



The drawing for the proposed development at 1211-1213 and 1223 Washington St. COURTESY PHOTO

## South Norwood proposal meets skeptical audience

**Matt MacDonald**  
Staff Reporter

The Zoning Board of Appeal met on Tuesday evening, Jan. 16 in Town Hall's Memorial Hall to hear Case #17-27 regarding new construction at 1211-1213 Washington St. and 1223 Washington St.

More than 50 Town residents came for the nearly two hour hearing having to do with a proposed 18-unit apartment building that would be located on the two lots running along Washington Street between Concord Avenue and Tremont Street.

The proposed building would be three stories with 16 1-bedroom units and two 2-bedroom units totaling 16,704 square feet with a 5,568 square-foot footprint.

Additionally, there would be a 23-spot parking area located behind the building with one way access from Concord through to Tremont.

The applicant (and owner of 1211-1213 Washington St.) – Dave Flynn of Flynn Builders – went before the ZBA to request two variances. He was represented by Attorney Joanna Giorgio Hilvert of Macchi & Macchi, LLC. Also present with him was Project Manager David Johnson of Norwood Engineering.

The first variance request asks that the 18 proposed units be allowed on the 21,431 square-foot lot. Normally, a minimum lot size of 69,500 square feet would be required for that many

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The Norwood School Committee made its latest stop at the Oldham Elementary School. COURTESY PHOTO

## Special Ed headlines SchoolCom meeting

**Matt MacDonald**  
Staff Reporter

The School Committee made its latest stop in its tour of the Norwood public school system last Wednesday, Jan. 10 when it held its meeting at the John P. Oldham Elementary.

The meeting – which came in at just under two hours – was headlined by appearances by Director of Student Services Paula Alexander, LEAD Program participants, and Oldham students.

Alexander went before the Committee for about a half hour to speak about the Special Education program in the District, as well as to answer questions from the Committee afterwards.

In her presentation, she brought up some key special education statistics for the Town's schools.

There are, according to Alexander, 727 students currently receiving these services across the school system, with 189 of them at the High School, 132 at the Coakley, 285 in the elementary schools, and 90 at the Willet.

Broken down further, there are 190 students receiving some sort of occupational therapy, 60 receiving physical therapy, and 359 receiving speech and language therapy.

Committee member Maura Smith – focusing on these – asked Alexander about the drop off from 285 in the elementary schools to 132 at the Middle School. Her response was detailed.

“With the younger students, we do a lot of front loading because the feeling

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## Town Hall renovation may increase in scope

**Matt MacDonald**  
Staff Reporter

The Permanent Building Construction Committee (PBCC) met on Thursday evening, Jan. 11 in the Walter Ryan Room of Town Hall.

The main item on its agenda was to continue negotiations with McGinley Kalsow & Associates regarding the designer contract for the Town Hall renovation project.

As Chair Francis Hopcroft informed the Committee, as well as owner's project manager (OPM) Steve Kirby and Building Manager Cathy Carney, and Ryan Foster of McGinley Kalsow, the scope of the project had taken on a

significant increase based on a meeting held earlier in the day between him, Carney, Town Manager Tony Mazzucco, and Board of Selectmen Chair William Plasko.

“The Town Manager and the Selectmen really want to have a better handle on what the impact of the electrical work, the MEP (Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing) work, the HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning) is going to cost,” Hopcroft said. “And they really want to take a look at the windows in the building – all of them – to see whether they need to be repaired and, if so, what repair needs

**PBCC**

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PBCC Chair Francis Hopcroft (white sweater) Ryan Foster of McGinley Kalsow, and Ted Callahan (back to camera) listen as Building Manager Cathy Carney expresses her concerns regarding the planned Town Hall renovation project.

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# Donohue and Paciorkowski comment on Planning Board

**Matt MacDonald**  
Staff Reporter

At several recent Planning Board meetings, a recurring issue that has been addressed either directly or indirectly is the ongoing shorthanded nature of its composition.

A full Board consists of five members, but for the past nine months or so, Vice Chair Paul Donohue has been away while recovering from a serious illness.

The last update on Mr. Donohue, which appeared in the Aug. 31 edition of the Record, closed with the words “he was still very much missed.” In the months since then, that has continued in several instances to be the case.

As the Planning Board is currently set up, there are no associate members to fill in for absent full members. This means that when any member is absent, their seat goes unfilled.

Additionally, when voting on special permits, a “supermajority” of four out of five is required for approval. If the Board is operating with four members, the vote required is a unanimous 4-0, and with three members

present, a special permit vote can’t be taken.

Both of these situations have come up recently, with the most comprehensive example being the case of Mercer. During its Jan. 8 meeting, the Board was unable to hear its special permit request because in addition to Donohue, Al Porro was away on vacation, leaving the Board unable to officially vote on anything.

The Jan. 8 meeting marked Mercer’s second time before the Board regarding the same issue.

On Oct. 16, the global consulting company’s request for modifications to a special permit originally granted to Putnam Investments in 2003 failed to pass with a 3-1 vote (Porro opposed).

Over this same period of time, the idea was put forward by Town Planner Paul Halkiotis to bring an Article to the May Town Meeting in favor of adding associate members to the Board.

Until this proposed Article is voted on in May – or until Donohue returns to his duties – the Board will continue in its shorthanded capacity.



Paul Donohue

Speaking to the Vice Chair over the phone, his voice sounded strong, as it had in August.

“I would really like to continue and stay on the Planning Board at least through my Chairmanship next year,” Donohue said.

Donohue, whose term expires in 2020, has been rehabilitating in an effort to get his legs back, and has moved from a walker, to crutches, to walking sometimes with a cane, although he expressed concern at falling down, though he added that that

**Donohue**

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# Norfolk Asphalt odor permeates Selectmen's meeting

**Mary Ellen Gambon**  
Staff Reporter

The ongoing stench from Norfolk Asphalt dominated the mostly breezy Selectmen's Meeting Tuesday night.

"A number of times, the Board of Health has been contacted because of the smell of the asphalt," stressed Selectman Helen Donohue.

Chairman William J. Plasko responded that Norfolk Asphalt "had not made a payment of late, but we are working with the Board of Health."

He added that Wes Stearns, the Chief Operating Officer of the Lorusso Corporation, will be submitting a check for \$30,000.60 in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Norwood and Norfolk Asphalt.

"The whole town has to suffer from the smell we did not want," Donohue countered, noting a check cannot rectify the damage done.

A memorandum was submitted to the Board of Selectmen by Board of Health Director Sigalle Reiss containing a Notice of Nuisance Odor Condition to Gerald Lorusso of Norfolk Asphalt Company.

The otherwise good-natured meeting focused on winter concert activities, children's activities, and birthday celebrations

Paul Eysie, chair of the

Winter Concerts Committee, announced the lineup of the four-week Sunday concert series. It will take place at Norwood High School's Alberta Performing Arts Center at 2 p.m., kicking off with Dan Gabel and the Abletones on January 28. Three more big band performances will follow, including: The Roy Scott Big Band, The SOS Big Band and The Tom Nutile Big Band.

"It is our policy to thank all of the community neighbors and sponsors who make this event possible," Eysie said, listing the numerous civic agencies and gold, silver and platinum sponsors of the series, which has transpired for two decades. There will be two raffles at each concert for dinners to local restaurants, as well as free cookies, coffee and hot chocolate.

Eysie honored long-time community supporter and former Town Manager John Carroll for his dedication to the event. He also said he was "ecstatic and pleased" that new Town Manager Tony Mazzucco was involved in the process.

A notable local sponsor is Flower Power. The florist will be giving a flower to every female attendee of the Feb. 11 concert in celebration of Valentine's Day.

"I've been to see Dan Gabel," noted Selectman Tho-

mas F. Maloney. "He does a (Jayy) Von Monroe show from 1949. They are really, really tight."

Recreation Department Travis Farley submitted his monthly report of December's 12 holiday activities. These included visits from Mr. and Mrs. Claus, movie nights, and a "move and groove" program, which had "more than 130 participants in the last few weeks."

For the upcoming weeks, there will be movie nights on Jan. 19 and Feb. 16 on a 20-foot by 40-foot screen; a father-daughter dance on Feb. 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for \$15 per couple and \$5 per additional child; and sports and arts cams over the school vacation week. There is also a "toe jam" interactive band. For more information, please visit the website: [norwoodma.gov/index.php](http://norwoodma.gov/index.php).

The Norwood Municipal Light Department submitted two petitions before the Board, which were unanimously approved. The first requested the relocation of an existing guide pole across from 846 University Ave. The second would install a new utility pole between # 236 Access Rd. and 560 Providence Hwy.

"As of now," all lines go down the access road," said

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# OPINION

## Not sure what they do

During Tuesday night's Board of Selectmen meeting Selectmen Chairman Bill Plasko announced that the sale of the Forbes Hill property had concluded, and the Town of Norwood is now the proud owner of one big massive headache in the form of 13 acres and a mansion no one has any idea what to do with, currently.

Selectman Allan Howard was quick to jump in and congratulate Mr. Plasko on getting the job done and recognized all the hard work Mr. Plasko put into the process. And he's right. Mr. Plasko does work extremely hard, and though many may not like his work product, at a minimum everyone needs to recognize the effort he puts in; which begs the question as to what the other Selectmen do.

The residents of this Town are facing challenges to the quality of their lives more so than ever before, yet even the substance offered by Selectmen during their personal agendas are insultingly shallow. Selectman Maloney feels it's relevant to educate residents on what happened historically on the week of their meetings, while reminding folks of events going on at the high school. Selectman Donohue likes to impress viewers of how steeped in local lore her memory is at every opportunity, while Selectman Bishop reminds us of the guy in the Billy Joel song who is 'quick with a joke or to light up your smoke, but there's someplace that he'd rather be.' Selectman Howard spends his time trying to convince the populace how wonderful Norwood is just because he says it is. And when it finally comes around to Selectman Plasko, he alone will raise subjects that actually matter, and will provide potential solutions or ideas as to how the Board should proceed. And it really doesn't matter what his ideas or solutions are, the rest will just shake their heads in recognition and perhaps, in awe, of his grasp of the issues and then kowtow to whatever his whim is at the given time, with the occasional exception by Selectman Donohue, who isn't afraid to speak her mind when she warrants it.

Norwood really doesn't have to change their form of government to more of a mayoral representation because they already have it. This Town does what Bill Plasko wants it to do, no ifs, ands or buts, except for an occasional procedural question by Mr. Maloney just to remind people he is paying attention. And this isn't meant as a criticism of Mr. Plasko, it is actually a compliment to a guy who gives a damn enough to understand the issues, whether he is the Chairman or not, and whether you like his positions or not. At least the guy takes a stand and makes a case. The rest? Not so much.

The latest example of this would be the appointment of the committee to decide what to do with the Forbes property. The Selectmen come up with this idea for residents to submit letters of interest (how original) and Selectman Plasko chooses five from the group, ostensibly because he is Chairman. The Town is facing one of the biggest decisions it has faced in decades, and the best they can do is solicit resident interest? Here's a crazy idea. How about the Selectmen go out into the public domain and ask experts in the field of business and real estate development to sit in on the committee. Names like Spiegel and Marini and Boch come to mind, although there are many others. These guys are movers and shakers, they do business and are friends to Norwood and they know how to get things done and make money. These are the kinds of people you want on that committee to move the property or develop it the right way with minimal risk to the taxpayers.

This is the kind of thing Norwood Selectmen could be doing. Volunteering to sit on a committee is nice, but unless each one of them is willing to delve beyond the surface of a subject and dig deep into the details and to take a lead and let the chips fall where they may, they are just taking up space because, in the end, it will come down to what Bill wants, just like a mayor.

And don't even get us started on the apathy of Town Meeting...

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# Letters to the Editor

## NORWOOD DESERVES BETTER

*To the Editor:*

Kudos to the Norwood Record for bringing the issue of Avalon's proposed 40B project to light. Kudos also to the member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for having the courage to write the letter to the Town Clerk explaining in detail the behind-the-scenes actions that took place in Executive Sessions. Bottom line is the ZBA did not vote for Avalon's application, but the Comprehensive Permit was signed anyway. The letter, which appeared on the Record's back page, is proof.

The alleged "deal" between the Board of Selectmen and the Zoning Board of Appeal to allow Avalon to construct new 40B apartments at the Plimpton Press location is appalling. It is even more egregious because it lacks proper procedure and transparency as neighbors were not notified of any hearings pertaining to Avalon, and that is in violation of the Commonwealth's Open Meeting Law.

When it was suggested to repurpose the Plimpton Press buildings to businesses for economic development, not apartment units, it was ignored. The television show "Chronicle" has repeatedly presented programs about other cities and towns that developed older buildings for new businesses. Melrose, Lowell, and various neighborhoods in the City of Boston are examples. It can be done as The Tannery on Endicott Street and the buildings on Morse Street were renovated and repurposed.

So, too, can the Plimpton Press buildings. They should be well marketed to bring more businesses to Norwood, not more Chapter 40B apartments as proposed by Avalon. Their Comprehensive Permit should be rescinded as the entire process has been tainted.

Town Officials do not listen to residents as they could have avoided this entire Chapter 40B fiasco, and they know it. It should not always be about the money, but what the impact would be to the entire town. This is not who we are. Norwood deserves better.

*Judith Howard  
TMM – District 3*

## RE: NON-RUSSIAN COLLUSION

*To the Editor:*

The mess that has been going on in town lies at the feet of Bill Plasko, Phil Riley and Town Council (TC) Karis North, and an apathetic public. Frankly, it is an embarrassment to the citizens and all those who have served the Town so well over the years. There is so much "coverage of tracks" that I need to put in chronological order:

- A few years back, Mr. Plasko decides that Plimpton Press must be turned into affordable housing. However, there are large banks and mutual fund houses that need to expand and would love to be in the middle of a major railway line. The neighborhood and much of the town organizes against this project and it loses at Town Meeting. Mr. Plasko doesn't like being told 'no,' so a scheme is cooked up.

- Mr. Plasko creates the 1.5 percent Committee to prove Norwood has safe harbor after One Upland. Mr. Plasko is unusually quiet at 1.5 percent meetings. Citizens make a multitude of good suggestions. None are acted on – hmmm.

- In December 2016, the Board of Selectmen (BOS) decides they will take authority away from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and give over to Karis North for a start of negotiating and contact with the counterparty – Avalon. Hmmm. You messed up One Upland and Davis Marcus (DM) by appealing DM after being shot down by the DCHD Committee. Norwood then brilliantly appeals the 1.47 percent number to the Housing Appeals Committee (HAC) with no changes. Bulletins for Mr. Plasko: 1) These people on the two state committees probably have lunch together and 2) the definition of insanity is doing the exact same thing a second time and expecting a different outcome.

- So, that commercial TIF at Polaroid is in shreds and the Town is out about \$13 million plus interest in extortion money to Davis Marcus.

- It gets even better and this is probably Bill's end game. Avalon, which was shot down gets its nose under the tent be-

cause we appealed DM, foolishly.

- One should look at Mass General Laws (Chaps 40a & 40b). They never mention about the intervention of the BOS in ZBA matters (in the dark of an executive session). Phil Riley stated that they (BOS) are a higher executive board in the Town and Norwood By-Laws explicitly state that suits will be fought by the BOS. Another bulletin: State Law will always trump local by laws. Not once in the state laws of 40a and 40b is any board mentioned to ratify a Comprehensive Permit except the Zoning Board of Appeals – period. In fact, I think it is questionable and probably illegal for the BOS and the ZBA to have a secret meeting like they did in Dec, 2016. Now we have neophyte Town Counsel singularly negotiating (in private), something that is totally the responsibility of the ZBA – the experts. In fact, she states she used One Upland's plans for a basis on Avalon. One Upland does have beautiful buildings – that is sarcasm.

- ZBA member Tom Brady writes an eloquent letter to Town Clerk – Tom McQuaid – detailing the series of Executive Sessions (ES) convened by the ZBA at the request of Karis North on Avalon and December 2016 between BOS and ZBA. Thereafter, ZBA has several on its own with K. North.

- So, a brief summation:  
- December 2016 – BOS calls executive session with ZBA and Town Counsel on the Avalon development; ethically and legally a very questionable action. It is the ZBA's purview, not the BOS.

- Executive Sessions occur in May, August, and September 2017. Town Counsel asks for ratification on more than one occasion by ZBA. Nothing is on paper and the ZBA says absolutely not.

- September 2017, Mr. Plasko writes a letter, on BOS stationary, stating that Avalon at Plimpton has been settled. Chairman Riley of the ZBA signs a letter in October that this is true and files it with the Norwood Town Clerk and with the state.

- Tom Brady writes another letter to Tom McQuaid stating that the rightful body, the ZBA, never voted on a Comprehensive Permit – in fact, never saw it. However, Mr. McQuaid has already forwarded it to the Housing Appeals Commission for final

**Letters**

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## CORRECTION

In the Jan. 11, 2018 edition of the Norwood Record, in the Opinion Column, it was incorrectly written that the square footage of 1266 Washington St. was just over 13,000. The correct square footage for that property is over 27,000. We apologize for the mistake.

# Danielle Ringler: on the runway and taking off

**Matt MacDonald**  
Staff Reporter

“What makes a really good (runway) model is that you’re looking dead straight, stone cold face, whatever. But it’s also the interaction with the crowd, as well. So you want to make eye contact with people as you walk. You know, these people are there to see you and the clothes. You’ve got to make it fun for them, too.”

Danielle Ringler lets out a little giggle bundled up in her winter coat sitting at a table for two near the front door at Perks.

The lifelong Norwood resident knows what she’s talking about. Officially, Last Dec. 10, she received the Best Female Runway Model award at the Boston Fashion Awards.

Nominated by a panel of local fashion industry insiders and voted on by the public, Ringler – in winning the prize – garnered more votes than anyone else in any category.

It didn’t happen overnight. The 24 year old has



Norwood native Danielle Ringler won the Best Female Runway Model award at the 2017 Boston Fashion Awards, held at Capo in December.

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been at it since her mom brought her to the Dynasty Models and Talent Agency when she was 14 years old.

The audition was – as she remembers it – to get up in front of everyone (a group of 35) and talk about herself.

“Basically, what they’re looking for is confidence... and also how you present yourself.”

Out of that group, she and one other person were selected.

Since then, Ringler has

been busy, walking in Boston Fashion Week several times, Martha’s Vineyard Fashion Week, and New York’s Style Week Northeast, among other events.

But she’s also regularly doing her thing at smaller venues and events happening around Boston: boutiques, malls, wherever the job take her.

Thinking back to her first show, she described herself as “nervous as hell” right up

**Ringler**

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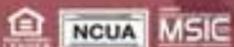
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to be made.”

The original design plan for the project, which includes laser scanning, floor planning, and going over existing conditions, will be followed, but the windows will be added as part of the evaluation of the existing conditions.

Hopcroft also informed the group that plans were being made for him, Mazzucco, Plasko, and Carney to meet with Fire Chief Joe Greeley and Building Inspector Mark Chubet to determine whether fire protection and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) alterations will be required for the project.

“We just need to know up front,” Hopcroft said. “So

we’re going to push the envelope and find out whether we do or whether we don’t.”

According to Hopcroft, the Selectmen are also beginning to get nervous about the proposed floor plan “and so there may be some additional space planning that needs to be done.”

By Hopcroft’s loose estimate, \$900,000 has been allocated to the project by Town Meeting with an estimate of \$200,000 to \$250,000 of that going toward design and OPM costs.

“And so, in the long term, that’s going to leave us enough money to shine up the door-knobs,” Hopcroft said. “And that’s about it.”

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The result of this was that the PBCC will need to go back to Town Meeting and – going back on what had originally been planned at the Dec. 21 meeting – that will not be this coming May.

Building Manager Cathy Carney, speaking on behalf of the Town employees working in the building, expressed her concern at the project getting too big.

“I just would hate to see this project stop and nothing get done if we make it too big,” Carney said. “This is a huge concern of mine as a building manager and they (Town employees) are on top of each other and all they really wanted out of this was to have a modern workable space.”

“I would just really hate to all of a sudden say, ‘Guess

what? We’ll do something in five years,’ and now I end up with my employees in this building just sitting here dealing with this,” Carney said, acknowledging that this will likely be a once-in-a-generation project.

Hopcroft, OPM Steve Kirby, and Designer Ryan Foster tried to reassure Carney that as part of the design process, it wouldn’t necessarily mean that it would all become part of the construction process that followed.

“This way, you’ll have a menu of, okay, we can pick 1-2-3, 1-10, whatever it is, and how these intermingle with each other,” Kirby said, offering project design components as potential options.

Carney also addressed space planning issues regarding the project, bringing up different Town owned properties that will be coming available over the next two years in relation to the direction the Town is going in regarding where departments will be and how many people will be there, something influenced by the Town Manager, as Carney noted.

“Having a new Town Manager makes a big difference for how he envisions the Town, how it’s going to work, how it’s going to serve the public,” Carney said. “You’ve got to

start looking at all of the departments, and where does the new Town Manager – and the Board of Selectmen, as well – where do they see Town Hall being, and what offices do they see in Town Hall now that building is actually opening up.”

Hopcroft clarified the discussion that the meeting from earlier in the day had started.

“We need to get an understanding of the existing conditions and the Manager wants us to look at the windows,” Hopcroft said. “If they’ve got to be repaired, that’s cool. And then we can do that additional planning in the meantime.”

From there, he explained, they can decide if/which departments will be moved out and how to use the newly available space. From there, the design portion of the project can be done.

McGinley Kalsow scheduled to return to the PBCC on Jan. 25 with an updated proposal.

In additional news, the meeting marked Susan Kreusch’s last on the PBCC. Her retirement took effect on Jan. 15. Steve O’Connor will take her seat on the PBCC on the following day and serve out the remainder of her term, which runs through May 2019.

The next PBCC meeting is scheduled for Jan. 25.

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Assistant Superintendent Daniel Morrissey. “If anything happens, power will be lost. These poles give the businesses access and give residents access.”

Another matter discussed was a tax relief program for senior citizens. It is a volunteer program where single elders making an annual income of \$40,000 or less, or elderly couples earning \$60,000, can perform volunteer service for the town if they own property to earn a tax credit. For more information, please call Lorraine at 781-762-1240.

In business news, the licenses for Boston’s Baddest Burger & Sandwich Co. at 403 Boston Providence Turnpike was revoked for failure to renew, as well as neighbor-

ing Bezema Motors Corp. and Auto Milestones LLC.

“The Clerk’s Office tried, and we tried to reach out to them, said administrative assistant Frances L. Jessoe. “But it was the same situation as last time. No response.”

The Board unanimously denied renewal of these licenses as well as license for the Monster Mini Golf at 1560 Boston Providence Turnpike.

Fire Chief Anthony J. Greeley, who attended the meeting, was recognized for his birthday as well as his long-time service to the town. Also, centenarians Phyllis Zabrowski and Rose Federico were congratulated. Zabrowski is still residing in the same six-family house, while Federico is one of the original owners of Allandale Park.

Next week’s meeting will begin at 5 p.m. The annual budget will be the focus of discussion.

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units. The second variance asks that a floor area ratio (FAR) of 0.78 square feet be allowed, where a maximum FAR of 0.5 square feet is allowed by right. Although the two variance requests were connected, the first one drew most of the attention.

The conditions for a zoning variance to be granted are based on a property's soil conditions, topography, or shape causing financial hardship for the applicant.

Hilvert proposed that the sheer size of the rectangular lot – unusual for South Norwood – was, in fact, a financial hardship. She explained her rationale to the Board.

“Given the size of this lot (1223 Washington St.), it does have a relatively high assessed value. Because of that, the economic viability of doing a project there that would involve four units – which is what is allowed by right – doesn't work out. As a result, this lot has been vacant for over 40 years.”

She went on to state that relief would benefit the community by increasing property revenue and pedestrian traffic, while also aesthetically revitalizing the neighborhood. In making her point, Hilvert also cited the South Norwood General Business District Vision Plan and Action Strategy, put together in 2003 under the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen.

The strategy, put together to encourage additional development within South Norwood, cited the vacant lot at 1223 Washington St. – owned by the Abdallah family with Olga Abdallah as trustee – as a prime area for this, with the idea that, for these vacant parcels, “consideration should be given to allow additional density, if possible, if certain public goals were achieved.”

To further bolster the case for granting the variance, Hilvert also provided a lengthy list of South Norwood apartments with similar density levels to the development being proposed.

The ZBA in this hearing was

comprised of Jack Perry, Mary Anderson, Scott Murphy, Tom Brady, and chaired by Pat Mulvehill.

Chair Philip Riley and Barbara Kinter – who had sat on the prior decision (a split lot/new construction case) – recused themselves due to their friendly personal relationships with the Abdallah family, of which Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue is also a member. Before starting the question and comment period, Mulvehill also announced that – as a longtime friend of the Abdallah family – he had consulted Town Counsel David DeLuca and had been encouraged to fill out and sign a disclosure of an appearance of conflict of interest, which he did. He then stated,

“This application is either going to prevail on its merits or fail on its merits, not because of a relationship or friendship that I have had or any of the members have had with any of the applicants.”

Anderson and Perry both expressed concern with the density of the development, with Perry responding to Hilvert's repeated statement about the four allowed units, drawing this response from him,

“Maybe it has to do with the value of the land. Maybe the value is higher than what it's worth.”

Murphy was skeptical about Hilvert's hardship argument and the idea of the South Norwood Action Plan superseding the Zoning Bylaw. Brady wasn't in favor of apartments, but was surprised – as some in the audience sounded, based on their murmurs – when Flynn stated that his intention was to sell all 18 units as condominiums, with the option to rent them out if the market wasn't moving.

Mulvehill, as he expressed more than once, was wrestling with the idea of “opening an unwanted door” by setting a precedent that would allow any developer working under similar conditions to walk through.

“I'm hesitant to jump up and down when I see a request for

70 some odd percent of our By-law to be pitched away for an 18-unit building.

The public comment period went much the same way, with 12 of 13 residents expressing opposition to the size of the project and its ancillary problems of traffic and parking.

“They mentioned the 23 parking spaces,” Anthony Belliri said, referring to the parking spaces that are part of the plan, “I respectfully disagree that there's only going to be 23 cars there. 18 units? You're going to have two cars in each one. And they're going to be parking in the street.”

Madeline Eysie, referring to Hilvert's talk of creating a village oriented environment for the neighborhood, had this to say,

“A three story monstrosity isn't part of a village!”

The only one to speak in favor of it was Olga Abdallah, trustee for 1223 Washington St., who expressed her family's attempts to sell the property in a way beneficial to the neighborhood by trying to bring in a bank, a drug store, and a bakery.

“So now we're moving forward with another concept: housing.”

The hearing closed, the decision on Case #17-27 will come down on Feb. 20.

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until she stepped out the door to the runway. Then she found that something interesting happened.

“It's the weirdest thing. Eyes are on you and all my nerves went away. I did my thing and went back, and once you're back you're like, ‘I just want to get back out there.’”

As a runway model, getting back out there isn't usually a problem. A typical show will involve two to three changes of clothes.

As Ringler describes a typical show in progress, once a model gets off that runway and out of sight, she's literally running backstage, “with dressers whipping things off and putting them on.”

It all takes “probably no more than a minute.” She snaps her fingers. “It's quick.”

A typical job begins five hours before showtime, with hair, make-up, and nails wrapped around an hour long rehearsal, followed by a little down time and then an hour long show.

Asked about the toughest part of what she does, she

paused for the first time.

“That's a difficult question.” She giggled a little bit, thought about it, and became quiet. “I don't know... I'd have to get back to you on that,” and then she continued.

“It's hard because it's like a hobby.” Ringler is a Marketing Specialist at G.E. Health Care. “But it's like a paid hobby, so... it's like something that you enjoy doing, and when you enjoy doing something, you don't really think, ‘Oh, God. I have to do this.’”

As she continues through 2018, Ringler will be making appearances as Best Runway Model, further reward for her paying hobby.

Speaking of how long she plans to continue with it, she had this to say.

“I'm just kind of winging it as it goes. I would say, once I have a family and start having kids probably will be, like, the end of it for me.”

But, for now, things are going alright for the reigning Best Female Runway Model.

“It's an honor to be with these types of people. And to kind of beat them out was kind of cool.”

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hasn't happened in a while.

Speaking of the idea of adding an associate member to the Board, he thought that it was a really good idea but, when speaking of his own return, was day-to-day, considering the season.

"If the weather's good and fine, I'll be there with bells on," Donohue said.

Speaking with Planning Board Chair Ernie Paciorkowski shortly afterwards, he had this to say about Donohue.

"Personally, I love Paul and want him back," Paciorkowski said. "I consider him a mentor and a friend. He has very good insight and is a calming influence on the Board. The associate member is a long term solution. Could we go to May with a four member Board? Absolutely. Has it been stressful at times? Yeah, it has been. But we don't have that many things we can't do with a four member Board."

He did add, "I can understand that developers might get a little gun shy," having to get unanimous approval for their special permits.

The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Jan. 29.

## Town Clerk News

### Dog Licenses Available

The Town Clerk's Office would like to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that the 2018 Dog Licenses are now available. All dogs three months old or over must be licensed. Licenses are issued on a calendar basis, Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. Fees are \$20 for both Male and Female dogs, \$15 for Spayed Female and Neutered Male. Certificate showing the dog was spayed or neutered must be shown. Rabies Certificate must also be shown. The Town Clerk's office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### 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 2, 2018 are available in the Town Clerk's Office. The nomination papers must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office by Monday, Feb. 12, 2018 by 5 p.m.

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 reelection needs to obtain 10 signatures of qualified voters in their district.

## School Committee *continued from page 1*

is if we can develop programs and provide services for these students when they're still in an early aspect of their education, they can develop the necessary skills to, in fact, develop mastery."

Alexander went on to describe the changing nature of special education students now entering the system.

"The students that we have that are incoming (across the District) are more involved. We're seeing more serious physical disabilities and we're seeing an increase in students that have some social-emotional needs that have got to be met, that we need to work with the family and the student in the school community."

Responding to a question from Chair Myev Bodenhofer about programs currently being offered, Alexander brought up "highly successful sub-separate programs" available for autistic students as well as those with language based learning disabilities and life skills assistance.

Part of Bodenhofer's question had to do with the expansion of these programs in an effort to bring special needs students channeled to different school systems back to the Town.

In response, Alexander addressed the lack of physical space available as a detriment.

"There's not a lot of room for us to grow because – just as the Willet was bursting at the seams – we too are bursting at the seams. So to offer or develop new programs, we need space, and that's a significant issue here in

the District."

Alexander also responded to a question from Committee member Patrick McDonough regarding how students might be screened and entered into the school district's Individualized Education Program (IEP). In answering, Alexander went through the entire process.

"If you write to me – or to the office – and say, 'I believe my child has an IEP, I – many times – will call the parent directly and ask, 'What are the areas you suspect there's a disability in?'"

After going through a number of sample excuses (disorganized, unable to focus), Alexander explained that those diagnosing the student will figure out the most effective test to administer.

For each request that comes in, there's a five day response time, with a 30 day testing period, and a 45 day window to present the results, convene a team of experts, and make a decision.

After her presentation, the matter of space was discussed by the School Committee as a possible issue for consideration during the looming budget season.

Before Alexander stepped up to the podium, she introduced a pair of students and a pair of alumni from the Norwood School District's LEAD (Learn, Explore, Achieve, Develop) Program for students with disabilities ranging in age from 18-22 that provides training in life skills, vocational skills, and functional academics.

Sean Ferrick and Noah Kerns took a few deep breaths and stepped up to the podium.

Sharing the microphone, Ferrick and Kerns related some of their ongoing experiences and achievements in LEAD, from volunteering at local businesses, going food shopping while practicing their money skills, learning to cook, and producing the monthly Norwood Public Access show "LEAD Update". In short, they're comprehensively working on being active members of the community and living independently.

They were followed by Katie Ryan and Shirley Bisset. Ryan is currently working at Big Y and participates in a bowling league and other activities, while Bisset works as a file clerk, enjoys spending time with her boyfriend, and watching sports with her dad.

In an additional appearance, Oldham students went up to the podium to make PowerPoint presentations on the planets they're studying.

In some announcements, applications are being accepted for nurse, secretary, and lead teacher positions at the Little Mustang Pre-School Academy.

Bodenhofer, in her addendum, also announced that nomination papers are now available at Town Hall for anyone interested in running for office in the April elections.

The next School Committee meeting is scheduled for Jan. 24 at the Savage Center.

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All letters of interest must be received by **5 pm, January 22, 2018**. Copies of the election bylaws can be obtained by contacting President Michael Sheehan.

Location: Norwood High School Library, 245 Nichols St., Norwood, MA 02062

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# Sports

## Girls' hockey back on a postseason trajectory after high-scoring weekend

**Jake Levin**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood High girls' hockey team is back above .500 following a successful weekend on the road.

The Mustangs, which had lost three straight games entering the long weekend, took care of business in far-away lands such as Worcester and Lowell to improve to 5-4 on the season. Norwood defeated St. Peter-Marian High in Worcester on Sunday, 4-2, before trouncing Shawsheen Valley Tech in Lowell on Monday, 6-0.

The wins alleviated some goal-scoring concerns for the Mustangs, which had scored just four goals total during their three-game skid.

Complicating matters with the losing streak wasn't only the amount of games lost, but the amount of days

it spanned. Following a 4-1 loss against Dedham High on Dec. 27, Norwood didn't play again until Jan. 10, when it suffered a 3-2 loss to Natick High at Bajko Rink in Hyde Park.

"I think they were looking forward to playing in a game after having two weeks with no real competition," Mustangs head coach Tim Coskren said after the loss to the Redhawks.

Maeve Glavin and Allie Martin scored each of Norwood's goals in the loss to Natick, each tally coming in the third period. Glavin's was assisted by Maddie O'Rourke just 51 seconds into the third period, cutting Natick's lead to 2-1, while Martin's goal at 13:25, if nothing else, made things in-



Maggie Curran split through the defense in Norwood High's 3-2 loss vs. Natick High last week. While she didn't score against the Redhawks, she was among several Mustangs who boosted their stat totals in games against St. Peter-Marian and Shawsheen Valley Tech over the weekend.

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## Offensive struggles overshadow defensive progress is boys' hoop loss at Walpole

**Jake Levin**  
Staff Reporter

Difficulties shooting the ball plagued the Norwood High boys' basketball team in a 39-27 setback at rival Walpole High on Friday night.

Though the Rebels by no means had a banner night themselves shooting the ball, Norwood's inability to box-out and limit second chances for the Rebels enabled Walpole to secure enough extra points from the free throw line in sending the Mustangs to 1-6 on the season.

"We went big tonight, hoping to take care of that, and we still didn't," Norwood head coach JJ Oliver said after the game. "We've got to get better at that. We've got to get better on the boards; that's the bottom line."

The 39 points the Mustangs gave up were a season-best, by far. The previous low amount Norwood had given up this season was 57, on three separate occasions.

The other side of the coin was the 27 points the Mustangs scored matched a season-low. Norwood made just 10 shots from the field, shooting 23.2 percent (10 for 43)

from the floor. Walpole actually shot worse, percentage wise – 11 for 51, or 21.6 percent – yet never trailed, using an opening 8-0 run to leave the Mustangs playing catch-up the entire night.

"I think just in general, for 32 minutes, we as a team picked a bad night to have a bad night," Oliver said. "Friday night in Walpole – a rivalry game – we showed that we could compete with them. But we didn't take care of our business tonight, and that's what it was."

Dan Grasso came off the bench to sink a 3-pointer with 2:15 left in the first quarter to give Norwood its first points of the night. The Mustangs were down just three at the half, 17-14, and never truly let the Rebels pull away until the tail end of the third quarter.

Walpole led, 24-20, in the final minute of the third as each team traded misses. The Rebels were able to successfully play for the last shot, as Bryan DiPasca connected from down low to leave Norwood chasing six points entering the fourth.

Walpole proceeded to score 13

**Boys Bball**

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Jae-Mario Correlius, left, and Chris Sheehan, right, helped Norwood High achieve its best points against total of the season on Friday night against Walpole High, with 39. Unfortunately for the Mustangs, their scoring output matched a season-low, with just 27 points for.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

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Akhil Sripada-Vaz, wearing No. 2 in blue, defends an inbound pass against Walpole High last Friday night.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

points in the final quarter, notable in that it was the only occasion in the game either team reached double figures for a single quarter.

Grasso's six points led the Mustangs. He was one of just two players to make two shots from the field, joined by Chris Sheehan and Jordan Matovu.

Oliver noted after the game that it was the sixth different starting lineup the Mustangs have used already this season in just seven games. Sheehan and Matovu were

joined by Jason Ortega, Jae-Mario Corrielus and Ben Tomasello for the opening tip, but neither they nor any other combination of five Norwood players could put together enough of a sustained run against Walpole.

"We're trying to figure out how we can get off to a good start, we're trying to figure out how to go on a sustained run," Oliver said. "We had a couple of mini-runs; we didn't have a sustained run that we've shown we can have in most of our games.

Sometimes it's enough, sometimes it's not, and we just never really got one going tonight, which is really a credit to them [the Rebels]. They never let us fully get hot and get going. They had a good game plan, they're well-coached."

The Mustangs traveled to Needham High on Tuesday night, in an event held after the Record's deadline. The team is home on Friday night against Milton High (6:30 p.m. tip) for the final time in the month of January.

## Shooting woes doom Mustangs

Jake Levin  
Staff Reporter

Averaging 20 points per game over its last two games, Norwood High girls' basketball coach Amy Lepley kept it simple after Friday night's 55-17 loss at Walpole High.

"We can't score," Lepley said. "It's plain and simple, we can't score. We've got to figure it out, because obviously, scoring wins."

The Mustangs (3-5) hit just five shots from the field against the Rebels. After a Kaylin Reen 3-pointer closed the gap to 11-7 in favor of Walpole early in the second quarter, the Rebels closed the game on a 44-10 run. Norwood's next made shot from the field wasn't until there was 1:52 left in the third quarter, when Ali Giambanco snapped the drought with a 3 of her own.

The make kept the Mustangs within 25 points entering the fourth quarter, Walpole leading 36-11, yet

the Rebels saved their best for last. Walpole tacked on 19 points in the fourth, its highest output of any quarter in the game, in turn handing Norwood its worst loss of the season.

Jill White led the Rebels with 17 points, 15 of which came in the first half. Walpole led 24-8 at the break.

Reen, Giambanco, Kate Earle and Caroline Davey all had three points apiece for the Mustangs to tie for the team lead.

Norwood turned the ball over 23 times in the game and Walpole coughed it up 20.

"We are really struggling even getting a shot right now," Lepley said. "We're turning the ball over almost every single time down the floor. We're not putting our players in the best position to score, so we've just got to

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## Norwood downs Dedham as postseason push heats up

Jake Levin  
Staff Reporter

As the halfway point of the season approaches, the Norwood High boys' hockey team sits at 2-3-3.

It may not be exactly where the Mustangs would like to be, but despite sitting a game below .500, Norwood is currently on the right side of the playoff picture thanks to taking care of business in its Sullivan rule games.

The Mustangs, which realigned to Division 2 for postseason purposes this year, have now swept Dedham High to move to 2-0 in Sullivan games. All Norwood needs is a single tie in any one of its three remaining Sullivan games, two of which are against the Boston Latin Academy and one is against Brookline High, and the Mustangs will have qualified for the tournament for the first time since the 2013-14 school year.

Even so, Norwood has shown it can compete with just about any Division 1 team that's been thrown its way, last Wednesday's game at Natick High no exception.

Though the powerhouse

Redhawks prevailed, 5-3, it was really just one bad period which did the Mustangs in against Natick (7-2-1).

Scoreless through 15 minutes, the Redhawks piled it on in the second period, leaving Norwood little chance at a comeback in the third period by building a 4-1 lead.

"I thought the first period, we played pretty well. We outskated them," Mustangs head coach Chuck Allen said after the game. "They're pretty quick."

Dillon Arno, Jordan McCall and Al Arno got Natick a 3-0 lead, the last goal scored in a shorthanded situation. Anthony Marchant salvaged the power play opportunity at least somewhat for Norwood, scoring 32 seconds after Al Arno, but the Redhawks grabbed another goal before the second period was out to leave the Mustangs in the unenviable position of being down three goals on the road with just 15 minutes to play.

"I thought we competed in the third period," Allen said. "5-3 against them, we know we can play with them."



Goaltender Austin Reardon and defenceman PJ Hennessey protect the crease for Norwood High in its game against Natick last week.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

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Rose Campbell, right, vies for possession of the puck off a faceoff in Norwood's 3-2 loss vs. Natick last week.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

teresting for the final 90 or so seconds as the Redhawks clung to a one-goal lead.

"We've worked on skating, shooting and being very aggressive because there've been times this year where we haven't been," Coskren said. "I think they really wanted to get back to the games. I think we're in the right direction after working hard in practice."

Natick scored once in each period to keep Norwood at bay, with Nicole Maxwell's tally at 6:41 of the third period standing as the game winner. Alexis Reisner and Jacqueline Poulack also scored for the Redhawks.

Coskren was a fan of the energy the Mustangs played with out of the gate against Natick, but noted that after Allie McDonough left the game with a lower-body injury, it took the wind out of their sails a bit. Not that Coskren played the excuse card for Norwood, citing several defensive zone breakdowns that also plagued the team.

"Defensively, we made some mental errors," Coskren said. "Our communication broke down. We need the [defense] to talk to each other on what's happening. I think that's what hurt us on the first two goals, anyways."

The offense was spread

out for the Mustangs in their wins over the weekend, with eight girls combining to score 10 goals. Martin, Maggie Curran, Rose Campbell and Jess Keller scored for the Mustangs against St. Peter-Marian on Sunday afternoon. Martin, Curran, Kayla Clifford, Christina Reilly, Noelle Connelly and Kate Rogers found the back of the net against Shawsheen.

Norwood hosted Needham High at Bajko Rink yesterday afternoon, in an event held after the Record's deadline. The team returns to the ice on Saturday at Milton High for a 6 p.m. puck drop with the Wildcats at Ulin Rink.

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James Piatelli was thinking wrap-around goal in the Mustangs' game against the Redhawks last week.

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Brandon Walsh scored with a two-man advantage to slice Natick's lead to 4-2, only to see the lead go right back to three goals on the very next shift, when Rick Mingoelli beat Austin Reardon to deflate Norwood's momentum. Colin Ridge scored with less than a minute to go for the Mustangs to keep the score respectable. The goal ensured that Norwood would still have not lost a game this season by more than two goals, but it became clear after the game that Allen wasn't interested in any moral victories.

"It was a frustrating game, we need to win more one-on-one battles," he said. "We gave them too much room to skate. If you pressure their defensemen, the puck stays in their zone. But it's one of those games where we didn't quit and played hard."

Natick outshot Norwood, 28-19.

"We had a couple of chances to put the puck in and we hit people," Allen said. "They're a good team, they're a very good team."

The Mustangs got their win over the Marauders early Monday morning behind

goals from Ridge, Marchant, Chris Martin and James Piatelli.

Norwood traveled to Babson College to take on Needham High (5-4-3) last night, in an event held after the Record's deadline. The Mustangs host Milton High (3-5-3) on Saturday afternoon at Rodman Arena, in a rematch of their season opener. The Wildcats stole a point in the final two minutes on a Nolan McManus goal with 1:37 left in regulation to skate to a 2-2 tie with the Mustangs.

Puck drop on Saturday is at 5:30 p.m.

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Freshman Taylor Brincklow prepares to shoot a free throw in Norwood's game against Walpole last Friday night.

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figure it out."

Lepley also said after the game that she doesn't feel it's entirely opposing defenses that's limiting what the Mustangs can do on the offensive side of the floor; rather, much of it is self-induced wounds.

"It's execution and it's kids willing to want to score," she said. "We don't have that right now."

Norwood hosted Needham High on Tuesday night, in an event held after

the Record's deadline. The girls are on the road Friday night at Milton High for a 6:30 p.m. tip before returning home on Tuesday night to face Brookline High, also at 6:30 p.m.

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# Library Events

## PAJAMAFEST!

Blades from the Boston Bruins will be here on Thursday, Jan. 25 at 4 p.m. to kick off their annual PJ Drive. There will be games and prizes. Special guest, First Lady of Massachusetts Lauren Baker will be here to read us a story. There will be trivia and fun. Bring along a pair of new PJs to donate. Register by emailing [norchild@minlib.net](mailto:norchild@minlib.net).

On Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 10 a.m., Miss Erika, a dental hygienist from Dr. Stone's office will read a story, teach us about a dental visit and how to take care of our teeth. Registration is required for each special story time.

Join us every Saturday afternoon in January from 3-4 p.m. for Lego Club! This is a drop in program where kids can free build with friends and display their creations until the following week. Come when you can and build! The Winter Storytime session is in full swing. Two sessions of Toddler Time at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. are on Tuesdays. Drop in! On My Own Storytime for 3 years and up is on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Registration is required. Babes n Books is on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Drop in! To register, email [norchild@minlib.net](mailto:norchild@minlib.net) or call 781-769-0200 ext 225.

## FIRESIDE READS WITH THE LIBRARY LADIES

Join librarians Margot Sullivan and Beth Goldman for Fireside Reads – their perennially popular winter book talk – at the Morrill Memorial Library on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 10 a.m. and again at 7 p.m. These lively library ladies will each recount several of their favorite books from a variety of genres. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll get excellent reading recommendations to keep you warm through the winter! No registration is required for this program, funded by the Friends of the Library. Just drop by either the morning or evening session. Refreshments will be served.

## LAY READER'S BINGO TO WIN PRIZES

The Morrill Memorial Library invites you to Hibernate with a Book this winter! You know you'll be cuddling up with a few good books, so why not have a chance to win a prize with Reader's BINGO? Reader's BINGO is open to everyone high school-aged or older and goes from December 2017 through March 9, 2018. Any books you finish this winter can be included on your BINGO sheet, with each book counting for a single square. Don't worry, audiobooks and graphic novels definitely count! Each completed BINGO row equals one entry for our prize drawings. Gift certificate and goodie basket prizes have generously been provided by the following local sponsors, and we also have a basket full of autographed books from

local authors donated as a prize: Thai Boo Cuisine, One Bistro in Norwood, Charles River Running, and Newbury Comics in Norwood. BINGO sheets can be downloaded from our website or picked up in the library, and can be submitted to Nancy Ling in Outreach or to Liz Reed in Reference. Turn them in even if you've only completed one or two rows – you might win! Sheets must be returned by noon on Friday, March 9. Please contact Liz ([lreed@minlib.net](mailto:lreed@minlib.net), 781-769-0200 x110) or Nancy ([nling@minlib.net](mailto:nling@minlib.net), 781-769-0200 x228) with any questions, and happy reading!

## "CHRONICLE" REPORTER TED REINSTEIN ON NEW ENGLAND'S GENERAL STORES

Channel 5's popular "Chronicle" reporter Ted Reinstein will return to the Morrill Memorial Library on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. to talk about his latest book, "New England's General Stores: Exploring an American Classic." The general store is as old as America itself. It evokes a homey, country-like setting where kids pored over penny candy and adults could purchase everything from fabric to fresh vegetables to four-penny nails. It was a place to pick up the mail and chat with neighbors on a cold winter morning by the warmth of the wood stove. When the characterless big box stores started moving in, the beloved general store staged a come-back. In his beautifully illustrated presentation, Ted Reinstein will share the rich history of this iconic institution that recalls a simpler, more innocent time. To sign up for this program, presented by the Friends of the Library, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email [norprograms@minlib.net](mailto:norprograms@minlib.net), or stop by the Reference or Information Desk.

## DR. HYLANDER PRESENTS "STEALING LINCOLN'S BODY"

Popular historian Dr. Gary Hylander will present the first of five lectures at the Morrill Memorial Library this year beginning Monday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. with "Stealing Lincoln's Body." Join Dr. Hylander as he discusses a little known event in the years following the death of President Abraham Lincoln. In a somber moment, Lincoln once asked his wife Mary to "lay my remains in a quiet place." On the night of the presidential election of 1876, Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Ill. Was anything but quiet. A gang of counterfeiters out of Chicago attempted to steal Lincoln's entombed body and hold it for ransom. To sign up for this program, funded by the Friends of the Library, please call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email [norprograms@minlib.net](mailto:norprograms@minlib.net), or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

# Dems to hold caucus

Registered Democrats in Norwood will hold a caucus at the Norwood Civic Center (165 Nahatan St.) on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018 at 2 p.m. to elect delegates for the 2018 Massachusetts Democratic Party's Convention. Doors will open on Feb. 10 at 1:30 p.m. for registration. Registered Democrats who attend the caucus will vote to elect 16 delegates and four alternates to the 2018 Massachusetts Democratic Convention.

This year's state convention will be held June 1-2 at the DCU Center in Worcester, where thousands of Democrats from across the state will come together to endorse Democratic candidates for statewide office, including Constitutional Officers and gubernatorial candidates.

The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Norwood. Pre-registered Democrats who will be 18 by Sept. 18, 2018 will be allowed to participate and run as a delegate or alternate. Norwood can elect 16 delegates and four alternates to the Convention. Youth, minorities, people with disabilities and LGBTQ individuals who are not elected as a delegate or alternate may apply to be an add-on delegate at the caucus or at [www.massdems.org](http://www.massdems.org). Unless you are serving in the military, you must be present at the caucus to be elected Delegate.

Those interested in getting involved with the Norwood Democratic Town Committee should contact the committee at [NorwoodDTC@gmail.org](mailto:NorwoodDTC@gmail.org) or check out their Facebook page at [facebook.com/NorwoodDTC](https://facebook.com/NorwoodDTC).

## SENIOR NEWS

**ARTS & CRAFTS:** Offered every first Thursday of each month at 11 a.m.

**BASIC COMPUTER COURSE:** A four-part basic computer course is frequently offered to those who wish to learn how to use a computer. Sign-up at the front desk. New class will be announced soon.

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

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC:** Walpole VNA will be available for blood pressure screening on the first Wednesday of each month. Ellis Nursing Home will offer blood pressure screening on the second Wednesday of each month. The Walpole VNA will provide blood pressure screening on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. Walpole VNA on the fifth.

**BOOK CLUB:** Our next Book Club will be meeting on Jan. 22 at 10 a.m.

**BRIDGE:** Our Bridge Club meets on Thursdays at 9 a.m., in the Library. The Tuesday group has been canceled.

**COMPUTER CLUB:** The Computer Club meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

**CRIBBAGE:** Our seniors meet every Monday at noon to play cribbage.

**DIGITAL PHOTO ORGANIZATION & EDITING:** will take place the first and third Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

**EXCEL CLASSES:** Excel classes will resume in September. Please sign up.

**FRIENDS EVENING DANCE:** Jan. 19 from 7 to 10 p.m. featuring Johnny Rampino.

**GLEE CLUB:** Glee Club meets every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. New members welcome!

**HANDCRAFTERS:** Handcrafters meet every Monday from 1 to 3 p.m.

**HEARING SOLUTIONS:** Hearing Aide clinic on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 11:30 a.m.

**LEARN TO PLAY MAH JONG** -Thursday and Fridays at 12:30 p.m.

**LINE DANCE:** Classes are held each Tuesday. Class will be held from 1 to 2 p.m.

**MAH JONG:** Mah Jong players meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10 a.m. to noon.

**MANICURES:** Jan. 26, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**MASSAGE THERAPIST:** Karen Tracy is here on the first Monday of each month. Please sign up at front desk. Massages are \$30.00 for half an hour.

**NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB:** The Board of Directors meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. The Club Membership meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks Lodge, at 10 a.m.

**SCRABBLE:** Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. Come and join us for a game.

**SHINE:** Our SHINE Counselor, Carole, is here to help you with your medical insurance needs on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please call 781-762-1201 for an appointment.

**TAP DANCE:** Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. all levels are welcome and encouraged to join the fun.

**TRIAD:** Monday, Jan. 22 at 1 p.m. at Milestones Realty.

**WAXING:** Monday, Jan. 22 from 9 a.m. to noon.

**WHIST:** Whist players meet on Tuesdays at 12:45 p.m. in the library.

**WHIST PARTY:** Whist parties will be held on the fourth Friday of each month 12:45 to 3 p.m.



## 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.

### 2018 Mercedes S450 4MATIC Sedan

This S450 is powered by a twin turbo V/6 engine with 362 horsepower that thinks and feels like a V/8, yet delivers 18 city, 28 highway MPG. This is very impressive for a large, luxury, four-door sedan. Power goes through a 9-speed silky smooth automatic transmission with multiple shift modes, including a performance mode that also combines engine output and air suspension calibrations. The interior layout is designed for the driver in mind as are all the convenience features. The front seats have multiple settings for heat and ventilation as well as multiple adjustments and both have very relaxing multiple massage modes. While driving home I noticed a great, fragrant smell coming out of the vents and, sure enough, this car has a cabin fragrance system.

A push of the start button and the dash and engine come to life. You do have to listen for the engine sound because it is very quiet and smooth. A slight pull down on the shifter and it shifts into gear without notice.

A few things stand out. First is how quiet and smooth this car is. Next, is the acceleration from the 6-cylinder engine – there is no turbo-charger lag or burst of unexpected power. The car has LED lighting and illuminated door sills, and interior lighting that changes color with the inside temperature operation. The car is outfitted with all the safety systems one would expect. As for optional equipment, our S450 test car had a few including upgraded Nappa leather: \$2,990; 19-inch twin spoke rims at \$1,270; a very clear heads-up display at \$990; exclusive trim package: \$950; Burmester audio upgrade system: \$6,000; and heated rear seating: \$580. The Premium Package for \$5,000 includes rapid heating and front massage seating, keyless go, plus more. Driver Assistance Package: \$2,250. Base price is \$92,900, plus destination fee: \$995.

The bottom line: this car was an easy car to drive and seats five with comfort, not to mention a large trunk. Parking the car in an average size parking space was no problem and vision is unobstructed. The car is also equipped with active parking assist that does make a difference when parking in close quarters.

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](mailto:news@bulletinnewspapers.com) and we will do our best to get your questions answered.

# Police Logs

**01/08/2018 - Monday**

0705 Phone - Vandalism \*report filed Location/Address: Oak Rd Caller reported car vandalized.

0731 Phone - Motor Vehicle Accident Papers Exchanged Location/Address: Rockhill St + Washington St Caller reported crash. Officer assisted with paperwork exchange.

0757 Radio - Assist other agency area search negative Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy + Union St Unarmed robbery at the Rte 1 Dunkin. Assisted Walpole in the area

1444 Phone - Complaint of MV services rendered Location/Address: Allstate Painting - Day St Report car with no plates in lot for a week. N662 reports it is a tenant's car of Apt. 1 in this building.

1448 Phone - Assist other agency services rendered Location/Address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St N456, as Metro-Lab, assists Mansfield PD with an investigation.

1505 Phone - Assist Fire Dept services rendered Location/Address: Pleasant St Fire assisted DPW with a water leak from the home.

1512 Phone - Malicious damage spoken to Location/Address: Vernon St Resident reports on-going issues but today the key will not go all the way into the locking mechanism. N667 reports mental health issue and eviction issue, no damage. Spoke to landlord.

1729 Phone - Civil dispute \*report filed Location/Address: Sokos Pizza - Washington St Caller reports ongoing property line dispute. Party advised. Refer To Incident: 18-37-OF

2336 Phone - Well being chk services rendered Location/Address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Raynham PD requests a check on a female patient. Narrative: Officers spoke with her, checked out OK, Raynham PD notified.

**01/09/2018 - Tuesday**

0617 911 - Assist fire dept fire dept notified/respo Location/Address: Gallery Motor Group - Morgan Dr Caller reports an ongoing flood in the building. NFD responds.

0633 911 - Disturbance \*report filed Location/Address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Psych patient being violent towards staff. N664, N661 and N668 respond. Refer To Incident: 18-40-OF

0644 Other - Warrant service \*arrest(s)made Location/Address: School St M667 transports one juvenile back to the station. Refer To Arrest: 18-9-AR Juvenile Arrest Age: 15 Charges: Possession Of Child Pornography

0731 Phone - Assist citizen fire dept notified/respo Location/Address: Casey St Caller reports she locked herself out of her car and it is still running. NFD notified and responds to assist.

1143 Cellular - Complaint of mv services rendered Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy + Morse St Report 10 minutes ago MA PC 6BL799 cut off caller, got out of car and yelled at her, last seen entering Pendergast Cr., did not wish to talk to police. BOLO to cars.

18-581 1338 Phone - Bomb threat taken/referred to other Location: Norwood, Ohio Police Dept Caller states she forwarded a Face Book post to the Dept. that indicated the author of the post wanted to blow up the building. Determined to be out of state and Norwood, OH PD notified.

1434 Phone - Well being chk spoken to Location/Address: - Liberty Ln Son concerned about his mother he can't reach. Officer located her at home and well. She will call her son.

1715 Phone - Motor vehicle accident services rendered Location/Address: Washington St Caller reports that she struck a parked vehicle. D&W tows MA 1JK269. Vehicle that was struck, took off prior to the arrival. Operators were unable to exchange paperwork.

1848 Phone - Assist citizen services rendered Location/Address: Lansdowne Way Caller reported family member has not returned

home. Subject arrived prior to arrival.

2002 Phone - Assist other agency area search negative Location/Address: Winter St DCF requested check of the residence for missing juvenile. Nothing found.

18-602 2122 Phone - Be On The Lookout Services Rendered BOLO given out from Riverside.

2150 Phone - Missing person \*report filed Location/Address: Riverside Community Services - Beacon Ave Riverside reports a missing male patient. Party made statements that he wanted to harm people before leaving around 1730 Hrs. BOLO given out to units, party entered into NCIC. Ref res AR Addr Beacon Ave Norwood, Ma

2236 911 - Disturbance services rendered Location/Address: Village Rd W + Village Rd E Dispute over a parking spot. Parties were advised and matter resolved.

**01/10/2018 - Wednesday**

0059 Initiated - Recovered missing pers transported to hospital Location/Address: Respite House - Beacon Ave Caller reports returned to the residence ref; CALL# (18-42-OF) and is requesting officers to assist with a Section 12. N666 and N667 respond. Party was transported to hospital by NFD where he was sectioned. Earl was removed from NCIC as missing person.

0836 Phone - Report of gas leak fire dept notified/respo Location/Address: Williams St Report odor of natural gas, outside.

0841 Cellular - Animal complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: 975 Block - University Ave Report injured deer in gully near sand pit lot. N.A.C.O. had to put down same and will dispose of it.

1055 Other - Warrant service other Location/Address: Jefferson Dr N407, as Juvenile Officer, attempts service. Dedham Juvenile Court unable to accept a prisoner today, informed subject to show up at the court tomorrow or police would return. Also informed the subject's father.

1211 Initiated - Community police services rendered Location/Address: Prescott School - Richland Rd Adopt-a-Cop.

1328 Phone - Liquor law violation \*report filed Location/Address: Bay State Wine And Liquor - Walpole St Report fake I.D. BOLO for S.U.V. black. Refer To Incident: 18-44-OF

1421 Cellular - Citizens complaint taken/referred to other Location/Address: Railroad Ave + Hill St RR gates stuck in down position. Keolis notified.

1532 Phone - Susp vehicle gone on arrival Location/Address: 190 Block - Hill St Report MA 42648, Norwood Public School van, had flashers on, then backed up street, now sitting there for 5 minutes, no children at home he is in front of.

1547 Phone - Death at home \*report filed Location/Address: Pleasant St Heart attack. Norwood Fire responded. See report. Refer To Incident: 18-45-OF

1556 Phone - Assist citizen services rendered Location/Address: George St Walk-in reported possible Harassment Order violation. No violation occurred. Parties advised.

2130 911 - Assist fire dept police & fire notified/r Location/Address: Carmax Auto Superstores Inc.(Dba) Carmax Auct - Bos-Prov Hwy Possible gas leak. Norwood Fire responded.

2254 Phone - Well being chk \*complaint/summons Location/Address: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Dba Pvg One Llc - Norwood Pk S Caller reported suspicious party. Don & Wallys towed PC MA 7NK291 for attached plates. See report. Refer To Incident: 18-46-OF

**01/11/2018 - Thursday**

0150 Initiated - Motor Vehicle Stop \*Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Ocean State Job Lot - Bos-

Prov Hwy MA. REG# 4HX160. As a result of stop, N669 returns with 1 under arrest. N664 standsby as Center Autobody tows vehicle. Refer To Arrest: 18-14-AR Arrest: Bautista, Oscar Address: 35 Pond Farm Rd Dedham, Ma Age: 21 Charges: Drug, Possess To Distrib Class D Drug, Possess To Distrib Class C Speeding

0355 Initiated - Susp vehicle spoken to Location/Address: Mcdonalds - Everett/Rte1 - Bos-Prov Hwy MA. REG# 9653YM. Spoken to and sent on their way.

0614 Phone - Repossession no action required Location/Address: Hampden Dr Vehicle repo'd by jmac distribution llc - 978-674-8300 (MA. REG# 5012JZ) 2010-HONDA ACCORD)

0646 911 - Assist citizen fire dept notified/respo Location/Address: Benchmark Senior Living On Clapboardtree - Clapboardtree St Request for lift assist. NFD responded and handled same.

0957 Phone - Unwanted party services rendered Location/Address: Exterior Designs Landscape Co. - Lane Dr Advised about a letter of disinvite and HPO. Subject leaving.

1003 Phone - Drug law violation \*report filed Location/Address: Norwood High School - Nichols St Report filed by SRO. Refer To Incident: 18-47-OF

1121 Phone - Assist citizen spoken to Location/Address: Broadway + E Vernon St Resident in the lobby about a vehicle parking in the area and he concerned due to ongoing ligation. Advised to call next time he sees the vehicle.

1139 Phone - Motor vehicle accident \*report filed Location/Address: Nichols St Report sidewalk plow vs. car in driveway. NFD sent. Refer To Incident: 18-16-AC

1155 Phone - Warrant of Apprehension \*arrest(s)made Location/Address: Austin St N664 places subject under arrest and transports directly to Dedham District Court.

1211 Phone - Alarm-burglar accidental alarm Location/Address: Daly - Langdon Rd General burglar. N665 reports party, known to home owner, on scene.

1215 Other - Assist citizen services rendered Location/Address: Centennial Dr N667 courtesy transports a care taker of resident, whom is at hospital from previous call, to hospital. S/M 38243 1215 Hrs. E/M 38243 1221 Hrs.

1247 Phone - Assist other agency services rendered Location/Address: Town Of Norwood Animal Shelter - Bos-Prov Hwy N665 stands by to keep peace while N.A.C.O. deals with a dog's owner and an issue with the dog.

1254 Phone - Animal complaint naco/waco notified Location/Address: Highview St Mother, not on scene, reports daughter cornered on 2nd floor back porch by possum. N.A.C.O. notified and handled same

1341 Radio - Be on the lookout services rendered Location: [DED] BOLO for a green vehicle, with stolen license plate of 5CG564 attached to it, male operator, female passenger with blonde hair, shoplifted hand bags from TJ Maxx in the mall. TJ Maxx notified.

18-737 1456 Phone - Sex offenses \*report filed Location/Address: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Dba Pvg One Llc - Norwood Pk S Guest in the past may have exposed himself to a cleaner. Refer To Incident: 18-50-OF

1744 911 - Assist citizen services rendered Location/Address: Nahatan St Caller reports he is trying to retrieve his belongings from his landlord.

2146 Initiated - Susp person \*arrest(s)made Location/Address: Bullard St N461 requests a marked unit while assigned to anti-crime. N461 placed one party under arrest, N661 transported him to the station S/M 31993 at 2213, E/M 31993 at 2216. N461 provided a courtesy

transport for a female party to the station S/M 47629 at 2224, E/M 47629 at 2228. N402 provided that female a courtesy transport back to 4 Bullard Street S/M 47629 at 2314, E/M 47630 at 2318. Refer To Arrest: 18-16-AR Arrest: LEONARD, MARK C Address: 4 BULLARD ST Apt. #3 NORWOOD, MA Age: 49 Charges: WARRANT ARREST WITNESS, INTIMIDATE DRUG, POSSESS CLASS B, SUBSQ.OFF. Refer To Incident: 18-51-OF

2238 Phone - Noise complaint spoken to Location/Address: Brookview Cir Caller in apartment eight reports ongoing issue with upstairs neighbors being noisy, waking her up.

2336 Phone - Assist other agency services rendered Location/Address: Willow St Walpole PD requests that an officer speak with the resident in regards to a MV crash that occurred in their town. N667 reports lights and television were on but no answer at the door.

**01/12/2018 - Friday**

0507 911 - Fire alarm fire dept notified/respo Location/Address: Endicott St Caller reports CO2 alarm sounding. NFD responded and handled same.

0527 Initiated - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St N667 gave bailed prisoner courtesy transport to home and stoodby until he left premises

1420 Phone - Found Syringe services rendered Location/Address: 188 Block - Azalea Dr Syringe on sidewalk. N664 properly disposed of same.

1438 Phone - Malicious damage \*report filed Location/Address: Analog Devices Inc - Technology Way Report rear windshield smashed since 0550 Hrs. N669 met caller at Shell Gas just over Westwood line. Refer To Incident: 18-53-OF

1524 Phone - Report of fire police & fire notified/r Location/Address: Negoshian Enterprises - Walpole St Resident reports hearing something explode then seeing a plume of smoke from parking lot. NFD sent. N679 reports mechanics deny anything happened, spoke to caller, NFD also did not find anything.

1537 911 - Assaults other Location/Address: Washington St Resident reports he was assaulted last week and today. Narrative: Officers state reporting party would not answer the door, attempts to make contact over the phone also unsuccessful.

1740 Phone - Disturbance \*protective custody Location/Address: Stop & Shop - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports her daughter is involved in an argument with another party in the parking lot of Stop and Shop. NFD responded and transported one party to Norwood Hospital with N663 following. N669 placed one party under protective custody and transported him to the station.

1744 Phone - B & E residence \*report filed Location/Address: Plimpton Ave Caller reports it appears someone has entered her residence, jewelry box not in state it was left in. Refer To Incident: 18-54-OF

1821 911 - Animal complaint NACO/WACO notified Call Taker: Dispatcher James Feibelman Location/Address: Winter St Motorist reports loose dog running free, possibly injured. N664 recovered that animal and transported it back to the station. Walpole Animal Control officer responded and took custody.

**01/13/2018 - Saturday**

0010 911 - Motor vehicle accident \*report filed Location/Address: Cypress St + Lincoln St Airbag deployment reported. NFD, N664, N663 responded. Upon arrival driver had fled. Pole had been struck and burning at the top. ELD, NFD on scene. Don & Wally's notified and stoodby with N661. Metro canine responded with officers to #7 Brierwood Lane to try to

locate driver in home. Entry made by NFD with Canine and Officers. Cleared when unable to locate party, house secured. Norwood Hospital E.R. notified and checked their lobby and stated driver had just walked in. Officers responded to hospital. Refer To Accident: 18-20-AC Refer To Incident: 18-55-OF

0544 Phone - Wires down electric/light dpt notifi Location/Address: Heaton Ave Narrative: Caller from 79 Heaton Ave reports pole and wires down. NFD, N661, and N667 responded. Light Department notified. No damage, ELD handled same. Detail will be responding.

0805 Phone - Unwanted party \*report filed Location/Address: Convenient Food Mart - Washington St Party escorted off the property. Letter of Disinvite issued. Refer To Incident: 18-56-OF

0925 phone - Assist citizen services rendered Location/Address: Nahatan Ct N667 stood by while party retrieved personal items from this address.

1047 phone - Neighbor disturbance services rendered Location/Address: Nahatan St Dispute over water pump. Matter was resolved.

1054 Walk-in - lost and found services rendered Location/Address: Norwood Gardens - Hampden Dr Walk in party returns a found wallet. Townsend PD will attempt to locate the owner.

1431 walk-in - Lost and found services rendered Location/Address: Ash Rd Party turns in a lost phone.

1436 phone - Well being chk \*protective custody Location/Address: Austin St Caller reports seeing a man slumped over on the front steps of this address.

1829 Phone - Susp person area search negative Location/Address: Countryside Ln Report of a male party wearing a winter hat and shorts attempting to open car doors, left towards Arcadia Road.

1829 phone - Unwanted party \*protective custody Location/Address: Austin St Caller reports unwanted party knocking at the door. N665 placed that party under protective custody. N661 transported him to the station. Party was then transported to Norwood Hospital by NFD with N665 on a Section 12. Ref o P/ RALE HEZ, SAMUEL Addr AUSTIN ST NORWOOD, MA

1933 911 - Well being chk \*complaint/summons Location/Address: TJ Maxx - Nahatan St Report that operator of MA PC 4EM175 may be unconscious in parking lot. NFD notified and responded. Officer reports party alert and conscious upon arrival. Friend of the operator arrived to provided him a ride. Refer To Incident: 18-59-OF

**01/14/2018 - Sunday**

1738 911 - Hang up call transported to hospital Location/Address: William Shyne Cir Upon arrival, N667 reports elderly female requests transport to Norwood Hospital due to feeling light headed. NFD notified and responded.

**01/15/2018 - Monday**

0257 911 - Report of fire police & fire notified/r Location/Address: Lancaster Ln Possible basement fire. Norwood Fire responded.

1354 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Jacobsen Dr Report dog running loose.

1459 phone - Mischief (kids) \*report filed Location/Address: Coakley Middle School - Washington St Report of a SP video posted on social media. Refer To Incident: 18-62-OF

1700 phone - Lost and found \*report filed Location/Address: Village Rd W Party reports finding a hunting knife on the sidewalk. Refer To Incident: 18-61-OF

1727 phone - Unwanted party gone on arrival Location/Address: Guild Medical Center - Washington St Caller reports a male party possibly sleeping in the bathroom. Subject was GOA.

18-987 2119 phone - Noise complaint spoken to Location/Address: Brookview Cir Caller reports the residents that live upstairs are making loud noises. N661 spoke to all parties involved, advised.

**CARCHEDI**

PETER J. a lifelong resident of Norwood passed away on January 15, 2018 at the age of 96. Beloved husband of Joan V. (Michenzie) Carchedi. Devoted Father of Cheryl A. Hansen and her husband Edward of Hanover and the



late David A. Carchedi. Brother of Rosetta Gofreed of FL and the late Joseph Peter Carchedi, Donald Anello, Foca Anello Jr., Laura Gunter, Victoria Anello and Beatrice Sennett. Son of the late Foca A. and Theresa (Gemelli) Carchedi. Cherished Grandfather of Edward Hansen III, Angela Oza and Elizabeth Hansen. Great-Grandfather of Layla Giovanna Oza. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Peter was a member of the Walpole Country Club and former member of the Norwood Knights of Columbus. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, Saturday Jan. 20, 2018 at 10 a.m. followed by a funeral mass at 11 a.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Church Norwood. Visiting hours will be held on Friday, Jan. 19, 2018 from 4-8 p.m. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to St Jude's Children's Hospital 501 St Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105. WWII US Navy Veteran.

**CONNORS**

Charles William "Charlie" 90, of Franklin, N.H. and Norwood, Sunday, Jan. 14. Son of the late James J. and Ellen (Hol-



land) Connors. Beloved husband of the late Patricia (McManus) Connors. Devoted father

**DEATHS**

of Linda Collamore and her husband Robert, Roberta Randall and her husband Jeffrey, Patty Dempsey and her husband Bobby, Kathleen Balerna and her husband Mark, Charles Connors and his wife Paula, and Stephen Connors and his wife Ginny. Loving grandfather of Heather and her husband Ari, Justin and his wife Adrienne, Ryan and his wife Meaghan, Misha, Danil, James, Kate and her husband Dan, Patrick and his wife Kimberly, Christopher and his partner Matt, Alissa and her husband James, Lauren, Sara and her husband David, Kelly, Bridget, Darcie, Kevin, Samantha and Jonathan. Proud great-grandfather of Lindsay, James, Charlie, Henry, Willa, Walter, Quinn, Miles, and Olivia. Brother of the late James, Patricia, and Henry Connors. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. WWII United States NAVY Veteran, and retired Manager for New England Telephone Co. Funeral Thursday, Jan. 18 from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (Rt. 1A), NORWOOD, at 10 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood at 11. Interment will be private in the N.H. State Veteran's Cemetery, Boscawen, N.H. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Charlie's memory to the Breast Cancer Treatment Center at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute 450 Brookline Ave, Boston, MA 02215.

**CRONIN**

James B. "Jimmy" 50, of Acton, suddenly Dec. 28, 2017. Born in Co. Cork Ireland, he was a son of the late John Stephen, and Mary M. (Varian) Cronin. Father of Trisha Cronin of Concord. Fiancé of Linda Dinsmore of Acton. Brother of Stephen H. Cronin and his wife Maureen, and uncle of Maura, Stevie, and Rosie Cronin, all of Norwood. Funeral Saturday, Jan. 20 from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (Rt. 1A), NORWOOD, at 8 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood at 9. Visiting hours Friday 6 - 8 only. Interment St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury.

**FLAVIN**



ROBERT F. of Norwood passed away on Jan. 7, 2018 at the age of 90. Beloved

husband of the late Cornelia M. (Pappas) Flavin. Devoted Father of Donna Dion and her husband Richard of Taunton, John J. Flavin of Norwood, Brian Flavin and his wife Joanne of Norwood, Stephen P. Flavin and his wife Melissa of Norwood, Carol A. Cahill and her husband Kevin of Foxboro, Thomas E. Flavin Sr. and his wife Elizabeth of Plainville and the late Robert F. Flavin Jr and Julie A. Flavin. Father in Law of Patricia Flavin. Loving Brother of Jimmy Flavin of Somerville and the late John J. Flavin, Mary Walsh and Anna. Cherished Grandfather of 23 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Son of the late John J. and Mary (Coffey) Flavin. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Robert was a WWII US Marine Corps Veteran and a member of the Norwood American Legion. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018 at 8 a.m. followed by a funeral mass at 9 a.m. in St. Catherine of Siena Church Norwood. Visiting hours were held on Wednesday. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery with USMC Military Honors. Donations may be made in his name to St. Catherine of Siena Church 547 Washington St. Norwood, MA 02062.

**MCGRATH**

John E. Lifelong resident of Norwood, passed away peacefully on Jan. 7, 2018. He was 83 years of age. Born in Norwood, son of the late Richard and Ellen (Collins) McGrath. He was a proud U.S. Airforce veteran. John was a member of the Norwood Knights of Columbus for over 50 years and a member of the Romeo Club. He loved to travel and enjoyed many trips to Las Vegas and Nashville which were two of his favorite places. His first and most loved pastime was spending time with his family, and he was an avid fan of all sports. Beloved husband of Pauline (Girard) McGrath; loving father of Jeanne McGrath of Norwood and her fiancé Bill Edmondson, John McGrath and his wife Debra of Mansfield, and Patricia Provencal of Merrimack, N.H. Cherished grandfather of Shannon and Kaitlin McGrath and Alyssa and Ryan Provencal; devoted brother of Helen Pruell and her late husband Frank of Walpole, Richard "Red" McGrath and his wife Eleanor of Centerville, and the late Robert and his wife Irene, whom survives, of Milton. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral by The Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (Rte. 1A), NORWOOD. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy in memory of John E. McGrath may be made to the Neely Center for Clinical Cancer Research, 800 Washington Street, PO Box 245, Boston, MA 0211.

**SERRATORE**



TEODORO of Norwood passed away on Jan. 10, 2018 at the age of 87. Beloved husband of Anna (Michienzi) Serratore, married 50 years. Devoted and loving Father of Barbara S. Ricci and her husband Christopher of Walpole and Vincent Serratore and his wife Denise of Walpole. Born Jan. 4, 1931, Filadelfia, Italy. Son of the late Giovandomenico and Barbara (Serratore) Serratore. Brother of Giovanna Serratore and the late Barbara, Francesco, Mariano, Vincenzo, and Giuseppe of Filadelfia, Italy. Cherished grandfather of five; Alicia, Michael, Gabriella, Robert, and Alison of Walpole. Also, survived by many nieces and nephews. Teodoro was a member of the Norwood Italian Social Club. A retired Laborer for Dresser Masoneilan Control Valves Co. in Norwood/Avon, working there for many years. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood. Burial was at Highland Cemetery, Norwood.

**ZABLOWSKI**

Dennis W. Of Norwood, formerly of East Walpole, Jan. 6, 2018, age 68. Beloved husband of Mary (O'Brien) Zablowksi. Loving father of Paul M. Zablowksi and his wife Hang Nguyen of Brookline and Larissa K. Zablowksi and James Guigno of Arlington. Brother of Diane Farrell of Walpole. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to gather for Dennis's Life Celebration on Friday, Jan. 19, 2018 from 4-8 p.m. in the James H. Delaney & Son Funeral Home, 48 Common St., Walpole. Funeral services and interment will be private at the request of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: www.hopefordepression.org and/or Glaucoma Research Foundation, 251 Post St, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA. 094108. Delaney Funeral Home.

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**NPD Citizen's Academy 2018**

The Norwood Police Department is pleased to announce the return of our Citizen's Police Academy. We will be running this program from March 5 to April 30, every Monday from 6-8 p.m. Students will get an inside look at our department, with classes ranging from traffic enforcement, use of force, social media use, narcotics, and more. Each class will be taught by members of NPD. The Citizen's Academy is open to anyone over the age of 21, with preference going towards Norwood residents. Class size is limited, so sign up fast. Anyone interested should email Sgt. Tom Carey, [tcarey@norwoodma.gov](mailto:tcarey@norwoodma.gov) or call 781-440-5162.

**EMOTIONS COACHING**

Emotions dominate the world of our children. Since emotions regulation precedes self-discipline, it is essential that we consciously nurture these skills from infancy through adolescence. Together we will identify the four skills of an emotions coach and how to teach emotions identification, modulation and expression to our children. The goal is not to suppress emotions, but to express them in ways that are not destructive

to ourselves, others or property. This workshop is just for parents.

Emotions Coaching workshop takes place on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018 at the Savage Educational Center – Room 219, 275 Prospect St. from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

This workshop is for families with children from toddler to early elementary years. To register contact Beverly Boudreau in the CFCE Office at 781-440-5983 or e-mail to [bboudreau@norwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:bboudreau@norwood.k12.ma.us).

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2018-2019**

Dr. David Thomson, Superintendent of Schools, is pleased to announce that the Norwood Public Schools is beginning its Kindergarten registration.

During the week of Monday, Feb. 12 – Friday, Feb. 16, 2018 kindergarten registration will be held at the George F. Willett Early Childhood Center 100 Westover Parkway from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also the evenings:

Tuesday, Feb. 13 and Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018 from 5- 7 p.m. It is very important that parents/guardians register their child at this time.

In order to be eligible for kindergarten in September 2018, a child must be 5 years old on, or before, Aug. 31, 2018.

**7TH ANNUAL FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE**

Friday, Feb. 9, at 6:30 – 8 p.m. there will be a father daughter dance DJ, Dancing, Light Refreshments, Photo Booth ticket and Giveaways. The cost is \$15 a couple (Adult and Child) \$5.00 Additional Person. The Dance will be located at the Civic Center inside of the Gym.

**PERSONNEL BOARD VACANCY NOTICE**

The Town of Norwood Personnel Board is a five-member board established by Article 39 of the Town of Norwood bylaws and

appointed by the Chairperson of the Board of Selectmen, Chairperson of the Finance Commission and the Town Moderator.

The Board currently has a vacancy and the Town is seeking interest from the public to fill this board position.

The general responsibilities of the Personnel Board is to work with the Human Resources Director to develop various personnel policies, update and monitor the Town's classification and compensation plans, evaluate position descriptions and hear requests for re-classifications of positions.

While any resident is encouraged to apply, the Appointing Authority is required by the bylaw to ensure that a minimum of three of the members of the Personnel Board are qualified for such appointment by virtue of relevant and significant experience or training in personnel administration, or labor, or employment law.

The Personnel Board generally meets once per month, typically the third Wednesday of each month, in the evening.

Those interested in serving the Town of Norwood on the Personnel Board can send their interest in writing to the Human Resources Department by email at [HR@norwoodma.gov](mailto:HR@norwoodma.gov).

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disposition and acceptance of 40b at Plimpton of which four of five members agree they never voted on, debated, mitigated, etc. any of it. It could have been the Hancock Tower for all they knew.

- Not one open meeting has occurred for public input. You may recall that the neighborhood and the Town was in an uproar at the prior attempt by the Finlays who were shot down at Town meeting regarding their application for the

Plimpton Press site. Remember the yellow signs? No open meetings mean illegal.

- Irony of Ironies. I specifically had a contract with Campanelli that the land was under a tax incremental financing agreement (TIF) – meaning only commercial development. Somehow, after I left, their lot was subdivided; hence the project (One Upland) that is an eyesore. So the rightful body the Town has and our experts in these matters – the ZBA-

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along with abutters and citizens never have a crack at commenting on the project. This is more Tammany Hall than Norwood Town Hall.

- I should note I have filed a State Ethics Violation against Mr. Plasko for his non-stop involvement in the One Upland project. A public official, who is an abutter (which he is) must recuse himself from any deliberations in front of town boards. He did not and the minutes of the meeting are presently with the State Ethics Commission.

In addition, I spent \$250 to

have the State Environmental people to review downstream flooding concerns in an attempt to hold up One Upland. The man who had the case from DEP had an extended vacation – and never got to it.

So, you have two 40b's and we were extorted \$13 million on the third. At the time I filed the DEP permit we had a two-year moratorium. I pulled it back one day before the moratorium. Mr. Plasko had the nerve to say: "lucky he did, we could have ended up with three 40b's." No, just two, and the town's pocket was picked for

\$13 million on the third. There should have been one 40b, tops. The rest of the BOS and ZBA were at Concerts on the Common.

Nice job guys. Ask any policeman how things are going at Upland. If people don't get off their fannies it will get worse. My Dad was on the ZBA, I'm guessing 20 years, and I'll guarantee you it would not have gone down like this. Alas, we don't have public servants like we did in earlier days and the Town is showing it.

*Denis Drummey  
Norwood*

## DECEMBER CITIZENS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the December winners of Dr. Philip O. Coakley Middle School's Citizen of the Month. Citizens of the Month exemplify the school's mission statement and are chosen by teachers and staff. To celebrate their accomplishments, an end of the year breakfast celebration will be held for students and their families.



**Grade 8:** Sanaai Watson, Tyler Barrett, Camille Ritchie, Tea Caravello.  
**Grade 7:** Brian Michienzi, Jack Brady, Ayushma KC. **Grade 6:** Heather Begg, Julia Aves, Sadie Lundin, Jack Nychay (missing from photo), Emma Shkurti.

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