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School Committee in favor of adjustment counselors

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The School Committee met at the Savage Center last Wednesday evening, Feb. 28 for a session that played out over more than four hours and that at its conclusion, tipped over from relatively civil disagreement to a much higher level of upset and anger.

Main items on the agenda included the FY19 budget, the ongoing six month evaluation of Superintendent David Thomson, and the work-in-progress therapy animal policy.

There were also two appearances by Impact Norwood, as well as school adjustment counselors.

With the School Department at the beginning of the meeting needing to cut \$2,827,332 from its FY19 budget requests, and with Finance Commission and Budget Balancing Committee meetings looming, the top item on the evening's agenda was to reduce that figure.

After much discussion that was equal parts crunching numbers and expressing a resigned frustration at the Town's general fiscal situation, the number was reduced.

Motions were made and approved for three different types of cost cutting measures.

The first had to do with cutting new positions that had not yet been staffed, while keeping a minimum number of those deemed most essential. The end result was that the initial personnel

amount of \$836,390 requested was reduced to \$196,521, thus eliminating \$639,869.

The second cost cutting measure was to roll back spending on supplies to FY17 expenditure levels, thus saving \$139,967.

The last vote was to eliminate new library books for FY19, saving \$35,624.

The money saved amounted to \$815,460, bringing the excess amount down to \$2,011,872.

After these votes, the decision made to table further cuts until after the Budget Balancing meeting scheduled for the next Monday, when there would be a better idea of figures.

School Committee
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Paul Halkiotis

Econ Development hears all about grants

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Economic Development Committee gathered on Feb 21 in the Drummeay Conference Room at Town Hall for its monthly meeting. Committee member Alan Slater – chairing the Finance Commission meeting down the hall at the same time – was absent.

The main items on the agenda had to do with the flurry of three successful grant applications that have come through for the Town over the past month totaling \$325,000.

Town Planner Paul Halkiotis and Assistant Town Planner Patrick Deschenes – present at the meeting – were instrumental in all of these, with April Anderson Lamoureux of Anderson Strategic Advisors – working as a consultant for the Town – playing a major role, as well.

The first of the main items on the Grants
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Superintendent Thomson remarks on the National School Walkout

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

Superintendent David Thomson – during his report at the Feb. 28 School Committee meeting – remarked on the possibility of the High School participating in the National School Walkout.

His remarks appear below:

Many of you know that there is a national movement to hold a walkout on the 14th of March in student response to and solidarity with the Parkland, Florida tragedy. It's supposed to be a 17 minute event with students then returning to class. That's what it's being promoted out there as.

I will point out that, just because

a student enters a school, they do not forfeit their Constitutional rights to free speech or freedom of assembly. For whoever decides to break the rules, it does come with consequences.

We'll be communicating these things to students and families before the 14th so that they can make an informed decision about what their actions will be.

This is a real life lesson in civic engagement and – if there is a civil walk out – an example of civil disobedience. Because we are an educational institution, we're going to approach it from this perspective."

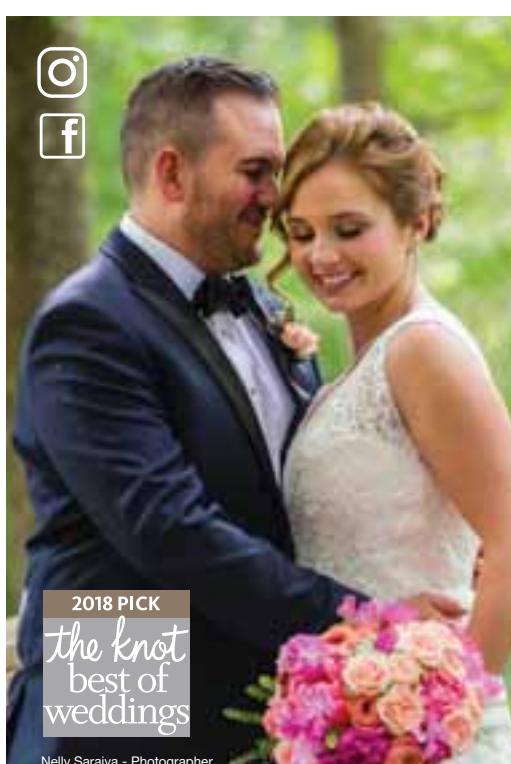
While we will be conferring with student leaders around this event, this is to ensure student safety.

To be clear, the school system is not

condoning, conducting, or dissuading this event. We must remain neutral, and facilitate thoughtful consideration of actions and consequences to assist our students and insure their safety.

After finishing his remarks, Thomson he took questions from the Committee and informed the group that the Norwood Police Department had offered coverage, but that he wasn't yet sure if it would be necessary. He also informed the Committee that any consequences for this act of civil disobedience would fit the standard disciplinary code.

The National School Walkout will take place on Wednesday, March 14 beginning at 10 a.m.



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The Budget Balancing Committee met on Monday to try to reduce the FY19 deficit for the School Dept.

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Budget Balancing reduces Schools' deficit... but not enough

Committee considering making all High School after school activities self-funding

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Budget Balancing Committee (BBC) met on Monday afternoon, March 5, at Town Hall to go over the third pass of the FY2019 budget. In a meeting that went about an hour and a half, the focus of the Committee was on further decreasing the School Department's \$2,011,872 deficit.

In the prior week's School

Committee meeting, cuts to new, not yet staffed personnel, supplies, and library books accounted for an \$815,460 deficit reduction, at which point, the Committee opted to table any further cuts until receiving more feedback from the BBC.

On Monday, Superintendent David Thomson, School Committee Chair Myev Bodenhofer, and School Committee member Maura Smith went before the Committee to continue the pro-

cess, which consisted largely of trying to redirect funds from other accounts to the School Department's balance sheet.

This started almost immediately, with Town Clerk and Accountant Tom McQuaid stating that \$300,000 in cost savings was anticipated for the current FY18 budget before explaining where it goes.

"FinCom's stated policy is to

Budget

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Selectmen support new Light Dept. site

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen met at Town Hall on Tuesday evening, March 6, for its weekly session.

The main appointment of the night brought Superintendent James Collins of the Light Department before the Board to both submit his monthly departmental report and to update the Selectmen on the Light Department's planned move to a new Access Road facility.

Collins, using a slide presentation shown on the Selectmen's Chambers wall television combined with a corresponding handout, led the Board through the project's background and rationale.

The Town bought the 58,000 square-foot warehouse located at 136 Access Rd. in 2016 and plans to relocate the Light Department's base of operations there, while also consolidating it; currently, it is spread across three sites in Town: Central Street, Chapel/Washington Street, and Short Street.

Space for vehicles, equipment, and material at these three sites is cramped and exposed to the elements, reducing their life expectancy and negatively impacting their work efficiency.

Collins also mentioned snow and ice removal from vehicles as not only a cause of inconvenience and delayed response times, but also as a source of danger.

"We have had people hurt and out (of work) because of these types of situations," he let the Board know. "Over the years, we've had numerous people fall, but these are the things we'll be able to avoid."

Jeff Alberti – one of about a half a dozen suit-clad men who accompanied Collins to the meeting now lined the wall behind him – took a seat at the appointment table.

Alberti – of Weston & Sampson – is responsible for the design portion of the project and

continued through that section of the slide show.

In renovating 136 Access Rd., the site will retain almost its exact structure and footprint, with only a front stairwell and elevator added in the front section of the building and overhead doors to access garage and warehouse space.

The first floor will be divided into three sections: a garage for vehicles and equipment, a warehouse area, and a customer service/ broadband/staff support area.

The second floor will be used for administration, staff support, and storage.

The total project cost is estimated at \$13,996,834. Town Manager Tony Mazzucco broke down the funding sources, starting with the reauthorization from a transmission bond taken from a prior Light Department project that had come in under budget.

An additional \$4.2 million from the depreciation account, which, as Mazzucco explained, electric companies are required to fully fund in order to cover loss in value of the overall plant and infrastructure.

The money is put into an account to make sure that it is reinvested into the utility's infrastructure every year and is required of every private and public utility company in the Commonwealth. The base of operations for the Light Department, as well as its vehicles, equipment, and material fall squarely under the infrastructure category.

Mazzucco went on to add that the plan is to go to November's Town Meeting with a fully executed bid package and ask for authorization for a \$10 million bond.

While only expecting to use \$9 million of that, Mazzucco explained that the extra million allows for greater flexibility with depreciation and acts as a hedge against construction inflation.

He also made sure to add that

this project should not lead to an increase in Light Department rates.

If everything goes according to plan, work should begin in Dec. 2018 and continue for about a year.

The Board unanimously voted to support the project going forward.

In Collins' monthly Light Department report – which he gave just prior to the Access Road presentation – he spent most of it going over some of the details of last week's Nor'easter of heavy wind and rain.

According to his figures, 2,400 of 15,000 households in Town lost power, with the most at any one time amounting to 1,600.

As Collins described it, the most challenging area of the storm was on Nahatan Street, where a large tree took down a pole and led to a chain reaction.

"There were a total of probably eight or nine poles involved – one that leaned into the tree and six or seven that snapped in half. It really utilized a lot of our crews for a long time up there."

Other areas badly impacted were the Winter Street neighborhood (where a meter was taken out by a falling tree), and Rte. 1 at Edgewater Drive (where a pole went down).

"All in all, I have to thank all of our customers that were very patient through the whole storm," Collins finished. "We didn't have any real angry customers, or anyone yelling and screaming at us."

The Board of Selectmen will meet again on March 13 at 7 p.m.



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Woman beats train in 100-yard effort

Most boys growing up dream of running 100 yards down a football field untouched by an opponent. The venue for such a fantasy might be Norwood High, Catholic Memorial, Xaverian or BC High.

More than half a century ago I did such, but I was not on a football team: I was a summer groundskeeper at White Stadium, and had the whole field to myself on several occasions when I would gallop from one end zone to the other.

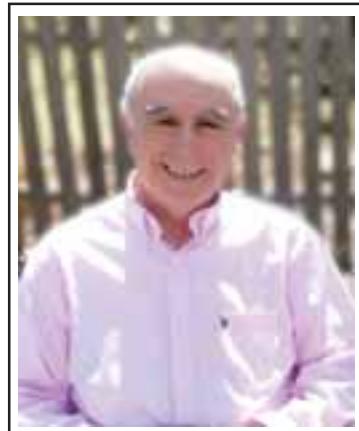
No sprinter's or football player's dash could match in importance as that done by 19 year-old Ashley Aldridge on September 15, 2015. A recent National Geographic reference, too brief as a matter of fact, outlines this truly amazing woman's sprint; subsequent online investigation into her deed revealed much more to extol her act.

Working in the kitchen of her mobile home in a small central Illinois town, she had an obstructed view of the railroad grade crossing about a football field's length away. Having just finished feeding lunch to her one- and two-year old children, she noticed through the kitchen window that a wheelchair in the middle of the grade crossing was stuck. The wheelchair occupant was yelling for help, but at least three vehicles blew by him without stopping.

Aldridge asked a neighbor to watch her two kids so that she could go help. Suddenly she heard a train horn blast and the clanging of the crossing gate's bell. Barefoot, she realized that now she needed to run at full speed and on the railroad's rocky stone bed—the mere thought of forcing my footsies to tiptoe on 5 yards of rock causes me to severely wince—to the 75 year-old man.

When she reached the wheelchair—a motorized one—the train was less than half a mile away down the straight track. Approaching at almost 80 miles per hour, the locomotive's horn was already blaring.

She could not dislodge the heavy wheelchair, nor could she lift the heavy septuagenarian out of the wheelchair. As the train barreled toward them, with the blaring of the horn almost



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deafening both of them, she gave one final heave—was it an adrenaline rush or the kindness of our God or a combination of both to yank him free in a literal nick of time? Both fell backwards as the roaring locomotive smashed the wheelchair, pushing parts of it a half mile down the track.

The saved man was neither her grandfather nor uncle, nor did she even know him, although Auburn, Illinois, is a small town of 4700 citizens: he was an utter and complete stranger, who would later claim that Ashley was his "guardian angel."

Her reward was meager by today's standards of giveaways on television quiz programs. AMTRAK gave her a couple of free tickets, and the Chatham Country Market in the nearby larger town Chatham, Illinois, (population 12,000) gave her three minutes to pile anything she wanted into a grocery cart. No fool she, Aldridge went straight for the higher priced items that she would not normally buy: "I'm pretty excited because we haven't been able to buy a whole bunch of food for the kids. I'm glad I can finally make them real food and not macaroni and cheese all the time."

The \$187 windfall certainly came at the right time: before the rescue, someone broke into their trailer home and stole money meant for food and other bills.

Our God certainly works in strange ways.

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Donnelly Announces Re-Election Bid

I am writing to announce my candidacy for re-election to the Finance Commission on Election Day, Monday, April 2. Last year, I was elected to one of the two Finance Commission seats vacated due to the retirement of Commissioners Joe Greeley and John Hayes. I have spent my first year on the Commission engaging in all aspects of the responsibilities of a Finance Commissioner. After nearly one year on the Commission I can truly say that I am very pleased to be part of this important board and that I thoroughly enjoy engaging in its important mission as the financial monitor and advisor to the Town.

During this past year, one of the Commission's goals has been to dig deep into town operations with an eye toward identifying opportunities for revenue-generating departments to become less dependent on tax revenue as the source of funding for operations. My initial assignment on the Commission was to review the financial structure of the Norwood Memorial Airport. The Airport receives an annual appropriation from Town Meeting to staff the operations needed to manage the site and all of its lease arrangements with aircraft operators. The question addressed by the Commission was to determine whether the overall operations of the Airport generated a profit or a loss and determine if there were opportunities for enhancing revenues generated by the

Airport through fees and lease arrangements.

After meeting with airport staff and collecting and analyzing five years' worth of revenue and expense data, I wrote a complete report summarizing the profit and loss history of the airport. This report (available on the Town's website), concluded that while the airport is generating revenues that support its operations, there are opportunities for enhancing our revenue position. This report has been received positively by both the Finance Commission and the Airport Commission.

While much of our time on the Finance Commission is dedicated to budget development and Review, I have been a consistent advocate for dedicating more of our time and effort on the revenue side of the town's finances. As we have seen during past budget cycles, our expenses are trending higher than our revenues creating an unsustainable approach to funding town services over the long term.

During the 2017 campaign, I advocated for the development of a long-range financial plan that forecasts the Town's revenues and expenses over a five-year period. Such planning would allow Norwood to be better informed when making our financial decisions. A long-range financial plan will identify shortfalls in funding town and school services over the five-year time frame based on a forecast of our expenses

and revenues. This will allow us to identify issues earlier and develop strategies to address them. I am proud that I played an active role with my fellow Commissioners in benchmarking best practices for developing a financial forecast and identifying tools and resources that could meet our planning needs. I'm pleased that Norwood is now bringing forward a five-year financial forecast to the Budget Balancing Committee and other town boards.

Working with my fellow commissioners, I have also supported efforts to review, update and enhance our financial policies. I am very pleased that as a team, this Finance Commission works extremely well together in its mission as the fiscal voice of the community. As a long-term member of Town Meeting, former member of the Town's Personnel Board, Personnel By-Law Study Committee and Personnel Advisory Board, my re-election will extend my history of public service to Norwood. I know I have learned a lot in my first year and I have much more to learn going forward.

I thank the voters of Norwood for giving me the opportunity to serve on the Finance Commission and hope you will return me to the Board for a full three-year term on Monday, April 2, 2018. Please contact me at robertdonnelly6@gmail.com for more information regarding my re-election campaign.

Patrick McDonough to seek reelection

It is with tremendous pride and enthusiasm that I announce to you the citizens of Norwood my candidacy for re-election to the Norwood School Committee. Over the last three years, I have worked to provide a better quality education to all the students in the school system. This has happened through changing dozens of outdated policies, managing difficult and tight budget cycles, and hiring a new Superintendent. If given the opportunity to serve you again, I will work to improve our

reading and writing curriculum, work toward fixing our fractured Athletic Department as a result of leaving the bay state league, and work toward improving the academic rigor and standards that we expect from our school system. I announce to you that I rededicate myself to the students and Taxpayers of Norwood. Much has been achieved, however, there is so much more to be done. If re-elected I will work tirelessly to represent the children and the taxpayers for the next three years.

February Citizens of the Month



Grade 8: Kyle Gross (missing), Bola Agaiby, Caitlyn Connolly, Luke Reynolds

Grade 7: John Cavanaugh, Rachel Sabourin, Sathvika Kommera

Grade 6: Amy DeLaria, Christina Picpican, Olivia Reardon

PBCC discusses Chapel and Town Hall

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Permanent Building Construction Committee (PBCC) met on Thursday evening, Feb. 22 at Town Hall. On its agenda was an update and meeting with Gienapp Design regarding the evolving St. Gabriel's Chapel project as well as a new turn in the Town Hall project.

In addition to the Committee, Contract Administrator/Building Manager Cathy Carney, Dale Gienapp and Michael Nee of Gienapp Design (architectural design for the Chapel), and John Racine of RGB (project management for the Chapel) were present for the meeting.

In the weeks between PBCC meetings, Chairman Francis Hopcroft had made the rounds to a variety of different committees and commissions as a consequence of the low construction bid for the Chapel coming in approximately \$300,000 over budget.

Of these governing bodies, Hopcroft concentrated on two when synopsizing his experience: the Finance Commission which controls the Town's money, and the newly created Community Preservation Com-

mittee (CPC), which will have approximately \$600,000 at its disposal for projects seemingly just like the Chapel restoration once FY19 begins on July 1.

FinCom and the CPC have different interpretations of how Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds could be used, with the former wanting the \$1.1 million project entirely funded through a bond backed by CPA funds and the latter, under Town Counsel's guidance, operating under the belief that CPA funds can only be used to augment, rather than replace project funds.

What both independently agreed on, however, was that dividing the project into two separate components in order to immediately remove the Chapel's unstable windows was a good idea.

Consequently, the PBCC asked Gienapp to prepare two proposals for architectural services: one for the masonry work (tentatively scheduled to be bid in time for November's Town Meeting) and the other for window restoration.

The window restoration would, in fact, include their removal, restoration, crating, storage, and replacement once the building restoration is complete.

Gienapp's proposed scope

of services for the window portion of the project entails a reconfiguration of the construction documents to match the project's new parameters, handling the bidding, and construction administration. The total fee for this is \$15,000.

The second proposal also includes in its fees reconfiguring documents and bidding, as well as a cost estimate. Construction administration, however, is already in the main contract so it was not included in the proposal. The total fee for this is \$13,300.

Both proposals were approved unanimously, with the window contract to go out to bid.

Most of the discussion concentrated on the possibility of reducing expenses for the masonry portion of the project, with the suggestion made to reduce work on the interior.

Racine responded to this, based on a conversation he had had with the over budget low bidder.

"You could basically take a lot of the interior stuff out and I still think you'd be beyond your million dollars," he estimated. "Most of the work was the windows the exterior, and

PBCC

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agenda had to do with the Mass Development Site Readiness Grant in the amount of \$150,000 awarded to the Town in mid-February in order to make improvements to Vanderbilt Park. Lamoureux prepared the application and also worked behind the scenes to bring Mass Development representatives to tour Vanderbilt Park along with Housing & Economic Development Secretary Jay Ash and attend a meeting with a group comprised of Town representatives and business leaders from companies located at the site.

As Halkiotis described it, "that meeting went very well, where all of the businesses that were represented were telling the same story: why they had located in Norwood, why their employees like it, and why they want to stay. But that Vanderbilt Park was getting tired. That it wasn't pedestrian friendly. That it needed some fresh pavement and sidewalks and lighting."

Although the meeting was a success — playing a part in the grant going through — Halkiotis did bring up some possible issues with the grant. The first is that there is a payback provision in the grant, which MassDevelopment informed him that it would most likely not be an issue, but that he thought might be worth investigating in the time before the contract is to be signed.

An additional issue was brought up by Secretary Ash at the meeting when he informed the group that — in order to be eligible for a future MassWorks grant — a large private project for the site creating many new jobs would be required.

A major part of setting up for a potential investor will involve Halkiotis and Deschenes doing a build-out analysis for the site to determine how much square footage is actually available.

"When you do these build-outs... involving commercial property, these numbers are huge." Halkiotis explained that commercial zoning allows for buildings of 40 to 60 feet, and that — when calculating the usable area — the numbers "come out in millions and millions of square feet."

He and Town Manager Tony Mazzucco also independently came up with the idea of the Vanderbilt Park businesses forming an association in order to interface with the Town and to pool money as a potential future grant investment.

Other ideas Halkiotis put forward included contacting commercial brokers and site landlords to see what sort of investments they were making into the buildings.

"We can try to use some of that information to help convince MassDevelopment that there is more room for growth, there are more jobs that will be created there, but we need to have them help us with that investment to kind of spiff up the park a bit," he explained.

Once a scope of work has been written up, cost estimates have been gathered, and the contract has been signed with MassDevelopment, the plan is to use the \$150,000 to improve the main entrance to Vanderbilt Park at Morse Street and Rte. 1 and all of its other access points.

A State Community Compact was also awarded to the Town in mid-February in the amount of \$150,000 for economic development within the Norwood, Dedham, and Westwood region.

In addition to Rte. 1 — which Halkiotis had mentioned as a commonality between the towns — Costello added the commuter line and Rte. 128 as other shared areas of economic development.

The project — which will need to be completed by the end of the year — will have an advisory committee, a consultant, and will need to be put out to bid.

The final grant — in the amount of \$25,000 — is for an economic self-assessment. Originally, Halkiotis was under the impression that the amount was \$5,000 — to be used to update the Open Space & Recreation Plan — and was later informed that it was, in fact, \$25,000.

This grant — though flexible — was also awarded by the State Community Compact and must somehow tie in with the regional development grant.

Halkiotis is currently taking suggestions as to how this grant money might best be used.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD

In accordance with the requirements of Mass. General Law Chapter 40A Section 5, the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 7:25 P.M. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, concerning amendments to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw, Section 7.0 Special Regulations. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to accept public comments on a proposed new section of the Zoning Bylaw, section 7.6 Auto Storage. The proposed amendment regulates parking lots for the storage of unregistered vehicles. The draft amendment is on file in the Planning Department at Town Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

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the lantern. That's where all the money went into. I think you ended up with a higher amount on masonry work than you probably originally intended."

"And the staging and the scaffolding and the superintendent and the project manager, and so that's kind of what becomes the problem," Gienapp added. "You reduce the amount of masonry by 25 percent and you only save 5 percent, 10 percent on the cost because the duration is the same."

Committee member Chris Eberly remained concerned about the masonry portion of the project being delayed until November because of the inflation caused by the booming construction market, and resulting in possible resistance at the November Town Meeting.

"I think there's going to be some sticker shock there," he said.

Eberly suggested bidding out the Chapel's lantern, which is also in need of specialized restoration – much in the same way as the windows.

"Whatever we can do, particularly when it's easily digestible by a single contractor operating without interaction,"

Eberly said in response to Gienapp's rough estimate of \$60,000 to get the job done.

As a result of this suggestion, Hopcroft requested that Gienapp prepare another proposal regarding the lantern for the next PBCC meeting.

Regarding the Town Hall renovation, Hopcroft informed the Committee that he had met with Town Manager Tony Mazzucco, Selectmen Chair William Plasko, and Carney regarding the project, which is currently being negotiated with McGinley & Kalsow Associates.

Mazzucco, he said, had expressed concern about the building's electrical work and wanted it overhauled as an initial aspect of the Town Hall project, with the more architectural aspects regarding space issues addressed afterwards.

This represented the second big requested shift to the project in as many PBCC meetings (at the prior one, the initial scope of the project had been expanded to the entire Town Hall), which Eberly noted.

"Maybe we need to have the internal discussions accelerate

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for what we want to accomplish and then bring that to him (Wendell Kalsow) and have him modify a proposal that meets our goals," Eberly said. "With the way that this is unfolding, we're sort of trying to change the rules while we've also sort of made agreements."

In the discussion that followed, the question was brought up as to whether or not an architect was really needed to handle an electrical overhaul, or if an engineering firm was called for instead.

In his response, Hopcroft spoke of having to go out and rebid the project if negotiations were to be broken off with Kalsow and Carney touched on the inconvenience and lost time involved with having to start the bidding process over from scratch, while rephrasing the Town Manager's concerns regarding taking care of the electrical and safety issues first before dealing with space.

The end result of the discussion was that Hopcroft agreed to invite Kalsow and his MEP (mechanical, electrical, plumbing) specialist to the next meeting, along with Town Manager Tony Mazzucco to discuss in more detail the direction of the project.

The next PBCC meeting is scheduled for March 14 at 7:30 p.m.

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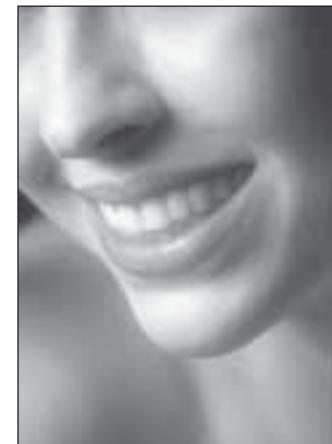
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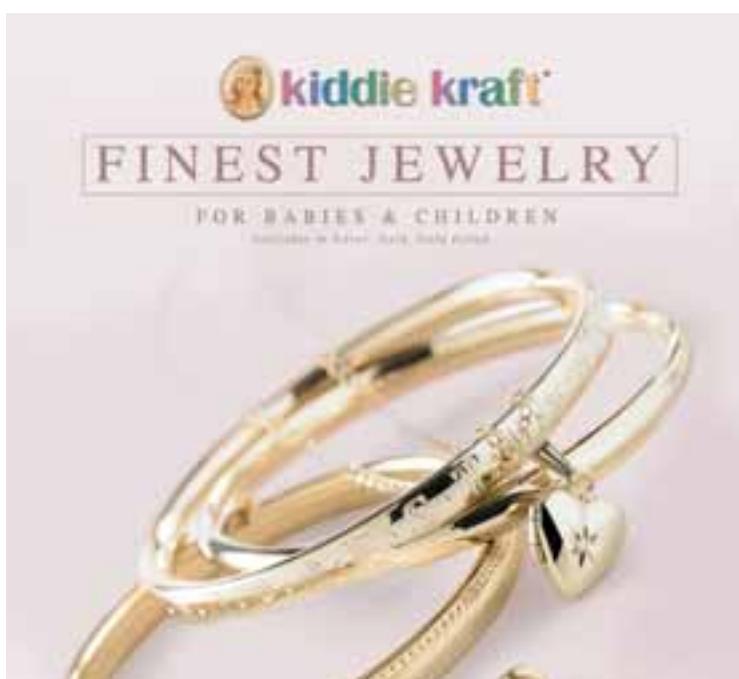
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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD**

In accordance with the requirements of Mass. General Law Chapter 40A Section 5, the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 7:15 P.M. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, concerning amendments to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 3.1.5(I) Manufacturing, Processing & Related Uses. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to accept public comments on proposed changes to the [Table of Use Regulations](#) by inserting a new section #6 that will prohibit asphalt manufacturing in all Zoning Districts. The proposed amendment is on file at the Planning Department at Town Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

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LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF NORWOOD

The Town of Norwood hereby notifies all residents that the State Attorney General's office has approved the following amendment to the Norwood Zoning Map which was voted in Article 5 at the Special Town Meeting, November 6, 2017. The change to amend the Norwood Zoning Map was as follows:

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Official Zoning Map by changing the Zoning designation on a portion of a property located at 238 Pleasant Street from the General Residence Zoning District (G) to the Limited Business Zoning District (LB) as shown on the map.

The above named article is posted in the following public places throughout the Town, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 32: District 1, Municipal Building; District 2, Norwood News and Bookstore; District 3, Morrill Memorial Library; District 4, Rite-Aid Pharmacy, Walpole Street; District 5, Murph's Place; District 6, South End Hardware; District 7, Pam's Market; District 8, Shaws Market, CVS - Shaws Plaza; District 9, Neponset St. Gulf Gas Station.

Thomas J. McQuaid
Town Clerk and Accountant

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Committee proceeded directly into Old Business and the Superintendent's Six Month Evaluation.

Teresa Stewart, who had worked on the evaluation subcommittee with Chair Myev Bodenhofer and Superintendent David Thomson, started off the segment by giving an overview of what had been done while recommending paths forward for any evaluations.

Part of her recommendation involved setting aside the mid-year evaluation (leaving the composite unedited and unreleased to the public) in order to focus on the annual evaluation.

The second was to clarify the details of the evaluation process that had caused such problems during the mid-year. This would be done at a later date, after budget season. Stewart offered a list of five questions to do this.

The first part of this recommendation was met with immediate opposition from Michele Eysie Mullen, citing a number of reasons including one that she would return to several times: the fact that she had not yet been able to edit the composite and that her comments had been censored.

Immediately after Mullen's comments, Smith confirmed

that Thomson had, in fact, seen all four of the individual evaluations as well as the composite, "so, in terms of him growing as a superintendent, that document will still have some value, no matter what we do."

A mid-year evaluation is not required by any of the state's educational governing bodies.

Patrick McDonough, in his comments, took Mullen's side regarding her evaluation being edited.

"I'm not comfortable with that, especially since I really want to do the year one since I didn't do the six month one, for my reasons," he explained. "I want to do it, but now I have that possibility of: Are my comments going to get put in?"

Stewart went on to present two alternatives to her recommendation, with a high emphasis in each situation on finishing with the evaluation and moving on.

The first of her alternate suggestions was for the Committee to vote on the composite evaluation, then and there. The second was for it to discuss and answer those five detail questions and then vote on the composite then and there, while bringing up the fact that it was nearly 11 p.m.

Stewart ultimately motioned for her own recommendation, to put the mid-year aside and to review the five detail questions after the budget, to be voted on. This was seconded by Smith.

The motion was approved 3-2, with Mullen and McDonough in opposition.

The remainder of the meeting was uneventful, until the School Committee Addenda.

Usually a brief and straightforward wrap up to each meeting, it turned into a contentious back and forth when McDonough, during his addendum, first read a prepared statement and then started speaking freely about a school security report that he had first requested from the Superintendent last November.

Over his more than five minute talk, he listed excuses given by his fellow Committee members regarding requesting and producing the school security report and made his displeasure clear.

"I have seen so many things on this Committee, but this really takes the top prize," he said. "I am shocked because this should have been the issue that united us but, instead, it was pushed back, and now we have to wait until March to get a report that should have been done in January or February."

He went on to say that he was unsure of whether or not the school buildings were safe, mentioned family members of his currently in the schools and emphasized the need for the report.

"You can yell at me, you can say I'm wrong in everything I just said, but... I don't care," McDonough said.

Smith, after clearing her throat, began her addendum by stating that she was in complete agreement with McDonough's concerns, mentioning that her mother is a teacher in the school system.

"The implication that I don't care, I find offensive," Smith said, raising her voice. "I find deeply offensive. I care about the safety of everyone who walks into these schools."

She went on to state that McDonough's comments were inappropriate for open discussion.

Bodenhofer, in her remarks, also stated her agreement with school security, mentioning her children in the school system before stating that she didn't feel comfortable with a report, also for security reasons, preferring instead to discuss it as a Committee.

Thomson also commented – something unusual for the Addenda – stating that he had explained to McDonough in December that he was uncomfortable with a written report, while offering to have Buildings and Grounds Director Paul Riccardi to speak on the topic at an executive session.

"So to insist that I refused to do a written report is not accurate," Thomson said.

After an exchange between Bodenhofer and McDonough regarding long term agenda procedure, Stewart asked to speak again.

"I don't know what your intention was Patrick, but your impact was very offensive," she said. "Please don't ever call into question again my love, my concern for my kids or anyone else. Don't do it again!"

McDonough and Mullen simultaneously called Stewart out of order.

"Okay. I'm out of order, fine, fine," Stewart said, defending Thomson.

In other School Committee business:

Norwood Public Schools adjustment counselors appeared before the Committee to update it on some of the details of their daily work with a wide variety of students experiencing social, emotional, and clinical challenges. They also put in a request for a full time adjustment counselor for each school; two are currently splitting time between schools.

This managed to survive the School Committee's budget cuts later in the evening.

Public Health Director Sigalle Reiss and Aubrey Ciol, Program Director for the Drug Free Communities Grant Program appeared on behalf of Impact Norwood: Substance Use Prevention Community Coalition to update the Committee on its involvement with the schools.

For more information on Impact Norwood, visit www.impactnorwood.org.

The Therapy Animal Policy was tabled and sent back to subcommittee for more fine tuning.

The School Committee next meets on March 14 at 7 p.m.

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put any savings into the OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) funding but, for the last two years, what we ended up doing was giving the money to Schools to help it balance its budget." He went on to say that this is done through Town Meeting and is used to prepay SPED (special education) costs for the upcoming fiscal year.

On the School Department side, Bodenhofer announced that the budget sub-committee – which she and Smith head – would be recommending a \$100,000 increase in the budget's circuit breaker special education reimbursement estimate, bringing it to \$1.8 million.

Slater recommended that the School Committee go further, recommending \$1.85 million.

"In the past, when there have been some issues, FinCom (of which he is the Chair) has always been willing to backstop that additional number at a subsequent Town Meeting if, in fact, those numbers don't come to fruition... So from 1.8 to 1.85 is a reasonable way to go."

Subtracting those figures, Smith estimated \$1.9 million more to be cut and offered – as a School Committee option – to make all High School after school activities self-funding, which would account for a \$778,626 reduction in School Department expenditures.

"Even if we do that, we still have some pretty significant cuts

of staff to make. And, if we don't do that, we're looking in the high twenties to low thirties in terms of staff that would need to be reduced."

McQuaid brought up a proposal to increase the amount in the free cash account used to balance the budget (which FinCom has been trying to gradually wean down to nothing) from its \$700,000 amount to \$900,000, with the additional \$200,000 going directly to Schools.

He also suggested that an additional \$250,000 might be gotten from a 2.5 percent increase of Light Department revenues, with 55 percent of it (\$137,500) going to Schools, although Selectmen Chair William Plasko advised that his Board had not yet discussed implementing any such increase in fees.

However, with McQuaid taking those combined amounts (\$337,500) into consideration, as well as \$350,000 to prepay SPED for FY19, \$687,500 more could be subtracted, bringing the School budget deficit to \$1,324,372.

Going further still, McQuaid focused on utilities.

"It appeared to us that the utilities in the School budget were running about \$1.2 million in actuals and there was 1.4 in there so, potentially, you have some savings on your utility budget before you have to do

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anything else."

McQuaid estimated that this – along with the circuit breaker increase – could bring the deficit down to around \$1,174,000.

Subsequent discussion revolved around the School Department trying to get more – particularly from free cash funded capital spending – and the General Government side, in the form of Town Manager Tony Mazzucco, explaining that this option had – in large part – already been taken, bringing free cash down to about \$400,000 (before snow and ice removal).

Responding to a statement by Smith that cutting a million dollars from the school system would decimate it, Slater brought up Proposition 2½ and the fact that it brings in about \$1.8 million to the Town. Referring to just existing School contractual obligations, he had this to say:

"That pretty much eats up everything we get... and it's a problem which isn't going to go away."

In an attempt to solve that problem, three presentations were made after this portion of the meeting:

A primer on deficits (Mazzucco), best practices for long range financial forecasting (FinCom's Robert Donnelly), and a draft five year financial forecast for the Town (McQuaid).

The next Budget Balancing Committee meeting is scheduled for March 26.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD

In accordance with the requirements of Mass. General Law Chapter 40A Section 5, the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 7:45 P.M. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, concerning amendments to the Official Norwood Zoning Map. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to accept public comments on a Zoning Map amendment that changes the Zoning designation from Manufacturing (M) to General Residence (G) for properties shown on the Norwood Assessor's Map as Map 9, Sheet 7C, Lot 121, Map 9, Sheet 7C, Lot 114, Map 9, Sheet 7C, Lot 115 and a portion of Map 9, Sheet 7C, Lot 101. A map showing the area subject to the proposed re-zoning is attached to the article. The draft Zoning Map amendment is on file in the Planning Department at Town Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

Debbie Holmwood, Clerk

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TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING in Room 12 of the Municipal Office Building on March 20, 2018 at 7:15PM** on the request of Charles River Equity Partners, LLC (Case #18-04) with respect to property located on **862-878 Washington Street**, in a **GB-General Business District**.

This Application requests a Special Permit under Sections 5.2, 5.3, and 6.1 of the Zoning Bylaws to allow: (a) A multi-family dwelling in a GB-General Business zone; and (b) the extension or reconstruction of a non-conforming structure in a GB-General Business zone; together with such other or further relief as the Zoning Board of Appeal may determine to be appropriate.

This Application requests a VARIANCE under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow: The redevelopment of the subject premises as a multi-family dwelling project having less lot area and less side yard than required and greater floor-area ratio and building height than permitted, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40A, s. 10 and the Norwood Zoning Bylaws, together with such other or further relief as the Zoning Board of Appeal may determine to be appropriate.

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

BOARD OF APPEAL

Philip W. Riley, Chairman; Patrick J. Mulvehill, Barbara A. Kinter, John R. Perry, Thomas Brady

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SECTION A – Request for Proposals

Town of Norwood

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Sealed proposals shall be received up to 11:00 A.M. (Verizon time), March 29, 2018, in the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood MA 02062 for the following service:

"Engineering/architectural services for the design and construction administration services for modernization of the elevator at the Norwood Town Hall"

The Town of Norwood is currently seeking proposals from qualified firms for professional services for the following scope of work:

Design services shall be provided in three (3) phases: **Phase I** shall be design development; **Phase II** shall consist of construction contract documents, bidding, and award of construction contract(s). **Phase III** shall include construction administration, final closeout and warranty period of the referenced Project. Proposers shall note that award shall be made in phases, with the Town reserving the right to not proceed with Phase II or Phase III if funding is not available. The estimated construction period shall be 4 weeks.

The selected architect/engineer will be required to be currently registered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and shall have proven experience in construction work. Responsibilities and duties shall be as outlined in the Scope of Service and otherwise comply with Chapter 7C of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The selected Architect/Engineer is to be involved in, but not limited to, these activities.

Designer's Duties: The designer's duties in Phase I will consist of reviewing existing site conditions and developing a successful design; Phase II shall include the preparation of a complete set of construction documents and specifications; and assist with pre-determination of contractor qualifications, bid submission and bonding reviews. Phase III involves project management through final acceptance of the construction.

Scope of Designers Services and information packets shall be available at the Norwood Town Hall, in the Purchasing Department, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 or electronically by registering and downloading online at: <https://bids.norwoodma.gov>. Office hours are 8:15 A.M. – 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. No documents will be mailed.

The proposal must be filled out and signed as directed therein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed as follows: Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062, endorsed with the name and address of the offer, and marked "Proposal for Architectural Design Services Town Hall Elevator – CONTRACT #NGM-18-06". Proposers shall submit an original and two (2) copies of his/her proposal and one (1) electronic version. The fee is to be negotiated but not to exceed \$18,000. The estimated construction cost is \$130,000.

A pre-proposal meeting and site visit will be held on March 22, 2018, at 11:00 A.M., in Room 24 of the Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062.

Proposals shall be prepared, considered, and the contract awarded in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 7C.

The Town of Norwood shall have the right to reject any and all proposals or parts thereof, or items therein, and to waive any defect of irregularities as to form, therein in accordance with MGL.

The Town of Norwood notifies all participants that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex or national origin or handicapped status in consideration for an award.

BY: Tony Mazzucco, General Manager
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Anna W. (McGonagle) 84, of Norwood, Sunday, Feb. 25. Daughter of the late Hugh and Anne (Kelley) McGonagle. Beloved wife of 55 years of George F. Bryant. Devoted mother of Katherine Unger and her husband Jack of Wrentham, Daniel Bryant of Warwick, R.I., Kelli Bryant of W. Yarmouth, and Thomas Bryant and his wife Sandy of Londonderry, N.H. Loving grandmother of Giselle and Dylan Unger, and Addison and Tannon Bryant. Sister of Kathleen Gillespie, Hugh McGonigle, Rosemarie Wetterhahn, Edward McGonigle, John McGonigle, and the late James, Thomas, and Richard McGonigle. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Anna was a great cook, and a long-time New England Patriots fan. Funeral was from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (Rt. 1A), NORWOOD, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Anna's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 480 Pleasant Street, Watertown, MA 02472. Gillooly Funeral Home

Newell of Brockton. Sister of Breana, Michael and Jillian Lombardi. Cherished granddaughter of William and Eileen (Ward) Lombardi of Dedham and Karen (Collins) Brait of Stoughton and the late Robert Brait. Jennifer was a US Postal Worker in Warwick, R.I. for the past year. Funeral was from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St., Norwood, followed by a funeral mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Dedham. Burial was at Brookdale Cemetery Dedham, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the Jennifer Lombardi Memorial Fund C/O Dedham Savings Bank Dedham, MA.

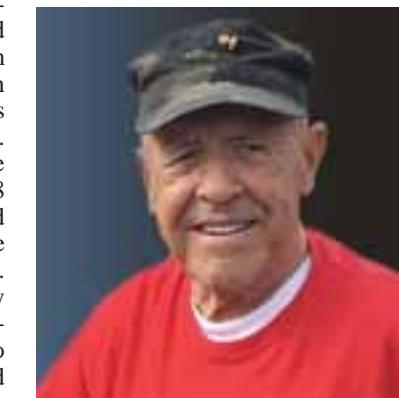
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Michael K., 33 of Norwood, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018 at the Norwood Hospital. Born in Murfreesboro, Tenn., he was the beloved son of Mike Osei-Mensah and Theresa (Gyau) Osei-Mensah. He was the loving brother of Melissa Hennessey, Vanessa Winters, Jeremiah Hennessey, and James, Douglas, Andrew and Courtney McDuff. Proud great-grandmother of Ryan, Dylan, Brooke, Tayla and Hayden. Devoted sister of David Masciarelli of Canton and the late Ralph, John and Richard Masciarelli and Claire Masciarelli Willis. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 8 from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rte. 1A), Norwood, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. in St. Catherine of Siena Church, 547 Washington St., Norwood. Interment will follow the Mass in Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Memorial contributions in memory of Anna Hennessey may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

LOMBARDI
JENNIFER M. of Stoughton passed away suddenly on Jan. 20, 2018 at the age of 23. Loving Mother of Grace Benoit. Daughter of Michael J. Lombardi and his wife Wen Jie of Wrentham, Kimberley (Brait) Newell of Attleboro and step daughter of Rob

WALKER



John William Walker, 82, of Norwood, Mass., passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018 at Norwood Hospital in Norwood.

Born on June 28, 1935 in Norwood, he was the son of the late Arthur Waldemar Walker and the late Grace M. (Shackley) Walker. John was a graduate of Norwood High School, Class of 1955. A lifelong resident of Norwood, John worked for many years as a Sales Representative in the construction business before retiring. John was a longtime member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) in Norwood. A kind and caring man, he enjoyed gardening, watching football, and, as a younger man, volunteered his time and efforts in youth sports programs. John was the dear brother of Arthur W. Walker III and his wife, Janice Walker, of Walpole, Mass.; Barbara (Walker) Jones of Pembroke, Mass.; Richard Arnold Walker and his wife, Mary Walker, of Falmouth, Mass.; and the late Dorothy (Walker) Wallace. He was the former husband of Sally (Jackson) Walker and Margaret (Groden) Walker. All services will be privately held. For additional information or to send the family a written expression of sympathy, please visit an online guest book at www.dyerlakefuneralhome.com Arrangements are under the direction of the Dyer-Lake Funeral Home, 161 Commonwealth Avenue, Village of Attleboro Falls, North Attleboro, MA (508) 695-0200

WOOLLEY

John J., longtime Norwood resident, passed away unexpectedly on March 2, 2018. Born in Waltham, he was the beloved son of the late Harry O. Woolley and Dorothy (Walsh) Woolley. Loving brother of Carolyn Bianchi and her husband Steven of Waltham, Brian Woolley, Douglas Woolley and his wife Deirdre, and Paul Woolley and his wife Jessica all of Norwood. Cherished uncle of Donovan Woolley. A Memorial Mass will be held on Wednesday, March 14 at 11 a.m. in St. Catherine of Siena Church, 547 Washington St., Norwood. Inurnment will follow the Mass in Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 13, from 4-8 p.m. in the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rte. 1A), Norwood.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH

A Solemn celebration for Divine Mercy Sunday will be held at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 547 Washington St., on April 8. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available from 1-2:45 p.m. in the chapel and the school gym. The recitation of the Most Holy Rosary will begin at 2:10 p.m. followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Church. The Holy Mass in honor of the Solemnity will be celebrated at 3 p.m. and will include veneration of the Divine Mercy Image.

THE NORWOOD WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The Norwood Woman's Club

will hold its next meeting on March 13, at 12:30 p.m. The Norwood High Celtic Strings will be performing in honor of St. Patrick's Day. The meeting will be held at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Parish Hall at 24 Berwick St., Norwood. A light lunch will be served. Guests are welcome. For more information call Edna at 781-762-0332.

SPECIAL REGISTRATION SESSION FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

The Board of Registrars wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that a special registration session has been set for the April 2, 2018 Annual Town Election. An evening spe-

cial registration session will be held at the Municipal Building, Room 32 on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. This is the FINAL REGISTRATION SESSION prior to the Annual Town Election. Daily registration of voters will be conducted at the Town Clerks office, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A mail-in registration form is now available at Norwood Morrill Memorial Library and the Norwood Post Office. You may also register to vote on-line at sec.state.ma.us Qualifications to register to vote are that the applicants must be 18 years old

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26
1342 Initiated - Susp Activity *Report Filed Location/Address: United Parcel Service (Security) - University Ave Package Found By Driver.

1547 911 - Dog Bite Taken/Referred To Other Location/Address: Andrews Trucking - Everett St Report Dog Bit Hand Down To Bone, Conflicting Incident Locations. Nfd And N.A.C.O. Sent To Brookview Cr Where Victim Is Located. Reports Incident Occurred In Westwood. Westwood Pd Notified And Will Handle Same.

1708 Walk-In - Lost And Found Services Rendered Location/Address: Ellis Pond - Walpole St Party In The Lobby Turns In A U.S. Army Knife In A Brown Leather U.S.M.C Sheath. No Identifying Information To Connect To Owner.

1924 911 - Susp Person Spoken To Location/Address: Rockland Trust - Lenox St Cleaner Reports A Male Party Pacing Back And Forth In Front Of The Bank. Officers Spoke To That Male, He Was Carrying Groceries Home From Shaw's, Checked Ok. Caller Advised.

2110 Walk-In - Susp Activity *Report Filed Location/Address: Mr. Franks Food Mart - Meb Inc. - Washington St Party In The Lobby Reports Earlier Today Someone May Have Attempted To Open The Door Of Her Vehicle.

2325 Initiated - Vandalism *Report Filed Location/Address: Washington St Three Large Plastic Objects

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Smashed, Debris On Roadway.
18-3849 2342 Initiated - Motor Vehicle Stop *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Chateau Restaurant - Bos-Prov Hwy Ma Pc 3ze496. Placed One Party Under Arrest And Transported Her To The Station. S/M 43850 At 2355, E/M 43851 At 2358. Vehicle Was Towed By Negoshian's. Arrest: Lavalley, Darcelle L Address: 156 Walnut Ave Norwood, Ma Age: 39 Charges: Oui Liquor Marked Lanes Violation

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

0108 Initiated - Susp Vehicle *Arrest(S) Location/Address: Sumner St + Union St Caller Reports Unoccupied Vehicle Appeared To Be In A Crash And Was Now In The Middle Of The Road Way. LocateD Operater At Dunkin Donuts. Returns With One Under Arrest For Oui. Arrest: Fitzgibbons, Brian Address: 98 Brook Apt. #Rd Sharon, Ma Age: 48 Charges: Oui Liquor, 2nd Offense Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Leave Scene Of Property Damage License Suspended, Op Mv With
1052 Phone - Susp Activity *Report Filed Location/Address: Winslow Ave Party In Lobby With A Confession Letter.
1211 Phone - Attempt To Commit

Crime *Report Filed Location/Address: Citizens Bank - Bos-Prov Hwy Report Customer At Teller's Window Trying To Take Money Out Of The Bank Using Fraudulent Methods.

1600 Phone - Susp Person *Report Filed Location/Address: Municipal Lot - Nahatan St Report At The 1430 Hrs Dismissal There Was A Male Standing On Sidewalk Across Street From Playground Area, Whom Then Got In His Car And Left. Officer Advised Calling Party.

1715 Phone - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Silver St Unattended Child In Roadway. Officers Reported Parent Fell Asleep And Child Left Though Open Door. Checked Ok. See Report.

1731 Phone - Assist Fire Dept *Report Filed Location/Address: Johnson Ct Resident Reported Brush Fire, Possibly Started By Person Walking In The Area. Norwood Fire Responded. Officers Checked Area, No Suspicious People Found. See Report.
2045 911 - Disturbance *Protective Custody Location/Address: Dean St Caller Reported Disturbance. One Placed Into Protective Custody.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28
0924 Initiated - Susp Person Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood Po-

lice Dept. - Nahatan St Stops A Pedestrian Taking Pictures On Police Station. On Private Detail, Assists For Language Barrier. Reports Just A Tourist.

1408 Cellular - Malicious Damage *Report Filed Location/Address: Nahatan St Report Door Kicked In. 1731 Phone - Complaint Of Mv Services Rendered Location/Address: Coach Ln Caller Reports Kids Driving Motorized Bikes In The Road. Parties Spoken To.

1905 Phone - Noise Complaint *Report Filed Location/Address: Brookview Cir Caller Reports Upstairs Neighbor Playing Guitar Loudly.

2214 Initiated - Motor Vehicle Stop *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Jefferson Dr Negoshians Towed Pc Nh 4150544. One Under Arrest. Arrest: Veal, Chantel Chante Address: 99 Jefferson Dr Norwood, Ma Age: 26 Charges: Stop/Yield, Fail To Oui Liquor Number Plate Violation To Conceal Id Uninsured Motor Vehicle Child Endangerment While Oui Unregistered Motor Vehicle

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

0023 Phone - Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Party Spoken To And Matter Resolved.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

0706 Phone - Motor Vehicle Accident *Report Filed Location/Address: Elliot St Ma. Reg# 765xc6. Caller Reports A Tree Is Laying On Top Of His Vehicle In Driveway And He Would Like It Documented. Responded.

1310 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Wilson St Mailman Requests Well-Being Check, Reports Front Door Wide Open And Unable To Make Contact With Anyone Inside. Wind Opened The Door And The Homeowner Was In The Basement.

1404 Phone - B & E Residence *Report Filed Location/Address: Elliot St House Break . Bci Responds.

1443 Phone - Motor Vehicle Accident Papers Exchanged Call Taker: Dispatch Supervisor W.J Maroney Location/Address: Ajay's Market - Walpole St Tree Fell On A Parked Car. Motorist Will Have His Vehicle Towed By Aaa And Handle The Insurance With The Property Owner.

1449 Phone - Wires Down Services Rendered Location/Address: Lincoln St + Winter St Dpw, Eld & Nfd Responded. Tree Takes Wires And Power Out & Traffic Lights. Nfd Also Activates The Generator At The Radio Room At The Towers. Radio Issues On Nfd & Npd. Power Restored About An Hour After.

2047 Phone - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Rama Shopping Center - Washington St Misunderstanding Between Two Parties Over A Cellphone. Provided A Courtesy Transport For One Party

300 River Ridge Drive.
2352911 - Report Of Fire *Report Filed Location/Address: Albemarle Rd Report Of A Fire Fire Extinguished.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

1132 Phone - Noise Complaint Other Location/Address: Winslow Ave Reports This Is An Ongoing Issue, Unable To Make Contact With Resident.

1722 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Vernon St Caller Reports A Past Resident Has Shown Back Up To The Apartment He Was Evicted From. Property Manager On Scene Let Units Into Apartment Which Showed Nobody Was In Apartment And Nothing Was Disturbed, All Windows Were Locked.

1906 Cellular - Complaint Of My Area Search Negative Location/Address: Central St + E Cottage St Report Of A Silverado P-Up, Silver, Speeding, Skidding Tires, Last Seen Broadway Towards Train Station.

2054 Initiated - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Broadway St Was Flagged Down By A Person On Broadway Street Looking For Their Cell Phone, He Believes It May Be At 564 Pleasant Street, Checking Address To See If He Can Locate The Phone. Phone Was Not Located The Party Will Check Back Tomorrow.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

0627 Walk-In - Trespassing *Report Filed Location/Address: Rama Shopping Center - Washington St Caller Reported Vagrant On Property. Officers Escorted Party Off Property.

1109 Phone - Citizens Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Winslow Field - Winslow Ave Caller Believes Two Teenage Males Are Smoking Marijuana. Parties Sent On Their Way, No Drug Paraphernalia Witnessed.

1129 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St Norwood Hospital Reports That A Male Party Was Acting Erratically Then Left On Foot. Party Spoken To And All Is Well.

1257 Phone - Well Being Chk Transported To Hospital Location/Address: Rock St Female Party Laying In Her Lawn. Units Spoke To Her And She Explained That She Was Having Complications From A Previous Surgery. Nfd Transported.

1521 Phone - Forge/Counterf *Report Filed Location/Address: Cvs Pharmacy - Nahatan St Employee Reports Counterfit Bill Last Night.

1721 Initiated - Motor Vehicle Stop *Arrest(S)Made Location: Babels Paint & Decorating Ma Pc 8bb190, In The Municipal Lot. N669 Returns With One Under Arrest. Arrest: Arment, Michael Address: 220 Nahatan St Apt. #Z Norwood, Ma Age: 47 Charges: Warrant Arrest

1817 Phone - Susp Vehicle Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Savin Ave Caller Walking Her Dog Reports A Small Silver Vehicle Driving Up And Down The Street Slowly.

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on or before election day and must either be born in the United States or be a Naturalized Citizen.

NORWOOD'S DRAFT HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN TO BE PRESENTED

Who: Norwood residents, business owners, representatives of non-profit organizations and institutions, and others who are interested in preventing and reducing damage from natural hazards.

What: At the Norwood Planning Board meeting on Monday, March 12 at 7 p.m., a presentation will be made by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), which is assisting the Town on the 2018 update of its Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The Town of Hull adopted its first Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2011, which was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This plan will update the 2011 plan. The plan identifies natural hazards affecting Norwood such as floods, hurricanes, winter storms, and earthquakes, as well as actions that the Town can take to reduce its vulnerability to these hazards.

EASTER EGG HUNT

March 24, Tots at 10 a.m., Grades K-1 10:15 a.m. The cost is \$5.00 per person at the Norwood High School Front Field.

FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT

Join us on March 30, 8 p.m. Grades 2-5. The cost is \$5.00 Per Person at the Balch Softball field.

MOTHER'S DAY SWEETHEARTS DANCE

For mothers and sons on April 27, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Civic Center. The cost is \$15.00 per couple and \$5.00 per additional person.

FISHING DERBY AND RUBBER DUCK RACE

Join us on Saturday, April 28 from 3 – 5 p.m. at the Hawes Pool and Endean Park. The cost for the fishing Derby is \$5.00 and \$5.00 for Rubber Duck Race.

SAVE THE DATE: NORWOOD SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

Norwood Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars will be hosting an evening with Medium Cathy Ripley Greene on Friday, March 23 at the Elks Hall Located on Elk Parkway in Norwood. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and event will begin at 7. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$40.00pp tickets purchased at the door will be \$45.00pp. Tables of 10 may be reserved if desired. Tickets may be purchased by writing a check to: NSF DFS and mailing it to Patty Starr 26 Sycamore St. Norwood, MA. 02062. For questions call: 781-551-0509. Cash bar will be available; feel free to bring munchies.



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.

2018 Infiniti QX80 AWD

The 2018 Infinity QX80 features more technology and safety equipment, an all new hydraulic suspension, plus third row seating and more. Power is from a carryover 5.6 liter, V/8 engine with 400 horsepower via a 7-speed automatic transmission. The AWD transfer case has both high and low range. The transmission also has a tow mode for towing or carrying heavy loads.

When one thinks of a large SUV, most think of GM or Ford. Move over – the Infiniti QX80 is a game changer. From the heated and ventilated front seating to the heated steering wheel, 13-speaker Bose audio system, 8-inch touchscreen display with voice recognition, front and rear sonar system cruise control, tri-zone temperature control, plus more, this is a luxury SUV that is truly a multipurpose vehicle.

The QX80 rides and handles more carlike than SUV. The seating is firm and the leather is very soft and plush. Steering hub controls are a big plus. Heating, audio even the NAV system are easy to control from simple knobs. But don't worry, there is also the touchscreen if you choose.

This is a quality, seriously large seven passenger vehicle made here in the USA. Our test QX80 base price was \$67,850 (plus \$995 destination). Option packages are as follows: Deluxe Technology Package at \$5,700 including smart rear-view mirror, upgraded 15-speaker Bose audio, semi-aniline leather seating with quilting, climate controlled front seating, hydraulic body motion control, adaptive front lighting, and chrome mirror caps. Theater Package is \$2,450, with dual 8-inch rear seat monitors, two wireless headphones, wireless remotes, 120-volt rear outlet, heated second row seats, and remote tip-up rear seats.

Twenty-two-inch tire upgrade with alloy wheels: \$2,800; split bench seat package: \$250; driver assist package: \$2,900, with backup collision intervention, blind spot warning, blind spot intervention, lane departure warning, lane departure prevention, intelligent cruise control, forward emergency braking, and forward collision warning. Roof rails, cross bars, radiant illuminated kick panels, and Infiniti WIFI finish the options for a MSRP of \$84,910. EPA: 13 city, 19 highway, 15 MPG combined. The bottom line is the QX80 is a step above the competition.

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.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD

In accordance with the requirements of Mass. General Law Chapter 40A Section 5, the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 7:35 P.M. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, concerning an amendment to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw, Section 10.3.1 Establishment. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to accept public comments on a proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment that will create a new Associate Planning Board member position. The draft amendment is on file in the Planning Department at Town Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

Debbie Holmwood, Clerk

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Sports

Postseason run ends for Norwood in quarterfinals in glimpse of future TVL rivalry



For the third time this season, the Norwood High boys' hockey team was held without a goal. It was a less than ideal time to be held off the scoresheet, as the Mustangs were eliminated from the Division 2 South tournament in the process by the Medfield Warriors, 3-0.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

In getting a jump start on a new Tri-Valley League rivalry set to begin next season, the Norwood High boys' hockey team has some catching up to do.

Medfield High scored once each period to eliminate the Mustangs from the Division 2 South tournament on Saturday night, ending Norwood's return to playoff hockey in the quarterfinals.

The eighth-seeded Warriors (13-5-3) were held in check by the defensive-minded No. 16 Mustangs (8-9-5) for virtually the whole first period, especially considering their nine-goal explosion over North Attleboro High in the first round.

Virtually, of course, doesn't mean entirely. A turnover in the attacking end by Norwood led to a quick transition by

Medfield defenseman Mason Giunta, who flung the puck up ice to Sean Tyer.

Tyer dropped a pass to Py Johnson, the Warriors' leading goal scorer, who found a shooting lane atop the left-wing circle that beat Austin Reardon with 16 seconds left in the first period to give Medfield a 1-0 lead entering the locker room.

Mustangs head coach Chuck Allen dismissed the notion that perhaps the 3-0 loss to the Warriors was a letdown following the thrilling 3-2 overtime win over top-seeded Southcoast/West Bridgewater in round one, instead praising Medfield for what it is: a good team.

"They're big and strong, we made one mistake with 16 seconds left in the first period not getting the puck in deep and they scored," Allen said after the game, which was

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Mustangs squished by fish on Cape, bow out of tournament in second round

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Puck luck didn't exist for the Norwood High girls' hockey team in its season-ending 2-0 loss to the Dennis-Yarmouth Dolphins on Sunday afternoon.

While not necessarily an elite goal scoring team, the Mustangs had been shutout just once during the regular season – way back on Dec. 20 vs. powerhouse Wellesley High. Despite holding a 20-15 advantage in shots on goal over Dennis-Yarmouth, Norwood met its demise in the second round of the Division 2 tournament at Tony Kent Arena in South Dennis.

"It was very much a defensive game," Mustangs head coach Tim Coskren said following the loss. "We didn't really get any real good opportunities to score. Their defense I thought played very well and kept us outside around the perimeter. We did have a couple of two-on-ones where the goalie made the save. As we

have all year, we had trouble putting the puck in the net. We definitely had it yesterday."

Fifth-seeded Dennis-Yarmouth (14-5-2) was playing its first game in 12 days. The Mustangs had to play a preliminary round game in the meantime, but the Dolphins were well-rested – their regular season finale came against the same opponent as Norwood's final game of the regular season, the winless Martha's Vineyard High team.

Still, reasons for optimism were present early for No. 12 Norwood, which fell to 13-10-1. The Mustangs couldn't have drawn up the first period any better, tossing eight shots on Dolphins netminder Lucy Reid and allowing only two to get to Jenna Mazzola – both saves.

The issue was, while Norwood's shot total represented quantity, the same couldn't be said for their quality.

"The first period, we



Meghan Quinn, a senior co-captain for the Mustangs, helped lead Norwood back to the tournament for the first time since her freshman year in 2014-15.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

the opportunities."

Eighth grader Ava McGaffigan scored on what

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dominated," Coskren said. "We played great in the first period. I think we looked like a much better team in the first period, we moved the puck really well passing. We had them locked in their own zone quite a bit, having trouble making any kind of breakout. We just didn't get

Can we get some power seeding in hockey already?

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Since the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament expanded to 64 teams in 1985, a No. 16 seed has never beaten a No. 1 seed in the first round. Such teams are 0-for-128.

Last week, the Norwood High boys' hockey team was seeded 16th in the MIAA Division 2 South bracket with a 7-8-5 record and drew the top-seeded Southeastern/West Bridgewater Hawks. Thanks in large part to Matt Dolan, the Mustangs took down the Hawks in overtime, 3-2, Dolan's game-winner the dif-

ference.

Upset for the ages, right?

Hardly. The only upset was that Southeastern/West Bridgewater, barely playing two full forward lines, was able to take Norwood to overtime in the first place. The Hawks held the Mustangs off the scoreboard for the first 29:18 of regulation, Joe Spadocia saving Norwood from what could have been an eternal second intermission by jarring home a loose puck with 0:42 left in the middle period.

Southeastern/West Bridgewater finished the regular season at 17-4-0, or an .809 points percentage. Canton,

which finished 15-2-4, had an identical .809 points percentage. Courtesy of a coin toss, the Hawks' "reward" for the No. 1 seed was a battle-tested Bay State Conference team that although was a point below .500, had accolades on its résumé such as a win over Division 1 Needham and a tie over Division 1 Wellesley – a tie which just may have been the blemish in Wellesley's portfolio to keep it out of the Super Eight.

Canton's "punishment" was a date with No. 15 Somerset-Berkley (10-9-1), a team re-

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While Norwood finished the regular season below .500, its advanced metrics suggest that the Mustangs were nowhere near the 16th-best team in the Division 2 South bracket.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

Take me out to the Balch games

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

In the midst of a nor'easter and another late-season storm that's wreaking havoc across New England, why not take a glance at the 2018 Norwood High baseball schedule?

Like in almost every other sport the Mustangs have competed in this school year, their last in the Bay State Confer-

ence will still help fill out the schedule.

Norwood, one of the top baseball programs in the league this decade – all-time, truthfully – picked up a fourth flex game in order to maximize its final spring in the league before it's off to the Tri-Valley.

The Mustangs will face Walpole High, Milton High, Braintree High and Needham High a second time each. That's

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Like the boys' hockey team, the Norwood High girls' hockey team won by a goal in round one but was held off the scoresheet entirely in a second round loss on the road.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

was technically a power play goal for the Dolphins at 10:27 of the second period, as an erstwhile puck found its way by Mazzola off a deflection while the referee's arm was raised signaling a delayed call against the Mustangs. McGaffigan's goal was hardly a shot, more a dump in that got the job done all the same.

Coskren felt that right then and there, momentum shifted to Dennis-Yarmouth for good. The Dolphins outshot the Mustangs 8-4 in the middle period.

"We didn't gain any momentum in the second period after that," Coskren said. "We were back on our heels, we weren't getting any shots on net."

McGaffigan's twin sister, Kayla, made it 2-0 in favor of Dennis-Yarmouth at 10:59 of the third period.

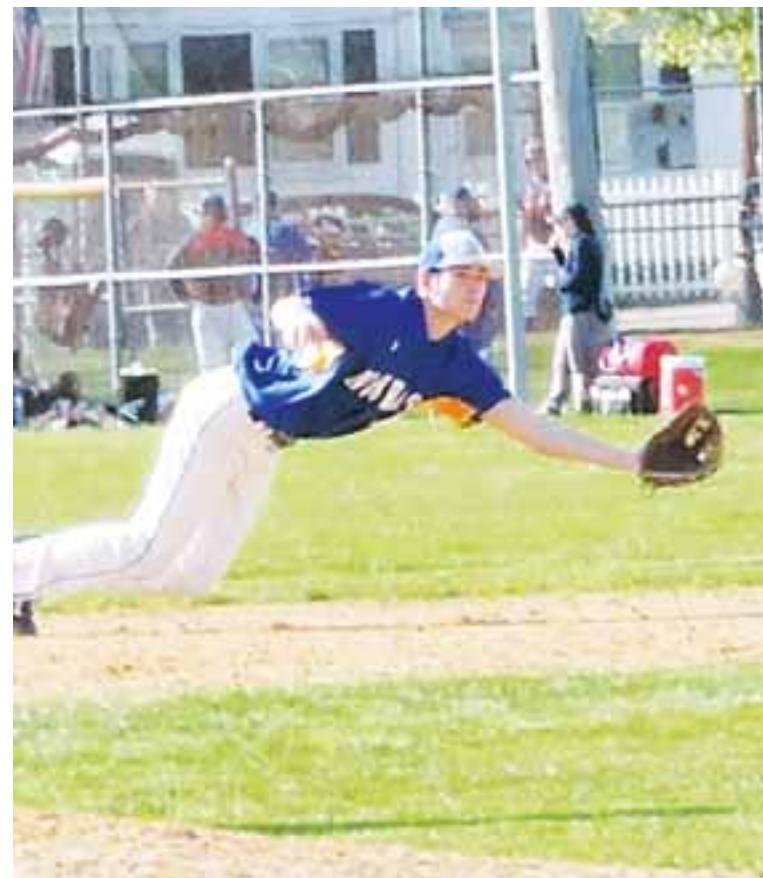
After the Dolphins took a

penalty with 2:17 remaining on the clock, Coskren opted to pull Mazzola and go for a 6-on-4 numbers advantage. That was increased to a 6-on-3 power play for Norwood after another Dennis-Yarmouth penalty just shy of a minute remaining in regulation, but the Mustangs' inability to win faceoffs at the key moments proved fatal in the end.

"We didn't win the faceoffs when we needed to at the end of the game," Coskren said. "They immediately got control of the puck and iced it, which they were able to do shooting on an empty net."

It was the first tournament win in program history for the Dolphins, which won the Atlantic Coast League title this season.

And so ended Norwood's first tournament run since the 2014-15 season, which still came with a 3-2 win nonetheless over Cohasset/



Braintree, Canton, Milton, Needham, Walpole and Xaverian all appear on Norwood's schedule twice this season in baseball.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

ence, the schedules are a tad different than in previous years due to the odd number of teams left in the league.

Baseball is no different, with only 10 games counting towards the BSC standings, or once against each opponent. However, like in the other sports, three "flex" games against other BSC teams have been tacked on that won't count towards league standings, but

nothing new with the Rebels and Wildcats, still in the Herget Division with Norwood, but the flex scheduling as allowed the Mustangs to grab an extra game each with the Wamps and Rockets.

Braintree, of course, has played in the baseball version of the Super Eight in each of

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Austin Reardon will undoubtedly be a key piece the Mustangs lean on next year as they begin Tri-Valley League play. Seven of the TVL's 10 hockey playing schools made the postseason.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

played at Pirelli Veterans Arena in Franklin – the same sheet of ice the Warriors play their home games on.

Norwood squandered a power play in the latter half of the first period prior to Johnson's goal, a segment of the game Allen pointed to as a turning point. The Mustangs failed to get a shot on goal, but it may not have mattered. Mike Mangifico was on his game all night for the Warriors, turning aside all 19 shots he faced.

"First power play in the first period we had all of the momentum going," Allen said. "If we score on that, the game's a different game. They build the momentum on that killing the penalty and that's how the game turned around a little bit."

Reardon, who battled through an illness to make the start in goal for Norwood, turned aside 25 of the 28 Medfield shots he faced.

Tom Schofield scored at 9:50 of the second period on assists from Mike Foley and Trevor Ruzzo, while Brian Abely added the backbreaker just 1:44 into the third and final period on a feed from Charles Spence and Foley.

Schofield's goal game 33 seconds after the Mustangs had successfully killed off a penalty, adding further insult to injury.

"They've got a lot of skill players and they're strong," Allen said of Medfield, which still has a few players remaining from its 2016 Division 2 state championship. "We didn't test their goalie that much."

When Norwood becomes a member of the TVL next year, it will be on the same side of the league as Medfield – the yet-to-be-named large school division. Barring any opt-outs, the teams will play twice a year in nearly every sport moving forward.

Allen said that rather than Saturday night's loss being the

final chapter for the 2017-18 Norwood boys' hockey team, he'll hold one final skate with the team at some point in the coming weeks.

"I think it's a good thing to bring them back instead of walking away," Allen said. "They'll probably be fine on the bus. Right now, they're not. I was there when I played; it's sad. Ten minutes later, they should be proud of what they did this year. We're back on the map and I think that's a good thing going forward."

Weather permitting, Norwood opens its season on Friday, April 6 vs. Needham at

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Mat Rice, seen on the pitcher's mound in a game from last spring, could be Norwood's Opening Day starter this season. Unfortunately, he won't have Michael James (rear) roaming in center field for him this year; James is now a freshman at Quinnipiac University.

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its first four years of existence, winning a pair of titles in 2015 and 2016. Norwood head coach Kevin Igoe said he hopes to keep the Wamps on the schedule as a nonleague opponent moving forward.

For this season, the nonleague opponents for the Mustangs are once-and-future rival Dedham High, another future TVL rival in Westwood High, two games against Xaverian (Catholic Conference) and two games against Canton High (Hockomock).

Despite still playing against Xaverian twice, Norwood will not be partaking in the Catholic Conference-Bay State Conference Challenge this season.

3:45 p.m. at Balch School Field. It's a two-game homestand for the Mustangs to begin the season, with Westwood paying a visit on April 10.

April Vacation week has Norwood playing three early games, including a noon start at Braintree on April 17, an 11 a.m. first pitch against Canton at Balch the next day and another 11 a.m. start at Xaverian on the Friday of school break.

The lights are scheduled to come on at Balch for a May 21 game against Braintree, although that date could certainly move up depending on the weather. The game against the Wamps kicks off a season-ending three-game homestand for the Mustangs, with Walpole and Xaverian also on the docket. The home game against the Hawks, scheduled for May 25, is Norwood's regular season finale.

The Mustangs qualified for the Division 1 South tournament last season with a record of 11-9. Norwood lost to Walpole in the first round, 15-0.

Francis, three teams that were not only selected to the Super Eight, but are still alive as the tournament enters its second week.

Even within the Super Eight, only team Nos. 1 through 6 are power ranked by the MIAA Ice Hockey Committee, while team Nos. 7 through 10 – the wild-card entrants – are seeded solely off winning percentage. Teams within the very same bracket aren't even seeded the same way. How about that?

All of this has been a longwinded way of pointing out the numerous flaws in the MIAA seeding process not only for hockey, but for basically every other sport save for football and lacrosse, where power seeding does occur.

It's to take nothing away from Norwood and its accomplishments this season at the rink, nor any other team that cashed in on a match-up that never should have been. Sometimes you've got to make the best of an unfair situation, so in that regard, the MIAA is doing the yeoman's work in prepping student athletes for the real world.

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cently realigned from Division 3 for this season. Predictably, Canton won 11-0.

If the MIAA, at long last, would look beyond simply winning percentage for seeding teams in the postseason hockey tournaments – both boys and girls, all divisions – the Norwood vs. Southeastern/West Bridgewater match-up would almost never have happened in the first round...and definitely would not have been the No. 1 vs. No. 16 match-up.

An incredulous aspect of the MIAA tournament is that while the North and South sectionals in the boys' brackets are seeded strictly on winning percentage, teams in the Central and West sections are not. Beyond the Interstate 495 corridor, you see, an honest attempt at fair matchups are created by use of the Walker System.

What is the Walker System? It's a three-part formula which is a sum of a team's winning percentage, strength of schedule and TOUR, which calculates a team's performance against other teams that qualify

fied for the state tournament.

Had the Division 2 South bracket been seeded according to the Walker, Canton would have earned the No. 1 seed it deserved after surviving the gauntlet of the Hockomock League and a strong-to-very strong nonleague slate. It still would have faced Somerset-Berkley in the first round, as it would have been seeded last.

Southeastern/West Bridgewater would have been the No. 5 seed, while Norwood would have been the No. 7 seed – directly ahead of a team that won 13 games (Nauset) and six spots ahead of a team that doubled its win total (Medway).

In yet another miscarriage of justice, the Hawks were bumped up from the Division 3 tournament a season after going 20-0-2 in the regular season and grabbing the No. 1 seed in that bracket...and getting knocked off in round one. Seeding the tournaments themselves isn't the only issue that needs to be fixed, and fast, it would seem.

The Norwood-Southeastern/West Bridgewater first round match-up was hardly the only head-scratcher across the state as the tournament opened last week.

Xaverian, which was nominated for a Super Eight berth but fell short of inclusion, was seeded eighth in the Division 1 South bracket based off its winning percentage. Mansfield, which Norwood tied 1-1 on Jan. 30, was seeded ninth and drew Xaverian in round one. Mansfield lost 6-2.

Catholic Memorial qualified for the tournament with a win on the last day of the regular season and fell to the No. 15 line. But with its Catholic Conference pedigree, not unlike Norwood's BSC advantage, CM took down No. 2 Falmouth in another first round match-up that never should have happened, 4-0.

Is the Walker system perfect? No. If you were to pretend the Super Eight didn't exist, Wellesley would have been seeded No. 1 in the Division 1 South tournament...ahead of BC High, Hingham and Pope

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

BASIC COMPUTER COURSE: A four-part basic computer course is frequently offered to those who wish to learn how to use a computer. Sign-up at the front desk. New class starting March 7 at 10 a.m. for four weeks. \$2.00 a class.

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

BOOK CLUB: Our next Book Club will be meeting on March 14, at Norwood Library.

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

COMPUTER CLUB: The Com-

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puter 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 Mitrí is scheduled to be here on March 9, \$35.00 charge-call to schedule an appointment.

FRIENDS EVENING DANCE: March 16, 7 - 10 p.m., featuring Dave Valerio.

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, March 28,

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 from 1 to 2 p.m.

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

MANICURES: March 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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: Norwood Retired Men's Club March Retired Men's The board of directors meet the first Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Senior Center.

At 10:00am The club membership meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks at 10:00am. The March meeting is on the 13th. Coffee at 9:30am, Meeting at

10.00am. This month's speaker is Tony Greeley, the Fire Chief of Norwood Fire Department. Sign up for Golf and Bocce. See Andy D for Golf. See Tom T for Bocce 2018 Dues are due now and must be paid before sports sign up. Dues can be mailed to: Norwood Retired Men's Club PO Box 115 Norwood, Mass 02062 We Welcome New Members.

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. New: Jill will be here on Fridays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please call 781-762-1201 for an appointment.

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

TRIAD: Monday, March 19, at 1 p.m.

WAXING: Monday, March 19, 9 a.m. to noon.

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

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Rob Gregg, president of the Vine Lake Preservation Trust in Medfield, will present an illustrated talk at the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, April 9 at 7 p.m. to inspire Norwood residents interested in restoring the Old Parish Cemetery on Washington St. in Norwood. Mr. Gregg's talk is sponsored by the Old Parish Preservation Volunteers – a charitable organization whose goal is to preserve and raise awareness of Norwood's Old Parish Cemetery, established in 1741, and make it more accessible to the public. Two Saturday mornings will be scheduled in the spring and two in the fall at which volunteers of all ages can help out at the cemetery in a number of ways, including resetting tipped grave stones. The dates of these work days will be announced at the kick-off event on April 9.

Mr. Gregg will talk about the Trust's initiatives in preserving, enhancing, interpreting, and celebrating the Vine Lake Cemetery, a cultural resource in existence since 1651. The burial ground and cemetery has remained a place for solitude, contemplation, and reflection as well as being an important social, historical, architectural, natural, and archaeological resource. For more information, please see their website: rootiment.wixsite.com.

To sign up for this program, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by either the library Reference or Information Desk.

**EZEKIEL'S WHEELS TO KICK
OFF SPRING MUSICAL
SUNDAYS CONCERT SERIES**

This spring the Morrill Memorial Library will host a series of six afternoon concerts as part of its Musical Sundays series held on select Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. from April 8 through May 20. The concert series will commence with a repeat performance by the internationally acclaimed Ezekiel's Wheels Klezmer Band on Sunday, April 8.

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mance, combining the intimacy of chamber music with the intensity of a rowdy dance band. The Wheels' unique style was forged in the subway stations and farmers' markets of Boston where the informal setting and ever-changing audience created an ideal environment for musical experimentation.

The band features Abigale Reisman (violin, back-up vocals), Jonathan Cannon (violin), Kristen Lamb (upright bass, lead vocals), and Nat Seelen (clarinet). To sign up for this concert, made possible through the library Endowment Fund, call 781-769-0200, x110, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

**LUNCH & LEARN TECH
WORKSHOP: SMARTPHONE
BUYING SIMPLIFIED**

Join Technology Librarian Allison Palmgren for her latest Lunch & Learn workshop at the Morrill Memorial Library on Wednesday, March 21 from noon-1 p.m.: Smartphone Buying Simplified. Confused by the many cell phones on the market? Whether you're buying your first smartphone or simply upgrading to a newer model, find out which smartphone is best for you. To sign up for this workshop, 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.

**REAL HOLLYWOOD ROYALTY:
GRACE & RITA FILM FEST**

The Morrill Memorial Library will screen a series of four movies between April 4 and April 27 in anticipation of American actress Meghan Markle's wedding to Prince Harry at Windsor Castle this May. The film fest – Real Hollywood Royalty: Grace and Rita – features movies starring two other American actresses who

married royalty, Grace Kelly and Rita Heyworth. The series kick off with "High Noon," starring Grace Kelly and Gary Cooper, on Wednesday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m., followed by "Separate Tables," with Rita Heyworth and Burt Lancaster, on Tuesday, April 10 at 2 p.m. The film fest continues with "Happy Thieves," starring Ms. Heyworth and Rex Harrison, on Wednesday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. and concludes with "The Bridges at Toko-Ri," featuring Ms. Kelly and William Holden, on Friday, April 27 at 2 p.m. To sign up for any of these films, call 781-769-0200 x100, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk. Complimentary popcorn will be provided by Regal Cinemas in Bellingham.

**NEW RESIDENTS
INVITED TO NORWOOD 101**

Norwood 101 is a welcome program for new residents being held for the second consecutive year at the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, March 26 from 6-8 p.m. Representatives and officials of the Town of Norwood departments and community organizations will be at the library that evening to welcome you and answer any questions you may have. Refreshments will be served, and handouts will be available to take home. (Adults and teens over the age of 14, please.)

To register, call the library at 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by either the library Reference or Information Desk. Please respond by Monday, March 12. All residents who sign up in advance will be entered into a raffle for a Taste of Norwood 101 Gift Basket.

**TURN THE PAGE BOOK GROUP
TO DISCUSS NYT BESTSELLER
"LILAC GIRLS"**

The Morrill Memorial Library's newest book group for adults will meet next on

Wednesday, March 21 at 10 a.m. and again at 7 p.m. to discuss Martha Hall Kelly's 2016 New York Times Bestseller, "Lilac Girls." Inspired by real people and events, Kelly weaves together the stories of three women in this remarkable debut novel set against the backdrop of World War II in New York City, Paris, Germany, and Poland. Copies of "Lilac Girls" in a variety of formats are available to check out at the Circulation Desk. The March 21 meeting will be led by April Cushing in Adult Services and Irene Gotovich in Technical Services. Coffee and light refreshments will be served, and advance registration is appreciated. To sign up for either the morning or evening session, please call 781-769-0200, x110, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library's Reference or Information Desk.

**5 JOB SEARCH WORKSHOPS
AT THE LIBRARY**

Looking to land your dream job, or considering a new career? Job search specialist Mike Pyne will return to the Morrill Memorial Library to present a series of five workshops on various evenings in March from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The workshop, held on Thursday, March 8, Mike Pyne will talk about another highly regarded site that covers careers currently in high demand, detailed information on salaries, and up-to-the-minute job postings. The third workshop, on Monday, March 12, will address how to answer common interview questions as well as more challenging ones, with some mock interviewing included. Resumes that get results is the subject of the second to last workshop, on Wednesday, March 14, and the final session of the series, on Thursday, March 22, is all about cover letters – another opportunity to sell yourself and make a positive first impression on a prospective employer.

Mike Pyne, of Resume Rescue, is a former career counselor at One-Stop Career Centers in Massachusetts and has led numerous job search workshops. To sign up for any of these workshops in March, please call 781-769-0200, x110, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

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