



The buses may be leaving the yard for good at some point in the near future now that the Morse Street land under agreement with Boch Automotive will remain zoned for manufacturing.

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FinCom votes on TM Articles

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Finance Commission met on April 23 and April 30 in the Robert M. Thornton Room of Town Hall with the review and vote on money Articles for the Special and Annual Town Meetings that will begin on Monday, May 14.

Of the 24 Articles on the Special Town Meeting Warrant, the biggest request was the money for the implementation of a new Town/School-wide financial, accounting, and administrative software system that was addressed in Article 12.

With a \$1.7 million bond premium for the project, the plan had been to request that amount from free cash at the Special Town Meeting. However, because of – as Town Clerk/Accountant Tom McQuaid referred to it – FY18’s “free cash crunch,” the amount was tentatively reduced at the April 23 meeting to \$1.5 million.

In the week following that meeting, internal funds were found for other accounts asking for free cash, prompting McQuaid to recommend returning to the \$1.7 million for Article 12, leading to a question from David Hajjar regarding whether or not this increase in free cash spending would put the Town right back into the crunch it had been trying to avoid.

Langone supported McQuaid and added her own interpretation of the software funds.

“This is \$1.7 million that was not part of, shall we say, income coming in: revenue,” she said “This happened to be a premium in order to refinance our debt. So this is money that came from other avenues, and it was looked upon as to be used for this particular project.”

She continued by referring to different state requirements for the project before finishing.

FinCom

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Hern drops bombshell at Planning Board meeting

Loophole freezes Morse Street zoning discussion at Town Meeting

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Planning Board met on Monday evening, May 7, in Town Hall. Main items on the agenda were two appointments requiring Board decisions on approval not required (ANR) plans. Final discussions were also held on Town Meeting Articles.

The first appointment had Attorney David Hern before the Board representing Boch Automotive regarding the parcels of land located at 63 Morse St. Boch Vice President/Property Manager Michael Clemmey was also present.

The property is currently the subject of Special Town Meeting Article 4 – scheduled to begin on Monday, May 14 – in which the request, petitioned by Michael Saad, is to rezone the property from manufacturing to residential.

In his appearance before the Planning Board, Hern proposed to combine lots 114 and 121 of the property, which met the guideline requirements

for an approval not required plan.

As Hern explained to the Board, the ANR also accomplished another goal.

“As I think you know, the effect of the filing of this, followed by your endorsement is to create a zoning freeze with respect to use under the statute,” Hern said. “I know that Town Counsel offered opinion on this – I was given a copy of that earlier today – but this does not guarantee any proposed use, but it protects the uses that are allowed in the manufacturing district, whether as a matter of right or with respect to any grant of special permit for three years from the date of submittal. The date of submittal was April 24.”

Having reviewed the submitted plan, Town Planner Paul Halkiotis determined that it was in compliance with the requirements of an approval not required plan and explained the consequence of it regarding Special Town Meeting Article 4.

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ted by Michael Saad to rezone the property will not have much effect at all, since the manufacturing use is being frozen by this plan,” Halkiotis said, going on to confirm that it had been frozen from the day that Hern had submitted it.

“It doesn’t matter whether the Planning Board votes to approve this plan or deny this plan,” Halkiotis continued. “Either way, the way the statute is written. The zoning in effect today, prior to Town Meeting, is in effect for three years.”

Unlike the recent Morse Street Article hearing that had taken most of two Planning Board meetings and had fueled much discussion, there was almost none here, aside from Debbie Holmwood asking if the lots were being combined just to freeze the zoning.

“The reason we want to do it is immaterial,” Hern replied.

Vice Chairman Al Porro motioned

Planning Board

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Arbor Day at Sunrise

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

On a soggy Friday, April 27 afternoon, the rain let up just long enough for a small group of Town dignitaries to step down from the side porch of Sunrise of Norwood Senior Living and walk over to a flowering plumb sapling.

Using a twice spray painted golden shovel, Selectman Paul Bishop, Town Manager Tony Mazzucco, Assistant

Arbor Day

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L to R: Selectman Paul Bishop, Town Manager Tony Mazzucco, Ed “Gus” McKenna, Marjorie McKenna, Ana Sargsyan, Asst. Town Manager Bernie Cooper, Hillary Wheeler, and two other employees of Sunrise of Norwood pose for a photo behind the Arbor Day Tree.

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to sign the plan as it had been presented and this was approved unanimously, after which copies of it were signed by the Board.

In the other approval not required plan appointment, Da

of it, and that's not part of the plan, at this point," Halkiotis added.

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The motion to indefinitely postpone Article 1 was approved unanimously.

Article 2, regarding the establishment of an Associate Planning Board member, remained unchanged, as did Article 3, a zoning bylaw amendment request regarding more restrictive zoning of the manufacture of asphalt, cement, and bituminous concrete.

Due to the anticipated duration of Town Meeting, the next scheduled Planning Board meeting is currently scheduled for June 18.

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Selectmen hear Earth friendly ideas

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen gathered on Tuesday evening, May 8, for its weekly meeting. The main items on the agenda were three appointments, one of which was a public hearing.

In the main appointment of the night, Katie Neal-Rizzo and John Aprea III went before the Board to review Progress Norwood's successful Earth Day program – held on Sunday, April 22 and to make a presentation with recommendations – based on their experience planning and carrying out the Earth Day undertakings – for a more “Earth Friendly” Town.

Progress Norwood's Earth Day was comprised of Sunday morning clean ups held at each school playground – and some parks – in Town, followed by a community picnic and vendor fair featuring environmentally conscious organizations setting up information tables for the curious.

The Earth Day project – for which Progress Norwood worked in partnership with the Recreation Department, the Department of Public Works, and Subaru of New England – featured more than 229 volunteers and 168 bags of trash collected, and approximately 300 guests at the picnic/fair.

“We're really very pleased with how many people stepped up, and we had beautiful weather, which certainly helped,” Neal-Rizzo commented.

“I think only 85 people registered online, and it ended up a lot more people – over twice as many people – came out to volunteer. It was excellent to see,” Aprea followed.

Based on their experiences organizing the Earth Day event, Neal-Rizzo and Aprea presented a number of solutions to make the Town more environmentally friendly.

The first had to do with what they considered to be a lack of trash barrels at school playgrounds and at the Town's parks and fields, with Neal-Rizzo bringing up the fact school playgrounds are often

used by the public after school and that, with a lack of barrels, “the trash ends up on the ground blows into the woods, and that's what we end up collecting on Earth Day.”

Neal-Rizzo also suggested cooperating with the new Trails Subcommittee (which reports to the Conservation Committee) regarding optimal sites for trash barrels, and spoke of her concern:

“We found a number of dog waste bags. It's great that people are picking it up, but you're not supposed to throw it in the woods.”

Closely connected to their first solution, their second was to have recycling bins with the trash barrels, with Neal-Rizzo presenting numbers supporting the fact that diverting as much plastic as possible from the trash would economically benefit the Town.

“I believe on the DPW website, if it's \$57 per ton of trash that we divert into recycling, the Town saves that money.”

Selectman Paul Bishop was very much in agreement with Neal-Rizzo regarding having recycling bins next to trash barrels and suggested that residents – if they were at all interested in checking out a solar recycling bin looks like – they could see some at the Star Market Plaza.

Their third solution had to do with plastic bag regulations, with Neal-Rizzo citing the fact that shopping bags are only recyclable at the stores from which they came.

She suggested that, if the Town didn't want to push for an all out plastic ban bag, it could encourage alternatives to single use plastic bags, showing as examples Roche Brothers biodegradable bags and OCC's plastic and Styrofoam alternative take-out containers, with tax incentive possibilities for businesses that choose to adopt these alternatives.

Aprea made additional long-term recommendations were made regarding weekly recycling and composting, hybrid vehicles, increased tree

planting, and designated bike lanes.

In the evening's public hearing, the Café Venice (1086 Washington St.) was the object of an application for the transfer of its liquor license, common victualer license, and juke box license from Arlene O'Brien to Mark Hannon.

The business transfer includes the transfer of the building.

Hannon has been working as the night manager at Café Venice and has been working there for 23 years. In his comments to the Board, he proposed very few changes to the business operation, but was faced with a pressing question from Selectman Allan Howard.

“Will the prime rib nights continue?”

“Absolutely,” Hannon replied. “Wednesday through Sunday.”

“Alright. That's what we want to know. Thank you very much.”

The motion was approved 4-0, with Helen Donohue abstaining as an abutter.

In the final appointment of the meeting, Computer Director Mark Redlich went before the Board to endorse the \$1.7 million Town/School-wide software system proposed in Special Town Meeting Article 12.

The Board of Selectmen will not meet next Tuesday, May 15. Its next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, May 22 at 7 p.m. in Rm. 34 of Town Hall.



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OPINION

Is there a villain in all of this?

Our Page 1 story this week relative to David Hern's legal maneuver to shut down discussion at Town Meeting on 63 Morse Street seemingly came out of nowhere and most assuredly has left many residents in Town enraged, and rightfully so. However, this newspaper thinks their anger may be a bit misdirected. Although we completely agree with the argu-

ments against such a parking lot being located well within a residential neighborhood like South Norwood, like all conflicts there are at least two sides to consider, and this one is no different.

The safety concerns relative to big trucks hauling dozens of cars at a time up and down Dean and Washington Streets and then turning onto Morse Street are

real, as is the potential for the quality of the lives of those living in close proximity to the proposed parking lot being compromised. And there is the potential for property values being negatively affected, though this is a little bit more difficult to quantify. However, what is quite easy to quantify is that residents of the Flats are continually bombarded with issues of

being treated like second class citizens by public officials and, we are sorry to say, oftentimes by their own neighbors living in other sections of Town.

The owner of the property in question, Mr. Bruce Comenitz, is not a villain in this saga. Nor, do we believe, is Ernie Boch, proposing to purchase the property and use it for storage, or his attorney David Hern, a well-known resident of this Town, Town Meeting Moderator, and seemingly one of the premier go-to legal guys of developers and commercial businesses when they need something from the Town.

Mr. Comenitz has owned this property for decades. He has continually paid his taxes at the commercial rate and never fenced in the property to exclude others like kids or nature lovers from enjoying the woods within walking distance of their homes.

Ernie Boch Jr. is a businessman, and like all business guys is looking to increase the value of his empire. However, every step he has taken has been legal and aboveboard, and everyone knows the Boch Family has been very generous to the Town of Norwood over the years. And though some may argue this generosity has come at some cost to residents, we don't see any real evidence of that.

We do think it would be fair to at least question whether Attorney Hern, with what appears to be a growing business in commercial and real estate development representing others before the Town may be bordering on

professional conflict. Being Town Moderator wields a certain amount of influence when before other Town boards, and we're not sure simply handing over the gavel as Town Moderator to someone else when something comes before Town Meeting in matters he is professionally involved with is good enough. We're also not sure it isn't, we are simply left wondering.

If there is a villain in all of this it would be Town officials, and not just those sitting members now. For years residents have been pushing for the purchase of land just like that of Mr. Comenitz, to preserve as open space and to avoid exactly the kind of situation faced by South Norwood residents now, and nothing has ever been done. In fact, the land in question was petitioned years ago by South Norwood resident Patty Bailey for the Town to purchase but, like many such forward-thinking ideas, was set aside and never acted on. The list of big commercial and residential developments that may have been avoided if the Town had stepped up to the plate and planned for the future by purchasing available parcels is much too long.

Mr. Comenitz is probably planning for the future of his family by wanting to capitalize on a strong real estate market and cashing in on property he has every right to sell. It's too bad Norwood residents didn't have someone like Mr. Comenitz at the helm when planning for the future of the Town of Norwood.

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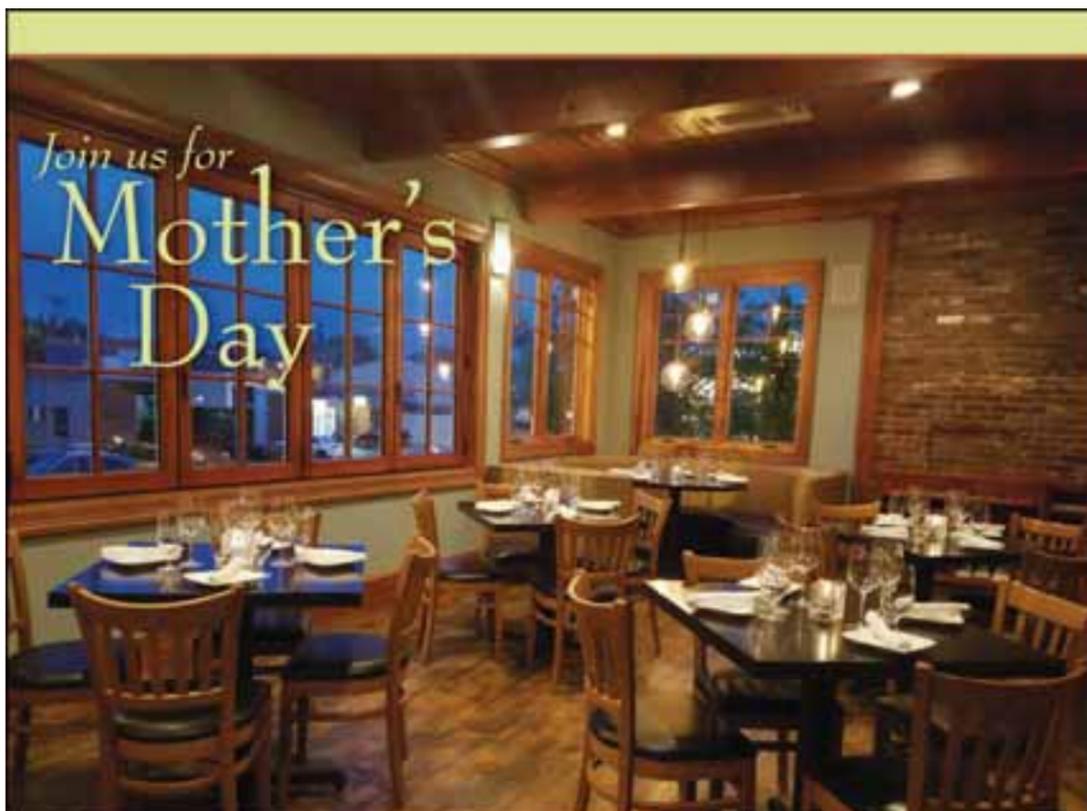
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Letters to the Editor

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

To the Editor:

As many of you might already be aware, an 8+ acre parcel of land at the ends of St. John, St. Joseph and St. Paul Avenues has been proposed to become a gigantic parking lot for new automobiles. Mr. Bruce Comenitz, the long-time property owner and non-resident of Norwood, has begun the steps to sell this property to Boch Enterprises. This parcel, zoned Manufacturing, has been vacant for over 50 years. The former owners were Bird and Son, which primarily used it as a dumping ground for left over roofing materials. Due to the latency of the property over the years, it has become a vegetated habitat for wildlife.

In order to protect this parcel from development, I had submitted a petition to the Board of Selectmen many years ago to request the land be purchased by the Town of Norwood for open space. This purchase would allow the parcel to be used for passive recreation, such as walking paths, park benches for bird watching, picnics, etc. This land is already on the Open Space Master Plan, but has not yet been acted upon.

Now we are faced with a potential of hundreds, if not thousands of cars being shuttled down Short and Morse streets to be stored at this location and the potential for these narrow streets to be opened up for transport of these vehicles. Surrounding towns do not allow for open lot storage, so this type of business can be very profitable. Do we know that the proposed automobiles parked in such a lot are actually property of the lot owners? Who will control this process?

We all know Washington Street in South

Norwood is already heavily traveled by motor vehicles, but what about the pedestrians? We have two schools within a handful of blocks of each other that many children walk to and from. There are parents and grandparents pushing babies in carriages, families out bike riding and folks walking their dogs. Once school is out for the summer, Hawes Pool will be hopping with swimmers and campers. Currently, we have ballgames going on most evenings at most schools as well as tennis matches at the Coakley.

The safety and quality of life for the neighborhood as well as the entire town is paramount, not for a business to come in and decimate a wooded area, bordered by the Neponset River and Hawes Brook. It's time for the residents of Norwood to say 'enough is enough;' we need to preserve what little open space we have left for the present as well as future generations in our Town!

Patty Bailey

District 6 Town Meeting Member

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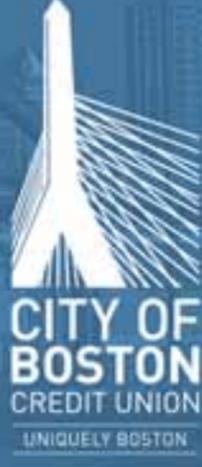
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Arbor Day *continued from page 1*

Town Manager Bernie Cooper, and Sunrise resident Ed “Gus” McKenna took turns tossing ceremonial shovelfuls of earth onto the Arbor Day Tree, donated by Norwood’s Home Depot, as residents and staff looked on.

This was the first time that Sunrise of Norwood had planted trees for Arbor Day, and the event was thought up by Life Enrichment Manager Hillary Wheeler.

“I come from Indiana and, in Indiana, we’re very environmental, and we always did something for Arbor Day when I was living there, and I wanted to bring that here,” Wheeler said.

Activities & Volunteer Coordinator Saulnier, building on what Wheeler had to say, mentioned Sunrise’s “Living with Generosity” program, in which participants find creative ways to help the local community – a goal that the tree planting and donations naturally went well with.

“My mother lived at Sunrise for a number of years in the late-1990s and the early 2000s, so I know the facility well, and there are still a couple of people working here today – including Eric Saulnier – who were working here at that time,” Cooper said. “Terrific people. Good memories and good people.

They work hard to maintain it and they’ve done a good job.”

Between 80-90 people live at the 40,000 square foot Sunrise of Norwood, with 80 current residents living in either one person or two-person apartments: 50 in the traditional assisted living area and 30 in the reminiscence/memory care area.

There are also six married couples living at Sunrise of Norwood. One half of one of them is Ed “Gus” McKenna, one of the honorary tree planters.

McKenna, a 58-year (self-described) “carpetbagger” resident, served on a number of Town committees over the years, including the Downtown Steering Committee with fellow tree planter Paul Bishop, and the Permanent Building Construction Committee.

Soon, he is giving his extensive thoughts on the St. Gabriel’s Chapel restoration project and later, when giving his wife’s name – Marjorie – mentions that “she did 18 years on the School Committee,” which leads to another conversation that ends with him pondering, “How she did 18, I’ll never know.”

No sooner had McKenna excused himself to get back to his wife, then a trio of women walked in under a trailing “100”

balloon followed by a carried in 100th Birthday cake.

Asked her thoughts on turning 100 years old on April 28, Loretta Eosco said simply, “Ohhh boy,” which is followed by much laughter from her daughter Rosemary Oliverio, Executive Director Ana Sargsyan, and Eosco herself.

The laughter is nearly constant with various methods attributed to Eosco’s hitting the Big 1-0-0, from being happy, to eating well, thanking God for today, and sleeping with your husband every night mentioned among them.

Living well may be part of it, too, with Oliverio saying that her brother brings fresh flowers every week.

“She says she wants them now, not when she’s gone,” Oliverio said.

Shortly afterwards, the three women were on their way to the bistro.

Before leaving, Bishop, holding the donated tree sprigs in a small glass vase presented to him earlier by McKenna, mused on his afternoon at Sunrise.

“It’s good to make contact with the people here... I’ve met some people I haven’t seen in several years,” Bishop said. “Didn’t even realize they were here. So it’s been a good day, all in all.”

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“I don’t look upon this as, really, an expense,” Langone said. “We have the money. We got it from a premium, and I’m all for going forward.”

After some suggestions from Hajjar regarding moving the extra \$200,000 to the FY19 reserve account, the recommendation for the \$1.7 million free cash request was approved unanimously.

There was also one indefinite postponement on the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

A School Department request for funds for an additional English Language Learner Teacher, Article 14, had originally been indefinitely postponed before last fall’s Town Meeting, with the agreement made to revisit the issue later in the academic year.

McQuaid recommended indefinite postponement based on the fact that the School Department had hired three other teachers during the year and that additional special education reimbursement “circuit breaker” funds (currently being debated on Beacon Hill) could soon free up enough School Department money to cover the \$60,000 amount.

Langone, in agreement, made the motion. Vice-Chair Anne Marie Haley, however, asked for it to be tabled, since the School Department was still waiting on information.

With Slater recommending a vote, Langone added, “What’s the difference here? Nothing. It still would be up for reconsideration whether it’s tabled or whether it was an indefinite postponement. I agree with the Chairman:

the people are looking for a decision and that’s our decision right now.”

Haley, referring to the way the Finance Commission and the School Committee had “worked together in the fall” and encouraging a continuance of this, responded.

“I know that it’s important to get it out to Town Meeting, but I think there’s a reasonable explanation to Town Meeting that you could put into our letter: that the School Department is still working on things and that they will be working on them right up until Town Meeting, so we therefore postpone this vote,” Haley said.

The recommendation for indefinite postponement regarding Article 14 was approved 3-2, with Haley and Donnelly in opposition.

In additional April 30 Town Meeting related business, Permanent Building Construction Committee Chairman Francis Hopcroft went before the Commission to update it on the status of the St. Gabriel’s Chapel restoration project.

The discussion concerned the \$400,000 the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) has agreed to add to the under-funded (it was allocated \$1.1 million at the 2017 Annual Town Meeting) project, and what the options may be if the \$1.5 million isn’t enough.

In his discussion with the Commission, Hopcroft touched on the window restoration component of the project as a whole, and the fact that the awarded bid had

come in \$35,000 under budget.

He also noted two deductible alternates (line items of the repair work that can be removed from the contract) that he estimated as a potential \$50,000 expense reduction.

“More importantly,” Hopcroft added, “We’ve separated the lantern restoration – which is estimated at around \$100,000 – out of the rest of the project. So, my expectation is that if we only have \$400,000 to work with, the lantern will not happen.”

He went on to say that – if that happens – “I’m sure there will be some effort next fiscal year to do it.”

Annual Town Meeting Article 14, concerning the Community Preservation Fund in relation to the Chapel restoration, was, in fact, the only one of the 15 Annual Town Meeting Articles discussed at the April 30 meeting, with the motion to support the Article unanimously approved.

The April 30 meeting was the last scheduled one for the Finance Commission before the Special and Annual Town Meetings, which will begin on Monday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m.

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Carrying on the book delivery tradition

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

Outreach Services at the Morrill Memorial Library is nothing new.

First established back in 1939, the Library's home delivery service would send books by messenger to patrons' homes or businesses for the sum of \$0.15.

By 1947, messengers had morphed into taxis, with patrons unable to make it to the Morrill themselves covering the fare for the books to be driven to them by car.

Librarian Edna Phillips was at the forefront of these services, having noticed – as a 1947 newspaper article reads – “the considerable number of people who regularly called for books for friends and relatives unable to get to the library because of ill health.”

Bonnie Wyler, having provided this information, is very aware of this tradition and –



together with her colleague Nancy Ling – has kept this tradition alive while adapting it.

Now – instead of fee based messengers or fare based taxis – volunteers deliver books throughout the Town to those who can't – for whatever reason – make it to the Morrill.

As Wyler describes it, “a volunteer will have a regular person to deliver to, and then

they can – if both people want to – develop a relationship and spend some time talking. It's a nice interaction for some people.”

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Ms. Punnose was personally recognized in 2011 with the Circle of Excellence Award by the National Association of Director of Nurses (NADONA). In 2012, she was awarded the prestigious Nurse Administrator of the Year award for the Northeast Region of the U.S.

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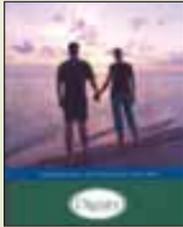
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“We’ll talk to them about what kinds of books they like: if they have favorite authors, favorite genres, if there are specific books they want to read right then,” Wyler added.

Based on this contact, Bonnie and/or Nancy will put some selected books together and make the initial delivery themselves, in order to meet the new patron and to better be able to match them up with one of the volunteers who has signed up to make deliveries.

Speaking of the matching process, Wyler says, “we do our best to match them up with someone we think they might enjoy.”

To participate, patrons must live in Norwood and fill out a basic application detailing book preferences and contact information. If applicants don’t have a library card, they will be signed up for one at this time.

Books – either requested by phone, through the online service, or selected for the reader by the librarians or volunteers – are held on designated shelves in the outreach office so that volunteers are able to pick them up whether or not Bonnie or Nancy are there.

“It’s very flexible,” Bonnie continues, “and over time – if the patron isn’t giving us specific books, we get to know what they like... And if people are giving us specific books, then we will get them for them if we don’t have them.”

In this very individualized system, readers may develop their own particular patterns, with patrons borrowing books at their own rate.

Returns happen in a similar way, with volunteers stopping by homes to pick up books or – if telephone numbers have been exchanged – calling to see how patrons are doing.

One such volunteer is Katie Reynolds, who has stopped by the office to pick up a big bag of books as Bonnie is talking about how the service works.

“I’ve been doing this about 10-15 years,” Katie explained that, as a stay-at-home mom, she and her son would frequently go to the Library, “so it was easy. I was here anyway to pick up the books.”

She stops by every couple of weeks to pick up and drop off books for Janice, who is the only person she delivers to. “This is such a good service and I’m only doing one person a week. I could do a couple more.”

Wyler sounds pleased as she speaks of the delivery system that she and Ling have helped to update “You know, it works really well. We have people who read 30 books a month and people who read one book a month, so there’s a range of how often and how much people read.” She mentions the Morrill’s extensive collection of large print books, books recorded on compact disc, and video magnifiers that are also available to borrow.

“Our biggest challenge is finding people to use the service, because the people who need the service typically don’t know about it; aren’t finding out in the newspaper, aren’t finding out on the Norwood Channel, and so it’s really been word of mouth.”

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Sports

Backs against the wall, girls lax answers the call

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Must-win would've been an apt description for the Norwood High girls' lacrosse team's game at Norton High on Monday afternoon.

Reeling after losing four straight games, the Mustangs used a scorching hot second half surge to down the Lancers, 13-5, moving back to within a game of .500 at 6-7.

"We needed it," Norwood head coach Chuck Allen confirmed after the game. "We had a tough stretch over the last week or two."

The Mustangs jumped out to an early 2-0 lead before the Lancers briefly went on top, 3-2. Norwood recovered thanks in part to a late run from freshman attack Caroline Davey, who had three of her five goals in the final 1:30 of the first half to help the Mustangs to a 6-4 lead at the break.

But Norwood would need to keep the pedal to the metal to ensure Norton's demise.

"Big time," Allen said, in reference to how much he emphasized starting quick in the second half. "The game was close and we had to go out there and take it to them."

No issues there. The Mustangs hung six goals on the Lancers in the first 4:51 of the second half to take a 12-4 lead, capitalizing on the wizardry of freshman Maggie Curran on draw controls – she lost only one in the second half – to break the game wide open.

Davey opened the half with her fourth goal of the game, followed by an Allie McDonough tally to keep the party going. Curran scored a goal of her own to continue the run, with McDonough tacking on two more and Davey sniping one more just for good measure.

McDonough, a sophomore middie, tied with Davey for the team lead in goals on the afternoon with five.

"It was definitely a slow start and I feel like we needed this if we wanted to make the tournament," McDonough said. "This was probably one we were really hoping to [win]."

Alex Scavatto and Christina Reilly also scored for Norwood, which completed a season sweep of Norton in a preview of Tri-Valley League play. The Mustangs also took the Lancers down on April 17 by a 14-5 score.

Reilly's goal, the final of the afternoon for Norwood, was the first of her varsity career. As a



Allie McDonough scored five goals for Norwood against Norton on Monday afternoon, a game in which she was fully aware the Mustangs had to have to keep their tournament hopes alive. PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

defenseman, she'd never had a shot to cash in before.

"It was very exciting," Reilly said. "I've played defense for my whole lacrosse career, so I really wanted to score my first goal."

With five games left to play, the Mustangs must win at least three to get back into the postseason for the first time since 2015. Allen is aware of the math – a finish no worse than 3-2 – but it'll be impossible to pick up

three wins all at once, which he's preaching to his team.

"We need three, but we need one at a time though," Allen said. "It's going to be tough, but if we play smart and don't turn it over, relax and try to slow the game down against teams that are a little more skilled than us, we'll never quit."

"I think if we play the way we did in the second half, we can definitely improve with how we

play against really good teams," McDonough said. "I think if we play this way, we can do anything."

Monday in Norton was the beginning of a four-game road trip for Norwood, one which continues on Thursday afternoon at Newton North High at 4 p.m.

The Mustangs have one home game left on Monday, May 21 at 5 p.m. vs. the Milton Wildcats.

Softball continues to be a well-oiled machine

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Remember when the Norwood High softball team lost its season opener?

Think long and hard, because it's getting more and more difficult to fathom a way it's even possible for these Mustangs to lose.

The fact that Norwood has won seven straight since the April 9 setback against the Braintree Wamps to move to 7-1 on the season isn't all that surprising, but the manner in which it's destroying every team in its path couldn't have been foreseen by anyone, not even head coach Carol Savino.

"We're doing alright so far," Savino said in perhaps the understatement of the century.

Since losing 6-3 to the Wamps, the Mustangs have outscored their opponents by a margin of 80-7. The string includes four shutouts and three games in which the game was called after five innings due to the slaughter rule (a team leads



Through seven games, Bryn Garczynski is hitting .667 with nine stolen bases for the Norwood High softball team. PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

by 10 runs or more after five innings).

With the rains messing around with Norwood's schedule after April vacation, the Mustangs have played only three games thus far in the month of May. No matter, with

a 15-0 win over the Needham Rockets and an 11-0 win over the Sharon Eagles last week and a 12-4 win over the Milton Wildcats on Monday.

Savino cautioned that Norwood hasn't faced any great

pitching yet, per se, and hopes that it's something the team can get some good looks at as the back-heavy month of May progresses for the Mustangs.

Among the litmus tests before Norwood include Braintree again, the Newton North Tigers and – twice – the Walpole Rebels.

"I'm happy with where we're at," Savino said. "But we need consistent hitting and the ability to hit really good pitching."

In the meantime, the Mustangs can rest their laurels on a quadrant of hitters slashing .400 or better in their lineup. Junior pitcher Amanda Olbrys is hitting a team-best .705 (12 for 17) through games played on Monday, drawing walks in bunches in the back half of Norwood's lineup.

Junior catcher Bryn Garczynski, the leadoff hitter for the Mustangs, is hitting .667 (18 for 27) with nine stolen bases.

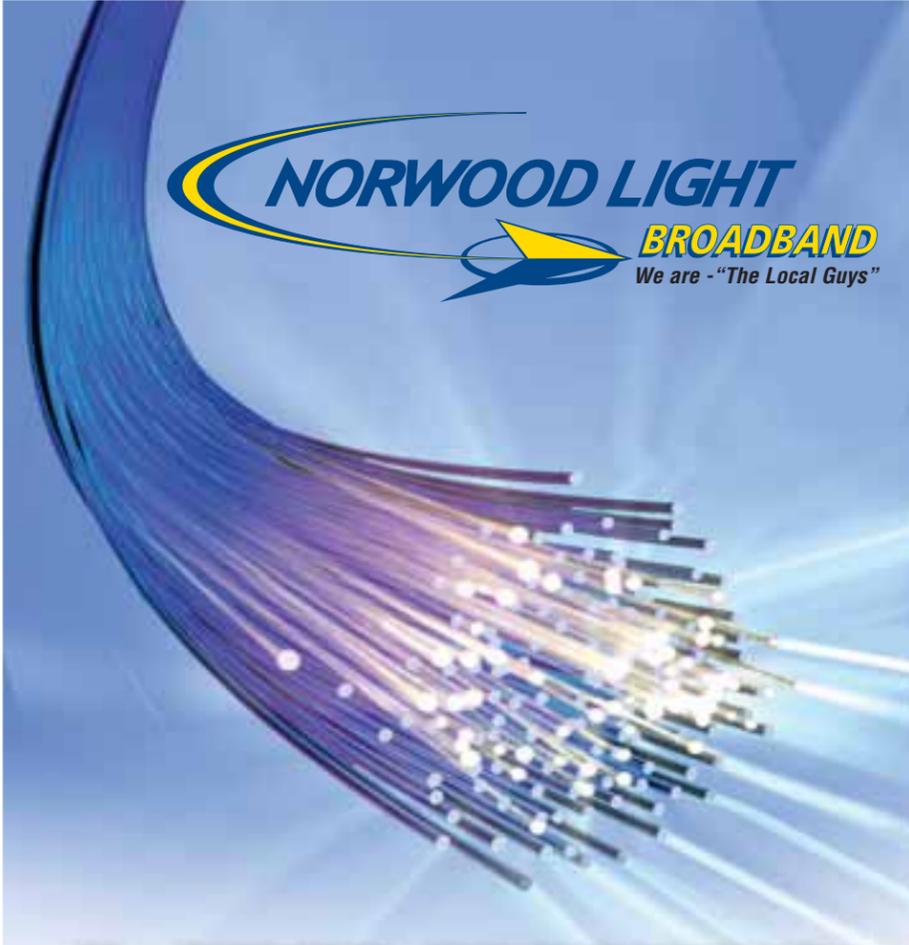
"Bryn's such a good athlete, she can always find her way on," Savino said. "She can bunt for a hit, or she can [just plain]

hit. She's up four times, you can count on her getting on at least three." Senior first baseman Janelle Kelleher is hitting a robust .560 (14 for 25) with a team-leading six RBIs, hitting primarily out of the cleanup spot for Norwood, while senior second baseman Erin Murphy is batting .421 (8 for 19).

In addition to her impressive batting average, Olbrys has been getting it done on the mound and then some for the Mustangs. She's given up only six earned runs on the season – three against Braintree in the opener were unearned – for a microscopic 0.75 earned run average (ERA).

"She's doing a great job there," Savino said. "She's not giving up runs."

Norwood completed the first half of its schedule on Wednesday against the Brookline Warriors, in an event held after the Record's deadline. With a win on Friday vs. Milton at Cleveland Elementary School, the Mustangs could officially punch their ticket to the Division 2 South tournament.



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HELP LOCAL LETTER CARRIERS STAMP OUT HUNGER ON SATURDAY, MAY 12TH

On Saturday, May 12, the 26th annual Letter Carriers' Food Drive will take place in Norwood. And local volunteers are hoping everyone on their postal routes who's able to do so will participate.

People wishing to donate are asked to leave one or more bags of food, marked for the Letter Carriers' Food Drive, by their mailbox on the appointed Saturday. The food will then be picked up as carriers go about their regular mail deliveries and taken to a central

ANNAIAN

John M. Annaian, 87, of Norwood passed away peacefully Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital with his loving family by his side. Born in Lawrence, he was the son of the late Eghia and Mary (DerMelkonian) Annaian. John will be sadly missed by his loving wife of 58 years, Rose Sirvart (Boghosian) Annaian; his children, Janice Azarian and her husband, Jack of Salem, N.H., Lynne Prevett and her husband, Dick of Cataumet, Mass. and Rick Annaian and his wife, Amy of Moultonborough, N.H.; his grandchildren, Michael, Jennifer and Mark Azarian, Nicholas and Steven Prevett, and John and Samantha Annaian; his brother and sisters, Edward Annaian and his wife, Janet, Elizabeth Kochakian and her husband, Charles and Mary Ann Afarian all of Andover; his brother-in-law, Jerry Boghosian of Lexington and sisters-in-law, Maria Annaian of North Andover and Eva Boghosian of Palm Beach Gardens; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. John was predeceased by his brother, Michael Annaian. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church, 180 Old Westford Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824 or the Holy Trinity Armenian Church, 145 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA 02138. Funeral services were held at Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church, 180 Old Westford Road, Chelmsford. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover.

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location for sorting. The drive will take place rain or shine, but in case of bad weather, donors are asked to put their food in plastic bags.

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.

REGISTER OF DEEDS WILLIAM P. O'DONNELL TO HOLD NORWOOD OFFICE HOURS

Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell will hold Office Hours in the Finance Committee Room at Norwood Town Hall located at 566 Washington St. from 10 a.m. until noon on Thursday, June 14.

Register O'Donnell and members of his staff will be on hand to answer questions about the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds. The Register will have information about the Massachusetts Homestead Act as well as on-site work stations that can provide in real time the status of your mortgage discharge, a print out of your deed or a demonstration of how Registry technology works. No appointment is necessary.

All land record research information can be found on the Registry's website www.norfolkdeeds.org. Residents in need of assistance can contact the Registry of Deeds Customer Service Center via telephone at (781) 461-6101, or email us at registerodonnell@norfolkdeeds.org.

THE NORWOOD ART ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING

The NORWOOD ART ASSOCIATION holds their monthly

ARTIST DEMONSTRATION on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Simoni Room of the Norwood Morrill Memorial Library, located at 33 Walpole St. 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 17, the NAA's featured demo artist will be Kristina Occhino. Kris is a nationally recognized artist living in the Attleboro area where she teaches at her own "Treetop Studio." She is a graduate of Skidmore College in New York, as well as Rhode Island School of Design.

LOU SANTORO MEMORIAL FISHING DERBY THIS SATURDAY!

The annual fishing derby is being held this Saturday, May 12, to be held rain or shine. Registration is from 8 to 9 a.m. and the fee is \$2.00 and includes a hot dog, soda and ice cream. The fishing runs from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and prizes are awarded to all who enter. Beginners are thru 9 years old. Juniors are 10 years up to 15 years old. All entrants under 10 years must be accompanied by an adult. All entrants must provide personal fishing equipment, worms only, no live bait, casting or fly fishing. Good luck!!

NORWOOD HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY/ RECYCLING DAY

Bring your hazardous waste to Norwood's semi-annual Household Hazardous Waste Day on May 12 at the Composting Facility at 370 Winter St. from 8-11 a.m.

Please bring proof of residency. Hazardous waste is considered to be a waste product with properties that make it dangerous or potentially harmful to human health or the environment. A partial list of materials include oil or lead based paints, solvents, wood preservatives, pesticides, herbicides, lawn care products, automotive products, cleaning products, drain cleaners, and pool chemicals. "Always make sure to read the label before disposing of any potentially hazardous product. By bringing materials to Hazardous Waste Day you are protecting you and your family from possible exposure and protecting the environment." Sigalle Reiss, Public Health Director. For a full list of hazardous materials collected at Hazardous Waste day, please see the Norwood Household Hazardous Waste/Recycling Day Newsletter mailed to all residents in the light bills. A copy of the newsletter is also posted on the town's website www.norwoodma.gov.

In addition to hazardous waste, residents may bring recyclable and bulk materials such as tires, electronics, refrigerators, air conditioners and propane tanks, some fees apply. Document shredding is also available for a flat fee of \$10. Foam/Styrofoam® will also be collected and is now a permanent collection at the Winter Street Facility and available every Saturday. Due to a change in vendor, we can no longer accept any food containers including coffee cups. Additional permanent collections include: mercury items, including fluorescent bulbs, scrap metal, books, CDs, DVDs, rigid plastics and textiles. There will be no disposal of leaves and brush on Haz-

ardous Waste Day. The town cannot accept latex paint, asbestos, bio-active materials, radioactive materials, explosives, or PCB-containing products. Latex paint can be disposed of in regular trash only when it is completely hardened. Depending on the amount of paint, it can be hardened by leaving the container open or by adding paint hardeners. The Health Department has packets of paint hardener available to Norwood residents for \$2. Paint hardener can also be found in any hardware or paint store. For up to date information on events and health topics follow the Health Department on Twitter @norwoodHD and like us on Facebook. If you have any questions please call the Health Department at 781-762- 1240.

NORWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL SCULPTURE ART EXHIBIT

The Visual Arts Department of the Norwood Public Schools will present an exhibit of sculptures created by students from the elementary, middle and high schools on Saturday, May 12 from noon - 2 p.m. Support the budding artists of Norwood and come to see the special artwork they create for the setting in Grace Episcopal Church's historic Sunken Garden. The students use all surfaces of the garden - hanging from tree branches, peeking around the base of a tree, sitting atop the perimeter of the garden walls or resting on a bench. If you haven't been to one of the students' art shows in the past, make sure to stop by this year to enjoy and celebrate the critical and creative thinking of Norwood students. This is the 13th year the students have showcased their creations in the Sunken Garden. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 12 from noon - 2 p.m. (rain date May 13). Grace Episcopal Church is located at 150 Chapel St., Norwood. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

DEATHS

DiRINO

Nicolo, Greatly Loved Of Walpole, formerly of Norwood, passed away on May 6, 2018 at the age of 96. Beloved husband of Rachele (DeZoppo) DiRino. Devoted father of Sal J. DiRino and his wife Rosa of Walpole. Cherished grandfather of Kristina McMullen and her husband Sean, Nicole DiRino, and Gabriella DiRino. Great grandfather of Parker Joseph McMullen. Brother of Gildo DiRino and Carolina DiBattisto and brother of the late Alfonso. Son of the late Sal and Maria (Alfedeo) DiRino. Nicolo was born in Poggiofiorito, Italy and attended schools there growing up. He went on to serve in the Italian Army during WWII as a policeman. He also worked his own vineyard in Italy on his land prior to moving to the United States in the mid-1950s. Nicolo was a long-time member of the Norwood Italian Social Club, he enjoyed spending his time with friends and family, gardening, and watching Italian Football. Funeral was from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., NORWOOD, followed by a funeral mass at 9 a.m. in St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood. Burial was at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, MA. kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com

DeSISTO



Thomas S. Of Norwood, passed away on April 30, 2018, at the age of 94. Beloved husband of Teresa C. (Picone) DeSisto. Devoted father of Thomas S. DeSisto, Jr. and his wife Lisa of Groton, James V. DeSisto and his wife Maria of Westwood, Susan C. DeSisto of Norwood, Irene C. DeSisto of Norwood, Lisa A. McAvoy and her husband David of Walpole and the late Mary Boyle. Brother of the late Gloria Ritchie and Marie Tullson. Cherished grandfather of 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Son of the late Santo and Marie E. (Pezzulo) DeSisto. Thomas was a retired Engineer for the Dept. of the Army. He was also an avid golfer and gardener. Funeral was from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral

Home, 1248 Washington St, NORWOOD, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Timothy's Church, Norwood. At the request of the family, burial was private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, MA/RI Chapter, 220 N. Main St., Suite 104, Natick, MA 01760 www.cff.org. WWII US Army Veteran. kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com

GOLDFARB



Maureen Anne (Costello) 75, from Falmouth, and most recently Palm Coast, Fla., passed away April 28, 2018. Born Aug. 19, 1942 to the late Robert and Anne Costello, she was a graduate of A.B. Davis High School, Class

of 1960. In her early working years, she was employed as a showroom model in the Garment Center and as a flight attendant for United Airlines. She also held a position as a community liaison for patients at Medfield & Westboro State Hospitals, and simultaneously developed the first visitation pet program and a thrift shop for patients and staff called "Confetti." She then went on to become the Director of Development & Volunteer Services for MA Hospital School for over 20 years. In addition, she managed Falmouth Vacation Rentals and worked in merchandising for HomeGoods in Falmouth. Predeceased by her husband Burt. She is survived by her children, Kevin Goldfarb (Bonnie Bystrek) of Somerville, and Jennifer Draper (Jeffrey) of Westwood, grandchildren Nicholas and MacKenzie, and many loving cousins and wonderful friends. A memorial service was held at Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (Rte. 1A), NORWOOD, MA, followed by an urn committal at New Westwood Cemetery. The family would be honored to have donations made in their mom's name to People For Cats, 44 Beagle Ln, Teaticket, MA 02536 where she volunteered for many years or the Stanley R. Tippet Hospice Home, 920 South St., Needham, MA 02492 where they took such wonderful care of mom in her last few weeks. Gillooly Funeral Home

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MANDIGO



John Edson Of Medfield passed away on May 1, 2018 at the age of 95. Beloved husband of the late

Dorothy Rose (Dwyer) Mandigo. Devoted father of Jacqueline I. Ashe of Franklin, Mark C. Mandigo and his wife Katherine of Norwood and Doris Magnussen and her husband Kris of Franklin. Brother of Edith Abrahamson of Cotuit and the late Ethel Frame, George Mandigo, Earl Mandigo, Blanche Huntley, Maude Brooks and Mildred Wood. Son of the late John Johnston Mandigo and Carrie (Higgins) Mandigo. Cherished grandfather of Amanda, Matthias, Thomas, Averil, Dave C., Dave A., and Elizabeth. Also survived by nine great grandchildren, and as Uncle Johnny to many nieces and nephews. John was a retired super-

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visor at the VA West Roxbury for many years and was known as Johnny the Painter at Jordan Marsh and Macy's in Framingham where he worked for over 20 years. John and his wife Dorothy formed 2 square dance clubs, the Do Si Dors and Scrambled Eights. He also volunteered at the Medfield Animal Shelter and the Charles River Watershed Assoc. John was a WWII US Army Air Force Veteran and was part of the Liberation of the Philippines. He then went on to serve in the US Air Force during the Korean War as a drill instructor. Visiting hours were held at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., NORWOOD. A funeral home service was also held. A graveside service was at the Mass. National

Cemetery Bourne, Mass. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the CWRA, Charles River Watershed Assoc. 190 Park Road Weston, MA 02493 www.crwa.org

MILLIN

Frederick R. "Russ" Longtime Norwood resident, passed away on May 1, 2018. He was 96. Russ was a graduate of St. Catherine of Siena School and Norwood High School. He was a World War II Veteran, serving in the Army Air Corps. Russ was a Norwood Firefighter for 37 years, retiring in 1987. He was a former member of the Eagles and VFW in Norwood. Beloved husband of Mary T. (Kelly) Millin. Loving father of Annemarie Kougias and her husband William of Brockton, Frederick R. "Fred" Millin, Jr. and his wife Mary Ellen of Norwood, John A. Millin, M.D. of Louisville, Ky., Robert F. Millin and his wife Diane of Norwood and the late Peter J. Millin and his wife Carol Saitas of Plainville, whom survives. Cherished grandfather of Chris, Ryan and his wife Kayleigh, Daniel, Elizabeth, Kelly, Katherine, William, Marisa, Andrew, Patrick, Matthew and the late Peter. Proud great-grandfather of Everly. Son of the late John A. and Mary J. (King) Millin. Brother of the late John A. Millin, Jr. and Thomas J. Millin. Funeral Services were from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rte. 1A), NORWOOD, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Catherine of Siena Church, 547 Washington Street, Norwood. Interment was with military honors followed the Mass in Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Memorial contributions in memory of Russ may be made to Norwood Firefighter's Relief Association, 135 Nahatan Street, Norwood, MA 02062. Gillooly Funeral Home

SCOLLINS

CAROL ANN (Travers) of Norwood passed away on May 3, 2018 at the age of 76. Beloved wife of Edward J. Scollins. Devoted mother of Paula F. Curley

and her husband Charles of Norwood, Kristin A. Gillette and her husband Michael of Norwood and Jay Scollins and his wife Lisa of Wrentham. Sister of the late Blanche Moran and Ethel Riley. Cherished grandmother of Caroline Curley, Brian Curley, Michael Curley, Kaitlin Gillette, Danielle Gillette, Ryan Scollins and Abigail Scollins. Daughter of the late Francis and Blanche (Molloy) Travers. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Carol was an active member of St. Timothy's Church for many years and a former member of the Women's Guild at the church. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, Friday May 11, 2018 at 9 a.m. followed by a funeral mass at 10am in St. Timothy's Church Norwood. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2018 from 4-8 p.m. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery W. Roxbury. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the Rett Syndrome Association of Massachusetts 217 South Street Waltham, Ma 02453 www.rettsyndromemass.org

SWAIN

Shirley I. 84, longtime resident of Norwood, Massachusetts and native of Lowell, beloved wife of Philip C. Swain, and devoted mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully at Norwood Hospital on April 30, 2018, surrounded by her family. Shirley graduated from Lowell High School in 1950 and from Lowell State Teachers College in 1954, where she met Philip, of Marblehead, Massachusetts, who was attending Lowell Technical Institute; they were married in Lowell in 1955. Shirley began her long career as a public school teacher and educator in Arlington, left the profession to raise her children, then returned to school to earn her special education credential. Shirley's guiding star was her love for and devotion to children: first and foremost, to raising her two sons and a daughter and doting on her four grandchildren, and then to her "kids"—the many hundreds of students she patiently nurtured in her career as a special education teacher at elementary schools in Norwood for over 22 years. Her greatest joys were reveling in the efforts and accomplishments, great and small, of her children, grandchildren and the pupils who were fortunate enough to have Mrs. Swain as their teacher. Shirley cherished the homemade gifts and mementos given to her by her charges and their families. Shirley is survived by her husband, Philip C. Swain; her brother, Ernest A. (Sally) Tessier, Jr.; her children, Philip C. (Roseanne) Swain, Jr., of Concord, Massachusetts; David A. (Linda LaMond) Swain of San Rafael, California; Carol A. Swain of Alexandria, Virginia; and her grandchildren Daniel, Kimberly, Jennifer and William. Burial will be at a private ceremony at Highland Cemetery in Norwood. Donations may be made in Shirley's name to the Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood (norwoodpantry.org). Shirley was a voracious reader and a favored bridge partner, possessed a razor-sharp wit, and a wonderful sense of humor. Extremely generous, she gave her all and received in kind. Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, friend and teacher, she will be sorely missed by everyone whose lives she touched.



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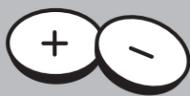
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