



Exactly 10 Norwood Youth were selected this year for outstanding volunteerism at the 49th TONY awards at the Orient Masons Lodge.

COURTESY PHOTO

Masons host 49th annual TONY awards on a scary night

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The 49th annual Ten Outstanding Norwood Youth (TONY) Awards went off without a hitch last night despite the arctic temperatures.

Co-director at the Orient Lodge David J. Laronde was master of ceremonies for the event and he said he was happy to see so many members and honorees make it out, despite the sheets of ice on Day Street.

“Well, we made it guys,”

he said. “I was kind of unsure myself during this morning and afternoon, but nobody fell down and hurt themselves, so I’m sure the Master will be very pleased about that.”

Exactly 20 Norwood youths were nominated for the award, with 10 winning outright. Each nominee was given a gift card to the Common Cafe in the center of Norwood and a citation. Laronde said the program has a storied history, going back 49 years, and the Masons were happy to take over 24 years ago.

“The Masons have been proud to sponsor this program for the last 24 years,” he said. “It is especially important to us because it recognizes the main tenants of our fraternity; faith, charity and a commitment to our brethren and community. You all should be proud tonight as someone thought enough of you to put your name in for nomination. We like to say you are all winners tonight.”

TONY'S

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The everpresent issue of the Norwood Schools budget deficit was the main issue at last week's School Committee meeting.

PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN GAMBON

School Comm tackles budget, faces cuts

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee took a hard look at the overview of the FY 20 Town budget on Wednesday, January 16 at its meeting at the James R. Savage Educational Center.

Although all members stressed that the budget process is still in discussion, and some funding is still dependent upon the state budget yet to be released by Gov. Charlie Baker, one thing was clear to each member. A balanced budget, by

law, has to be submitted, and in order to do so, cuts were going to have to be made.

“Everything but the classroom should be looked at first,” member Maura A. Smith said. “But we don’t have anything outside of the classroom left to cut.”

The mood during the meeting at times became somber as the figures were discussed.

The total estimated revenue for the Town, including utility

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Open Space Committee discusses seven-year plan

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

Joseph Sacchia from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) presented the results of a survey of Norwood's open space and recreation plan to the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee at its meeting on Thursday, January 17 at Town Hall.

"There were 350 people who responded to the survey," Sacchia said, "and their responses were thoughtful."

Some questions were generic, such as the gender of the respondents, while others were more detailed. People were asked what properties they utilized the most; what properties they would like to see improvements made to; and the types of work they would like to see accomplished.

"There was high support for the preservation of open space and using existing resources," he added. "But others aren't aware of what resources exist. Some want better maps and a website."

Nearly 74 percent of respondents "strongly agreed" that "preserving Norwood's open space and natural areas

was important." Almost 61 percent said that the open space "contributed to overall quality of life."

The highest marks were 74.5 percent, or 260 residents, who "strongly agreed" that Norwood needs to "proactively preserve what open space is left," and 257 residents, or 73.64 percent, who want Norwood to "proactively plan for the recreational needs of its residents."

The most popular recreational spots mentioned were the Endean Conservation area, Alevizos Park, William Pezwick Park and Hawes Brook. One location that was mentioned as a resource but was not detailed in the survey was "Froggie's Pond," according to Sacchia.

"The pond is very popular, especially in the winter," Cheryl Doyle said. Doyle, who also serves on the Conservation Committee, noted that the pond is flooded in the winter for skating and should be added as a resource in the seven-year plan.

Sacchia noted that people were unaware of the access to trails in Norwood. The Trails Subcommittee, which recently became an advisory

committee, has been working to improve signage and access to trails.

Access to the public pool received high marks, particularly for the cost of \$120 for a family of four. However, five respondents thought the cost was too high.

"Unfortunately, there is always going to be a contingent that is going to say that the cost is too high," Travis Farley, the Recreation Department Superintendent, said.

"But you have to use certified people because of the chemicals involved," Doyle said.

"You always have to be sensitive with chemicals, even if there are only three people in the pool," Farley confirmed. "And then there is the nightmare of who using the pool is from Norwood and who is not."

Dog parks were another concern. Although people would like to see them, there was the issue of possible location, maintenance, and people letting dogs off of their leashes.

"It's on the to-do list," Paul Halkiotis, AICP, the Director of Community Planning and

Open Space

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Local philanthropist and artist present painting to Selectmen

Matthew MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday evening, Jan. 22 in Room 34 of Town Hall.

In the session's main appointment, local philanthropist Charles L. Donahue, Jr. appeared with local artist Thomas Dunlay to present one of his recently completed paintings done on behalf of the Charles L., Sr. and Katherine G. Donahue Fund.

Donahue Jr. has, over the past 10 years, commissioned Dunlay to paint several Norwood scenes, prints of which the artist has allowed to be sold in order to fund a scholarship for graduating Norwood High School (NHS) students planning on teaching careers.

Beginning his presentation by showing a preserved newspaper front page with the headline announcing the enlistment of his father – Charles L., Sr. – in the Navy, Donahue, Jr. explained that his father had been Board of Selectmen Chair when World War II began for the United States on Dec. 7, 1941 and left his position to go into the service.

Later, Donahue, Jr. went further into the scholarship's significance: his father had also served as School Committee Chair and his mother – Katherine – had been a teacher.

Donahue, Jr. also spoke to the Board of another example of his educational philanthropy: the donation – on behalf of the Fund – of more than 100 college courses (from Dartmouth, Brown, and New York University) to Morrill Memorial Library for public use.

Dunlay's painting – displayed for the appointment on an easel between the secretaries' desks – depicts a night winter scene on Nahatan Street looking toward Town Hall and St. Catherine of Siena church.

On the opposite side of the room, Dunlay's first commissioned Norwood painting – a night winter scene of the Common and Town Hall from Washington and Cottage Streets – hung on the wall,

serving as something of a counterpoint.

In keeping with the theme of local education, Dunlay told the Board of his latest project: his recent opening of an atelier studio in the Winsmith Mill complex (61 Endicott St.).

The atelier art education system – popular, according to Dunlay, until it was replaced about 100 years ago by the academy system – consists of a single master working with a small number of students to train them in the artistic discipline of his/her studio.

Continuing, Dunlay explained that his atelier was designed to address what he considers to be a problem with the post-secondary art school system:

"The whole problem with art education today is that these kids – in high school and secondary school – they're encouraged and good things happen. And then they go off to art school and that's a scary world." A world in which they are "discouraged from doing the thing they've done since childhood, which is to draw and paint naturalistically."

In his remarks, he also expressed an interest in establishing a relationship with the Norwood Public Schools. Dunlay also expressed the *raison d'être* of his atelier:

"I'd be proud to be the teacher of the next great painter. That's my goal."

Concerts on the Common Chair Paul Eysie also went before the Board with Assistant Town Manager Bernie Cooper to preview the Winter Concert Series that will be held on four consecutive Sunday afternoons from Jan. 27 through Feb. 17 at the High School.

The season will be dedicated to Dolores Elias, who passed away recently.

"She worked tirelessly, right up until a week or so ago, organizing the first winter concert, so we'll miss her tremendously," Eysie said of Elias.

Town Manager Tony Mazucco also updated the Board on the evacuation – earlier that day – of approximately 50 condominium units

of the Norwood Crossings complex on Central Street due to unsafe carbon monoxide readings within the building's main system.

The evacuation occurred at around 5:30 a.m., with residents returning at around 4:30 p.m.

During this displacement, the Civic Center was made available as a shelter, with the Senior Center also used by some of the residents. Breakfast and lunch were provided.

The Fire Department traced the problem to a rooftop HVAC unit malfunction. While – as of Tuesday night – there were still on site mechanical issues to be addressed, the heat at the Crossings was on and the carbon monoxide reading was again at an acceptable level.

No injuries were reported.

In another update, Mazucco also invited any Town residents who are federal employees impacted by the shutdown to contact his office regarding the possibility of assistance.

He also announced the departure of Human Resources Director Michelle Pizzi, who has accepted a similar job with the city of Newton.

"She's actually taking one of the top HR director positions in the state," Mazucco commented. "So we can at least take comfort knowing that – even though we're losing her – Norwood is producing some of the best talent in the state."

The next Board of Selectmen meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m.

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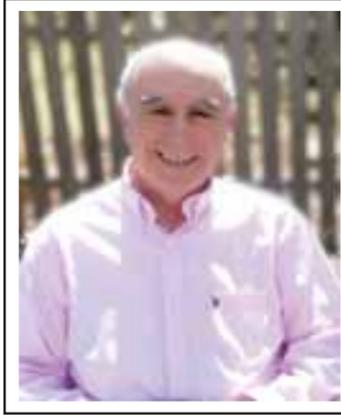
If you do your drugstore shopping at Walgreen's or Walmart, you won't encounter the papyrus overload that confounds and confronts CVS shoppers. I've been a CVS customer only because the store is close to where I live (although I did support and enjoy the regrettably now defunct independently owned Walworth Pharmacy, next to The Pleasant Café, when my health insurance allowed).

The following piece is no diatribe against CVS employees, the vast majority of whom—in fact, all employees at the CVS store where I stop—are so helpful and informative.

CVS loves to utilize paper. Every week it scrolls out several feet of paper for me to read for use as money-saving coupons. Some computer must track what I have purchased in the past with the personalized CVS card and offers discounts for those same products. After a purchase is made, the receipt is part of a huge offering of paper, including coupons. As one CVS cashier congenially remarked to me after a purchase, "Here's more wallpaper." If only CVS could imitate Roche Brothers where no store-related coupons (as opposed to manufacturer coupons) or special cards cloud the purchasing process.

Let's take a look at the coupons. For those marked a certain percent off a single item, say 15% or 25%, the percent-off does not apply to items on sale. The seldom-issued but best type of percentage coupon is a percentage off ALL purchases, full price or otherwise.

The "% off-all purchases in the above paragraph does not apply to prescription items. Fair enough. There is probably a state law somewhere that prohibits discounts for drugs. Similarly, CVS cash-back bucks do not



My Kind of Town/ Joe Galeota

apply to diminishing the cost of prescription purchases.

CVS coupons have expiration dates. Strangely enough, there seems to be a grace period of a day, if not more. Is the computerized cash register just being kind?

Now for some complicated stuff: If you have a \$2 cash back amount plus a certain percent off (remember, it must be a non-sale item), the cash register subtracts the \$2 before applying the percent off. Thus an \$8 dollar item, purchased with a \$2 off cash-back coupon and a 25% off coupon, has the 25% taken off the \$6, not the \$8. Instead of costing \$4, the charge for the item is \$4.50. Somewhat related to this is the \$10-off-a-\$40 purchase type of coupon: other coupons are applied first, which means that, say a \$41 dollar purchase might be diminished to be \$39, in which case the \$10 off amount is not subtracted.

So here is an interesting thought: consider the sale situation in which the second item is purchased at a half-price. If a consumer buys only one item, can she/he use a 20% coupon for the first item (technically, only the second one is on sale)? Hmm.

TIME TO INVEST IN EDUCATION

To the Editor:

I am writing to share my story as well as my hopes for the town of Norwood. My grandfather attended the Norwood Public Schools and loved to play baseball for this town. My mother is a graduate of the Norwood Public Schools. My brother and I were both educated by the Norwood Public Schools, where we were active participants in school sports throughout our time there. Some of my best memories were on the Norwood Field Hockey field. I am still a Norwood resident and I know I am not alone in having connections like this. Now a parent, my two children attend the Callahan School that I also attended. I was and am proud to be a "Cal Kid". My brother and his wife have five children that will also be educated by the Norwood Public Schools. A really moving experience for me was bringing my daughter to a school where my 6th grade teacher was now the principal. You better believe every chance I got tell someone or show someone my 6th grade picture was on the wall. Upon his retirement, I was able to see his last day at the school. The love, community, and commitment that we all felt at the Callahan School was so unbelievable. As an adult and parent, I made another "best memory" within this school system. This is what this town and its schools mean to me: Community people coming together for a common goal. It is not the con-

stant cuts, a bare-bones budget and failing test scores. It is not being pulled aside and being told "You and I grew up in this town; you need to fight for our kids, for the schools, and this town." I don't think it makes sense for me to throw out numbers and statistics, but the fact that we are facing and contemplating eliminating sports, fine arts, an entire school, or teachers after years of continued cuts is unacceptable. Our children deserve better. My hope in writing this is that the generations of Norwood graduates who still live here read this and are moved to join me in speaking up for what is really important. For those new to Norwood, it wasn't always like this, I promise. The Town of Norwood needs to prioritize and invest in education and my hope is that the Board of Selectmen vote to put an Override on the ballot before June 15th, which is the date teachers must be notified of layoffs.

Laura Sheehan-
McDonald Class of '95' "Cal Kid" Callahan School PTA
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LETTER WAS BIASED DRIVEL

To the Editor:

Responding to a 'Letter to the Editor' with a 'Letter to the Editor' seems a bit superfluous, but we live in the age of excess, I guess. The Norwood Record recently chose to publish an anti-immigrant missive pulled straight from the pages of the Stephen Miller playbook, which amounted to nothing more than biased

drivel intended to invoke fear into the hearts of readers by attributing pretty much anything and everything that's troubling our country right now to an influx of immigrants into the United States. This tired and trite Republican strategy is pretty much unavoidable in today's lexicon, which is what it is, I guess, but why is the Norwood Record publishing this dreck from someone who doesn't live in the town and clearly has an agenda to push? Is that where we're headed? The writer's pathetic trope is hurtful to the characterization of immigrants across this country, and how is that good for anyone to read in this paper? Furthermore, why publish something that's deceptive and misleading FROM THE VERY FIRST SENTENCE? The dude begins his diatribe by stating that St. Susana Parish of Dedham, in creating a nativity scene featuring the baby Jesus inside a black metal cage and the three wise men cut off from Mary and Joseph by a fence, did so to "promote open borders, illegal immigration, and lawlessness;" no, they didn't. They created the nativity scene in such a way because St. Susana's wanted to educate their community on matters related to peace and justice and encourage reflection of our current state of affairs. Why do I think that? BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID. Have we become a nation of six year-olds? Answer: yes.

Matthew Lane
Norwood

Hajjar to seek Board of Selectmen seat

To the residents and voters of the Town of Norwood,

My name is David Hajjar and I am announcing my candidacy for the office of the Board of Selectmen. I have lived in Norwood for 50 years. Along with my wife Elaine, I have raised 3 great children, all of whom went through our public-school system. We have also opened our home to a young foster child who has lived with us since June 2015. He is currently back with his mother, but we continue to take him every weekend.

I have long been an active member of our great community. I was the Scoutmaster of Troop 42 for 4 1/2 years. I am a member of Impact Norwood, working within the community to keep drugs out of Norwood and serve as the first Coalition Chairman. I was on the Town's Personnel Board when it was established in 2003 and continued for 13 years, serving as Chairman for 7 years. I have been

on the Finance Commission for 2 years, serving as their Capital Outlay representative and their PBCC liaison. I continue to work with our Recreation Department, reducing their tax payer budget funding from 64% down to 48% with no loss of service. I am the Chairman of the Town-wide Facilities Committee tasked with creating a centralized Facilities Management Department for the Town.

I retired from Verizon Communications after spending 32 years in their Real Estate Department. I directed their facility design and construction, their property management and technical services functions and managed their \$330M capital budget plus a \$1.2B expense budget. My most recent position was in their Strategic Planning Group, which was responsible for the facility location prioritization on a forward planning basis for the eastern half of the United States.

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for a seat on the Board of Selectmen. My long-range planning efforts concerning our finances and strategic planning, along with my direct involvement in dealing with current and future events will continue. If you have watched my activities over the past many years, you will see that I am not afraid to get deeply involved in issues that affect our Town. I am always looking for solutions based on feedback provided and doing the necessary research.

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receipts, the tax levy, state aide and other funding sources, equaled \$193,967,330. This includes projected state aid of \$12,049,501.

One thing to note this year is that there is no expected free cash, whereas last year, there was \$1.2 million.

After taking out the Town's expenses, the remaining funds amount to \$79,584,702, to split between the schools and the Town government at a 55 percent to 45 percent ratio.

This means that the public school budget would be an estimated \$35 million.

"And about 80 percent of that goes to salaries," said member Michele Eysie Mullen. "If we didn't have water, or heat or anything else, we'd be fine."

School committee chair Myev Bodenhofer noted that money for special education, and the transportation costs for it is a mandated expense by the state, cannot be cut.

Mullen said administrators may have to consider taking a pay freeze for a year in order to save programming, or even potentially a school from closing its doors.

"We are going to have to say to administrators, 'Are you willing to take a pay freeze for a year?'" she said.

Smith told her colleagues it made sense to find a target number that they need to reach before they get caught up in a "moral standpoint," because every decision will be difficult to make.

"This is not something we are going to be able to vote on and then sleep at night," she said.

Athletics and fine arts programs would have to be the first programs under consideration

for cuts.

"I don't believe the sky is falling," Norwood Superintendent of Schools Dr. David Thomson said. "We can discuss options. The Annual Town Meeting is not until May 13."

However, he did say that the district has not been investing in its students over the years "as far as curriculum, supplies and physical education."

"We need to invest in our kids PDQ," Thomson said. "With that being said, the deep cutbacks can be dark cutbacks."

Mullen said a wise investment would be a class in consumer education.

The discussion turned to foreign languages, and the possibility of cuts there. However, class sizes there may appear deceptive, because Spanish college-level, honors and Advanced Placement students are combined into the same rooms, but taught at different levels. The same can be said of French.

"For example, there are 12 students in honors Spanish, four in college Spanish and 5 in AP Spanish," Smith said. "Somebody there is getting the short end of the stick."

"Are we meeting their needs?" Mullen asked. "I'm not saying anything about the teachers, because the teachers are excellent."

Thomson added that students of different levels used Chromebooks and worked on group projects, so there was some interaction among the levels. The same could be said of the art program.

Member Teresa Stewart said teachers should instruct on multiple subjects, such as Spanish and French, statistics and accounting.

At the end of the meeting,

Smith gave an impassioned statement that reflected the Committee's views.

"I want to tell the Norwood school community that you are all valued, that you all matter," she said. "We are all trying to make this thing go as best we can."

The School Committee will meet with the Finance Committee at the end of February.

The School Committee's deadline to have its budget finalized is April 3. The budget books are available for the Annual Town Meeting on May 1.

Mullen noted that some teaching positions had previously been funded by the state.

"I'd like to take a look at the grants," she said. "We've had a wonderful grant program. However grants are not stamped forever."

"We were a model program for the state," she continued. "The Town would not fund our program. When the grants run out, are they reinstated?"

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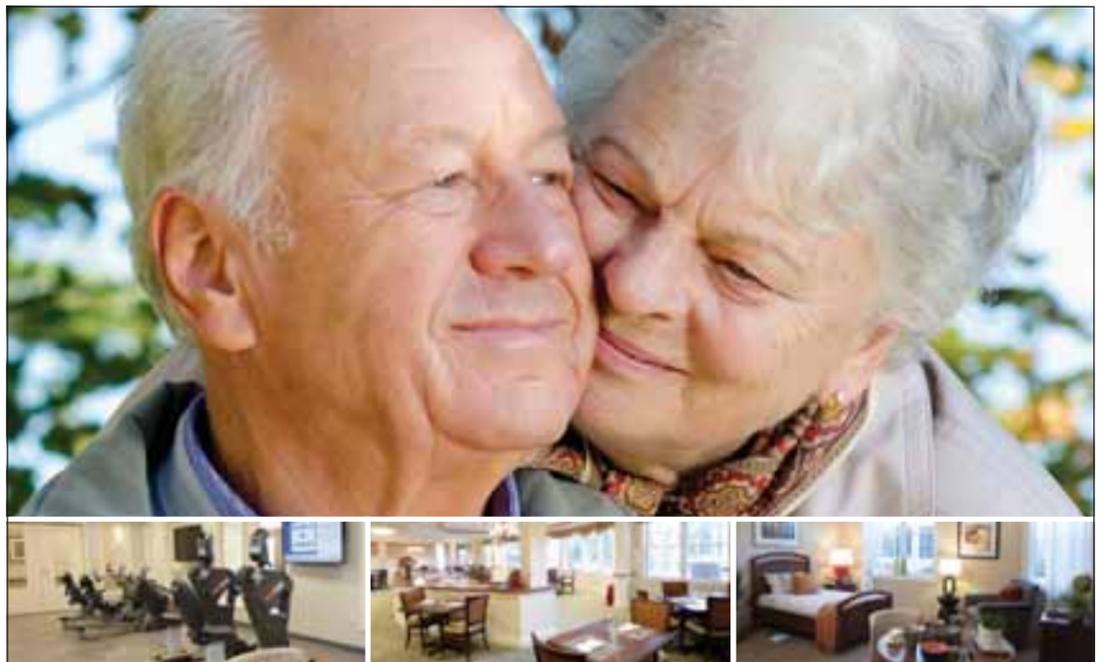
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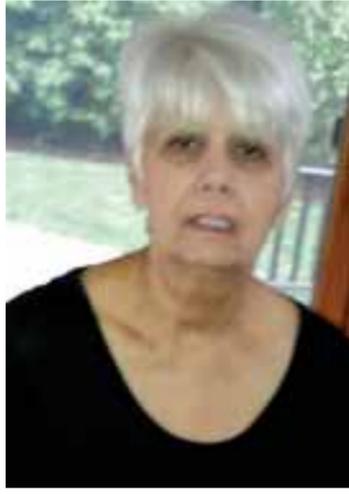
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Jackie Saber

ment that the Nativity 'threatened the children.' Those in charge fell for it hook, line, and sinker. Let's return to what is truly the American way, with all living together with our different opinions and beliefs, but truly as Americans, as my generation did!

THE 'SING-ALONGS'

Our Town's Maureen Crook Vinson has been bringing joy,



The Sing-Alongs presented to Sunrise Assisted Living a presentation of 'Twas The Night Before Christmas.'

laughter, and fun, as she and her fabulous group entertain facilities in the area. Again this year, The Sing-Alongs presented to Sunrise Assisted Living a presentation of 'Twas The Night Before Christmas.' Lindsay Crook was on the saxophone and Dolly Parker's Tap Dancers brought rhythm and energy to the program. Also appearing were Anna James, Charlie & Jack Vinson, Bridget Hultgren and Theresa Esper. The singing group, actors, dancers and musicians are terrific, and I must say Maureen is a 'wiz' on

the piano while still directing the group. Thank you for making other folks happy. You made many people smile!

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Saber

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TONY'S *continued from page 1*

The winners of the 49th TONY Awards were Nancy Blankson, Noelle Abruzzese, Maddie McInness, Surya Adeleye, Isabel Haglund, Lea Saab, Sahuti Adhikari, Delaney Reardon, Nicholas Kirby and Stephen Allinger.

Five presenters gave summaries of each nominee's actions during their service. Mason Louis Kalbeka read the accomplishments and stories of the first four nominees. He read the story of Saab first, who he said managed to change the world despite being in an English language environment where she did not speak a word of it.

"When she started making volunteering the centerpiece of her life, she went from feeling useless to feeling powerful," he said. "In her own words Lea states: 'I started realizing how important it is to make others smile and how beautiful it is to realize that life is based on giving. Volunteering did not require me to speak English, but it simply taught me a new language, humanity. I never thought that a stranger could make my day by simply carrying his bags to the car. I never thought that hearing an autistic girl repeat a word after me would make me cry. And never

for a moment had I thought that being able to change the world was that easy."

Courtney Rogers read the next list of nominees and told their stories. She read the words of Sahuti Adhikari.

"I finally understand how gifting and healing it is, not only to myself but to the community that resides around me," she said. "I know now that taking time out of your day to help change the world is necessary for overall growth in this unpredictable world."

Kalbeka also read the story of winner Isabel Haugland, which included volunteering at an adult special needs Halloween party for the last seven years, as well as volunteering at the annual Norwood Turkey Trot and the Norwood Food Bank.

"In her faith activities, Isabel was a member of the children's choir at St. Timothy's Church and then a member of the alter service for four years," he said. "In her own words, Isabel states: 'I first started participating in community service when I was eight years old, due to my aunt's passing from cancer, I and my older sister wanted to find a way to remember her and give back to the commu-



Hundreds of residents came out to brave the cold and icy conditions on Monday to support the achievements of the 20 nominees.

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nity. We came up with an idea of our own Teddy Bear Tea, based on my own memories of going to the Boston Ritz Carlton every year with my aunt. At this event, every participant would bring a stuffed animal that would be donated to a child in need. We held a similar event at our house with tea and cookies and we donated the bears from the event to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, where my aunt received treatments, and the Norwood Hospital where children are battling cancer."

Rogers also recalled the story of runner up Carl Bechara, who also volunteered at the Norwood Food Pantry and the Little Mustangs Preschool.

"His epiphany of the benefits of volunteerism came from carrying people's bags for the food pantry," she said.

"He writes: 'Even though I was just carrying people's bags, those individuals were happy and thankful, which I really enjoyed. Realizing that just a small act, such as carrying a bag, can make someone happy, I volunteered more at the food pantry. I go there every Saturday with a big smile just to help and make people's day better.'"

Lardonde said the selection process is configured so that those who choose the winners have no information on the recipient other than his or her works.

"When we receive an application, it is assigned an ID number, and we redact any names which may inform a judge as to who that person may be," he said. "The five judges are picked from the Norwood Town, business and clergy communities. They

meet and grade from one to 10. We have someone add them up from the top down and we get our 10 names."

Nicholas Kirby was given the Father Robert Dwyer Memorial award and Steven Ayoub was given the Joe Pierce Scouting Award during the night.

Laronde congratulated all those who were nominated, and said it is an honor and a privilege just to walk in the door.

"So, congratulations to you all and let's not forget your parents because, without them, you literally would not be here," he said.

Runners up for the award included Steven Ayoub, Sophia Bellande, Ayna Bodenhofer, Fiona Campbell, Ryan Hsu, Emily Moran, Jhostin Baez Peguero, Aiden Reardon and Austin Reardon.



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DOLORES T. (Tomm) a lifelong resident of Norwood passed away on January 13, 2019 at the age of 90. Beloved wife of the late George "Chuck" Elias. Loving and devoted mother of Sharon E. Weiskerger of Foxboro and Dianne E. Shalbey and her late husband John Shalbey of Norwood. Cherished grandmother of Garrett G. Shalbey of Norwood, John Shalbey Jr. and his wife Katie of Walpole, Jenna L. Weiskerger of Foxboro and Leah D. Shalbey of Norwood. Great grandmother of Sophia Marie Shalbey. Sister of the late Beverly A. DiFlaminies. Daughter of the late Richard and Sophie (Hamaty) Tomm. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Dolores was a lifelong member of St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Norwood, member of the Church Choir, and Past President of the Ladies Society. She also served on many Town of Norwood committees, such as Concerts on the Common, the Flower Committee and the South Norwood Committee, among others. She was honored in 2006 as Norwood's Volunteer of the Year. Dolores was also a member of St. IGNATIUS and the Antiochian Women's Organization. Her beautiful spirit and unconditional love will be greatly missed by her family and many friends. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood. Burial at Highland Cemetery

Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to St. George Orthodox Church Building Fund 6 Atwood Ave. Norwood, MA. 02062.

EOSCO

Michael J. of Westwood and Ocala, FL, formerly of Wareham, passed away at the age of 102 in Norwood Hospital, surrounded by his loving family January 14, 2019. Beloved and devoted husband of 84 years to Loretta A. (Falvey) Eosco of Norwood. Loving father of Ann Smith and her husband George of Wrentham, Rosemary Oliverio and her husband Frank of Westwood, Timothy Eosco of Jamaica Plain and the late Joseph A. Eosco. Cherished grandfather of Laura, Daniel, Mark Dianne, Carolyn, and the late Deborah Smith. Adored great-grandfather of Jesica, Alden, Gavin, Myles, Matthew, Amanda, Caitlyn, Ryan and Gwendolyn. He is also lovingly survived by nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. For more than 50 years, Michael was a proud owner of Michael Eosco Fuel. During his retirement years, Michael and his wife Loretta were very active, enjoying many winters in Rolling Greens Community of Ocala, FL, as well as travelling and cruising to destinations throughout the world from Hawaii to Europe. He was an avid bowler, who at the age of 90 bowled a perfect 300! Michael will always be remembered for his fabulous cooking, playing a game of cards, gardening and spending time making memories with his family and friends. Funeral Services from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, NORWOOD. Interment in St. Michael's Cemetery, 500 Canterbury Street, Roslindale, MA. Please kindly consider a donation in Michael's memory to a charity of your choice. Gillooly Funeral Home Norwood 781-762-0174
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DEATHS

KELLIHER

JOAN G. (Curran) of Norwood passed away on January 18, 2019 at the age of 83. Beloved wife of the late Timothy J. Kelliher. Devoted mother of Michael J. Kelliher and his wife Crissy of Brockton, Theresa M. Collier and her husband James of FL, Daniel J. Kelliher of Norwood, Joan S. Roberts of N. Easton and Timothy J. Kelliher of Norwood. Sister of William McCoy of Norwood, Marlene DiGacuomo of Walpole and the late Mary Kelliher. Cherished grandmother of Michael, James, Heather, Andrew, Allison, Bonny, Olivia, Emily and the late Matthew. Also survived by 8 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Joan was a member of the Norwood Irish Social Club, the Irish Social Club of W. Roxbury and the Norwood Senior Center. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, Monday, Jan. 28, 2019 at 9:30am followed by a funeral mass at 11am at St. Catherine of Siena Church Norwood. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the mass Monday, Jan. 28, 2019 from 9:30am-10:30am. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

RANNO

Dianne J. "Gigi", Dancing in Heaven, Gigi Ranno passed away peacefully on December 17, 2018, surrounded by those she loved. She is survived by Karen Nichols, her partner of 28 years, and her sisters, Louise Thompson of Orlando and Nancy Carlston of San Francisco. Gigi was an athlete, philanthropist, CCD teacher, and world traveler, but what she was most of all was the essence of joy. Her smile was legendary and her love of life and people was contagious. At work, at church, and in the neighborhood,

Gigi was known for her irrepressible good cheer and her thoughtfulness. Gigi believed that whatever one's abilities, they ought to be able to participate in all that life offered. She helped those who lived with disabilities to ski, skate, bike, kayak, and fully enjoy the public parks and lands through her work at the Universal Access Program of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. Gigi received a Lifetime Helmsman Award for her leadership role in establishing the Universal Access sailing program on the Charles. She was featured in The Boston Globe's City & Region section on July 13, 2007, shown sailing with the grin we all know. For many years, Gigi was a top fundraiser and participant in the MS walk. In addition to a number of charity races, she completed the Vermont City and Marine Corps marathons. Gigi liked to be silly, enjoyed Disney and comedies, winning at cards, Qwirkle and every other game she played. Once an accomplished athlete, Gigi never lost her competitive edge. Words With Friends kept her connected and her competitors on their toes. Perhaps Gigi's defining quality was that she managed to see the best in everyone. Her absence leaves a hole in a great many hearts. Gigi earned a BA in Sociology from Boston College in 1986 and worked as VP and Managing Editor at Bob Adams Media before becoming Program Coordinator at the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The Celebration of Gigi's Life will include a Mass at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 4, 2019, at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Norwood, followed by a Reception at 4 Points Sheraton, Norwood MA. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to the ELC Foundation, elcfoundation.org, to support the needs of MS patients. <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/norwood-ma/dianne-ranno-8091240>

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SYMES

James R., III of Norwood, formerly of Dorchester, passed away surrounded by his family in Norwood Hospital, January 14, 2019. Loving son of Rosemary (Couming) Symes of Bridgewater and the late James R. Symes, Jr. Beloved husband of the late Juliana (Teliszewski) Symes. Loving father of James M. Symes, Kellianne Symes and her fiancé Brian Schorer and Rachel E. Symes all of Norwood. Cherished grandfather of Jayda Symes of Norwood. Loving companion of Nichole Randall of Plymouth. Dear brother of Kathleen M. Symes of Quincy, Maureen P. Moore and her husband John of Bridgewater and Michael J. Symes and his companion Bernadette Fallon of Braintree. Jim is also survived by his dear friend John O'Connor of Quincy and many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Funeral from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, NORWOOD. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jim's memory to Project Smile, PO Box 336, Hopedale, MA 01747. Gillooly Funeral Home Norwood 781-762-0174 www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com

TOTH

Stephen J., Jr. of Easton, former longtime resident of Norwich, CT, passed away on January 15, 2018. He was 73 years of age. Born and raised in Norwich, CT, son of the late Stephen J. Toth, Sr. and Eleanor (Nelson) Toth. He is survived his two children, Emily E. Toth and her fiancé Ryan Leppo of S. Walpole and Aaron J. Toth and his wife Brittany of Taunton; his siblings: Eleanor Howard Eric Toth, William Toth, Mary Louise Toth and Nelson Toth. Stephen attended Pratt University and was an artist, fisherman, arborist and entomologist. Funeral from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rte. 1A), Norwood.

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TIME TO LICENSE YOUR DOG

The Town Clerk's Office would like to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that the 2019 Dog Licenses are now available.

All dogs three months old or over must be licensed. Licenses are issued on a calendar basis, January 1st through December 31st.

Fees are \$20 for both Male and Female dogs, \$15 for Spayed Female and Neutered Male. Certificate showing the dog was spayed or neutered must be shown. Rabies Certificate must also be shown.

The Town Clerk's office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

NOMINATION PAPERS NOW AVAILABLE

The Town Clerk's Office wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that nomination papers for the Annual Town Election to be held on Monday, April 1, are available in the Town Clerk's Office.

Requirements for filing nomination papers: Major offices need 50 signatures of qualified voters. Anyone wishing to run for Town Meeting Member who is not a candidate for re-election needs to obtain 10 signatures of qualified voters in their districts. The nomination papers must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office by Monday, February 11, by 5:00 PM.

COMEDY NIGHT FOR VETERANS

A Comedy Night Benefit for Veterans at the Veterans of Foreign

Neighborhood
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TRASK



James Barry of Norwood and Dennisport, formerly of West Roxbury, passed away on January 15, 2019. He was 85 years of age. Beloved husband of Elizabeth "Bette" (Furze) Trask. Loving father of Robert P. Trask and his wife Arlene of Hampstead, NH, Elizabeth "Betsey" Trask Porter and her husband Gerard of Norwood, John J. Trask and his wife Nancy of Norwood, Kevin J. Trask and his wife Deborah of Mansfield, Karyn M. Ransom and Richard Sears of South Yarmouth, and Raymond Ransom of South Dennis. Cherished grandfather of Robert and his wife Amy, James and his wife Alexandra, and Stephen Trask, Beth, Sean, and Daniel Porter, Christine Burgess and her husband Sean, Sarah Gerome and her husband Justin, Katelyn Trask, Christopher, Lauren, and Kayla Trask, and the late David Trask, Lyndsy and Raymond Ransom. Proud great-grandfather of Blake Christien-Trask and Jackson Gerome. Devoted brother of Marie L. Trask of Walpole, and

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the late Edwin L. Trask, Jr., and Richard P. Trask. Brother-in-law of Martha Trask and Katharine Trask. Son of the late Edwin L. and Louise (Barry) Trask. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. He was a 1951 graduate of Boston College High School and 1955 graduate of Tufts University School of Mechanical Engineering. He retired from Northrop Corporation after many years of service. He was a former member of Norwood Town Meeting, the Norwood Conservation Commission, Norwood Chamber of Commerce, and an original member of the Town of Norwood Future Electrical Power Supply Needs Committee. Funeral from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, (Rte. 1A), NORWOOD. Interment in Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Memorial contributions in memory of James Barry Trask may be made to either the Campion Health Center, 319 Concord Road, Weston, MA 02493, or Broad Reach Hospice and Palliative Care, 390 Orleans Road, North Chatham, MA 02650. Gillooly Funeral Home Norwood 7 8 1 - 7 6 2 - 0 1 7 4 www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com

WEISS

Peter F. "Franny" Jr. of Norwood, formerly of Jamaica Plain, passed away January 19, 2019, after a period of declining health. Son of the late Dr. Peter and Mary (Anderson) Weiss. Beloved husband of the late Teresa "Lorraine" (MacDonald) Weiss for 66 years. Loving father of Pe-

ter F. Weiss, III and his wife Gail of Norwood, Paul W. Weiss and his wife Dianne of Boylston, Edward J. Weiss and his wife Susan of Weston, and Regis Weiss Donohue and her husband Stephen of Nashua, NH. Also survived by 13 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Loving brother of the late Mary Elizabeth Weiss, Janet Fitzgerald, John "Jack" J. Weiss, Sr. and his surviving wife Anne Weiss of Norwood. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood, on Thursday, January 24, at 11:00 am. Funeral from the Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment private. Late U.S. Army Veteran, 101 Airborne Division. Retired Insurance agent after 50 years with the Robert H. Cook Insurance Agency in Quincy, and an employee of the MBTA. Member of the Boston Carmen's Union Local 589. Peter loved coaching The Norwood Nuggets Hockey Teams, and played Softball and Hockey until his middle 50's. He also loved watching his sons and daughter and grandchildren skate, perform, and compete. In lieu of flowers, donation in his memory may be made to St. Catherine's School, 249 Nahatan St., Norwood, MA 02062, or to Xaverian Brothers High School, 800 Clapboardtree St., Westwood, MA 02090. www.lawlerfuneralhome.com Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home 617-323-5600



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Monday January 14

0606 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Buckminster Dr caller reports that her wheels are missing to her vehicle.

0942 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Winfield St NACO notified for an injured Hawk. 1114 911 - Susp Vehicle Area Search Negative Location/Address: Bradford Dr Report that a Nissan,SUV,black, operator with black hat,stopped in driveway and a Ford, SUV,white, both driving slow through neighborhood, left towards Standish Dr.

1138 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Nahatan St Subject in the station, twice, and appears to be in crisis. N661 reports car left in lot, transports him to Riverside on Lenox St., then to Riverside on Pleasant St. and then back to station. N661 gave him options for help.

1251 Phone - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: Chapel St Mom reports son is with his father in violation of a disinvite letter. Officers reports Dad denied signing the letter and wants his son with him. SGT Fundora removed the letter at Dad's request

1435 Phone - B & E Of Motor Vehicle *Report Filed Location/Address: Jack Madden Service Dept - Bos-Prov Hwy Report customer's car broken into over wekkend and camera stolen.

1535 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood Plaza - Nahatan St Party to Town's Veteran's agent reports panhandler on Lenox St. side entrance. N665 moved him along and he refused any assistance from Veteran's Office. Veteran's Agent notified.

1622 911 - Assist Citizen Assisted Party Location/Address: Victoria Haven Nursing Home - Nichols St Confused resident.

1710 Phone - Malicious Damage *Report Filed Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy Report that vehicle window was broken.

1712 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Sturtevant Ave Caller reports this subject has not been to work in a few days and has not answering phone calls. N663 spoke to that individual all is ok. He has not paid his phone bill thats the reason he has not answered.

1729 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Caller reports she has questions regarding custody of her child. N667 reports he spoke to that party and advised her to contact the court in the morning.

1800 911 - Death *Report Filed Location/Address: Westview Dr

1929 911 - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Hampden

Dr Tenants being loud watching television. They agreed to quiet down.

1931 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Nahatan St Party has some questions on an accident reports. N665 spoke to that party and advised her.

1959 911 - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St Caller concerned about his cousin who is having a difficult time managing her sobriety. Officer spoke with her and reports she is OK. Caller notified. 2245 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Brookview Cir Loud television, turned down.

Tuesday January 15

0626 Phone - Debris On Road State DPW/Norwood DPW N Location/Address: Near 95 Overpass - Neponset St Caller reports deceased deer in the roadway 0715 Phone - Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Amazon - Everett St Westwood resident reports every morning the employees at this location are setting off car alarms to locate trucks in the lot. N663 spoke with on site supervisor and he is going to address the issue with management. 0953 Phone - Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Adams St Party advised on an ongoing noise issue.

1222 Phone - Motor Vehicle Stop *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Washington St + Railroad Ave NY JBD2188 towed by Don & Wallys . Female transported under arrest 1230 HRS 58440 1230 HRS 58441 1235 HRS Refer To Arrest: 19-19-AR Arrest: Ruzzo, Jessica L Address: 7 Burrill St Walpole, Ma Age: 32 Charges: Warrant Arrest

1459 Phone - Found Syringe Area Search Negative Location/Address: Nahatan St Caller reports seeing a syringe near the dumpster. Item was not there upon arrival.

1959 Phone - Lost And Found Services Rendered Location/Address: Savers - Bos-Prov Hwy Small checks and deposit slip found by a shopper at Savers . Message left for the owner in Westwood . 2304 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Four Points Sheraton - Bos-Prov Hwy Hotel manager request a check on a party staying at this location. N662 reports he spoke to that party and all is ok.

Wednesday January 16

0656 Phone - Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Amazon - Everett St Westwood resident reports every morning the employees at this location are setting off car alarms to locate trucks

Police Logs

in the lot. N667 spoke to the supervisor and advised him that this cannot continue. Supervisor understood and will speak to employees.

1224 Phone - Motor Vehicle Accident NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: University Ave MV struck a deer in the road. NACO notified.

1448 Phone - Found Syringe Services Rendered Location/Address: Nahatan St Officer removes a needle found in the town lot off Nahatan ST and left at the hospital for disposal.

1507 Phone - Susp Activity Under Investigation Location/Address: Keegan's Norwood Jewelers - Washington St Owner reports that a p y may be trying to sell stolen jewelry. N663 checks Norwest Dr., party was not home. Will follow up tomorrow.

2002 Phone - Well Being Chk *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Broadway Family concerned about a subject who could be DK and just released from the hospital. Officers locate him near the hospital.

Thursday January 17

0904 Phone - Warrant Of Apprehension *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Staff reports subject being released and Sheriff's cannot make it there in time. N664 places subject under arrest and transports directly to Dedham District Court. 1038 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Assisted Party Location/Address: - Elliot St Party seeking advice in regard to someone who might be following him N661 advised that party.

1234 Walk-In - Fraud *Report Filed Location/Address: Hampden Dr Party in the lobby reports bank account fraud.

1610 Phone - Found Syringe Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Item to be disposed of properly.

1738 911 - Malicious Damage *Report Filed Location/Address: Oolah Ave Vehicle rear window broken.

Friday January 18

0205 Initiated - Parking Violation Parking Ticket Issued Location/Address: Washington St 3 tickets issued

0226 Initiated - Parking Violation Parking Ticket Issued Location/Address: Prospect Ave 6 parking violations issued

0233 Initiated - Parking VIOLATION PARKING TICKET ISSUED Location/Address: Adams St 2 tick-

ets issued

0854 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Morse St See Call#: 19-1494 2305 Hrs 1/17/19. Owner of building in lobby with an issue over keys to building. Matter was resolved.

0856 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Bahama Dr Report scam and loss of money.

0923 Walk-In - Attempt to commit crime *Report Filed Location/Address: Shaw St Caller reports that someone attempted to b&e her vehicle last night.

1044 Walk-In - Fraud Spoken To Location/Address: BEZEMA MOTORS CORP - BOS-PROV HWY Party in lobby reports the other party in a 2 year old business transaction used a false name but party found out his real name. N661 advised him, no criminal act.

1336 Initiated - Motor Vehicle Stop *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Walpole St + Geraldine Dr As a result of stopping MA PC 1AYT25, Don and Wally's, with N666 following, tows same to station. N495 places subject under arrest and N667 transports to station. Refer To Arrest: 19-25-AR Arrest: Mahmoudi, Sammy Amar Address: 25 St Joseph Ave Norwood, Ma Age: 18 Charges: Drug, Distribute Class D Drug, Possess To Distrib Class D

1528 Walk-In - Attempt to commit crime *Report Filed Location/Address: Westover Pkwy Resident in lobby with video of soeone around his car.

1546 Cellular - Death *Report Filed Location/Address: Walpole St: Request check of sister, TV on, not answering phone. NFD sent.

2328 Walk-In - Auto Theft *Report Filed Location/Address: Wilson St Walk in reports MA PC 6NA677 stolen from this address. BOLO put out to cars and surrounding cities and towns. Vehicle entered into NCIC. Refer To Incident: 19-85-OF

Saturday January 19

0231 911 - Susp Activity *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Brookfield & Walpole - Walpole St Caller reports a man getting in and out of a vehicle and walking up and down the street. N667,N668 responded. As a result, N667 returned with 1 male under arrest for OUI. Negoshian's towed Ma. Reg# 4RH675. Town "No Parking Anytime" sign was also struck in front of 179 Walpole St. DPW notified and will handle same. Refer To Accident: 19-27-AC Refer To Arrest: 19-29-AR Arrest: Oconnor, Reece Address: 198 Chestnut St Waltham, Ma Age: 24 Charges: Oui Liquor Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Leave Scene Of Property Damage Marked Lanes Violation

0318 911 - Drunk Person *Protective Custody Location/Address: Neponset St Gulf - Neponset St Caller reports a friend that was with her is intoxicated and got out of the car and won't get back in for her to drive him home. N669,N662 responded. N669 transported male to his home in on Oakhill Dr. in Walpole and was left in the custody of family members.

0928 Phone - Citizens Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy Property owner reports multiple vehicles (40 +) parked on her lot from KIA. Officer reports employees are in the process of moving all vehicles of the lot. 1006 Phone - Fraud *Report Filed Location/Address: BULLARD ST Attempt made at the residents credit institution.

1050 Walk-In - Threats *Report Filed Location/Address: Coakley Middle School - Washington St Resident in lobby reports threats towards school. N663, 6 .0.- conduct a search and risk assessment

1132 Phone - Citizens Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Deerfield Rd Resident reports sometime this morning someone placed bibles on door handles of homes in area. Con-

cerned it may be a rouse to come back and B&E homes where they are not taken in. Wanted log entry only. .

1428 Phone - Citizens Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: St Timothys Church - Nichols St Officer received information about a ten year old on the ice with shorts on. 19 year old checking the ice out and leaving on Officers arrival.

1610 Phone - Fraud *Report Filed Location/Address: Dean St Report computer hacked.

Sunday January 20

0830 Phone - Road Hazard State DPW/Norwood DPW NO Location/Address: - Driftwood Cir Report sewer cover in pieces in the road. 1047 Phone - Road Hazard State DPW/Norwood DPW NO Location/Address: Nahatan St Large rock in the street moved by DPW

1157 Walk-In - Hit AND RUN *REPORT FILED Location/Address: Central St + E Cottage St Report car was hit last evening.

2018 Phone - Fireworks Spoken To Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reports fireworks being set off. N662 spoke to the resident and they were advised.

Monday January 21

0110 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Fales Ave: Caller reports hearing noises coming from the front and back of her house. N662 spoke with caller, she has wreaths on the doors that are causing the noise.

0126 Initiated - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Dunkin Donuts - Nahatan St N668 observes party going through front door after hours. Party checks out, he is an employee using the front door due to the back door being frozen shut.

1030 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Broadway + Nahatan St Caller reports an elderly man having difficulty walking. N662 spoke to him and all is well.

1326 Phone - Road Hazard State DPW/NORWOOD DPW NO Location/Address: Short St + Washington St Checks passable for ice. DPW also advised on Highview ,Laurel and Central @ Guild, Churchil . DPW called in a sand crew.

1441 Phone - Road Hazard Services Rendered Location/Address: Cottage St Caller reports a car bumper in the road. N661 removed the item from the roadway.

1700 Phone - Road Hazard State DPW/Norwood DPW NO Location/Address: Fulton St DPW advised on icy conditions . Car was just pulled out from a snowbank and left. ** Request also made for sand/salt here in the lot. 1756 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Neponset St Roommate wants access to pick her up things and leave . People inside won't allow her in. Matter resolved. 1947 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Davis Ave Caller reports his tractor trailer is stuck in the roadway on the ice. N662 reports truck has been moved.

2224 911 - Robbery *Report Filed Location/Address: Roosevelt Ave + Hill St Caller reports 1 black male and 1 hispanic male choked him and stole his vehicle. BOLO sent to the cars for MA PC 8NTF10, also sent over south district. Westwood K9 arrived on scene to assist. N661 located the vehicle on Hill street unoccupied, K9 lost scent of the subjects not far from the vehicle. Walpole PD checked the residence of one of the subjects and spoke to the parent he reports the subject left the residence at 10pm. Juvenile Arrest Age: 17 Charges: Carjacking Robbery, Unarmed A&B A&B With Dangerous Weapon Receive Stolen Property -\$1200 C266 \$60 Drug, Possess Class E

**Ask The Doctor**

Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns a 10-bay auto repair service center in Hyde Park and an 8-bay center in Middleboro. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.

2019 Lexus NX 300 AWD

SUVs are the craze of today. They come in all brands and sizes, with multiple engines types as well. This week I had an extremely comfortable, powerful, and smooth riding Lexus NX 300 – a mid-size SUV that seats four with comfort and five in a pinch. Power comes from a very smooth and quiet 2-liter, turbo-charged engine via a 6-speed automatic. The gearing in the 6-speed automatic allows for much more power to the ground and ideal engine torque at any speed. There are multiple transmission mode settings, as well as safety and alert systems, eight air bags, an 8-speaker high output audio system, 4.2-inch touchscreen, and 8-way powered driver and passenger seats. And yes, it does have optional heated front seating.

The NX 300 has a low seat height, making it easy to get in and out of the vehicle, from both front and rear seats, which is very important to us short people. It drives and handles more like a car than an SUV. It has a few popular options, such as auto-dimming rearview mirror with Homelink® system: \$125; luxury package with 18-inch wheels and tires, linear black wood interior trim, heated steering wheel, heated and ventilated front seating, rain-sensing wipers, LED daytime running lights, tilt wheel and more for \$4,705; navigation package includes remote touch interface and 10-speaker premium sound system: \$1,800; power rear door with kick sensor: \$550. Base price: \$37,365 plus destination fee: \$995. Total MSRP with options: \$45,560. EPA: 22 city, 28 highway MPG on this AWD, FWD has the same rating. Base FWD price starts at \$35,985.

The front grille design is very modern looking while allowing a lot of air flow to cool the engine in hot climate conditions. The bottom line: this is a very refined SUV that has all the quality of the Lexus brand for under \$50,000.

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.

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Economic Development, said. "But there are environmentally sensitive issues, like the waste going into streams and ponds."

Possible sites include the land behind Ellis Field and the "field behind the Foley."

An interesting note about the survey was the respondents. Most of them were female, white, and college educated. Nearly 44 percent made an income of \$125,000 or above.

All members suggested reaching out to more diverse populations through schools, church leaders and through postcards advertising the survey in electric bills.

Another key matter that aligned with this topic was the discussion of the seven-year action plan. It included

a list of priority projects, some of which might be eligible for funding through the Community Preservation Act.

The highest priorities are:

Acquiring 15.56 acres of the Comenitz property for passive and active recreation
 Acquiring 6.93 acres from Crosspoint to preserve Norwood's suburban character
 Linking the Willett School, Babe Ruth Field and the landfill with a five-foot-wide paved path on the sewer easement
 Implementing the ADA transition plan
 Brining the CPA to a Town Meeting vote
 Developing a brochure and map showing all public lands and available facilities
 Making the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee a permanent committee
 Farley

said that, as part of the plan, the nine playgrounds will eventually be replaced with poured rubber rather than the current wood chips. The first one to be done will be Pond Street. The rubber would also make the parks more easily accessible for people with disabilities.

"The wood chips wear out quickly and have to be replaced all the time," he said. "They are hard to navigate. We spend thousands of dollars on wood chips. The rubber is more costly, but it will last for 20 years. It would be a nice feather in our cap."

The lower Balch Park, behind the Balch Elementary School, is in serious need of renovation, Farley said.

"There are cracks all over the place," he said.

What he plans to do is rehabilitate the basketball court and cover the skate park with concrete.

"I also talked with the principal," he said. "Because of the growing Brazilian population, we decided to make half of the park a soccer area and the other half an outdoor educational area. I definitely think this is a need that needs to be addressed."

Last fall, the state did not receive an ADA grant, Halkiotis said. This year, he noted that Norwood will be aggressively pursuing ADA funding for projects.

Other ideas that popped up were creating an orchard for sustainable food and improved social media access for open space resources, including GIS mapping.

"We have a wish list of great ideas," he said.

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from the FIRE/PD stations. It looks as though it is nearing completion, (maybe). The lot is dangerous, as the cement curbing is in the way, cars exiting an aisle while a car enters from Lenox and another car tries to exit proves very difficult due to lack of space. The past 'many' months must have been a nightmare for the businesses, as many shoppers decided to avoid the dangerous construction, especially during the Christmas shopping season. Was this professional planning? They should have been allowed to work at night. Now for the 'kicker.' Regular and handicapped parking spaces have been created directly in front of the businesses. That's right, directly facing the windows and doors of the stores. At this time there are no cement barriers in place in front of the businesses to hopefully prevent an accident. **MEMORY ETERNAL.** Our Town's dear friend and loved one, Dolores Elias, fell asleep in the Lord at the age of 90. Dolores was the wife of the late Chuck Elias and the mother of Dianne Shalbey (wife of the late, John Shalbey), and Sharon Weiskerger. Dolores doted on her four grandchildren and the exciting recent arrival of her first great-granddaughter. She worked on many committees in Our Town, too numerous to mention, yet she stayed in the background never wanting the limelight. To know her was to know a true and wonderful lady! Not many in one's lifetime has the pleasure to know what beauty is, inside and out!! That was Dolores! I will miss her forever, as will her terrific loving family. She was beyond the best. Au Revoir my dear friend!

LOCAL AND NOT SO LOCAL INFORMATION

With death and serious illness becoming more prevalent throughout the country due to tick, bug, etc., infestation, we now learn that the 'Asian Longhorn Tick' is spreading rapidly across the US and is extremely dangerous. It lays approx. 2000 eggs and is a serious threat to mankind. So... Where's the DDT? Do we value human life? How long are we going to allow Americans to die or become very ill due to the lack of government responsibility? The exhaust pipes that have been installed in homes that were destroyed by the gas explosions on the North Shore, (and homes that were not damaged) were put low to the ground, cellar level. What were they thinking? The residents have been warned that using appliances that require the exhaust pipes must be kept clear from snow or they could die from carbon monoxide poisoning. We have to clear ours as they too were installed at a very low level! Check yours. **BYE GUYS, HAPPY NEW YEAR** "I am a Democratic Socialist, and, Illegal aliens are more American than the Pres. of the US" A. Ocasio Cortez, US Rep.

Wars Post #2452 on Friday, January 25th with doors opening 7:30 PM and the Show beginning 8 PM at 93 Dean St, Norwood. The comedy talent will include Headliner James Dorsey, Jackie Kane Smith, Dan Foley, and Jen Maucier. Funds raised will help support the programs that help veterans at the local VA hospital and others around the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. One program that will benefit is "One Call Away." Programs address needs for veterans who suffer the effects of Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome, Suicide Prevention, and recovery efforts due to issues with addiction. Any one of these situations can lead to homelessness, and our nation's veterans are susceptible to homelessness at alarming rates. Tickets cost \$20 in advance (\$25 at the door) are available by contacting Lisa Corcoran Silletti via Facebook messenger or purchase from the bartender during the open hours at the V.F.W. post. There will be a limited number of tickets available at no cost for veterans of US military service. If you have questions, please call me at 781-762-6582 or email me at lisasilletti@gmail.com.

NVCC TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce (NVCC) is pleased to announce that it will hold its 125th Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony on Thursday, January 31st at 5:30 pm at the Four Points by Sheraton in Norwood.

Founded in January of 1894 as the Norwood Business Association, the Chamber is now 125 years old and will kick off its

anniversary year at the Annual Meeting. The meeting will feature the unveiling of the Chamber's new branded image as it moves forward into its next 125 years.

Cost to attend the event is \$75.00 for members (\$90 for non-members) and \$600.00 for a table of eight and includes a full dinner with a cash bar cocktail reception. Reservations are required and can be made by visiting www.nvcc.com or calling 781-769-1126.

EPOCH TO HOLD SENIOR EVENTS

Bridges® by EPOCH at Westwood, a memory care assisted living community located at 140 University Avenue, will host "Normal Aging vs. Memory Loss": Jan. 30 at 11:30 a.m. — When is forgetfulness something more? If you or someone you know is experiencing memory loss or unusual behavioral changes, attend one of these important presentations to learn how the warning signs of dementia differ from the effects of normal aging. This event will be held at the Needham Council on Aging at 300 Hillside Avenue. A complimentary lunch will be served (RSVPs are required). For more information or to RSVP for an event, call 781-251-6630.

PLEASE TAKE THE SURVEY

The Norwood Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee would like to encourage Norwood residents to participate in taking a recently established Open Space & Recreation survey. The survey can be taken by accessing the following address: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NorwoodOSRP>

www.surveymonkey.com/r/NorwoodOSRP This survey will aid in gathering crucial data for the Town's updated Open Space and Recreation Plan. Your answers will help the Town identify opportunities for significant, long-term preservation and improvements that provide the greatest benefit to people who live, work, and play in Norwood. The Committee is in the process of updating the Open Space and Recreation Plan which is needed to evaluate the Town's resources and goals where it pertains to open space and recreational facilities. For more information or if you would prefer a hard copy of the survey mailed to you please call Paul Halkiotis, Director of Community Planning & Economic Development at (781) 762-1240 ext. 164. Or at phalkiotis@norwoodma.gov.

CHARACTER BREAKFAST AT HIGH SCHOOL

Come and enjoy a light breakfast with your favorite cast of characters! \$5 for children and adults. (Cash only.) Children are given an autograph book to get the autographs from characters that may include Snow White, the Evil Queen, Belle, Cinderella, Superman, Buzz Lightyear, Woody, Jessie, Anna, Elsa and Olaf (and more)! There will even be a special guest appearance by Star Wars characters!

The breakfast will take place in the Norwood High School Cafeteria on Saturday, January 26th, from 9-10:30am. Please enter through door 14 on the back of the building. Costumes encouraged! All are welcome! Like Backstage Boosters on Facebook for more information.

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