

HOW TO FIX MAIN STREET?



The vacancy of the former Regina's Gifts on Washington St. is a very visible reminder to residents that Norwood Center needs some significant new businesses.

New Master Plan proposal presented

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

About a dozen business owners and representatives went to the Norwood Police and Fire Station Community Room to hear from The Cecil Group and FXM Associates regarding their comprehensive update to the 1998 Downtown Norwood Master Plan. At this workshop, members of the public were given the chance to hear the new plan and provide feedback.

Steve Cecil and Ted Brovitz of The Cecil Group noted that downtown Norwood has made huge strides since the previous Master Plan.

"You've made significant progress in the last 10 to 12 years since the last plan was done," Brovitz said, noting that he thinks Norwood Center has become a known destination spot for restaurants. "You've done a lot of work, and I think it's beginning to show."

These significant improvements include the town's sign and façade matching grant program, several streetscape improvement projects and the downtown district supplemental liquor licenses. He also noted that something located outside of Downtown Norwood - Nahatan Plaza - helps drive traffic to the area, and the Shaw's Supermarket is a key attraction in town.

Still, there is a lot of work to be done, and no simple answer.

"The bottom line here in Norwood and other small downtowns is there is

no silver bullet," Brovitz said. "It is going to take a little bit of everything."

Brovitz and Frank Mahady, Principal for FXM Associates, noted that some of Downtown Norwood's perceived problems aren't as bad as people might make them out to be. This included parking in the area and the vacancy rate.

Mahady estimated that of the 2.4 million square feet of retail space, only 170,000 square feet is vacant, a vacancy rate of approximately 7.08 percent.

"That is a really, really good, strong vacancy rate," Mahady said. "We're looking at 15 to 25 percent in some places."

Even so, he stressed the importance of filling these vacancies, as tenants not only attract new customers to the downtown area, they increase the property value in the area.

"It's in [a property owner's] best interest to have businesses downtown," Mahady said. "It is not in their interest to have vacancies. It is not in their interest to hold out for higher rents. Vacancies are bad for business and are bad for values."

The concern isn't the number of vacancies; it is that those vacancies are in high profile areas. The former Regina Gifts and Family Dollar sites on Washington Street were cited. Both represent large, vacant buildings in town, and property owner Alan Dana, principal for Myer Dana & Sons, said his company's top priority for 2011 is to find a tenant for the Regina Gifts location.

"I want the community to know this

is our number one priority for this year - to get that building leased," Dana said, noting that this one building represents over 50 percent of the vacant space owned by his company.

He said it is in both his best interest and the interest of the town to find a tenant for this location, but said this was difficult due to the building's large size. The building is approximately 5,000 square feet, and goes 125 feet deep. It harkens back to the days when large department stores were located in town centers, something not seen today.

Dana expressed interest in finding smaller, independent retailers to fill the space, saying they are looking into breaking the store up into a few smaller spaces.

"You only need two or three tenants, but finding those two or three are like needles in a haystack," Dana said.

Another common issue cited as a problem is a lack of parking in Norwood Center, but Cecil noted there were 2,300 parking spaces in the downtown area, approximately 25 percent of which are on-street parking.

"You actually have a good number of parking spaces," Brovitz said, but noted there was a shortage in one key area of the downtown: the portion of Washington Street between Vernon Street and Cottage Street.

"There seems to be a shortage of spaces both on-street and off-street

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Substitution account still a concern

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Fire Chief Michael Howard made his first appearance before the Board of Selectmen during 2011, and it was similar to his reports in months past: the Norwood Fire Department substitution account remains over budget.

"That account is over by 13 percent, or \$86,000," Howard said, noting approximately \$231,000 of the \$637,000 allotted for substitution remains.

Through Dec. 31, the Fire Department has spent \$405,178.34 on substitution, meaning they have expended 63.6 percent of their budget so far. They are overspent by

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Benefit for Norwood Marines on 22nd

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

When a person makes the decision to serve in the United States military, they recognize the dangers ahead of them and are prepared to sacrifice for our country. Two Norwood brothers, Carl and Craig Brady, did just that when they joined the Marine Corps, and both have been injured while deployed overseas.

Sgt. Carl S. Brady, 25, serves with the 1st Battalion, 8th Marines, while Sgt. Craig S. Brady, 23, serves with the 2nd Combat Engineers. Both have seen multiple deployments: Carl to Iraq twice, and Craig to Iraq twice and Afghanistan once.

Both brothers were injured in action: Carl is suffering from a traumatic brain injury complicated by being exposed to improvised explosive devices (IED), and is undergoing hyperbaric oxygen treatment, while Craig's injuries led to the amputation of his right leg.

"Craig was on patrol in Afghanistan last January, and unfortunately, he stepped on an improvised explosive device," Veterans Agent Ted Mulvehill said.

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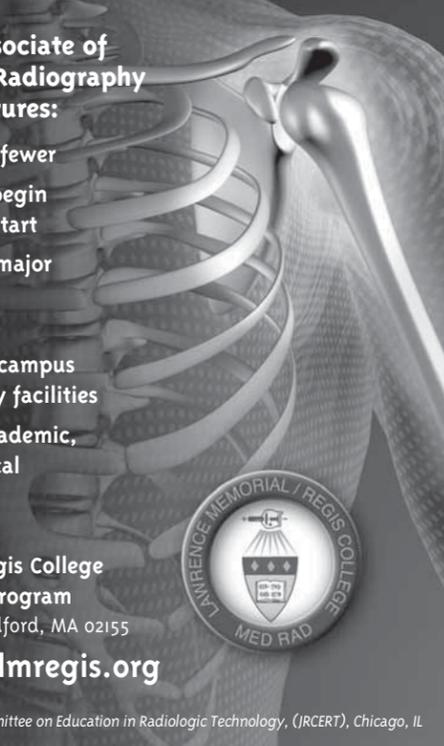
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\$86,678.34, or 13.6 percent.

Of the \$405,178.34 spent so far, \$225,598.80, or 55.68 percent, was to cover tours associated with retirements, injuries and firefighters on medical, family medical and military leave. The remaining \$179,579.54 is due to vacancies caused by vacation and other contractual leave time.

Not only are they over budget, they are overspent compared to Fiscal Year 2010. At this point in FY 10, Howard had spent \$371,782.76, and would ultimately spend \$635,870.20. Howard has \$637,000 to work with for FY 11, and this amount includes the \$486,000 initially allotted for substitution spending and the \$151,000 approved at the December Special Town Meeting.

"We are aware of the fiscal constraints we are under to get to June 30," Howard said.

However, awareness is not enough for some selectmen. Selectman Bill Plasko said the substitution account is a "major concern," and now is the time to take action.

"I feel you're not taking the actions that you need to as chief of the department," Plasko said, adding that the longer Chief Howard waits before taking action to deal with rising substitution costs, the more drastic an action he will have to take to reduce costs.

"I think it's time that you took some actions to get this budget under control," Plasko said.

Plasko used December as an example, noting Howard spent approximately \$20,000 on substitution during the last week of the month.

Howard said that the last week of December is an atypical week for the department, due to vacations and holidays.

"That was the overlapping of Christmas and New Years week," Howard said. "It was an expensive week for us."

One thing that will help reduce substitution costs is the hiring of two new firefighters to fill vacancies due to retirements or long-term leave. Both are scheduled to start work on Jan. 17. One is replacing a firefighter who left the department for the State Transit Police, the other is filling in for Dennis Mawn, who was activated for deployment to Iraq for the War on Terror, and is currently on military leave.

"That will help me immensely," Howard said. "We won't make it to June 30 unless those bodies have a dramatic effect."

If there isn't a dramatic effect, and the addition of two new firefighters to the department does not help reduce costs, Howard will have to find a different way to reduce expenses.

"I'll have to cut through reducing personnel on a shift, which I don't want to do," Howard said.

The Fire Department currently operates with a minimum manning of 14. As soon as the number of firefighters on a shift falls below that amount, Howard calls in another firefighter to substitute for that 24-hour tour, and expenses associated with this are covered by the substitution account.

Selectman Helen Abdallah-Donohue also questioned the chief's actions, asking why 78 shifts needed to be covered by the substitution account in December. Howard noted that these 78 shifts made up the 39 tours missed by the firefighters out on injury leave during that time.

"In December, at some points, we have six people out," Howard said, though two of these people have since returned to the force.

Donohue also questioned the status of the Fire Department Study Committee and report on the substitution account. The town is working with Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI) in an attempt to bring this line item under control. Howard noted that MRI is preparing a draft report, which the town should have soon.

"It is my understanding the report will be finished this week in

draft form," Howard said, and the Fire Department Study Committee will meet on Jan. 26 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss this draft in detail.

Howard expects they will have a final report to present in 30 days.

"I think it will be helpful for both the town and the department when it is over," Howard said, noting that everyone involved in the project has put a great deal of work, effort and time into the report.

MRI has already made some recommendations to help reduce substitution costs. One of these involves dropping the department's minimum staffing level to 13, a move Howard is not comfortable with. Howard feels a minimum of 14 is necessary to ensure the safety of both the town and Fire Department employees, while the MRI representatives said that while a minimum staffing level of 14 is not excessive, Norwood could make do with a minimum of 13.

Another recommendation wouldn't reduce substitution cost, but increase Fire Department receipts by raising ambulance fees. This increase could in turn be used to help fund the high costs of substitution.

Selectman Plasko addressed this, noting that MRI made this recommendation back in November, though no action had been taken. Plasko acknowledged there was a miscommunication somewhere he thought Chief Howard would bring this up during a monthly report, while Howard thought the Board of Selectmen had already addressed the issue of ambulance fees.

Currently, the town charges the base Medicare rate plus 50 percent, and this rate has been in place since 2006. MRI recommends the town increase this charge to the base rate plus 75 percent. If this increase is made, Howard estimated it would bring in an additional \$141,000 in revenue annually.

Howard said he would get a request to the Board of Selectman regarding ambulance fees by their Jan. 18 meeting. The board usually addressed ambulances at a March meeting, though there is nothing stopping them from increasing rates at any other time of year.

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The Norwood Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, The Wetlands Protection Act and Norwood Bylaw XXV, including any amendments thereto on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall. The Commission is to hear a request for a Notice of Intent from Glossa Engineering representing Peter Catanese/Seventy Boston Providence Highway LLC for the proposed patching, repairing and maintaining an existing paved area. Project location 56 and 70 Boston Providence Hwy, Norwood, MA.

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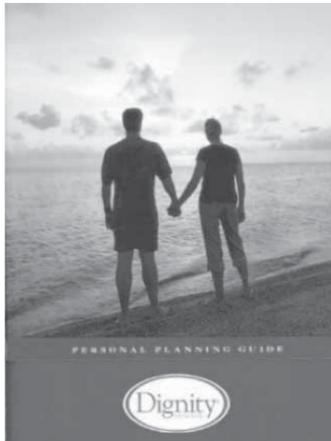
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Seniors review vandalism, commence computer classes

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Council on Aging (COA) and Senior Center Executive Director Dorothy Vitale welcomed Bob Hardcastle to the Senior Center this month. Hardcastle is the new instructor of the Senior Center computer classes, previously taught by COA member Frank McDermott.

“Our computer classes started this month, and they are going very well,” she said.

Hardcastle, a new volunteer at the center, has already taught one class and has several upcoming. He has received positive feedback so far, and the beginner’s class has been well received. In this class, seniors are introduced to the computer, taught how to use email, surf the internet and other basic computer skills.

“The class is really targeted at people interested in computers and just getting into it,” Hardcastle said. “It’s very beginner oriented.”

Vitale said they have been extremely fortunate with their computer instructors, and thanked McDermott for his service, and Hardcastle for stepping up and taking over.

Senior Stanley Wasil shared this sentiment, saying, “We’re very fortunate to have people at the Senior Center familiar with computers. Almost everything is going that way.”

The COA also addressed the installation of a flagpole outside of the Senior Center.

“We had a suggestion awhile back about putting a flagpole in front of the building,” COA Chairman Tony Mastandrea said, and the COA approved the purchase, contingent on School Department approval.

This is because the Senior Center is attached to the school department controlled Savage Education Center. Vitale has been



Norwood police are on the lookout for the vandals who recently stole the stakes at the horseshoe pit outside the Senior Center.

PHOTO BY BRAD COLE

working with representatives from the School Department, including Director of Building and Grounds Joe McDonough and Superintendent James Hayden to get the OK to install the flagpole.

“It sounds like we will get it,” Vitale said.

The Friends of COA will provide the initial flag for this flagpole, and agreed to purchase replacements for when the flag wears out.

The subject of vandalism was also discussed, as Friends of the COA Chairman Bill McCoy noted that the Senior Center was hit by vandals recently. Someone or some group of people were able to remove one of the stakes at the horseshoe pit outside the center. McCoy noted that this is a difficult task, as the stakes are cemented into the ground, so some extensive effort must have been put in to damage the area. It’s possible whoever did this was under

the influence, as McCoy noted their were beer cans and bottles in the area.

Mastandrea said they would have Vitale contact the Norwood Police Department and request additional checks of the area. He added that if anyone sees vandalism occurring in the area to contact the police, as these actions affect all who utilize the Senior Center.

“When someone vandalizes something here, like the horseshoe pit, they’re taking something away from all of the seniors,” Mastandrea said.

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Editorial

NO APOLOGIES

An Elton John song once offered that, "Sorry always seems to be the hardest word."

We disagree. It is far too easy to say.

The hand-wringing over the death of Woburn police officer John Maguire continues. A lifelong criminal who, despite serving three life sentences, was paroled, and killed him during a botched robbery attempt.

He escaped life behind bars, in large part, because he said he was sorry. That's it. All it takes to escape a rightful sentence in this state is to speak softly, say you've learned your lesson and that you accept you did a bad, bad thing.

This is violent crime we are speaking of, not a child batting his eyelashes at a doting mom after being caught with a hand in the cookie jar. Anyone behind bars for a violent offense should feel "sorry," that's a base requirement for being human. Of course, we are sure, that much of that regret has more to do with getting caught than the travesties that led to incarceration.

If you get a speeding ticket, can you just say "oops," and drive away happy? Can you tell the IRS that you feel really, really bad that you falsified returns and be told, "Now run along, you little scamp?" Of course not. But if you commit far more egregious crimes, all you have to do is toss out some razzle-dazzle about finding Jesus, recovering from an abusive home or kicking a drug habit and you'll be gifted with the "Get Out of Jail Free" card.

By the time this newspaper hits the racks, former State Senator Dianne Wilkerson will likely have been sentenced for her conviction on bribery charges. In a last minute attempt at lenience, she has written a letter to the presiding judge saying, you guessed it, that she's sorry. In pleading leniency, she claims that it was "depression" that led her astray.

Far be it for us to make light of mental illness, or to assume we have any insight into the validity of Wilkerson's claimed diagnosis. But we do feel safe in saying that it all seems a bit too convenient. At worst, Wilkerson will probably get a four-year sentence, which in real time, will probably be about a year. But still, that's far too long for her. She is sorry, after all, she wasn't thinking clearly, it was all just cloudy judgment. Ah yes, betray the public trust who knows how many times during the course of your 16 years in office, and when you are caught, write a "heartfelt" letter, at the very last possible second, to say you are sorry. I swear! It will never happen again!

A lot of other folks are apologizing these days. The Governor who, despite what happened in Woburn, is also sorry, and really, really hopes you don't think this means he is soft on crime. Weak statements have also trickled in from the Parole Board itself (its defenders claim it's overworked and underpaid, so of course the solution is to give them a raise) and the Governor's Council, a body that in theory has some degree of oversight in such matters.

In time, maybe this will all blow over. After all, folks are lining up to say the magic word that makes everything all right: "Sorry."

Parole, in and of itself isn't a bad thing. It can help utilize the prison system as a means of rehabilitation and, in many cases keep amateur criminals from becoming hardened pros. We also have no problem with petitioning a judge for leniency. But in either case, decisions have to be based on facts, not emotion. Even a bad actress can shed tears, even the worst rogue can lie through his teeth and offer false penance.

We might suggest that anyone who really does feel contrite — who does regret their actions — might in fact be the sort of person who accepts their fate without fight and be the last to shed crocodile tears. Begging forgiveness is a human trait. Doing so to escape fair and just punishment is nothing more than a self-serving gambit.

Columns going up, floors going down

Brad Cole

Staff Reporter

While most of the work at the new Norwood High School construction site is inside the building, a major outside element is beginning to be installed.

"Outside the building, the columns are going in," said Michael Moisé, Executive Manager for Agostini Construction. "They're actually looking very good - it really dresses the place up."

Abutter Dan Griffin shared this sentiment, saying, "They look very, very beautiful. The whole school looks beautiful."

Considerable progress is being made on the inside of the building as well, with numerous elements of the building coming together. Areas like the

gymnasium, auditorium and classroom wing are near completion.

"The second and third floor of the A and B buildings are pretty much complete," Moisé said, adding they have begun carpeting in that area, which houses the classroom wing and administrative offices.

Progress is also being made on the first floor, as vinyl composition tile (VCT) flooring is being installed. They are preparing for the installation of the porcelain tile in the first floor hallway as well.

"It's quite a pattern, so that will take awhile to put down," Moisé said.

The gymnasium and the auditorium are also moving forward.

"The auditorium is really starting to shape up," Moisé said. "The seats arrived, and

they're being stored in the band room right now."

He expects they will begin installing the seats within a week. They are currently installing these seats in the lecture hall, and upon completion, will move into the auditorium.

The gym is also coming together nicely, as the wood floor is in.

"The wood floor is fully down," Moisé said, adding that they are working on the final finishing and sanding.

They are also beginning to install the bleachers, which were delivered on Jan. 7.

While flooring is down in the gym, auditorium and classroom wing, one area where it has not been placed is the cafeteria. In fact, the cafeteria flooring will be one of the final elements of the building to be completed.

SENIOR NEWS

TRIAD

TRIAD meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 24 at 12 p.m. Representative John Rodgers will be with us to discuss the most recent Elder Legislation.

HISTORY TALK

Our next meeting will be on Jan. 20.

FOOT CLINIC

Dr. Cormier is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 18, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost is \$25. Please call for appointment.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Hellenic Health Care will be available at the senior center for Blood Pressure screening only on the first Wednesday of each month.

SHINE

We now have two Counselors scheduled to assist you. Carol on Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please call 781-762-1201 for an appointments.

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(Prose, Poetry & People) The next meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1-3 p.m.

NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB

Board of Directors meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center. The Club Membership meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks Lodge at 10 a.m.

CRIBBAGE

The seniors meet every Monday at 1 p.m. in the senior center library to play cribbage. If you would like to join, arrive at the center early to be sure you get a table.

BOCCE COURTS AND HORSESHOES

We have closed our Bocce Courts and Horseshoe Pits for the winter. Please check in with us in the Spring.

INDOOR WALKING

Indoor walking in the School Gym continues every Monday through Friday from 9-11 a.m.

MINI FIX-IT SHOP

We are very saddened by the passing of our wonderful friend, Mike Bassile. In Mike's memory, Bunny Conrad will continue on and will be joined by Alan Howard, who has volunteered to assist Bunny. The workshop

will be open on the second and fourth Monday of each month. This is a free service except for parts you may need to purchase. Please, no televisions.

AFTERNOON DANCE

Thursday, Jan. 14, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. John Rampino will be here for our Christmas Party. Please sign up at front desk.

WHIST PARTY

The whist parties are held on the 4th Friday of each month from 1-3 p.m.

OIL PAINTING

Next oil painting class is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 28.

WAXING

Angela will be available Monday, Jan. 31 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Sign up at front desk.

MANICURES

Gina will be available on the 4th Monday of each month. This month she will be here, Monday, Jan. 24 at 10 a.m. Please, sign up at front desk.

LINE DANCING

Afternoon dances with Dave Valerio on the 5th Friday of the month line from 12:30 to 3 p.m. \$5. April 29, July 29 and Sept. 30.

DIABETES WORKSHOP

We will hold a workshop on Thursday, Jan. 27 at 11 a.m. The Hellenic Health Care of Canton facilitates the workshop.

ALTERATIONS AND MENDING

Bring your alterations to the senior center on the first Monday of each month, between 1 and 3 p.m. Please attach your name and telephone number to each garment.

FRIENDS DANCE

The next dance of the Friends of Norwood COA will be on Friday, Jan. 21, 7-10:30 p.m. Music by John Rampino and the cost is \$10 at the door.

UPCOMING TRIPS

All trips require sign up at the Senior Center Front Desk and a deposit is necessary. Feb. 9, "Lion King", Providence-\$99 (Includes play and transportation), Feb. 12, "The Heartstrings"-Luciano's-\$36. (Drive on your own), March 9, "Celtic Nights"-Venus DeMilo-\$65, May 6-13-Boston to Bermuda Cruise (\$749 p.p. Double Occupancy), May 5-8 "Washington D.C.

Trip"-Single \$765.; Double \$595; Triple \$555. T., May 17 "Laughs, Giggles & Grins" Pete Michaels and his "friends" at Luciano's-\$36.95 (Drive on your own), July 19-Spirit of Boston Trip-\$78.

TUESDAY BUS TRIPS

Please sign up at front desk. All mini bus trips are \$5 per person. Jan. 18, Lincoln Park.

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Applications for Low Income Home Energy Assistance offered by Self-Help, Inc. are available. Specific documentation is required and application must be completed in person between Nov. 1 and April 30. If you are over the age of 60 and meet income guidelines please call 781-762-1201, and press 3. Younger than 60 should contact the Veteran Services office 781-762-1240, ext. 209 for assistance. One person, \$30,751; two people, \$40,213; three people, \$49,675; four people, \$59,137.

COMPUTER CLUB

The Computer Club meets at 1 p.m. each Wednesday in the library. Users of all skill levels are welcome.

FITNESS ROOM

Come and exercise in our fitness room. We currently have two treadmills, a recumbent bicycle and a recumbent elliptical machine.

SENIOR BOWLING

The Senior Bowling league meets every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the Norwood Sports Center. This is a mixed league and three strings are played for \$6.

SENIOR SUPPERS

Caritas Norwood Hospital offers a Senior Supper Program consisting of soup, entree and a drink in the cafeteria from Monday through Friday, 4:45 to 6:45 p.m. The cost is \$5.50.

TAX PREPARATION

There will be a change in the way we schedule tax preparation this year. With the new set-up you will be signing up for a specific date and time. Each person will be taken in his/her turn. You will no have the choice of a specific preparer. We hope this will help move things along more smoothly. If you prepare your own taxes and want someone to look it over please make appointment at the last time slot of the day. Sign up will begin on Jan. 10 and tax returns will start on Feb. 11.

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Morse Street Bridge reopens

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

After nearly ten months of construction, the Morse Street Bridge officially reopened for traffic on Wednesday, Jan. 5, though cars were able to access the bridge the prior afternoon.

“The Morse Street Bridge is now open,” Board of Selectmen Chairman Jerry Kelleher announced at last Tuesday’s meeting, noting that a bit more work will be done in the area in the spring, but for now, the bridge is operational and ready for public use.

Department of Public Works Director Mark Ryan estimates additional work will be done in the spring, most likely in April. This work will involve putting the final touches on the sidewalk, concrete and asphalt in the area. This work cannot be completed at the current time due to the cold winter temperatures.

“Right now, we have a temporary sidewalk there - asphalt,” Ryan said, and this will get the town through the winter. Come the spring season, a proper concrete sidewalk will be poured.

They will also pour the final course of asphalt on the bridge. The bridge is safe and functional at this time, the final layer simply cannot be placed yet due to cold temperatures and their adverse affects on concrete. Leominster-based Construction Dynamics, the company responsible for the bridge construction, will complete their work when the

warmer weather allows for it.

In addition to the bridge, approximately 350 feet of roadway connecting the Morse Street Bridge to the Morse Street/Pleasant Street intersection will be paved. This new pavement will connect the two projects, which ran concurrently.

Much like the bridge, the intersection is operational, but not complete. Final work on the intersection will be done in the spring, though for now it will operate as it has in years past: with stop sign control on Morse Street and free-flowing traffic on Pleasant Street.

They began the installation of the mast arms for the new traffic control system on Jan. 6. This system will add lights to the intersection, and these lights will not be operational until the spring season, after final pavement markings have gone down and crosswalks have been installed.

These projects were initially scheduled to be completed in mid-November, but some necessary underground drainage work delayed East Bridgewater-based Aqua Line Utility, the contractor responsible for reconstructing the intersection and adding traffic lights.

Much like the bridge project, Ryan estimates the intersection project will be completed in April.

Kelleher noted the delay at the Board of Selectmen meeting, saying, “It was a major inconvenience, and we apologize, but it will be quality work for years to come.”



Traffic may now travel from Washington St. to Pleasant St. on Morse St. with the bridge substantially completed.

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Credit card fraud cases all across town

Brad Cole
 Staff Reporter

Since November 2010, fraud has been occurring on nearly a daily basis in Norwood. There have been at least 55 cases of fraud since Nov. 1, 2010, with many cases occurring in late December.

"I found that since November 1 we have had 55 fraud cases reported to the Police Department," Officer Kevin Grasso said. "Most are credit card fraud. Victims are discovering or learning from the bank that their credit card has been compromised."

Cases have affected people all across town, at numerous banks. Cards associated with Norwood Bank, Citizens Bank, Chase, Hyde Park Savings Bank and Bank of America have all been compromised and used for purchases both locally and abroad.

Of the 55 cases, 25 occurred between Dec. 17 and Christmas. Five cases occurred on Dec. 23 alone, and Norwood residents saw their credit cards used in Nebraska, New York,

Florida and out of the country.

"These are of great concern to us and we ask for all citizens to please keep an eye on your credit card accounts," Grasso said. "Contact your bank and your local Police Department if you discover any unauthorized use of your credit card."

The cases are under investigation by the Norwood Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and detectives are working with the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council (MetroLEC) Computer Crime Unit. MetroLEC is a consortium of over 43 local police departments and law enforcement agencies who work together to provide specialized law enforcement. In addition to the computer crime unit, they offer a canine unit, a crisis negotiation team, a mobile operations motorcycle unit, a regional response team and a special weapons and tactics team.

Chief Bartley King's monthly report to the Board of Selectmen indicates that the Massachusetts Financial Crimes Task Force has been informed of this investigation,

which is ongoing.

Involved in the investigation was Detective Sergeant Robert Rinn, who wrote, "I am investigating a series of Bank Fraud cases where several customers from one Bank have had their credit cards compromised and used at supermarkets in Western Massachusetts and New York. There were about 15 to 20 incidents involving customers from Norwood."

These cases have resulted in thousands of dollars being stolen from Norwood residents. A Casey Street resident whose credit card was compromised saw his card used for over \$4,000 in purchases, including a purchase at the Apple Store in the Chestnut Hill Mall in Cambridge, while an Engamore Lane resident's credit card was used to purchase over \$800 in goods from a company in Lebanon.

The Norwood Police Department had no further information at this time, though Grasso said he expects they will be able to release more information about the numerous fraud cases next week.

Home invasion investigated

Brad Cole
 Staff Reporter

There is nothing quite like dealing with masked intruders entering your house late at night, and three Lansdowne Way residents had to do just that on Saturday, Jan. 8, when six masked males allegedly broke into their Berkshires at Windsor Gardens apartment.

At 1:17 a.m. on Jan. 8, the Norwood Police Department received a call from an anonymous Windsor Gardens resident reporting yelling and a lot of noise coming from the floor below. Police responded, and found two male victims at the

scene.

"One was injured, the other had duct tape on his hands," Officer Kevin Grasso said. "He indicated that he was bound and forced into the victim's apartment."

The injured resident was transported to the hospital. Only the one apartment was hit, and there were three total victims. In addition to the two found outside, a third - the wife of one of the other victims - was found inside the apartment in question. All three reported the same thing: they were robbed by six masked men, who stole their jewelry, cell phones and a large amount of cash. The two

males who had left the apartment were searching for the thieves, but were unable to find them.

"All suspects were wearing black ski masks, black jackets and gloves, and they all spoke Spanish," Grasso said, noting all three victims provided the officers with this description.

The five officers who responded searched Lansdowne Way and the surrounding area, but apart from the duct tape, they could not find any evidence. They interviewed numerous neighbors about the incident, but no one witnessed the

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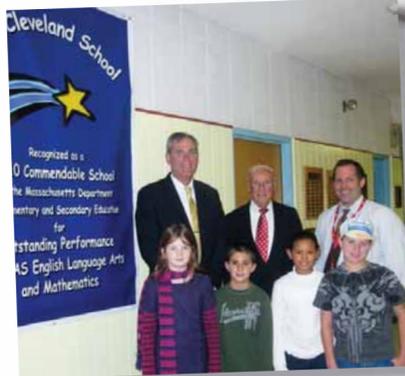
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Cleveland Elementary School purchased mobile bookcases, help with the school's reading and writing center, and achievement tests. Pictured with Norwood Bank President Christopher Dixon, Chairman Joseph Curran and Cleveland School Principal Scott Williams are fifth grade students.



The Willett Early Childhood Center replaced fencing around the playground. Pictured with Norwood Bank President Christopher Dixon and Chairman Joseph Curran is Willett Early Childhood Center Principal Virginia Ceruti and her kindergarten students.



Coakley Middle School funded eight summer school scholarships and 80 sessions of homework help, and three Elmo projectors. Pictured with Norwood Bank President Christopher Dixon and Chairman Joseph Curran is Coakley School Principal Zeff Gianetti, Kerry Foye, eighth grade science teacher, and eighth grade students.

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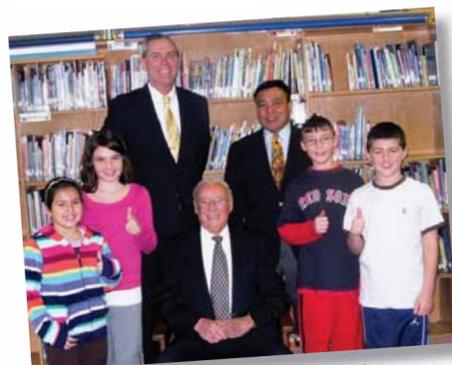
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The Oldham Elementary School purchased a SmartBoard, speakers, and three Elmo projectors. Pictured with Norwood Bank President Christopher Dixon and Chairman Joseph Curran is Oldham School Principal Wesley P. Manaday with fifth grade students.



St. Catherine of Siena School purchased four SmartBoards. Pictured with Norwood Bank President Christopher Dixon and Chairman Joseph Curran is St. Catherine's Principal Mary Russo, Computer Teacher Jean Harr, eighth grade teacher Jennifer Szczebak and middle school students.



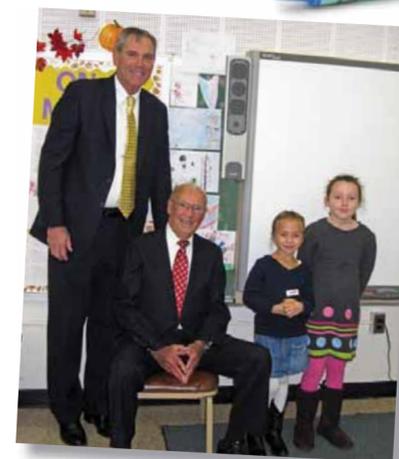
Balch Elementary School purchased two SmartBoards and two USB audio systems. Pictured with Norwood Bank President Christopher Dixon, Chairman Joseph Curran and Balch School Principal John Condlin are second grade students with teachers Elisabeth Kelly and Diane Ferreira.



Fourth grade Balch Elementary School students pictured with Norwood Bank President Christopher Dixon, Chairman Joseph Curran and Principal John Condlin with teacher Lindsey Kranz and aide Valerie Dukas.



Norwood Senior High School received help with online course registration, textbooks for a new course in film studies, robotics project kits, and snowboes for gym classes. Pictured with Norwood Bank President Christopher Dixon and Chairman Joseph Curran are students, Will Slameris, Lisa Bartucca, and Dabina Ceka.



Prescott Elementary School purchased two SmartBoards, two USB audio systems and a document camera. Pictured with Norwood Bank President Christopher Dixon and Chairman Joseph Curran are Jenna Costa and Katie Mellen from teacher Maureen Condon's first grade class.

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"His lower right leg, below the knee, was terribly injured," Mulvehill said. "He has been recovering from surgery for the last 10 to 12 months."

Carl is stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while Craig is undergoing rehabilitation at the Walter Reed US Army Hospital in Washington, DC.

The injuries have been hard for the family, especially parents Bob and Diane Brady of Edgehill Road in Norwood. Bob has made numerous trips to visit his sons, and estimated he has spent nine of the last 12 months away from home.

"It hasn't been easy," Bob said, saying they have been waiting and hoping since the Jan. 7, 2010 phone call.

"Everything is a guessing game," Bob said. "Everything is up in the air."

Craig had knee reconstruction surgery last fall, but there is still a long road ahead in his recovery.

"He's going to be down there for awhile," Bob said. "They are talking another year."

The hope is that the rehabilitation process will be successful, and Craig will be able to stand again using a special prosthetic leg. His goal is to once again be able to play hockey, and return to the ice as a goalkeeper.

The family has incurred major expenses while traveling to visit their wounded sons. The Norwood Military Family Support Group has stepped up and is hosting a benefit for the Brady Family on Jan. 22 at Concannon's Village, 60 Lenox St., Norwood. The event runs from 7 p.m. to midnight.

"It's time for us to show our appreciation," Mulvehill said. "This is recognition by a town and thanking the family for allowing two young men to serve their nation."

Tickets for the event, which includes live music, a silent auction and door prizes, cost \$20. Tickets are available for purchase at Norwood Town Hall, the Veterans' Services Office or at the door the day of the event. Music will be provided by the Lenox Street Band and the Civic Guitar Band.

All funds raised will be donated to the Brady Family to help defray the costs associated

with visiting their sons.

"I'm looking forward to packing that room," Mulvehill said. "This is a wonderful opportunity for us to give thanks and offer some small assistance to the family."

Mulvehill added that if people cannot make it to the event, but still wish to donate, they can contact him at 781-762-1240, ext. 208.

"This is an opportunity for the town to show its appreciation for above-and-beyondness," Mulvehill said.

The event is being held by the Norwood Military Family Support Group, which aims to take care of the families of military and deployed personnel in any way they can. They have everything from provide phone cards to shoveling snow for the families of soldiers stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Mulvehill is sure Norwood will step up for the Brady brothers, as the community always proves to be caring and supportive of those in need.

"We take care of our own," Mulvehill said, noting the town has come together on numerous occasions to support its veterans, injured community members and other people in need.

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compared to the square footage of building there," Brovitz said.

He recommends one parking space per 400 square feet of retail space, and in that core area, there is one parking space per approximately 1,200 square feet of retail space. While there is room for improvement here, most areas of downtown are adequately covered.

"Generally speaking, it's pretty well distributed, and it's a good breakdown between public and private spaces," Brovitz said.

Several attendees suggested a parking deck for downtown Norwood, but Cecil does not feel this is appropriate for the area.

"You're better off scattering parking in a number of different places," Cecil said, noting that a parking deck creates a pool of parking in one area, not necessarily convenient to all downtown businesses.

He stressed that the issue isn't a lack of parking spaces, but parking management. There are many one and two hour parking spots in downtown Norwood, and sometimes, company employees, not potential customers, park in these prime locations.

So while there is room for improvement, Norwood is in a good position.

"There are so many communities that would love to have the problems you have," Cecil said, adding that while it might

seem bad, especially when a vacancy pops up in a key area, Norwood is in a good, strong position.

Some of their suggestions seem simple.

"One of the most cost effective things you can do for your downtown is create a website," Brovitz said, noting that other communities have had success with this.

The website could include information on the downtown area, a business directory and map, information for prospective businesses looking to come to Norwood and a schedule of upcoming downtown events, such as Norwood Day.

Another suggestion was to implement a low interest loan system.

"Some towns have been successful with low interest loan systems," Brovitz said, specifically citing Brattleboro, Vermont.

A low interest loan system provides people with a loan to help them buy equipment and get their business going. The system in Brattleboro helped get several farmers' market vendors into storefronts in the downtown area.

Brovitz also suggested adding new signs to Norwood Center, such as directional signs pointing to parking lots and key areas of interest. Another suggested sign was a Downtown Norwood Business Directory Map, which would show who is

located where.

He said directional signage was key, because, "It's not really clear where the parking is located."

So while Norwood has a fair number of parking spaces, those new to Norwood Center aren't necessarily able to find them.

"I think it would be a wise investment to provide a sign system that points people to parking and these points of interest," Brovitz said.

One suggestion came from Town Manager John Carroll, who said it would be very beneficial to hire a Main Street Manager dedicated to helping promote the downtown.

"I would really urge the owners of businesses in the area to get together in some way to hire a Main Street Manager," Carroll said.

Mahady said a Main Street Manager could be beneficial in Norwood, and cited New Bedford as a positive example of a town that hired such a person.

"It really makes a difference," Mahady said.

While all these things can help the downtown, Cecil stressed that no one thing is the solution for Norwood Center. He also stressed that Norwood Center has a strong foundation, and is in a very good position going forward.

"You have a lot of good things carry you into the next few years," Cecil said.

Bamber running for re-election

Planning Board reviews subdivision, signs

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Long-time Planning Board member and current Chairman E. William Bamber confirmed he is running for re-election.

"I am definitely running for re-election," Bamber said.

Bamber's ninth term on the Planning Board comes to an end this year, and this marks his 45th year of service with the board. If re-elected, he will begin his tenth five-year term on the board, bringing his total years of service as an elected official to 50. Bamber is also a long-time District 4 Town Meeting member, whose current term expires in 2012.

Bamber's announcement started the Planning Board's Jan. 10 meeting, and they also discussed Lydon Estates and moving signs in the Town Center. The board unanimously voted to release the final \$10,137.98 of the Lydon Estates Subdivision Performance Bond to Rich Hollis of the RT Hollis Corporation.

The subdivision was inspected by Town Engineer Mark Ryan, who recommended the final release of the bond. The subdivision is complete, and all lots have been sold.

"It's a nice subdivision," said Planning Board member Thomas Wynne.

The board also discussed a moving sign in downtown Norwood proposed by Lou

Petrucci of The Hawthorne Group, Inc. Wynne is looking for the Planning Board to approve a secondary sign at 661 Washington St., the Odd Fellows Building, to advertise the tenants that utilize the site. The sign in question would be six by eight feet, and due to its size, the top two-thirds of the sign would be static, while the bottom one-third would move.

Because of this, Petrucci requires Site Plan Approval and a Special Permit from the Planning Board to install the sign. Site Plan Approval is triggered because the sign is above the 15 square feet allowed as of right, while a Special Permit is required for all moving signs in Norwood.

This requirement came about because of the moving sign located at Newbury Comics.

"One sign on Route 1 is enormous - Newbury Comics," Town Planner Steve Costello said. "We needed to get control over [moving signs]."

Since then, one moving sign has been installed in Norwood, at Jake n JOES Sports Bar and Grille on Route 1. The Zoning Board of Appeals granted a special permit, allowing 25 percent of their sign to move.

Unlike the Newbury Comics and Jake n JOES sign, the sign at the Odd Fellows Building is located on Washington Street, right in the center of town, not on Route 1. This lo-

cation requires Planning Board approval, and several members expressed concern over allowing moving signs there.

Bamber noted that several nearby town centers, including those in Westwood, Needham, Newton and Wellesley, do not have moving signs, and such a sign might not be appropriate for Norwood.

"I just don't think we should have moving signs," Bamber said, but noted the issue could be addressed in the ongoing Downtown Master Plan.

He feels approval of such a sign could create a precedent, and numerous other businesses in downtown Norwood could come forward, requesting similar signs.

"I can see it progressing right up the street," Bamber said.

Planning Board member Ernest Paciorkowski agreed with Bamber's sentiment, saying, "I don't think a moving sign downtown is the right place for it."

The size of the sign - 48 square feet - was less of an issue. Costello said this size was reasonable, given what the sign would be: a list of the numerous tenants who occupy the 661 Washington St. site.

Comments at the meeting represent the initial reactions of Planning Board members. No decision was rendered on Monday, as Petrucci does not appear before the board regarding the sign until a March meeting.

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robbery. One tenant reported seeing a white suspect in the area, but this suspect did not match the description provided by the three victims. Others reported hearing yelling, though none saw the incident.

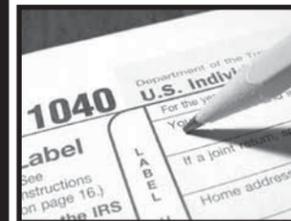
"Other neighbors said they heard banging and yelling,"

Grasso said, and one of these neighbors called the cops to report this disturbance.

"This was the only call of that nature here," Grasso said.

The incident remains under investigation, and no suspects have been named at this time.

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Police Logs

Tuesday, January 4

0757 phone - Animal complaint *report filed. Location/address: Super Cuts - Lenox St. Manager reports baby skunk in front of door to shop. WACO notified and will handle same. N677 responded.

1100 phone - Susp activity spoken to. Location/address: Spruce Rd. Report of an extended cab pickup truck, red, 3 males, Maine plates going door-to-door offering tree services. Westwood stops same Winter St./Lasalle Rd. N666 reports ME pc plate "black bear" 143acv. Both the truck and 3 occupants are not wanted. N666 informed them to fill out the door-to-door solicitation form.

1254 radio - Warrant arrest *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Concord Ave. Det. C. Brown spotted a suspect with three warrants. Suspect was placed under arrest after three warrants were confirmed. Off. S. Begley filed a report. Refer to arrest: 11-8-ar Arrest: Costello, Andrew A. Address: 42 Concord Ave. Dob: 10/18/1986 Charges: warrant arrest

1324 phone - Suicide / or threat *report filed. Location/address: David Ter. Report son having suicidal thoughts. NFD sent. N669 reports mother will take son to his own doctor. 1354 hrs-2nd call reporting son has now become violent. Units resent. N669 reports no assaults took place, mother left with son before officers arrival. Norwood hospital notified.

1330 911 - Medical emergency taken/referred to other. Location/address: Highland Glen Rd. Dr. Office received a call from their patient, whom is in Westwood, reporting he has a gunshot

wound. Westwood Police and fire to handle.

1431 cellular - Vandalism *report filed. Location/address: paprika - Washington St. Employee reports someone egged the front door of the restaurant. Index card left for recalls. N663 checks building-it is secure.

1514 phone - Assist other Police Depart services rendered. Location/address: St. Joseph Ave. Units to home to confiscate all ltc/FID cards and all guns. N663 reports no answer.

1559 phone - Pedestrian accident spoken to. Location/address: Municipal Lot - Central St. Resident Heather Dr. Reports earlier today she bumped a pedestrian. The pedestrian did not leave their name, stated they were ok and walked away. N669 spoke to the caller.

1642 phone - Report of fire Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Davco Air Conditioning & Heating - Pleasant St. Passing motorist believes there is a structure on fire. Both agencies locate a landscaper, whom parks his equipment in the parking lot for the building, burning Christmas trees behind the building.

1840 walk-in - Threats *report filed. Location/address: Casey St. Walk-in reported additional threats received since previous

1942 phone - Assist citizen spoken to. Location/address: Cafe Paprika - Washington St. Caller reported front door egged. Call previously reported. officer to speak to reporting party.

2341 phone - Noise complaint spoken to. Location/address: Froggies - E. Cross St. Report 6 kids being loud, hitting puck into a bucket. N668 spoke to 4 kids and they will quiet down.

2321 phone - Vandalism *report filed. Location/address: Anne Rd. Caller reported his vehicle egged by a known party.

2338 phone - Disturbance *report filed. Location/address: Cottage St. Caller reported verbal argument with boyfriend just occurred. Officers reported verbal argument only. One party has left for the evening.

Thursday, January 6

0332 phone - Susp activity gone on arrival. Location/address: Convenient Food Market - Washington St. Caller reports female at atm on cell phone crying. N662 responded.

1211 phone - Domestic spoken to. Location/address: Mylod St. Caller reports that her mom and boyfriend were involved in an argument. Caller reports that the boyfriend was then trying to enter the house. N/s Off. D. Eysie and n/n Off. G. Gamel were dispatched and responded. After speaking to female it was determined that this incident involved a verbal dispute. Officers clear.

1710 phone - Suicide / or threat *report filed. Location/address: Olde Derby Rd.

1920 phone - Susp activity services rendered. Location/address: Oldham School - Prospect St. Caller reports sp vehicle on the property. N669 N664 sent. Area search goa.

2235 phone - Suicide / or threat *report filed. Location/address: Access Rd.

Friday, January 7

0134 initiated - Susp person spoken to. Location/address: Convenient Food Market - Washington St. N663 fio'd suspicious male. (s27622935) spoken to and sent on his way.

0923 911 - Death at home *report filed. Location/address: Railroad Ave. Man came in to find sister passed out.

1035 phone - Well being chk services rendered. Location/address: Olde Derby Rd. Riverside requested same. Prior to officers arrival Riverside confirmed the subject is at the hospital.

1118 phone - Susp activity spoken to. Location/address: Cedar St. Caller reports someone has been squatting in apt. No evidence of that, no forced entry, call unfounded.

1255 phone - Hit and run *report filed. Location/address: Chapel St. Vehicle hit in the lot

1516 phone - Unwanted party *protective custody. Location/address: Cedar St. Male subject out front dk. As a result 1 returned under pc. Refer to p/c: 11-13-ar P/c: Richards, Richard T. Address: 109 Roosevelt Ave Dob: 01/25/1959 Charges: protective custody

1617 phone - drunk person *protective custody. Location/address: Shaws Supermarket - Nahatan St. Caller reports dk male sitting on the bench. NFD notified. N664 places one in pc. See report. Refer to p/c: 11-14-ar P/c: Lydon, William Francis Jr Address: 29 Bliss Rd. Bellingham Dob: 05/07/1971 Charges: protective custody

1637 phone - Larceny services rendered. Location/address: Phillips

The Record Book

DOG LICENSES NOW AVAILABLE

The Town Clerk's office would like to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that the 2011 Dog Licenses are now available. All dogs three months old or older must be licensed. Licenses are issued on a calendar basis, Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. Fees are \$20 for both male and female dogs, \$15 for spayed female and neutered male. Certificate showing the dog was spayed or neutered must be shown. Rabies certificate must also be shown. The Town Clerk's office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

NOMINATION PAPERS AVAILABLE AT TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

The Town Clerk's Office wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that nomination papers for the Annual Town Election to be held on Monday, April 4, 2011 are available in the Town Clerk's Office. Requirements for filing nomination papers: Major offices need 50 signatures of qualified voters. Any-

one wishing to run for Town Meeting Member who is not a candidate for re-election needs to obtain 10 signatures of qualified voters in their district. The nomination papers must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office by Monday, Feb. 14, 2011 by 5 p.m.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT TEMPLE BETH DAVID

Nosh & 'Drash: Seeds of Peace: Sunday, Jan. 23, at 11:15 a.m. - Sheera Bornstein will teach from the three summers she had the privilege of working at Seeds of Peace, a camp in Maine where kids from around the globe "meet their enemies" in an intensive co-existence and conflict resolution program. In this presentation she will share her experiences with youth and fellow counselors. Using pictures and stories from before, during and after camp, she will illustrate the challenges and successes the campers encountered while working for peace. Pre-registration is appreciated, but not required, by contacting Susan in the temple office: info@templebethdavid.net or

781-769-5270.

A Taste of Judaism will be taught by Rabbi Wildstein, Mondays, Jan. 24 and 31 and Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. Explore Jewish spirituality, ethics and community with Rabbi Wildstein, who encourages questions and lively discussion. Designed for beginners - Jewish or not. Registration required. Contact Susan in the temple office: info@templebethdavid.net or 781-769-5270.

On Sundays, Jan. 30, March 13 and April 3 at 9 a.m. In the Shadow of the Valley: Issues and Jewish Perspectives concerning Death, taught by Rabbi Wildstein. It is not easy to talk about death. However, as we and our parents age, the spiritual and practical concerns about death move from hypothetical and academic, to real questions for which we need answers. Rabbi Wildstein will lead these sessions on our Jewish religious laws and traditions to help learners so that, when the time of need arrives, they will be more prepared. The first session will consider end of life and medical treatment issues. The second will consider rituals, funerals and

mourning practices. The third will consider Jewish thoughts on life after death.

NORWOOD HIGH BASEBALL PROGRAM FUNDRAISER

The Norwood High baseball program will be having a fundraiser Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 6 at the Olde Colonial Café, 171 Nahatan St., from 5:30-10 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person which includes donation and buffet style meal. There will be raffle prizes as well. If you are interested in attending you can pay at the door that night or purchase tickets in advance. If you have any questions or are interested in purchasing tickets you can email head coach Jim Sweeney at jsweeney@norwood.k12.ma.us.

NEPONSET VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING

The 117th Annual Meeting, Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce, is Thursday, Jan. 20, at 5:30 p.m. at Christina's, 2 Washington St., Route 1 North, Foxboro. The keynote speaker: Joe Andruzzi, former New England Patriot and brother to three New York firefighters who were all 9/11 responders. The NVCC will also recognize the following 20-year members: Andrew J. Howard Insurance Agency, Broadway Liquors, Courtyard by Marriott Norwood, Davco Air Conditioning Corp., Dedham Westwood Water District, E. P. Cotter Oil Company, Inc., G V & Y Insurance Agency, Inc., GateHouse Media, Gillooly Funeral Home, J. L. Pratt Realtors, John T. Michaels, D.D.S., Lifeworks, Inc., National Amusements, Caritas Norwood Hospital, Poirier Sales & Service, Precious Metals Reclaiming Service, and The Wizard of Adz \$50 member/\$60 non-members. Table of 8: \$350 members, \$400 non-members. Register at NVCC.com.

BENEFIT TO HONOR LOCAL FAMILY

Two Norwood brothers, both active duty United States Marines, have paid a higher price for their service to our nation. Sgt. Carl S. Brady, 1st Battalion, 8th Marines has had multiple deployments to Iraq. Sgt. Craig S. Brady, 2nd Combat Engineers, has had 2 deployments to Iraq and one to Afghanistan. Both brothers have been wounded in action. Carl is stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Craig continues rehabilitation at Walter Reed US Army Hospital. Their parents, Bob and Diane Brady, have incurred major expenses while traveling from Norwood to visit their sons. The Norwood Military Family Support Group is hosting a benefit for the Brady Family on Saturday night, Jan. 22, from 7-12 p.m. at Concannon's Village, 60 Lenox St. Donation is \$20. There will be live music, a silent auction and

door prizes. Tickets are available at Norwood Town Hall, Veterans' Services Office, or at the door. For further information call Ted Mulvehill at (781) 762-1240, x208 or x209. This is an evening of Honor and Appreciation, in recognition of a Norwood Family and Norwood Marines who gone above and beyond the call of duty. All funds raised will be donated to the Brady Family to help defray the costs associated with visiting their sons. Semper Fi!

NORWOOD HIGH SCHOOL - OPERATION SANTA

The Norwood High School Spirit Club will be holding Operation Santa-Send All Norwood Troops Affection to start off the new year. They will be collecting items that will be mailed over to the Norwood Troops abroad serving our country. Some of the items they are looking for are gum, breath mints, hard candy, dental floss, athletic socks, bug spray, disposable cameras, subscription magazines and, in general, items that one could leave in a car in August and it would be ok after a few days in the back seat. If anyone is interested in donating, please contact Nora Glynn, spirit club advisor @ Nglynn@norwood.k12.ma.us and a pick up can be arranged. The Spirit Club will be collecting through Jan. 19.

DIVORCE RECOVERY SERIES

The Divorce Recovery Series, an eight-week program covering the emotional stages of divorce and offering healing and support to those who are divorced or separated, will be offered at the First Congregational Church of Norwood beginning on Thursday, Jan. 27. The group is led by a professional counselor specializing in divorce issues, and participants are welcome regardless of religious affiliation. The First Congregational Church is located on the corner of Route 1A and Winter Street. The series will meet on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and the cost is \$90. Pre-registration is requested. To register or for more information on the series, please call the church office at 781-762-3320.

NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH

To celebrate National Blood Donor Month and help increase awareness about the need for blood, Dunkin' Donuts and the American Red Cross are teaming up for the fourth annual "Give a Pint, Get a Pound" campaign, which provides a coupon for a free pound of Dunkin' Donuts coffee* to all presenting donors at Red Cross blood drives in Massachusetts during the month of Jan. In addition, participating local Dunkin' Donuts restaurants are

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Ave. Walk in party reports that he lost his cell phone in Walpole and Verizon traced it to 31 Phillips Ave for him. N666 went to address and no one was home.

1719 phone - Susp activity services rendered. Location/address: Railroad Ave. Caller reports male unknown to her knocked on her door asking for a jug of water. N666 N662 checked area. Male is Goa.

1732 phone - Medical emergency Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Junior High North - Savage Center - Prospect St. Caller reports neck injury in the gym. NFD notified. N664 sent. NFD transports.

1749 phone - Susp activity services rendered. Location/address: Lenox St. + Willow St. Caller reports group of youths throwing glass in the street. N666 N662 sent. Area checked. No glass in the street, kids are goa.

1756 phone - Suicide / or threat *report filed. Location/address: Rosemary House (Rooming House) - Rosemary St.

2112 911 - Susp activity *report filed. Location/address: Hill St. Caller reports party unknown to her banging on her window. N677 to file report.

2217 phone - Mischief (kids) group moved. Location/address: Pams Market - Pleasant St. Caller reports kids gathering. Group moved.

2317 911 - Susp person gone on arrival. Location/address: Westover Pkwy. Caller reports male wearing dk. running suit was standing outside her home for 15 minutes just whistling. He since has headed down towards the Willett School. N667, N665 responded and checked

area. Nothing found.

2341 phone - Noise complaint gone on arrival. Location/address: Jefferson Dr. Caller reports a vehicle going up & down thye street speeding and with loud stereo. N677, N665 responded and stoodby. At this time, nothing found.

Saturday, January 8

0117 911 - Disturbance *report filed. Location/address: Lansdowne Way Caller reports yelling and alot of noise coming from on floor below. N667, N662 responded. N667 requests another car and ambulance. N663, N669, N668 responded. Officer reports home invasion by 6 masked males who fled before officers arrival. Officers checked area and spoke with neighbors. Resident transported to hospital.

1118 walk-in - Susp activity other. Location/address: Adams St. Report chimney sweep scam. N661 to file follow-up report Under 10-2266-of.

1625 phone - Susp activity *report filed. Location/address: Fisher St. Attempted b&e.

2145 phone - Breaking and entering *report filed. Location/address: Endicott St. Door open upon returning home.

2345 phone - Susp vehicle gone on arrival. Location/address: Surrey Rd. White car and a silver pu parked for a while . One subject inside the car. Officers checked area, nothing found.

Sunday, January 9

0121 911 - Threats *report filed. Location/address: Washington St. Caller reported intoxicated family member making suicidal comments. Norwood Fire responded. Transport to the hospital see report.

0258 911 - Loud party spoken to. Location/address: 47 Chapel St. - Chapel St. Caller reported loud party. Officers reported residents Spoken to, party dispersed.

0922 phone - Complaint of m/v gone on arrival. Location/address: Prospect St. Report 81jf71,black male operator, making profane gestures and some type of gang sign with his hands. Bolo to cars. Caller agreed to stop and speak with Police but had left the area upon police arrival.

1224 phone - Domestic *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Washington St. Report father/daughter domestic. N663 places 1 subject under arrest and transports to the station s/ m 66791 1250 hrs, e/m 66792 1254 hrs. Refer to arrest: 11-21-ar Arrest: Dorneval, Jennifer Address: 240 Washington St. apt 3a Dob: 06/19/1993

Monday, January 10

0316 phone - Noise complaint area search negative. Location/address: Hill St. Caller reported someone banging on windows. Officers checked area, nothing found.

1241 walk-in - Larceny *report filed. Location/address: Citizens Bank - Nahatan St. Larceny of credit card and misuse of same.

1528 phone - Dog bite taken/referred to other. Location/address: Prescott School - Richland Rd. Caller reports her dog bit a child at the Prescott School. NACO notified.

1628 phone - Missing person *report filed. Location/address: Starr Program - Winter St. Staff reports one of the resident's left the home. Bolo to Cars.

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hosting blood drives throughout the month to collect blood for patients in need. To donate blood during the month of Jan. call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org <http://www.redcrossblood.org/>.

NORWOOD IRISH MUSIC CLUB DANCE

The Norwood Irish Music Club invites you to join them, Saturday, Jan. 22 with entertainment by "The Wild Rovers". Dances located at Workmen's Hall, 99 Wilson St. (off Rt. 1A), cost is \$10 per person. Dances are held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. All are welcome. Call 781-982-4092 for more information.

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School students and will be performed at the Savage Educational Center. Performances will be held on Friday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 23 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for general admission and \$5 for students and seniors. Please contact the Fine Arts Office with any questions at 781-440-5916.

COACHES AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR NORWOOD YOUTH FOOTBALL

Norwood Youth Football and Cheer is accepting applications for Coaches and Board Members. If you are interested please send a letter of intent to Norwood Youth Football and Cheer, PO Box 124, Norwood, MA 02062 or via email to: norwoodyouthfootballcheer@gmail.com. Please remit Board Member letter of intent by Jan. 15, 2011.

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR NORWOOD YOUTH LACROSSE

Norwood Youth Lacrosse is now accepting online registration for boys presently in grades 1 - 8 for the Spring 2011 season. Registration through Jan. 15. Go to

www.norwoodlacrosse.org and Register Online for quick and easy access. Contact Kevin MacLean @ 781-762-1980 for questions.

PNEUMONIA SHOTS

The Norwood Health Department has now expanded its availability of "pneumonia" or Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine (PPSV). In addition to Norwood residents age 65 and older, PPSV is now available to adults 19 through 64 years of age who smoke cigarettes, have asthma or have a high risk medical condition. The vaccine is offered free of charge at the Norwood Health Department, Town Hall, on Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. or by appointment. For more information call the Health Department at 781-762-1240.

GRACE EPISCOPAL EVENTS

The next meeting of the Grace Church book club is Thursday, Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. "Small Island" by Andrea Levy will be discussed. The book club meets the third Thursday of each month. Grace Episcopal Church is located at 150 Chapel St. Light refreshments are served.

Deaths

BOWEN

Mildred E. (White), of Norwood, Jan 5. Beloved mother of Miles of Bennington, VT and Barbara Sweeny of Norwood. Loving grandmother of Philip Bowen, Elizabeth Sweeny and George Sweeny. Relatives and friends are invited to attend her Memorial Service Sat, Jan 29th at 2 p.m. at the United Church, 595 Washington St. In lieu of flowers donations to the Esther M. Wilkins Forsyth Dental Hygiene Clinic, c/o Office of Development, MA College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences, 179 Longwood Ave, Boston, MA 02115 or to the United Church of Norwood (address above), would be appreciated. Funeral arrangements by the May Funeral Home www.folsomfuneral.com.

Norwood & Emily & Bradley of Cape Elizabeth, ME. Former wife of the late Julius Doliner. Funeral arrangements by the Dockray & Thomas Funeral Home 455 Washington St. Canton. Interment was at Milton Cemetery. Donations may be made in her memory to the Yawkey House of Possibilities at Stonehill College 350 Washington St. Easton, MA 02356.

GRIFFIN

John F., 74, of Norwood formerly of Walpole, Jan. 8. Beloved husband of the late Pauline (Barnes) Griffin. Loving father of Ann and her husband Stephen Cahill of Centerville, Kathleen and her husband Peter Glebus of Walpole and John M. and his wife Nancy Griffin of Norfolk. Cherished grandfather of Colin, Lucy, Brendan, Pauline Cahill, Patrick, Connor Glebus, Grace Kelly Griffin. Cherished friend of Janet Pinckard of RI. Funeral arrangements by the James H. Delaney & Son Funeral Home, 48 Common Street, Walpole. Interment was at Saint Francis Cemetery, Walpole. Memorial donations may

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be made to: American Parkinson Disease Association, 72 East Concord Street, Room C3, Boston, MA 02118.

LINDBLOM

Arlene E. "Swede" (Hanson) Lindblom, wife of the late J. Herbert, passed on peacefully in her home on Thursday, Jan. 6, surrounded by her loving family and caregivers. Born in 1913, Arlene graduated Bridgewater High School in 1930. A member of the first graduating class of Sargent School of Physical Education at Boston University, she earned her B.S. in Education in 1934. She taught in Acton, Norwood, Walpole and Medfield until she retired in 1988. Arlene co-founded the Women's Community Committee in Norwood. She was a board member of the traditional Norwood Girl Scout Council. Arlene was also active in Boy Scouts. She also was a life member of Samoset Chapter 109 of the Order of Eastern Star of MA. For many years, she enjoyed being part of the voting process in Norwood. She is survived by her daughter Edith Lindblom-Warthin of Derby, VT; her son William H. and his wife Susan of Long Branch, NJ and her daughter Lois L. Johnson and her husband Herb of Walpole, MA. She also leaves behind 9 grandchildren and 2 great granddaughters, and her longtime friend Rita Lyons of Norwood. Funeral arrangements by Folsom Funeral Service and May Funeral Home. A private service will be held per her request. Donations may be made in her name to the Girl Scouts of Eastern MA, 95 Berkeley St., Boston, MA 02116 (c/of Service Unit in Norwood) or Caritas Home Care, 3 Edgewater Dr., Norwood, MA 02062.

LUISE

Jeremiah P., 75, of Norwood, Jan. 10. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy M. (Kehoe) Luise. Devoted father of William J. of Newton, Judith A. Kelly of Franklin, Deborah Gundel of Norwood, Donna M. Derenzo of Needham, Corrie A. Weber of Walpole, John R. Luise of Norwood and the late Gerald Luise. Brother of Mary Ann Brown of Lynn and the late Charles Luise Sr. and Anna Bruno. Also survived by 9 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Son of the late Pasquale and Cora (Filadoro) Luise. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St., Friday at 9 a.m. followed by a funeral mass at 10 a.m. in St. Timothy's Church. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday from 4-8 p.m., Burial Highland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the Alzheimer's Association 311 Arsenal St. Watertown, MA.

McDONOUGH

Mary A. (Connolly), 84, of Norwood, died at home on Jan. 8. Mrs. McDonough was born in County Galway, Ireland. She was a member of the Norwood Irish Club, and enjoyed playing Bingo. Beloved wife of the late Christopher McDonough; Loving mother of Christopher McDonough and his wife Peggy of Plainville, Bridget McGuire of Foxboro, John McDonough and his wife Suzanne of Wrentham, and Kevin McDonough of Norwood; Cherished grandmother of Christopher McDonough, Patrick McGuire, Michael McDonough, Melissa McDonough, Mikeala McDonough, and Cloe Akesson; proud great-grandmother of Wyatt McNair; Sister of the late

Martin Connolly (her twin brother), and Patrick, Roddy, and Delia Connolly. She was also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St.

MESSINA

Julie Ann (Dima), 45, of Norwood, formerly of Franklin, Jan. 5. Loving daughter of Marie E. (Porazzo) Dima of Norwood and the late Frank J. Dima. Wife of Steven E. Messina of Franklin. Sister of Diana Santospago of Maine, Rozalyn Moulison of Salem and Gary C. Dima of FL. Godmother of Amy Moulison and Great Aunt of Hayden David Jones. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Donations may be made in Julie's name to the American Cancer Society 30 Speen St. Framingham, MA 01701.

RANKIN

Madelyn J., 72, of Norwood, Jan. 7. Devoted daughter of the late Thomas J. and Helen (Larsen) Rankin. Late Title Examiner, Rackemann, Sawyer and Brewster. Loving mother of James G Rankin, of California. Beloved sister of Thomas J. Rankin of Quincy. Cherished aunt of Erika and Darren. Also survived by many beloved friends. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (Rt. 1A). Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton.

THORNTON

Thomas A., 96, lifelong resident of Norwood, died Jan. 7. Late Veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army Military Police. Retired supervisor with Norfolk Correctional Institution. He was the beloved husband of the late Anna G. (Morrison) Thornton, with

whom he shared 60 years of marriage. Loving father of Elizabeth A. Segerstrom and her husband John of Washington, Valerie E. Ryan and her husband Stephen of Washington, Anne Marie Haley and her husband of Norwood, and Thomas M. Thornton and his wife Annmarie of Foxboro; cherished grandfather of Brenda Croft, Eric Segerstrom, David Segerstrom, Sean Ryan, Suzanne Snell, Brian Haley, Lisa Balzarini, Andrew Thornton, and Rosemary Thornton; proud great-grandfather of Grace and Rachel Croft, Francesca and Julia Segerstrom, Hanna, Aiden and Brianne Ryan, Mackenzie, Stephen and Micah Snell, Keira and Cooper Haley, and Haley and Teagan Balzarini; devoted brother of the late Michael E. Thornton. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St.

CONDOLENCES EXTENDED TO:

Kerry Bender and Joseph Bender on the loss of their grandmother, Mae L. (Laramee) Tobias, of Westwood, Jan. 7.

Lynn S. Griffith on the loss of her father, Robert Wilson Spencer, of Mansfield, Jan. 2.

George Mutascio and his wife Denise and Laurie Henry and her husband Jim, on the loss of their father, George C. Mutascio, of Hyde Park, Dec. 26.

Robert Colleran, on the loss of his Mother and to Marie Kelley on the loss of her sister, Rose D. (Homer) Colleran, of Hyde Park, on Dec. 23

Mary P. (Skelly) Collins and John (Jay) Collins, on the loss of her mother, Mary J. (Close) Skelly, of Kittery ME, Dec. 21.

Patricia Sweeney on the loss of her aunt, Otie R. Paduano, of Dedham, Dec. 20.

Alice Cofsky, on the loss of her brother, John P. Geishecker, of Wrentham, Dec. 19.

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NYRA BOOK GROUP AT LIBRARY

On Wednesday, Jan. 19, from 7 - 8 p.m., the Norwood Young Readers Award Book Group will meet at the Morrill Memorial Library. The book group, for students in grades 4 & 5, will be discussing the book "Savvy" by Ingrid Law. Snacks will be served. Please register for the program at the

children's desk of the library, or call 781-769-0200 X225.

SIGN-UP FOR WEEKLY WINTER STORYTIMES AT THE LIBRARY

Stop by the Children's Room of the Morrill Memorial Library, Norwood, to sign-up for the Weekly Winter Storytimes. Storytimes began the week of Jan.

10, and run for 6 weeks. 3 year olds storytimes will be on Thursdays, from 10 - 10:30 a.m., and 4 & 5 year olds will meet on Tuesdays from 10 - 10:30. Lapsits, storytime programs for children under 3 and their caregivers, will meet on Fridays from 10:30 - 11, and 11:30 - 12. The earlier Lapsit requires registration, while the second Lapsit is a drop-in program. For more in-

formation about weekly storytimes or to find out about the other children's programs, check out the library website at norwoodlibrary.org, or call 781-769-0200 X225.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY HOST MYSTERY WRITER, INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER HANK PHILLIPPI RYAN

Mystery fans, readers and writers, come to the Morrill Memorial Library to hear Hank Phillippi Ryan talk about her best-selling mysteries and her writing. The program is on Wednesday, Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m. Registration is required. Call 781-769-0200 to register or for information or in case of inclement weather. Award-winning investigative reporter Hank Phillippi Ryan is on the air at Boston's NBC affiliate. Her work has resulted in new laws, people sent to prison, homes removed from foreclosure, and millions of dollars in restitution. Hank has won many journalism honors including 26 Emmy's. Hank has been a radio reporter, legislative aide, and an editorial assistant for *Rolling Stone* magazine. Hank's first mystery "Prime Time" won the Agatha Award for Best First Novel as well as other book world recognitions. "Face Time" and "Air Time" are bestsellers and "Air Time" was nominated for the Agatha Award for Best Novel of 2009 and was a nominee for Best Paperback Original. "Drive Time" published in 2010 just earned a starred review from *Library Journal*. Hank's short story "On the House" won the Agatha Award for Best Short Story of 2009 and won the 2009 Anthony Award and Macavity Award, special awards for mystery writers! Hank is an active member of New England Sisters in Crime and is on the board of Mystery Writers of America.

Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. for a memorable and mouthwatering presentation. Get in the mood for Valentine's Day or just warm up on a winter evening by indulging in some rich, satisfying chocolate. Maria will discuss the varieties of chocolate available and demonstrate the basics of making chocolate truffles. Samples of her confections will be available. Currently Asst. Dir. of the Cheshire Public Library in CT, Maria started out as a self-taught chef largely inspired by Julia Child. Her strong interest in dessert and pastry-making evolved into a passion for creating chocolate. In 2001 she received a Certificate of Gastronomy from the University of New Haven and in 2004 she took a private course in chocolate making with a professional chocolatier in the city of Arles in Provence, France. Class size is limited to 50 people and registration is required. Sign up at the library Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x222. This free program is funded by the Friends of the Library. The library is accessible to people with physical disabilities.

FIRESIDE READS BOOK REVIEW FUN

Join librarians Beth Goldman and Margot Sullivan at their popular winter book review session at the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday Jan. 13 at 10 a.m. and repeated again at 7:30 p.m. Beth and Margot each review about 10-12 books covering a variety of subjects - whatever sparks their interest. They present some old and new fiction, maybe a mystery or a history or a biography, maybe a cookbook (Beth loves cooking). This is a fun, relaxing, informative, and entertaining gathering. Suggestions from the audience are taken and a list is published of all of the reviews and mentioned titles. Coffee and refreshments are served in the Simoni Room. No registration is necessary but call if more information is needed or in case of inclement weather at 781-769-0200 x110.

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