Care Consultant Laurie Blake would reach in, read the name from a gift’s tag to Activity Director Sharon Hines.

Hines would then call the name out to the roomful of people, a hand would be raised (often with Hines’ warm “There she is!” when she would spot it) and a high school, college aged volunteer would deliver it (“Merry Christmas!”), waiting as the gift would be unwrapped (“Do you need help opening it?”).

Soon enough, the bottom of the bin would be reached, with unclaimed gifts put aside on a nearby table.

“Did everybody get a gift?” Blake asks the group, most of whom are either pulling at wrapping paper or tissue paper to get at what’s inside. She continues.

“Is everyone opening their gifts? What did you get? A



Michael Timpson, of Need to Lead, delivers a Christmas gift to a resident of Ellis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. The gift giving party was organized by Laurie Blake of Home Instead.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

beautiful sweater? Oh! That’s very nice!”

This gift-opening was the culmination of a lengthy, multi-stepped community process that Blake took a moment to describe just before entering the dining room a

handful of minutes earlier.

Each gift had started with a wish (EX: a pink sweater, size M) written and handed over to Blake. From there, the wished for item would be noted on an ornament which would decorate special “Be a

Santa to a Senior” Christmas trees put up in local participating businesses (EX: LA Fitness, Walgreens).

Participating customers would then take an ornament,

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buy the gift, bring it back unwrapped in a bag with the ornament in there too, and leave it under the tree. The bags would then be picked up.

In the days prior to the gift opening parties that Home Instead had organized at different senior homes and assisted living facilities, gift wrapping parties had been held at many of the same locations – with many of the same participants wrapping gifts to go to other sites – during the week before.

As Blake put it, “It’s seniors giving back to seniors.”

Having finished in the dining room, Blake and the Need to Lead group roll the bin with unclaimed gifts lining its bottom to the Driftwood unit, where they visit rooms to drop them off.

As this is going on, Blake went into some of what Home Instead actually does: provide a wide variety of non-medical support for seniors living at home, in assisted living situations, or in long term care.

In addition to the companionship, home helper, and personal services Home Instead provides for those aging in place, Blake gave a couple of additional examples of what it provides.

“If a senior in the hospital and has hip surgery and needs

extra support at home, they would hire Home Instead. If they’re here and they’re in long-term care, and they need some extra support that the Ellis is not able to provide them with that one-on-one service, then they would hire us here.”

Home Instead, she went on to explain, is a private pay company, “so – other than long-term care insurance – that’s the only type of insurance that we accept.”

She also got at the motivation behind today’s gift giving.

“For people that are less fortunate and unable to be affiliated with Home Instead, this is our giveback to the community.”

Santa Claus has turned the corner and is ho ho hoing his way down the corridor to a small community room with a tree, gifts, and anticipatory seniors gathered round.

The Need To Lead group – around half a dozen – are giving out gifts and making conversation. Their shirts – uniform in design – have a motto printed across the back:

We Don’t Make Excuses, We Make A Difference.

Executive Director Alex Carde took charge back in May: about the same time he

graduated college and came home.

“Our whole goal is to get younger kids – high school, college, middle school – involved in community service.”

Aside from this event (this is their last stop on a two day gift giving tour that – earlier – had brought them to all four Norwood Housing Authority communities), Need to Lead participates in the Alzheimer’s Walk, the Hemophilia Walk, the Polar Plunge, the Special Olympics, and others.

“We try to hit everything, a little bit.”

Carde estimates membership at 40-50 although, given the somewhat transient nature of university students, participation is fluid.

“It’s come as you can. We don’t make anyone. You’re there because you want to be there.”

Despite his young age, Carde’s been involved with Need to Lead for 12 years, handpicked by founder Rob Reilly when he was a kid playing hockey in Walpole.

“Not every day do kids our age have the opportunity to be put in a setting like this... Even one smile in here from one of the elderly people –

you know it makes their day maybe more than it makes ours – it’s really cool to see that.”

The last gift is given. A last carol sung. One last “Merry Christmas!!!” from Santa Claus.

The temporary occupants of the community room disperse, back to work, back to

school, back to rooms. And perhaps a pink sweater, size M is held up to the mirror with plans for the New Year.

For information on Home Instead Norwood, contact 781-352-4660 or www.homeinstead.com/704.

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Michaela Tosone – of *Need to Lead* – has a laugh as a resident of the Ellis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center reaches into her gift bag to find out what she got for Christmas this year.

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TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING in Room 12 of the Municipal Office Building on January 16, 2018 at 7:15pm** on the request of Flynn Builders, Inc. (Case #17-27) with respect to property located on **1211-1213 Washington Street and 1223 Washington Street, in a GB District.**

This Application requests a SPECIAL PERMIT under Section 3.1.5 (A)(4) of the Zoning Bylaw to allow: a Multifamily Dwelling in the GB District, consisting of a 16,704 square foot, three-story building with fifteen (15) one-bedroom residential units and three (3) two-bedroom residential units, all as shown on the plans entitled: Zoning Board of Appeals, Concept Plans, 1211-1223 Washington Street, Norwood, Massachusetts," prepared by Norwood Engineering and dated December 7, 2017, as may be amended, and other such relief as the Board deems necessary.

This Application requests a VARIANCE under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow fifteen (15) one-bedroom residential units and three (3) two-bedroom residential units on a 21,431 square foot lot, where a minimum lot size of 69,500 square feet would be required, pursuant to Section 4.1.2(2) of the Zoning Bylaw.

This Application requests a VARIANCE under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow a Floor Area Ratio of 0.78 square feet, where a maximum Floor Area Ratio of 0.5 is allowed by right, pursuant to Section 4.1.1 of the Zoning Bylaw.

Such other VARIANCES as the Zoning Board of Appeals may deem requisite in connection with the pending Application or a DETERMINATION that no other VARIANCES are required.

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

BOARD OF APPEAL
Phillip W. Riley, Chairman; Patrick J. Mulvehill, Barbara A. Kinter, John R. Perry, Thomas Brady

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SENIOR NEWS

ARTS & CRAFTS: Offered every first Thursday of each month at 11 a.m.

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

BINGO: Every Wednesday, from 12:45 p.m. to 3 p.m., \$5.00 to get started. We have begun a new game, for \$1.00, with a winner take all prize! You must be here by 12:45 p.m. to play the new game!

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

BOOK CLUB: Our next Book Club will be meeting on Jan. 22 at 10 a.m.

BRIDGE: Our Bridge Club meets on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m., in the Library. The Tuesday group has been canceled.

COMPUTER CLUB: The Computer Club meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

COUNCIL ON AGING: COA Board Meeting will be held on Jan. 4, 2018 at 1 p.m.

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

DIGITAL PHOTO ORGANIZATION & EDITING: will take place the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

EXCEL CLASSES: Excel classes will resume in September. Please sign up.

FOOT DOCTOR: Dr. Michael Mitri is scheduled to be here on Jan. 12, \$35.00 charge-call to schedule an appointment.

FRIENDS EVENING DANCE: Jan. 19 2018 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. featuring Johnny Rampino.

GLEE CLUB: Glee Club meets every Tuesday at 11:15am. New members Welcome!

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

HEARING SOLUTIONS: Hearing Aide clinic on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 11:30 a.m.

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LINE DANCE: Classes are held each Tuesday. Class will be held from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

MAH JONG: Mah Jong players meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10 a.m. to noon.

MANICURES: Jan. 26, 2018- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MASSAGE THERAPIST: Karen Tracy is here on the first Mon-

day of each month. Please sign up at front desk. Massages are \$30.00 for half an hour.

NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB: The Board of Directors meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. The Club Membership meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks Lodge, at 10 a.m.

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TRIAD: Monday, Jan. 22 at 1 p.m. at Milestones Realty.

WATER COLOR: The next session is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 11th at 9 a.m. Payment of \$20.00 must be made at time of sign up.

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WHIST PARTY: Whist parties will be held on the 4th Friday of each month 12:45 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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Sports

Girls Hockey already approaching last season's record

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Through barely a quarter of the season, the Norwood High girls' hockey team is already halfway to its entire win total from a season ago.

The Mustangs sat at 3-1-0 through games played on Christmas, only a loss to perennial juggernaut Wellesley High keeping Norwood from the ranks of the undefeated.

Mustangs head coach Tim Coskren saw firsthand the benefits of what playing against an elite team like the Raiders can do for an up-and-coming team like Norwood, which rebounded from the 5-0 loss to takedown archrival Walpole High on Saturday, 2-1.

"They just played at such a high level," Coskren said of Wellesley prior to the game vs. the Rebels at Rodman Arena. "If we play against them at a high level, seeing what it takes, we can carry that over to the games forthcoming. We don't have any weak teams coming up,

so it should prepare us."

Sure enough, despite being outshot 31-9 by Walpole, it was the Mustangs who cashed in on their opportunities. Norwood wasted little time to make its statement, with Allie Martin scoring just 1:05 into regulation. Maddie O'Rourke added what stood as the game-winner at 13:43 of the first period, giving the Mustangs a 2-0 lead headed into the first intermission.

The Rebels got one back early in the second period, but first-year starting goaltender Jenna Mazzola slammed the door on Walpole the rest of the way to get Norwood its first win over the Rebels since Feb. 19, 2014.

Mazzola, who posted a .968 save percentage in the game, made one save in the final seconds on the breakaway to make the win stand up for the Mustangs.

"The goaltender has played really well," Coskren said of Mazzola, who's a sophomore. "She's made some good saves when she's



Norwood's girls hockey is barreling its way through the season this year

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had to."

Coskren credited Norwood's stable of defencemen as well, from the senior tandem of Ally Naumann and Franki DeVingo to the younger pairing of sophomore Erinn Wagner and freshman Kayla Clifford.

"The defense has been really strong," Coskren said. "We've had a little trouble getting the puck out of our own zone, but we've worked on that. We'll see how it carries over from practice."

The Mustangs still have a negative goal-differential, albeit barely; they've scored

12 goals through four games and given up 13.

As the pieces continue to gel together and the right line combinations are found, Coskren believes the scoring will take care of itself.

"They'll get more used to

Girls Hockey

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Boys Basketball comes up short against the Archies



Norwood lost to Archbishop High last week by only seven points. Coach JJ Oliver said the team just needs a little push to put more checks in the win column.

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Up a bucket at the half, the Norwood High boys' basketball team struggled down the stretch in a 57-50 loss to Archbishop Williams High last Thursday.

The Mustangs were competitive throughout the contest, a stark contrast to their first two games of the season, but couldn't seal the deal against the Bishops on the road in Braintree.

"We just need to keep getting better through hard work in practice, the young guys are coming together and the upperclassmen are leading nicely," Norwood head coach JJ Oliver said after his team fell to 0-3 on the season.

Senior guard Akhil Sripada-Vaz led the Mustangs in scoring with 16 points. Sophomore guard Dan Grasso and senior forward Jason Ortega joined him in double figures, pouring in 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Senior forward Chris Sheehan led Norwood with eight rebounds and Sripada-Vaz dished out four assists to lead the team in that category.

The game at Archies was the end of the season-opening three-game road trip for the Mustangs, after which they'll have had a staggering 12 days off prior to their home opener against Sharon High on Tuesday, Jan. 2 at

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Tough loss for Girls Basketball



Maddie O'Rourke scored what would become the game-winning goal against Walpole in what would become a defensive slug fest for Norwood.

each other, there's a lot of young players that are stepping up," he said. "We have so many newer girls mixing in, it'll take them some time to get used to it but I think they'll be okay as the time goes on."

Norwood faced Dedham

High yesterday, in an event held after the Record's deadline, for the first and only time this season. The Mustangs will have had a full eight days off to recuperate before playing back-to-back games on Thursday, Jan. 4 at the Latin Academy/

Fontbonne Academy co-op and Friday, Jan. 5 at Framingham High.

Norwood's next home game isn't until Wednesday, Jan. 10 vs. Natick High at 4 p.m. at Bajko Rink in Hyde Park.

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Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Shots seemed to be falling for the Norwood High girls' basketball team against Milford High last Thursday night, right up until the fourth quarter.

One cold streak cost the Mustangs a shot at the win in nonleague play against the Scarlet Hawks, as Norwood fell a game below .500 (1-2) with a 49-43 loss at home to Milford prior to the beginning of winter break.

Kaylin Reen and Ali Giambanco had 13 points

each, the duo accounting for nearly two-thirds of the offensive output for the Mustangs in the game. But despite a healthy 5-for-11 performance from 3-point range (45 percent) and just a narrow deficit in rebounding (34-32), Norwood's one-point halftime deficit gradually turned into the six-point margin which held for a final in its first of two meetings with Milford this season.

"We started out really

Girls Bball

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Two losses, two ties but no W's for Boys Hockey

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

The Norwood High boys' hockey team remained as competitive last week as it had in the season's first week, but four games in and the Mustangs (0-2-2) are still in search of win No. 1.

Norwood skated to a 1-1 tie against Wellesley High at Babson College last Wednesday night before falling to archrival Walpole High on Saturday afternoon at Rodman Arena, 2-0.

Mustangs head coach Chuck Allen pointed out that Norwood has given up only nine goals over its first four games, but in return, the team has scored only six.

"You're not going to win

games not scoring," Allen said matter-of-factly after the loss to the Rebels.

Cullen McGlynn scored 4:51 into the first period on assists from Andrew Lightfoot and Matthew Morris to give Walpole all the offense it would need. Dylan Hanifan doubled the lead in the final minute of the second period to really turn the heat up on the Mustangs, who were shut-out for the first time this season.

"Our power play has got to click," Allen said.

The Rebels, which went 19-0-1 in the regular season last year, are just 1-1-3 in the early going this year. Appearing slightly more vulnerable, Allen praised the way the Rebels



The boys hockey team is looking stronger this year, but not enough to put a W in the win column.

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played the game but still felt as though Norwood could have skated away with at least a point.

“They work hard, they’re strong, but it was a game that could have gone either way,” Allen said.

No team appears to be pulling away with the Bay State Conference – Herget Division

standings this year, they are just as important – perhaps more so – than any other games on the schedule for the Mustangs.

Along with a pair of games against Latin Academy and a single game against Brookline High, the games vs. Dedham will determine Norwood’s postseason fate if it doesn’t fin-

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Coach Amy Lepley said it was a tough loss, but they’re already on to the next batch of opponents in Norton scheduled for Thursday night.

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The Mustangs are on to greener pastures against Brookline High and Dedham in the coming weeks.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

quite yet, with Wellesley sitting atop the standings through games played on Christmas Day with three points. Natick High and Walpole have two points, followed by Norwood and Milton High with one point each.

“We know this league this year looks like it’s open,” Allen said. “Anyone can beat anybody any night.”

The Mustangs are yet to be blown out, with the loss to the Rebels counting as its “worst” loss of the season even if it was just a two-goal game. Norwood also lost on the road to Weymouth High on Dec. 16, 4-3.

Allen said after the loss to Walpole that frustration doesn’t appear to have set in yet, although it’s still a different vibe from last season, when the Mustangs were happy to just be playing competitive hockey again.

“I think the culture has changed from last year,” Allen said. “I think they believe they can win. Before, they just wanted to keep it close. It hurts more for these guys because we could be easily 3-1.”

Norwood had one last game in calendar year 2017 yesterday, in its first of two nonleague meetings with Dedham High. While the games with the Marauders won’t count towards the Bay State Conference

ish at .500 or better overall. The Mustangs are now competing as a Division 2 team for postseason purposes, and as far as the Sullivan rule is concerned, only its five games against Division 2 (or lower) competition impact their postseason status.

“If we’d come out of here today with a point we would have been happy, but it’s hockey,” Allen said. “We’re not going to go 20-0, we want to, but we’re on to Dedham now. We’re back home for our first game and hopefully we do the right thing against Dedham.”

Norwood will have a lengthy layoff prior to its next game, not taking the ice again until Saturday, Jan. 6 against Framingham High at Rodman Arena.

great, we were with them the whole time,” Mustangs head coach Amy Lepley said after the loss to the Scarlet Hawks, a Hockomock League opponent. “In the fourth quarter, we had foul trouble again and we just couldn’t score. Our shots weren’t falling, we weren’t getting great shots and we weren’t executing what we needed to execute.”

Kiki Ryan led Norwood with seven rebounds in the loss. The Mustangs will play a return game in Milford on Jan. 25.

Rather than sit around over the winter break waiting to turn the page on last week – the Mustangs also

dropped a game to Wellesley High, 51-27 – Norwood will have a pair of nonleague contests this week to keep fresh for the New Year.

The Mustangs travel to Norton High tonight for a glimpse at a future Tri-Valley League opponent, with opening tip scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Norwood then has an early bird tip on Saturday morning against Stoughton High, another Hockomock League team. Tip off in that one is scheduled for 11 a.m.

“It’s a quick turnaround but I think it’s nice,” Lepley said of the games.

Lepley also seems to be in the camp of being happy to have some games during

school recess in the first place, particularly given the struggles of the Mustangs after opening the season with a 51-44 win over Weymouth High.

“We had that last year and it was pretty tough,” Lepley said of the break. “You get started and in the swing of things, and then all of a sudden you have a break again. Sometimes it’s really helpful because you can work on things; other times it’s good to just keep going with games and make adjustments on the fly.”

After the Stoughton game, Norwood is off for a full week until a road game at Framingham High at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 5.

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6:30 p.m. “Eventually, things will start to click for us,” Oliver said.

The Eagles, like the Mustangs, are winless, though they’ll have a pair of opportunities to pick up wins in a tournament that runs this weekend involving Walpole High, Westwood High and Hingham High. Sharon, in the Hockomock League, lost its season opener by just two points against Taunton High but has since dropped back-to-back games by double figures against Oliver Ames High and Attleboro High.

Norwood is also home on Friday night against Framingham High before playing six of its next seven games on the road. In all, the Mustangs have just six true home games scheduled this season.



The team is just finding its stride, according to Oliver.

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DEATHS



tine Gilio and her husband Paul of Attleboro, MA; and the late Ian McCall of Norwood, MA.

She is also survived by 10 grandchildren: Eric Haltom and his wife Debbie of Norfolk, MA; Skye McCall Harris and her husband T.J. of Franklin, TN; Andrew and Olivia McCall of Attleboro, MA; Brian Sullivan and his wife Kelly of Hull, MA; Monica McCall of San Francisco, CA; Britany Phillips of Mansfield, MA; Tessa McCall of Plymouth, MN; Rachel Sellstone of Bethesda, MD, and Jonathan Gilio of Taunton, MA. She also had six great-grandchildren and was the beloved aunt to many nieces and nephews here and in Scotland.

Born Anne Connolly in Glasgow, Scotland on February 22, 1929, to Mary and John Connolly, she married William McCall in July of 1949 and the two immigrated to Norwood in October 1952 along with their two-year-old daughter Anne Marie. She lived briefly in Hull, West Springfield, Providence, RI and St. Louis, MO, but was primarily a Norwood resident for most of the next sixty years.

Mrs. McCall was also a long-time worker in the area, originally employed by Plimpton Press in Norwood, and also had several years as an employee at Masoneilan Corp.,

The Village Inn, Café Venice, and Norwood Hospital, from where she retired.

Mrs. McCall gave a lifetime of offering her time and talents to family, friends, and worthy causes as evidenced by her countless hours donated to several organizations that were close to her heart. She was involved with St. Catherine's church for 30-plus-years as a member of the choir; past president of the Norwood Catholic Woman's Club; and Prefect for the Blessed Virgin Sodality. She was also very active with the Daughters of the British Empire, the Norwood Senior Center, the Norwood Boosters Club, and was a co-founder of the Norwood Scottish Club.

A gifted singer, she was invited to perform at dozens of Scottish dances and activities, and donated her talents in signing at weddings, funerals and special occasions for family and friends.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Dec. 28 at 10 a.m. from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (Rte. 1A), Norwood, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. in St. Catherine of Siena Church, 547 Washington St., Norwood. Interment will follow the Mass in Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, the

family asks that donations in her memory be made to the Scots' Charitable Society, c/o Kristin Hogan, Siegel Solutions, Inc., Burlington Office Park, One Wall St., 6th Floor, Burlington, MA, 01803.

SPELLMAN

John "Jack" Francis 79, of Norwood, formerly of West Roxbury, passed away Monday, Dec. 18, 2017. Beloved husband of Marie E. Spellman. Loving father of Maryellen Iannibelli and her husband Jim, Dianne Richard and her husband Craig, Joseph Spellman and his wife Danielle. Cherished grandfather of Johnna, Jack, Emma, Juliana, John, Olivia, Lauren, and Mark. Dear brother of Maryann Boyle. Loving son-in-law of Eva Tarara. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 28, at St. Mary's Church, 176 Washington St., East Walpole, MA 02032. Interment will be private. Funeral was from Robert Lawler Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

TIBERT



PRISCILLA A. (Church) of Norwood passed away on Dec. 19, 2017 at the age of 85. Loving and Devoted Mother of James L. Tibert and his wife Cynthia of Hull, Ellen M. Cordo and her husband David of Norfolk, Christopher D. Tibert and his wife Heidi of NH and Susan E. Tibert of Canton. Sister of the late Mary E. Church. Cherished grandmother of James C. Tibert, Eric J. Tibert, Michelle A. Brown, Deborah L. Cordo, Gregory D. Cordo and Matthew R. Susalka. Daughter of the late Arthur A. and Gertrude (McCarthy) Church.

Priscilla was a retired 3rd grade teacher at the Balch School in S. Norwood teaching there for many years. Funeral was from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood. A funeral mass was in St. Catherine of Siena Church Norwood. Burial was at Hollyhood Cemetery Brookline, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to Perkins School for the Blind 175 North Beacon St. Watertown, MA 02472. www.perkins.org

WEIR

Frances Virginia (Costello) of Wrentham, MA died Dec. 21, 2017. She was a longtime resident of Norwood and Westwood. She was born in Portland, ME on Sept. 12, 1925 and spent her early years as a "Mainiac". She moved to Norwood in her preteen years and graduated from Norwood High in 1942. Frances worked at Brenner's in Norwood during the 60's and 70's. She worked at Polaroid in Norwood during the 80's and 90's. Frances was an active member of St. Catherine's Church in Norwood. She was a long-time member of the St. Catherine of Siena Ladies Sodality and served as its prefect. Frances was the beloved wife of the late Donald G. Weir of Westwood. A proud mother of eight, she is survived by Dolores Weir of Framingham wife of the late Donald J. Weir her eldest son, her daughter Barbara A. Hasenfus and her husband Stephen of Norwood, her daughter Susan M. Patterson and her husband John of Walpole, her son Daniel M. Weir and his wife Shirley-Ann of Norwood, her daughter Linda M. Meloni and her husband James Sgouros of Bedford, NH, her son Patrick R. Weir and his wife Susan of Plainville, her daughter Nancy J. Scanlon and her late husband Michael of Shrewsbury, and her son Timothy M. Weir and his wife Karen of Thompson, CT. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild. Funeral from Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (Rte 1A), NORWOOD, MA. Interment at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations in Frances' name can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090-6011. Gillooly Funeral Home.



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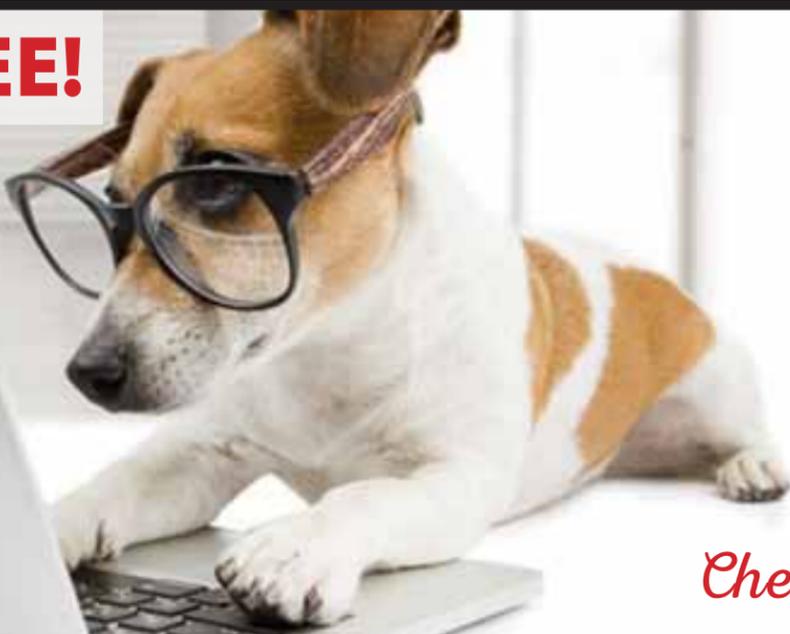
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Around the Neighborhood

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is a five-member board established by Article 39 of the Town of Norwood bylaws and appointed by the Chairperson of the Board of Selectmen, Chairperson of the Finance Commission and the Town Moderator.

The Board currently has a vacancy and the Town is seeking interest from the public to fill this board position.

The general responsibilities of the Personnel Board is to work with the Human Resources Director to develop various personnel policies, update and monitor the Town's classification and compensation plans, evaluate position descriptions and hear requests for re-classifications of positions.

While any resident is encouraged to apply, the Appointing Authority is required by the by-law to ensure that a minimum of three of the members of the Personnel Board are qualified for such appointment by virtue of relevant and significant experience or training in personnel administration, or labor, or employment law.

The Personnel Board generally meets once per month, typically the third Wednesday of each month, in the evening.

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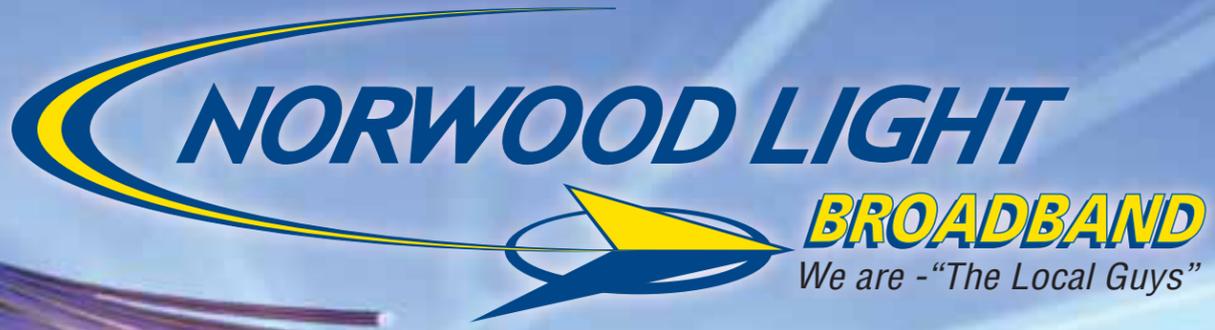
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