



Rebecca Shapiro Owens and her three-year-old son Braydon. Shapiro Owens is facing the daunting prognosis of kidney dialysis.

COURTESY PHOTO

Becky Shapiro needs your help Norwood resident needs kidney transplant

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Rebecca “Becky” Shapiro Owens is in a unique situation.

The Norwood resident is in need of a new kidney. Usually, most people can turn to their family members in such an emergency.

However, Becky isn’t so fortunate.

Becky was adopted when she was two-and-a-half years old from Korea, meaning she shares no DNA with her parents or siblings, which makes finding a kidney that much more difficult.

Owens’ sister Deborah Shapiro said, “It’s just going to be difficult finding a match for her. Her blood type is A, so she can have a donor who is an A or an O blood type, and finding someone who’s willing to donate with that kind of blood is somewhat limiting.”

Shapiro said her sister is a loving mother and wife, and the fact that she has kidney disease came as a complete surprise.

“She didn’t realize she had kidney disease, she just wasn’t feeling well over the summer,” Shapiro said. “She went in and they said her cal-

cium levels were really low, and they tested her kidney function. Her kidney function came back functioning less than 20 percent, and they put her in the ICU right away.”

Shapiro said that they do not have a concrete reason for the kidney disease, but that it doesn’t matter to her sister and her family.

“They (Becky’s husband and family) have the most incredible outlook. They don’t say poor me or why me, this is the way it is so we have to get her a kidney

Becky

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40B troubles the theme in 2016

Rink also dominated conversations

Christopher Roberson
Staff Reporter

Norwood’s battle against 40B housing regulations spilled over from 2015 and continued to be a thorn in the town’s side in 2016 as well.

Under 40B, developers can avoid getting bogged down by local zoning laws if a municipality does not have at least 1.5 percent of its developable land dedicated to affordable housing, or at least 10 percent of its housing stock categorized as affordable.

On March 8, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) voted unanimously to reject a comprehensive permit for a 218-unit 40B project presented by AvalonBay.

The development was planned to go in at the site of the former Plimpton Press on Lenox Street.

“The board intends to assert that the town has satisfied required local needs for affordable housing by reason of having affordable housing [on] 1.5 percent of the available land,” said Chairman Philip Riley.

Attorney Peter Freeman, counsel for AvalonBay, asked the ZBA to reconsider, saying that developing the property would not only boost the town’s housing stock, but it would also require the removal of hazardous waste on the site. In addition, Freeman said AvalonBay had fulfilled the requirements for a comprehensive permit, one of which was that 55 units would be categorized as affordable housing.

Julia Winyard, senior development manager for AvalonBay, touted the company’s successful developments in Marlborough and at Assembly Row in Somerville. Therefore, she predicted the Norwood development to be profitable as well.

However, Riley stood his ground, saying that 1.51 percent of the town’s developable land was reserved for affordable housing.

Later in the spring, the State Department of Community Housing and Development (DCHD) had ruled in favor of plans from Davis Marcus Partners for a 300-unit 40B development on Forbes Hill.

Town officials responded immediately and began appealing the DCHD’s decision.

Although various appeal levels exist, Board of Selectmen Chairman Allan Howard said he expected a brawl.

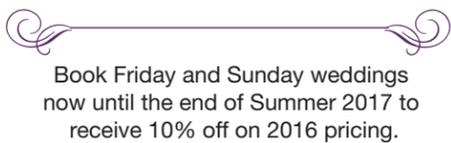
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PBCC subject to Conflict of Interest laws

Abigail Freeman
Staff Reporter

The Permanent Building Construction Committee met to discuss new regulations on record-keeping, mandatory PBCC member training, and updates on Norwood building projects.

PBCC Chairman Francis “Jerry” Hopcroft conducted the meeting with the committee secretary, Linda Clarkin, and six other members in attendance.

After reviewing the minutes from the previous meeting held on Dec. 1, the committee approved of several invoices, one of them being for the removal of unsuitable soil from the Hawes Brook Bathhouse Project.

Hopcroft then addressed the training for overview of the Massachusetts Conflict of Interest Law required of each committee member. One committee member said he did not think volunteers were required to participate in the training.

“They encouraged volunteers to do it, but there is no way you have to do it,” he said.

Hopcroft said the training is mandatory regardless of whether you are a paid employee or a volunteer with the

PBCC.

“There is a regulation that requires the Town of Norwood committees to conduct Conflict of Interest training every two years and a review every year,” he said.

Hopcroft provided the committee with a packet containing a summary of the Conflict of Interest law, a set of slides that were recently used for a training program, and a letter that explains the process.

He said that they will have to complete training online and turn in a certificate of completion to the town of Norwood by Jan. 31.

Hopcroft also said a new law coming into effect on Jan. 7 will require everything that is transcribed in PBCC meetings and written in email conversations about the committee’s work to become property of official files.

“One of the key elements of that is we’ve got to maintain copies of emails in official records that relate to the work [of the committee],” he said.

A PBCC member said according to the Open Meeting Law, any type of meeting held by a subcommittee is open to the public.

“They also clarified that

the work of any subcommittees is a public meeting as defined by the law, even if there is no forum,” he said.

Hopcroft went on to update the committee on the status of a safety harness system for the roof of the Department of Public Works yard. He said it did not receive any bids, but will be rebid again.

Hopcroft said people being in danger of falling from the roof without access to the safety harness system should be the primary concern. However, one PBCC member said that only qualified employees should do work on the roof.

“Once you punch a hole in the roof and you aren’t qualified to do so, that negates the warranty,” he said.

Although PBCC did not have an update report for the Chapel of St. Gabriel at the previous meeting, Hopcroft said he was told that the building was inspected from a lift on Dec. 7 to evaluate the building’s stonework and vaults.

Lastly on the agenda, Hopcroft announced that the PBCC plans to meet with Norwood’s Historical Commission in January to discuss the restoration of the Chapel of St. Gabriel.

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Police chief impressed with criminal justice program

Christopher Roberson
Staff Reporter

Based on his recent meeting with students from the Blue Hills Regional Technical School, Police Chief William Brooks told the Board of Selectmen that he was quite impressed with the school's fledgling criminal justice curriculum.

"It's a remarkable idea, I plead ignorance, I wasn't aware of it," he said during the board's Jan. 3 meeting, adding that this is the second year Blue Hills has offered the classes.

Brooks also said he was equally impressed with the students' enthusiasm.

"I found them to be very bright, very intelligent," he said.

According to the school's Program of Studies, Blue Hills currently offers two courses, Criminal Justice I and Criminal Justice II.

Some of the employment opportunities available to graduates include careers as 911 telecommunication dispatchers, private investigators, correctional officers and crime scene investigators.

Regarding the opioid crisis, Brooks said there were 47 overdoses in 2016, up from 41 overdoses in 2015.

"The overdoses have gotten more problematic," he said.

Brooks also spoke briefly about a particular situation in which a person had overdosed on fentanyl.

"It took six doses of Narcan to bring that person back around," he said.

In addition, Brooks said there were three overdose fatalities in 2016, which is down from the eight overdose fatalities in 2015. However, Brooks assured the board that every police officer in Massachusetts is certified in First Responder training and that all of his officers carry defibrillators and two doses of Narcan.

According to Brooks' traf-

fic report, there were 211 citation offenses issued from Nov. 29 to Dec. 27, 2016. Within that figure, there were 72 speeding citations, 34 citations for failing to stop/yield and 21 traffic light citations.

There were also 109 arrest and complaint offenses. They included 10 incidents of suspects leaving the scene of property damage, seven protective custody incidents and six incidents of larceny in excess of \$250.

On a lighter note, Brooks said that on Dec. 23, Officer James Mahoney escorted Santa Claus along Washington Street between South Norwood and the Town Common, visiting different businesses.

"Many children had their photo taken with Santa," he said. "We hope to make this an annual event in part to help attract last minute shoppers to local businesses."

In other news, Assistant Town Manager Bernie Cooper said the town received a \$317,000 grant from the Department of Energy to replace all of Norwood's street lights with LED lights.

Although the capital cost is projected at \$800,000, Cooper said the new lights would yield a savings of \$150,000 per year.

Going forward, Selectman William Plasko said he will be working with Town Counsel Brendan Moss and Impact Norwood to stop recreational marijuana establishments from opening in town.

"There's a lot of ambiguity in the law," he said.

The board also approved a change in ownership for the Residence Inn, located at 275 Norwood Park South.

The hotel's manager Justin Presnoe said the Residence Inn was purchased in November 2016 by Stonebridge Companies and also has locations in Watertown and Framingham.

Selectman Paul Bishop said asked if there would be any major changes under the

new management.

However, Presnoe assured him that only minor alterations are planned.

"There are some internal changes that will be made," he said.

The selectmen also extended their condolences to the family of retired Judge George Sullivan, who passed away on Dec. 30, 2016.

After graduating from Walpole High School, he went onto to play football for the University of Notre Dame as the team's starting right tackle. In addition, the Fighting Irish won three national titles during Sullivan's tenure. He also played one season of professional football for the Boston Yanks, the precursor to the New England Patriots.

Following his time as a football player, Sullivan returned to Notre Dame to earn his law degree and later opened a law practice in Norwood. Sullivan then went on to be a state senator for two terms and was appointed as a district court judge in 1965.

Correction: In the Dec. 29 issue of the Norwood Record, the story regarding the ZBA stated incorrectly that the Town's zoning laws require a building width of 250 feet. It is in fact the lot size that requires that width.

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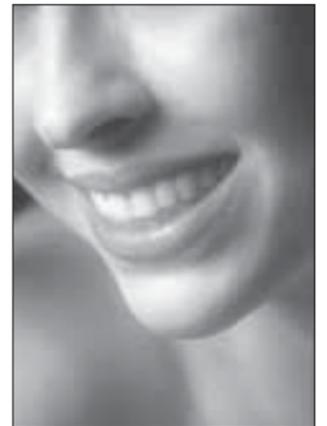
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OPINION

The fight must continue

Two weeks ago, in this very space, The Norwood Record opined that although the decision by the state regarding the application by the Marcus Davis Partners to build affordable housing up on Forbes Hill went against the Town, that it wasn't the end of the world and that Norwood would find a way to make it all happen in a reasonable fashion. And we still believe this. However, in no way did we mean to suggest or imply that officials should lay down their arms and drop the appeals process available to them. To do so would be, in this newspaper's opinion, reason enough to seek the removal of every Selectman on the board.

The logic is simple. They can't have it both ways. By rejecting all available outside resources to them in the form of residents' offerings to help, some even using their own money and voluntarily dedicating their personal real estate to make the percentages work in the Town's favor, Selectmen have unequivocally stated they know best. And to date, that opinion has Norwood on the precipice of a failure the likes of which it has never been subjected to before, and Selectmen are the sole architects of the Town's defenses.

Were the findings of Selectmen and their dream team of experts wrong? From the state's perspective the answer is yes. Now, it would be reasonable to argue that regardless of the numbers used in its defense, the state

would have found a way to deny the Town's appeal. The state of Massachusetts wants more affordable housing, and they don't give a damn about the wellbeing of a town like Norwood. Also, the fact that Norwood came so close to being at the 1.5 percent number, failing by .03 percent, says two things.

First, Norwood's case was pretty strong, otherwise the state would have denied the appeal by more than the 0.3 percent. It's almost like they were rubbing this Town's face in it. Second, it means another appeal, presumably to a more unbiased and objective body, would find in Norwood's favor if, in fact, the odds were stacked against them through the earlier processes. However, all of this is moot if Selectmen were to decide there is no fight left in the dog.

The Zoning Board of Appeals is the next venue for Marcus Davis to request once again the necessary variances to build on Forbes Hill on January 17. Presumably, the ZBA did their own analysis of Norwood's defense and denied Marcus Davis the first time based on the evidence, and not just because Selectmen told them to. Residents would like to think that the ZBA, though not an elected body and serving only at the pleasure of the Board of Selectmen, is working solely in the best interests of the

Town and not simply carrying out Selectmen's bidding. If this is the case, it would be difficult to believe they would grant the variances based on one decision by an obviously biased state bureaucratic board, and not stand strong by their earlier convictions and want to continue the fight.

There is speculation on the street that the decision has already been made to drop the appeals process. If this is the case, then the residents of Norwood are due serious explanations from both the ZBA and Selectmen as to their rationale. And it's not enough for one Selectman to make a few comments during his personal agenda. There should be autonomous briefs written by both boards and signed by each member indicating that each stands by the decision to surrender. No one person should be able to hide within the anonymity of the group.

Should absolution be granted to Selectmen should appeals be sought? Maybe. It would be dependent on how the defenses are prepared and whether or not they continue their clandestine way of doing things. They will argue the process has been anything but clandestine, but the public knows otherwise. Too many decisions have been made behind closed doors and without public input. It is time for that to end or this Board of Selectmen will go down in history as "The Infamous Five," having allowed the face of Norwood to be changed forever.

Letters to the Editor

PENTOWSKI TO SEEK SELECTMAN SEAT

To the Editor:

Citizens of Norwood, the 40B fix is in. You can obtain a front row seat if you attend the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing on Jan. 17th at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Let's hope NPA has no "technical difficulties" for that broadcast. My crystal ball says the ZBA will throw in the 40B towel, and our Board of Selectmen will then hoist the 40B white flag of surrender in a soon to follow BOS meeting. We will have three 40Bs to kick off the New Year with no legal fight at all.

Norwood is about to forever change. There are a few things to think about as these events unfold. Who appoints the ZBA members? The BOS does. Whose game plan are we using to fight the 40Bs? Our Town Manager's "homegrown" flavor was chosen. Why does Town Counsel refuse to use real experts? They preferred to create one using our Town Engineer who has no credentials. They also refused legal expertise many times. Who refused to work with the public throughout the entire process? Our BOS did that. Who promised this town a "winnable case in court"? All of them did. Who spent more money, the Town of Norwood or the citizens fighting the 40Bs? The citizens did!

Do not allow the ZBA and the BOS to do this to our Town. This fight CAN still be won. Go to that ZBA hearing. Tell the ZBA to fight for us. It is their duty. Tell the Board of Selectmen to do their job or step aside and resign. There are plenty of good people in Norwood who are willing and able to lead this Town. A look back at the last few Selectmen's races shows just that. Do you think we would still be in this mess if I was on the BOS? Do you think John Carroll would still be our Town Manager if I won my race in 2014? Tell the Board of Selectmen to continue this 40B fight, and let the people make their decision next April 3! Love of Town can still win the day.

Due to the current events, I am announcing my intention to run for Selectman earlier than I planned. That is what's called proactive behavior for our BOS members who cannot understand that notion. The people now know they have a choice coming in April. I will fight for Norwood. I will end the monkey business going on here in Town. I am the candidate our BOS has created. I promise this Town that Norwood's 40B fight can be won despite the damage done by our BOS during "executive sessions." I have no intention of working with any aspect of our Town Manager's "homegrown" 40B defense disaster. It is time to part ways with our Town Manager. That is what I pledge to do. Those who know me best know that my word is good, and I keep my promises. That is because of how I was raised by my wonderful parents, Jackie and Mitch. I will remind the public of the specific details and facts that have taken place over these past several years. Norwood will finally get the truth on 40B/40R events, including the real land data of our town. Norwood will understand things crystal clear this April before they cast a vote. All my efforts will be made to educate the voters. Truth is indeed stranger than fiction here in Norwood.

There are others who understand what is really going on here in Town. I hope they choose to join me and fight for our Town. I'm not the only one who loves this Town. If our BOS does not give up on Norwood before April 3, we will get Norwood Pride back soon enough. Let the people make this 40B decision! I will remind the public of Mr. Plasko's comment that, "it isn't us against them" made by him many times. To date, that is exactly all it has been. I will change that.

To The Board of Selectmen who will soon decide our 40B fate I make this suggestion. Perhaps you should draft a letter of dis-invite to the entire town, banning all residents from Town Hall. Then things would finally be out in the open.

Kevin Pentowski
Norwood

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George Kornack, owner of Kraw Kornack Funeral Home, played minor league baseball for affiliate teams of the Boston Braves.

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Kornack recalls baseball, military

**Jeff Sullivan
Christopher Roberson**
Staff Reporters

Before joining the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home on Washington Street, George Kornack played baseball for the minor league affiliates of the Boston Braves and earned a Purple Heart after being wounded in the Korean War.

"I was born in Detroit, Mich., then I grew up in Chelsea and I got married," he said. "I've lived in Dedham and Norwood since then, and now I live in Walpole."

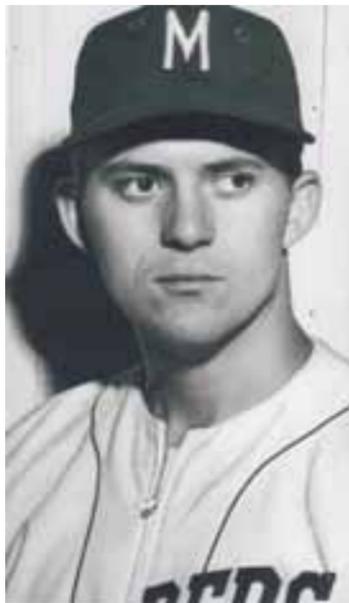
Kornack said he's seen some great and terrible things in his life, but still loves to come back to Norwood.

"My wife's family, they owned the funeral home here," he said. "I got married in 1957 and I've been in Norwood ever since. I was in pricing management then; I used to spend millions of dollars for these companies."

Kornack said it was a family tragedy that got him into his current business.

"My brother-in-law passed away, and I came into this business and I've been in the funeral business for 45 years," he said. "I'm 86 now, but I don't feel it."

Kornack said his baseball career began as a pitcher for Chelsea High School. At the



George Kornack during his days with the Modesto Reds, a minor league affiliate at the time of the Boston Braves.

Kornack

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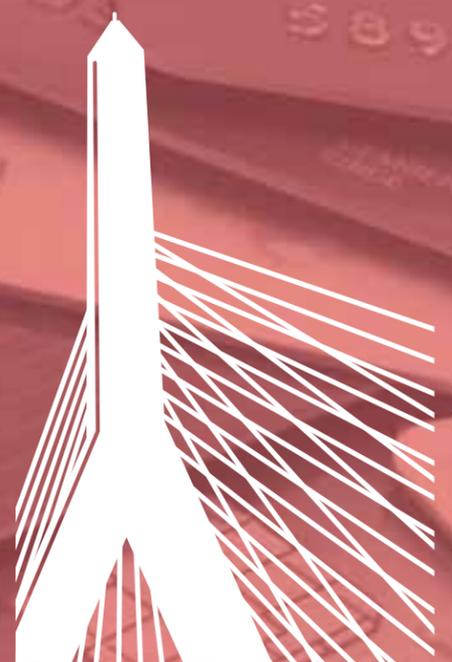
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George Kornack and the 1952 Eau Claire Bears, a minor league affiliate at the time of the Boston Braves.

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age of 15, he was chosen to pitch against Lowell, a powerhouse in high school baseball at the time.

Following high school, Kornack joined the Army and was sent to Korea to serve. He also continued to play baseball during his time in the service.

"I went into Korea on Jan. 7, 1951," he said. "I was shot and I went back and played baseball for another two or three years."

During the war, Kornack said he lost 50 pounds and took a bullet when his vehicle was attacked by a machine gunner. Kornack also said he remembered it being exceptionally cold that day.

"It was so cold that the blood coagulated and froze," he said.

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—B.D.

Things did not get any easier, as Kornack's life was continually in danger.

"I almost got killed four more times," he said.

After the war, Kornack began practicing with the Boston Braves, who ultimately offered him a contract. However, he had also received an offer to sign with the Philadelphia Phillies.

After mulling it over, Kornack decided to sign with the Braves and was assigned to the club's minor league circuit.

"In those days, we didn't make any money," he said. "When you signed a contract, you were a slave."

Transportation was also a bit different, even for travel across multiple states.

"We used to travel in two Chrysler limousines," said Kornack.

From 1950 to 1953, Kornack was "bounced around" between four minor league teams: the Owensboro Oilers in Kentucky, the Eau Claire Bears in Wisconsin, the Hagerstown Braves in Maryland and the Modesto Reds in California.

During that time, Kornack played alongside players such as Wes Covington, Johnny Goryl, Bob Roselli, Don McMahon and one-time home run king Hank Aaron.

"He was a skinny kid, but he was quite an athlete," Kornack said of Aaron, whose 755 career home runs trail only Barry Bonds (762).

Kornack said he and Aaron are also in a picture that hangs in the Baseball Hall of Fame. However, unlike Aaron, Kornack was never called up to play in the major leagues.

"I didn't make the majors. I wasn't in the right place at the right time," he said.

Yet, he said there were still a number of parallels between the major and minor leagues.

"It's a challenge, everyone is looking at you, you hear everything," he said of a typical game, adding that he also dealt with his share of hecklers.

In addition, Kornack observed the Braves' cross-town rivalry with the Boston Red Sox.

"It was competitive — there were a lot of Braves fans," he said.

Although he left the minor leagues at the age of 23, Kornack said that was considered "old" at the time and that no one ever played until they were 35 or 40 years old.

The Braves played in Boston from 1871 to 1952 and in Milwaukee from 1953 to 1966, before moving to Georgia where they became — and still are — the Atlanta Braves.

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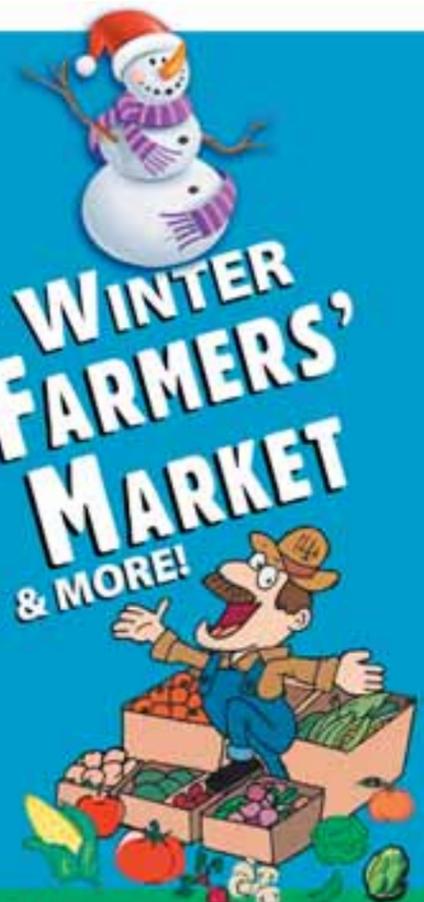
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Changes to Endicott Woods coming, though ZBA disagrees on how

40B hearing coming Jan. 17

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The developers for the 112-unit town house development known as Endicott Woods came before the Norwood Zoning Board of Appeals on Tuesday to request what they called a minor modification to the project.

The modification for Endicott Woods was that the developers wanted to take two buildings of 12 units a piece and split them into four six-unit buildings, which would not change the unit count or, according to the project's legal representative David Hern Jr., much else to the project.

"There's no increase in the number of units, no increase in the traffic and no significant increase in any lot coverage," he said. "The idea behind the proposed change is to basically take these buildings and pull them apart at the midpoint so that 12 units become six and six."

Representative for the development company, Paul Soughley, said the change could increase the value of the property.

"We'll just end up with four more end units, which will make them more desirable," he said. "Also, a 12-unit building could probably take us a year to build, where we can build a six-unit building in six or seven months."

ZBA Chair Philip Riley said

though he sees no problem with the proposed change, due to legal advice from Town Counsel David DeLuca, the board may not be able to give approval of a minor modification.

"It probably makes the project more attractive and as a matter of substance, I don't see any problem with the result they seek to achieve," he said. "I think the problem is how we get there. I think it's in everybody's interest, including the applicants, that we get there in the right way."

Riley said that DeLuca advised the board that the change of creating technically two more buildings in the project would constitute a major change – legally speaking – and could open the proponents and the town up to litigation down the road. Riley said if this was not considered a minor modification, then they would have to have an advertised public hearing regarding the change.

The rest of the board said they did not feel it was a major modification, but Riley pointed out that after researching the case files in the town's archive, there is actually little there to define what the difference is between a major and minor modification.

"I don't think it is, actually," said ZBA member and architect by trade John Perry. "We've done a lot of housing projects I would rather see them split and I don't see it as a major change, I actually think it's an improvement."

Hern said he also believes this to be a minor modification. "I do think the board has the authority to grant minor modifications, otherwise you could have many projects that get bogged down with full-blown hearings every time somebody wants to make a small change in the project."

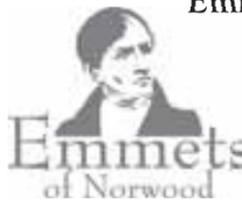
Riley advised Hern and Soughley to meet with DeLuca to see if they could hash out the details. The result of that meeting will be discussed at the

ZBA meeting on Jan. 17 at 7 p.m.

In other news, the ZBA has scheduled a hearing for Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. to rehear the Forbes Hill development, a 300-unit project that the Massachusetts Housing Appeals Committee ruled to be applicable under the 40B law. Norwood has been fighting this project for more

than a year on the basis that it already has the required 1.5 percent of land dedicated to affordable housing – which is a requirement of the 40B law – but the HAC ruled that Norwood in fact has 1.472 percent dedicated. Members of the ZBA said they could give no comment on the upcoming hearing at this time.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will reopen the **PUBLIC HEARING** in **Memorial Hall located in the Norwood Town Hall on January 17, 2017 at 7:30 PM** on the request of Trumbull Center Limited Partnership and Fairfield Mortgage Partners Limited Partnership (Tenancy in Common) c/o Davis Marcus Partners (**Case #15-21**) with respect to property located on **Upland Road, (Route 1A)**, in a **LM-Limited Manufacturing District**.

The application requests:

This Application requests a Comprehensive Permit pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40B, Section 20 through 23, as amended, to allow the construction of 300 units of multifamily housing a clubhouse/pool building, 88 attached garage parking spaces and 40 detached garage parking spaces on approximately 21.02 acres of land on Upland Road.

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

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John P. Galvani Named New President/CEO of Norwood Bank

On December 8, 2016, the Norwood Bank Board voted to appoint **John P. Galvani** Senior Vice President/Senior Lending Officer as the new President and CEO of Norwood Bank.

Galvani joined Norwood Bank in April 2005 as Senior Vice President/Senior Lending Officer overseeing Commercial, Construction and Residential lending. Prior to this Galvani has held several senior level positions at other Massachusetts banks including Community National Bank in Hudson as Chief Operating Officer and Citizens Bank as Regional President.

Norwood Bank Chair of the Board William G. Crowley said, "After an extensive executive search, John Galvani was the most qualified candidate to lead Norwood Bank into the future. Galvani's banking experience and knowledge will make for a smooth and successful transition forward."

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Becky

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donor and we have to move forward," she said. "Their 3-year-old son is everything to them; his family, our family, we're all pulling together."

Shapiro added that her sister is not someone who asks for help.

"She said 'I don't want every conversation to be about my kidney,' so it's hard for her to ask for help," she said. "It's hard for her to tell anyone she is suffering, just even the fact that she's allowing us to help her is a big deal."

Shapiro Owens currently lives and works in Norwood, and Shapiro said the family is from Norwood. On the website set up to find a donor, Shapiro Owens said she needs to be there for her son.

"Being a mom and wife is the most important thing in my life," she states. "Our 3-year-old son, Brayden, is a smart, energetic, active little person who is the center of our world. I need to be



Becky grew up in Norwood and works there now at the Norwood Home Depot. Her sister said her family is doing everything they can to help.

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healthy, strong and here to watch him continue to grow into the amazing man that our family knows he will be."

Shapiro said the goal is to get a new kidney for her sister before dialysis is required. Dialysis, while a life-saving procedure, is re-

ally a stop-gap measure. The process is long and arduous and can only do 10 percent of what a functioning kidney can do. It also has many side effects, such as anemia, infection, bone disease, nerve damage and heart disease.

Shapiro said though they are working to get a new kid-

ney before the dialysis is required, she doesn't feel that is likely at this point. She said despite this, she knows her sister is strong and will pull through.

Shapiro Owens will be undergoing the replacement process at the Brigham and Women's Hospital Trans-

plant Surgery Office. Shapiro said that anyone interested in getting tested for compatibility should contact the hospital at (617) 732-6866 or bwhkidneydonorinfo@partners.org.

"We're asking everyone we know to get tested," Shapiro said.

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for its overwhelming support of the Be a Santa to a Senior program this holiday season. Be a Santa to a Senior is a nationwide program that provides gifts and companionship to seniors who may otherwise not have a gift under the tree this Christmas or someone with whom to share the holiday. Since the program began in 2003, it has helped provide nearly 2 million gifts to more than 700,000 seniors, with the help of over 60,000 volunteers. In Norwood, members of the community generously donated hundreds of gifts for more than 350 area seniors through this year's program – all of which were wrapped and delivered by volunteers, just in time for holidays. Many of the gifts were for everyday needs such as socks, shirts, blankets and baby dolls, or a grocery store gift card.

We would like to especially thank our community partners who helped make this program possible, including Walpole Senior Center, Flowers and More, LA Fitness in Walpole, New Pond Village, Kindred Transitional Care and Rehabilitation/The Harrington House, Norwood Housing, The Norwood Senior Center, The Ellis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Cornerstone in Canton, Sophia Snow House in West Roxbury, Foley Senior Residents in Mattapan and volunteers from Need to Lead in Norwood and King Philip Regional High School in Wrentham.

Over the past several weeks, these organizations have brightened the holidays by bringing both gifts and companionship to seniors in need across the area. Our heartfelt thanks to all those who helped make this holiday season so special for our local seniors in need through Be a Santa to a Senior. To volunteer for next year's program or more information, visit BeaSantatoaSenior.com or call 781-352-4660.

Laurie Blake,

Home Instead Senior Care Norwood

NORWOOD HOSPITAL WAS WONDERFUL

To the Editor:

To anyone and everyone involved in my mother's care at Norwood Hospital, I'd like to give a huge thank you. Every single person involved, from check in, to transport, to the incredibly nice food service women who saw my sister crying in the hallway and hugged her, and then proceeded to send up a tray of food to our mom were wonderful.

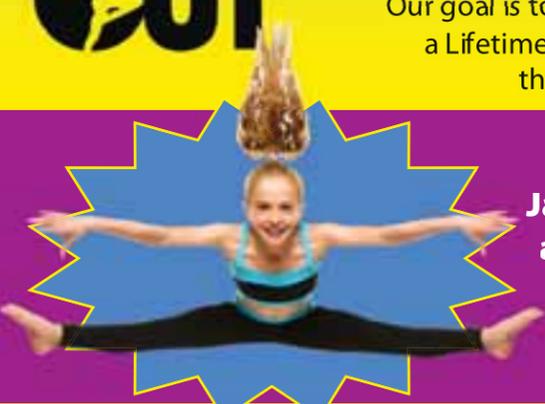
My mother was recently diagnosed with cancer. It was a quick few months before she passed away. Quick, but so very painful for her and her close family involved with her care. To give you a little background, my mother hated doctors. I wish I could sugar coat that, but truly that is sugar coating it! Apparently, she had very bad experiences when she was younger and took 30 years off!

To say it was challenging to get her to the doctors is an understatement. My brother, sister, father and I would all need to accompany her just to get her to go. Looking back, it was a great bonding experience. But to her surprise, every single person she came into contact with was unbelievably kind. Each and every person took all the time in the world with her. She, well us, probably asked far too many questions and took up far too much time, but we would never know. Again, all medical professionals and employees were so generous with their time and kindness.

I feel that Norwood Hospital sometimes gets a bad rap, and it's not fair! I had two children at Norwood Hospital - both wonderful experiences. My daughter had two ear surgeries there and we felt very comfortable and at ease in Norwood. For the right things at the right time, it's extraordinary care. I'd love to name names, but I honestly can't, every single person was thoughtful, sweet, kind, and caring. They treated a terminally ill woman as if she was a VIP. Everyone connected to Norwood Hospital is a godsend. My family and I cannot thank you all enough for making the absolute worst experience as good as it could possibly be. Again, our deepest gratitude on behalf of Sandra Callahan and the Callahan family.

Lynne Abbott

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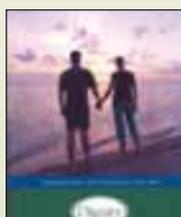
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Police seek credit card cloners

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Police Department stated recently that they are looking for a suspect in connection with a fraud case that occurred in November.

According to police, the suspect swiped two cloned credit cards at the Walgreens in Norwood, at 951 Boston Providence Highway. The suspect then bought several \$400 Amazon gift cards and other merchandise.

Police stated that he showed out-of-state identification, and that a clerk reported remembering a partial name of "Christian V." listed on the identification. Store employees reported that the suspect – a black male – was driving what looked like a 2016 Kia Optima.

The Norwood Police Department is asking that anyone with information regarding this case call Sgt. Timothy McDonagh at 781-762-1212.

The Norwood Police are also looking for two black male suspects from a similar event in which they used two cloned credit cards to buy merchandise, as well as several \$100 Sunoco gift cards, from the Sunoco at 515 Boston Provi-

dence Highway. That same night, the pair reportedly went to the Petco down the street and purchased several items of merchandise, as well as several \$200 gift cards.

The Norwood Police stated that the suspects may have a connection to the Fuller Street area in the Dorchester neighborhood in Boston, and may be related to a larger credit card skimming/cloning investigation in the Boston area.

Credit card cloning or skimming is a technique whereby someone obtains another person's credit card details and copies them onto a fake credit card. The practice involves the identity thief taking hold of the card only for a few seconds while they swipe it to a handheld reader to get the information. Sometimes, these readers can be so small they are attached to ATM machines or other legitimate credit card readers to get said information.

The smart chip credit cards, now being proliferated around the country, encrypt the information stored on the magnetic strip of the card, and are immune to this practice, but cloning has been growing in the last decade, and since 2010, more than \$6 billion has been lost to such practices.

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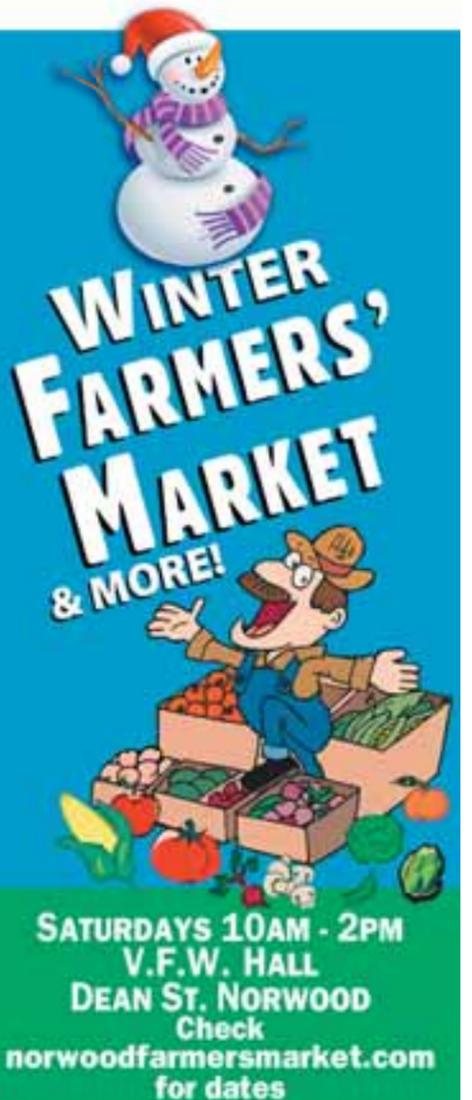
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ADWIN

Marcia K. (Dorney) died Dec. 24, 2016 while surrounded by her family after a short illness. Marcia was the loving daughter of the late Henry and Lucille (Knappenberger) Dorney and was born and raised in Allentown, Pa. She graduated from Parkland High School in 1967 and attended Shippensburg University where she studied early childhood education before starting a family. Marcia was always a very hard worker and was proud of her 30 year career with Friendly's Restaurants in Norwood, Mass., where she was a manager and regional training supervisor. After retiring at age 63, Marcia devoted her time to volunteering at the Bridge Center in Bridgewater. She found a new love of horses and continued spending time enjoying her long-time passions for camping, kayaking, traveling, and enjoying all types of music. She was a huge James Taylor fan and seeing him play at Fenway with her best friend and husband, Larry, was something she will always cherish. She had a deep love of the ocean and particularly enjoyed spending time at the beach with her family and grandchildren. Through her work and volunteering, she touched the lives of many. Her genuineness and huge heart shone through in everything she did. Marcia was the soul mate and loving wife of 25 years of Lawrence R. Adwin of Bridgewater. Devoted mother of Jonathan D. Sell and his wife Tiffani of Pennsylvania, Jennifer L. Sell-Knapp and her wife Kati of Brattleboro, Vt., and step-mother to Glenn L. Adwin and his wife Shayla of New Jersey. Proud grandmother of Carly, Jovi, Sadie, Emmett, Rosalie, and Donovan. Sister of Barry Dorney and his wife Bonnie, and the late Phillip Dorney. Visitation: Family and friends are cordially invited to a visitation period at the Prophett-Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 35 Spring St., EAST BRIDGEWATER, on Friday, Jan. 6 from 5 to 8 p.m. and a Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 7 at 11 a.m. Immediately following the service all are invited to The Bridge Center, 470 Pine St., Bridgewater for a Celebration of Marcia's Life. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to

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AHLVIN

Jeffrey W. Of Woonsocket, R.I., Dec. 24, 2016, age 36. Beloved husband of Kerry Papadoulos. Loving father of Isabella, Vivienne and William Ahlvin. Devoted son of Bill Ahlvin and the late Paula Ahlvin. Loving son in law of Eva Diakoyiannis. Loving brother of Kevin, Ken Ahlvin, Koreen Langstaff, Karen Newcomb, Kathy Millhouser and the late Kurt Ahlvin. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visiting hours were held on Monday at the May Funeral Home, 85 Nicholas St., NORWOOD. His funeral was at the Funeral Home.

ARMSTRONG

Gerald R. Of West Yarmouth, formerly of Walpole, Dec. 30, 2016, age 78. Beloved husband of Francesca M. (LaCamera) "Fran" Armstrong. Loving father of Brian J. Armstrong of Taunton and John R. Armstrong of West Yarmouth. Cherished grandfather of Hannah Armstrong. Brother of James Armstrong of Walpole. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend Jerry's Life Celebration on Thursday from 4-8 p.m. and Friday from 10-10:30 a.m. in the James H. Delaney & Son Funeral Home, 48 Common St., WALPOLE. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in Blessed Sacrament Church, 10

DEATHS

Diamond St., Walpole on Friday at 11 a.m. Interment will be private. U.S. Navy Veteran.

BILOTTA

Barbara Anne (Nolfi), 78, of Norwood and Falmouth, died peacefully at her home in Norwood surrounded by her family. She was the daughter of the late Rafaele (Ralph) and Eva (Dawson) Nolfi. Barbara was married to the love of her life, Frank M. Bilotta, Sr., for 57 years who was a retired Norwood school teacher and owner of the Eagle Shoe Repair. Barbara grew up in Dedham and was a graduate of Dedham High School class of 1955. She has made her home in Norwood for 57 years, and was a member of St. Catherine of Siena Church since moving to Norwood. She was an avid volunteer at St. Catherine's School for many years, a member of the Norwood Garden Club, member of Women's Sodality at St. Catherine's Church, member of the Norwood Son's of Italy Lodge #1235 and a member of the Wimbeldon Tennis Club. She also loved her time at Chapoquoit beach in Falmouth. Barbara is survived by her loving brother Robert Nolfi of Dedham and his wife Patricia. She was the sister of the late Doris (Nolfi) Tyler and Emmett Tyler, Ralph Nolfi, Jr. and Edward Nolfi. She is survived by her five children; Frank Jr. and his wife Joan (Spierdowis) of Medway, Diana Puleston and her husband Stephen of Rhode Island, Marie Gaetani and her husband David of Norwood, Linda Krasner and her husband Kurt of Norfolk and Nancy Scavotto and her husband Anthony of Norwood. Cherished grandmother of her 11 grandchildren, Joseph Gaetani, Anthony Gaetani, Frank Bilotta III, Julia Bilotta, Samantha Bilotta, Emily Puleston, Cameron Krasner, Cory Krasner, Michael, Alexandra and Anthony Scavotto. Great-grandmother of three beautiful great-grandchildren, Isabel and Madelyn Gaetani and Richard Angell III. Funeral was from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St.,

NORWOOD. A Funeral Mass was at St. Catherine of Siena Church Norwood. Burial was at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the Norwood Sons of Italy Lodge #1235 14 Endicott St. Norwood, MA. 02062. Kraw-KornackFuneralHome.com

JOHNSTON

Mary P (Keegan) of Norwood passed away on Dec. 27, 2016 at the age of 85. Beloved wife of the late Andrew G. Johnston. Devoted mother of Nancy M. Vaishnav and her husband Ken of Walpole, Mark A. Johnston and his wife Claudia of Duxbury, Christopher M. Johnston and his Renee of New York and the late Barbara M. Johnston. Sister of Joseph Keegan of Alabama and the late Dorothy and Cawley. Cherished grandmother of seven grandchildren. Daughter of the late Joseph and Hanora H. (Harrington) Keegan. Funeral was from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St., Norwood. A funeral mass was at St. Catherine of Siena Church Norwood. Burial was at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to National CFIDS Foundation 103 Aletha Rd., Needham, MA 02492 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

MAY

Marilyn A. (Chamberlain) Of Norwood, Jan 1. Beloved wife of the late Russell W. May and dear mother of Laurie Jo Ahern of Norwood, Lynda M. Gundlach, and her husband Todd, of Norwood, and the late Richard W. May. Loving grandmother of Derek and Kevin May, Robert and James Ahern, Hayley and Chelsey Gundlach, and April May. Proud great grandmother of John, Derek Jr., and Tayler May. Sister of the late Bruce R. Chamberlain. Visiting hours Tuesday 4-8 p.m. at the May Funeral Home, 85 Nichols St., NORWOOD. Her Funeral was Weds at the United Church of Norwood, 595 Washington St., Norwood. Interment was in Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Late Funeral Director and former Owner of May Funeral Home.

O'NEIL

Patricia (Chard) Age 89, of Norwood, died peacefully on Dec. 30, 2016 with her family at her bedside. Daughter of the late Richard and Eileen (Cahill) Chard and sister of the late Eileen Harper and Marilyn Chard, Patricia grew up in Milford, Mass. She was among the first women graduates of Boston College as a member of the Class of 1952. Patricia was a Registered Nurse practicing and teaching at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton where she met the love of her life -

Obituary policy

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Jim. Married in 1955, Patricia and Jim moved to Norwood where they raised six children. A devout Catholic, Patricia was very active at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Norwood where she was a daily communicant, Lector, taught CCD, and was a Eucharistic Minister for many years.

Patricia is survived by her loving husband of 61 years James E. O'Neil, M.D. In addition, Patricia is survived by her children: Patricia, of Norwood, James and his wife Nancy, of Walpole, Richard, Ellen of Norwood, Vincent of Cranston, R.I., and Gregory and his wife Maureen of Bridgewater, N.J. As "Grandmum", she leaves Christy, Kari, Torie, Connor, and Kyle. As "Aunt Pat", she leaves many nieces and nephews. Pat had many great friends that brought her much joy. Funeral was Wednesday, Jan. 4 from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (Rt. 1A), NORWOOD. A Mass of Christian Burial was in St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood Interment was at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Expressions of sympathy may be made in memory of Patricia to St. Catherine of Siena Church, 547 Washington St., Norwood MA 02062.

SULLIVAN

George A., Jr. Of Norwood, Dec. 30, 2016. Beloved husband of the late Patricia (McGrane) Sullivan. Father of 10. Retired Trial Court Judge and State Senator. Visiting hours were Wednesday at the James H. Delaney & Son Funeral Home, WALPOLE.

TOPPING

Paul R., 73, a 50-year resident of Norwood, lost his battle with cancer, Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2016 at his home, surrounded by his family. Born on Dec. 19, 1943, he was the son of Thomas Ernest and Winifred Margaret (Davin) Topping. Paul was raised in West Roxbury and Roslindale and graduated from Roslindale High School. He worked for Roche Bros. for 20 years before opening Hillside Supermarkets with his longtime partners, William Kelly and Alfred DeFranco, in 1978. Upon the stores' closings in 1983, Mr. Topping managed and developed commercial real estate in Dorchester and Roslindale. Beloved husband of 51 years to Linda J. (DiRoma) Topping; devoted father of Pamela T. O'Neill and her husband Jeffrey of Westwood, Andrea M. Doucette and her husband Dennis of Norwood, Paul J. Topping and his partner David Miller of Kirkland, Wash.; loving brother of Susan Abate and her husband Anthony of Walpole, Thomas Topping and his wife Judith of Mexico; proud grandfather of Jamison M., Christian C., Ethan P. O'Neill, Jacob R. and Madison M. Doucette. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly. Funeral services was held Tuesday, Jan. 3 from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rte. 1A), NORWOOD. A Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Timothy Church, 650 Nichols Street, Norwood. Visitation was held Monday, Jan. 2 at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Paul R. Topping may be made to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center at www.bidmc.org/giving or by check made payable to "Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center" with "Paul R. Topping/ Robotics Course Support Fund" on the memo line and mailed to: Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Office of Development, 330 Brookline Ave - OV, Boston, MA 02215. Gillooly Funeral Home

Birth Announcement

Christopher Roberson and his wife Lisa Roberson of Wakefield, announce the birth of their son, Nicholas Arthur Roberson born, 9 pounds 8 ounces, at 8:45 a.m. on Dec. 16, 2016 at Winchester Hospital.

Grandparents are Diane Cushing of Woburn, Cynthia Roberson of Woodstock, Connecticut and Dale Roberson of Ellington, Connecticut

Christopher Roberson is a reporter for the Norwood Record and this is his first child.

Sports

Norwood wins season series vs. Mansfield, puts scare into Walpole to close out '16

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Norwood has reached the quarter pole of the 2016-17 season, and the Mustangs are earning passing marks in more ways than one.

Not that first-year Norwood head coach Chuck Allen is particularly happy with a 4-2 loss vs. Walpole on New Year's Eve, but he is happy with the way his team felt after the game.

"They're upset right now," Allen said. "Last year, they'd be excited because it was close. They want to win, and that's why you play the game."

At 2-2-1 through five games, the Mustangs have already assured they'll have two more wins in the bank than they had all of last season.

But Allen won't be content stopping there, even if the two goals Norwood potted on Saturday were the

first two allowed by the Rebels (6-0-0) all season.

"We're 2-2-1, I don't think anyone thought we would be, but we are," Allen said. "I'm never satisfied as a coach. Good game here today, Walpole's a good team."

The Rebels outshot the Mustangs 35-16 – Norwood had just two shots on goal in the second period – but made each count.

Trailing 3-0 on the heels of a Walpole power play goal at 7:06 of the second, Sean Munro broke free and accomplished what no high school player in the state had yet accomplished this season: beat Rebels netminder James Corcoran.

Kyle McCue pulled Norwood within one at 12:24 of the second, doubling Corcoran's goals against for the season.

But Walpole – which is



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One more win, and Norwood can match its total from the last two seasons combined. Above, the team celebrates Sean Munro's go-ahead goal vs. Mansfield on Dec. 28. Munro has accounted for 30 percent of Norwood's offense - he has three of the team's 10 goals thus far.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

Offensive woes continue, Mustangs fall to 1-4-1



Janelle Kelleher makes one of her 36 saves vs. Walpole last Saturday to close out calendar year 2016, a year in which the Mustangs have excelled keeping pucks out of their own net, but struggled to put them in others.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Norwood Girls Hockey vs. Walpole Dec. 31 By Jake Levin

Goal scoring remains an issue for the Mustangs, who fell 2-1 to Walpole on Saturday to close out calendar year 2016.

Goal prevention, on the other hand, remains a strength for Norwood, as Janelle Kelleher has given up just 13 goals through six games for a tidy 2.17 goals against average.

But the Mustangs (1-4-1) will have to find answers in the attacking zone – and soon – if they want to avoid letting the season slip away.

"We're a two-goal team," Norwood head coach Tim Coskren lamented after the

game. "We give the other team two goals and then try to catch them."

Kelleher made 36 saves on 38 shots vs. the Rebels, but still the Mustangs trailed 2-0 in the middle of the third period before Emily Cataldo could finally solve Walpole netminder Frankie Bonanno for their first score of the game.

Norwood managed 14 shots on goal for the contest.

"We're in these games, we just don't have much offense," Coskren said. "Janelle has come up big every game. We're just waiting for our breaks. It's pretty tough when all the goalies on the other team are good as well."

Coskren recently shifted

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Norwood slow to adjust sans Reen



Kaylin Reen, Meg's younger sister, has a reputation as a lethal 3-point shooter around the Bay State Conference. She'll be asked to do all that and then some in Meg's absence.

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Norwood Girls Basketball vs. Wellesley By Jake Levin

Norwood was dealt a brutal reality check on Tuesday night in a 47-28 home loss to the Wellesley Raiders.

There's no shame in losing to Wellesley, a team which is perennially among the stronger teams in the Bay State Conference.

But for the Mustangs (2-2), Tuesday night marked the beginning of life without star point guard Meghan Reen, who is out for the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL).

"I was really proud of my

girls tonight, I don't think anyone really gave us a chance and they just came out and they fought and they fought," Norwood head coach Amy Lepley said after the game. "Obviously Wellesley is a great team, and we knew that going in. But it's an adjustment without Meg and it's going to be a little bit of an adjustment for a couple of weeks."

The injury occurred in the second quarter of the Mustangs' 43-39 win over Notre Dame Academy (Hingham) on Dec. 22. Reen left the game and did not return, but there was initial optimism the 13-day layoff be-

tween the game vs. the Cougars and Tuesday night vs. the Raiders would be enough to recover.

Unfortunately, that was not that case.

"The girls have really responded the last couple of weeks at practice," Lepley said.

Reen's presence – or lack thereof – was felt almost immediately for Norwood against Wellesley. The Mustangs led 8-5 after the first quarter, but would go the entire second quarter without scoring a single point (0-for-11 from the floor).

A pair of Kaylin Reen free throws with about three and a

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the top two lines for the Mustangs, a seismic shift which took captain Coley Hayes – Norwood's lone senior – from the top line to the Mustangs' top defensive pairing.

"We changed the lines a little bit," Coskren said. "We had the defense playing a little more aggressively than we have in the past, too. I think our defense was holding back a little bit. I think we're giving the other teams a little more respect than they deserve. We were a little bit nervous on D, backing out of the zone too early."

"Today, I think we did a better job of keeping the puck in; we did have that four-minute power play in the second period. That was probably the most intensity our team has played with this year."

Norwood scored just one goal over two games at the Walsh Tournament in Canton last week, falling 2-1 to Westwood in the opening round and suffering a 2-0 blanking vs. Dedham in consolation play.

For the season, the Mustangs have scored 12

goals in six games. Eight of those goals came at once vs. Shawsheen Tech, a banner day for the Norwood offense which saw tallies from eight different skaters and points for 13 Mustangs.

Despite the slow start, Coskren said the vibe in the locker room remains positive, with the girls aware they have been competitive in every game.

Norwood's four losses have come by a combined seven goals, and only one has been by more than two goals (Dec. 16 vs. Braintree, 4-1).

"Their morale is great," Coskren said. "They're not getting down at all. They didn't mind the changes in the lineup."

"We've got a tough week next week as well. We're moving on the right track."

The Mustangs faced the Wellesley Raiders yesterday afternoon, in an event held after the Record's deadline. Today, Norwood travels to Quincy to take on the Fontbonne Academy Ducks at Shea Rink at 4 p.m. in a non-league matchup.

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Mustangs earn bronze in Milford

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Norwood High earned a split at its first appearance in the Milford Holiday Tournament, falling to the Waltham Hawks but defeating the Tantasqua Warriors in consolation play to finish in third place.

"They were both back and forth games," Mustangs head coach JJ Oliver said after the tournament hosted by the Milford Scarlet Hawks. "We'd win a quarter, they'd win a quarter, we'd win a quarter, they'd win a quarter."

Norwood (2-2) fell to Waltham, 75-69, in opening round play, but knocked off Tantasqua (a regional high school located in

Fiskdale, Massachusetts), 59-57.

Seniors Richie Watson and Mike James shouldered the scoring load for the Mustangs in the tournament, with Watson going off for 25 points, five rebounds and four steals vs. Waltham and 16 points (on five 3-pointers) vs. Tantasqua.

James had 17 points (on 6 for 13 shooting) vs. Waltham and reached the 20-point threshold vs. Tantasqua.

Oliver said he has no complaints with the Watson-James tandem, or with any aspect of Norwood's scoring totals. But he did add he'd like to see the offense diversified a bit – without sacrificing the outputs of Watson or James.

"Richie and Mike are doing the bulk of the scoring," Oliver said. "What I'd like to do is get to the point of them scoring just as much, but getting other guys involved as well."

Junior Jason Ortega, who had 10 points and nine rebounds vs. Tantasqua, is one player Oliver mentioned wanting to get more involved, as well as senior sharpshooter Ricky Meehan.

Oliver said he'd like to see Watson and James "taking fewer shots – those tough shots – and instead penetrating and dishing off to Jason, or penetrating and a kick out to Ricky Meehan and get them a little bit more involved and hope-

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Mike James handles the ball in last week's third place game between Norwood and Tantasqua, a seldom-seen Central Mass. opponent, at the Milford Tournament. James had a team-high 20 points in the win.

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Sophomore defenseman Aidan Reardon, wearing No. 8, awaits the puck off a draw in the attacking zone for Norwood in last Wednesday's 2-1 win over the Mansfield Hornets.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

tops among 54 Division 1 teams in goals for (33), goals against (2) and goal differential (plus-41) – survived, receiving an insurance empty netter in the final minute of regulation courtesy of Tyler Page.

“We had a chance,” Allen said. “[Down] 3-2, pull the goalie, bad bounce...not saying we were going to win, but the kids played hard.

“We gave them a little scare. They’re a good team. They’re a very skilled team.”

While Allen is pleased that his team isn’t pleased with the result, he was able to pinpoint several areas of the ice Norwood needs to improve upon going forward.

“You’ve got to be moving your feet,” he said. “A lot of times we were standing around, our second guy wasn’t there on the fore check. We have to put everything on the net against a team like this. Even when we had that power play at the end, [the puck] was on the perimeter the whole time.”

The game was Allen’s first rendezvous in the Norwood-Walpole rivalry, but emphasized the importance of treating the game just like the other 19 on the schedule.

“High school rivalries are great, but you’ve got to be even-keeled for every game,” he said. “If you get too up, sometimes you try to do too much out there. We try to get them on an even playing field and get out there and treat every game the same.”

The Rebels and Mustangs will renew acquaintances on Saturday, Feb. 18 back at Rodman Arena; Norwood will be considered the home team in that instance.

The Mustangs were above .500 after last Wednesday’s 2-1 win over the Mansfield Hornets, completing a home-and-home series.

Norwood earned three of a possible four points from Mansfield, a new addition to the schedule this season.

Mustangs Athletic Director Jon Longley dropped Hingham, Pope Francis and Duxbury from its nonleague schedule this season, keeping Brockton but adding the two games vs. Mansfield and a game vs. King Philip in February.

The move has already paid dividends, with Norwood outscoring the Hornets 5-4 over the two games. Compare that with the Mustangs’ first two nonleague games vs. Hingham and Pope Francis last season – when each squad was selected for the Super Eight – and Norwood was outscored 17-0 over the two games.

Munro also scored vs. Mansfield; the junior has a team-high three goals on the

season. Charlie Gover, who assisted on Munro’s tally, scored the game-winner at 1:53 of the third period after the Hornets had tied the game in the second.

Gover opted to shoot the puck himself rather than dish to Will Godfredo, who trailed behind Gover slightly on the right wing.

Through five games, the Mustangs have 10 goals. They didn’t reach that number until game No. 9 last season, a year in which they scored only 19 total goals.

Norwood played at Wellesley last night, in an event held after the Record’s deadline. They will travel to Natick (2-1-2) on Saturday night at 7:20 p.m. at Chase Arena, and host Weymouth at Bajko next Wednesday at 4 p.m.

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Meg Reen remains all smiles, but her team no question misses her talent and leadership on the floor. The senior averaged at least 15 points per game in her first three full seasons.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

half minutes left in the third finally ended the scoring drought, and Krista Bradley knocked down a 3 about 20 seconds later to get Norwood within seven, a 20-13 deficit.

Wellesley responded with a 13-0 run that stretched into the fourth quarter, effectively ending the game.

“We had really good shots and I think we should have been right there with them at half-time,” Lepley said. “I think they were just so shocked that they were wide open that they got a little bit nervous. But that’s something we’re going to work on, just finishing a little bit stronger.”

In Meghan Reen’s absence, Meg Giambanco and Krista Bradley led the Mustangs in scoring, with seven points apiece.

“Other kids have to step up and they have to want to score, and those kids probably haven’t been our leading scorers in the past,” Lepley said. “Kaylin Reen obviously has stepped in to our point guard role very unselfishly and just does whatever I ask of her. So that’s going to be an adjustment for her. We’re trying to get the younger kids up there so we can throw them in there.”

Norwood held the Raiders to 25 percent shooting (6-for-24) in the first half, but allowed them to shoot a robust 57 percent (13-for-23) in the second.

The Mustangs travel to Natick on Friday at 6:30 p.m. for another Herget tussle with the Redhawks, and host Weymouth in a Bay State cross-over game on Tuesday night, also at 6:30 p.m.

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fully have a little more efficiency with the offense.”

The Mustangs are averaging 62.8 points per game – a number Oliver is content with – good enough for fourth in the Bay State Conference early on, and tops in the Herget Division.

“We are scoring,” Oliver concluded. “I just want a little more efficiency on offense. And I think that comes from getting a little more production from Jason and Ricky while hopefully Mike and Richie have the same point totals, just on fewer shots.”

This was Norwood’s first foray in the Milford Tournament after sitting out holiday vacation tournaments the last several seasons.

Oliver noted that the Mustangs used to partake in a tournament in Rockland, but that predates anyone on the current roster.

“It’s something I was familiar with, but none of the guys had done it,” he said. “I think they responded pretty well. As a coach, I’m always worried about them doing something that’s out of their

regular routine.

“I think they did do well. I think they were prepared for both games, mentally and physically. It was a cool experience, we would definitely do it again I think.”

The tournament, which had representatives from the Bay State Conference in Norwood, the Hockomock League (Milford), Dual County League (Waltham) and South Worcester County League (Tantasqua) was won by the Scarlet Hawks in a 59-46 decision last Thursday.

Results vs. Wellesley pending.

Norwood will travel to Natick on Friday night at 6:30 p.m. for a match-up with the Redhawks.

Additionally, the Mustangs will host Archbishop Williams on Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. Oliver said he’s hoping for a strong fan turnout at that one, especially considering the New England Patriots (as usual) have a first-round bye in the postseason and don’t play until the following weekend.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

0606 911 - Hit And Run *Report Filed Location/Address: Washington St + Margaret St Caller Reports Vehicle Struck Pole Which Snapped And Is Just Hanging From Wires, Power Is Out. Debris In Roadway From A Gray Nissan Exterra. Bolo To Westwood & Dedham As There Is Fluid From Vehicle In Roadway Heading Their Way. Vehicle Will Have No Grill And Heavy Damage. Mbta Buses Have Been Diverted Away From Lower Washington St., Neponset St. And Everett St. By Bridge And Rerouted Down Upland Rd. Shift Units Rotate Through Traffic Control Until Detail Officers Arrive On Scene.

0750 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Katie's Way Resident Seeking Advice On Removing A Family Member From The Home. N665, N668 Spoke To Her, Advised Of All Her Rights, She Will Recall Police If Needed.

0919 Phone - Susp Activity *Report Filed Location/Address: Americad Technology - Pleasant St Report Bb Pellet Found In Between Glass Of Double Paned Window.

1224 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Civil Matter Location/Address: Ryan Dr Citizen Reports Having Legal Issues With Another Person. Citizen Did Not Want To Speak To Me And Did Not Give Much More Information. N665 Spoke To Him And Gave Advice-It Is Not A Police Matter.

1302 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: University Ave Theft of A Vehicle Part.

1431 Phone - Susp Person *Report Filed Location/Address: Rama Fitness - Washington St Caller Reports Seeing Two Subjects Look As Though They Were Attempting To Make Entry Into A Gray Storage Container By The Rama Gym. N661 Advised No Entry Was Made Into The Shed.

1848 Phone - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Hampden Dr Disagreement Over Moving Out. See Report.

2203 Phone - Susp Activity State Dpw/Norwood Dpw No Location/Address: Nichols St Caller Reports Finding A Dead Animal At Her Doorstep. Dpw Notified.

2301 911 - Motor Vehicle Accident State Dpw/Norwood Dpw No Location/Address: University Ave + Everett St Vehicle Struck A Deer. No Damage To Vehicle, Dpw Notified To Remove Dead Animal.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

0444 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Winslow Ave + Walnut Ave Caller Reports Leaving Home For Work On Winslow Ave. And Hears What Sounds Like Car Alarms Going Off And Is Concerned Of Breaks. N667, N678 Responded And Checked Area. No Alarms Sounding And All Appears To Be In Order.

0951 Phone - Phone Harassment Services Rendered Location/Address: North End Deli - Walpole St Advised On Calls Being Received Re: Possible Scam.

1040 Phone - Susp Person Services Rendered Location/Address: Ejs Painting - Albemarle Rd Caller Advised A Male Is Knocking On Doors And Leaving Boxes Behind. Then Returning For The Boxes And Placing Them At Different Door Steps. N669 Advised The Male Is A Contractor Replacing Meter Boxes.

1245 Phone - Lost And Found *Report Filed Location/Address: Dunkin Donuts - Bos-Prov Hwy Report Lost Wallet.

1332 Initiated - Susp Person Spoken To Location/Address: Monroe St + Railroad Ave Off-Duty Officer Reports Male Subject Acting Suspicious In This Area. N669 I.D.'S Same, No Warrants, Sent On His Way.

1420 Phone - Motor Vehicle Accident *Report Filed Location/Address: Washington St + Dean St Report Of Mva. Nfd Notified, And

Police Logs

Norwood Dpw For A Damaged Tree And A Cement Post. Center Auto Towed Ma 60x T19, And Don And Wally's Towed Ma 86m H51. N663 Issued A Complaint Application For Negligent Operation.

1426 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Lewis Ave Request Check Of Father-Not Answering Phone. N664 Reports No Answer. Nfd Sent. N664 Reports He Eventually Heard The Commotion And Came To The Door, He Is Ok And Will Call His Son.

1427 Phone - Serve Summons Unsuccessful Service Location/Address: Stratford Rd N662 Reports He Is In Florida. Court Notified.

1506 Phone - Parking Violation Services Rendered Location/Address: Walpole St Caller Advised There Is A Black Truck Blocking His Driveway. N669 Advised There Is No Truck Blocking The Driveway.

1549 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Merryfield Pl Caller Advised He Is Having Issues With His Neighbor.

1823 Walk-In - Lost And Found Services Rendered Location/Address: Fairfield Cir Walk-In Turned In Found Drone. Message Left With Owner. Will Pick Up At Dispatch.

1939 Initiated - Motor Vehicle Stop *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Neponset St + Pendergast Cir Center Towed Pc Ma 222nn5. N664 Returns With One Under Arrest. St. Mil: 38664 @ 19:51 / End. Mil: 38665 @ 19:53. Damage To Street Sign On Nahatan @ Monroe. Dpw Responded. Summons: Bevis, Cassandra Address: 51 Myron St Dracut, Ma Age: 25 Charges: Oui Liquor Or .08% Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Leave Scene Of Property Damage Marked Lanes Violation Speeding A&B On Police Officer Destruction Of Property -\$250, Wanton

2100 Phone - Susp Activity *Report Filed Location/Address: Stop & Shop - Bos-Prov Hwy Attempted Shoplifting. See Report.

2322 Phone - Susp Vehicle Spoken To Location/Address: St John Ave White Toyota Sedan, Operator Shut Off All Inter Lights When Home Owner Arrival. Party Was Waiting For A Friend, Checked Out Ok.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

0012 911 - Disturbance *Report Filed Location/Address: Terry's Barber Shop - Washington St Caller States Her Sister Is Out Of Control And Asking For Assistance. N664, N667 Responded And Requested Nfd To Respond And Transport For Voluntary Evaluation.

0231 Phone - Assist Other Agency Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Security Requests Officer As She Located A Person Hiding In Stairwell And Can Also Smell Marijuana. N679, N667 Responded And Checked Party Out, Advised And Sent Him On His Way.

867 0246 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Mobil Gas - Wash./Rr Av - Washington St Employee Reports Some People Were In His Store And Left Without Paying For An Item. N667, N679 Responded And Located Parties Outside. There Appeared To Be A Misunderstanding And The Item Was Paid For. They Were Told Not To Return Tonight.

0919 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Golden Living Center (Formerly Emerald Court - Washington St Unwanted Family Member Of A Patient. Matter Resolved And She Was Allowed To Stay.

0934 Phone - Susp Activity Services Rendered

Location/Address: Washington St Subject Asked To Enter The Common Area To Charge Something. Officer Reports Construction Workers On Scene.

1100 911 - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Yew Dr Caller Advised She Saw Two Young Males Enter The Bulkhead And Remove Furniture. N669 Advised He Met With The Home Owner And It Is A Moving Company Moving His Belongings To A Storage Facility.

1201 Phone - Forge/Counterf *Complaint/Summons Location/Address: Checks 2% Cashed - Central St Altered Check. Refer To Summons: 16-744-Ar Y M Addr Burnley Rd Norwood, Ma.

1240 Phone - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Heather Dr Report Handyman May Have Taken Some Personal Records.

1250 Phone - Civil Dispute Civil Matter Location/Address: Boston Market - Lenox St Report Unruly Customer. N669 Reports Customer Left Prior To Officers Arrival, Upset Over A Take Out Order.

1253 911 - Abandoned Call Spoken To Location/Address: Hurlay Communications - Washington St Upon Call Back-Answering Machine Comes On. N663 Reports Initial Call Was For An Employee's Car Battery Catching Fire But Employee Was Able To Extinguish Same.

1648 Phone - Larceny *Complaint/Summons Location/Address: Cafe Fresh Bagel - Washington St Employer In The Lobby Reports An Employee Stole Money.

1655 Phone - Assist Other Agency Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr Plymouth Pd Requests Check Of Address For Ma Pc 1mf712, They Wish To Speak To The Operator. That Party Is Not Home, N663 To Check Back Later Tonight.

1744 Phone - Disturbance *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Brookview Cir Caller Reports Yelling And Crashing Sounds From Another Apartment. Nfd Responded And Transported One Female Party To Norwood Hospital For A Voluntary Evaluation With N677 Following. N667 Placed One Female Under Arrest And N661 Transported Her To The Station. N669 Provided A Courtesy Transport For One Male Party To 137 Nahatan Street. Arrest: Dutcher, Kelly Marisa Address: 36 Burnley Rd Norwood, Ma Age: 54 Charges: Warrant Arrest.

1904 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Neponset St Daughter Concerned Mother Isn't Opening The Door For Her. Officers Spoke To The Mother, She Is Fine And Will Call Her Daughter.

2345 Phone - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Neponset St Taxi Driver/Customer Dispute Over Fare. All Parties Advised, Fare Paid.

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0809 911 - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Brookview Cir Caller Believes That A Male Party Entered Her Apartment Earlier Today.

1040 911 - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Prospect St Party Located, She Will Call Her Husband.

1308 911 - Well Being Chk *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Brookview Cir Caller Reports Confused Party Came To Her Door Requesting Assistance. Units Place Two Under Arrest. N665 Gives A Courtesy Transport To Norwood Library S/M 90603 E/M 90605. Nfd Transports One Male Prisoner To Hospital. Arrest: Porter, Cole Urban Jr Address:

150 Ellsworth St Brockton, Ma Age: 31 Charges: Warrant Arrest

1651 Phone - Susp Person Transported To Hospital Location/Address: Morrill Memorial Library - Walpole St Staff Report A Possibly Intoxicated Female On The Second Floor. N664 Reports That Party Has Chest Pain And Anxiety. Nfd Responded And Transported Her To Norwood Hospital.

1723 Phone - Kids Gathering Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Bubbles-Up Laundromat - Central St

1911 Phone - Kids Gathering Group Moved Location/Address: Callahan School - Garfield Ave

2142 911 - Disturbance *Report Filed Location/Address: Nichols St + Vernon St

2324 Phone - Trespassing Services Rendered Location/Address: Brookview Cir Caller Reported Group Trespassing On Property. Officer Spoke With Parties. Subjects Live There.

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911 - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Momtm - Westview Dr Caller Reported Rowdy Group. Officers Reported Group Left.

0047 Phone - Trespassing Services Rendered Location/Address: Brookview Cir Norwood Housing Requested Assistance Verifying Party Is Allowed On Property. One Under Arrest. Arrest: Porter, Cole Urban Jr Address: 150 Ellsworth St Brockton, Ma Age: 31 Charges: Trespass

Initiated - Illegal Trash Disposal Services Rendered Location/Address: Super Wash - Central St Pc Ma 345zj2 Attempted To Dispose Of Trash In Dumpster. Officer Spoke With Party, Advised.

Initiated - Disturbance *Report Filed Location/Address: Shamrock Pub - Railroad Ave Verbal Argument. Parties Advised. See Report.

0235 Phone - Susp Person Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Chickering Rd + Walters Rd Male With Bat.

0320 Phone - Parking Violation *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Edgehill Rd Vehicle Blocking Driveway. One Under Arrest. Don & Wallys Towed Pc Nj L83fgu. Arrest: Antoine, Jhorjy R Address: 62 Pine Ave Randolph, Ma Age: 26 Charges: Warrant Arrest License Suspended, Op Mv With

0457 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Winn residential- One Upland - Upland Woods Cir Loud Music. Parties Advised.

0817 Phone - Susp Person Services Rendered Location/Address: Shaws Supermarket - Nahatan St Male Party Spoken To And Escorted Off The Property.

1544 Phone - Death At Home *Report Filed Location/Address: Upland Rd Officer Responding To Wellbeing Check Reports Party Is Deceased.

1546 911 - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Queensboro Ct Party In The Lobby Requests To Speak To An Officer In Regards To Pictures Being Taken Of Them In A Public Place After They Exchanged Words. Party Advised.

1638 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Area Search Negative Location/Address: Alandale Pkwy Youths Throwing Rocks On The Railroad Tracks.

1704 911 - Report Of Fire *Report Filed Location/Address: Winfield St Garage Fire.

17-62 2308 Phone - Susp Person Spoken To Location/Address: Wickham Way Male Party Standing Near Trash Container For A Long Time. Officer Reports He Lives Nearby And Is Walking His Dog.

2332 Phone - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Union St Man Screaming Outside. Officers Report That Was A Miscommunication Over Him Staying The Night At A Residence. N661 Provided Him With A Courtesy Transport To 1600 Boston Providence Highway.

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“There are one or two more appeals that are available to us if this stage is not successful,” he said. “If we are successful, then [the developers] might very well appeal it at the next stage – it’s the classic legal confrontation. What I can say, we have no idea how it’s going to come out at this stage.”

By Dec. 8, Howard had his answer. The DCHD found that the town failed by 0.03 percent, or 1.85 acres, to meet the 1.5 percent threshold for exclusion from 40B regulations, thereby allowing the 300 units, proposed by Davis Marcus, at Forbes Hill to move forward.

The DCHD had found variances of 0.68 acres at Upland Woods, 0.27 acres at 18 Clapboardtree St. and 0.9 acres at Olde Derby Village, leaving Norwood short of its proclaimed assessment of 1.51 percent of land dedicated to affordable housing, about 1.85 acres.

However, Howard felt that the DCHD acted without considering the facts of the appeal.

“This state agency, their mission in life is to build 40B apartments anywhere they can,” he said, adding that the next step would be to take the matter to Superior or Land courts.

Going into the New Year, if the town chooses not to pursue further appeals on the Forbes Hill project, the DCHD’s decision would have a significant influence in approving the AvalonBay development.

The possibility of an ice rink at Coakley Middle School also reemerged and quickly became a hot issue once again during the latter part of the year.

On Sept. 15, state and town officials gathered at the middle school to discuss resuming the project. However, only certain residents were invited to attend.

As a result, District 5 Town Meeting Member Todd Gundlach cited a possible Open Meeting violation as the required 48-hour notice was not provided.

Gundlach said he learned that Rogers, as well as Selectmen Thomas Maloney and William Plasko were also at the meeting.

“If this is such a positive thing, why wouldn’t they want to be transparent?” Gundlach asked.

Based on information from Rogers’ senior legislative aide William Buckley, Leo Roy, commissioner of the State Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), personally invited those residents he wanted at the Sept. 15 meeting.

“The staff was emphatic that this was not a public meeting,” said Gundlach. “I was told that a ‘request was made by the Commonwealth for a meeting in South Norwood and invited select individuals.’”

“The purpose of the meeting in Norwood was to brief state and locally elected officials on a South Shore rink Feasibility Study being conducted jointly by DCR and (the State Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance) DCAMM,” said Roy. “I did not personally invite anyone to the meeting; outreach to the elected officials was done by my staff.”

In addition, DCR Spokesman Mark Steffen said the meeting was held as a legislative briefing; therefore, advance notice was not required.

Roy also cited a miscommunication with Rogers’ staff.

“There seems to be some confusion with the representative’s office regarding the invitations to the meeting,” he said. “As I understand it, it was the elected officials who invited a few citizens to join the meeting.”

However, Roy said “a couple of public meetings” would be held in the coming months.

Although he supported the idea of having an ice rink, Gundlach said he opposed the process.

“The location they chose wasn’t fully vetted,” he said. “There’s been a lot of backroom dealing.”

Gundlach also said the property transfer from the School Committee to the Recreation Department “wasn’t really clean” and there could be conflicts with ownership.

“Are they [DCR officials] going to own

this rink on Norwood property?” he asked.

Although the ice rink proposal passed during the 2013 Town Meeting, Gundlach said the vote was “not too far” from the two-thirds needed to vote it down.

“The vote needed 61 Town Meeting members to stop the transfer of land, we got 48,” he said.

Gundlach also said the vote that year could have been influenced by Rogers.

“Ironically, it was the same year that Rogers was up for re-election,” he said.

Maloney said Rogers invited him to attend the meeting.

“I was impressed, there were eight people from the state that came down,” he said.

Maloney said the meeting’s dialogue focused on telling state officials that there is still a desire to have an ice rink in town.

“We’re trying to re-establish the lines of communications,” he said. “The DCR does seem to be interested in sighting two sheets of ice somewhere in this region.”

Plasko said he also received an invite from Rogers, but maintained that no decisions were made during the meeting.

“We just received an explanation of the current process the state is following,” he said.

When Special Town Meeting convened in October, there was once again an article asking Town Meeting members to decide whether or not to pursue the ice rink or to invest \$50,000 in repairing the middle school’s tennis courts.

Although a strong effort was made during the second and last night of Special Town Meeting to keep the tennis courts ahead of the ice rink, Town Meeting members ultimately voted to put the tennis courts on the shelf.

During the meeting, District 3 Town Meeting Member Judith Howard made a motion to reverse the affirmative vote taken during the 2013 regular Town Meeting that authorized town officials to apply for a rink.

However, Town Moderator David Hern cut her off at the pass.

“I have to rule that out of order, you can’t just do that,” he said, adding that such a motion should have been presented as an article

that Town Meeting members had time to review. “Our rules don’t permit people to just take a vote.”

Town Manager John Carroll said the DCR had not expressed a serious interest in constructing a rink in town.

He also said the DCR is not dependable for making major repairs.

Carroll said no progress had been made in repairing the roof of the Metropolitan Skating Rink in Canton, which collapsed in February 2015 under the weight of excessive snowfall.

Therefore, he urged Town Meeting members to approve the \$50,000 expenditure to resurface the tennis courts.

“I think it’s irrefutable that the tennis courts are unplayable,” said Carroll.

District 4 Town Meeting Member Gerri Miller agreed that the tennis courts have fallen into very poor condition.

“The cracks have grown tremendously, some of them are as wide as they are thick,” he said.

Regarding the ice rink, Miller said the design showed space for one sheet of ice, rather than the two sheets suggested by the DCR.

District 5 Town Meeting Member Barry Keady said time is of the essence to resurface the tennis courts.

“The courts are dangerous, somebody is going to twist an ankle; somebody is going to tear an ACL,” he said.

District 4 Town Meeting Member David Hajjar said the town needed to make a decision in terms of which project it would support.

“We have to either fish or cut bait,” he said.

A substitute motion was then made to take the \$50,000 from the free cash account.

In response, District 6 Town Meeting Member John Hall reminded his fellow Town Meeting members that the town needs to maintain a substantial free cash balance in order to increase its bond rating and borrowing power – therefore, the substitute motion did not pass.




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