



Gary Lee Price's "The Harvest Joy Kids" was donated to the Town by Norwood Bank in honor of John Carroll.

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Helen Donohue read "Twas the Night Before Christmas" to a crowded stage of children at this past weekend's Holiday Extravaganza.

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Carroll overwhelmed by Norwood Bank's gift

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen met on the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 21 in Room 34 of Town Hall.

In addition to eight items of new business, the session was highlighted by five appointments, two of which were public hearings.

The first appointment of the night had John Galvani, President of Norwood Bank, before the Board to make official its donation to the Town of a bronze sculpture entitled "The Harvest Joy Kids" in honor of retiring Town Manager John Carroll.

The announcement of the gift had first been made by Chairman William Plasko

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Holiday Extravaganza draws beautiful weather and a big crowd

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Holiday Extravaganza went off this past Saturday, Nov. 25, with its schedule of events running from 11 a.m. until 3:45 p.m., at which

point Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived via Norwood Fire Department Ladder Truck 1 to switch on the Holiday Lights on Town Common.

It was, in fact, on the Common that most of the day's activities took place, with the Walter J. Dempsey Band Stand

serving as the Extravaganza's epicenter. When there wasn't some live performance happening, carols piped through loudspeakers as visitors lin-

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Wyeth shares his thoughts on the new MCAS

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

At the most recent School Committee on Nov. 8, Dr. Alec Wyeth, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Curriculum & Assessment gave his overview of how the District performed on the new version of the MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) exams.

Recently, The Record had an opportunity to catch up with Dr. Wyeth in his office at the Savage Center, where he went into some more detail regarding changes in not only the MCAS but also within the school curriculum itself.

During his Nov. 8 presentation, Wyeth spent a good deal of time on Math: particularly in his praise of uniformly excellent elementary school MCAS results.

In praising the elementary Math teachers, he also mentioned their implementation of new Math program (enVisionMath) in effect in the elementary schools for the past three years now.

Wyeth compared envision to the previous system.

"The difference is that this (program) is tightly aligned with the common core standards that came out awhile ago."

As he went on to explain, this "common core" represents a national standard in terms of learning, while the MCAS –

also aligned to this – is even more rigorous in its standards, especially since its recent overhaul.

In his overview of both the Math and ELA (English Language Arts) portions of the MCAS, Wyeth spoke of them as having multi-layered, connected questions with open ended answers, testing not only the disciplines named, but going beyond that toward greater reasoning and real world applications.

"It's a more demanding test, but it's based on a skill set we want our kids to have when it comes time for them to graduate and enter the workforce and go to college."

At the School Committee meeting, Wyeth also dwelled on the Middle

School Math results – which weren't as good as either the elementary schools or the High School – and optimistically referred to the "trickle up effect" from the elementary level.

Both the High School and Middle School switched Math programs at the same time as the elementary schools did and – although different from enVisionMath – the Big Ideas Math program that the two upper level schools use shares many of the same features.

"So the trickle up effect will be as kids from the elementary level come up into the middle school level, they'll

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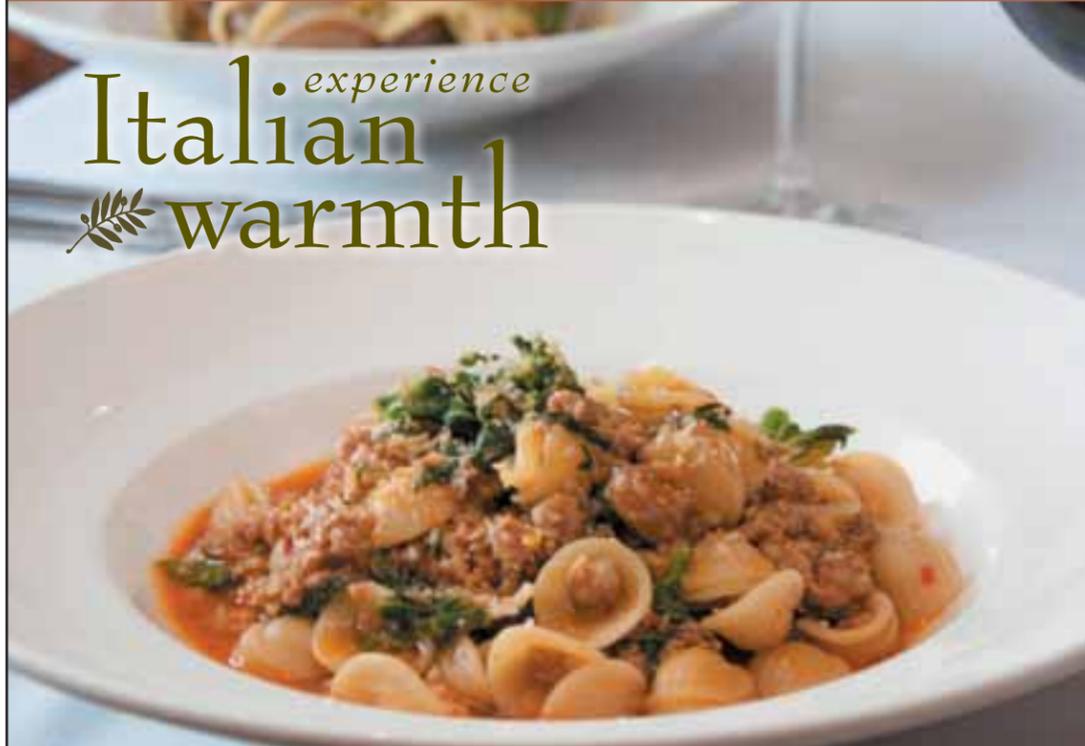
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at Carroll's retirement party the week before, but Galvani went into more detail.

Specifically, he presented on behalf of Norwood Bank a four point recommendation: that the donation be accepted; that the sculpture be placed on the Town Common, by Town Hall, "or anywhere deemed appropriate;" that the Board of Selectmen appoint a representative to work with the Bank regarding the details of bringing the statue to Town and installing it; and that a plaque or marker be put with the sculpture marking Carroll and his service.

Galvani also announced that the Bank would cover shipping and installation costs up to \$50,000.

"We are proud to honor Mr. Carroll's long time service to the Town," Galvani said.

"I am overwhelmed," Carroll responded.

The sculpture, depicting a smiling boy and girl carrying a large basket of flowers between them, touches on Carroll's love of children and – as public art – will also get at his dedication to public service. The sculptor, Gary Lee Price, has been previously commissioned by the Town. That sculpture can be viewed at the George F. Willet Early Childhood Center ball field.

The Board unanimously approved all four points and also approved – unanimously – that Plasko act as the Board's representative regarding the logistics of the Sculpture's move.

"This is one gift, but every year you make gifts: \$5,000 worth of banners. You've

given us – another year - \$5,000 for trees," Helen Donohue said. "I just want to say thank you."

Much later in the meeting, Paul Bishop made the motion to have a plaque of appreciation dedicated to the Bank, which was also approved unanimously.

The first public hearing of the evening had to do with a change of management for Emmets of Norwood, located at the Hampton Inn.

Stephanie Boudreau represented the two applicants, legally identified as Ivy Kelly LLC, and explained their vision for the establishment.

"The intent is to keep it similar to Emmets, but to offer more comfort food, (make it) a little homier, and (to have it) family run," Boudreau said.

Building on the last part of her statement, Boudreau explained that the applicants' daughter and son-in-law were applying for visas in Ireland, with the intention of coming over to help with the restaurant.

The liquor license itself, held by Norwood Hotel Operator LLC, will continue to be held by that entity after the transfer. As explained by Boudreau, Ivy Kelly LLC is actually paying for the beneficial interest in the license by purchasing a level of membership in the operation.

This was the cause of some confusion among Board members, which led to a number of follow up questions, answers, and clarifications.

Ultimately, the Board approved the transfer, but not before also approving a motion to change the language in the applicant's paperwork to reflect its membership rather than its license status.

The other public hearing, concerning National Grid's application to install about 250 feet of 4-inch gas main along Pleasant Street to provide gas service to three buildings in the

Norwood Industrial Park, was continued one week.

This was done on the advisement of Carroll, who, agreeing with the concerns of Public Works Superintendent Mark Ryan regarding bringing the main across the Neponset River Bridge, wanted to give him enough time to notify the gas company and have his questions answered.

Recreation Superintendent Travis Farley also went before the Board to give his monthly report for October and to preview some upcoming Holiday Season activities.

One such event will be Parents Night Out, at which kids can see a holiday movie in the Civic Center gym (and giving their parents a few hours of independence) while enjoying pizza and juice. This will be on Friday, Dec. 8 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. and will cost \$10 per child.

Also appearing before the Board was James Geraghty, on the mend from a debilitating medical crisis. He walked into the Selectmen's Chambers slowly but well and spoke softly but clearly.

"I'd like to thank everybody who prayed for me and wished me well while I was sick and in tough shape," he said. "There are a lot of great people out there."

Receiving more well wishes from Plasko, Donohue, and his cousin Tom Maloney, Geraghty at one point added his own.

"This Town is one of the best," Geraghty said.

In a last item of note, Plasko informed the Board that incoming Town Manager Tony Mazzucco would be starting his tenure on Monday, Dec. 18 and that Carroll had agreed to stay on from Dec. 1 until Friday, Dec. 15 in order to ease the transition.

**TOWN OF NORWOOD
ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** in **ROOM 12 of the Municipal Office Building** on **December 19, 2017 at 7:30 PM** on the request of **John and Megan Hart (Case #17-26)** with respect to property located on **12 Overlook Drive**, in a **S1- Single Residence District**.

The application requests:

This Application requests a VARIANCE under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow: [IF REQUIRED] The extension of an existing single-family home by the addition of a roofed front porch having less front setback than required, together with such other or further relief as the Zoning Board of Appeal may determine to be appropriate.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be viewed during normal working hours, Monday – Thursday between 8:00 am to 4:00pm.

BOARD OF APPEAL
Philip W. Riley, Chairman; Patrick J. Mulvehill, Barbara A. Kinter, John R. Perry, Thomas Brady

Norwood Record, 11/30/2017, 12/07/2017

Selectmen establish committee to review Forbes Hill opps

Amanda Webster
Staff Reporter

A Forbes Hill Task Force is in the making after the Board of Selectmen approved the creation of the subcommittee during Tuesday night's meeting.

Chairman William Plasko proposed the establishment of the subcommittee during his report towards the end of the meeting, stating that the purpose of the subcommittee will be to come up with and research the best possible uses of the 27 acres and the mansion on the property.

According to Plasko, the task force will look at all potential uses for the site, including outside development if it is determined that there is no long-term need for the town to keep and maintain the property. If it was determined that outside development was the best course of action, Plasko said the town would have a say of how to shape that development and could choose what to put in the location.

"All of these scenarios have a financial consequence and it would be part of the task force's work to identify those and to study those, and once they have identified various options for the property and evaluated them, the public should be given an opportunity to weigh in on those options," said Plasko.

The town is working on closing the purchase by the third week of December said Plasko. The deadline for the purchase is the end of the calendar year.

Plasko recommended that the subcommittee be made up of nine members: two Board of Selectmen members, the chairman of the Finance Commission, the chairman of the Planning Board and five public citizens.

The task force would also be supported by individuals

such as the town planner, general manager and the town engineer to provide information on the possible recommendations. Plasko will pick the five residents himself, and he said interested persons are encouraged to submit their names for consideration.

Any member of the public interested in joining the Forbes Hill Task Force can contact the Board of Selectmen for consideration, no later than Friday, Dec. 8. The board voted unanimously to approve the generation of the task force.

Board member Allan Howard took a moment to address the \$13 million concern hovering over many town members' heads after the approval of the subcommittee.

"It's our intention and Town Meeting's, I think, to only pay interest on this project for up to two years," said Howard.

"Yes, the purchase price is \$13 million, but the cost to us in year one and year two will be way, way less," he continued.

"It is the full price, but it is not as staggering as people are thinking," he said.

Plasko stated that the cost to the town is expected to be about \$260,000 a year for the first couple of years. Plasko said that there may be concern about money for maintenance upkeep of the Forbes Hill mansion which could bring the town's cost closer to \$500,000 in the first few years, but the initial borrowing cost would be more in line with the \$260,000 estimate.

In a related note, earlier in the meeting the board approved the Forbes Hill Indemnity Agreement which will allow town officials to inspect the 27 acres before the closing of the sale without fear of being charged for any potential damages that

may occur during the inspection visit.

"One of the things we now want to do is due diligence on the property and be allowed to review their files and information that they have on the property to know that we want to proceed with the closing of the sale," said Plasko.

Outside of the Forbes Hill discussion, two public hearings were held before the board unanimously approved two common victular licenses for two separate dining establishments in town.

The first hearing was for Royal Pizza, located at 1001 Boston Providence Turnpike. George Tsitsas of Royal Pizza explained to the board that although he has been in the pizza business for 30 years, he had not been aware that he needed a CV license to operate his establishment. Furthermore, Tsitsas admitted that his business had been operating for the past year with both a liquor and CV license under another individual's name.

Though Plasko and Howard both expressed their displeasure with how the pizzeria had been operating for the past year, the request for a new CV license was approved.

The second CV license was approved for an IHOP located at 1378 Providence Turnpike.



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OPINION

Planning Board needs a change

On October 16th of this year, the Planning Board held a meeting to discuss multiple agenda items. On the schedule to appear before the board were representatives of Mercer, a company doing business at 1 Investor's Way, which is off of Washington St. in the area where the Upland Woods apartments and the Forbes Mansion are currently located.

The Mercer folks attending the meeting explained that they recently became aware of a provision, established in 1998, requiring Putnam Investments, a company Mercer purchased a portion of in 2005, to provide a shuttle bus service from the site to other Putnam locations in the greater Boston area, and the hiring of a transportation coordinator to handle the shuttling of their employees between their different locations.

Facility Manager Nancy McDermott, representing Mercer at the hearing explained, "The business doesn't exist anymore. Putnam sold the 401K portion of the business to Mercer in 2005, and they moved their existing employees to Andover and Boston. Mercer doesn't have locations there. There's no reason to have service to a business that's not part of ours anymore."

Now, to any reasonable person, this would appear to be nothing more than a paperwork snafu, and to the majority of Planning Board members it was and should have been cleared up on the spot. However, Planning Board member Al Porro, for reasons really not clear to anyone, perhaps even to Mr. Porro, held out, rambling on about something concerning the light department not being allowed up there, which it turns out had nothing to do with Mercer.

The vote came down 3-1, with Mr. Porro in opposition and because it had to do with a special permit, an absolute supermajority was required for approval: typically four out of five votes but – in the case of a four member Board – a unanimous decision. The motion to approve the modification had failed.

Ms. McDermott, with an incredulous look on her face like she suddenly found herself in the Twilight Zone, asked Mr. Porro after the hearing why he was doing this. He sat stone faced and refused to acknowledge her existence. It took member Ernie Paciorkowski to explain to McDermott that once the hearing was closed, Mr. Porro had no obligation to respond or to reveal his decision making process to her. In other words, he could act like a petulant child and there was nothing anyone could do about it. Nice going Al, you really set the bar for companies wanting to do business in Norwood.

Actually, this Opinion really isn't about the nonsense Mr. Porro took part in that evening, but about the vote itself. Because of the continued absence of member Paul Donohue, a number of votes have not reflected the real inclinations of the board because of the rules of majority voting. Unlike other boards, the Planning Board has no "alternative" members ready to step in when another member is unable to attend a meeting or series of meetings. Using the above example, if Mr. Donohue was in attendance, instead of a unanimous 4-0 vote being required to grant Mercer's request, it would have only required a 4-1 majority, thus obviating Mr. Porro's silly vote.

This is why it is so important that Town Planner Paul Halkiotis' recommendation that an Associate Planning Board member be created to sit on special permit hearings be approved. In support of his recommendation, Halkiotis suggested that "the applicant has a right to a fair hearing in front of a full five member Board, and that's the way the law was written."

This met with the Board's support, with the exception of Porro, who thought it was unnecessary. What a shock.

TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** in **ROOM 12** of the **Municipal Office Building** on **December 19, 2017 at 7:15 PM** on the request of Chadi Saad (**Case # 17-25**) with respect to property located on **32 East Cross Street**, in a **G-General Residential District**.

This Application requests a **SPECIAL PERMIT** under Section 5.3.1 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow newly rebuild porch to be 5.7 ft from side setback with roof overhang 4.7 ft from side setback. Instead of the required 10 ft side setback. Previous porch was 6.7 ft from side setback, Pursuant to section 5.3.1. Together with such other or further relief as the Zoning Board of Appeal may determine to be appropriate.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be viewed during normal working hours, Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.

BOARD OF APPEAL

Philip W. Riley, Chairman; Patrick J. Mulvehill, Barbara A. Kinter, John R. Perry, Thomas Brady

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Neighborhood concern followed a hearing for the Gulf, pictured above, to apply to have one space to sell vehicles. The owner withdrew said application.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW MACDONALD

Norwood Gulf withdraws app. Little Bird given permission to fly

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Zoning Board of Appeal met on Tuesday evening, Nov. 28 to hear two cases: one which went off as scheduled, the other which didn't.

The case which was heard had to do with a new business – Little Bird Events (ILC Ventures) – located at the Space Center at 83 Morse St.

Appearing before the Board was the proprietor, Angela Marengi.

The hearing, as described at its start by Chairman Philip Riley, was "not a formal hearing, as such" but had, in fact, come about as the result of an introductory letter sent by the as yet unopened business giving an overview of how it intended to operate.

Little Bird Events – as described in its letter to the ZBA – will offer function space and planning for children's birthday parties, baby showers, corporate meetings, and fundraisers. It also plans to hold regularly scheduled workshops for women.

This caused no concern for Riley, but the mention of serving food and beverages onsite for sale at the location did, as he explained.

"That pretty much shot up a bit of red flag and is largely what occasioned our response asking Mr. Depree (the landlord, unable to attend the hearing) to come in."

The main question was whether or not the business was planning to be a restaurant.

Marengi explained how her original plan to have outsourced food brought in for events required a Board of Health certified kitchen, no matter how light the dish (olives, cheese, fruits, vegetables) being prepared. As she ex-

plained it,

"That prompted the decision to expand to food on premise." This would allow the business to keep that money in-house without having to outsource.

Marengi's food and beverage plan carries over to the workshops she hopes to schedule.

"The idea is you come in and you have some hors d'oeuvres and you have an instructional course for two hours."

Although maximum capacity for the 2683 square foot site is listed – Marengi estimated – at 80, a typical workshop would be geared toward smaller groups, as would children's parties.

Once Marengi had clarified what Little Bird Events was and wasn't (a bar or restaurant), the support from the Board was clear, especially from Patrick Mulvehill.

"I honestly think you're going to fill a void here. Some of the venues (available for functions in Town) are too big, and then there are no smaller venues."

He did revisit the Board's initial concern with the letter, however.

"I will say this – and I think I can speak for the Board – if you did propose to expand and try for a full liquor license, you may not have a receptive audience over here."

Satisfied with beer and wine, Marengi responded, "I'm not interested."

"Because that's really jumping the fence from what we've decided." Mulvehill referred to the ZBA's ideas for the Space Center.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of permitting ILC Ventures to proceed with its plans.

Next on its agenda is an ap-

pointment with the Board of Selectmen on Dec. 5.

The first hearing of the evening (continued from Nov. 7) had to do with the application of Norwood Gulf (707 Neponset St.) for a special permit to grant permission to sell one car at a time on its lot.

Although applying for permission to sell one car, there had been public suspicion regarding the applicant's proposal for extensive overhaul of the unpaved lot next to the gas station.

Though the hearing drew nearly as large a crowd as its first date had, the main action was Riley reading a letter from representing attorney David Hern requesting that the application be withdrawn without prejudice. After finishing, Riley explained the content to the audience.

"What this essentially means – translated into English – is that the applicant does not desire to go forward with the proceedings any further and wants to withdraw the application."

The people – some not quite knowing how to react – looked on as Riley continued.

"It's sheer speculation on my part, because the letter does not go any further, but it occurs to me that it may be somewhat in response to the reception and to the obvious objections that any number of you have had to that being done."

The vote to accept the withdrawal was approved unanimously.

There were some repeated questions from the audience regarding whether or not the application could be filed again. Although Riley and Jack Perry confirmed that it could, Riley didn't seem to think that it was likely.

"It sounds to me like it's the end of the road, I would think."

The next ZBA hearing is scheduled for Dec. 5, 2017 at Town Hall.



A pre-dawn collision at Pendergast Circle on Monday morning left this garbage truck overturned.

PHOTO BY CAPT. GEORGE MORRICE NORWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Collision leaves truck overturned

In the pre-dawn hours of Monday morning, Nov. 27, Norwood Firefighters came upon a rollover accident on Pendergast Circle while returning to quarters from a fire alarm on Hampden Drive.

Ladder 1 and Engine 4 crews found the overturned garbage truck at around 5:11 a.m. and quickly went to work extricating the driver, who was trapped inside the overturned vehicle. It took under 10 minutes for crews to free the conscious-but-injured garbage truck driver.

Norwood Fire Department Paramedics arrived on scene to care for the man and transported him to Norwood Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The other vehicle involved in the collision was a Norwood Police SUV.

Norwood Fire Department EMT'S treated and transported the officer for medical evaluation at Norwood Hospital. According to the NPD, he was later released without any serious injuries.

Crews cleared the scene after mitigating fluid leaks from the overturned truck, a process which – according to the NPD – left the road closed for several hours while the truck was righted and both it and the SUV were removed from the site.

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Diwalis Fest hits NHS



Recently, the Diwali "Festival of Lights" was celebrated at Norwood High School. Sponsored by the United India Association of New England, the event featured many performances, including "Durge Durge" – a Bharatanatyam Dance depicting the struggle between good and evil, with good triumphing in the end. It was performed by Shivani Belambe (left) and Nidhi Pillai (right), students at Eastern Rhythms in Burlington, Mass.

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"It's a wonderful . . . dance?"

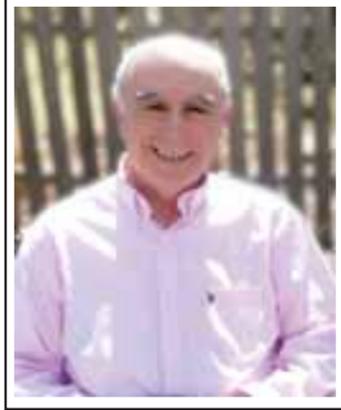
Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life" will no doubt air many times this Christmas season, perhaps even more so than the original "Miracle on 34 Street" with Edmund Gwenn in the role of Santa.

After decades of being relegated as a film with minimal interest, Capra's movie has found a new life raising the question of whether the world would be different if certain people had died before their time.

Most film goers relish the rousing finale of the 1946 gem, but there's another scene that captures interest: Jimmy Stewart's George Bailey jitterbugging with Donna Reed's Mary Hatch before the dance floor, which covers a swimming pool underneath, begins to separate, thus dumping George and Mary into the water.

While the most talked about dance scene on the small screen is Elaine Benes convulsing in her own way to music at a party in a Seinfeld episode, there are numerous classical dance scenes involving couples on the big screen, and I'm not talking about specific dance movies such as "Grease," "Footloose," or "Dance Fever" or those involving Fred Astaire/Donald O'Connor partnered with Ginger Rodgers/Cyd Charisse.

The question was posed to a number of Bostonians, name a favorite unexpected but memorably uplifting dance scene involving pairs or groups of people – thus eliminating Gene Kelly's hoofing with an umbrella in "Singing in the Rain," Paul Reubens's tequila dance in the biker bar in "Pee-wee Herman's Big Adventure," and Jimmy Cagney's tap-



My Kind of Town/ Joe Galeota

dancing down the steps of the White House after his upbeat meeting with FDR in "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

Besides "It's a Wonderful Life," the answers included:

* Sidney Poitier's Mark Thackeray dancing with Judy Geeson's Pamela Dare to Lulu's hit song "To Sir with Love" in the movie of the same name.

* Al Pacino's blind Col. Frank Slade tangoing with a stranger in "A Scent of a Woman."

* Harrison Ford's John Book twirling with Kelly McGillis' Rachel Lapp to Sam Cooke's "Wonderful World" in an Amish barn in "Witness."

* Leonardo DiCaprio's Jack Dawkins and Kate Winslet's Rose dancing with emigrants down in steerage in "Titanic."

* Italians dancing the tarantella in the memorable opening, wedding scene of "The Godfather."

* Anthony Quinn defying his age with an exhilarating Greek dance in "Zorba the Greek."

And which of your favorites did I overlook?



The NHS Madrigal Choir sang a set of traditional Christmas carols at the Holiday Extravaganza.

PHOTO BY PAUL ELDRIDGE

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gered on the bright, unusually mild day, sipping hot chocolate and enjoying the building Christmas feel.

Some activities that took place over the course of the afternoon included the Reindeer Dash, in which antler wearing-children broken down into age groups raced around the Common. There was also face painting, Holiday crafts, and a petting zoo offered at the Civic Center.

Also, a pair of two horse-drawn wagons ran all afternoon, loading up passengers across from the Norwood Theatre and clogging a relaxed circuit down the Central Street, up Guild, down Washington, and then down Nahatan past Town Hall, before turning and briefly coming to rest where it had started 15 minutes earlier, as another wagonload of families was helped aboard.

At 2 p.m., the growing crowd filled in around the Band Stand to hear the 15 member NHS Madrigal Choir – standing in a wide semi-circle and led by Director of Choral Activities Jennifer Hartnett – as it delivered a floating set of traditional carols. The Coakley Honor Chorus joined in, filling the stage on the penultimate "Deck The Halls" before stepping back down to allow the Choir its finale.

According to Hartnett, the Madrigal Choir – which has been busy lately – will next perform at the NHS Holiday Concert on Dec. 13. This show will

feature all of the musical groups at NHS.

There were two Christmas readings held in succession after the mini-concert. The first "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" was read by Anne Marie Haley, the last minute replacement for Linda Rau.

Holding a hardcover copy of the book clutched close to her and looking intent in the moments leading up to the reading, she smoothly delivered the story – with all of its Seussian tongue twisters – to a pavilion full of excited kids as the Grinch (played by the Recreation Department's Jack Kelley) and his faithful dog/faux reindeer Max (played by colleague Brandon Walsh) acted everything out.

Speaking afterwards about their acting experience, both Kelley – who didn't remove his latex Grinch mask even once during the entire hour or so around and during the reading, including his two-minute interview with The Record – and Walsh seemed relaxed.

They casually noted that there had been neither a table reading nor rehearsal time; they had simply answered the Holiday call of their boss (Recreation Superintendent Travis Farley, wearing a "Bah Humbug" elf hat that counterbalanced his good mood) and risen to the occasion, much as Haley had.

Immediately following the Grinch was Helen Donohue, in a Holiday Extravaganza tradi-

tion, reading "A Visit from St. Nicholas" (aka "Twas the Night Before Christmas") while drawing her young listeners into an interactive reading and dropping in occasional commentary on the poem's action.

"I love it. It's so much fun," Donohue said several times after she had stepped down to the path.

Together with her daughter, Molly – who had joined the children for the reading and now stood with her mom by the pavilion – Donohue estimated that she has been doing this for "more than 17" years. Citing the nice weather, she also figured that this was the biggest crowd that she could remember.

By the time Santa and Mrs. Claus had taken the stage and turned on the lights, the line of children and their parents waiting for an audience with them had bent out onto the Washington Street sidewalk.

On the corner of Cottage and Central, the dusk chill had by now set in as a pair of dray horses pulled their latest wagonload towards Guild with the Common now lit for Christmas, the pavilion glowing a French vanilla white, and the green and red harlequin elves leading hopeful children across the stage, lists in hand or in mind.

Note: The Storefront Decoration Contest finished in a three-way tie. The winners were the Common Cafe, Studio 8 Hair & Boutique, and The Beauty Bar.

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Firefighters receive awards

Norwood Fire Lt. Jeffrey Campilio and Firefighter George Burton were honored last week at the Firefighter of the Year Awards held at Mechanics Hall in Worcester. Both Lt. Campilio and FF Burton received Medals of Valor, from Gov. Charlie Baker, for their rescue of two residents at an apartment fire in Norwest Woods. Both residents were in cardiac arrest when rescued but they survived due to the efforts of Norwood Fire Department Firefighters, Paramedics and EMTs.

Norwood Fire Department members also received a Citation for Meritorious Conduct, from the Governor, for their part in the rescue of two men from a small plane crash in Westwood. Those members are Lt. Dave Hayes, FF George Burton, FF Brian Donoghue, FF Christopher Fuller, FF Patrick Moloney and FF Nick Murphy.



Police Logs

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20
 0915 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Norwest Dr Two Subjects Sleeping In a Black Car. Officer Reports Former Resident Moved And Advised.
 1000 Initiated - Juvenile Offenses *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwood High School - Nichols St Sro Retrieved A Baggie Containing Marijuana.
 1112 Phone - Lost And Found *Report Filed Location/Address: Limey's Pub - Washington St Bike Found Outside.
 1146 Phone - Citizens Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Vanderbilt Ave Stood By While An Employee Was Terminated.
 1245 911 - Death At Home *Report Filed Location/Address: Rosemary St Norwood B.C.I., M.E., C.P.A.C., Funeral Home All Notified.
 1256 Cellular - Well Being Chk Area Search Negative Location/Address: Apna Bazar - Bos-Prov Hwy Report Child Sleeping In Car Seat In Ma Pc 5dv868 In A Spot In Front Of Store.
 1453 Cellular - Well Being Chk Area Search Negative Location/Ad-

dress: Highland St + Elliot St Caller To State Police Dispatcher Advising He Was Being Harassed By 2 Girls And That He Punched A Trash Can And May Have Broken His Hand. He Would Not Give The Address Of Where He Was Staying. Checked Area Where 9-1-1 Mapping Placed The Phone-Unable To Locate Him. Non-Traceable Phone.
 1539 Walk-In - Vandalism *Report Filed Location/Address: Plimpton Ave Report 2 Windows Broken.
 1823 Phone - Alarm-Burglar Services Rendered Location/Address: Rama Wine & Spirits - Washington St Panic Alarm. Upon Calling Business, Employee States An Unwanted Party Inside Wishes To Speak To The Police. Officers Report Misunderstanding Between Customer And Staff, Customer Advised.
 1902 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Rock St Landlord States Tenant Called Her Twenty Minutes Ago Stating There May Have Been Argument That Spilled Into The Hallway From Another Tenants Apartment. Spoke To All Parties, No Argument Occured, One Individual

Suffers From Mental Health Issues.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

0005 911 - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Pellana Rd Caller Requests Wellbeing Check On His Wife Who Had Stated She "Wasn't Feeling Right" Over The Phone Approximately 20 Minutes Ago. Reports That Party Is Ok, Caller Advised.
 0040 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Edgell Rd Patient At The Hospital Requested A Well-Being Check On Her Husband As She Stated She Called Him And He Didn't Seem Right To Her. Responded And Spoke To The Husband And He Is Fine. Caller Was Notified Through The Nurse's Station.
 0118 Radio - Susp Vehicle Spoken To Location/Address: Boch Nissan - - Bos-Prov Hwy While Enroute To Back-Up On A Mvs Reports A Suspicious Vehicle (Small Hatchback) Go Up The Hill Behind

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**NORWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 LEGAL NOTICE**

The Norwood Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, The Wetlands Protection Act and Norwood Bylaw XXV, including any amendments thereto on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall. The Commission is to hear a request for a Notice of Intent from Coneco Engineers of Bridgewater representing Boston Gas Company of Waltham, MA for the proposed extension of the natural gas main within Pleasant Street and Morse Street from the intersection of Pleasant Street and Northview Avenue to 83 Morse Street, as well as provide four new gas service connections to 83 Morse Street. Project location: Morse Street and Pleasant Street, Norwood, MA.

Copies of request and plans are available for review by appointment only. Please call Mr. Al Goetz at 781-762-0781.

John Gear, Chairperson

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be encountering a program that's very similar in nature to the elementary program."

While easy to dwell on the new programs and the more rigorous exams and the multi-media technology as the reason for success or the lack thereof, Wyeth - in his comments - would often gravitate back to the people involved: the teachers, the students, the parents.

He involved them all while talking about the relatively low MCAS scores in fractions: bringing up students' age old difficulty with the concept, the challenge that teachers face in helping them to learn them, and the often overlooked help they may find outside of the classroom.

"I think that's when parents can be helpful, too, quite honestly. You know, when you have a pizza pie, what portion of the pizza have we eaten and has not been eaten yet? You know, help kids think about fractions a little bit more than maybe they would normally."

Wyeth closed his presentation at the Nov. 8 meeting by describing the receipt of the new MCAS results as the beginning of a deeper analysis process.

"It is a new starting point. Right now we're establishing our benchmark and understanding where our strengths and weaknesses are, and not necessarily having a knee jerk reaction to that."

On a related note, Wyeth had this to say.

"The one thing I guess I want the readers to know is that this is just one test. Over the course of the year kids are being asked to read and write and respond to text, and it's all of those other assessments that go on in the classroom and at school that, ultimately, are more important."

That being said, while acknowledging the analysis and improvement process will be an ongoing one, Wyeth remains pleased with the District's "first dip into the new MCAS".

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- Building With Lights Off. Responded. Vehicle Was Located By Who Spoke With Party Who Was An Overnight Employee Who Works In Shipping And Receiving. All In Order.
- 0135 911 - Disabled Mv Assisted Party Location/Address: Winter St + Shattuck Pk Rd Caller States He Heard What Sounded Like A Crash And Driver Was Out Of The Car. Responded. Nfd Was Notified And Cancelled. Party Had A Flat Tire Only. No P.I. Stoodby, Negoshian's Towed Vehicle.
- 0700 Phone - Motor Vehicle Accident *Report Filed Location/Address: Morse St Bridge - Morse St Caller Reports A Rental Truck Crashed Into The Morse St Bridge. Nfd Notified And Responded. No Damage To Bridge Or P.I. With Driver. Report Filed.
- 0725 Phone - Disturbance *Report Filed Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Disturbance In Home. One Party Left Was Gone Upon Arrival. Investigating.
- 0727 Phone - Motor Vehicle Accident *Report Filed Location/Address: Walnut Ave + Washington St Caller Reports Accident Between Truck (Ma-Apportion 80293) And A Car (Ma. Reg# 6fv673), Nfd Responded. As Result Of Accident (Ma. Reg# 6fv673) Was Towed By Don & Wally's. Nfd Transported 1 And Followed To Hospital: Citation Issued.
- 0935 Walk-In - Malicious Damage *Report Filed Location/Address: Monroe St Resident In Lobby Reports Tire Slashed.
- 0937 Phone - Hit And Run *Report Filed Location/Address: Plymouth Dr Witness Reports 2 Separate Incidents Involving The Same Car. To File A
- 1052 Walk-In - Fraud No Action Required Location/Address: Albemarle Rd Contractor In Lobby Reports He Almost Did Work On Home But Found Out That The Customer Does Not Own The House. 0 Reports No Work Was Performed, No Money Exchanged, Scam.
- 1203 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Lenox St Family Concerned About A Utility Account Set Up In The Name Of A Deceased Relative After His Death. Officer Determined The Account And Ss Info Was Listed To His Girlfriend. No Crime.
- 1433 Initiated - Harassment *Report Filed Location/Address: [Nod 712] Norwood High School - Nichols St Sro Advised Of A Student Being Harassed.
- 1605 Phone - Violation Of Town Bylaw Spoken To Location/Address: E Hoyle St Report Party Leaf Blowing Onto The Public Way. N662 Reports All Cleaned Up.
- 2236 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St Civil Dispute Over Money. Party Advised.
- 2306 Phone - Susp Vehicle Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Central - Lenox Ave Co Ma S76289. Driver Lost Keys. Checked, Ok.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 0557 Phone - Violation Of Town Bylaw Spoken To Location/Address: Upland Rd Caller Reports A Construction Company Is Doing Work Prior To The 7am Town Bylaw. 664 Spoke To The Workers And They Were Just Dropping Off Supplies.
- 0852 Cellular - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: 145 - Railroad Ave Passing Motorist Repts A W/M, Blue Sleeveless Shirt, Red Shorts, Bare Feet Standing In Front Of Dempsey Insurance. Reports He Is Ok, Letting His Dog Out.
- 0941 Other - Susp Activity *Report Filed Location/Address: Walpole St + George Willet Pkwy As S.R.O., Reports A Student Was Asked If They Needed A Ride, Yesterday, Between 1500-1530 Hrs. Bolo To Cars For A P-Up Truck, Green With An Older Male Operator, Grey Hair.
- 1004 Phone - Hit And Run *Report Filed Location/Address: Fm Global Rd - Pleasant St Victim At Dedham Medical 1177 Bos-Prov Hwy Reports H/R Mva At The Above Intersection Earlier This Morning Around 0820 Hrs.
- 1050 911 - Report Of Gas Leak Fire Dept Notified/Resp Location/Address: Lansdowne Way Odor Of Natural Gas In Apartment.
- 1234 Phone - Pedestrian Accident Fire Dept Notified/Resp Location/Address: Shaws Supermarket - Nahatan St Caller Reports She Had A Driver Ride Over Her Foot. She Is Not Sure If The Driver Was Even Was Aware. Gold Car And Female Driving, Nfd Checks Her Out And

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- She Left Prior To Officers Arrival.
- 1410 Phone - Complaint Of Mv Spoken To Location/Address: Nahatan St Caller Reports Being Cutoff And Now The Vehicle In Front Is Backing Up Towards Them. Caller Advsd Twice To Stop Following The Vehicle. White Dodge Ram 7ndr30. Rmv Complaint Form Given To The Caller And Driver Of The Dodge Also Advised As He Was Located On Foot Near Cottage.
- 1556 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Coakley Middle School - Washington St Parent Of Teen In After A Dispute Today Ending In A Slap To The Face. Officers Advised Her And They Will Contact The Sro Monday.
- 2310 Phone - Animal Complaint Naco/Waco Notified Location/Address: Prospect St + Nahatan St Dog In The Road.
- 2321 Initiated - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Limey's Pub - Washington St Matter Resolved.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 1049 Phone - Assist Other Agency Area Search Negative Location/Address: Sixth St Bolo For Ma Pc Sn22bs For Arrest For Domestic, Since 0836 Hrs. Checks Relative's Address-Car Is Not There.
- 1127 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Central Chrysler Jeep & Dodge Of Norwood - Bos-Prov Hwy Report Male In Front Lot Taking Antennas Off Of Vehicles. Siezed Some Property Until Ownership Could Be Proven And Subject Is Disinvited From The Property.
- 1137 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Vernon St Resident Reports Another Renter Is Outside In His Bathrobe Pacing With A Baseball Bat. Subject Went Inside Prior To Arrival.
- 1141 Phone - Assaults *Report Filed Location/Address: Limey's Pub - Washington St Subject Reports He Was Head Butted Last Night Inside And Broke His Nose. He Left The Bar Without Reporting It Last Night. Officer Advised Him On Filing Charges, But The Subject Is Unable To Id The Suspect.
- 1145 911 - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Wheelock Ave Parent Reports Their Son Was Yelling Profanities At The Neighbors Whom Were Gathered Outside In Their Own

Driveway. N663 Reports Son Known To Pd, Left Before Officers Arrival. Neighbors Were Not Concerned. Also See Call#: 17-22438 1236 Hrs.

1729 Phone - Susp Activity Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Highland St Caller Reports Seeing A Male Party Attempting To Gain Access To Parked Vehicles. Reports No One In The Area, No Vehicles Broken Into.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- 0120 Initiated - Drunk Person *Protective Custody Location/Address: Playground - Wilson St One Placed Into Protective Custody. See Report
- 0130 Phone - Assist Citizen *Protective Custody Location/Address: Nahatan St + Rock St Party In The Roadway. Officers Requested Ambulance For Transport. Norwood Fire Responded. See Report.
- 0252 Walk-In - Lost And Found Services Rendered Location/Address: Cvs Pharmacy - Nahatan St Found Purse. Purse Belongs To Subject Transported To Hospital Earlier.
- 0607 Radio - Violation Of Town Bylaw Spoken To Location/Address: Upland Rd One Violation Observed.
- 1141 911 - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Patient Reports They Will Not Let Him Out. Call To Nurse's Station Of Unit 35 And They Will Check On Him.
- 1207 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Rock St Resident Reporting Multiple Issues, Known To Pd. Reports Family Present And She Is Not A Threat To Herself.
- 1234 Cellular - Debris On Road Services Rendered Location/Address: Fr Mac's - Vernon St Caller Reports His Wildlife Camera Took A Picture Of Drug Paraphenalia. Reports It Is Trash Properly Disposed Of It.
- 1333 Phone - Animal Complaint Naco/Waco Notified Location/Address: Neponset St Caller Reports He Is In Fear Of A Dog When He Is Out For A Walk. N.A.C.O. Notified, Resident Has Electric Fence And This Is Ok. Informed Caller, He Is Still Not Satisfied. Informed He Can File A Complaint With Town Hall And Caller Was Also Not Happy With This Solution.
- 1509 Phone - Complaint Of Mv Area Search Negative Location/Address: Nichols St Report Ma Pc 5sle30 Did Not stop For Him In Crosswalk And A Jogger Told Him The Car Did Not Stop For Him Either. Bolo To Cars. Reports Checked Area-Goa, Car Is Not At Its Registered Address.

- 2107 Phone - Noise Complaint No Violation Location/Address: Winslow Ave Loud Sound System. No Noise Upon Arrival, No One Would Come To The Door.
- 2149 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Four Points Sheraton - Bos-Prov Hwy Employee Reports Wheels And Tire Rims Were Stolen Off Of His Vehicle Sometime While He Was Working. Bolo To Surrounding Cities And Towns For A White Sedan With Left Rear Brake Light Out.
- 2158 Phone - Susp Person Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Big Y Foods, Inc. Store #105 - Walpole St Caller Reports An Older White Male Party Wearing A Blue Plaid Shirt Approached Her Vehicle While She Was Stopped At The Traffic Light And May Have Attempted To Gain Entry Into Her

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- Vehicle. Officers Searched The Area And Surrounding Streets With Negative Results.
- 2232 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Cottage St Female Party Possibly Went Into A Backyard Before Leaving Towards Nahatan Street, No Description.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 1601 Cellular - Well Being Chk *Report Filed Location/Address: Village Rd E Caller Locates A 4-5yoa Child, Just A Shirt And Diaper, Outside, In The Rear Of 250 Buckminster Dr. Nfd Sent. 1609 Hrs-Parent Reports Child Got Out Of Home. Reports Nfd Checked Him Out, Parent Reunited With Child.
- 1642 Phone - Complaint Of Mv Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Warren St + Granite St Report Of A Blue Car, Kids, Speeding In Neighborhood, 15 Minutes Ago.
- 1710 Phone - Susp Person Spoken To Location/Address: Rock St Caller Reports Male Knocking On Rear Door Window And A Window To One Of The Apartments To Right Of The Door, Then Got In Building And Went Into Apt. H4. Reports It Is The Resident's Brother Whom Forgot His Key.
- 1756 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: David Ter Report Banging Noise On Caller's Ceiling. Reports All Quiet Upon Arrival, Spoke To Caller.
- 1855 Phone - Harassment *Report Filed Location/Address: Chapel St Report Dog Feces And Firewood Placed On His Stairs Which Then Caused Another Tenant To Fall.
- 2055 Walk-In - Threats Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood Plaza - Nahatan St Party In Lobby Reports He Admonished A B/M, In A Blue Car With Tinted Windows, Possible Ma Pc Plate Of 25g974, For Parking In Hp Spot And As A Result Words Were Exchanged. Reports Plate Is In Wrong Sequence And There Are Too Many Results When Trying Partial Plates, Party Satisfied.
- 2239 Phone - Susp Activity Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Hilltop Gardens / Niles Company - Rock St Report Ma Pc 7va854 Drove In/Out Of Lot, Resident Went Out And Sat In There Car, No Exchange Seen. Checked All Apartment Lots-Goa.
- 2243 Initiated - Debris On Road State Dpw/Norwood Dpw N Location/Address: 1155 - Washington St Reports Dead Goose.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 0002 Phone - Noise Complaint Area Search Negative Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Caller Reported Loud Group. Nothing Found.
- 0012 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St Loud Music. Party Advised.
- 0157 Initiated - Susp Vehicle *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Mill Pond Ln + Coach Ln Negoshians Towed Pc Ma 898xly. One Under Arrest. Arrest: Nguyen, Phillip Manh Address: 114 Chapel St Norwood, Ma Age: 18 Charges: Oui Liquor Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Leave Scene Of Property Damage Marked Lanes Violation Minor Transporting/Carrying Alcoholic Beverage
- 1134 Phone - Missing Person *Report Filed Location/Address: Hillshire Ln Adult Female With Bipolar Disorder Did Not Return Home.
- 1453 911 - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Neponset St Verbal Argument Between Neighbors, Both Parties Separated.

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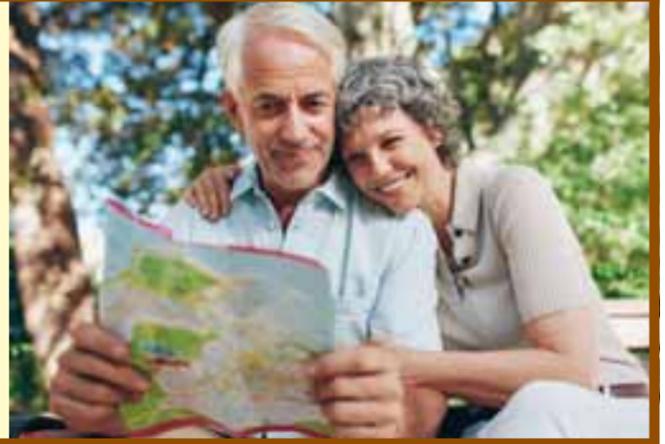
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Christmas fun and warmth at the Senior Center

Matt MacDonald
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With the Holiday Season here, two things are virtually guaranteed: festive activities and cold weather. At the Senior Center, located at 275 Prospect St., Council on Aging Outreach Coordinator Trish Monahan sat down to chat with The Record about both things.

“My job is to help people solve problems that they run into, be it one thing or another. So right now is fuel assistance time, so I’ll fill out applications with people for fuel assistance. If they meet income guidelines, they can come in and I’ll help them fill

out the pile of documentation that they require.”

The federally funded program – run in this area by Self Help, Inc. out of Avon – has strict income guidelines that depend on how many people there are in the applicant’s household. The income goes up as the number living in the household increase, and everyone’s income needs to be documented. If that sounds intimidating, then Monahan is the person to visit.

“If they’re 60 or older, they come and see me. If they’re 59 or younger, they go to Town Hall to the Veteran’s Office.”

Fuel assistance covers gas, oil, and electricity and runs from November through April, although – if there are federal funds left over – it can be extended. It also requires annual renewal.

“There’s no need to struggle. Come on in, we’ll help you.”

In addition to fuel assistance, Monahan is able to help with food stamps, health insurance (she’s a SHINE counselor), and any other problems that seniors might bring to her attention.

“Nobody needs to be really struggling. They should always come in here if

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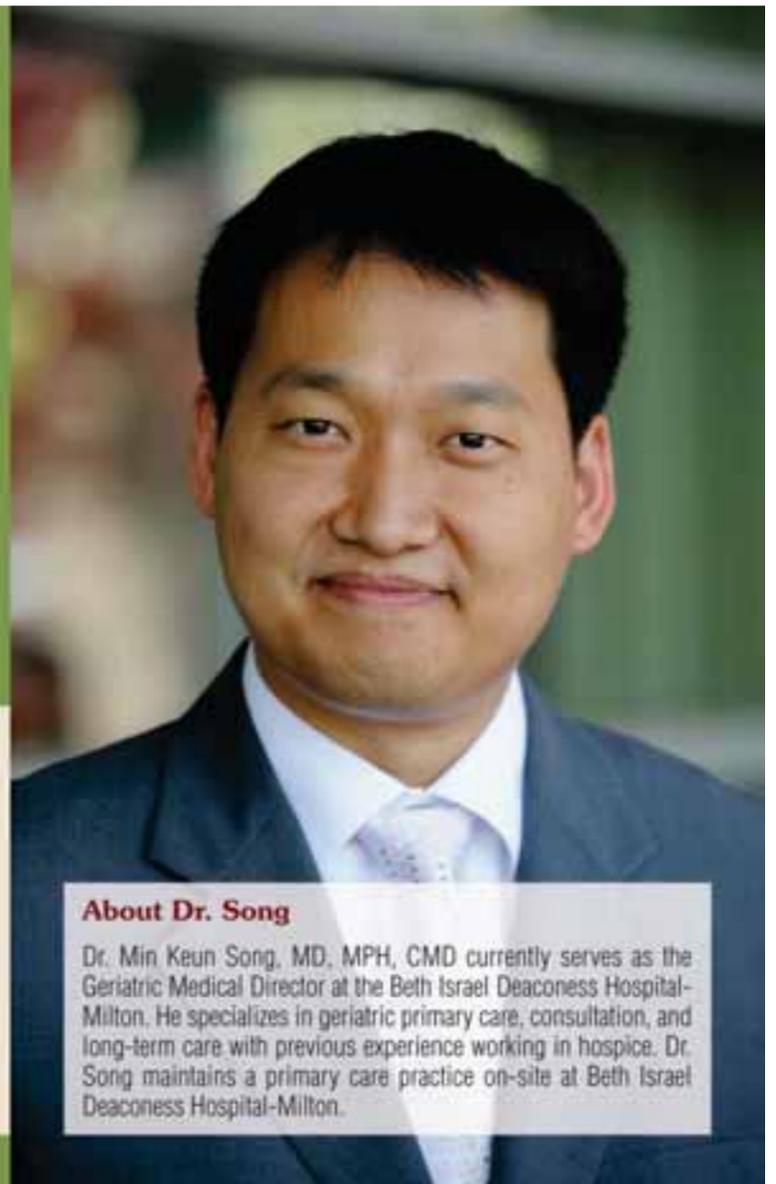
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SENIOR NEWS

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: Hellenic Health Care 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.

BOOK CLUB: Our next Book Club will be meeting on Dec. 18.

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

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

COUNCIL ON AGING: COA Board Meeting will be held on Dec. 7.

CRIBBAGE: Our seniors meet every Monday at 12:45 p.m. to play cribbage.

DIGITAL PHOTO ORGANIZATION & EDITING: first and third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

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

FOOT DOCTOR: Dr. Michael Mitri is scheduled to be here on Dec. 8. \$35.00 charge-call to schedule an appointment.

FRIENDS EVENING DANCE: Dec. 15, 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, Dec. 27 at 11:30 a.m.

LEARN TO PLAY MAH JONG: Thursdays 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 from 10 a.m. to noon.

MANICURES: Dec. 22. Please call for appt.

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. - 2 p.m. Please call 781-762-1201 for an appointment.

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

TRIAD: No TRIAD in December.

WATER COLOR: The next session is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 14 at 9 a.m. Payment of \$20.00 must be made at time of sign up.

WAXING: Monday, Dec. 11 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 from 12:45 to 3 p.m.

December Happenings Glee Club Holiday Concert Friday, Dec. 1, 2017 1 p.m.

COA Board Meeting (library room) Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017 1 p.m.

Annual Christmas/Holiday Party Swing Fever Trio Entertainment sponsored by Friends of COA Friday, Dec. 8, 2017 Doors Open at 11:30 a.m. \$5.00

Musical Bingo with Dave Monday, Dec. 18, 2017 1 p.m. Ugly Sweaters are encouraged! Refreshments will be served.

Cheers to the New Year! Thursday, Dec. 28, 2017 1-4 p.m. \$10.00

Mini-Bus Trips Tuesday, Dec. 5 - Walmart Tuesday, Dec. 12 - Kohl's Tuesday, Dec. 19 - Twin River Tuesday, Dec. 26 - No Bus Lunch & Theatre Combo Package Date: Friday, Dec. 15, 2017 Time: Lunch noon to 1 p.m.; "The Nutcracker" at The Norwood Theatre begins at 1:30 p.m. (Show runs approximately 2 hours) Cost: \$36.00 per person (This price includes gratuity, but excludes Transportation costs)

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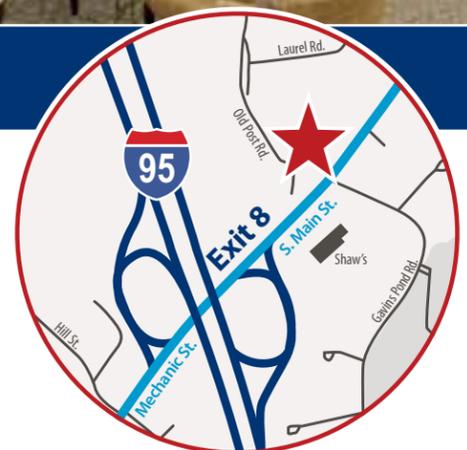


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Center Events

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they're struggling with anything."

Monahan also took time to go over some of the upcoming fun and festive activities planned for the month of December, starting off with the annual Glee Club Christmas Concert on Friday, Dec. 1. It will go off at 1 p.m. after lunch (which runs from 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The Friday after that – Dec. 8 – the Christmas Party will happen in the main activity room. For a \$5 ticket, revelers will be treated to the "Swing Fever Trio", an Italian lunch, and dessert. Those interested can sign up at the front desk.

To finish off the month and the year, there will be a New Year's Eve Party from 1 p.m. – 4p.m.

A recurring activity happening on the third Thursday of each month is the Memory Café. This month, it will be on Dec. 21, starting at 1 p.m. Monahan shared her thoughts on it.

"It's a great thing. It's for people who are having memory issues and, if nothing else, they'll have some kind of activity. If nothing else, it gives them a couple

of hours away from having to deal with all that comes with Alzheimer's. The caregivers can come with them. They don't have to worry."

Asked to try to describe the Senior Center, Monahan wasted no time.

"It's a social activity kind of place. A lot of people will come here and they'll have coffee, they'll have snacks, they'll meet their friends here. There are a lot of people who have made friends here and they go out together with their families – their families are now friends."

In the Holiday spirit, she went on to add this.

"You don't have to spend time by yourself. If you don't want to be alone you should be up here. Come on up. Make friends. We'll show you around. We'll introduce you to people."

And in a final invitation, "If you don't drive anymore, we have a bus that will pick you up and take you here."

To find out more about the Senior Center, feel free to take up Monahan's invitation or check out the Town of Norwood website. Click on Departments, and then Council on Aging.

Improvements for Independence

Being safe and comfortable at home is a large part of living well. Home modifications and repairs can help everyone, especially older adults and people with disabilities, maintain an independent lifestyle and prevent accidents.

Many older adults prefer to stay at home for as long as possible, but too often don't think about whether their homes will meet their needs as they age. Making improvements for independence before they are needed is a good way to ensure that a home is ready for aging in place. Forward-thinking improvements may also help prevent falls, which often cause the need for long-term care.

Many changes, such as adding grab bars in bathrooms, can be done without a major redesign or full-blown renovation. Depending on your circumstance, it may also make sense to consider things like widening doorways and lowering countertop heights for someone who uses a wheelchair.

Before making any changes, assess the entire home. This checklist can help identify areas that might need improvement. Everyone has different needs, but in general, a "no" answer may be cause for action.

* Are exterior walkways and entrances well-lit? * Is there a step-free entrance to the home?

* Are entrance doors easy to lock, unlock, open and close? * Does the main floor include a kitchen, bedroom and full bathroom? * Are doorways wide enough for someone using a wheelchair, walker or service animal? * Are hallways, staircases, bathrooms and the kitchen well-lit? * Is wall-to-wall carpeting secure and in good condition? * Are area rugs secured to the floor with grips? * Are walkways free from obstructions and hazards like cords and furniture? * Do stairways have sturdy handrails on both sides? * Can bathroom and kitchen cabinets be easily reached? * Is there a step-free shower entrance? * Are grab bars available in or near the shower and toilet? * Do show-

ers have non-slip mats or adhesive strips? * Will smoke detectors provide visual as well as audio alerts? * Are telephones and emergency supplies easily accessible on all floors?

Cost and contractors Minor improvements can cost between \$150-\$2,000, and major renovation costs vary depending on the job. However, many contractors offer reduced rates or sliding-scale fees based on income and ability to pay. Public and private financing options may also be available.

If hiring a professional, remember to get a written agreement with specific tasks, a timeline and cost estimate. Make sure the contractor is licensed, bonded and insured for the specific type of work.



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Sports

Girls' basketball schedule features plenty of home cookin'

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

The Norwood High girls' basketball team missed the tournament last winter after making three straight trips, but will have a home-heavy schedule to help it get back on track.

The Mustangs will play 12 home games and only eight games on the road in the 2017-18 season, partly a result of the unbalanced schedule created by only having 11 teams left in the Bay State Conference (BSC).

Like in boys' basketball (as well as both boys' and girls' hockey), each girls' basketball team within the BSC will play a 10-game league schedule, but face BSC opponents a total of 13 times. The extra three games will be considered "flex" games that won't count towards league standings and were factored in not by traditional Carey Division or Herget Division alignments, but rather by competitive bal-



Amy Lepley, pictured above, will be entering her third season as head coach of the girls' basketball team at Norwood High.

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ance.

The Norwood girls' basketball team will face Milton High, Walpole High and Framingham High in its flex schedule, same as the boys' team. The rest of its nonleague opponents include Milford and Stoughton High out of the Hockomock League for home-and-home series, future league opponent Norton High out of the Tri-Valley League for a

home-and-home series, and Dracut High out of the Merrimack Valley Conference.

Dracut, located along the New Hampshire border north of Lowell, is roughly 40 miles from Norwood. But the Mid-dies will be coming to the Mustangs rather than the other way around.

Girls BBall

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Football falters in Thanksgiving finale



The Norwood High football team will have to wait until 2018 to end its losing streak, as Dedham High cruised to a 23-7 victory last Thursday.

COURTESY PHOTO

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Norwood High's football season came to a merciful end on Thanksgiving Day with a 23-7 loss on the road to Dedham High.

The Mustangs (0-11) are still 48-39-2 all-time against the Marauders (6-5), but the lackluster showing last Thursday represented just how massive the script has flipped between the ri-

vals over the last calendar year.

For Dedham, the win over Norwood clinched its first winning season since 2003. The Mustangs, meanwhile, will have to wait until Week 1 of the 2018 to snap a 19-game losing streak.

"We'll regroup and see what happens next year," Norwood head coach Jim Tighe said after the game. "I took away that we have a lot of young kids that have

Football

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Norwood High swimming and diving alumni meet continues to gain popularity



This will be the last NHS alumni meet to take place over Thanksgiving break, given that once the Mustangs become a member of the Tri-Valley League, swimming and diving will shift to being a winter sport.

COURTESY PHOTO

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

For the fourth consecutive season, Jennifer Rodger and the Norwood High swimming and diving team welcomed in blasts from its past at its Alumni Meet.

Since being hired as head coach of the team at her alma mater four years ago, Rodger has held the event at the Westwood High School swimming pool on the Saturday over Thanksgiving break each year. While she realizes that many people have preexisting commitments that weekend due to the holiday, she noted that since current seniors at Norwood were freshmen when the meet began, it should bode well for the future of the event given that it's all they've known as active members of the team.

"Throughout the years we've had a variety of athletes come back and it's been hard

to get the same people back year after year, consistently," Rodger said. "Obviously, sometimes that weekend is kind of challenging with the holiday and family stuff. But I do think now that we've had the full four years, I think the kids that have gone through our program will come back. They're used to it. They're expecting the alumni meet, it's second nature now."

As always, Rodger herself participated in the meet, which has never been about winning or losing. A four-year member of the varsity team while at Norwood High before graduating in 2008, Rodger swam whatever event she was asked of. After jumping back in the pool at Westfield State for her junior and senior years of college, she focused almost exclusively on the breast-stroke, which is what she

Swimming

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Long road ahead for Norwood boys' basketball

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

If the Norwood High boys' basketball team is going to return to the postseason after a one-year absence, it will have to do so without the benefit of many home games.

The Mustangs will play only six of their 20 games at the Norwood High School gymnasium, a quirk that is partially the result of the odd number of teams in the Bay State Conference (BSC) prior to Norwood's departure.

With Dedham High already in the Tri-Valley League – where the Mustangs will be off to next fall – only 11 teams remain in the BSC, with six teams in the Carey Division and five teams in the Herget Division.

Rather than have a scenario in which Carey teams play 15 league games and Herget teams play 13, the league scrapped the traditional scheduling template and, at least for this season, will play a 10-game league schedule.

However, three "flex" games have been automatically tacked on to each team's schedule, giving each BSC team a total of 13 games against other BSC opponents...even if only 10 will count towards the league standings.

The flex scheduling does not limit a second game vs. a BSC opponent to the confines of the traditional divisional lineups; rather, the flex matchups were determined from the vantage point of competitive balance.

In the case of the Mustangs, they'll face Walpole High, Milton High and Framingham High twice on the hardwood. While Walpole and Milton have always faced Norwood twice each, this is unique for Framingham given its place-



Norwood won't be playing any games at the Dunkin' Donuts Center (seen above) in Providence, R.I. this season. But it will be playing at a different larger stadium venue: the TD Garden in Boston. PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

ment in the Carey Division.

So with Walpole, Milton and Framingham already aboard, the remainder of the nonleague slate for the Mustangs includes Dedham High and Sharon High twice each, as well as Hopkinton High, Archbishop Williams High and an opponent from the Milford Tournament over February vacation.

The nonleague series with Walpole, Milton, Framingham and Sharon are all home-and-home series, but the Mustangs will face Hopkinton, Archbishop Williams and Dedham strictly on the road or in neutral settings.

Each of Norwood's meetings with the Marauders will take place at neutral locations. Norwood and Dedham will play at the TD Garden on Jan. 27 and again in the opening round of the Milford Tournament.

Newton North High and Braintree High will be the only other teams to trek to Norwood this season.

The Mustangs open with

three straight road games at Weymouth High on Dec. 15 for the season opener, followed up trips to Wellesley and Braintree for the Archies game.

Norwood won't play a home game until Jan. 2, 2018, when Sharon comes to town. Framingham visits next for the lone stretch of consecutive home games for the Mustangs before it's back to the road for six of the next seven, a visit from Milton dividing the stretch into separate three-game road trips.

Norwood will alternate home and road games for its next six match-ups before closing with three straight road games, the last two of which will be a part of the Milford Tournament. Last year, the Milford Tournament was held over Winter Vacation in December.

The Mustangs finished 7-13 last year. They were right at .500 at 7-7 before dropping their final six games to finish out of the postseason in JJ Oliver's first season as head coach.

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raced in over the weekend.

"I was among the alumni who swam," Rodger confirmed. "I don't know if I won any events, but I gave it my best shot."

One notable alum who showed up was Caitlin Marchant, the captain of the Mustangs' swim team when Rodger was only a high school freshman. Marchant is related to current Norwood swimmer Audrey Scafati.

In all, only seven former Mustangs showed up for the event. But given the size of Norwood's roster over the last several seasons – it has ranged from 16 to 22 – Rodger isn't complaining, especially given

how many of the alums who came back swam under her tutelage.

"We haven't had tons and tons of people, so to get seven people for the alumni meet I was pretty happy with," Rodger said. "But it's going to take time."

In the future, Rodger said that she'd like to turn the event into a fundraiser of sorts, with each participant bringing in a donation for a food pantry or an unwrapped toy. Something along those lines, she said.

One major change that will certainly take place at the next alumni meet will be its timing. With Norwood's

move to the Tri-Valley League in all sports beginning in the 2018-19 school year, swimming and diving will no longer be a fall sport at Norwood High. In the TVL, swimming and diving is offered only in the winter season, meaning that the alumni meet is likely to take place either right before or directly after New Year's, Rodger said.

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Noticeably absent from the schedule is Dedham High, a rivalry which will be on a one-year hiatus until the Mustangs reunite the Marauders in the TVL next year.

Norwood opens the season with three straight games at home, beginning on Friday, Dec. 15 when Weymouth High visits. The Mustangs won't play a road game until after Christmas, when they get their first look at the Lancers in Norton on Thursday, Dec. 28.

Norwood will close out calendar year 2017 with an early morning game vs. Stoughton on Dec. 30 at 11 a.m., which will begin a run of eight straight games alternating between home and away.

The Mustangs close with five of their final eight games at home, but the regular season finale will be away from Norwood High in Stoughton on Monday, Feb. 19 vs. the Black Knights over February vacation.

There won't be any regular season tournaments for the Mustangs this season, a contrast to some previous seasons; last year, for example, Norwood played in the Comcast Tournament at Woburn High School over February vacation.

The Mustangs finished 6-14 last year, a season which was decimated by injuries – particularly the one to senior captain Meghan Reen, who tore her ACL just three games in.

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some heart and have some desire and played really hard. They just were playing before they should have been playing."

The Mustangs managed just a single first down against the Marauders and 33 yards of offense.

Dedham's duo of quarterback Ryan Flaherty and running back Tyler Martel posed problems for Norwood all morning long. Flaherty proved more than capable throwing the ball, completing 12 of his 17 passes for 156 yards. Martel rushed for a game-high 73 yards on 25 carries and scored all three touchdowns for the Marauders.

Martel excelled in short yardage situations, as all of his scores came from inside the Mustangs 3-yard line.

"They were big up front, they controlled the line of scrimmage," Tighe said of Dedham. "Our kids played really well. They probably played as good as they could play."

The Mustangs scored their lone points of the game in the second quarter on a Marc Murphy 31-yard touchdown pass to Jack Doherty. Michael Dooley's PAT cut the deficit to 10-7, which held for a halftime score, but Norwood could get no closer.

The Mustangs received the opening kickoff but went three-and-out, with things going from bad to worse when the punt got caught up in the jet stream and

fell down at the Norwood 27-yard line, giving the Marauders just a quarter of the field to conquer. Five plays later, Martel scored the first of his three touchdowns to give Dedham the lead for good. Jared Duane's 35-yard field goal before the first quarter was out proved to be the game-winning points.

The Marauders punted on their first possession of the second half, only to regain control after Norwood lost a fumble on its first play from scrimmage. Martel scored two plays later and on the heels of yet another Mustangs turnover, Dedham chewed up some clock and finished up an 11-play, 53-yard drive with Martel's third running score of the game.

"They controlled the ball," Tighe said. "Our kids did what we wanted [defensively]; we wanted them to have long drives and hope they made a mistake. We got down early with the short field, but we regrouped and I think the kids played really well. In the second half, it just caught up to us."

Only eight seniors are graduating from the football team, which is off to the Tri-Valley League in 2018: captains Colin Plasko, Mat Rice and Chris Sheehan, as well as Dan Quinn, Jack Doherty, Max Pfingston, Mike Dooley and Paul Murphy.

Public Hearing Notice Norwood Planning Board

Pursuant to Mass General Law Chapter 40A, Section 9 and the Norwood Zoning Bylaw, Section 6.1.12 Special Permit, a Special Permit issued by the Planning Board is required for a reduction in the width of the landscaped buffer strip along Rte. 1, as required in Section 6.1.4 of the Zoning Bylaw. The Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday December 18, 2017 at 7:05 PM in room 12, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington St., at the request of Roll Land Inc. c/o Dean Realty LLC & CRT Realty Trust, for construction of a 9,000 S.F. building with a Drive-Thru Window. The property is located at 940-958 Boston Providence Highway in the Highway Business Zoning District; as shown on the Assessor's Maps as Map 17, Sheet 13, Lots 2A, 3 and 100. A copy of the Site Plan and application information is available for review in the Planning Department from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Monday – Friday.

Debbie Holmwood, Clerk

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CHORAL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE SUNDAY, DEC. 24

Anglican Church of the Redeemer, 71 Bond St., Norwood, will celebrate Christmas Eve at 4 p.m. with traditional hymns and carols and William Byrd's Mass for Four Voices, sung by a professional Choir!

All are welcome to attend. For more information please call Father Alan at 781-769-7940.

CHAMBER TO HOST LINKEDIN SEMINAR

The Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce will host a seminar titled "How to Be the Boss of Your LinkedIn Account" on Friday, Dec. 15 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. The seminar is hosted by Workbar at Staples located at 991 Providence Highway in Norwood. This is the third in a series of three Technology Seminars hosted by the Chamber. Aside from expanding your network and connections which may aid in a job or hiring search, guests can expect to come away with several key take-aways including using LinkedIn as a Research Tool, an aid in Building your Credibility and Personal Brand, a blogging platform and peer to peer environments via groups. The seminar will be presented by Stacy Chambers, the Managing Director of NELSON Boston, and a Leader in the firms TAMI (Technology, Advertising, Media, Information) practice. Her career spans the world of design, facilities, corporate real estate and furniture. The cost to attend is \$15.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members and includes a continental breakfast. Reservations are required and can be made by visiting www.nvcc.com or calling 781-769-1126.

NEPONSET VALLEY CHAMBER PRESENTS NOON NETWORKING

The Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce (NVCC) will hold its monthly Noon Networking program on

FRANGIOSO

Stephen John of Norwood formerly of Gloucester passed away on Nov. 24, 2017 at the age of 62. Beloved husband of Deborah A. (Strachan) Frangioso. Devoted father of Kirsten L. Frangioso of Norwood and Jessica L. Casserly and her husband John of Westwood. Brother of Jeanette M. Elchuck of California, Linda Leary of California, Ralph C. Frangioso Jr. and his wife Maureen of Falmouth and the late Elizabeth A. Perry. Son of the late Ralph C. Sr. and Sebastiana "Bessie" (Calcagno) Frangioso. Cherished grandfather of Mariah Farris, Christian Farris, Caitlyn Casserly and Liam Casserly. Also survived by his beloved companions Bella and Bandit and many nieces and nephews. Stephen was a Self Employed General Contractor in Norwood for many years and was an avid fisherman, fishing along the coast from Maine to Provincetown. Funeral was from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St.,

Tuesday, Dec. 12 from noon -1:30 p.m. at Blue Hill Country Club located at 23 Pecunit St. in Canton. The Networking Series is sponsored by Norwood Bank. Cost to attend is \$25.00 for members and \$35.00 for non-members and includes lunch. Reservations are required and can be made by visiting www.nvcc.com or calling 781-769-1126. There is a \$5 walk-in fee. Established in 1894, the Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce serves the needs of businesses in a twelve- town region stretching from Route 128 to Route 495 southwest of Boston. For information on membership or doing business in the region, please contact the Chamber at 781-769-1126, www.nvcc.com or torourke@nvcc.com

FIRST BAPTIST NORWOOD SETS FAIR DATE

The First Baptist Church of Norwood has set the date for the 2017 Gingerbread Fair for Dec. 2. One of the big drawing cards is the Silent Auction. Many items have already been donated and the first item was from Patti Meyer of the Norwood Theatre. It is four tickets for Dec. 3 to The Country Jamboree at 7 p.m. What a lovely way to start the Christmas Season. Many other items, including Joyce Byers famous Carolers will be available for bids.

New this year will be "The Mercantile" which will include some good old Country Store offerings. As always, the wonderful handcrafts will be available. These will include knitted goods, crocheted items, hand sewn creations and handmade wooden crafts. There will also be a fine selection of Christmas items for you or for gift giving.

As you think of all your Christmas finery, come peruse the Jewelry Table for

items to match everything in your wardrobe. Slightly used items are always a big hit. Everybody loves a good bargain. Come early to make up your own Cookie Boxes made by very talented donors. This table sells off very early in the day. Children and adults may also make their very own real Gingerbread Houses to take home.

Keeping in mind the long winter months, come and choose from a large selection of books of all genres to keep you busy reading as you curl up in your favorite chair. As always, plan to meet your friends at the lunch counter and sit and enjoy a leisurely lunch to kick off your Christmas shopping spree. We look forward to greeting you at this event.

TEMPLE ALIYAH-CAPPELLA CONCERT DEC. 2

Join us at Temple Aliyah on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. for an a cappella concert featuring local collegiate Jewish groups, including Kol Echad from Boston University, Shir Appeal from Tufts University, and Manginah from Brandeis University. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Jewish community in Puerto Rico for rebuilding following the recent hurricanes. Tickets \$18/adults; \$8-\$12/kids 4-18; free for USY, Jr USY, and Kadima members. Price cap \$55/family. Buy tickets at <http://bit.ly/AliyahCappella>. For more information call 781-444-8522.

PANTRY COLLECTING HOLIDAY TOYS

From now through early December, the Norwood Food Pantry is collecting toys for children of local families in need from tots through early teens.

Please drop off your new unwrapped gifts at the pantry (rear of Grace Episcopal

Church, 150 Chapel St.) between 8 and 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays.

7TH ANNUAL FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

The 7th Annual Father Daughter Dance will take place on Friday, Feb. 9 at 6:30-8 p.m. The Cost is 415/couple (adult & child) \$5 additional person. There will be a DJ & Dancing, Light Refreshments, Photo Booth Ticket and Giveaways. The Dance will be held at the Gym of the Civic Center.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA ALL AGES WILLET ROOM

The Norwood Recreation Department made a special request to the North Pole and Santa will be making a special appearance for kids at the Civic Center Saturday, Dec. 16. Come hang out with us for a pancake breakfast, some sing-a-long songs, crafts, and don't forget to bring your cameras for pictures with Santa! Saturday, Dec. 16, 9-11 a.m. Fee: \$7.00 per child (Ages 16 and below) & \$5 per adult.

THE NORWOOD WOMAN'S CLUB HOSTS A SPECIAL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Please join The Norwood Woman's Club on Dec. 12, at 12:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Hall. Maureen Vinson will host a special holiday program. Questions? Call Trina Mallet at 781-762-8173.

TRUDY'S ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Dec. 1, at 8 p.m. there will be a Trudy's Annual Toys for Tots Christmas Party. Please bring an unwrapped non violent New Toy for a Deprived Tot. Entertainment by "Round House" Band & "Surprise Appearance," cash Bar, door dona-

tion \$5. All proceeds to be donated to Toys for Tots (USMC Collect the Toys). Located at the Norwood VFW, Post 2452 193 Dean Street Norwood, MA 02062.

THE NORWOOD ART ASSOCIATION'S WINTER SALE & SHOW

The Norwood Art Association's ANNUAL HOLIDAY SALE & SHOW will be held at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. There will be original oil, watercolor, and acrylic paintings, and photographs for purchase, as well as food, hot coffee and beverages.

The raffles will include original artwork, a gift basket, and items generously donated by local businesses. One does not have to be present to win.

The Lutheran Church is located at 24 Berwick St. in Norwood, across the street from Veteran's Memorial Park on Chapel Street. Plenty of free parking is available. Admission is free to the public. For more information, email norwoodartassociation@gmail.com or call 617-584-3577.

CHRISTMAS FAIR AT THE UNITED CHURCH

The United Church of Norwood's annual Christmas Fair will be held Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a bake sale, used treasures of all kinds, Christmas items, handmade crafts, a variety of quilted items and an extensive array of raffles.

The raffles will include themed gift baskets, original artwork, items generously donated by local businesses, a beautiful quilt (pictured) called "Lost in Space" made by Sharon Smith of Norwood - and more. Lunch with homemade soup will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and the raffle winners will be announced at 3 p.m. One does not have to be present to win.

The church is located at the corner of Washington and Nahatan streets in Norwood Center. Enter the fellowship hall from the Nahatan Street side. Plenty of free parking is available in the town lot behind the church. For further information, call the church office at 781-762-2589.

MaryAnn DeAmicis. Michael was a retired Executive in the Transportation & Logistics Industry. He served in the military in the early 1960s and was an active member of the Elks Club and Sons of Shillelagh. Michael is survived by the his three daughters, Tracy Ashworth (McGowan), Sturbridge, Mass.; Kristen McGowan, West Orange, N.J.; Kelley McGowan, Huntingdon Valley, Pa.; their mother, Sandra McGowan (Sundquist); six grandchildren; nieces; nephews and many, many friends. Michael will be remembered for his laughter, love of family and passion for life! Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Dec. 29, 2017 at St. Catherine's of Siena in Norwood, to be immediately followed by Michael's Celebration of Life Party at the Norwood Elks Lodge #1124 Special Thanks to the dedicated Staff at St. Barnabas's Cooperman Family Pavilion. As Michael often said, "It's Been a Hell of a Ride!"

ROWAN

Anne M. (Barry) 91, Of Norwood died peacefully at home on Nov. 20, 2017. Beloved wife of the late Robert L. Rowan. Devoted mother of George J. Rowan and his wife Lynn of Walpole, and Robert L. Rowan Jr. and his wife Marie of Norwood. Cherished grandmother of Joseph and John Rowan. Dear sister of Helen Murray and her husband Robert of Shrewsbury, and Virginia Gillis and her husband John of Dedham. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Anne was a proud graduate of Girls Latin, class of 1944, and graduate of Boston University, class of 1948. She was a long-time member of the St. Catherine of Siena Ladies Sodality. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday in St. Catherine of Siena Church, followed by interment at Highland Cemetery. Arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., Norwood. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Anne's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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Norwood. A funeral mass was held at St. Catherine of Siena Church Norwood. Burial was held at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the Circle of Hope Foundation PO Box 421 Norwood, MA 02062-0421.

FROHN

Mary A. (Kavolius) Of Norwood, Nov. 18, 2017, at age 70. Beloved wife of John Charles Frohn, III. Loving mother of Jennifer C. Frohn and her fiance Ian J.A. Titcomb of Weymouth and Jaclyn C. Diffily and her husband Brian P. of Springfield, N.J., dear sister of Ann R. Narbut of Norwood and cherished grandmother "Mimi" of Weston R. Diffily. Mary had an unwavering desire for knowledge. She shared this

passion for learning as a teacher of dental health at numerous institutions, her devotion to share her wisdom, compassion and generosity influenced all those she encountered. It is her enormous heart that will be remembered most. Funeral was from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., (Rt. 1A) NORWOOD. Funeral Mass was in Saint Catherine's Church, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Tri-County RVTHS/Mari Frohn Memorial Scholarship 147 Pond Street, Franklin, MA 02135.

HUCKSAM

Helen V. (McAvoy), 95, of Norwood, passed away peacefully on Nov. 24, 2017, one week before her 96th birthday. Loving and cherished wife of the late John Richard Hucksam with whom she shared 63 years of marriage. Devoted and beloved mother of Mary and her husband Dr. Richard Conroy of Osprey, Fla.; Barbara Hucksam of East Walpole, Mass. and Venice, Fla.; Nancy and her husband Arthur O'Leary of Venice, Fla.; Lorraine and her husband Robert Hooker of Easton, Md.; John Richard Hucksam, Jr. and his partner, Laura Crognalo, of Amesbury, Mass.; and Catherine and her husband Lawrence Daughtrey of Great Falls, Va. Beloved Grandma of Cathy Conroy

Birk and her husband Carsten, Dr. Brian Conroy and his wife Kimberly, Christopher Conroy, Beth O'Leary Luberecki and her husband Greg, Katie O'Leary Miller and her husband Glenn, Gregory O'Leary and his wife Mollie, John O'Leary and his wife Jamie, Joe Hooker and his wife Jennie, Kristen Hooker Stovall and her husband Spence, Benjamin Daughtrey and Annie Daughtrey. Loving Great Grandma of McKenna, Ella, Jake and Lydia Conroy, Lindsay Luberecki, Jacob and Tyler Miller, Ryan and Jacqueline Hooker, Nate Stovall and Lucas O'Leary. Helen is survived by her sisters Nancy Oates of Duxbury and Mary Foley of Franklin and her brother David McAvoy of Dennis. She was the sister of the late Francis McAvoy and James McAvoy. She leaves many, many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held on Friday, Dec. 1 at 10 a.m. from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (Rte. 1A), Norwood, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. in St. Catherine of Siena Church, 547 Washington St., Norwood. Interment will take place Friday afternoon at 2:15 p.m. in the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne. Visiting hours will be on Thursday from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Helen's name to Maryknoll Sisters, P.O. Box 317, Maryknoll, NY 10545, or St. Bonaventure Indian Mission and School, P.O. Box 610, Thoreau, NM 87323.

MCGOWAN

Michael Jude 78, West Orange, N.J., passed away on Oct. 28, 2017 surrounded by his daughters. Michael was born on Jan. 7, 1939 in Norwood, Mass. He is preceded in death by his parents Edward McGowan & Catherine Monroe, brothers William & Edward McGowan and wife

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