



United Consultants Architect James Susie goes over the plan with the Board, while DCD representative Michael Clemmy, far right watches on.

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Clemmey changes details for 95 Morse St lot

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

DCD representative Michael Clemmey came before the Planning Board on Monday, April 22, to discuss two items.

First, he wanted to inform the Board that he was retracting his plan to have car carriers traverse Morse Street from Route 1 to the 95 Morse St. complex. Last year, as part of the discussions for the car storage lot at 84 Morse St., he and New England Subaru requested that car carriers be allowed to unload at the 95 Morse St. lot. Cars would then be individually driven to the 83 Morse St. lot. Now, because of the work the company has determined it would

have to do to modify the lot for car carriers, Clemmey said he wants to abandon that plan for the time being and drive each vehicle up individually from the Boch New to You lot at 1201 Providence Hwy.

"It's just a different business plan, per say," he said. "We figured it was just best to keep everything down at 1201, the New to You lot, as we currently do today. I apologize for wasting the Board's time, my time and everyone's time."

Clemmey also asked to split the parcel at 95 Morse into two, one parcel for the parking lot on the north side being 95 Morse St. and the other being the existing building with a small amount of car storage to be renamed 810 Pleasant St. The Board voted unanimously to approve it.

Upon the conclusion of this vote, Clemmey then wanted to discuss a nonbinding agreement he said he had with Wendy's/BJ's Gas owner Michael Argiros to build a wall on the east side of the Wendy's building at 1412 Boston-Providence Turnpike (Route 1).

Clemmey said he and Argiros had an agreement to build a wall to block sounds to the neighborhoods on Summer Street, which would include the home of Ernie Boch Jr. According to Clemmey, Argiros wanted to mitigate any neighborhood opposition and asked Clemmey what he would want. According to Clemmey, "I told him the only thing I'm

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The Town will be coming together for the Special Town Meeting this week, with some big zoning items on the docket.

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A Special Town Meeting primer

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

This Thursday, April 25, marks the first night for the Special Town Meeting for the Town of Norwood.

A Special Town Meeting is generally held when it is felt by Town Officials that there is already too much on the table for the Regular Town Meeting (scheduled for May 13 Town Meeting) and several items are placed on the Special so as to make it more manageable for officials and residents.

There are 21 articles up for the Special, and though there is not enough space in this paper

to go through them all, residents can go to the Town Hall at 566 Washington St. to see a full Warrant Article list or go to norwoodma.gov/TCA/STMWarrent.pdf.

The big ticket item on the Special this year is the Mixed Use Overlay District (MUOD) that would allow for more density around Downtown Norwood. The boundaries of the district are essentially the Central Business Zoning District in the center of Town, encapsulated on the south side by the Morrill Library on Walpole Street, the Corner of Central

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Street and Washington Street, the train tracks on the eastern side, the Old Parish Cemetery on the Western Side and basically where any single-family housing starts on the western side of Town.

The overlay would allow for more density in the district, for 20 units per acre without any permit or variance and up to 32 units per acre with a special permit. The current zoning bylaw for the Central Business District is that any residential development requires 10,000 square feet of lot size for the first residential unit and an extra 3,600 square feet for any additional unit, which Town Planner Paul Halkiotis said has stopped a lot of development plans right in their tracks. MUOD The new zoning, according to Cecil Group consultant Ted Brovitz, works out to about a requirement of 3,600 square feet of lot size per dwelling unit.

The MUOD would also allow heights of up to 45 feet with the issuance of a waiver (40 feet without). If the building is right up to the property line, the new MUOD would require any story after 25 feet to be setback 10 feet from the first or second story build line. An additional 10-foot setback would be required for an additional floor, so that a "canyon effect" is not created when driving into Downtown.

The idea for more density, according to Town Planner Paul Halkiotis, is to bring more foot traffic and vibrancy to the

Downtown and help the businesses struggling there. All full redevelopment or construction of additional stories to an existing building would have to reflect the architectural style of the Norwood Downtown. The MUOD also has requirements for different types of residential buildings, such as live-work buildings, townhouse-style buildings, multifamily structures and mixed-use buildings. For ownership units, the MUOD requires that 15 percent of the total housing units constructed be priced affordable and 20 percent for rentals.

For townhouses, rowhouses and multifamily buildings, 1.5 parking spaces per unit is required for units with two bedrooms or less, and for three-bedroom units two parking spaces per unit is required. One space is required for one-bedroom units in a mixed-use building, while the same parking requirements listed above are put forth for mixed-use buildings with two or three-bedroom units.

The other big article on the docket for the Special is Article 7, which will allow Town Meeting members to vote on a moratorium on open lot storage of motor vehicles on all accessory storage lots excluding properties on the Boston-Providence Turnpike (Route 1). The article comes from many auto dealerships on the Auto Mile creeping into other areas of the Town for vehicle storage. According to the article, about 40

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acres of land is designated for this purpose and stores around 3,000 vehicles. Added on to Norwood's issues is the fact that many other towns do not allow open lot storage at their dealerships and are now storing their vehicles in Norwood.

The concern of this practice, according to the warrant, is that car carriers are now using streets that may not have been designed for them and create safety con-

cerns. Also according to the article, the use is a detriment to the Town in two ways, one, no buildings on open lots means far less tax revenue generation and two, the large amount of negative environmental impacts the lots pose for the community.

The Planning Board proposes this moratorium so that it can study review and consider amendments to the Zoning By-law and Map to address the is-

sue.

Article 10 deals with the plan to spend \$950,000 (\$500,000 of which will be reimbursed through a state grant) to reconstruct the Dean Street Bridge. The plan is recommended by the Norwood Finance Commission. Article 20 deals with the plan for water main pipeline rehabilitation and the \$629,600 the FinCom also recommends the Town borrow to pay for.

Evidentiary hearing scheduled for BEH case Settlement to be reconsidered in federal court

Matt MacDonald

Staff Reporter

On Tuesday April 9, an order was entered by U.S. District Court Judge Richard G. Stearns regarding the disputed settlement between Boston Executive Helicopters (BEH) and the Town and members of the Norwood Airport Commission (NAC).

This came in response to a March 1 motion by BEH requesting that the court reconsider its Jan. 23 ruling to enforce the general release and settlement agreement that had been argued for by the Town rather than the term sheet agreement argued for by BEH.

The order grants in part and denies in part BEH's March 1 motion, which requested that the court either order that the term sheet be the enforceable settlement agreement, set an evidentiary hearing on the issue, or place the matter back on the trial list.

According to the language of the filing, the court will hold an evidentiary hearing to determine if a valid settlement agreement had been entered into "and, if so, whether the Term Sheet or the General Release and Settlement Agreement controls."

This marks the latest development in what has

been a lengthy, contentious, and winding case that has been pending in federal court since late 2015.

The case had been closed on Dec. 7, 2018 with the two sides opting to pursue a settlement agreement as the scheduled Dec. 10 trial date loomed ever closer.

Subsequently, however, a dispute arose between the Town and BEH regarding which version of the settlement agreement should be binding.

Judge Stearns' Jan. 23 order enforced the settlement agreement advocated by the Town, stating that the term sheet drawn up earlier in the negotiation process and argued for by BEH "contemplated execution of a more comprehensive document."

BEH's subsequent March 1 motion hinged on its argument that "a trial court should not summarily enforce a settlement agreement when there is a genuine dispute as to the terms of that agreement," but rather that a hearing should be held to resolve the contested issue.

The evidentiary hearing has been scheduled for May 28 at 9 a.m. in Courtroom 21 of Moakley Courthouse (1 Courthouse Way, Boston) before Judge Stearns.

According to the order, each side will have up to two hours to present its case.

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Selectmen approve selling of Forbes Hill property for \$13mil

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved on Tuesday night, April 23, to sell the Forbes Hill property for \$13 million for the development of a “medical city” and other accompanying uses.

“We did have three bids for the property,” Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said, noting that the Town was not obligated to take the highest bid, but sought the best use for the Town.

Three finalists were chosen: the medical complex; an \$11 million proposal for a housing development; and a \$21 million proposal for a 301-unit housing complex.

“On its surface, the \$21 million proposal sounds great,” Mazzucco said. “But it presented a lot of challenges.”

Mazzucco said the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) would not be able to provide relief for a project that large. Plus there were issues with water piping and Town services that would be extensive that Norwood “would be on the hook for.”

By contrast, the medical city would “tie in with some of the best medical facilities in the world,” according to Mazzucco.

Selectman William Plasko said the buyer would be Dr. Roberto Feliz, an international pain management specialist with more than 25 years of experience.

“The Medical City of Norwood would be a one-stop medical location,” he said. “The focus would be on complex, advanced diseases.”

There would be a medical supply store on site, as well as one or two restaurants, a hotel, and 80 condominium units.

“One thing that was attractive about this proposal is that it was the least disruptive to the natural appeal of the site, which was what we were looking for,” Plasko said.

Feliz would be making a \$260 million investment in the property.

Another benefit of this proposal is that it would most likely use the Forbes Mansion as a conference center.

A unique feature of the medical city would be an omni theater used to actually show the inner workings of the human body, both in its healthy and diseased states.

“We have spent money preserving this site, but it was money well spent,” Plasko said of the \$13 million spent to preserve the property. “I would

certainly recommend this project subject to the developer’s agreement and the purchase and sale agreement without reservation.”

Selectman Alan Howard agreed and seconded the motion.

“When we asked the people at Town Meeting to put faith in us, we have done that,” he said. “Yes, we have spent some money maintaining it while we have been beating the bushes for a quality developer.”

In other news, the ongoing case with the Outback Steakhouse came one step closer to resolution. The restaurant has been closed since January 16, 2018, and the Town has been unable to collect any tax revenue from its liquor license. Its case was continued from March 19.

John Connell, the attorney representing Outback Steakhouse at 1210 Boston Providence Turnpike, said he found another restaurant to occupy the space.

Attorney Jessica Deratzian appeared with Connell, representing Boston Tavern, the casual restaurant and bar she wanted the Board to approve to take over the business and its liquor license.

“We have plans on making this another family restaurant,” Connell said.

Deratzian added that the owner also owns the Medway Café in Medway, the Ashland Ale House in Ashland and the Boston Tavern in Bridgewater.

“I would recommend we continue this other application until 7:05 p.m. at our meeting on May 14,” said Chairman Paul Bishop, adding that the liquor license transfer application could be held at 7:15 p.m.

“If all this is in order, we’ll issue it,” Plasko said. “We’re already 15 months out of revenue. If this falls out, I have no intention of going any further with you.”

The motions to review both applications on May 14th were approved 5-0.

“We are very appreciative that the Town will give us the time to allow us to go forward with the transfer of the license,” said Connell. “It looks like a good new restaurant. I hope this works out in the best interest of everyone.”

Also, DPW Director Mark Ryan spoke about several ongoing projects, including the cutting of the ball fields for baseball season.

St. Gabriel’s Chapel is one step closer to completion, he added.

“There is one more window to replace,” Ryan said. “The granite landing is actually made from the large granite steps we salvaged

from the high school project.”

When street repaving came up, Plasko said that Railroad Ave. to Pleasant Ave. was in dire need of repair.

“I agree,” Ryan said. “It’s a main drag. I drive it every day.”

However, he told him that the water pipe has to be cleaned and lined first.

“That’s a great explanation,” Plasko replied. “Thank you.”

The next Selectmen’s meeting will be held Tuesday, May 1 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

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Widow Asks About Survivor Benefits

Dear Rusty: My husband passed away 7 years ago at the age of 64, at which time he was receiving SS Disability. I was 58 at the time he passed and could not apply for his Social Security. I was still working but let SS know he was deceased, so his check was no longer deposited. I am now 65 and my age to reach full benefits without penalty is 66. I plan to work three more years before applying for Social Security. My question is: Can I apply for my deceased husband's SS benefits now and not my own without any penalties? And if so, what is the process? Thank you for your time and the information and resources you provide.

Signed: Widowed Wife

Dear Widowed: Yes, as a widow you have the choice of claiming either your survivor's benefit or your own benefit but claiming either before your full retirement age will reduce it. If you claim your survivor's benefit before you reach age 66 it will be somewhat reduced from 100% of what your husband was receiving when he passed. Since you're now 65, the reduction won't be too severe (about 0.4% for each month before your full retirement age of 66). Your own benefit would be reduced by about 0.69% for each month before your full retirement age.

I suggest you evaluate which of your future benefits will be greater – the survivor benefit at maximum or your own benefit at maximum. Your survivor benefit reaches maximum at your full retirement age of 66, but your own SS benefit can continue to grow until age 70 when it would be 32% more than it would be at age 66. You may want to set a goal to claim in such a way that you can get the highest benefit for the rest of your life. If you know what your own benefit will be at your full retirement age, add

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Russell Gloor
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

32% to that, and compare that number to the benefit your husband was receiving at his death. If your own at age 70 is more than he was receiving, then it would be wise to take the survivor benefit first and let your own grow by 8% per year until 70 and then switch from the survivor benefit to your own. If your survivor benefit at your FRA will be greater than your own at age 70, then it would be wise to let the survivor benefit grow to maximum at your full retirement age and claim it then.

In any case, to answer your question – yes, you can apply for your reduced benefits as a widow now or wait until you're 66 to get the full benefit, and the way to do that is to contact Social Security directly and request your benefit as your husband's widow. Survivor's benefit cannot be applied for online, so you should call Social Security (find your local office at www.ssa.gov/locator) and request an appointment to apply for survivor benefits. When you make your appointment, Social Security will advise you if they'll require any additional documentation. And if you wish to let your own benefit grow to age 70, then be sure to specify you are applying only for your survivor benefit, not your Social Security retirement benefit, both survivor benefits and your own Social Security retirement benefit.

Downsides TO THE OVERRIDE

To the Editor:

The first downside is the effect on the senior citizen homeowner. For seniors like me on fixed incomes, \$30-\$40 a month more in property taxes, along with the increasing costs of everything else means sacrificing something, like occasional eating out, or travel, or cutting back on cable, or mobile phone costs or even gifts for family. My point is fairness. Should seniors be expected to sacrifice and not ask town government to do the same? According to newspaper reports, the Town will be limited to a 3.5% increase in department expenses, 80% of which are labor costs, each year for the next five years. Seniors on social security have been limited to an average 1.36% COLA increase per year over the past ten years. I suspect that proponents of the override have at least one full time income if not two per household. They can afford the extra taxes, especially if they get raises, bonuses and promotions. We seniors get none of those.

The second downside is the increase in taxes to businesses. Using the 2017 Town Report there are 654 commercial parcels assessed. Those parcels will pay \$2.6M of the \$5.9M raised by the override according to a property tax impact calculator. From the same Town Report there were 8130 residential parcels assessed which will pay \$3.3M of the \$5.9M using the same calculator. Therefore, the average business will pay at least \$4K more in property taxes and the average residential property will pay \$450.00 more. However, the business owner will pass on this extra expense to his customers. Then there is what I call the B2B surcharge. Businesses will pass on their increase in costs to each other for supplies and services they exchange. The bottom line is that the override will not only increase property taxes for the homeowner, it will increase the cost of goods and services all residents obtain from local businesses.

The third downside is the misconception that potential home buyers look at the schools before deciding whether to locate in Norwood. According to moneycrashers.com, among

the 14 reasons for choosing a place to live, the top two are Affordability and Taxes, followed by Employment Opportunities, Real Estate Values and Crime Stats in order of preference. The Education System is eighth in importance. By the way, having a low property tax rate should never be a justification for raising taxes. On the contrary, it should be an incentive for attracting new residents and businesses. We have been told that Prop 2 1/2 limits property tax levy increases to 2.5% of assessed value. I checked my tax bills for the past ten years and the average increase has been 4.04%. I then went to the online annual town reports and calculated that the average annual increase in town wide revenues from property taxes is 4.8% over the past ten years. A quick check with the Assessor's office verified that the average annual valuation increase over the past ten years is about 5%. So now the town needs another annual 3.5% over that each year? I think this town has a spending problem, not a revenue problem.

The fourth downside is the effect on renters. I wonder if they realize that they will be paying their landlord's entire property tax increase in the form of higher rents. I also wonder how many are registered to vote and know they can have a say in whether or not they'll pay higher rents due to the override on June 3?

The fifth downside to the override is the funding of the new middle school. I get the feeling this operational override is being pushed for a vote before we know when and how much the Coakley Middle School replacement is going to cost. There are estimates and favorable reports about state funding as with the high school. However, times are very different now and this future obligation is coming upon us quickly. I've seen estimates that the school replacement would add \$400 on to the average homeowners' annual tax bill in addition to the current override proposal.

Thinking back to the November 29, 2018 BBC information meeting covering with and without the override scenarios, I remember a slide under "Threats to Municipal Services" that showed the effect on response times for po-

lice and fire protection services at the top of the list, if the override did not pass. Public safety reductions would be placed on a par with reductions in non essential services is to me the epitome of fear mongering.

In closing, when people ask me, "What kind of town do you want Norwood to be?" I say, "Affordable!"

Thomas Guiod
Town Meeting Member,
District 6

THIS FINANCE MEMBER SUPPORTS OVERRIDE

To the Editor:

It's budget time in Norwood and our town's finances are strained again as we try to balance our budget for FY2020. Norwood has a structural budget deficit. Our revenue stream, money received from property taxes, fees and utility rates and state aid, are insufficient to fund all the services and programs our citizens desire and need. I'm not talking about new services. I'm talking about the threat this poses to current service levels in FY2020 and beyond.

For schools, closing the Willett, laying off a dozen school staff, eliminating our extra-curricular fine arts and athletic programs are on the table in order to balance the budget. This is on top of cuts made in prior years to balance the budget. For town services, there is a need to spend \$1.5 million per year on road construction and maintenance, yet we usually are \$200,000 - \$300,000 short of that amount. Snow removal has been underfunded by more than \$1,000,000 over the past 3 years.

The Town's Budget Balancing Committee (BBC) with representatives from the School Committee, Select Board and Finance Commission, has spent over 8 months looking at the fiscal situation. A 5-year financial forecast of our revenue and expenses shows that if we do nothing to address this situation, cuts will be needed to both schools and general government each in subsequent fiscal years.

With a unanimous vote of 9 in favor and none opposed, the BBC recommended an operational override designed to restore school programs cut over the past several years and prevent proposed cuts to instruction, extra-curricular fine arts and athletics. On the general government side, the override will increase funding for road maintenance and provide for a more realistic way to budget for snow removal.

Some will say we have been here before and we've always solved it without an

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The hope is with this clothing drive, more Norwood High School students will be able to afford to go to prom this year.

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Norwood wants to make it easier for kids to attend prom

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood High School (NHS) is joining forces with the Norwood Police Department (NPD) to collect and distribute prom dresses and suits to students in need.

NHS vice Principal Cindy Derrane said the program had been a part of regular collections in the past and is now restarting this year. She said it's basically an extension of the

Clothes Closet the high school runs throughout the year for students.

"We've had that for the kids since we were in the old building," she said. "Basically, people will donate clothes and our kids can shop without money in the closet if they and their family members need items. That's all season, all year; it's always open."

Derrane, who is working with NPD Officer Jennifer Hoyle, said the prom collection

was established around 2010 with NHS Nurse at the time Jill Driscoll running the collection.

"I don't know why we haven't done it for a long time," she said. "Jill used to be the contact person, but there were other members involved. For the last couple of years we haven't had anything. But since costs keep rising and some of our kids are struggling to buy

their tickets and have a nice

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override. True. But at what costs?

We have been unable to balance our budgets without digging into sources that cannot be guaranteed to be available every year, like our free cash—our annual savings account. Instead of using our free cash as intended for one-time purchases of equipment or replenishing our reserves or funding our large building projects, we have used much of our free cash to balance our operating budget. Using free cash to balance our operating budget is a fiscal practice that is discouraged by the Commonwealth's Department of Revenue because free cash can vary significantly year-to-year. That is readily apparent with the FY2020 budget. Our available free cash for this bud-

get year is 60% less than it was last year.

Other solutions have been proposed. A temporary trash fee has been floated as a revenue source. Trash fees would be paid by residential home owners. Most commercial and industrial properties do not have curbside trash and recycling pick-up, so the financial burden is placed squarely on the residential homeowner. An override distributes the financial burden across all properties in Norwood. With the escalating costs of recycling and trash removal, a trash fee will likely need to be increased annually. And it will be very difficult to guarantee the sunset of a temporary fee in 10 years' time.

One can say that we must live within our means. That's fine as long as you're ok with personnel and service cuts being made every year to balance the budget. That will only lead to the continuous annual reduction and

loss of citizens services we have come to value in Norwood.

The solution is the override. The override will provide the funding needed to restore school cuts in programs and staff that have been eliminated over the years. It will create a stabilization fund to help balance the budget in future years when and if our finances become strained once again. The School Committee, Finance Commission and Select Board have agreed to a "memorandum of understanding" that provides for annual budget caps and restrictions to the growth of our employee headcount. It will put the town on a firm financial foundation.

For these reasons I support a Yes vote on Monday, June 3.

*Robert Donnelly
Town Meeting Member,
District 5
Member, Finance
Commission*

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SUMMER JOBS LOTTERY

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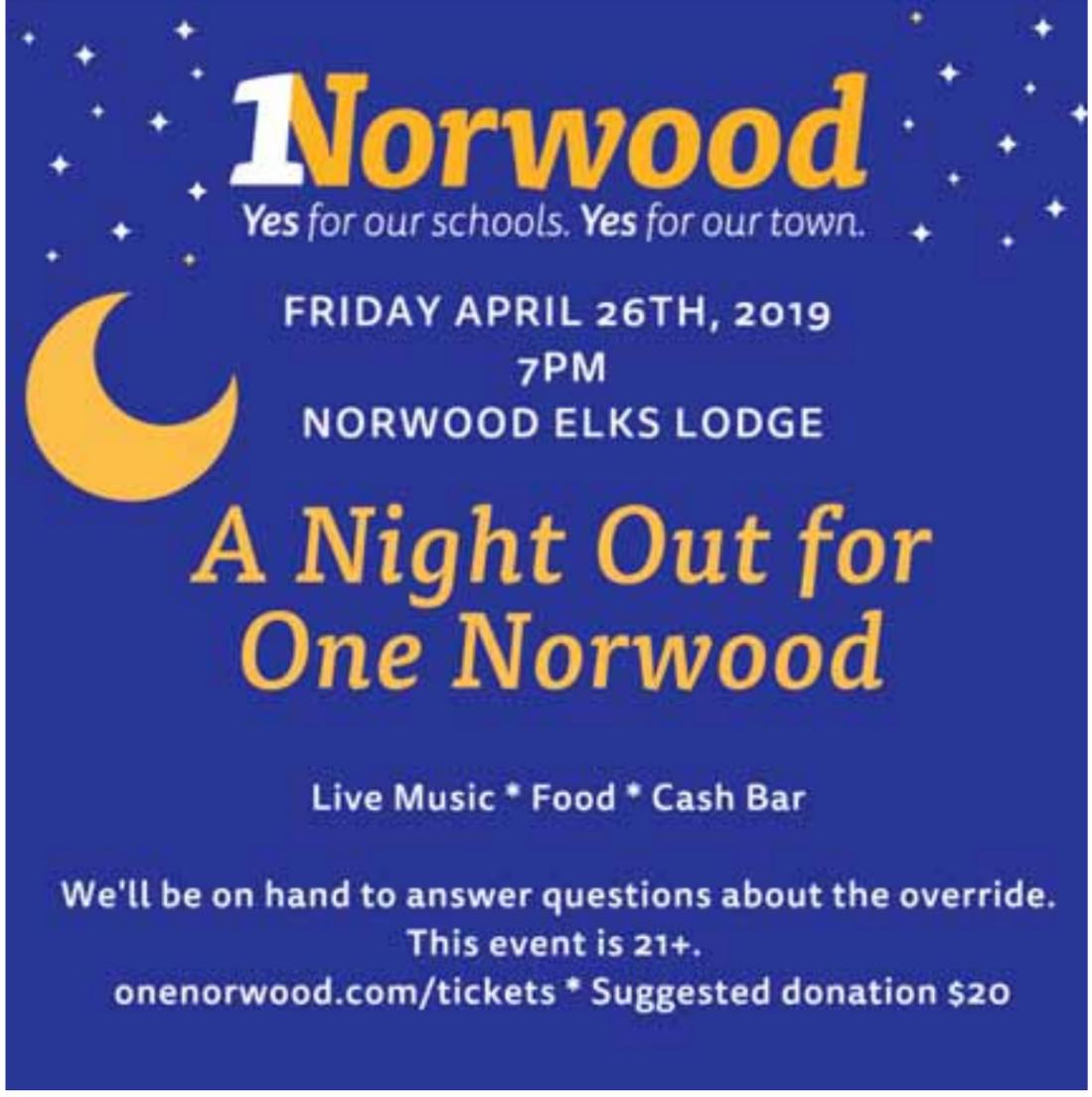


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Prom Needs *continued from page 5*

dress or suit, the prom can be cost-prohibitive, so we decided this year to do a collection for all sorts of prom attire for boys and girls; which includes clothing and all sorts of accessories like hoses, purses, jewelry, etc.”

The first collection will be this Saturday, April 2 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the rear of the Norwood Public Safety Complex at 137 Nahatan St. The second collection will be at the High School at 245 Nichols St. on May 8 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Any inquiries as

to donations in between those dates should be directed to Hoyle at Jhoyle@NorwoodMA.Gov.

Derrane said they reached out to NPD Chief William Brooks and Hoyle during the Pajama Drive, which was very successfully run.

“The NPD helped out with the Pajama Drive earlier in the year and they had a big collection box,” she said. “I reached out to Officer Hoyle and asked her if the NPD would let us use that. She thought it was a great

idea. She went to Chief Brooks, and he agreed, but we all figured we’d wait until the PJ drive was done.”

Derrane said the prom is a big deal to many students and making it easier for them to come is a no-brainer.

“It’s a big deal for kids everywhere,” she said. “It’s a milestone, it marks a big step when you’re a senior particularly. I think more kids would go if it wasn’t so cost prohibitive for some families. To be able to say to people, ‘we can help you with the clothes piece,’ I think is awesome. We will make it more accessible to a wider section of kids who maybe think it’s out of their reach.”

Derrane said the prom is one of the first times kids can socialize like an adult. She said not

being able to participate in that can make a student feel like an outsider.

“I think it’s a big deal to feel like you’re part of things,” she said. “I think it’s also one of those confidence boosters for kids, getting dressed up in any way shape or form always makes kids feel better.”

She added that’s kind of why they have the Clothes Closet in the first place.

“The clothes we collect for kids are used for things like job interviews so they can put their best foot forward,” she said. “The kids definitely appreciate it and use it and it helps to make them feel like they matter, and the community agrees.”

Derrane added any dress suits or dresses will be accepted.

“We’re not expecting full-blown tuxedos, but hopefully there will be some nice suits,” she said.

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Norwood Trails prepping for Earth Day weekend

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Trails Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, April 23 and discussed several upcoming events the group is participating in.

The committee works to increase awareness of Norwood's natural resources by promoting the few trails the Town has and advocating and planning new ones. Member John Aprea, who also works with Progress Norwood, said both organizations are gearing up for a busy Arbor Day/Earth Day weekend.

He said on Saturday starting at 9 a.m., they are meeting up at the Hawes Pool to do some cleanup at the Hawes Brook. He said they are doing so in conjunction with the Neponset River Watershed Association.

"We'll be doing it in conjunction with about eight to 10 other sites in the Greater Boston area for a cleanup," he said. "They want to focus on behind Hawes Pool from Washington Street to that little dam where the penny

bridge is, basically that little canal there that feeds into both pools."

Aprea added several Town residents are really looking forward to the cleanup, especially after the heavy rains made the river swell.

"Jerry Hopcroft is very excited to stand waist deep in the water, it's pretty flooded now," he said. "So bring your waders."

When that is done at 11 a.m., Aprea said he hopes residents stick around for a tree planting session around the Hawes Pool. He said they and the Norwood Public Works Department have teamed up to plant three sugar maple trees to provide shade around the pool.

"For parents watching their kids swim," he said. "Hopefully, the river cleanup only goes a few hours and everyone migrates over to the pool. We'll plant some trees, take a nice picture and be on our way."

Aprea said the real hard work will be done on Friday by the DPW. He said they will be digging the holes that evening.



The Norwood Trails Committee met on Tuesday and talked about the various upcoming events the group and several other organizations will be participating in.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

"So on Saturday we'll put the trees in and we can just pack and fill it with topsoil and add some nutrients," he said. "It's not going to be too labor-intensive."

Then at 3 p.m., the Recreation Department is hosting its annual Fishing Derby and Rubber Duck race.

Aprea said then the main event begins on Sunday, April 28, with the big Town wide cleanup from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. To sign up to clean up, you can go to ProgressNorwood.org. According to the site as of Wednesday, there are still slots open for the Balch Elementary School, the Cleveland Elementary School, the Father MacAlear Playground, the Hawes Miller Recreation Complex and Endean Trails, the Muphy Field and Hennessey Trails, the Norwood High School and the Winslow Street Field.

The Trails also showed off the group's new banner, which will also be getting some airing during the Town Celebration of Earth Day starting at 11:30 a.m. The celebration will include personal electronic and battery recycling, a fix-it station for small household appliances, booths for all things Earth

Day, and a bike swap, for which youngsters can bring their gently-used bikes and trade them in for bigger ones.

Committee Chair Joseph Greeley also said they are getting some help from a local Eagle Scout candidate Ryan Larson, who will be joining them for the next meeting of the committee on May 14.

"He lives in Norwood but he's associated with the Walpole scout troop," he said. "His troop was active on the Adams Farm project (across from St. Timothy at Willett Pond), where they put a number of kiosk and various trail head markings. He's offered to coordinate something like that for his

Eagle Project."

Greeley said they will be meeting with Larson to figure out how he can best help Norwood's trails, and Greeley said they should be thinking of volunteer opportunities for the group in the future as well. He also said they are still working out a dual trail walk with the Walpole Trails Committee.

"That's still an open item but we'll try to make that happen this summer," he said.

Greeley also said they will be passing out information at the May Regular Town Meeting on May 13.

"We'll have a big map of trails at the entrance," he said.

Special Voter Registration Session

The Board of Registrars wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that a special registration session has been set for the June 3, 2019 Special Town Election.

An evening special registration session will be held at the Municipal Building, Room 32 on **Tuesday, May 14, 2019 from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.**

This is the FINAL REGISTRATION SESSION prior to the Special Town Election.

Daily registration of vot-

ers will be conducted at the Town Clerk's office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 P.M.

A mail-in registration form is now available at Norwood Morrill Memorial Library and the Norwood Post Office.

You may also register to vote on-line at sec.state.ma.us

Qualifications to register to vote are that the applicants must be 18 years old on or before election day and must either be born in the United States or be a Naturalized Citizen.

Planning Board

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looking for is a fence going all the way down Sumner Street, so we don't see it," he said. "That's the only thing I wanted."

Clemmey said he and Argiros had a tentative agreement on this, and so Clemmey said he didn't come to the meetings (which Planning Board Chair Ernie Paciorkowski pointed out lasted six months) because he thought his concerns were being considered. Apparently that wasn't the case. Instead of a full fence installed, there were only two small sections of buffer set up.

Paciorkowski said that while his memory of those six months of meetings may not be fully comprehensive, he said he didn't recall denying Argiros a wall.

"This thing went on for a long time," he said. "I don't ever recall, and I could be wrong, we'd have to look at the min-

utes, us wanting less fencing there. I don't recall anyone coming forward and wanting to put a fence all the way down."

Clemmey acknowledged that he should have attended the meetings to advocate for the fence, but he said he's talked it over with Argiros and Argiros said if Clemmey could get the Planning Board to agree to a fence of some dimension Argiros would do it.

Planning Board member Debbie Holmwood said she was skeptical about the initial request for the fence.

"That sounds like someone came to us saying 'I want to give you trees' and I say no," she said.

Assistant Town Planner Patrick Deschenes pointed out it was something they could bring up with Argiros at a later date, since they have to follow up with him anyway regarding the inadequacy of the former's proposed landscaping plan. He said reseeding needed to be done (since it was originally seeded in November) and several bushes needed to be addressed.

"We felt the landscaping was not on par at all with what was approved by the plan," he said. "We gave them an extension and will have them come back on May 1 and we'll do a walk-through together and see if they're where they should be on that landscaping plan."

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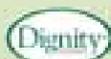
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DEATHS

ESHMAN



Thomas J. of Norwood, formerly of Dedham, passed away April 16, 2019. Beloved son of the late James and Stella (Trusin) Eshman. Husband of the late Frances (Hogan) Eshman and the late Jane (Mason) Eshman. Loving father of Wendy A. Gallagher of Dudley and the late James Eshman. Cherished grandfather of Robert Gallagher of Grafton, Daniel Gallagher of Newton and Andrew Gallagher of Somerville. Dear companion of many years to Sylvia Gorin of Norwood. Tom is also survived by many loving relatives and friends. Since 1956, Tom was a proud member of Local #4 - I.U.O.E. as a crane operator, who, prior to retiring in 1998, worked on the Mass Pike, 495 and "The Big Dig". He enjoyed reading about history as well as touring historical landmarks throughout the North East Region. Tom always enjoyed bantering with friends about the hottest political topics. For many years, Tom worked in the Town of Dedham as an Auxiliary Police Officer as well as a Constable. Tom will also be remembered for listening to his police scanner to get information on the police activity around town. At the request of Tom's family, all services were private. Arrangements were handled by the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood, MA 02062. For online condolences kindly visit our website at www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com.

KEANEY

Denis M. Of Norwood, formerly of Walpole, passed away on April 16, 2019, at the age of 41. Loving son of Philomena (Doherty) Keane of Walpole and the late Thomas J. Keane. Brother of Thomas P. Keane and his wife Wendy Mae of NY, Peter D. Keane of Walpole and the late Anne Marie Keane. Uncle of Kasey A. Keane, Daniel P. Keane, Kelly M. Keane and Meagan Marie Keane. Denis was a 1995 graduate of Walpole High School, and then went on to receive an Associate Degree at Wentworth Institute. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., NORWOOD. At the request of the family, burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 101A First Avenue, Waltham, MA 02451. kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com. Family Owned And Operated, 781-762-0482.

KELIHER



Doris A. (Moore) Of Norwood passed away peacefully at home on April 15, 2019. The beloved wife of

Edward J. Keliher, Doris had worked as an executive secretary at Walter Baker and Metal Bellows and later became an active member of the League of Women Voters in Norwood. She loved her life with Ed in Norwood and at their summer home in Orleans. Loving sister of the late Thomas J. Moore, William F. Moore, Mary J. Moore LaLond, and Robert J. Moore. Dear sister-in-law of Irene Whitman and Mary Keliher. Cherished aunt of Janet Bosse and her late husband Joe, Bill LaLond and his wife Diana, Bob LaLond and his wife Christine, Jack LaLond and his wife Kathy, Jim LaLond and his wife Kim, Bill Moore, Lisa Moore, Richard Moore, Stephen Watson, Craig Watson and Jeff Watson. Daughter of the late Thomas J. and Mary A. (Smith) Moore. Doris is also survived by many loving great-nieces and great-nephews. Funeral from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rte. 1A) in NORWOOD. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Doris A. Keliher may be made to the Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation, PO Box 421, Norwood, MA 02062. Gillooly Funeral Home. Norwood 781-762-0174. www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com

PALMERINI

James J. Lifelong resident of Norwood, beloved and devoted husband to Mary (Bilotta) Palmerini of Norwood, passed away on April 16, 2019. Loving father of Joan Palmerini of Virginia, Mary Ann Gaetani and her husband Robert of Norwood and the late Jean Palmerini Hurley. Cherished grandfather of James and Daniel Sherman, Christopher, Nicholas, and Jeanna Gaetani. Devoted brother of Josephine Palmerini of Norwood, Rose Ross of Norwood, Mary Jones of Walpole and the late Jennie Ippoliti, Elizabeth Leggeri and Orrigo Palmerini. He was admired and loved by many nieces, nephews and friends. James was a veteran who served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He opened Jim's Barber Shop, across from St. Catherine's Church in Norwood, which he successfully ran for 24 years. He then began a new career working for AT&T in Watertown for over 20-years, retiring in 1989. James and Mary enjoyed traveling, spending winters in Florida and forming new friendships. A long-time resident of Norwood, he was an avid golfer, loved reading a good mystery novel, took great pride in caring for his yard, relaxing by the pool, tending to his garden, keeping up to date with current affairs, and enjoyed getting together with family and friends. He was a passionate Red Sox, New England Patriots and Boston Bruins fan and enjoyed taking in the productions at the South Shore Music Theater. James loved spending time with his family on the Cape, boating and walking the beach. He always had a smile on his face and was ready to lend a helping hand. James was blessed with many loving family members, children and grandchildren of whom he was very proud. He will be deeply missed. Funeral Services from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rte. 1A), NORWOOD. Interment in Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of James J. Palmerini may be made to the Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation, PO

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RUSSO

Lillian M. (Balerna) Of Norwood, formerly of Roslindale, April 20, 2019 beloved wife of the late Carmine A. Russo, and devoted mother of Elaine Cavanaro of MA, Michael J. Russo and his wife Marianne of Foxborough, Pamela Russo Vautour and her husband Douglas of Norwood and Kristin Russo Radosta of Dedham. Sister of John, Alfred and Joseph Balerna and the late Emma DeCristofaro and Eugene Balerna. Loving grandmother of 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Mass, Friday, April 26, 2019, at 10 AM in St. John Chrysostom Church, West Roxbury, followed by a Committal Service in St. Michael Cemetery Roslindale. Visiting Hours omitted. Directions and guestbook at www.josephrussofuneralhome.com Joseph Russo Funeral Home Roslindale.

ZALESKI

Daniel M. Of Foxboro, formerly of Dedham and Milford, NH, passed away on April 15, 2019 at the age of 94. Beloved husband of the late Gertrude Marie (Schattgen) Zaleski. Devoted father of Linda M. Zaleski of Dedham and Carol A. Feeny and her husband Paul of Dedham. Cherished grandfather of Sarah and Marco Feeny. Brother of the late Thaddeus E. Zaleski, Josephine K. Zaleski, Dorothy Tremblay and Elsie Zaleski. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Son of the late Henry and Mary (Wawszkiewicz) Zaleski. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., NORWOOD. Burial at Knollwood Memorial Park Canton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 101A First Ave., Waltham, MA 02451. kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com. Family Owned and Operated. 781-762-0482.

Library Events

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The semi-annual Friends of the Library Book Sale will take place on the first weekend of May in the Morrill Memorial Library's Simoni Room. Friday May 3 from 1:00-4:30 pm will be the early-bird sale for Friends of the Library only. If you're not already a Friend, you too can enjoy early access by signing up for membership when you come to the sale. The book sale will be open to the general public on Saturday May 4 from 9:00-4:30 pm. Sunday May 5 from 2:00-4:30 pm will be the much-anticipated Bag Sale, when you can fill a bag with books for just \$5! Please contact the library with any questions at 781-769-0200. See you at the sale!

MATT BROWN DISCUSSES HIS NEW BOOK

Former Norwood High School hockey player Matt Brown will speak at the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. to talk about his new book, "Line Change: A True Story of Resilience in the Face of Adversity," co-authored by Todd Civin. Matt Brown's life changed immeasurably on January 23, 2010 when he struck the boards during a Norwood High hockey game. Left paralyzed, unable to use his arms or legs, Matt decided to live life "differently" but never gave up. To register for this event, please go to norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call 781-769-0200, x110, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk. Copies of the book will be available to purchase after the program.

BOOK CLUB - "SANDCASTLE GIRLS"

The Morrill Memorial Library's Turn the Page Book Group, led by Patty Bailey and guest host Carla Howard, will meet on Wednesday, May 15 at 10:00 am and again at 7:00 pm. "The Sandcastle Girls," a novel by Chris Bohjalian that explores Armenian American heritage, will be the star of May's discussion. This tale travels between Aleppo, Syria in 1915 and Bronxville, New York in 2012. It is a sweeping historical love story steeped in the author's Armenian heritage, making it his most personal work to date. Join us at 10:00 am for a live Skype session with author Chris Bohjalian! Space is limited. To sign up for this special program, please register by visiting the library's events calendar page at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call 781-769-0200 x110, or visit the library's Reference or Information Desk.

SOCIAL SECURITY SEMINAR AT THE LIBRARY

Michael Graff, popular presenter about financial services and retirement, will return to the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, May 30 at 6:30 pm to discuss social security. His Social Security Seminar is a single session 90 minutes course, offering information for people nearing retirement and interested in learning more about Social Security claiming options and when to file for benefits. Michael will also review the changes to Social Security that were enacted in 2015 as part of the Bi-Partisan Budget Act. Specific topics to be reviewed include: - How to properly file for Social Security benefits - How to maximize the amount you are eligible for - How to avoid the most common mistakes people make when claiming their benefits - Collecting Social Security while you continue to work - Taxation of Social Security benefits - Social Security information for widows, widowers, and divorcees

To sign up for this informative program, please visit the library's events calendar at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call the library at 781-769-0200 x110, or visit the library's Reference or Information desks.

Ask The Doctor

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To the Doctor: I have a 2013 Toyota RAV4 with 4WD, but I have never actually put it into the 4WD mode. Would it be safe to use it now, after six years of non-use? Or should I have it checked out by Toyota first?

From the Doctor: I would switch it into the 4WD mode without a trip to the dealer. If the 4WD system works, I would suggest having the drive line fluids changed using the factory Toyota fluid.

To the Doctor: I have a 2014 Nissan Altima. I'm just one of the thousands of Nissan owners with a faulty CVT manufactured by Jatco of which Nissan is the parent company. Nissan extended the warranty from 60,000 to 120,000 miles, but I've read that some owners are on their third transmission. My Altima's transmission vibrates at 2,000 RPMS. The dealer says that's normal. Why wasn't a recall ever issued for such a vital part of the vehicle's drive train?

From the Doctor: The early CVT transmissions had major failure rates - Nissan was not alone with this problem. Generally, manufacturers want to extend the warranty versus a recall because of the expense involved. Today's CVTs have been redesigned and are much better. With the older CVT transmissions, going from a dead stop to full acceleration, the engine would stay at the full RPM until the driver lifted up on the gas pedal. Under full acceleration, today's CVT transmissions shift similar to a regular automatic transmission. In fact, the new CVT transmissions can actually be manually shifted. Just a note: I suggest a transmission fluid change every two years with these troublesome CVTs and the use of Nissan fluid only.

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

Norwood helped with the rehab

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Jose Munnerlyn surely took his time coming to the Town of Norwood, but in his serious time of need, he said the Town was a great help.

Munnerlyn came here to start his recovery from a double hip replacement due to necrosis. He said he's still not back to 100 percent, but training in Norwood and working locally as a private chef and bartender has got him back somewhat, at least.

He said the top of his femur stopped receiving oxygen and the necrosis started from there. Munnerlyn said the doctors were surprised when he came in, to say the least, and they couldn't explain exactly how it happened.

"When they brought me to the hospital, the doctors discovered it and said, 'wow, you have had to be walking around with this for at least two year and you had no clue?'" he said. "The doctor said, 'what are you, psycho? How did you not feel that?'"

I do Kung Fu, and with Kung Fu you're going around popping kicks left and right. I'm not going to sit there and

whine about a few pains."

Munnerlyn was brought to the hospital after an incident in Downtown Boston. At the time, he said he was working as a bartender and heard a mugging going on when he was getting out of work.

"You know, a switch just clicked," he said. "One, I'm thinking hey, this man's hitting a woman. I saw red. I chased him and caught him, held him, and the police came. Afterwards, I started losing my ability to stand and I was in a lot of pain."

Within 10 minutes, Munnerlyn said he was completely unable to stand. He went to the hospital and, after getting through a skeptical doctor who thought he was just after pain meds, he underwent an emergency MRI.

"That phrase sealed the deal for me, I had never heard that before and so that's how I knew something was really wrong," he said.

Munnerlyn said at the time he was living in Revere, but with the cost of medical care and the fact he would be out of work, he relied on friends in Norwood for more than a year.

"My life just changed with

a drop of dime," he said. "My friend said I could stay here with him and he would help me recover in Norwood. I had visited Norwood maybe twice before that, and I said okay, I have nowhere else to go. I stayed with my friend and he was really good and I had someone else near and dear to my heart that helped me out and got me through this as well. Being there is how I found out about this place."

Munnerlyn currently trains and helps out at the Planet Fitness in Norwood. He said he trains hard – burning about 800 calories in an hour of working out – but he still has a few issues. He still brings a cane to work, but he said he hasn't had to use it too often. He said his previous training also helped prepare him for his recovery.

Munnerlyn, an avid martial artist and now a gym rat, first started seriously training in Sanda Kung Fu about 10 years ago.

"It was interesting because when I started college, everyone was going to class and going to parties. No, not me," he said. "I would go to class, come home and train in martial arts. By the time I got started at 9 p.m. with my mas-



Norwood resident Jose Munnerlyn is still recovering from his surgery, but he said it's getting better every day.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

ter, and he was gracious enough to come to me until I could start going to where he was, that took time and trust. He'd train me from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m., and from 3 a.m. on we'd do history."

He said the training was a lot like the training montage scene in the film, Kill Bill.

"Yeah remember Master Pai Mei? It was a lot like that," he said.

Munnerlyn said flat out, however, that the doctors did

not have any explanation for his condition.

"One of the main questions I always get asked, and I'll answer right now, Kung Fu did not cause this," he said. "It had nothing to do with it whatsoever; it literally was just a fluke. If that was the case, you would see it in other places, not just my hops and a lot of other people would have it. They didn't have an answer, it just happened."

SENIOR NEWS

BINGO: Every Wednesday, from 12:45 PM to 3:00 PM, \$5.00 to get started. We have begun a new game, for \$1.00, with a winner take all prize! You must be here by 12:45 PM to play the new game!

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC: Walpole VNA will

be available for blood pressure screening on the first Wednesday of each month. Ellis Nursing Home will offer blood pressure screening on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The Walpole VNA will provide blood pressure

screening on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 AM.

BRIDGE: Our Bridge Club meets on Thursdays at 9:00 AM, in the Library.

COMPUTER CLUB: The Computer Club meets

every Wednesday at 1:00 PM.

CRIBBAGE: Our seniors meet every Monday at 12:45 PM to play cribbage. New Class on Fridays at 12:45 (except the 4th Friday).

DIGITAL PHOTO ORGANIZATION & EDITING: will take place the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 11:30 AM.

DRAWING WITH COLORED PENCILS- Classes held the first and third Tuesday of the month at 11AM-12:15PM. \$3.00 a session all materials included.

GLEE CLUB: Glee Club meets every Tuesday at 11:15 AM. New members are always welcome.

HANDCRAFTERS: Handcrafters meet every Monday from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

LEARN TO PLAY MAH JONG -Thursdays and Fridays at 12:30 PM.

LINE DANCE Classes are held each Tuesday. Class will be held from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM.

MAH JONG: Mah Jong players meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10:00 AM - Noon.

MANICURES: Friday April 26, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB: The Board of Directors meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10:30AM, at the Senior Center. The Club Membership meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks Lodge, at 10:00 AM.

SCRABBLE: Thursday afternoons at 1:00 PM. Come and join us for a game.

SHINE: We have two SHINE Counselors. Carole is here to help you with your medical insurance needs on Tuesdays from 10:00 AM. - 2:00 PM. Amy will be here on Fridays from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Please call 781-762-1201 for an appointment.

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

WHIST: Whist players meet on Tuesdays at 12:45 PM, in the library.

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OPPV TO HOLD FIRST CEMETERY WORK DAY

The non-profit organization, Old Parish Preservation Volunteers (OPPV) will be holding their first cemetery work day of 2019 on Saturday, April 27, FROM 8:30 AM TO 10:30AM at Norwood's original burial ground established in 1741. Located off Washington Street near Railroad Avenue, the Old Parish Cemetery is no longer in active use; the most recent burial on record took place there around 1950. Since that time the Town of Norwood has maintained the colonial era cemetery and opened it on special occasions such as Memorial Day, Veteran's Day and Independence Day. The aim of the OPPV is to properly clean stone grave markers, repair and reset broken stones, and document this historic site. With care and attention, the cemetery will continue to

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be a valuable historical and cultural resource for the town. Anyone interested in helping preserve this site can join the group working in the cemetery, or visiting the group's web site: <https://www.oldparishpreservationvolunteers.com> The cemetery is open to the public during the time volunteers are working.

WOMAN'S CLUB LUNCHEON

The Norwood Woman's Club will hold their annual luncheon at 1:00 p.m. at the Lafayette House on May 14. The menu is fish or

beef. The cost is \$30.00. Payments made out to Norwood Woman's Club must be made by May 1, 2019. Please write your menu choice on your check. Any questions please call Trina at 781-762-8173 or Nancy at 781-762-8892.

PROTECTION FROM COGNITIVE DECLINE

Join us at Temple Aliyah on May 7, 7-8:30 pm, to learn ways to maximize your brain health for the future. The session—the third in a three-part series on aging,

memory, and Alzheimer's disease presented by experts from the Center for Alzheimer Research and Treatment at Brigham and Women's Hospital—will feature an overview of cognitive aging, focusing on modifiable risk factors for dementia; a review of current research on diet, mindfulness, sleep, exercise, and social and cognitive activities; and information on lifestyle changes to maximize brain health. No attendance at prior sessions necessary. Learn more at www.templealiyah.com or call the synagogue office, 781-444-8522.

THE REALITY OF AGING AND HOW IT TRANSFORMS US

Aging, the Spiritual Journey- a Blessing, a Covenant, and a Grace at St. Catherine of Siena Parish-School Cafeteria, Monday, May 6 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Join Chaplain Timothy Duff for his presentation on the reality of aging and its power to transform us spiritually through the challenges faced throughout the aging process. Seen through the lens of faith, these challenges become beacons of light shining through as blessings, covenant and grace, and deepening the Christ-life within by bringing new meaning to loss, depression, dependency, etc.

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WCC FREE BABYSITTING COURSE

The Women's Community Committee (WCC) is sponsoring a FREE babysitting course for 6th, 7th and 8th grade Norwood students. The one-week course will be held from 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, May 6th through Friday, May 10th at the Coakley Middle School. Registration forms are available at the Middle School, St. Catherine of Sienna School, the Morrill Memorial Library and the WCC Thrift Shop, 1091 Washington Street, Norwood. (Thrift Shop retail hours are Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

Presenters at the 66th annual babysitting course will include the Norwood Police Department's safety officer, a Norwood fire fighter, a registered nurse, a professional babysitter, a nursery school teacher, and a librarian. Certificates from the WCC (an all-volunteer, non-profit community service organization) and from the Massachusetts Extension 4H will be given to students who complete the course.

KATHRINE LOVELL FEATURED AT ARTIST DEMONSTRATION

The NORWOOD ART ASSOCIATION holds their monthly ARTIST DEMONSTRATION on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Simoni Room of the Norwood Morrill Memorial Library, located at 33 Walpole Street in Norwood. These demonstrations are FREE and the

public are welcome and encouraged to attend! Light refreshments are served and there is a raffle of a piece of art donated by the attending artist.

On Thursday, May 16th, the NAA's featured demo artist will be Kathrine Lovell. Kathrine was born in Sydney Australia, but now resides in Tiverton, Rhode Island. Her family is full of artists from her watercolorist mother to her graphic designer uncle. For additional information or to become a member, please contact Frannie Downey, the Norwood Art Association President, at francesadj@aol.com and visit them on Facebook.

Patriotic Rosary Thursday, May 2, 1:00 p.m. at the St. Catherine of Sienna Church, 547 Washington St. Rte. 1A Norwood. Come join us and pray the beautiful Patriotic Rosary for our Country! For information please call 781-762-4391.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION TO HOLD WORKSHOP

The Massachusetts Historical Commission will be conducting a workshop on Wednesday, May 1, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, at the Morrill Memorial Library. At the request of the Norwood Historical Commission, Christopher C. Skelly, Director of Local Government Programs, will provide an overview for identifying, evaluating and protecting historic resources here in Norwood. The meeting is open to the public.

DAR ANNOUNCES GARAGE SALE

The Aaron Guild Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will be holding their Annual Garage/Estate Sale on Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Barlow Lane in Westwood (First house on the right on Barlow Lane just off Route 109). For sale will be household items, jewelry, kitchen utensils, bric-a-brac, toys, books, and small furniture. Come early for the best selection. Call Sunny O'Malley for more information at 781-326-7799.

The proceeds will be used to support DAR's patriotic, historic, and educational

endeavors, such as the Good Citizen Award given to four deserving high school seniors, who were chosen as Good Citizens by their classmates and teachers. At graduation in June, each will receive a check from the Aaron Guild Chapter. The chapter also donates the magazine "American Spirit" to four public libraries in the area: Westwood, Walpole, Canton and Norwood. The Aaron Guild Chapter welcomes new members. Call Regent Terry Whetstone at 781-329-8463 for more information if you are interested in joining.

NAMI TO HOLD MEETING

The NAMI- South Norfolk will hold its monthly meeting in the RANI conference room of the Lorusso Building at Norwood Hospital (800 Washington St., Norwood, MA) at 7 PM on Thursday, May 2. Mental illness is a label for a variety of diseases of the brain. Often it strikes in late adolescence, devastating the afflicted person and the family. The support group is composed of such families who find mutual support and join together to advocate for their loved ones. We welcome all families in the South Norfolk area who are dealing with mental illness and their loved ones.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN HOSTING RUMMAGE SALE

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, corner of Berwick Street and Gardner Road, (just off Route 1A) in Norwood, MA, is hosting a Spring Rummage Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27 from 9am-1pm. In addition to gently worn clothing, small housewares and books, we are having our special collectibles and antiques table again this spring. On Saturday, at 12:00pm (for the last hour) we will have a bag sale. For \$5.00 attendees can fill a big trash bag.

HELP NORWOOD LETTER CARRIERS STAMP OUT HUNGER

The Letter Carriers' food drive is held annually on the second Saturday in May in over 10,000 cities and towns in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam. It remains as important as ever, with many people facing economic struggles. Hunger affects about 50 million people around the country, including millions of

children, senior citizens and veterans. Letter carriers see these struggles in the communities they serve, and believe that it is important to do what they can to help. As in previous years, all food donated in the Norwood community will be sorted and delivered to the Norwood Ecumenical Food Pantry. If you can, please help our neighbors in need by leaving one or more bags of food by your mailbox Saturday, May 11. The food will be picked up as carriers deliver your mail on their regular route. All types of non-perishable food are welcome, including peanut butter, coffee, canned fruit, canned tomato sauces/paste, diced and whole tomatoes, canned meat and hash. The only requirement is that all cans and boxes must be new and in good condition. Anything outdated or opened has to be thrown away for health reasons.

COMPLIMENTARY EVENTS AT EPOCH DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

St. Catherine of Sienna Church, 547 Washington St. A Solemn celebration for Divine Mercy will be held on Sunday, April 28th. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available from 1-2:30 pm in the chapel and the school gym. The recitation of the Most Holy Rosary will begin at 2:10pm followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Church. Celebration of Holy Mass in honor of the Solemnity will be celebrated at 3 pm and will include veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. The presider and homilist will be Rev. John Gavin, S.J. with Rev. Stephen Donohoe, Rev. Thomas Sullivan and Rev. Anthony Medeiros as concelebrants.

3rd ANNUAL WALK/RUN

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Walpole will hold their 3rd annual Walk/Run on Saturday, May 4. Hosted by Mick Morgan's Irish Pub and Restaurant located at the junction of Routes 1A and 27 on the Walpole-Sharon line. Registration will begin at 9am with the race starting at 10am. If you sign up in March, you can save \$5.00 off the registration fee! All proceeds will be used to support individuals and families in our community in need of food, utilities, rent and other emergency needs. For further information and to register go to wehelppeople.racewire.com.

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