



T.M. spends some, cuts some NFD Substitution cut | DPW study approved

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Fire Department received \$151,000 from the town's Free Cash account to cover the various expected costs associated with substitution for the remainder of the year at Monday night's special Town Meeting.

Fire Chief Michael Howard originally requested \$202,000, \$51,000 more than what he received. This amount would have allowed him to maintain a minimum staffing of 14 firefighters through June 30, 2011, the final day of Fiscal Year 2011. However, Town Meeting, following the recommendation of the Finance Commission, provided the chief with \$151,000 in funding, bringing the substitution account up to \$637,000 for FY 2011. This smaller amount will allow Chief Howard to maintain a minimum staffing of 13 firefighters through the remainder of the

fiscal year.

The FinCom recommended this amount for three reasons. First, in these tight economic times, they need to watch every penny. Second, if this amount proves not to be enough, the chief will be able to request more funds later in the fiscal year, perhaps at the annual Town Meeting. Third, Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI), the company the town is working with on the Fire Department Substitution study, found that the town could operate with a minimum shift of 13 firefighters.

"A shift level of 13 is considered prudent to provide an adequate level of service to the community," FinCom and District 4 Town Meeting member Alan Slater said, noting MRI's study. "If financial ability is questionable, the staffing level should be set at 13 as soon as a deficit in overtime is projected."

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Staff Reporter

Town Meeting members approved appropriating \$35,000 to hire a consultant to develop a conceptual study to keep the Department of Public Works (DPW) yard at the Lyman Place site.

This comes after almost a decade of searching for a new site. Since 2001, local officials have looked at property throughout the town in order to find a new home for the DPW, as the current site does not fit the needs of a department of 40 employees or the vehicles required to run a modern, 21st century DPW. After careful study, the town determined they could work from the current site, provided they update the site, expand in area and acquire some property on the neighboring Lenox Street.

"The facility- the current site- is woefully inadequate to effectively and efficiently conduct the operations of the

DPW, and the conditions of the facilities there are in a deplorable state and inappropriate for use to expect our employees to operate, on a daily basis, out of," said Selectman and District 1 Town Meeting member Bill Plasko said.

Plasko added that a 2001 study showed that in order for the DPW to effectively move forward, they needed a larger site. Plasko, General Manager John Carroll, and several other government officials looked at over 20 other sites in town, including the CertainTeed property on Pleasant Street, the General Builders site on Pleasant Street, town owned land on University Avenue and Hennessey Field.

"We looked hard, and we couldn't get anywhere," Plasko said. "Since 2001, we have not been able to find another adequate site."

Plasko noted that the best, most ap-

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Selectmen pave way for further 40R project review

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen voted 4-1 to allow Robert Folsom to submit his proposed Chapter 40R smart growth district project to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

This approval came after the board heard from a packed room full of abutters regarding the proposed develop-

ment at the East Hoyle Street and Washington Street intersection. This project involves demolishing five of the six buildings located at the site, replacing them with a two-story and three-story building containing both residential and retail operations. It would cost approximately \$4 million.

Chapter 40R is a state statute intended to encourage communities to create dense, mixed use zoning districts, including affordable housing

units. Eligible locations for a 40R district include areas within one half mile of any rapid transit station and areas of concentrated development, such as a town center. The site proposed by Folsom qualifies due to its close proximity to the Norwood Central train station.

Currently, there are 19 rental units at the site. Should this project go forward, Folsom's property will contain 12,800 square feet of retail space and

32 rental units, including 20 two-bedroom units and 12 one-bedroom units. In addition, there would be some retail space and three rental units not owned by Folsom.

The public hearing was required to make sure the project is properly vetted by neighbors. All of the neighbors who spoke up were against the project, in-

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appropriate location was the Hennessey Field site, but neighborhood outcry against the project caused the Board of Selectmen to abandon using that location as a DPW Yard. Now, it seems the best option for the DPW is to keep it where it is.

“Geographically, this is an excellent site: right in the middle of town,” Carroll said, though it currently does not fit the needs of the department, due to deplorable conditions at the site.

Carroll estimates the project will cost approximately \$10.59 million, including the cost of acquiring the Lenox Street land and building a pedestrian tunnel that connects the two sites. This tunnel, which has an estimated price tag of \$900,000, would run below the train tracks and require cooperation from the MBTA to install. It is not finalized, it is only being considered as part of the initial plan.

“We know it will work, and we know we need a new facil-

ity,” Carroll said. “We need to move forward. We built a beautiful police and fire facility, we’re building a beautiful new high school. It is time for public works.”

This assessment did not pass without comment. District 4 Town Meeting member Bob Capasso said there was no question the DPW yard needs to be updated, but he questioned the current location.

“We have to do something for our DPW, but to locate it on that site, as far as I’m concerned, that’s the wrong place to spend \$11 million dollars to take care of our DPW facilities,” Capasso said, noting there are plenty of other locations in town that could be considered, citing the landfill, Froggies, University Avenue and Hennessey Field as other possible sites.

Capasso also questioned the tunnel, saying, “To me, that’s throwing \$1 million away. A million dollars can buy you a hell of a lot of land here in the town of Norwood. Why should we waste it on a tunnel? It’s a tunnel to nowhere, as far as I’m concerned.”

District 5 Town Meeting member Barry Keady also questioned keeping the DPW at Lyman Place.

“I think it’s a terrible location for the DPW, right in the center of town,” Keady said, citing its close proximity to the Civic Center. He noted that getting children into the Civic Center is like playing “a live game of Frogger” due to the traffic accessing and leaving the DPW yard.

“We waste a lot on foolish things in this town, when we should be giving the DPW people a good site,” Keady said.

Carroll addressed these concerns, saying they have looked at all the locations cited by Capasso, and given their current options, the Lyman Place locations is their best option. He said Hennessey Field remains the best location for the site, but when they attempted to go there, the town was “bombed by people that said not in my backyard.” Over 100 abutters from District 7 and District 8 spoke out against having the DPW yard there, and that sentiment remains today. With Hennessey Field out of the question, a different location for the DPW Yard needs to be considered, and that location is the Lyman Place site.

“We can’t keep on making these people work in these deplorable conditions,” Carroll said. “There isn’t any other site in the town of Norwood.”

Capasso also questioned the sudden urgency of the project, saying, “We’re rushing to judgment. There really is no big, great emergency now to do something about the DPW.”

Plasko said this was not the case, as the town has wasted 10 years talking about a new site. With each passing month, conditions at the site continue to deteriorate, and the site is in far worse condition now than it was in 2001.

District 4 Town Meeting member Susan McQuaid echoed this sentiment, saying, “We have talked this issue to death.”

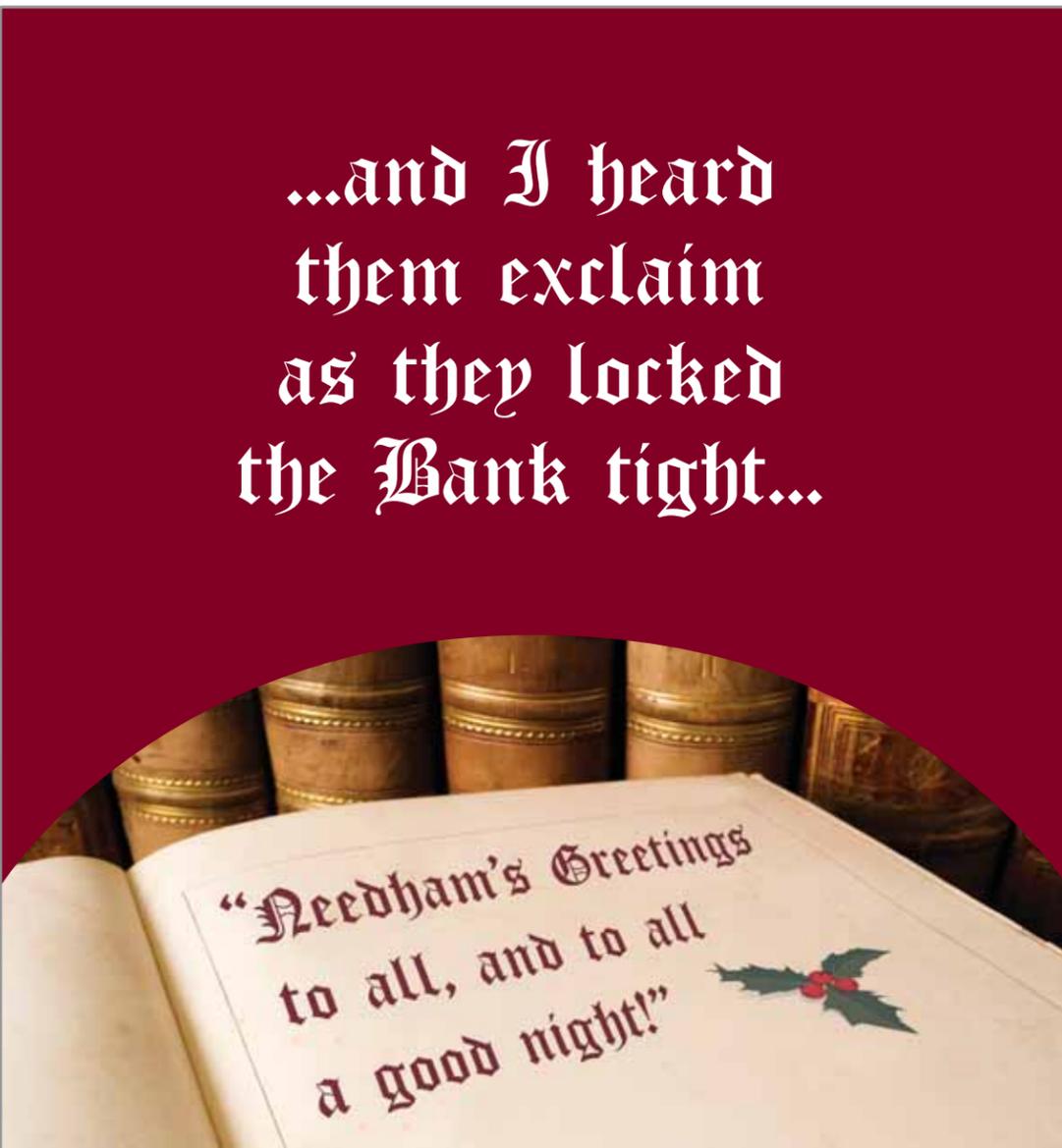
The majority of Town Meeting members agreed, and decided to stop talking and begin acting, allowing the town to bring in an outside consultant to design a conceptual study for an expansion at the Lyman Place site.



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Transportation budget addressed

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Transportation Director Sean Danaher appeared before the School Committee last Wednesday to address the SPED transportation budget, and compare the costs of keeping the program in-house versus outsourcing to one of the numerous transportation providers in the area.

The town received informational quotes from TLC School Transportation, YCN Transportation and VHS Transportation, Inc., and compared these to the town's projected costs for Fiscal Year 2012. The quotes were based on costs associated with transporting 68 students to schools within the district and 44 students to 36 out-of-district schools.

These out-of-district students are transported to several different nearby towns, including Attleboro, Wellesley, Franklin, Needham, Natick, Newton, Southboro, Canton, Framingham, Randolph, Brookline, Braintree, Lexington, Needham, Stoughton, Westwood, Ashland, Sharon and Sudbury.

Based on these numbers, TLC estimated their services would cost \$762,480. VHS came in at \$866,400 and YCN would cost \$834,330. Keeping the service in-district would cost an estimated \$609,072, leading to a budgeted amount of \$848,591 for FY 2012. This number includes several other costs associated with the department, such as the \$90,236 mini-bus lease payment. If the school department is able to prepay that amount during FY 2011, the FY 2012 budget drops to \$758,335.

This budgeted figure also includes the \$20,000 vehicle insurance and benefits earned by certain employees.

Superintendent of Schools Jim Hayden stressed that none of these numbers are final. Those provided by the vendors are for informational purposes only, and do not necessarily reflect what a vendor would charge should Norwood go out to bid, due to the laws associated with bid requirements. The town's estimate is based on current projections and forecast-

ing, and there are always unforeseen variables that could change this.

"These numbers are informal," Hayden said, adding he thanked the vendors for providing the town with this information.

In addition, while these numbers are based on the same information, they were calculated in different fashions. TLC did per student costs, and estimates it would cost \$22 per in-district student per day and \$155 per out-of-district student per day. YCN estimated a \$203,760 cost for transporting the in-district students, and a \$550,620 cost for out-of-district students. VHS based their charge on mileage, and it would cost about \$20 per in-district student per day, and \$2.75 per mile for out-of-district students, with a minimum of \$185 per student per day. The town's estimated costs are \$10.30 per day for in-district students and \$52.27 per day for out-of-district students.

Nonetheless, these numbers suggest that it is cheaper to keep the program in district for the time being, rather than outsource to one of the several outside vendors.

"Looking at the vendor quotes, I really don't need to comment on them, because our quote is that much better," said School Committee member Paul Samargedlis. "Our number plays out favorably."

School Committee member Bill Plasko Jr. noted that if they can prepay the third year of the lease payment, next year's budget will represent an approximate \$150,000 savings since they last outsourced. During the 2008-2009 school year, the school outsourced to YCN Transportation, and ended up paying \$904,986 for transportation services, \$836,259 of which were vendor costs. The proposed \$758,335 FY 2012 budget represents a \$146,651 drop since then.

"At the very minimum, I think our venture has proved not to be a loss to the district," Plasko said, as stimulus funding reduced the town's portion of the cost over the last two fiscal years, and this helped lead to lower projected costs for FY 2012.

They noted one other advantage of the in-district program: add-on services. The in-house buses provide transportation for numerous Lead Program trips, PACS program trips, sports teams and fine arts students. Costs associated with this are fully absorbed in the current transportation budget.

"You can't really put a price tag on that," Samargedlis said, noting that this program is a great service to the students in town.

While there are benefits, Danaher noted there are some other factors to consider. The Transportation Department is currently operating without a backup fleet, though they are in the process of looking to purchase some used vehicles to bolster the fleet. In addition, they will need to purchase replacement vehicles some time in the future, most likely after the third year of use.

"We're putting miles on them every day," Danaher said. "After year three, we're going to have to look at buying new ones."

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Editorial

Not a question of if, but what...

Kudos and a major shout out to Selectmen Chairman Jerry Kelleher for speaking out against Norwood Hospital and its COO, Bill Fleming, for showing up at Tuesday night's meeting to speak out against the proposed 40R development project at the Corner of Washington and East Hoyle Streets.

Fleming "whined" (Kelleher's word, not mine) about the potential impact on traffic and being able to provide medical services to the area, and mentioned that there is already ticketing on Washington St. for parking violations. Of course, what he failed to mention is that the reason there is ticketing on Washington St. is that the hospital never properly addressed parking for its own facility. Fleming goes on to warn Norwood that the large tract of land they currently use for employee parking behind the proposed 40R project is now being "marketed", which would really hurt the hospital and potentially add to the density issues if future buyers wish to build. He may as well have started his comments with "How do they..." the way he came across as an aggrieved party in all of this. Well Mr. Fleming, why don't the new owners of the hospital step up and buy the bloody property, ensuring it remains parking? Or should the town buy it for you, because of all you do for Norwood? Please...

Norwood Hospital is now a privately held entity owned by an equity firm whose first priority is profit, not healthcare. Shareholders won't want to hear that their dividend payments are reduced because "we needed the extra money to help sick people." The days of making huge concessions to the hospital by the town should be over, and worrying about impacts of any project should take residents' considerations into account well before those of profit mongering companies like Cerebus Capital Management.

Selectmen's comments relative to the benefits of working with a developer on a 40R project, such as Robert Folsom, as opposed to being slapped in the kisser by a developer sticking it to the town with a 40B plan were right on the money. Neighbors really need to understand that something is going to happen at that site no matter what. The question this writer has for each of the abutters against the project is whether or not they supported an amendment to abolish 40B during the last election. Astoundingly, Norwood as a whole supported maintaining 40B, even after it could not have been made more clear that 40B is a hostage negotiation tool used by developers to do virtually anything they want should a town not bend over backwards to their initial project requests.

Folsom's proposal, relative to density, is actually modest when compared to what he could do should voters at Town Meeting turn him down. He has made it clear that maintaining the status quo is not an option. Something is going to happen at that site, the only question being with or without the town's input. And unlike Norwood Hospital, Folsom has always been up front that his priority is to turn a profit on his real estate, something no one should hold against him.

Patrick Mulvehill's comments relative to "opening a door" to other developers who are watching this process closely are without merit. If others had the real estate, money and a good lawyer with solid knowledge of 40B intricacies, they would simply do their own projects, regardless of the outcome of this proposal. If anything, developers could learn something from this process, on how to attempt to work with a town on a plan upfront, as opposed to thumbing their nose at everyone under 40B.

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Letters to the Editor

DPW THE BEST!

To the Editor:

On a recent afternoon, my staff discovered that one of our students had lost his glasses. Unfortunately, everyone thought that this youngster had dropped them into the storm drain on school property. We reached out to the Norwood Public Works Sewer and Water Department in hopes that they could be retrieved.

Three workers responded quickly to our request for help. After 30 minutes of attaching hoses, searching with flashlights, and attempting to clear the drain, one of the crew found the glasses, in the grass, not far from the drain! These three gentlemen went above and beyond their job, to help us find the glasses.

I would like to extend my thanks, those of my teachers and this child's family, to the Department of Sewer and Water for coming quickly to our aid, on a very chilly afternoon.

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Slater noted that this minimum staffing level recommendation came from the experts at MRI, a group which consists of an active fire chief, two retired fire chiefs and a current Town Manager. The recommendation cited Norwood's staffing level as compared to seven benchmarking communities, Canton, Franklin, Needham, North Attleboro, Randolph, Stoughton and West Springfield.

"The average [minimum staffing] of these seven similar communities is 11. Norwood has 14," Slater said, reporting this information as Chairman of the Fire Study Committee.

While MRI believes the minimum shift of 13 is prudent, Chief Howard disagrees with this assessment.

"I do not agree with the 13," he said. "It will not only affect firefighter safety, but the safety of the public. Unless put into writing by the Board of Selectmen, I will not run with 13 firefighters."

Selectman Bill Plasko noted that Town Meeting needed to take a more definitive action. While an allotment of \$151,000 sends a message, they have not

mandated a minimum staffing level of 13.

"To give him a sum of money and say we'll consider it in the future gives him no definitive answer as to what his minimum manning should be," Plasko said.

While \$151,000 allows for a minimum manning of 13, it does not stop Chief Howard from operating at a minimum manning of 14 and coming back for more funds in the future. The Town Meeting approval simply gave him the money, with no conditions attached, though he is expected to live within the budget, as all town departments are.

This approval came after a failed attempt to amend the FinCom's motion by District 8 Town Meeting member Edward Brown, who moved to appropriate the full request of \$202,000.

"I think the numbers speak for themselves," Brown said. "\$202,000 is projected to carry us through June," and he felt it was appropriate to fully fund the line item now, rather than force the Fire Department to come back and request more money at the annual Town Meeting.

This amendment did not carry, leaving the department with \$151,000 to work with.

Regardless of what happens with the minimum staffing level, money was needed for

the account. Through Nov. 30, approximately \$366,000 of the original budgeted amount of \$486,000 has been spent on substitution costs.

"We're through the end of November, and we've already spent 70 to 75 percent of that number," FinCom Chairman Joseph Greeley said.

The other warrant item dealing with the Fire Department was a request for \$130,000 for their medical services account.

"Medical services includes payment to doctors and other services for job related injuries of firefighters," Howard said, and state law requires this payment.

Under Chapter 41, Section 111F of the Massachusetts General Laws, whenever a police officer or firefighter is injured in the line of duty, the town is responsible for paying costs associated with the injury and recovery, including medical bills, cost of surgery and prescriptions. This year, the Norwood Fire Department has received medical bills from 13 employees who were injured recently. Of these 13, four were injured this fiscal year, while the other nine were injured in years past.

The approval of \$130,000 brings the total amount for the Fire Department's medical services account to \$220,000 for FY 2011. Howard believes this will carry him through the remainder of the fiscal year, barring any other injuries.

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Town Meeting Notes

Norwood Theatre to radio tower

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Susan Lewis is one step closer to reopening Norwood Theatre. At last Thursday's Special Town Meeting, members unanimously approved her request to petition the State Legislature for an additional Beer and Wine License specific to the Norwood Theatre location.

Lewis outlined the theatre's goals, saying, "The mission of Norwood Theatre is to present quality productions and programs to the community. Our

goal is to provide and promote education in the arts to children and adults. Norwood Theatre seeks to create opportunities for community participation in enriching theatrical experiences. We are dedicated to supporting the local schools and community organizations, thereby contributing to the quality of life in Norwood and the surrounding communities."

The only thing Lewis was asking of the town was for a Beer and Wine License. While the town has two such licenses available, they are for restaur-

rants. Norwood Theatre is not a restaurant, therefore, it does not qualify for such a license. However, Lewis feels such a license would enhance the Norwood Theatre experience.

"The reason we are asking for the Beer and Wine license is we want to try to compare ourselves to the other theaters throughout the Boston-Providence area," Lewis said, citing several theaters that serve alcohol, including the Wilbur Theatre, the Colonial Theater and

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cluding Bill Fleming, the Chief Operating Officer for Caritas Norwood Hospital.

"We are opposed to that project," Fleming said, as he fears the potential traffic increase associated with it could adversely affect the hospital and its ability to serve the town.

Fleming noted that one entrance to the redesigned site is on East Hoyle Street.

"This is where all the ambulances and paramedic vehicles access the hospital," he said, adding the town needs to make a decision about how much traffic they can handle there before they hurt medical services in town.

Fleming added the area is very congested as it is. There are police officers outside the hospital on a daily basis ticketing people who are illegally parked, and this development could add to the parking difficulties in the area.

Also against the project was Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Patrick Mulvehill, who feels it could set a precedent in town.

"We fought underground parking in this town for years," Mulvehill said. "That's a door this town doesn't want to open."

Folsom addressed this concern by saying that while there is parking below one of the buildings, it is not underground parking. All 110 parking spots on site are above grade. He compared the lot to the parking situation at Lenox Station, where there are several parking spots underneath the building, but not underground.

"It is not an underground parking garage," Folsom said. Abutter Diane McNair questioned one of the access points of the site, which is across from Douglas Avenue.

"Getting out of Douglas Avenue onto Washington Street is awful," she said. "I can't even imagine what it would be like to have the exit

of that building right across from Douglas Avenue."

Folsom noted this is not the case. While near Douglas Avenue, the exit is offset, and not directly across from it. While there will be new parking and traffic with the development, it will not adversely affect that intersection, he claimed.

"We have studied the traffic extensively for over two years," he said. "My proposed development is going to have minimal to no impact on the traffic in that area."

Selectman Donohue questioned this study, which was done by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB), the same company that studied the Dean Street/Route 1 intersection.

"You're relying on these people, and they goofed up galore," Donohue said.

Folsom noted that while VHB studied that intersection, that is an entirely unrelated project. In addition, he is willing to have a peer review of the VHB study, and let other traffic engineers examine the site to see if there will be an impact.

Paul Poznick questioned what the project would do to the tenants currently living or operating out of the property. Folsom promised that no tenant would find themselves tossed out onto the street.

"We will make sure every single one of our tenants has a place to go," Folsom said.

Several other neighbors, including Ninette Cummings and Debbie Frangioso questioned what it would do to the character of the neighborhood.

"I think it is too much for the neighborhood to handle, for a variety of reasons," Frangioso said, naming increased noise and traffic as issues.

While neighbors expressed opposition, members of the Board of Selectmen showed their support, allowing it to go forward to the state level, where it will be examined by the DHCH.

"I think this is going to be an improvement in ways people are not even envisioning," Selectman Bill Plasko said, adding he feels this 40R project is the right way to go. "Visually, I see nothing but an improvement, and I support it."

Selectman Michael Lyons added that as a 40R project, Folsom was working with the town. He noted that the Norwood Crossing was originally a 40R project, which Town Meeting rejected, only for it to come back as a 40B project the town had no control over.

"Right now, we have some control," Lyons said. "We have a cooperative developer willing to work with the town."

Only Selectman Helen Abdallah-Donohue spoke out against the project, noting it doubles the housing density in that area and that numerous neighbors spoke out against it.

Folsom countered that while density is increasing, this is still a low density project, with a proposed 27 units per acre.

"That is low density," he said. "There are other projects in town that [have 40-plus] or 50 units per acre."

Assuming approval from the DHCD, it must then receive a two-thirds vote from Town Meeting members and be reviewed and approved by the Planning Board. There are still many steps before Folsom's proposal becomes reality.

If the project fails to get approval from DHCD or Town Meeting, Folsom said he had several other options available: to do nothing at the site, to rebuild the site as zoning allows, request a special permit, or continue the project under Chapter 40B. While he did not say what his next step would be, he confirmed what he wouldn't do.

"If 40R is eliminated, that leaves me with four options, one of which I will not do: nothing," Folsom said, indicating that some development at the property will be done.

Schools address bullying

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Bullying was a key part of last Wednesday's School Committee meeting, when the group unanimously approved a new bullying policy and the Bullying Prevention Task Force's draft Bullying and Cyberbullying Prevention Plan.

"One of our primary focuses is our desire to develop prevention programs in all our schools to make sure our students are safe from bullying behaviors," said Assistant Superintendent Dr. Alec Wyeth, the coordinator of the 19-member Bullying Prevention Task Force.

Other members on the task force are Director of Student Services Joyce Onischewski, Health Department Chair Ann Keegan, Norwood High School dean Cathy Shachoy, Director of Student Services Beth Sylvia, High School Adjustment Counselor Lisa Tartufo, Physical Education teacher Jay Dupuis, Middle School Adjustment Counselor Scott Hopkinson, Middle School Housemaster Brian Meringer, Guidance Counselor Ashley Sassano, Physical Education teacher Joe Conti, Open Circle coaches Susan Barry, Patty Doucette and Carolyn Donovan, Pre-K teacher Laura Tolman, School Resource Officer Detective Paul Ryan and community members Jack McCarthy, Peter McFarland and Ed Ferris.

"They have put a lot of time and effort into the work here," Wyeth said. "All of these folks have made some tremendous contributions to the work to date, and I thank them for their efforts."

The task force was needed to develop a Bullying and Cyberbullying Prevention Plan, which needs to be sent to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) by Dec. 31. This is required by the 2010 Bullying Prevention Law, and the task force spent their time updating the existing 2006 policy on bullying by developing a plan for professional development, training and awareness development for all school personnel and parents, so that the school meets the law's new requirements.

The draft plan addresses five key areas: leadership, prevention and reporting, communication, curriculum development and modification of individualized education plans. Changes will be made at all grade levels.

Superintendent of Schools Jim Hayden said there is a positive culture in the Norwood community: people, whether they are students or teachers, come together to help one another. With new bullying procedures in place, the school department aims to help students as they develop, whether they are the victim of bullying or the aggressor.

"Our eyes have been opened over the events of the last few years," Hayden said. "The way we dealt with bullying needed to be re-evaluated, and that is what we have done."

The procedure defines bullying and identifies behavior elements that could be part of the bullying pattern, which is repeated acts intended to intimidate, humiliate or ridicule. The methods can be physical, emotional or relational. Cyberbullying is the use of technology, such as cell phones or Facebook, to bully.

One key is making information available to parents. One way they did this is by placing anti-bullying information on the Norwood Schools website. The website features a downloadable form for reporting bullies, links to anti-bullying resources, definitions of numerous bullying and cyberbullying terms and more.

The downloadable form asks the reporter to identify when the bullying incident occurred, where it took place, what it involved, and who the bullies and victims were. It al-

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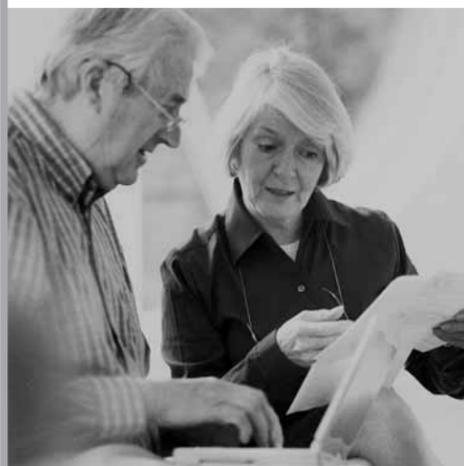
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the Somerville Theater.

Several town boards, including the Downtown Steering Committee and Economic Development Committee, supported her request, and Town Meeting followed suit.

"Mrs. Lewis is creating a center for the performing arts right here in our town at the Norwood Theatre," District 3 Town Meeting member Judith Howard said. "It is a wonderful, wonderful project."

Town Meeting also discussed the lattice tower proposed for Bellevue Avenue, and approved \$175,000 for its building. This tower will be located between the two water tanks there, and will be used to support a 15-foot tall whip antenna. In total, this tower will stand at 386 feet above sea level.

Town Meeting approved borrowing \$100,000 for this tower last spring, but that does not cover the costs associated with erecting and installing the tower. The town put the project out to bid, and Industrial Communications Inc. was the low bidder at \$180,166, and the other costs associated with the project bring the total price tag up to \$272,618.

The whip antenna and lattice tower will be used by numerous departments in town, including the Department of Public Works, the Electric Light Department, the Fire Department and the Police Department.

"This is a public safety facility," General Manager John Carroll said, noting that the current public safety antenna is located on the current Norwood High School, and with its impending demolition, they need a new location for it.

"This is the highest place in town, and it works very, very

well," Carroll said, adding that all departments involved are in favor of this location.

He stressed that this lattice tower would only hold the public safety antenna, and would not be strong enough to support additional antennas.

"There is no cell communication involved in this at all," Carroll said, and Town Meeting members supported this proposal.

Town Meeting members also supported a tax incentive financing (TIF) agreement with Norwood business Absolute Metal Finishing. A TIF can provide property tax exemption based on a percentage of value added through new construction or significant improvement in a development area, and Absolute was looking for a ten-year agreement with the town.

"They would be expanding their business, adding employees and improving the tax base overall," said Board of Selectmen Chairman Jerry Kelleher in support of the TIF, noting that Absolute has been in Norwood for 18 years, and this would help them grow and stay in town.

Absolute Metal Finishing is investing approximately \$2.55 million into their expansion-\$1,375,000 to purchase the 90 Morse St. site, and \$1,175,000 in capital investments. The new equipment and expansion will allow them to add five new jobs, increasing their employee count by 25 percent.

The Finance Commission spoke out in favor of this article. This is a new path for the FinCom, who has usually remained quiet regarding TIFs.

"We feel that this specific TIF provides the incentive for a local business to grow and hopefully stay local," said FinCom

Chairman Joseph Greeley, adding that the FinCom would take a more detailed look at TIF agreements in the future, as they do affect the financial status of the town.

Town Meeting approved a pair of wage increases. Morrill Memorial Library employees reached an agreement with the Library Board of Trustees, who requested \$21,782 in wage and salary increases. Funding for this came from the Cost of Living Reserve set up at the annual Town Meeting in May. This fund was also used to fund the \$185,000 arbitrator's award for wage and salary increases for Police Superiors.

Town Meeting also addressed the pair of water breaks that occurred on Route 1 in November, allotting \$106,000 from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority account for purposes of funding those repairs.

Town Meeting also unanimously accepted a pair of changes to the recently approved zoning bylaws. The first involved fixing several scrivener's errors, essentially small typographical errors, while the second added "Fitness Center" to the Zoning Bylaw's Table of Use Regulations. With this addition, fitness centers will be allowed, as of right, in the General Business, Central Business and Highway Business Districts. They are also allowed, as of right, in the Limited Business District, as long as the business has no more than five employees regularly employed. Fitness centers will also be allowed in the Manufacturing, Limited Manufacturing and the Limited Manufacturing A district with a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Santa's train ride

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Saint Catherine of Siena School sponsored the Christmas Caboose, a train that took thousands of Norwood residents from the Norwood Central train station to the North Pole, where they could meet with Santa, Mrs. Claus and dozens of elves.

The event proved to be a runaway success, said Paula Curley, Director of Advancement at Saint Catherine of Siena School.

"We didn't even have to advertise it," Curley said. "It just took off. People were really excited about it."

All four trips sold out, selling 3,000 tickets and raising approximately \$61,000 for the school. After the numerous expenses associated with the event, including the near \$11,000 cost to rent the five double-decker MBTA trains for the day, they raised an estimated \$35,000.

A ticket entitled passengers to the 55-minute train trip, hot

chocolate, a cookie, a bell and a candy cane. The four North Pole excursions left Norwood Central at 12:30, 2:30, 4:30 and 6:30 p.m., and each made their way to the North Pole, the Readville Train Station in Boston. At this point, Santa entered the train to entertain the 750 guests per trip. Each child had a chance to write a letter to Santa, which he collected as he walked through the train.

The event took a lot of effort to make into such a huge success. Curley estimates there were approximately 100 volunteers on each train ride, doing everything from distributing gifts to children in attendance to leading a holiday sing-along, where children sang tunes like Jingle Bells and Frosty the Snowman.

Another portion of the trip is a reading of the classic Christmas story, "The Polar Express," by Chris Van Allsburg. The event takes some cues from the story, which involves a conductor bringing a group of children to

the North Pole via train. On this train ride, the children are given candies, hot chocolate and offered a bell from Santa's sleigh, much like what the children on Christmas Caboose received.

The first year proved to be a success, and Curley hopes the Christmas Caboose will become a tradition for years to come.

"We would like to make it into an annual event," Curley said.

While new to Norwood, the Christmas Caboose is not a new event. In addition to being inspired by Van Allsburg's classic Christmas tale, a similar event was held at Saint Joseph's School in Needham last year. Its success prompted Curley to bring the event to Norwood.

Several sponsors stepped up to help make the Christmas Caboose possible. St. Catherine's received support from Roche Bros, DifferRentals, SPoT!, YCN Transportation, Broadway Citgo and the Broderick Gymnastics Academy.

Theater continues along

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Progress continues to be made at the Norwood Theatre, thanks to new owner Susan Lewis. A big step came last Thursday, when Town Meeting members approved Lewis's request to petition the State legislature for a Beer and Wine license specific to Norwood Theatre.

While Norwood had two beer and wine licenses available, the bylaw stipulates that these must go to restaurants. Since the Norwood Theatre is not a restaurant, it is not eligible for one of these licenses, requiring the town petition the legislature to allow for a license there.

Town Meeting approved the request, which had the support of several boards in town, including the Economic Development Committee and the Downtown Steering Committee.

This was just one hurdle Lewis has faced in her quest to reopen the Norwood Theatre. She also had to get through the Handicapped Accessibility Board, do numerous renovations inside and outside the building, install an elevator and more. She acknowledges that construction is slow at this point, and they will miss their initial planned opening date.

"We were hoping to open in August 2011, and I'm pretty sure we won't be able to open until August 2012," Lewis said, adding, "I want to stick to that Aug. 31 date in 2012, because that is the day it opened in 1927. That is very special."

The tentative plan is to have a "soft opening" in January 2012, followed by a grand opening on Aug. 31, 2012, the 85th anniversary of the building's original opening. This will allow them to have the building open for community use while they put the fin-

ishing touches on, ensuring they have all the sound and lighting equipment ready for performances that will take place there.

Costas Apostolopoulos, who works with Tribeca Builders, the contractor working at the Norwood Theatre site, confirmed they are now in the construction stage of the project, but still have a ways to go before the opening. He noted that the theatre is an old building, and this complicates the construction process.

"We've done a lot of planning and some minor work," Apostolopoulos said. "Now, we're really going to get going."

They are creating a schedule for the construction work, which includes installing an elevator, installing 700 to 720 new chairs, and more. Some work on the exterior has already been completed: the roof has been repaired, the gutters were addressed and façade work is finished. They have also done some structural demolition inside the building.

Lewis has many plans for the revived Norwood Theatre.

"The mission of the Norwood Theatre is to present quality productions to the community," Lewis said, and these productions include everything from educational programs to music concerts to film festivals to comedians. The hope is there will be entertainment options for people of all ages.

Lewis, of Dover and Isle of Palms, South Carolina, purchased the Norwood Theatre from Meg Fofonoff and the Fiddlehead Theatre Company, Inc. on Dec. 29, 2009. She paid \$925,000 for the building, which is located at 109 Central St. While the renovation adds to the price tag, she does not know what her total investment in the site is at this time.

"I don't know yet," Lewis

said. "All I can say is it keeps going up."

Lewis has no experience owning a theatre, but she has some experience in the live theatre. She has been involved in theater for several years as a volunteer and philanthropist, and said theatre is an important part of her life.

"When I heard [Norwood Theatre] was for sale, I knew I just had to buy it," Lewis said. "It is a beautiful building."

She hopes this beautiful building will once again become a hub of activity for the downtown area. Lewis said she has already been approached by three community theater groups who wish to use the site once it opens in 2012.

"I think it's going to be a very popular site," Lewis said.

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RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS SYMBOLS IN OUR TOWN

The First Amendment to our Constitution states that the government cannot ESTABLISH a religion. It protects multiple religions from the state, and allows freedom of religious EXPRESSION. The beautiful Nativity scene that is displayed on Our Town's Common (with a ridiculous disclaimer nailed to it) is on

public, taxpayer property, and does not establish a religion! A few years ago when the ACLU gave Our Town an ultimatum because of the Nativity Scene that was in front of the Balch School for almost 80 yrs, we removed it. (A tree was planted in its place.)

A woman had contacted the ACLU, incorrectly airing the ridiculous statement that the Nativity scene 'threatened the children.' That land is also public, taxpayer property. The Nativity scene is an expression of religious freedom, does not establish a religion, and should be returned and displayed in front of the Balch School during every Christmas season hereafter. It would be nice if a Menorah and Nativity were to be displayed together. The two symbols connect the values of a community that succeeded and thrived in the early days of difficult legal immigration to America, creating a 'Melting Pot' second to none. Through their hard work and commitment to their new land, the legal immigrants allowed Our Town to become one of the most valued Towns in Massachusetts. We should not allow those who do not believe in the words of our brilliant forefathers who wrote our incredible Constitution to trample upon our freedoms. Should the candles of the beautiful Menorah that was lit each night of Hanukkah (displayed on the front portico of the State House) also be removed? Certainly not. Why then are we so quick to acquiesce to the demands of the ACLU in removing a Nativity display that has every legal right to sit on the

land in front of the Balch School!

CHRISTMAS PAST

It was the Christmas season of 1948 in Our Town. A five-year-old girl lived with her adoring parents and sister in a cold water flat in South Norwood. There were no 'Black Fridays,' no hype about store sales, no sleeping on a sidewalk for days until a store opened with special deals, and no stepping on or killing people as they entered (charging like bulls) into a store to shop. The little girl, as were most in those days, was grateful that there was something that was wrapped for her un-

der the tree. Her tree was bought from Kelley's Market in South Norwood. Her dad cut the tree to make it fit just right, and the entire family decorated the beautiful gift of nature. Talking about Santa was exciting, but, the real discussion about Christmas centered around the 'Birth of Christ.' On Christmas Day, the family would join all the relatives to celebrate the birth and joy of the miraculous event.

On Christmas morning 1948, the little girl was brought to tears of joy as she awoke and saw under the tree a totally unexpected magnificent doll house that was made for her by her dad. I will never

forget that morning, as I was that little girl.

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Go to the following site to enjoy the spirit of Christmas. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sxh7jr9okve&feature=youtube_gdata_player. It's a winner! Belated Happy Hanukkah, and a very MERRY CHRISTMAS to all!

"For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. What is impossible with men is possible with God." - Jesus

Bullying *continued from page 7*

lows people to report everything from teasing to stalking to theft to sexual harassment.

Communication is a key part of the new bullying procedures.

"The communication is so important," Shachoy said. "If you think something could be [bullying], fill out a form."

This applies whether you are the bullying victim, or a bystander who happens to see bullying occur. Even if you aren't sure it is bullying, people are encouraged to fill out a form and report the incident, which they can do anonymously.

"If a student feels at all that they're being bullied, harassed, anything, please tell a teacher," School Committee Chairman Mark Joseph said.

Education is also a key element. The curriculum is being updated to help students at all levels learn what bully-

ing is and how to deal with it appropriately. Employees throughout the school system, whether they are teachers, custodians or bus drivers, are receiving anti-bullying training, which will allow them to identify when bullying is occurring and enable them to handle the situation in an effective, appropriate fashion.

The hope is that they can educate the bully on the damage they are doing to the victim, be it physical, mental or emotional. Bullies will face punishment for their actions, and there are a wide range of options for the administration. There is not a set blanket policy: bullying incidents will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

"I think this is a great policy," said School Committee member Eleanor Travers. "I think it is flexible enough to be useful on all levels."

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SENIOR NEWS

Tuesday, December 7
 0656 phone - Susp. vehicle, building checked/secured. Location/address: St. Tim's - Brook St. Caller reports small white vehicle parked on bridge with 1 male in back seat and 1 in front. Maybe sleeping there. N663 responded and checked area. "goa".
 1243 phone - Lost and found, services rendered. Location/address: Brookfield Rd. Resident found large wooden carolers in front yard, not his. Officer retrieved items.
 1427 phone - Assist citizen *report filed. Location/address: Irving St. Old ammunition turned in.
 1521 911 - Breaking and entering *report filed. Location/address: Dean St. Caller reported break and entry into his apartment.
 2134 phone - Disturbance *report filed. Location/address: Jefferson Dr.
Wednesday, December 8
 2105 phone - Unwanted party *report filed. Location/address: Davis Ave. Caller reported ex boyfriend in her home without

permission. Officers spoke with parties involved, subject checking on his child. Transport assist to train station.
 2143 walk-in - Assist citizen, spoken to. Location/address: Steve's House of Pizza - Central St. Caller reported ongoing harassment by known party. No crime committed, officer spoke with reporting party, advised.
 2244 911 - Drunk person, gone on arrival. Location/address: Washington St. Caller reported drunk male kicking his and attempting to enter caller's blue Honda. Officers checked area, nothing found.
Thursday, December 9
 0138 initiated - Susp. vehicle, spoken to. Location/address: Rock St. Vehicle parked on street looks like it may have hit barrels in roadway. N661 spoke with owner at group home. Car was removed from street and barrels as well. All in order. (R.I. Reg# 746225)
 0239 phone - Assist other agency, services rendered. Location/ad-

dress: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Parole officers at E.R. with female prisoner and would like officer to standby as they are ready to leave. N669 responded and stoodby. All went smoothly.
 0947 phone - Breaking and entering *report filed. Location/address: Overlook Dr. Past b&e.
 0953 phone - Susp. person, area search negative. Location/address: Bornwood Dr. Sp male on foot in the area ..dark hat, tan coat, jeans and boots .
 1043 phone - Larceny *report filed. Location/address: Endicott St. Theft of water heaters left outside for scrap
 1242 phone - Motor vehicle accident *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Victoria Cir. NFD responds, Negoishians tows . DPW responds for Tree Town. As a result one under arrest Refer to arrest: 10-1222-ar Arrest: OReilly, Corey Joseph Address: 264 Dean St. apt 9, Dob: 10/01/1991 Charges: unlicensed operation of mv Negligent operation of motor vehicle
 1357 phone - Assist citizen, spoken to. Location/address: Mylod St. Ex husband on scene stating he needs help getting ex help. NFD sent, Off. Padden reports she is upset but, isn't looking for any help. Unit and NFD cleared.
 1724 phone - Breaking and entering *report filed. Location/address: Devon Rd. Caller reports b&e to his home. N666 sent.
 1937 phone - 209a violation *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Stop & Shop - Bos.-Prov. Hwy. Caller reports her exboyfriend violated a restraining order. One male placed under arrest. See report. Arrest: Keegan, Sean Michael Jr. Address: 1135 Washington St. 3 Dob: 12/10/1984 Charges: abuse prevention order, violate
 2350 other - Dog bite, services rendered. Location/address: Audubon Rd. Received fax from Norwood Hospital reporting dog bite. Officer to speak to victim. Message left with ACO. Officer reported victim uncooperative, does not want to pursue matter.
 Friday, December 10
 0804 911 - Death at home *report

NORWOOD COA NEW YEAR'S EVE DAY CELEBRATION
 Join the Friends of Norwood C.O.A. celebrate the New Year at the Apollo Function Hall, Washington St., Friday, Dec. 31 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy the music of John Rampino. Choice of Prime Rib or Scrod at \$40 per person, which includes raffle tickets. Tickets at Norwood Senior Center or from Friends Board Members. Tables of 10 may be reserved. Questions? Call Bill McCoy, 781-769-9462 or Anne Benson, 781-762-5625.

TRIAD
 Due to the Christmas Holiday, there will be no TRIAD meeting this month.

TUESDAY BUS TRIPS
 Dec. 21, Lincoln Park, Dec. 28, Price-Rite. Please sign up at front desk. All mini bus trips are \$5 per person.

AFTERNOONDANCE
 Thursday, Dec. 16, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. John Rampino will be here for our Christmas Party. Please sign up at front desk.

LINEDANCING
 May Lennon's line dancing continues on Tuesday at 12:30 and 2 p.m.

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.

FOOT CLINIC
 Dr. Cormier is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 28 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost is \$25. Please call for appointment.

PROPOPE BOOK #3
 The Third book of the Propope Club has been completed and is at the printer's. They are selling for \$15 per book and will be available at the front desk of the Senior Center. Please support PROPOPE.

WATER COLOR
 Our next class will be held on Thursday, Dec. 16 from 9 to Noon. Please sign up at front desk.

FRIENDS DANCE
 The next dance of the Friends of Norwood COA will be on Friday, Dec. 17, 7-10:30 p.m. Music by Dave Valerio and the cost is \$10 at the door.

WAXING
 Angela will be available Monday, Dec. 27 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, Dec. 27 at 10 a.m. Please, sign up at front desk.

DIABETES WORKSHOP
 We will hold a workshop on Thursday, Dec. 23 at 11 a.m. The Hellenic Health Care of Canton facilitates the workshop. **INDOOR WALKING** Indoor walking in the School Gym continues every Monday through Friday from 9-11 a.m.

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

SHINE
 The SHINE counselor, Carole Davis, will be available for appointments on Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to answer any questions you may have regarding your health insurance. Please call 781-762-1201 for an appointment.

WHIST PARTY
 The whist parties are held from 1-3 p.m. on the fourth Friday of every month.

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.

MINIFIX-IT SHOP
 Mike Bassile, Bunny Conrad and Bob Brown will be available 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.

VOLUNTEERS
 We need volunteers for special projects: Cancer hats (adults & children); Newborn hats; Prayer Shawls; Lap Robes: knitted strips 7" x 63" or squares 7" x 9". Please call the Senior center.

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.

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Sports

Girls' basketball starting fresh

Gil Haylon
Staff Reporter

Four points is all that separated the Norwood girls' basketball team from the second round of last year's Division 2 South Tournament.

The team finished 11-8 overall last season, with a 9-7 record in the conference.

It was a season of streaks for the team, both good and bad. In late January and early February, the squad ripped off four straight wins, including a 47-31 domination of Dedham. But that stretch of well-played basketball was followed by a string of three straight losses.

The team will have to deal with the losses of Bay State All-Stars Emily Dixon and Tahirah Gibson, as well as honorable mention all-star Stephanie Perry.

The team will rely almost entirely on players with very little experience.

"We're not going to have a lot of players with experience but I know we're going to compete as best as we can," said head coach Brian Meringer.

Still, despite the loss of three extremely important players, the team hopes that young players can step up in place of the lost seniors.

"We're going to be a much different team this year," said Meringer. "We're going to be switching to an uptempo style."

While there will be a lot to figure out for the squad this year after losing players that were relied upon so heavily last season, Meringer will have his first full preseason with the team.

Last season, Meringer took over four days into the season after the previous coach quit. He will be able to implement his new offense this season.

"The offense will rely on a lot of reads from the players and not very many scripted plays. It's probably going to take a little time before we get comfortable in the offense."

The team will open up on Dec. 17 against Newton North at home. It will be a tough opener as Newton North is tra-



Casey Ducharme will be one of the players that will be relied upon to step up after losing four starters from last year's team.

PHOTO BY ZALINA MCGUIRE

ditionally a very strong team, and beat Norwood 55-25 early last year.

This will be a shot at redemption as well as a way for the team to prove that they are still strong despite the loss of three key players.

Casey Ducharme, Sarah Eckhardt and Suzy Omo are three players expected to step up into key roles on the team. Justine Ryan is one returning player with significant experience and will be the focal point

of the offense.

Katie Johnson will be the other captain along with Ryan. Ryan and Johnson will have to provide great leadership for a young team that will have its struggles in the powerful Bay State League.

Overall, the team will have to overcome significant player loss this season, but it will be a great way for some of the young players to step up and show their skills.

Pinned in home opener

Gil Haylon
Staff Reporter

The wrestling team opened up the winter sports season for Norwood High with a home match on Friday night.

The team knew they were up against a tough opponent in Natick, but put together a solid performance at the Scafati Gymnasium.

"[Natick's] one of the top teams in the state," said first year head coach Bill McDermott. "They have some very good wrestlers in their program."

Natick would beat Norwood 41-24, but Norwood showed fight in McDermott's debut. The Natick squad had far more wrestlers and was able to win at two weight classes because Norwood did not have a player in those weight classes.

"I think that the score doesn't reflect what we showed. I think we showed that we're going to be a tough opponent for anybody this year," said McDermott.

Three wrestlers would record wins via pins, as Josh Walsh, Chris Hutchens and Aquie Moxam would all put together great efforts. Eddie Murray would also win by forfeit for the Mustangs.

Hutchens and Moxam, both seniors, were known commodities entering the season, having proven last year that they were excellent wrestlers in the Bay State Conference.

Hutchens took the victory in

the 130-lb. weight class, while Moxam notched the victory in the 285-lb. weight class. Moxam showed great heart coming back from a 2-0 deficit to record a pin.

Walsh was a bit more of a surprise, showing great skill in earning a pin in his first varsity match.

"I'm really excited for Josh, that was quite a pin, particularly because he was going against a very good opponent," said McDermott.

Walsh took the victory in the 112-lb. weight class and showed that he's ready to make a name for himself as just a freshman.

The victory by Walsh shows that Norwood will be relying on several young wrestlers this season, something that McDermott has confidence in, given his experience working with some of the younger wrestlers. McDermott has worked with the junior high school wrestling program for several years, and knows all of the young wrestlers entering the varsity program in their first season.

McDermott was pleased with his team's performance in the opening meet against a tough opponent, but noted that the team still had a lot of work to do.

"We'll have a lot to do this week in practice, particularly working on our bottom position and our attacks," said McDermott.

The team will be part of a tournament in Milford on Saturday.



Michael Kearns squares off against a Natick opponent in last Friday's season opener.

PHOTO BY GIL HAYLON

Quick Hits

At the moment, Norwood High School sports have been strewn across town to different fields, gymnasiums, pools and ice rinks.

The football team played their home games at the Coakley Middle School, the basketball teams play their home games at the Savage Center.

As of now, the wrestling team is the only team that hosts any sporting event at the high school, where they kicked off their season against Natick last weekend. Right now, in the final year before the opening of the brand new high school, sports teams have been forced to scramble for playing space.

It's easy to see that the new school will benefit athletics in a big way, with a brand new gymnasium and new athletic fields on the high school cam-

pus.

The new gymnasium will feature two full-size basketball courts as well as a walking track above the gym. This will allow for multiple practices to occur at the same time, and eliminate the need for off-site practices and games.

The new high school will move Norwood from the bottom of the Bay State Conference in terms of fields and gym space, right to the top.

Take, for example, the football team this season. In order to even have home games in the town of Norwood, it took tremendous effort from parents and booster clubs to make the



Gil Haylon

Legal

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

December 16, 2010

Town of Norwood, MA
Norwood Town Hall
566 Washington Street, P.O. Box 40
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Telephone Number: 781-762-1240, Ext. 164

On or about December 27, 2010, the Town of Norwood will submit a request to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for the release of FY 2010 CDBG/Community Development Fund funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following projects:

- Housing Rehabilitation Program:** Correct code deficiencies, abate asbestos, remove lead paint and/or weatherization for eight housing units occupied or available to low and moderate income households in the Housing Rehab Target Area.
- Infrastructure Construction:** Reconstruct 4,010 linear feet of roadway and reconstruct 7,450 linear feet of concrete sidewalks with granite curbing on both sides of Heaton Avenue, Pond Street, St. George Avenue, St. James Avenue, and Sturtevant Avenue. Improvements will include ADA compliant ramps and thermoplastic crosswalks, and improved drainage.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determination for this project is on file at Norwood Town Planner's Office, Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of the Norwood Town Planner, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, P.O. Box 40, Norwood, MA 02062. All comments received by December 26, 2010, will be considered by the Town of Norwood prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Town of Norwood certifies to Department of Housing and Community Development that John J. Carroll in his capacity as environmental certifying officer consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. Department of Housing and Community Development's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Norwood to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Department of Housing and Community Development will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town of Norwood certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Town of Norwood; (b) the Town of Norwood has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by Department of Housing and Community Development's; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Department of Housing and Community Development's at 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114. Potential objectors should contact Department of Housing and Community Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

John J. Carroll, Norwood General Manager
CDBG/CDF Certifying Officer

Norwood Record, 12/16/10

Coakley Middle School field playable. The alternative would have been to have games at Westwood High School, as had occurred the previous year.

The players and coaches for many teams have dealt with off-site practices and games without as much as a

complaint. The efforts of the athletic department have been great in aiding coaches and teams through an athletic schedule that is not simple.

Still, the new school should offer a sense of relief and reward for a high school program that has had to deal with some difficult scheduling

and traveling conditions recently.

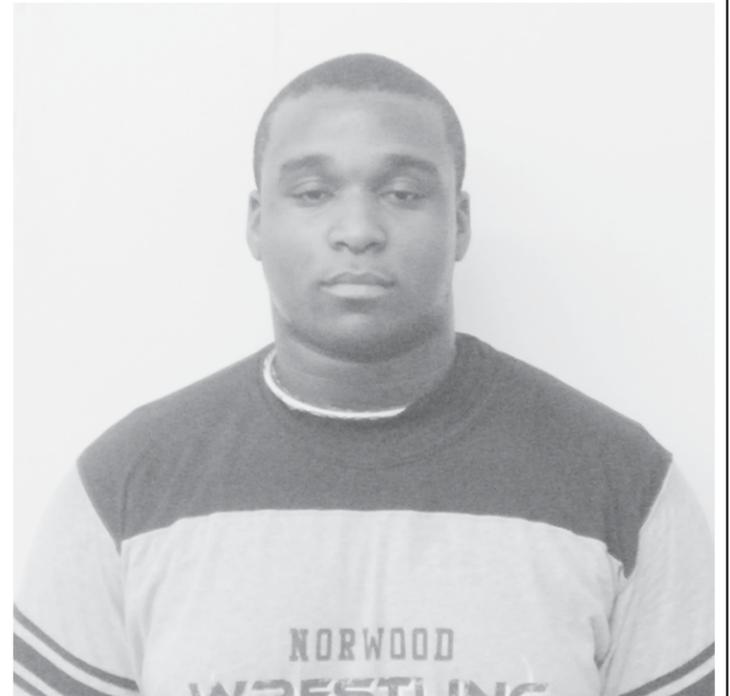
The old high school will be knocked down over the summer. There will be new football field with a surrounding track right behind the new high school. The field will be a synthetic turf and will host football as well as lacrosse games.

There will also be a field hockey field in the front of the old school, which will likely not be ready for next season.

Athlete of the Week

Moxam a true leader for wrestling squad

Gil Haylon
Staff Reporter



Senior captain Aquie Moxam

While the wrestling team was unable to pick up a victory against Natick in the season opener, there were several wrestlers who put on great matches.

Senior captain Aquie Moxam was one of those wrestlers as he would come back from a 2-0 deficit to earn a pin against a strong Natick opponent.

Moxam, in his third year as a varsity wrestler, demonstrated why he will be the heart and soul of the wrestling squad this season. Wrestling in the heavyweight class, encompassing 216-285 lbs., Moxam will face some of the biggest and strongest opponents in the state.

While Moxam made it look easy on Friday night against Natick, it hasn't always been that way for him.

"I wasn't always sure I wanted to keep wrestling during my sophomore year because I would get my butt kicked every day," said Moxam. "But I've really come to love the sport."

Moxam was originally a basketball player during the winter season, but de-

cidated to switch to wrestling as a sophomore to keep in shape for football season, where he was a captain and starter on the offensive and defensive lines.

After dedicating himself to wrestling, he has become a leader for an up and coming team.

"I think we did well against Natick, with Josh [Walsh] and Chris Hutchens also getting pins. It was great to see," said Moxam.

It's not always easy being a senior on young team, but Moxam has seemingly embraced the role.

"I understand it may be a bit tough at the beginning, but we're going to be much better at the end of the season, especially with the way Billy [head coach Bill

McDermott] teaches the young guys," Moxam said.

Moxam has found his role as a leader and a superb wrestler for the Mustang squad, and hopes to continue making a name for himself in the Bay State League.

Moxam's leadership has helped McDermott in his first year as head coach, as the team has really bought into McDermott's style. The effort and camaraderie of the team was noticeable in their opening match against Natick.

Aquie Moxam's leadership is also easy to see in how excited he was when freshman Josh Walsh earned his first varsity pin.

Dec. 16 Girls Track at Milton 4:30 p.m.
-Boys Track vs. Milton 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 17 Girls Basketball vs. Newton North 6:45 p.m.
-Boys Basketball at Newton North 6:45 p.m.
-Gymnastics at Brookline 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 18 Wrestling at Milford Tournament 10 a.m.

Calendar

-Girls Hockey at Milton 6:00 p.m.
-Boys Hockey vs. Milton 8:00 p.m.

Dec. 20 Boys Hockey at Archbishop Williams 7:40 p.m.

Dec. 21 Wrestling at Brookline 4:00 p.m.

-Boys Basketball vs. Milton 6:45 p.m.
-Girls Basketball at Milton 6:45 p.m.
-Gymnastics vs. Newton North 7:15 p.m.

Dec. 22 Boys Hockey at Brookline 4:00 p.m.
-Girls Hockey vs. Brookline 4:30 p.m.

Basketball turns one over to Bishop Feehan

Gil Haylon
Staff Reporter

The boys' basketball team knew it wasn't going to be an easy season-opener as they faced off against a Bishop Feehan team who beat them handily a season ago.

Norwood features an extremely young squad with two junior captains and only three seniors on the entire squad. Bishop Feehan, on the other hand, has a roster comprised almost entirely of juniors and seniors, with only one underclassman on the roster.

The inexperience seemed to rear its head right from the opening tap, as Bishop Feehan would catch Norwood off-guard with its 2-2-1 zone press. The press forced several turnovers and helped Bishop Feehan to some easy fastbreak layups.

Despite great defensive intensity, including back-to-back charges taken by junior captain Tommy Munro and junior guard Owen Gearty, the turnovers left Bishop Feehan with some easy conversion opportunities on the offensive end.

The press helped Feehan to a 25-7 lead after the first quarter.

The Mustangs would fight back in the second quarter behind Troy Sousa-Semper and Richard Saad's spark off the bench. The two would each chip in a pair of second quarter baskets including a three-pointer from Sousa-Semper.

Norwood dominated the glass throughout the game, as Munro led all players with 16 rebounds, but the team struggled to convert intensity into offensive execution.

Norwood took six charges on the day, but couldn't find their range from outside, only hitting three three-pointers.

"There were a couple of areas where we got killed, but overall I'm pleased with the effort and intensity that we played with," said head coach Rich Cormier.

At halftime Norwood trailed 38-22, and would cut the lead to 11 early in the third quarter, but Bishop Feehan was able to get out for several easy transition baskets to take back a commanding lead.

The team battled hard for much of the day, as junior captain Sean O'Neill finished with six second half points, attacking the basket off the dribble for much of the fourth quarter.

"I think we rebounded pretty well, but we struggled with turnovers and in transition," said Cormier. "We're a young team and we have a long way to go, but overall I was very pleased with the effort."

The final score was 66-43 in favor of Bishop Feehan, as O'Neill, Saad and Sousa-Semper would all finish with eight points to lead Norwood.

The latter stages of the game allowed for some of Norwood's younger players to chip in, as Thomas Bartucca, Patrick O'Rourke and Dan Flahive would all get on the board. Bartucca nailed a pair of free throws, O'Rourke hit a mid-range jumper and Flahive knocked down a three.

Cormier indicated that the team will spend significant time this week working to deal with breaking the press and executing offensively. The squad doesn't have a lot of long-range shooters and will have to work efficiently to get Munro more touches on the block, and provide openings for O'Neill and point guard Juan Fernandez.

Norwood's next game will be Friday at Newton North, a traditional power in the Bay State League.



Sophomore guard Richard Saad provided an offensive spark, including this trip to the free throw line.

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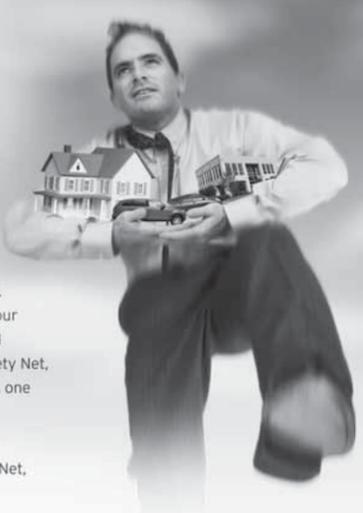
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filed. Location/address: Rose Ct. Woman cannot wake her husband.

1245 phone - Susp. activity, services rendered. Location/address: Charles St. + Florence Ave. Subject taking video of property in the area. Officers confirm she is contract employee for tax work.

1309 phone - Warrant arrest *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Cottage St. Warrant arrest, Walpole charges. Transport to DDC by Officers Guarino and Mahoney. S/m 51792.2 @1411 hrs. E/m 51796.4 1427 hrs. Arrest: Spangenberg, Julie Anne Address: 56 Sparhawk St., Amesbury Dob: 05/21/1962 Charges: warrant arrest

1503 phone - Trespassing *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Tremont St. As a result one subject under arrest but not due to the domestic. Subject on the property had been disinvented in September via certified mail. Arrest: Pelaggi, Nicholas Anthony Address: 21 Sleepy Hollow Ln., Wrentham Dob: 08/15/1991 Charges: trespass

1603 phone - Noise complaint, area search negative. Location/ad-

dress: Lincoln St. Kids on dirt bikes back and and forth.

1621 phone - Pedestrian accident *report filed. Location/address: Broadway NFD notified. Report filed.

1721 phone - Breaking and entering, investigated. Location/address: Riverside Ct. B&e to the house. N664 responds. N490 responds.

1725 phone - Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: William Shyne Cir. Male party reports his mother is having a heart attack. NFD notified. N669 N679 respond. NFD transports.

1740 phone - Animal complaint, services rendered. Location/address: Mylod St. Caller reports that there is a stray dog on his property. N666 sent. WACO responded and handled.

2104 911 - Assaults *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Rosemary House (rooming house) - Rosemary St. Caller reports assaults. Language barrier. N665, 679, 669, 490, and 492 respond. Arrest: Chakarova, Zlatka N. Address: 15 Franklin St. #2, Quincy Dob: 05/14/1978 Charges: disor-

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derly conduct Resist arrest

2300 radio - Medical emergency *protective custody. Location/address: Dean St. P/c: Whelton, Amanda Address: 43 Barrows St., Dedham Dob: 03/10/1992 Charges: protective custody Refer to p/c: 10-1229-ar P/c: Martin, Joshua D. Address: 22 Dean St. 2nd Dob: 09/13/1990 Charges: protective custody Refer to p/c: 10-1230-ar P/c: Martin, Betty A Address: 184 Fisher St. Woonsocket, RI Dob: 12/05/1962 Charges: protective custody

Saturday, December 11

0025 phone - Runaway child *report filed. Location/address: Starr Program - Winter St. Counselor reports one of the residence left the house and stated he wouldn't be back tonight. N662 responded and counselor stated he heard from him and that he was at Legacy Place. Dedham P.D. notified and located youth and transported to Dedham P.D. Station. N661 sent and returned him to group home.

0128 initiated - Missing person, services rendered. Location/address: Dedham P.D. - High St. Ref# call # 15249 (10-2249-of) runaway youth. N662 located youth from group home in Dedham. Dedham P.D. Picked him up and N661 transported back to "the starr program". St. Mil: 39517 @ 1:35 / end. Mil: 39522 @ 1:45.

0203 phone - Loud party, spoken to. Location/address: Centennial Dr. Caller reports loud party in apt. upstairs. N661, N679 responded. Spoke to resident and advised.

0257 initiated - Susp. activity, other. Location/address: Short St. N664 reports bus in lot on short St. Has lights left on. Door is locked. Unable to gain access, (log entry only)

0302 phone - Hit and run *report filed. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Caller reports his car has been struck in parking lot. N665 Responded.

0829 phone - Unwanted party *report filed. Location/address: Railroad Ave. Resident would like her roommate removed. N661 reports spoke to all parties, male left for work, caller will allow him to still live there.

0910 911 - Medical emergency, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Kettering Rd. Resident with stroke symptoms. NFD

transported.

1119 911 - Assaults *report filed. Location/address: Railroad Ave. Report husband assaulted by a man with a handgun. NFD sent. State K9 responded. Bolo to cars, MBTA bus, white cab, Town Taxi. M.B.C.R. Notified for search of the tracks.

1631 phone - Animal complaint, services rendered. Location/address: Pleasant St. Stray cat on front steps appears to have been hurt. ACO notified and responding. Cat belongs in neighborhood and is staying. ACO checked out cat.

2022 phone - Disturbance, spoken to. Location/address: Lenox St. Caller reports that the residents at unit # 9 are making a loud noise. Wishes them to be more quiet. N667 Off J. Reen was dispatched and responded. Noise is from someone walking around in shoes. That person has left.

2026 phone - Well being chk *report filed. Location/address: Plymouth Dr. Braintree Police report that female had left the South Shore Plaza in her car and was talking of harming herself. Plate # 394ga9 was being driven by the party. N677 Off. D. Wennerstrand and N665 Off. E.J. Farioli were dispatched and responded. Car was found in parking lot. Sp notified for tracking dog. 12/11/2010 2128 female returned to apt.

2242 phone - Noise complaint, spoken to. Location/address: Oolah Ave. Loud music playing on 1 st floor. Officer did not think it was unreasonably loud, but, resident will lower it.

Sunday, December 12

0203 phone - Unwanted party *protective custody. Location/address: Marriot Hotel - River Ridge Dr. As a result one pc. P/c: McInnis, James F III Address: 25 Dorchester St., South Boston Dob: 12/27/1983 Charges: protective custody

0706 phone - Motor vehicle accident *report filed. Location/address: Mylod St. NFD responds. Dow notified for sand asap. Summons: Debrito, Eliene R. Address: 226 Page St., Avon Dob: 04/05/1976 Charges: unlicensed operation of mv Refer to accident: 10-414-ac

1322 cellular - Malicious damage *report filed. Location/address: Dean St. Report 2 white males, 20's, 1 with a hooded sweatshirt, smashed a parked, unoccupied car's window, fled into an alley-

way across the street.

1350 walk-in - Susp. activity, gone on arrival. Location/address: Shaws Supermarket - Nahatan St. Caller reports 2 white males approached her and wouldn't let her leave the parking lot. Party did not want to seek further action, 677 checked the area, both males gone on arrival.

1558 phone - Noise complaint, spoken to. Location/address: Phillips Ave. Caller reports her neighbor has loud music. N665 N667 respond. Officers spoke to her. She will turn down the music.

1628 phone - Breaking and entering *report filed. Location/address: Adams St. Caller reports possible b&e to home.

2223 phone - Suicide / or threat, Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Orleans Rd. Male party reports that his girlfriend is suicidal. N679 N667 sent. One female transported voluntarily by NFD to for evaluation.

Monday, December 13

0910 phone - Vandalism *report filed. Location/address: Dean St. + Pond Ave. Officer reports bridge has recent graffiti. DPW responded.

1030 phone - Susp. vehicle other. Location/address: Elkway St. Caller reports seeing MA 766xgg last week in area and today Someone got out of same mv and took a picture of home. He left and caller did not wish to speak to officer but, will call landlord.

1157 phone - Well being chk. other. Location/address: Affordable Tree and Landscape - Washington St. Chief wants confirmation of individual living at address. Officer reports name is on mailbox. That is enough.

1215 phone - Harassment *report filed. Location/address: Morrill Memorial Library - Walpole St. Refer to summons: 10-1236-ar Summons: Decosta, Robert M. Address: 8 Winter St., Franklin Dob: 09/07/1979 Charges: threat to commit crime Civil rights violation

1740 walk-in - Sex offenses *report filed. Location/address: Dean St. Refer to summons: 10-1237-ar Summons: Macedo, Edson Desouza Address: 22 Dean St. 4 Dob: 07/09/1977 Charges: indecent a&b on person 14 or over Refer to incident: 10-2266-of

2013 phone - Breaking and entering *report filed. Location/address: Malvern Rd. House broken into since 0730 hrs.

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 The application requests:
 THIS APPLICATION REQUESTS A SPECIAL PERMIT UNDER SECTION 3.1.5 OF THE ZONING BYLAW TO ALLOW RETAIL USE IN A MANUFACTURING DISTRICT.
 Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be viewed Monday - Thursday between 8:30 AM to 3 PM.
 BOARD OF APPEAL
 Patrick J. Mulvehill, Barbara A. Kinter, Philip W. Riley, John R. Perry, Harry T. Spence
Norwood Record, 12/16/10, 12/23/10

Deaths

BASSILE
 Michael A., 89, of Norwood, formerly of Foxborough and Brooklyn, NY, Dec. 9, 2010. US Coat Guard veteran World War II. Retired mechanic and foreman for Norwood and Brockton Cadillac. Beloved husband of Rose P. (Richman) Bassile and the late Inez B. (Corsini) Bassile. Loving father of Sandra Meyer and her husband Hollis of Foxboro, Curtis Gluck and his wife Paula of East Bridgewater, Reva Schneider of NY and the late Michelle Bassile. Devoted grandfather of Kimberly Bernstein, Holly Meyer, Justin, Sarah and Alyson Gluck and Jesse Schneider. Great Grandfather of Alexandra Bernstein. Brother of James Basile and Joseph Bassile of NY. Funeral arrangements by the Roberts and Sons Funeral Home, 30 South St., Foxborough. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery, Foxborough.

Donations in Michael's memory may be made to the Norwood Senior Center 275 Prospect St., Norwood, MA 02062.

CARCHEDI
 Peter E., 85, of Norwood, died on Dec. 10. Peter was born in Norwood on Aug. 4, 1925. World War II, US Air Force Veteran. He attended Schools in Norwood, and then went on to graduate from Wentworth Institute and Blue Hills Regional. Peter was a member of the Norwood Elks, the Norwood Retired Men's Club and the Norwood Council of Aging. He was a avid sports fan, golfer and was a member of the 1942 State Champion American Legion Baseball Team. Peter was the Beloved husband of Jessie M. (Colageo) Carchedi. Devoted father of Anne M. Hasenfus and her husband William of Norfolk, Jean C.

Mosman of Mansfield, Robert P. and his wife Paula of Mansfield, Richard J. and his wife Maura of Foxboro Michael R. and his wife Patti of Mansfield and the late John L. Carchedi. Brother of Barbara A. Carchedi of Norwood, Joseph L. of Norwood, Domenic of Quincy, Francis X. of Norwood and Lucille Rczudlo of Westwood. Loving and cherished grandfather of Kristen Laviolette and her husband Peter, William Hasenfus Jr. and his wife Christy, Paul Hasenfus, Richard Carchedi Jr., Jenna Carchedi, Amanda Carchedi, Robert Carchedi, Brian Carchedi, Michael Carchedi and Jaclyn Carchedi. Great grandfather of Peter, Jack, Elisabeth, Isabella, Gulianna, Cameron and Collin. Brother in Law of Pio and his wife

Deaths *continued from page 16*

Madelyn Colageo of FL. Son of the late Francesco and Laura Carchedi Carchedi. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Burial with military honors was at Highland Cemetery. Donations may be made in his name to Dana Farber Cancer Institute 44 Binney St. Boston, MA. 02115.

DONNELLY

John, 79, of Norwood, Dec. 7. Devoted husband of Claire (Rogers) Donnelly. Loving father of John Donnelly and his wife Suzanne of Newport Center, VT, Paula Donnelly and Scott Davis of Marina CA, and Mark Donnelly and his wife Lynda of East Walpole. Cherished grandfather of Brendan, Conor, Garrett and Lily. Dear brother of the late Mary Donnelly. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., (RT. 1A). Interment Highland Cemetery. Donations in memory of John may be made to St. Timothy Parish.

GOLDEN

Thomas F., 79, of Norwood died peacefully after a long illness while surrounded by his loving family Dec. 9. Member of Norwood Kof C and Member of Local #12 Plumbers Union. Beloved husband of Helen B. (Pelletier) Golden. Devoted father of Michael T. of Medfield and his wife Cheryl, Paul J. of Norwood, Christopher C. and his wife Lynn of CA, and Patricia A. Olen and her husband John of Mansfield. Brother of Charles "Buddy" Golden of Norwood, Harold Golden of E. Walpole, Margaret Fournier of NJ., Marie DeMayo of Norwood, Eleanor Wenstrom of Norwood and the late Joseph Golden, William Golden and Dorothy Murphy. Cherished grandfather of Nichole, Jonathan, Jessica, Tucker and Daniel. Son of the late Charles and Mary (Burke) Golden. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington Street. Donations may be made in his name to the Alzheimer's Assoc. 311 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA. 02472.

JACOBS

Mary Theresa (Gillis), 85, of Braintree formerly of Norwood. Dec. 7. Loving sister of Louise Gillis, Ruth Ryan and Rev. Edward Francis Gillis. Daughter of the late Edward and Loretto (Birne) Gillis. Wife of the late Harry Jacobs. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Interment was at Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge.

LAWLER

Ellen M. (Campisano), 52, of Attleboro formerly of Norwood Dec. 11. Beloved wife of James A. Lawler. Devoted mother of James F. of N. Attleboro and Kristy L. Lawler of Norwood. Loving grandmother of Jayson, Jared and Elliot "EJ". Daughter of Francis J. of Norwood and the late Helen M. (Mondor) Campisano. Sister of Stephen of Virginia, Kevin of Scituate, Michael of AZ, Donna Towne of Franklin, Frank and Richard both of FL. And the late Edward J. Campisano. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Interment at Highland Cemetery.

SODERLUND

Helen Mary (Mills), 81. Lifelong resident of Norwood died Dec. 7 after succumbing to Metastatic Cancer. She was a graduate of Norwood High School class of 1947 and graduate of Pondville Hospital School of Nursing. Helen was the past chair of the Norwood Commission on Disability and Vice-President of the Norwood Women's Club, of which she was a life member. She was a 32 yr. member of the Norwood Historical Society and was very active in the Norwood Catholic Women's Club, St. George R.C. Church Sodality, Norwood Art Assoc. and Friends of the Morrill Memorial Library. Helen was also a former volunteer with the Norfolk Agricultural School Council and volunteered at the Wrentham Development Center (Former State School). She was the devoted wife of 47 yrs to the late Paul Alfred Soderlund. Beloved mother of Cindy-Ellen Alexandra Soderlund. Daughter of the late Victor F. and Stacia (Paulauskas) Mills of Norwood. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Interment at Highland Cemetery.

SULFARO

Francis "Frank" J., Jr., 74, of Norwood, Dec. 6. Korean Conflict, US Marine Corps Veteran. Beloved husband of 52 yrs. to Barbara A. (Brabazon) Sulfaro. Devoted father of Frank J. III of Hawaii, John E. and his wife Cindy of Norton, Anne F. Fitzgerald of Norwood and Gail M. Hasenfus of Maynard. Brother of Capt. John J. Sulfaro Retired US Navy and his wife Marcia of VA. Nephew of Sister Mary Prudence McCarthy. Proud and Loving Grandfather of Kevin Lowe, the late Robert "Robbie" Lowe, Michael Hasenfus, Kathleen Fitzgerald, John Sulfaro, Heather Sulfaro, James Sulfaro, Cassandra Sulfaro, Alexandria Sulfaro and Leandra Sulfaro. Son of the late Frank J. and Helen C. (McCarthy) Sulfaro. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Burial with military honors at the New Westwood Cemetery, Westwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to KTDA-Westwood Dialysis Patient Assistance Fund, 90 Glacier Dr., Westwood, MA. 02090.

SUTPHIN

SYBIL (HEVENS), 87, of Norwood, on Dec. 7. She was a native of Bland Virginia and she attended schools there. She then moved to PA and in 1968 moved to Norwood. Sybil was a retired Sales Person for Sears and Roebuck Co. She is the beloved wife of the late William Sutphin. Devoted mother of Raymond of WV, Richard of NC and Judy Fraone of Sandwich. Mother in law of Frank Fraone of Norwood. Loving grandmother of Tina Simoris, Lisa Mederos and Frank A. Fraone. Also survived by 5 great grandchildren. At the request of the family all services were private. Arrangements under the direction of the Kraw-Kornack Fuenral

Condolences extended to:

Linda Jean Perry, on the loss of her mother, Barbara Ruth (Cleaves) Perry, of Westwood, Nov. 29.

TEMPLE BETH DAVID OFFERS LIMUD INSTITUTE

Limud (learning) Institute 5771 is being held at Temple Beth David, 7 Clapboardtree St., Westwood. Class date of Sunday, Dec. 19, 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Courses are: "No, New, Always: Surprising Changes in Jewish Attitudes towards Converts" with Fred Davis, "Traditional Stories/Contemporary Perspectives" with Edie Selles, "Hot Topics/Reform Response" with Rabbi Wildstein. Choose one of the three mini-courses taught by our Rabbi and talented members of our congregation. Tuition for each course is \$36 per person, which will include a book to build your personal Jewish library. To register for a course, please send check to Temple Beth David, P.O. Box 459 Westwood, 02090 and include the course selection and your contact information.

SOAP DRIVE SAVES LIVES

A Soap Drive is being hosted by Victoria Haven Nursing Facility in response to the Boston Sunday Globe article, Haiti in dire need of soap to help combat cholera epidemic. Stephen Maxam, Administrator at Victoria Haven Nursing Facility, read the article and initiated the Soap Drive to employees and resident's family and friends. You are invited to join the Soap Drive and challenged to share this invitation with others like it is the best deal in town. During a season of giving, a bar of soap could save the lives of many. Bars of Soap (no liquids, please) will be collected until Dec. 17 and mailed to Clean the World, an organization in Florida that has a direct transfer to Haiti. A collection box is located just inside the front door at 137 Nichols Street and can be dropped off at your convenience. For more information, please call Kimberly Ciardi at 781-762-0858 or email kciardi@rehabassociates.com.

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NORWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SEEK GIFT CARDS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

This holiday season the Norwood High School chapter of The National Honor Society has been collecting gift cards for Norwood families in need. Student volunteers who have been organizing the effort, donated their time during lunches and free periods, and have already successfully collected a number of gift cards have spearheaded this gift card drive. If any members of the Norwood community are interested in contributing, all types of gift cards are welcome in any donation. They may be dropped off or mailed to Norwood High School c/o Mary Boiardi, National Honor Society Advisor, 245 Nichols St., Norwood, MA 02062.

OPEN HOUSE HOLIDAY TOUR

The George H. Morse Meeting House, Museum and Education Center will be open for Holiday Tours Thursday, Dec. 16 from 4-7 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 18 from 1-4 p.m. All are welcome, free admission.

LIVE SANTA CALL-IN SHOW

NPA-TV is proud to continue its annual tradition for the Town of Norwood. For the fifth year in a row NPA-TV has invited Santa Claus back to the studio to again take phone calls from Norwood's children. On Tues-

day, Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m., Santa will be taking a break during his busy Christmas week to spend time talking to the boys and girls of Norwood. NPA-TV is excited to provide a LIVE show for Santa so that he can take phone calls from the children of Norwood! Tune into to NPA-TV's Town Channel on Tuesday Night, Dec. 21 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. as Santa and Jack McCarthy sip cocoa and eat cookies by the NPA-TV Christmas tree. Starting at 6:30 p.m., parents can call the NPA-TV Studio phone line at 781-352-2605 to have their children talk with Santa. Santa Claus only asked one thing of NPA-TV this year. He wanted to be able to see the children who spoke with him on the phone so NPA-TV is asking parents to take a picture of their children as they talk to Santa on the phone and email it to karen@npatv.org by the next morning, Dec. 22. NPA will edit in your pictures and rebroadcast the new version over the Holidays.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS AT DAY HOUSE

The Norwood Historical Society announces its seasonal holiday tours of the Fred Holland Day House, 93 Day St., Sunday, Dec. 19, from 1-4 p.m. The Christmas decorations on display are the creation of historical society member and artist Jean Detrick. A limited number of the authentically designed, handmade Victorian ornaments will be available for sale. Tour the three-story mansion, take in a concert of holiday music in the Great Hall, enjoy refreshments; learn about local history and Christmas traditions of the Victorian era. The F.H. Day House is located 93 Day St., admission: \$5; children under 12 and NHS members, free. Special events include a concert of renaissance music by the Norwood High School Madrigal Singers on Dec. 19 at 2 p.m.; and the Annual Holiday House Tour on Sunday, Dec. 19 from 1-4 p.m. For additional information, call the Norwood Historical Society at 781-762-9197 or visit the website: www.norwoodhistoricalsociety.org.

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thodox Church in South Norwood is pleased to announce a Christmas Concert, performed by the parish liturgical choir. It will take place on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 4:00 p.m. in the church. A reception follows. The event is free of charge. Saint George is located on Atwood Avenue, just off of Washington Street. For information phone 781-762-4396 or visit www.StGeorgeNorwood.org

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

The Norfolk Adult Day Health Center will hold its monthly caregiver support group, Tuesday, Dec. 28, 10 a.m., 595 Pleasant St. This support group is for caregivers of a loved one. Refreshments provided. This group is free and open to the public. Call Michael O'Donnell with questions or RSVP at 781-769-4495.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS MEETING

The Al-Anon Family Groups is a non-profit fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope in order to solve their common problems. The meeting is: Hilltop Serenity Al-Anon Family Groups Monday 7:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 71 Bond St., parking and main entrance are behind building. Non-smoking. Our office can be reached at AFG of MA Inc., 57 E. Main St., Suite 109, Westboro MA 01581, 508-366-0556, afgofma@aol.com.

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.

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VACATION WEEK CRAFTS

Drop-in any day, Monday through Friday over school vacation week, from 10 a.m. - 12 noon for some fun winter crafts at the Morrill Memorial Library. The craft-time is suitable for children ages 5 and up, and will be in the children's program room. No registration required, you may come anytime between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

LUCY THE R.E.A.D. DOG

Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog will be visiting the Morrill Memorial Library, over the school vacation week. The R.E.A.D. Program will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 29, from 10 - 11 a.m., in the children's program room. Lucy is a trained companion dog who loves to listen to children read. Bring your own book or borrow one from the library. Suitable for beginner readers and older. Please register at the children's desk of the library.

NATIVE AMERICAN PRESENTATION

On Tuesday, Dec. 28, from 3 - 4 p.m., children who are interested in Native American culture are invited to a presentation at the Morrill Memorial Library. The presen-

tation, by Wampanoug Indian Annawon Weedon, will teach children about the past and present culture of this Cape Cod tribe. Annawon will share stories, artifacts and games with the students, and everyone will make a corn husk action figure. The program is suitable for children in grades Kindergarten and older. Please register at the children's desk of the library, or call 781-769-0200 X225.

MOVIE OF THE MONTH!

Beat the January blues by joining us for a fun night out at our new Morrill Memorial Library Movie of the Month series beginning Wednesday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. Each month we will show a different movie based on a theme from that month. To ring in the New Year on a hope-filled note, our first movie will be the inspirational film "Pay it

Forward," starring Kevin Spacey, Helen Hunt, Haley Joel Osmont, Jon Bon Jovi and Angie Dickinson. Paying it forward is basically the karmic belief that if someone does a good deed for you, you do a good deed for someone else until the whole world is reached. In this bittersweet and uplifting story, when a young man starts "paying it forward" for a social studies project, unusual things start to happen. Sign up for this free film at the library Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x222. This series is made possible through the generosity of the Friends of the Library. The library is accessible to people with 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 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.

NYRA BOOK GROUP

On Thursday, Dec. 16, from 7 - 8 p.m., children in grades 4 & 5 are invited to the 2nd meeting of the Norwood Young Readers Award Book Group. We will be discussing the book "11 Birthdays" by Wendy Mass. Snacks will be served. Please register at the children's desk of the library, or call 781-769-0200 X225.

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GRACE Episcopal Services

On Friday, Dec. 24, there will be two

Holiday Church Events

Christmas Eve services celebrated at Grace Episcopal Church. A Family Festival Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 6 p.m. with the children participating in a Christmas Eve pageant. A Festival Holy Eucharist candlelight service will be held at 10 p.m. A Christmas Day Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 25.

A special Lessons and Carols service will be conducted at Grace Episcopal Church on Sunday, Dec. 26 at 10 a.m. The Sunday after Christmas is the traditional Lessons and Carols Holy Eucharist service. This year, interwoven between the lessons and carols, letters from men and women serving in the armed forces during World World II writing to their loved ones at home and with letters from home in return will be read. These letters have been selected from the Library of Congress "I'll be Home for Christmas: The Library of Congress Revisits the Spirit of Christmas During World War II." Prayers will be offered for veterans still missing in action as well as veterans currently serving. All veterans and other guests are invited for this

special service. A coffee hour will immediately follow the service in the guise of a 1940s USO Canteen. The church is located at 150 Chapel St.

HARPIST FEATURED AT UNITED CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

The United Church of Norwood, located at the corner of Washington and Nahatan Streets, will hold a community Christmas Eve Service at 10 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 24. The traditional Christmas Eve Service, to which everyone is cordially invited, will feature carols, communion and candlelighting. Our guest harpist, Felice Pomeranz of the Gilded Harps Association, will accompany the carols, along with our organist, Beverly Jennings. Our sanctuary choir, under the direction of Steve Rudolph, will sing "In the Name of Love." The Christmas devotional by Pastor Emeritus, Rev. William Christensen, will consider the three symbols of Christmas, The Cradle, the Cross and the Crown. He will also sing the traditional spiritual, "Sweet Little Jesus Boy." The sanctuary at United

Church Interdenominational is the oldest church structure in Norwood. It will be beautifully adorned with poinsettias and candelabras for the Christmas services. Friends in the community are welcome to attend this special service.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

On the first Sunday of the Advent season, a new adult Bible study began at the First Congregational Church of Norwood. We will meet all four Sundays of Advent, and we will be looking at Mary and Joseph and some of the traditions that have grown up around them. We will also look at various narratives of Jesus' birth. We'll meet in the church parlor at 8:15 a.m., where bagels, muffins and coffee will be served. Visitors are always welcome at the First Congregational Church, located at the corner of Route 1A and Winter Street. Church school classes for preschool-aged children through those in grade 8 are offered during the Sunday morning worship service which begins at 10 a.m. Nursery care for the very young is also provided. Immediately following the worship service, a fellowship hour is held in Pingree Hall. Reverend John Hamilton is glad to extend pastoral support to any who may be in need.

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