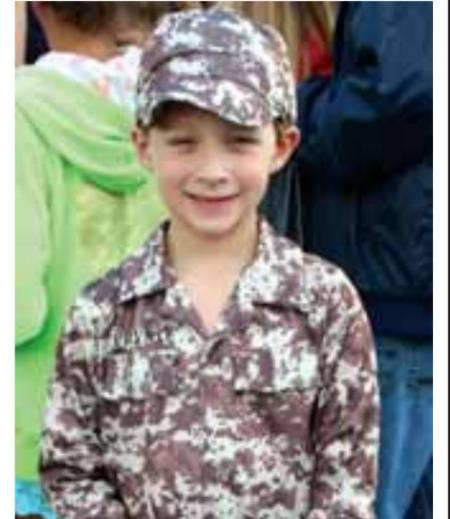


Norwood's 5th annual Trunk or Treat a hit at Civic



Hundreds came out last Saturday for the Trunk or Treat event at the Norwood Civic Center for fun, costumes and candy.

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Finance Commission looks to postpone Forbes Hill Makes other recommendations prior to TM

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, Oct. 24, the Finance Commission gathered to review and make its recommendations on the Articles of both Special Town Meetings scheduled for Nov. 6.

In the most high profile Article on the agenda, Board of Selectmen Chair William Plasko went before the Commission to give details on Article 2 of Special Town Meeting (1) – regarding the authorization of the Town’s purchase the Forbes Hill property from Davis-Marcus developers. He also answered questions regarding the Article.

As Plasko stated to the Commission while going over the best options for the Town, he put forward the idea to the developers to sell the property to the Town.

After an initial lack of response, he proposed the idea again while suggesting a couple of preliminary and, as he made clear to the Commission, unofficial

amounts starting at \$8 million and then moving up to \$10 million, numbers that he thought the Town might consider.

When these numbers were rejected, Plasko asked the developers to consider giving the Town an offer, saying, “We would really love the Town to have the opportunity to say ‘yes’ or ‘no.’” About 10 days later, an offer was received by the Town in the amount of \$13 million, “if the Town could get approval and everything before the end of the year.”

In the course of his time before the Commission, Plasko mentioned that there have been a couple of interested parties that have enquired regarding purchasing all or part of the site.

He also suggested that, should the Town buy the property, a special committee be set up to try to determine exactly what to do with it. Plasko also touched on the property’s potential use as open space and recreation land, referring to the fact

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Bernie Lynch and Michelle Pizzi went before the Board of Selectmen on Monday afternoon to announce the three finalists for the Town Manager position coming available because of John Carroll’s retirement. The interview will be held in the Selectmen’s Chambers on Saturday, Nov. 4 at 9 a.m.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

Town Manager finalists announced

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen met on Monday afternoon, Oct. 30 for a special session to deal with time sensitive business.

The main item on the short agenda was Bernard Lynch’s report regarding the finalists for the Town’s General Manager position, which will be opening when John Carroll retires in December.

Lynch, brought on by the Town as a

consultant in the search for a new town manager in August, recapped the process which began in earnest on Sept. 1 when he began speaking with Town leaders, elected officials, department heads, and with the community regarding what they wanted in a candidate.

Entering what Lynch described as “a very competitive market” on Sept. 15, the

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Plasko reserved in latest rink remarks

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

This past weekend, news began circulating around social media that – after several years of waiting – Governor Baker had announced that the Town had finally been approved for a skating rink.

The social media messages spreading this news seem to have come from State Representative John Rogers who – in addition to posting excited and thankful texts regarding the rink – also posted photos of Governor Baker holding a #72 (representing the fact that he is the 72nd governor of Massachusetts) Norwood Hockey sweater and standing with a group of smiling Norwood Youth Hockey players.

The Record has put calls in to both Representative Rogers' Office and Governor Baker's Office looking for additional details on the status of the rink's approval but, as of going to press, neither Office has responded.

The Record, however, was able to briefly talk with Board of Selectmen Chair William Plasko

regarding what he knows about this project.

"We had heard some time ago that the Governor had – you know, unofficially – that the Governor had decided to support a rink coming to Norwood, with no details."

Having heard that the Governor would be visiting on Saturday, Plasko called Rogers, who

new skating rink was cautiously optimistic, with a dose of realism.

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- Selectmen Chairman Bill Plasko

told him that the Governor had decided to support a rink coming to Norwood, and that he was putting language together for a bill that would eventually make the rink happen.

"Unless I misunderstood him," Plasko said of his conversation with Rogers, "there's no bill yet. It may be coming, but it hasn't come – as of the moment we're speaking, to the best of my knowledge – and that probably sometime in the next capital budget round it would be funded and would be available to the Town, presumably after July 1 of next year."

Plasko's attitude toward a

The rink – in various degrees of preliminary planning for the past several years – is tentatively penciled in to be built where the tennis courts are at Hawe's Pool.

"I think we're getting close. We're still asking. Saturday, I asked him (Rogers). We need an appointment with the powers that be so that we can discuss the details, and we're still waiting for that."

Plasko looked over a printed version of the page circulating the Town and commented on it.

"On the surface, great news. But as I keep saying, repeating myself: the Devil's in the details."

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School Com. responds to FinCom's TM actions

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The School Committee met on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at the Willett Early Childhood Center.

At the center of the meeting was its response to the recommendations of the Finance Commission regarding the School Department's Special Town Meeting Articles.

The meeting revolved around the Commission's recommendation of indefinite postponement regarding Article 7 requesting funds to add an ELL (English Language Learner) Teacher.

Title 1 and ESL Programs Director Carole Poirier went before the School Committee to present statistics and personnel examples in making the case for a new position.

Referring to a mid-October estimate of the school district's ESL program enrollment, Poirier made special note of the Willett Early Childhood Center and the Balch Elementary School.

The Willett – with 75 students qualifying for services – is currently only able to service 30 while, at the Balch – with 63 students in need – only 39 can be serviced, bringing the total to 69.

She also referenced the Prescott, which started the year with 23 ESL students, but as of Oct. 25 was up to 37 and as stated by Principal Brianne Killion, would be going up to 38 the next day.

She also shared with the Committee the Department of Education (DOE) mandates requiring ELL students to have anywhere from at least 2-3 periods a day, to one 45-minute period a day of ESL (English as a Second Language) instruction, depending on their tested language level.

Both of these points fueled the next half hour of questions, answers, and discussion.

Maura Smith brought up the situation of one ELL teacher splitting her time between the

Oldham and the Prescott and servicing a total of 52 students in relation to the larger problem. After confirming that DOE mandates were not being satisfied, Smith concluded that not every student was being serviced appropriately.

"So not only do we have 69 children at this moment who we cannot service, we have 52 children that we're not servicing appropriately," Smith said.

Chair Myev Bodenhofer presented motion options: agree with the Finance Commission's recommendation, make its own motion at Town Meeting to ask for \$48,000 out of free cash, or hire a new ELL teacher by moving funds in the \$42 million School Department budget, while trusting the Commission and Town Meeting to help, if necessary, later in the fiscal year.

Leading up to the vote, Teresa Stewart spoke of her concern with taking funds from one school necessity in order to finance another, and with deficit budgeting in general.

"I understand that, in some ways, we get the money that makes our school district whole, but we're not really whole," Stewart said. "There's so much that has been cut the last couple of years, and so much that I know our leaders want to do that we can't do, so I don't think we're whole."

Michele Eysie Mullen – referring back to Smith's statement regarding the 69 and 52 students – asked Poirier a straightforward question.

"If we add this very-needed teacher, how does this affect those numbers?" she asked.

"Between that position (approved by the Committee at an earlier meeting) and the new position, we will cover everybody," Poirier said. "With two positions, we can shuffle people around and it will work. So it's really our ideal."

Poirier also confirmed that it would eliminate the need for a teacher to shuttle between

schools.

Smith motioned to add an ELL teacher immediately, while also accepting the Finance Commission's recommendation of indefinite postponement.

At the vote, Stewart initially hesitated.

"I'm torn in two because I'm fully for the 'yes' to hire right now," she said. "I just can't support the second part, but... I think it's also important that – as a Committee – we look united."

The motion passed unanimously, with the hiring process to begin immediately.

Regarding Article 6 – staffing for the new preschool – the Finance Commission had voted in favor of allocating \$28,913 (left over from 2017 school budget) from of the \$55,900 requested, while leaving the School Department to come up with the rest.

Afterwards, roughly \$8,000 of additional money was found in school accounts and a letter was sent to FinCom Chair Alan Slater asking to increase the allocation amount by that number, bringing the total to \$36,977.62 and lowering the free cash amount requested to \$18,922.38.

The motion to approve asking the Finance Commission to up the amount of available funds from \$28,913 to \$36,977.62 was approved unanimously.

The discussion regarding the section of the Article having to do with the \$18,922.38 was more complicated, with Bodenhofer expressing some concern over the fact that the move to the Sav-

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THE REAL 40B STORY*To the Editor:*

Another backroom 40B deal by Bill Plasko, Town Counsel, Karis North and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Karis North on the Town's behalf submitted a ZBA approved comprehensive permit for Avalon Bay to the Housing Appeal Committee (HAC) on Sept. 26, 2017 and then a revised Comprehensive Permit on Oct. 6, 2017. They also included an affidavit from Assistant Town Engineer Andrew Murphy. This was all done arbitrarily at the request of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Bill Plasko and other Selectmen. The only problem is the ZBA never voted to issue a comprehensive permit for Avalon. In fact, the ZBA never had a public hearing in which the public was allowed to speak on the 40B Comprehensive Permit application for Avalon. There is no excuse for Norwood's Attorney Karis North not to know this as she was paid to be present at all five executive session meetings and to give advice. I hope she is not trying to use the May 26, 2017 vote in which the ZBA granted her permission to negotiate/settle with Avalon. No court in the country will believe that story.

Karis North, with the help of Bill Plasko, wrote the first draft of the comprehensive permit in July, and a revised draft comprehensive permit was first discussed on Aug. 29, 2017 and again on Sept. 5, 2017. Karis North was present at both these meetings as discovered in my public records request. Karis North tried to get the ZBA members to vote to accept the Avalon Comprehensive Permit, but the ZBA took no action at these meetings or any subsequent meetings. So, who advised ZBA chairman Phil Riley to arbitrarily sign the comprehensive permit on Oct. 17, 2017?

During a Selectmen's meeting on Sept. 19, 2017 Bill Plasko, after an hour-long executive session with the Board of Selectmen and Town Counsel, issued a statement that the Avalon deal was complete. Bill Plasko (we all know him to be the smartest person in the room) is now psychic. How did Plasko or the BOS know anything about what happened at a ZBA executive session meeting? The ZBA did not release the minutes of this meeting until after I

filed an open meeting complaint. Why Would Bill Plasko and the BOS deliberately mislead town meeting members in stating the Avalon deal was complete when it is not? Isn't that Fraud? And shame on the rest of the BOS for relying on Bill Plasko and not doing any of their own research.

Bill Plasko has been intimately involved in every part of all these 40B discussions. Regarding Upland Woods, he communicated with the developers numerous times even though he is a direct abutter. Isn't it convenient that he has over a 100-foot buffer, but the abutters on Springvale Road received a zero-foot buffer. Regarding Forbes Hill, the Davis Marcus developers, Bill Plasko and town counsel negotiated the 260 units, which has now doubled the purchase price to the Town to \$13 million. And, after all of that, on the Oct. 24, 2017 selectmen's meeting he states he may vote against the \$13 million at town meeting because it may be fiscally unsound, like he had nothing to do with it. And finally, Bill Plasko negotiated the Avalon Comprehensive permit with Karis North. To my knowledge, no ZBA member negotiated any part of the Avalon Comprehensive permit. Bill Plasko and the BOS sent Karis North to the ZBA meeting in May to sell Avalon even though the Avalon litigation had an agreed upon stay until after the Davis Marcus case was settled.

It is time for Bill Plasko and the BOS to stop obstructing the ZBA and let them do their job. The ZBA should fire town counsel, bring in experts and challenge the 1.5 percent to the HAC with the new DHCD guidelines. Bill Plasko has stopped every attempt to get the group home information, even though the superior court has determined any town with a legitimate reason for the information must be given it. Norwood has three group homes that total 2.5 acres of land that were not counted in Norwood's report, plus another four units that came online after the Davis appeal, but before Avalon filed for their permit. Group homes do NOT have

to be subsidized, as Bill Plasko repeatedly has stated as reason for these 3 properties not being included. Not including these three homes in Norwood's 1.5 percent report is the single reason that the Davis Marcus appeal failed at HAC and why TM is now left to deal with the \$13 million purchase question. Just what the BOS wanted, someone else to blame for the Davis Marcus development.

*Brian Hardiman
Westwood and Norwood
property owner*

TRI-VALLEY MOVE NOT A SPUR OF THE MOMENT DECISION*To the Editor:*

Picture this. It's the year 2017 and Microsoft is trying to convince us that Windows 95 is still our best choice for an operating system. "It worked before!" they tell us. "It's historic!" they yell to no one in particular. What they won't acknowledge is that their refusal to change has put them out of place. The competition has left them behind. If a company operated like this, refusing to change even when the evidence says they should, wouldn't we all laugh them out of business? So why should we view how we operate our town any different?

There are many areas in town where this could apply, but I want to focus on High School Athletics, where the Bay State versus Tri-Valley debate continues to rage on despite unanimous approval from both leagues and the MIAA to make the switch. Never has this staunch fight against change been more evident than the School Committee Meeting of Oct. 25, where two Norwood residents represented many who continue to resist the vote. First up was a gentleman (I apologize, but I cannot recall his name) who challenged the School Committee on what evidence there was that the Tri-Valley League is the better option. He defiantly stated that he has yet to see anything presented to support the move.

This is an argument that has been made multiple times, but has no basis. Athletic Director Jon Longley and Principal Jonathan Bourne have presented their findings at numerous forums and School Committee Meetings. It's all been laid out. They didn't just decide on a whim to transfer leagues. Choosing to disagree with what they've said is one thing. Every person has a right to their own opinion, but the evidence has been presented. Saying there hasn't been any evidence is simply untrue, and it should not be used as a shield for resisting change. Next up was Bill Naumann. Though Mr. Naumann's argument was overshadowed by his unjustifiable insulting of Chair Myev Bodenhofer's character and his

use of his position as a Town Meeting member to threaten budget cuts to Mrs. Bodenhofer's board if they did not change their vote to fit his agenda, there was an argument that was made.

Mr. Naumann presented a petition signed by 400 town residents that are not in favor of the move. These residents have expressed that they have either not heard the evidence or that they disagree with it. Again, people are certainly entitled to their opinions, but I'd like to make another software analogy. If I went before the board at Apple and requested that they stop making changes to their phones, they may listen to my opinion. But in the long run, they are going to do what is best for their company and continue to make changes to their phones. Why? Because they know better than I do! And nobody would ever question that fact. Why should we operate any different? We've put Jon Longley and Jonathan Bourne in their respective positions. They've then hired coaches that they think are the best options for Norwood High School. These three parties: the AD, Principal, and coaches, are the ones at the school every day. They know better than any of us what is best for the program. To say that we know more is just not true.

So why do we so steadfastly argue when those two men and 70 percent of the high school coaches believe this is what is best for the students of this town? It all comes back to that resistance to change.

As a side note, I'd like to acknowledge how unfairly the School Committee has been treated in all of this. If you've paid attention to the meetings, you'd know that the decision ultimately was not theirs to make. The administration could have moved forward without Committee approval, but requested Committee approval as a courtesy. So let's stop attacking them and making them revisit their vote and rehash old arguments. They've got a lot of other important things on their plate. If you feel that passionately about not changing conferences, why don't you talk to the parties who actually had the final say in the move? Let's think forward as a town. Or before you know it, we'll be the town left behind, yelling about tradition to anyone who will listen...

*Joe Meehan
Norwood*

MOTIVES OF OFFICIALS QUESTIONED*To the Editor:*

It is highly unfortunate the Town of Norwood has potentially three Chapter 40B apartment complexes: Campanelli with 262, Davis with 260 and now Avalon with 198 totaling

720 apartments of new construction. When the number of one, two and three bedroom units and the number of additional persons living there are calculated, the town's businesses and existing residents should expect new problems that will have a negative impact on the services provided by the schools, police and fire departments. Moreover, additional traffic on Upland Road and Lower Washington Street will be horrific because at rush hour it already is now. All of it could have been avoided by using the Chapter 40B 1.5 percent land option for "affordable housing" instead of behind-the-scenes negotiations by town officials to have these complexes. One has to wonder what their motivations are, why they objected to input by concerned residents and why surrounding towns are not experiencing these same difficulties. Pertaining to the Chapter 40B issue, it appears truth, justice and fair play have no place here.

*Judith Howard
TMM -District 3*

VOTE NO TO THE BOS BLACKMAIL ARTICLE*To the Editor:*

I am disgusted with all the cowardly and treasonous behavior shown by the "leaders" of this Town. They have refused to deal with the public and have buttered both sides of the developers' bread for six years now. Discovered with FOIA requests, the Plimpton Housing Scam (Avalon Bay) goes back eight years. This scam has been led by "40B Bill" and our Town Manager to the public's chagrin. Are we ever going to talk about the Plimpton 40B publicly? Will the Plimpton "deal" even be allowed to be discussed at Town Meeting? There has not been one single public discussion, yet we are now asked to trust our BOS and fork over \$13 million in a blackmail Article penned by them.

To Town Meeting members, I urge you not to get flim-flammed. Vote No to the BOS blackmail Article. They have lost our trust. They lost it when Bill Plasko stormed out of that 1.5 Task Farce meeting on Dec. 4, 2014 hiding from the 40B truth of things on camera. They do not deserve our respect and support. They have chosen to not respect or support the public. Our BOS has been in 40B "executive sessions" for years. Our BOS has refused all requests made by the public to speak with them about 40Bs. They have rejected all public efforts to stop the 40Bs, and have also refused to allow any public input at our BOS meetings. They have even removed most of the public seating from the BOS chambers. Ask yourself why would they do that, and you will have all your 40B questions answered. We can take Avalon to court and win, just as we could have with Davis/Marcus. We

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ZBA Chair Riley clarifies Avalon permit issue

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

At the Oct. 24 Board of Selectmen's meeting, an item of new business from the Zoning Board of Appeal was brought up regarding its submission of a copy of its decision on the comprehensive permit for Avalon Norwood. This was without discussion and unanimously voted to be filed as Information.

This seemingly innocuous bit of business – the mundane filing of paperwork – led to a number of claims, in the days immediately following that meeting that no vote had actually been taken by the ZBA on this case, despite the filing of the permit – signed by Chairman Philip Riley on Oct. 17, 2017 – with the Town Clerk.

These claims took on additional weight when ZBA member Tom Brady – listed as voting not to grant the comprehensive permit on the Oct. 17 document – went on the record to state that, as far as he was concerned, there hadn't been a vote in either open or executive session on the matter.

In an effort to clarify the situation regarding Case #15-33, the Record met with Chairman Riley and heard his explanation as to how Avalon Norwood came to receive its comprehensive permit.

According to Riley, there had, in fact, been two votes taken in executive session on Avalon Norwood back on May 16 but, as he described it, neither was explicitly a comprehensive permit approval.

During that meeting, Town Counsel Karis North advised the ZBA that the Selectmen – who were in charge of negotiations with Avalon Norwood, as they had been with Forbes Hill – were prepared to discuss a tentative agreement with the Avalon group.

As part of these preparations, North had drafted a proposed comprehensive permit which Riley looked over, found that it "appeared to be perfectly satisfactory", but did not sign at that time.

Riley went over the votes taken. "So what happened at the meeting, there were two votes: one was a vote to approve the settlement – as we understood it – to have been made with the Selectmen and Avalon, and then the second vote was to approve the settling of, the formal settling of the case with the HAC, and authorizing North to negotiate the settlement and to utilize the draft negotiating agreement as the model that was going to be used, which is what she did."

In the months after that May 16 meeting, a settlement was reached between the Town and Avalon Norwood, with the proposed comprehensive permit coming back to the ZBA with some added stipulations, being signed by Riley on Oct. 17, and then filed with the Town Clerk.

Speaking of the Board of Selectmen's leading role in the Avalon Norwood case, Riley had this to say.

"In my mind, if that body – that highest elected body – feels that this is what's best for the Town: not to proceed (with litigation), my feeling is that – if it's at all avoidable – an unelected body not answerable to the Town, such as us (the ZBA), ought not to throw a monkey wrench into the middle of it."

He quickly added that – had he thought that there was anything seriously wrong with the project, as he had with Forbes Hill – he probably would have raised more of an issue about it, "but this did not appear to have any of that involved."

Riley also shared his thoughts on 40B developments.

"I have no problem with affordable housing, but I have a lot of problems with 40B. Somehow, somebody should be able to figure out some better way to do this because, basically, you hand large development companies the power to come in and do whatever they want."

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Grateful thanks. —K.C.

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that it has long been on the Town's master plan, while acknowledging that, "all of us have to decide whether it's worth that price."

Plasko also went into the costs of maintaining and renovating the Forbes Mansion, vacant for six years. The building is currently being maintained at \$230,000 per year, with a very rough estimate for renovations given at around \$1.5 million.

In the questions and answers that followed, Plasko put forward that, with no time for an override and no money in the Community Preservation coffers, borrowing "within our budget" was the only funding route open given the fast approaching Dec. 31 deadline.

Judith Langone put forward another, non-financial question to Plasko.

"No matter what we do with this property now – if we buy it or they keep it and build the apartments – we will be in compliance with the 1.5 [percent] and we will have the unit count?" Langone asked. "Or definitely the 1.5?"

"Without this, say we bought it, we would not be at the 10 percent – but that's a number you're always chasing anyhow – but we would definitely be at the 1.5," Plasko responded.

After going into some spur of the moment, complicated estimations of applicable acreage that would be gained and lost with the purchase of the land, a conclusion was reached by Langone.

"So, the bottom line is, no matter what we do here, 40B is over for Norwood," she said.

"It should be," Plasko added. "Unless they totally change the rules on you."

The Financial Commission voted unanimously in favor of indefinite postponement.

"From a financial standpoint, it wouldn't be responsible for us to vote in favor at this time," Bob Donnelly said.

Regarding Article 1 on Special Town Meeting (1), Blue Hills Regional Technical School Superintendent James Quaglia and Assistant Superintendent Steven Moore went before the Finance Commission on behalf of the extensive renovation plan for the school now making its way through the approval process of all nine towns in its district.

After presenting the financial details of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) approved and vetted project, and answering questions, the Commission unanimously voted in favor of presenting Article 2 in a positive way to Town Meeting.

The renovation is estimated to cost \$84.8 million, with \$38.6 million of that being allotted to the towns after the MSBA picks up its share of the bill. This amount is estimated to increase to \$61 million once interest is added. The Town's responsibility is estimated at \$3.8 million, with the first payment of \$97,000 (est.) coming due in Fiscal Year 2020.

So far, five of nine towns have been presented with a vote regarding this issue, with three coming down in favor, and two having, as yet, taken no action. The approval must be unanimous from all towns for the project to progress. For information, visit: www.renovatebluehills.com.

Regarding Special Town Meeting (2), Norwood Public Schools Superintendent David Thomson, School Committee Chair Myev Bodenhofer, and School Committee Member Patrick McDonough went before the Commission in support of Articles 6, 7, and 8.

Two were connected, with Article 8 pertaining to the transfer of money amounting to \$91,000 from under budget school projects to be used for the renovation of the Savage Educational Center in preparation for the preschool's move from the Willett Early Childhood Center. This was voted on unanimously in favor of presenting to Town Meeting positively.

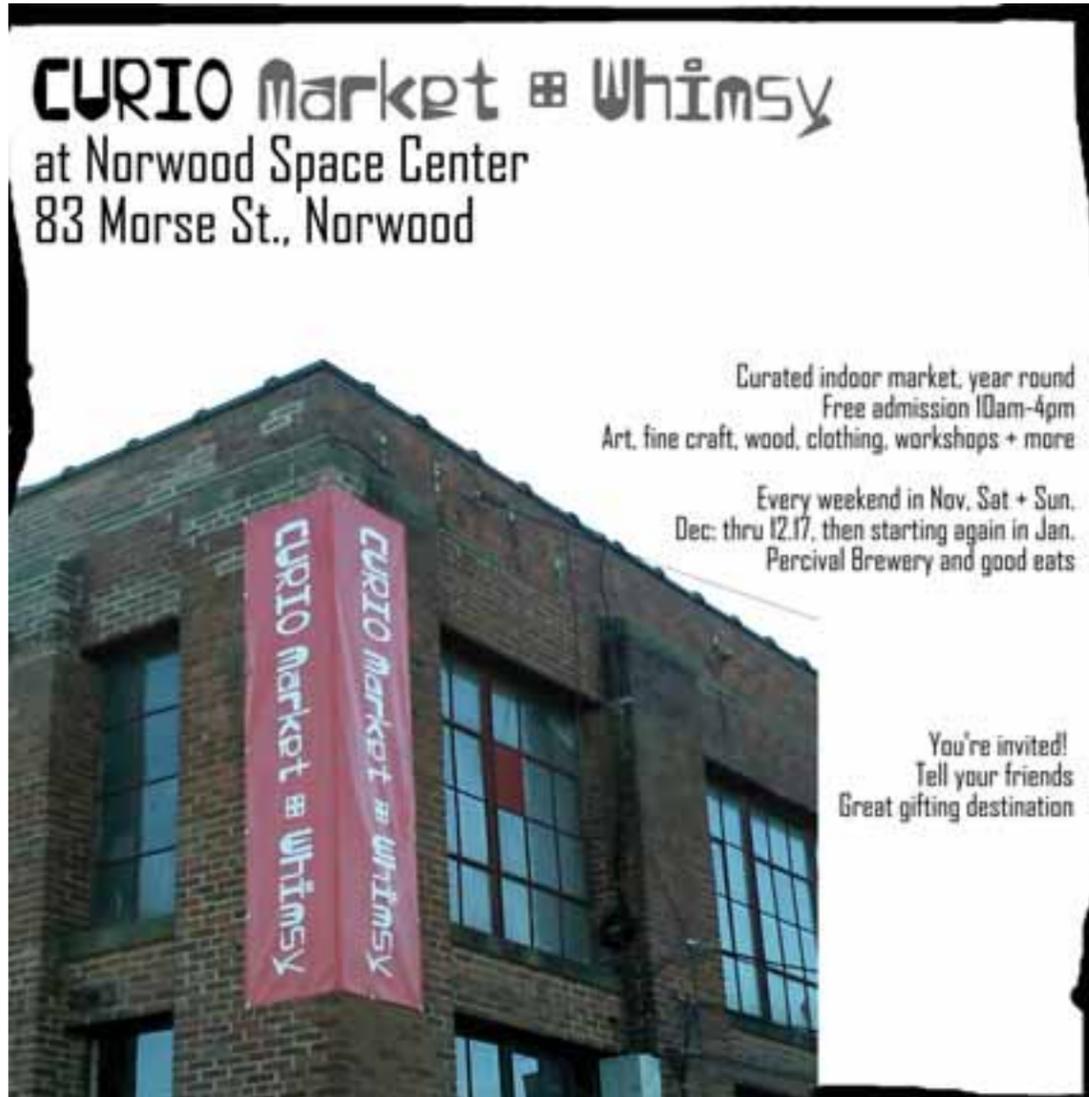
Article 6 pertained to the hiring of preschool staff for the new site, including a nurse, a secretarial assistant, a special education coordinator, and a lead teacher. The amount requested was \$55,900. The Commission voted in favor of releasing \$28,913 from Fiscal Year 2017 budget to be used towards this, while leaving the School Department to find the rest in its accounts.

Article 7 had to do with hiring a new ELL (English Language Learner) Teacher. The amount requested was \$60,000 and then reduced to \$48,000, with the Commission vote coming down unanimously in favor of indefinite postponement.

In explaining her reluctance to support the Article, Langone referred to the \$44 million budget the School Department has to work with and consequently, the relative financial freedom it has compared to other Town departments.

David Hajjar got further at Langone's argument before voting. "I don't think we can specifically identify that you need these funds because we don't know what other accounts may generate surpluses for you," Hajjar said.

The remainder of Special Town Meeting (2)'s Articles were also voted on by the Commission.



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The Norwood High School Marching Band took home golds last week and are looking to continue the winning trend this weekend.

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Marching Band takes gold medal

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Marching Band took the Gold Medal designation on Sunday at the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association (MICCA) State Finals at the Lawrence's Veterans Memorial Stadium.

Norwood Band Director Steve Conant said the students received a five-star rating in all categories and got the MICCA's gold Medal designation.

"We had the highest rating possible," he said. "So there could be other groups with that gold medal, but we were at the highest standard that day. It felt great, the band's been very strong all year, and last year we were a silver standard team (last

year), so this was a big boost for us."

Conant said the students have really stepped up to the challenge and he's proud that they were able to achieve such a difficult feat and improve on last year's performance.

"We ended up on the plus side of that this year and that's a really difficult standard to achieve year-to-year, and this year, we just nailed it," he said. "We've been participating in that circuit long before I was band director here, so I would have to say that the band has been probably active in MICCA close to 40 years."

MICCA invites all gold standard bands to participate in the spring for its Gold Medal Showcase at the Mechanics Hall in Worcester. Though Conant said

they're not yet looking that far ahead, they've got one more competition this season at the Lawrence venue for the New England Scholastic Band Association's (NESBA) 2017 Championships. The band won outright on Saturday for NESBA's competition in Reading, and Conant said they're more than ready.

"The Saturday NESBA show in Reading was leading up to the group's championship, and at Reading we came in first place, and we also achieved Best Color Guard and we've been pretty fortunate and I think we've come in first for every weekend except one, and I think we've done four shows this year," he said.

The competition starts in Lawrence at 10 a.m. on Osgood Street. Norwood is scheduled to start at 2:12 p.m.

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age was predicated on Town Meeting approval. Considering the possibility of Town Meeting being in favor of one section of the Article (transferring the 2017 carryover funds) but rejecting the other (the free cash request), she posed the question, "What would we then do?"

Maura Smith came up with the idea to predicate Town Meeting approval on Article 8 and motioned to define Town Meeting approval as the vote

to transfer the capital money of Article 8, based on the theory that – as it was unanimously and favorably recommended by FinCom – Town Meeting would vote likewise and, in doing so, approve the move.

An amendment was added to the motion requesting that Article 8 be voted on before Article 6 and was approved unanimously.

In a notable announcement, Prescott Elementary School

Principal Brianne Killion officially shared the news that she will be retiring in June 2018.

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position was advertised until Oct. 11 and drew 28 résumés, 25 of which Lynch described as “good.”

“By and large, the people here that applied for the Town of Norwood’s position were qualified and were worthy of consideration,” Lynch said.

After going through the 28 applicants with the screening committee, that list was nar-

rowed down to eight semi-finalists, of which one withdrew for personal and professional reasons, according to Lynch.

In the time after Oct. 19, when Lynch and the committee met regarding the semi-finalists, interviews were held and Human Resources Director Michelle Pizzi conducted background and reference checks.

From these eight candidates,

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the three finalists for the position were chosen. Lynch presented them and a synopsis of their qualifications to the Board.

The first was William Chenard, currently serving as Deputy Town Administrator for Natick, a position he has held for “several years,” according to Lynch. Prior to that, Chenard served as the town’s Director of Public Works for three years.

Chenard’s background is in finance and management. As Lynch added, “he came, really, from the municipal finance side of the business,” starting out in the Department of Public Works as Business Manager before beginning his climb to his current position.

The second presented candidate was Jack Hathaway, currently serving as Town Administrator for Norfolk, a position that he has held for roughly 12 years.

“He has good, long, healthy service with the town of Norfolk and is familiar, certainly, with this region of the state,” Lynch said.

With a background in finance, banking, and investment, Hathaway served as the town’s Town Accountant and Finance Director for about two years before becoming its Administrator.

The third and final candidate Lynch presented was Randolph native Tony Mazzucco, currently serving as Town Administrator for

Adams in the western part of the state.

“He has had quite a run out in Adams dealing with a number of their financial issues, managing with limited resources, and really tightening the belt of that community,” Lynch said.

Prior to taking his current position, Mazzucco served as the Assistant City Manager of Caribou, Maine and has between 7-8 years experience in municipal government.

In closing his presentation, Lynch referred back to the screening committee.

“They felt strongly that these three candidates would give you an excellent choice when you interview and make your selection,” he said.

The finalists’ interviews are scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4 in Room 34 of Town Hall and will continue through the day until they are finished. This will be open to the public.

In additional new business of note, the Selectmen filed as information correspondence from Alan Slater, Finance Commission Chair, regarding Article 2 of Special Town Meeting (1) concerning the Town’s potential purchase of the Forbes Hill property.

Before doing so, however, Chairman Plasko commented on the letter, which requested that the Board of Selectmen

pursue with the owners the possibility of a six month extension to their offer in order to give the Town more time to deal with the financial aspects of the issue.

Time being of the essence, Plasko asked Town Counsel to contact the developers’ attorney and put forward that request. The response came back that they had considered the Town’s request, but were unable to honor it for any number of reasons.

Plasko also informed the Board that Peter Cameron, who had represented the developers throughout the process, had called that afternoon to say that – in Plasko’s words - “while he respected the Town’s position, he hoped that we respected his as well, that they just could not honor that request for an extension.”

Plasko added that “we’ll have to deal with the matter as we have it before us.”

In a final note, Allan Howard, who is helping to negotiate a new five year trash collection contract, put out the request for residents not to put plastic bags in their recycling bins.

“It will help us a lot in (reducing) the cost of refuse collection,” he said.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen’s meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m.



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Sports

Field Hockey hits the road for tournament opener, will play at Dartmouth High this afternoon

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Norwood High came up short in its regular season finale in field hockey, falling in a 4-0 decision on the road to the Walpole Porkers.

The loss dropped the Mustangs to 9-7-2 on the season, but that's still more than good enough to be back in the Division 1 South tournament for the fifth time in as many seasons that Allison Doliner has been head coach of the program and seventh straight season overall.

Norwood will open the postseason this afternoon as the No. 20 seed in the tournament and will face the No. 13 Dartmouth Indians (8-3-5) from the Old Colony League at 3 p.m. at Quinn Elementary School in Dartmouth. The Mustangs have not faced the Indians in recent memory.

Norwood hasn't won a tournament game since the fall

of 2014. In order to change that, Doliner is hopeful the Mustangs will be ready to go from the start, something which hasn't always been the case this fall and has led to several of their losses.

"They need to come out right from the whistle and play their game," Doliner said of Norwood, a team which has seen a number of peaks and valleys this season. "A lot of our losses this year has been due to a lack of ability to adapt to our opponents. It's taken us 10-15 minutes into the game to get into a groove, and in that time the other team has been able to score."

Mired at 3-5-2 and coming off a 5-1 loss at Needham High on Oct. 5, it was gut check time for the Mustangs. The team responded by reeling off five straight wins, including three one-goal victories, to clinch a tournament berth.

But it's been an uneven final week for Norwood, which



Allison Doliner, left, and Bryn Garczynski, right, will be a part of Norwood High's seventh consecutive trip to the Division 1 South tournament. The Mustangs will be the No. 20 seed and face the No. 13 Dartmouth Indians this afternoon at Quinn Elementary School in Dartmouth.

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lost two of its final three games. Sandwiched around a 7-0 trouncing of Brookline was a surprising 1-0 setback against once-and-future league rival Dedham and the loss to the Porkers, whom the

Mustangs haven't beaten since 2002. Norwood's last tie against Walpole came in 2014.

In the loss to the Porkers, the Mustangs trailed just 1-0 at the half. Walpole doubled its lead 1:45 into the second half

and didn't score again until garbage time, when the Porkers poured in two goals in the final four minutes of regulation.

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Mustangs allow Eagles to soar in Sharon, fall to 0-8



Quarterback Marc Murphy helped the Mustangs to a 14-7 first quarter lead at Sharon High on Saturday, but the Eagles rolled up each of the next four touchdowns of the game to leave Norwood still in search of a win.

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Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

The Norwood High football team put together its second-best offensive performance of the season over the weekend, but it wasn't enough to will the Mustangs into the win column.

Norwood fell to 0-8 as its overall losing streak reached 16 games with a 34-22 loss to the Sharon Eagles on Saturday afternoon on the road. The 22 points were the second-highest output of the season for the Mustangs, trailing only the 27 they scored in an overtime loss vs. Norton.

The Mustangs held leads of 7-0 and later 14-7 in the first quarter, each touchdown courtesy of Jay Wladkowski. The junior returned a Sharon punt 81 yards to the house for the early edge and later caught a 13-yard touchdown pass from Marc Murphy to reclaim the lead for Norwood.

But the Eagles (2-6) dropped 27 consecutive points on the Mustangs to leave the

team reeling once again. Wladkowski had a third touchdown in the fourth quarter to get the Mustangs within 12 points, as close as the team could get for the remainder of the contest.

Wladkowski, a junior, now has six of Norwood's eight touchdowns on the season. He's also the team's punter, kicker and cornerback, providing one of the only bright spots for the team this season in all three phases of the game.

Sharon, which competed in the Division 3 South sub-region for postseason purposes, finished in last place out of the 11 teams which comprised the bracket and missed the tournament.

Norwood continues its consolation schedule in search of its first win back at home on Saturday, with a visit from the Bellingham Blackhawks at 2:30 p.m. Bellingham is coming off of a 48-14 win over the Apponequet Lakers in consola-

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It's official: Norwood High School to join Tri-Valley League for 2018-19 school year

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

The 60th season for Norwood High School in the Bay State Conference (BSC) will be its last.

One of the founding members of the Bay State League in 1958, the Mustangs are officially off to the Tri-Valley League (TVL) to compete in all sports beginning in the 2018-19 school year.

Norwood is being released a year early and will not have to play a lame duck season as Dedham High School did following its announcement that it was leaving the BSC for the TVL on May 25, 2016.

Norwood High School Athletic Director Jon Longley confirmed the news last week, following an announcement by the Norwood School Committee at its meeting on Wednesday and an email to the various coaching staffs at Norwood High that the conference realignment conundrum had reached its conclusion.

"Everything's official and ready to go," Longley said. "The way I like to think of it is that we're moving from one excellent league to another. That's the

best way that I can describe it. We're looking forward to creating new relationships with communities and schools that we haven't competed against as much in the past. We're also looking forward to continuing our relationship with some of the Bay State schools that we'll still compete against in nonleague games."

All 11 TVL athletic directors and principals alike unanimously accepted Norwood's application to the league, which was submitted in October. Likewise, all 10 BSC AD's agreed to release the Mustangs a year early. MIAA District C, made up of the BSC, TVL, South Shore League, Atlantic Coast League, Hockomock League and Patriot League, also unanimously approved the move.

Based on the unanimous vote, as well as some other factors, Longley believes the TVL is thrilled to be welcoming in Norwood.

"I think so, with the unanimous vote and the feedback that I've gotten from the athletic directors and the people involved with the league," Longley said. "I think they're really excited to have both Dedham and Norwood, two rivals, two com-

munities that are connected geographically to the league and fit well as far as our enrollments and philosophies."

The potential for a move to the TVL was first explored following the announcement of Dedham's departure, which be-

came official this school year. The Marauders had far and away the smallest enrollment in the BSC (739 students in 2016-17), but once they left, that distinction shifted to the Mustangs (957).

Sans Dedham, Norwood's

various fall teams have compiled an 18-69-3 record in Bay State Conference play this fall – a lowly .207 winning percentage. Only two teams (field

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From left to right: Noelle Connelly, Allie McDonough and Maddie O'Rourke talk strategy during a stoppage in play vs. the Walpole Porkers last week.

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Doliner cautioned that Norwood can't let its guard down even when the game is seemingly over, as plenty can happen in a split second in field hockey.

"In my history of playing field hockey and coaching, three minutes is a long time," Doliner said. "In college, I lost games where we were up 1-0 and teams put two goals in in the last minute of the game. I think it's really important to right from that first whistle all the way to the last whistle. Things can change in a matter of seconds in field hockey."

Walpole had nine corner chances in the game last Thursday, while Norwood received none.

The 7-0 win over the Warriors on Senior Day last Tuesday is an example of what the Mustangs can be, which is a team with a much more prolific offense than last fall. Norwood scored 41 goals over the course of its 18 regular season games, nearly 20 more than in 2016.

"We've been scoring more, which is huge," Doliner said.

Sophomore Allie McDonough is the team's

leading scorer, with 16 goals and five assists for 21 points. Freshman Maggie Curran has nine goals and five assists for 14 points, while junior Bryn Garczynski is also in double figures with four goals and seven assists for 11 points. Senior Maddie O'Rourke also has four goals for the Mustangs, to go along with five assists.

"We're a pretty young team in terms of varsity experience," Doliner said. "We have a healthy mix of girls...some of them, it's their first year starting on varsity or playing varsity at all, so they're all hungry. But we also have players back in starting roles that they've been in for a couple of years now and they have that chip on their shoulder where they've gone to the tournament two years in a row and been one-and-done. So I think it's a healthy mix of young talent that's hungry for a tournament win, combined with returning talent that hopefully has a bit of a chip on their shoulder."

Goaltender Ally Naumann, a two-year starter, has been dynamite in net all season long for the Mustangs. Naumann started 17 of Norwood's 18 games and posted an .860 save percentage to go along with a 1.65 goals against average. As a team, the

Mustangs allowed 30 goals, finishing with a goal-differential of plus-11.

But in the event Norwood does find itself trailing at any point in the tournament, especially early, Doliner said the team will need to grind it out and realize the game is far from over.

"If the other team does score first, we have to be mentally tough enough to play through that," she said. "In Walpole, for most of the game, we fought pretty hard. And then that last three minutes there was just a total breakdown."

Curran, who credits her strong freshman campaign to putting in extra work in her backyard, believes the Mustangs have what it takes to go on a deeper postseason run this year.

"I think we can make it far," she said. "We're going to have to practice hard, work more on defense and getting it through and forward, but I do think that we can score a lot in the tournament."

Norwood lost to Hopkinton High, 3-0, in the first round on the road last season and to Canton High, 2-1 at home, in 2015 in its first tournament game.

Mustangs fall 1-0 in season finale



Norwood High finished with a 2-13-3 record for the 2017 season. Head coach Ryan German hopes the team's close losses and draws can turn into wins next fall.

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Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Complacency is a thing of the past on the pitch for Norwood High.

The Mustangs put the finishing touches on a 2-13-3 campaign in boys soccer with a 1-nil loss to Walpole High in its season finale last Thursday. Despite the record, improvement could be seen in virtually every facet of the game for Norwood, even if its record

only slightly increased from 1-15-2 in 2016.

Either way, the days of merely improving or settling to be competitive in games is over. Mustangs head coach Ryan German said that while this season may have been a success based on the recent past of Norwood soccer, it wasn't a success in his eyes.

"When I came to Norwood, it was okay to lose 3-nil, as long

Boys Soccer

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From left to right: Declan Kohlsaas, Matt Spellman and Mark Dunn prepare for a Walpole High free kick in last Thursday's 1-nil loss in the season finale.

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as we worked hard and enjoyed it," German said after the conclusion of his second season as head coach of the boys soccer team. "It was okay. In life, it's not okay just to compete. Now, it's starting to change. It's not okay to lose 1-nil. They're not happy, and that's good. Next year, that winning mentality comes in."

The Mustangs allowed only 35 goals this season, down from 60 a year ago. Only once all season did Norwood lose by more than three goals, a 4-nil blanking at the hands of Wellesley High on Sept. 11. Junior goalkeeper Valter Santiago played an immense role on the team's improvement in the back end, who pulled out all the stops in nearly allowing the Mustangs to qualify for the postseason based on the Sullivan rule.

In Sullivan games, of which Norwood had 10, the Mustangs finished with a record of 2-6-2, or six points. Norwood would have needed 10 points in those games to qualify for the Div. 2 South bracket, and German believes that was attainable with this group.

"We had the personnel to reach the playoffs," he said. "We'd done enough to reach the playoffs, but at crucial times in big games we made mistakes that cost us."

German is glad that the Tri-Valley League is on the horizon for the Mustangs, given the

more level playing field Norwood will find itself suddenly a part of. But he warned against anything being easier over there — especially considering the Sullivan rule will no longer be available as a fallback option to get into the postseason.

"All the games count towards the playoffs now," German said. "Whereas we needed maybe three or four wins this year, we'll need eight or nine next year."

Which is exactly what he expects for the team next season.

"Playoffs. There's only one goal," German said. "There was only one goal this year; there was only one goal last year. The problem is, anybody that wants to aim lower than the playoffs, and wants to aim low in life...that's fine, you can aim low and you can reach it. But then you've only reached low. So you might as well aim high. You might as well aim for the playoffs."

Julyanny Peguero, who served as a captain this year as a junior and will do so again next year for the Mustangs, said that this season was just a stepping stone for where the team wants to be next fall.

Peguero said it would take "changing our mentality and pushing through," to make the postseason next year.

Outgoing captains Declan Kohlsaas, Ryan Motta and Tiago

Gomes were unanimous in agreeing that while the season wasn't necessarily a success, it was still a step in the right direction.

"I think our team as a whole definitely wanted it more this year," Motta said. "We bonded a little bit more, wanted to be together, wanted to fight together and I think it brought us together as a team. It sucks we came up short, but we fought through it."

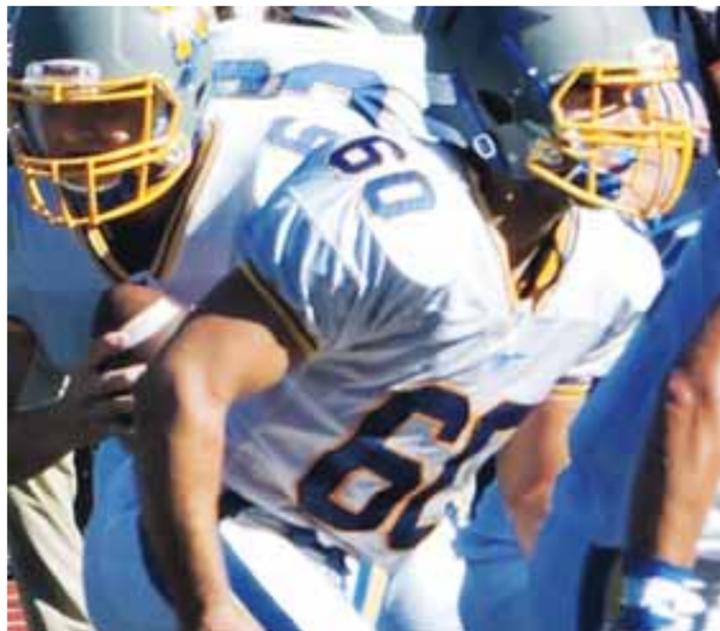
"We obviously didn't reach the playoffs and that's what we wanted to do, but compared to the last season, it's a big improvement," Kohlsaas said. "Last year we let up something like 60 goals; this year, it was 35. The defense was a whole lot better and I think that comes a lot from the formation that we kept."

"I would definitely say we had a lot of progress this season that will set up success in the future," added Gomes.

Amos Ndukwe and Matt Spellman rounded out Norwood's small group of five seniors this season, a group for which German never had to question their commitment.

"I've loved this season," he said. "I've loved working with these boys, they've been outstanding. They never failed to commit 100 percent. Did we do enough to make the playoffs? Yeah. But is it anybody else's fault except ourselves? No. It's hard luck but it's definitely an improvement."

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Abdallah Khalil has been one of the lone bright spots for the Mustangs this fall, making his presence felt on both offense and defense.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

tion play, its first win since Week 2. The Blackhawks started off the season 2-0 with wins over Blackstone-Millville and Bishop Stang, but went winless in Tri-Valley League play with losses against Medway, Ashland, Millis, Dedham and Dover-Sherborn.

Bellingham competed in the Division 7 South sub-region in football, where it finished 11th out of 14 teams and outside of the postseason.

The matchup isn't a true TVL preview, as Norwood and Bellingham will be in different divisions once the Mustangs move to the league becomes official. The teams could poten-

tially matchup in crossover games in football — Norwood and Dedham will, obviously — but the Mustangs league slate in the TVL will consist of Westwood, Hopkinton, Holliston, Medfield and Norton.

The Mustangs will have a third consolation game next weekend, against an opponent yet to be announced. Norwood's game vs. Dedham on Thanksgiving is at Dedham High School this year, with kickoff at 10 a.m.

The Marauders remain the last win for the Mustangs, back in Week 3 of the 2016 regular season.

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hockey and golf) finished with winning records.

The move to the TVL will reunite the Mustangs with the Marauders, albeit only partially. While each school was a member of the Herget Division within the Bay State Conference, Dedham has one of the six smallest enrollments in the league and as such, will be in the TVL Small Division. Norwood, which will assume the third-largest enrollment after Hopkinton and Westwood High, will be in the TVL Large Division. It is unknown if the divisions will adapt better names than "small" and "large."

Until then, Norwood's "Large" rivals will be Hopkinton (1,092 students in 2016-17), Westwood (999), Medfield (842), Holliston (809) and Norton (763). The "Small" division will consist of Medway (762), Ashland (744), Dedham (739), Bellingham (739), Dover-Sherborn (652), and Millis (390). Given the small discrepancy in size between Norton, Medway, Ashland, Dedham and Bellingham, the divisions may alternate on a year-to-year basis.

"The coaches are really excited I think," Longley said of the various leaders at NHS. "They're

looking forward to the move. I think with most coaches, they love coaching the kids and working on the programs. A lot of coaches like and respect participating in the Bay State [Conference]; coaches like to coach. It's a new opportunity that I think they're excited about. We're all excited about it."

Some skeptics of the move remain, with issues such as tradition or whether Norwood will be any more competitive in the TVL at all.

Longley believes now is the time for the community to band together and make sure that the Mustangs hit the ground running in the TVL beginning in the fall of 2018.

"I would recommend people getting on board, looking forward to the move and contributing in a positive way to try and help the program move forward into the new league," Longley said. "That's really the goal; we want to try and support the student-athletes, give them the most equitable opportunities to be competitive as possible. We feel as though we're doing that by making the move. We want the community behind us, we need their support. We're looking forward to the support of the community as we transition and try and figure out ways to improve our program."

Library Events

FOOD FOR FINES IN NOVEMBER

Do you have overdue books or other items from the Norwood Library? During the month of November, the Morrill Memorial Library will gladly accept donations of non-perishable food in exchange for waiving fines incurred for overdue Norwood materials. All donations go to the Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood, located in Grace Episcopal Church. The Food Pantry opened in 1989 and is staffed entirely by volunteers. They are in need of canned goods such as tuna, beans, meats, fruits, vegetables, soup, and boxed meals as well as cereal, pasta, rice, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, juice, condiments, and canned or powdered milk. No candy or perishable items, please. Even if a patron owes no fines, the library will accept contributions of food or money for the Food Pantry. Money is always needed to purchase staples such as toiletries, milk, diapers, and formula. For more information please call the library at 781-769-0200. This is a wonderful opportunity to discharge your fines while also helping neighbors in need.

LUNCH & LEARN TECH WORKSHOP: HOLIDAY GIFT-GIVING GUIDE

Just in time for the holiday season, Technology Librarian Allison Palmgren will present some great electronic gift ideas at her Lunch & Learn workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 15 from noon-1 p.m. at the Morrill Memorial Library. She will describe home automation systems such as Amazon Echo and Google Home that can control your speakers, lights, and TV. She will also talk about electronic toys and games for all ages from toddlers to grandparents. To sign up for this workshop, please call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk. Feel free to bring a bag lunch; dessert and beverages will be provided.

WOMEN OF THE GREATEST GENERATION: STORIES OF FAITH, HOPE, LOVE, AND COURAGE

Come to the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. to hear the Just Peace Players tell the stories, in their own words, of women who lived through World War II. This 50-minute play

— “Women of the Greatest Generation: Stories of Faith, Hope, Love, and Courage” — recounts the experiences of combat nurses, teenage plane spotters, black marketeers, USO dancers, refugees, war brides, children in Nazi Germany and Japan, and the mothers, grandmothers, sisters, fiancées and girlfriends, among others, who kept the home fires burning during the war.

The Just Peace Players is a liturgical drama troupe committed to sharing their visions of peace and justice in innovative ways. This project was created by the Rev. Dr. Fran Bogle and the Rev. Nancy Reed to record and share the true stories of women who lived through this critical time in history and to help people discover their own resources of faith, hope, love, and courage. Everyone is invited to stay after the performance and share their own stories.

To sign up for this event, made possible through the library Endowment Fund, please call 781-769-0200, x110, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by either the library Reference or Information Desk.

DIGGING AND DRONES AID ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH IN GREECE

Join Bryan Burns, Norwood resident and Professor of Classical Archaeology at Wellesley College, at the Morrill Memorial Library on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. for a presentation on his most recent archaeological dig in Greece. Professor Burns leads an excavation project in central Greece that combines physical labor, library research, and digital technology. His illustrated talk will demonstrate how the collaboration between humanities and science has unearthed a greater understanding of life and death in an ancient community. To sign up for this program, please call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

GUITAR, MANDOLIN, AND FIDDLE DUO

The popular Musical Sundays series at the Morrill Memorial Library continues with a concert on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 3 p.m. by Flynn Cohen and Duncan Wickel, who will perform tradition and original acoustic music on guitars, mandolins, and fiddles. Both virtuosic performers bring deep influences from American and Irish folk

song and fiddle music traditions to their extensive repertoire of classical music, rock, jazz, and bluegrass. Flynn Cohen has performed worldwide and is currently the lead guitarist and mandolinist for the touring American folk band, Low Lily. He holds music degrees from Darlington College of Arts in England and Mills College in California, and taught music for many years at Keene State College in New Hampshire. A graduate of Berklee College of Music, Duncan Wickel is a multi-instrumentalist and composer who is as conversant with traditional Irish ballads and country fiddling as he is with classical music. To sign up for this concert, made possible through the library Endowment Fund, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

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never filed any appeal. They never intended to. The 40B/40R scam has been nothing but a big whopper of a lie to the citizens of Norwood. Make our BOS finally do their jobs. And Yes; there still is time. We are well over the 1.5 percent threshold, and YES, WE WOULD WIN IN COURT! It wouldn't cost us \$13 million either.

This “deal” was negotiated by Bill Plasko and Town Counsel. The comprehensive permit was not signed off by the ZBA. There will be no sight plan or follow up on this agreed “deal.” It is an unconditional surrender made by Town Counsel as advised by Bill Plasko. Avalon was just given the Key to the City in this now, ridiculous “deal” brokered by our BOS. This “deal” was voted on and approved by our BOS in “executive session” on May 16. When do they plan on sharing this information with the public? Our BOS needs to develop a backbone, file an appeal, and give Norwood its day in court armed with subpoenas thanks to the superior court ruling. And they need to do it with a real lawyer, as other towns are doing.

Kevin Pentowski
District 7 Town Meeting Member

SENIOR NEWS

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

BINGO: Every Wednesday, from 12:45 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: Hellenic Health Care will be available for blood pressure screening on the first Wednesday of each month. Ellis Nursing Home will offer blood pressure screening on the second Wednesday of each month. The Walpole VNA will provide blood pressure screening on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

BOOK CLUB: Our next Book Club will be meeting on Nov. 20.

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

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

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

DIGITAL PHOTO ORGANIZATION & EDITING: will take place the first and third 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 Nov. 17; \$35.00 charge-call to schedule an appointment.

FRIENDS EVENING DANCE: Nov. 17, 7 to 10 p.m., the DB Band.

GLEE CLUB: Glee Club meets every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. New members welcome!

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

HEARING SOLUTIONS: Hearing Aide

clinic on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 11:30 a.m.

LEARN TO PLAY MAH JONG -Thursday and Fridays at 12:30 p.m.

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

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

MANICURES: Nov. 3, please call for appt.

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

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

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

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

TAP DANCE: Thursdays at 11:15 all levels are welcome and encouraged to join the fun.

TRIAD: Monday, Nov. 20, 1 p.m. at Norwood Hospital.

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

WAXING: Monday, Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to noon.

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

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

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FALL OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION FOR WILLETT INTEGRATED PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Date: Nov. 17, 2017. Time: 1-2:30 p.m. Location: 100 Westover Parkway. Children must be 3 years old by Aug. 31, 2017.

CHRISTMAS FAIR AT THE UNITED CHURCH OF NORWOOD

The United Church of Norwood's annual Christmas Fair will be held Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a bake sale, used treasures of all kinds, Christmas items, handmade crafts, a variety of quilted items and an extensive array of raffles.

The raffles will include themed gift baskets, original artwork, items generously donated by local businesses, a beautiful quilt (pictured) called "Lost in Space" made by Sharon Smith of Norwood – and more. Lunch with homemade soup will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and the raffle winners will be announced at 3 p.m. One does not have to be present to win.

The church is located at the corner of Washington and Nahatan streets in Norwood Center. Enter the fellowship hall from the Nahatan Street side. Plenty of free parking is available in the town lot behind the church. For further information, call the church office at 781-762-2589.

NORWOOD FOOD PANTRY DRIVER NEEDED!

Norwood Food Pantry urgently needs driver with large pickup truck for once-a-month delivery.

Do you have a large pickup or box truck? Can you lift boxes weighing up to 50 pounds? Can you spare a few hours one day a month to help you neighbors in need? Our Pantry urgently needs someone to deliver food from the Food Bank in Boston on Framingham one Thursday or Friday morning a month. If you can help, please call today: 781-291-3663

JAZZ COMES TO THE DAY HOUSE

Come hear jazz in the historic Fred Holland Day House! On Friday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m., the Norwood Historical Society welcomes all to a free jazz concert. Cordelia Tapping, voice, will be joined by Chase Morrin on piano for a night of unforgettable jazz standards in the glamorous and intimate setting of Norwood's own Day House. Cordelia and Chase last performed together in May at Brooklyn's Smorgasburg festival. The Norwood Historical Society is proud to welcome them to our town. You won't want to miss this exciting night out!

VETERANS' DAY 2017 NORWOOD

Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017, 8 a.m. – Veterans' Recognition Mass, St. Catherine's of Siena, 9:30 a.m. – Parade Units arrive at Balch School, 10 a.m. – Parade steps off

from Balch School, Route of March, Washington Street to Town Common, 10:45 a.m. – Ceremonies and observances, Town Common.

TEACHING SELF REGULATION TO YOUNG CHILDREN

Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the Savage Educational Center – Room 219, 275 Prospect St., Norwood from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Self-regulation is a complete set of skills that exert influence over internal sensations and states. These skills are necessary for consistent performance, behavior and school readiness. Without them, a child may experience a life of chaos characterized by explosiveness, violence, anxiety, substance abuse, impulsivity, hyperactivity, distractibility or mood disorders. This skill development begins at the point of conception and continues into the late twenties. This session examines self-regulatory functions through a developmental lens and offers proven strategies to develop and strengthen them.

This workshop is for families with children from toddler to early elementary years. To register contact Beverly Boudreau in the CFCE Office at 781-440-5983 or e-mail bboudreau@norwood.k12.ma.us

NORWOOD ROTARY CLUB FALL COAT DRIVE

During the month of November, the Norwood Rotary Club will be conducting the Annual Fall Coat Drive for needy local families. Receptacles are located at the Civic Center, Norwood Senior Center, The Police Station, Lustra Cleaners and the Norwood High School for the purpose of collecting clean, wearable coats for men, women and children. The Ecumenical Food Pantry has offered to assist the Rotary Club, and will coordinate the distribution of the coats. November is a time for us to be thankful for all we enjoy and a time to meet the needs of others. The Community support is appreciated for a successful Coat Drive. Deadline for receiving coats will be Nov. 17.

1ST ANNUAL SPOT SHOT TURKEY SHOOTOUT

Grades 1-8 Gymnasium Children and their parents can have some Thanks-giving fun by participating in the first annual Norwood Recreation Spot Shot Turkey Shootout competition. This is a fun event that gives children and their parents a chance to showcase their shooting skills from various spots placed around the basketball court. The winner of each division will receive a Roche Bros. Gift Card for the holiday. Friday, Nov. 17: Grades 1-2 at 6:30-7 p.m., Grades 3-4 at 7-7:30 p.m.,

Grades 5-6 at 7:30-8:30 p.m., Grades 7-8 at 8:30-9 p.m. Fee: Res: \$5.00 NR: \$10.00 Min/Max: 10/30.

NORWOOD WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The Norwood Woman's Club will hold our next meeting on Nov. 14, at 12:30 p.m. We meet at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Hall, 24 Berwick St., Norwood. Gary Hylander, noted historian will speak about Eleanor Roosevelt. Guests are welcome. Any questions please call Trina Mallet at 781-762-8173.

C.Y.O. BASKETBALL IS ORGANIZING

The CYO basketball program is organizing for the 2017-2018 season! Anyone who is interested in participating in the program should contact their local parish for information. You can access information about the basketball program online at <http://www.bostoncatholic.org/CYO.aspx?pid=506> The CYO basketball program sponsors boy's and girl's teams in the following age: 5th & 6th grade, 7th & 8th grade, 9th & 10th grade boys teams, 11th & 12th grade boys teams, 9th thru 12th grade girls teams. The Archdiocesan CYO EMASS Tournament will be held in early March and the New England CYO Basketball Tournament will be held the last weekend of March.



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Police Logs

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1100 Walk-In - Susp Person Spoken To Location/Address: Cameron Rd Home Owner Reports A Male Claimed To Be National Grid Employee And Needed To Change The Meter. Reports Male Does Work For National Grid, Had The Wrong Home.
1945 Phone - Susp Activity Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Rosemary St Caller Reports Two Teenagers Walking Into A Construction Site.
2128 Phone - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Elliot St Caller Reports An Sp Male With A Flashlight On The Sidewalk. Party Identified As A Neighbor Using A Flashlight. No Issue.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

1056 Walk-In - B & E Residence Under Investigation Location/Address: Washington St Landord In Lobby Reports Tenant's Apartment Was Entered By People The Tenant Knows And Maybe A Debit Card Got Compromised. To Conduct An Investigation When Victim Is Able To Speak With Police, Currently Having Medical Issues
1129 Phone - Susp Vehicle Services Rendered Location/Address: Broadway Report Ma Pc 66vd62 Parked, Unoccupied, Under "2hr Parking Limit" Sign Since Sunday. Reports Not Stolen And Will Note Time And Tag When Appropriate. Boston E-13 Sent To An Address.
1139 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Walpole St + Chapel St Female Appears Stuck On The Sidewalk Using a Wheelchair. Subject Moving Down Walpole St On Arrival.
1147 Phone - Civil Dispute Civil Matter Location/Address: Crushed Peppers - Broadway Customer Dispute Over A Problem With A Pizza Last Week. Reports Party Advised And Left And Was Not Satisfied With The Result.
1359 Phone - Vandalism *Report Filed Location/Address: Kappys Coins & Stamps - Washington St Bb Hole Found In The Window.
1425 Phone - Susp Activity *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwood Pk S Possible Scam Attempt.
1448 Phone - Parking Violation Area Search Negative Location/Address:

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Pine St Resident Reports Trouble Getting To His Home Due To The Way Cars Park For Oldham Dismissal. Traffic Supervisor Stated Problem Was With Nh Plated Car, Containing 329157 Or 392157. Checked Area And Norwest Dr- Unable To Locate.

1524 Phone - Citizens Complaint Other Location/Address: Roxana St Long Distance Concern From Colorado About The Resident And Possible Problems For Her Daughter. Reports There Was No One At The Resident At The Time.

1715 Phone - Assaults *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Staff Member Reports Past Assault.

1831 Phone - Unwanted Party *Report Filed Location/Address: Churchill Dr Caller Reports That His Daughters Teenage Friend Is Not Welcome At His House Any more.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

0131 911 - Malicious Damage *Report Filed Location/Address: Central St Caller Reports Some People She Just Met Tonight While In Norwood Smashed The Windows Of Her Car. (Partial Plate Of 6nk70) Tan Sedan. No Match Found. Bolo On S.District For 3 White Males Wearing White T-Shirts And A Female With Them. Well-Being Check Requested On Female And 3 Males Wanted For The Maldamage To Vehicle. Report Filed.

0307 911 - Harassment

*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Hampden Dr Caller States He Is Being Harrassed By A Male Party Outside Of His Home. Officers Respond And Locate Party Who Was Taken Into Custody And Transported To The Hospital For An Evaluation With On Board. Arrest: Ssebyala, Yahaya Address: 97 Hampden Dr Apt. #B Norwood, Ma Age: 18 Charges: Attempt To Commit Crime Resist Arrest Disorderly Conduct

1309 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Spoken To Location/Address: Cvs Pharmacy - Nahatan St Customer Reports Teens Were Stealing Candy And Left. Three B/M And Two W/M. W/M With A White Top Put Candy In His Pockets. Officer Spoke With One Male In A White Top Who Denied Any Theft. Cvs Contaced And Can't Confirm A Theft.

1326 Phone - Assist Other Agency Services Rendered Location/Address: Day St Also See Call At 1252 Hrs. Constable Reports He Thinks Subject Of An Eviction Is Hiding In House. Units Searched The Home-He Is Not There. Spoke To Home Owner.

1332 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Dean St Well Being Request My The Dad. Concerned About His 14 Year Old Home Alone With An 18 Male. Subject Not There, Mom Asked Them To Check The Apartment And All Clear.

1335 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: MonkeySports Superstore

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- Bos-Prov Hwy Report 2 Customers Arguing Over Skates And They Would Like Them Out Of The Store. Spoke To All Parties And Store Clerk, There Was A Mix-Up With Some Skates, Matter Resolved.

1340 Phone - Animal Complaint *Report Filed Location/Address: Town Land Fill Entranceway - Winter St Report Dog Hit By Car. N.A.C.O. Responded.

1356 Phone - Civil Dispute Civil Matter Location/Address: Winsmith Mill Market - Endicott St Party In Lobby Reports The Company That Was Supposed To Sell Her Artwork Is Out Of Business. Landlord Reports There Is No Property Inside Building That The Company Occupied. Reports No Signed Documents For This Arrangement, Civil Matter.

1402 Other - Sex Offenses *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Dean St As A Result Of A B.C.I. Investigation, N461 Places Subject Under Arrest And Transports To Station S/M 61258 1418 Hrs., E/M 61259 1424 Hrs. Refer To Arrest: 17-388-Ar Arrest: Dearaujo, Savio Luidy Address: 46 Dean St Apt. #K Norwood, Ma Age: 36 Charges: Sexual Conduct For Fee

1647 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Cvs Pharmacy - Nahatan St Subject Sleeping In A Nissan. Officers Report He Was Taking His Medication.

1907 911 - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Vernon St Caller Reported Two Subjects In A Red Jeep Attempted To Enter Residence. Officer Reported Subjects Had The Wrong Address. Parties Checked, Ok.

2028 Phone - Unwanted Party Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Day St Caller Reported Unwanted Party. Subject Left Prior To Arrival.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

0316 911 - Report Of Fight *Report Filed Location/Address: Cameron Rd Two Calls Received For 3 Males Fighting. Officers Responded And Located Parties. Disagreement Between Themselves. Matter Resolved And They Are Going To Bed For The Night.

0834 Phone - Animal Complaint Naco/Waco Notified Location/Address: Prescott School - Richland Rd Report Of A Fox Running Around Path/Woods

From Old Farm Rd. To School. 0835 Phone - Parking Violation Services Rendered Location/Address: Ellis Ave Report Of A Black Car, Tinted Windows, Parks On Street Where There Is A "No Parking This Side Of Street" Sign. Reports Car Is An Employee's Car And Not In Any Violation.

0855 Phone - Fuel Spill/Leak Services Rendered Location/Address: Pleasant St + E Cross St Report Fluid On The Road. Nfd Sent. Dpw Sent With Sand. Negoshian's Tows Wi 92901w.

1236 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Sixth St Subject Made Comments To His Ex Girlfriend In Lynn About Suing Her And Harming Himself. Officers Report He Is Fine And Not Seeking Any Medical Care.

1433 Phone - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood High School - Nichols St Report 2 Girls Threatening And Chasing Each Other, May Escalate To A Fight. Reports Staff Presence Prevented A Fight, Both Girls Left Before Officers Arrival, And School Will Handle.

1443 Phone - Susp Vehicle Services Rendered Location/Address: Conrads - Washington St Report Ma Co N50390 In Lot Since This Morning, Pushed In Window, Car Is Unlocked. Reports Caller Will Give It 1 More Day And Recall Police If It Remains There.

1553 Phone - Susp Vehicle Services Rendered Location/Address: Day St Car Out Front Of The Masonic Lodge .Officer Reports He Is A Member And Waiting To Go In.

1606 Phone - Road Hazard Services Rendered Location/Address: Cottage St + Nichols St Large Pothole Blocked Off By Dpw.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

0751 Phone - Susp Vehicle No Violation Location/Address: Ash Rd Caller From Ash Rd. Concerned About A Maroon Kia That Is Parked In Front Of Her House Every Morning. Responded. Vehicle Belongs To Neighbor At 28 Prospect St. No Violation.

0818 Phone - Assaults *Report Filed Location/Address: Normandy Dr Females Fighting In The Lot.

1012 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Pleasant St Theft Outside Last Night.

1237 Phone - Assist Other Agency Area Search Negative Location/Address: Prospect St Kingston Pd Looking For Suspect On Larceny Charge. No Answer At Door Car Is Not There And Neighbors Believed He Moved A Year Ago.

1402 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Garfield Ave + Roosevelt Ave Teens Sitting On The Corner And Caller Thought They Were Exchanging Things.

1856 Phone - B & E Of Motor Vehicle *Report Filed Location/Address: Vanderbilt Ave Past B&E Of Mv.

2307 Initiated - Susp Vehicle Services Rendered Location/Address: Honey Dew Donuts - Morse St Ma 3sk636. Party Checks Out.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

0108 Initiated - Traffic Enforcement *Arrest(S)Made Loca-

tion/Address: Newbury Comics - Bos-Prov Hwy As A Result Of Traffic Enforcement By, (Fla. Reg# Hkyc02) Was Stopped And Resulted In An Arrest. Negoshian's Towed Vehicle. Arrest: McClure, Jason Address: 259 Coney St Walpole, Ma Age: 42 Charges: Ovi Drugs Stop For Police, Fail Speeding In Viol Special Regulation Marked Lanes Violation Drug, Possess Class C Drug, Possess Class E Drug, Possess Class E Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle

1654 Walk-In - Mischief (Kids) Spoken To Location/Address: For Eyes - Nahatan St Report 4-5 Kids On Bicycles Riding Up/Down Sidewalk Of Plaza.

1707 Initiated - Building Check State Dpw/Norwood Dpw N Location/Address: Hennessy Field - Pleasant St Checks Field, No One Around, Make Shift Camp Site Opposite 290 Pleasant St. Dpw Notified.

2132 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Area Search Negative Location/Address: Wilson St Report 5-6,Boys,Most In White Shirts, Jeans, Knocking On Doors And Saying Trick-Or-Treat.

2204 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Press Ave Loud Car Stereo. Reports They Will Turn It Down.

2209 Phone - Disturbance *Report Filed Location/Address: Knights Of Columbus - Nichols St Report 20 Kids In Parking Lot, Yelling Profanities. Reports Argument, Report Filed.

2327 Phone - Loud Party Spoken To Location/Address: Tremont St Report People Being Loud. Reports They Will Keep It Down.

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0138 Phone - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Theatre - Central St Caller Reported Possible Drugs On The Ground. Officer Reported Item Was Small Makeup Bag. 0153 Phone - Loud Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Dba Pvg One Llc - Norwood Pk S Caller Reported Loud Party. Group Disbursed.

1503 Phone - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Cottage St Calle Reports An Adult And Infant Sleeping In A Parked Vehicle. No Sp Activity.

1602 Phone - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Children Of America Educational Childcare & A - Vanderbilt Ave Party In The Lobby Reports Disturbance Between Her Son And Another Child At A Daycare.

1807 Phone - Disturbance Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Winslow Ave Motorist Reports Group Of Fifteen Intoxicated Parties In The Street Surrounded His Vehicle And Verbally Harassed Him.

1900 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: David Paul Truesdale Realty - Upland Woods Cir Party In The Lobby Wishes To Seek Advice On Suspicious Activity That Occurred Two Hours Ago. Party Satisfied.

1903 Phone - Susp Person Spoken To Location/Address: Cvs Pharmacy - Nahatan St Party Pacing In The Pharmacy. Escorted Off Property.

1951 Initiated - Community Police Services Rendered Location: Pendergast Circle Escort Nhs Marching Band To Norwood High School.

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Ask The Doctor

Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns a 10-bay auto repair service center in Hyde Park and an 8-bay center in Middleboro. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.

To the Doctor: Why do I see so many import vehicles on the road versus the American brands? I cannot remember the last time I read a review of a GM car or truck in the newspaper. What is going on?

From the Doctor: Last week I drove into Boston to buy my wife a certified, pre-owned one-year-old import. On our way, we counted the brands of vehicles we saw on Route 93. I did see a lot of Jeeps – especially the Wrangler. As for Ford vehicles, the Explorer had a heavy presence. But, the majority of vehicles were Toyotas, Hondas, Nissans, KIAs and Hyundais. For pickup trucks, Ford had the most, followed by GM and Dodge.

So, what happened to the Big 3 is simple: The white-collar, big paid executives made too much money and did not care about the buyers. I had personal experiences of poor quality vehicles and NO support from the Zone offices. This goes back to my first new car, which was a Corvette, that had engine failure and GM would not stand behind the internal engine crankshaft damage. What about the junk diesel engines or the failed power steering rack units, head gaskets and rotted brake lines on all the pickup trucks that were in the snowbelt? Ford had their problems with intake manifolds, cylinder heads and cylinder head bolts, broken spark plugs and spark plug threads on gas engines, and failing heater boxes. Next, were the diesel engines that failed and, in most cases, the cab of the truck had to come off for major service. Dodge had their own problems that were not as severe as GM and Ford, but Dodge did have a lot of heater box internal problems as well.

The Big 3 need to wake up if they want to continue to sell vehicles. Look at what Hyundai and KIA did. Fifteen years ago their cars were really bad, and today they are one of the best, with the best warranty in the industry. I would love to see the Big 3 make a comeback, however it would take a complete makeover, starting from the top. They need to listen to all their former buyers they turned their backs on and made them buy the import brands they have purchased year after year. Just ask people you work with or any friends what they drive and why. This is not rocket science, it is just helping the customer. I am sure the Big 3 still have a list of all the former buyers that had problems that were not solved. They should just send those people a nice big rebate check of \$8,000 to \$10,000 toward a new vehicle.

Boston's own Junior Damato, "The Auto Doctor" has agreed to field auto repair questions from *Bulletin* and *Record* readers. Please forward your questions to news@bulletinnewspapers.com and we will do our best to get your questions answered.

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BARTUCCA

THERESA Marie (Pitaro) of Norwood passed away on Oct. 25, 2017 at the age of 73. Beloved wife of Mario Bartucca. Devoted mother of Margaret B. Raymond and her husband Dean of Norwood and Janina M. Fox of Norwood. Daughter of the late Domenic and Jennie C. (Pungitore) Pitaro. Cherished grandmother of Jennifer Raymond, Dean Raymond Jr., Matthew Fox and Kirsten Fox. Great-grandmother of Logan Emmerson Harper. Theresa was a member of the Norwood Italian Lodge. She was also a member of St. Catherine of Siena Church Ladies Sodality and a Vocalist for the Church Choir. 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 Highland Cemetery Norwood.

McDUFF

Doris R. (Brundige) 91, of Norwood, Friday, Oct. 27. Daughter of the late Richard and Hazel (Williams) Brundige. Beloved wife of the late William McDuff. Devoted mother of David W. McDuff and his wife Maryann, Debra Curran and her late husband Kevin, and Bruce H. McDuff, all of Norwood. Cherished grandmother of James, Douglas and his wife Kristin, Andrew and his wife Lindsey, Courtney, Christopher, Kathryn and her husband Benjamin, and Megan and her fiancé,

Francis. Loving great-grandmother of Tayla and Hayden. Sister of Hazel McKenzie-Schermer. Funeral was in the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., (Rt. 1A), NORWOOD. Interment was at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Doris' memory to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

MEADE

Ursula Christine (Carbone), loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother, died unexpectedly on Oct. 15 in her Pope Valley home at the age of 61. She was born in Norwood, Mass. on June 7, 1956. Ursula grew up in a large, loving family to Stephen Louis Carbone and Ursula (Gately) Carbone. She graduated from Norwood High School in 1974 and attended New England Deaconess School of Nursing in Boston, graduating in 1977. Ursula made many friendships in nursing school that lasted until this day. Shortly after graduation, Ursula and her sister Liz visited their brother Stephen, in the Napa Valley. While visiting, Ursula met her future husband, Patrick Meade, and canceled her return flight home. Patrick and Ursula married in 1979 and began

their life together in Pope Valley. During her 40-year nursing career, Ursula was a compassionate and dedicated caregiver whose patients truly loved and appreciated the care she provided. She worked in many areas of nursing over the years at both the Queen of the Valley Hospital in Napa and St. Helena Hospital. She had a passion for cardiac rehab and was most recently working as a Cardiac Rehab Lead Nurse. In addition to the time she devoted to raising her two beloved sons, Ursula was an active board member for the Pope Valley Scholarship Fund and she enjoyed volunteering with Pat at the Pope Valley Fire Dept Dinners and Dances. Ursula kept in touch with all her siblings and visited her East Coast family often and recently attended the 62nd Carbone family reunion in July. Ursula was overjoyed at the arrival of her two grandchildren born just days before her death and the last week of her life was one of her happiest. Ursula is survived by her husband of 38 years, Pat Meade; son Dan, daughter-in-law Reis, and granddaughter Daniella of Santa Rosa Calif.; son Chris, daughter-in-law Gina, and grandson, Lucas of Napa, Calif.; mother-in-law, Bea Meade of Lafayette, Calif.; her brother, Stephen Carbone of Middletown, Calif.; sisters Elizabeth Carbone, Mary Beth Curran and Ann Cirillo all of Massachusetts; brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Arleen Carbone of Mass.; sister and brother-in-law, Susan and Jeff Beattie of Vermont, and sis-

ter-in-law and her husband Cathy and Edward Fitzgerald of Martinez, Calif. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, her baby brother, Paul, and her father-in-law, Ray Meade. Ursula will be remembered by her family and many dear friends for her extremely caring and self-sacrificing personality. A memorial and celebration of life will be held at the Pope Valley Farm Center, 5800 Pope Valley Road, Pope Valley, on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 11 a.m. with a reception to follow. A local charity fund will be setup in Ursula's name, in lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory. More information to follow at the celebration of life. Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. Norwood.

SANTORO

JEANNETTE E. a lifelong resident of Norwood passed away on Oct. 28, 2017 at the age of 84. Loving daughter of the late Henry

J. Jr. and Rose (Poilucci) Santoro. Sister of Louis "Woody" Santoro of Norwood, Charles Santoro of E. Wareham, Mary Titus of Canton, Anna Cohen of Stowe and the late Henry J. Santoro Jr., Patsy Santoro, Dorothy "Dodo" Palazzi and Louise Teague. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Jeannette graduated from Norwood High School and then went on to graduate from the H.O. Peabody School. She was a former employee at Belcher's Catering Co. in Wellesley, Mass. and then went on to work at Northrop Corp. for many years. A funeral home service will be held on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017 10am at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, Mass. Visiting hours were held on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to a charity of your choice.

TSEBETZIS

NICHOLAS, Arthur of Westwood passed away on Oct. 27, 2017 at the age of 87. Beloved husband of Vasiliki (Alatsas) Tsebetzis. Devoted father of Arthur N. Tsebetzis and his wife Meredith of Florida, Paula Couroupacis and her husband John of Foxboro and Tina Mamacos of Natick. Brother of Sophia Kleopas and Vasiliki Yiannikas both of Greece. Son of the late Arthur N. and Fotoula (Tsermos) Tsebetzis. Also survived by 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home Norwood, Mass. At the request of the family all services will be private.

Obituary policy

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