



Town Meeting members on Monday evening rejected a bid by the Town to implement a stormwater fund to implement flood mitigation measures and flood damage.

PHOTO BY KWOT ANWEY



The Norwood DPW is already deep into spring projects, including repaving of many streets and continued pipe relining.

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## Town Meeting nixes stormwater fund

**Kwot Anwey**  
Staff Reporter

Roughly 200 Norwood Town Meeting members approved all but one Warrant Article for the upcoming fiscal year Monday after spending over three hours in the Norwood High School auditorium.

Town officials also gave a presentation on the economic state of the Town, which is in a stable position for now, but without cutting corners somewhere, may lead to an eventual fiscal cliff, according to the Norwood Finance Commission (FinCom).

Article 9, which would have implemented a mechanism to create a local stormwater enterprise fund to improve the stormwater drainage network, failed 78-109, with six abstentions. The Board of Selectmen, although unanimous in their support for all other articles (aside from Article 10 which was supported 4-0 with one abstention) were split on Article 9, with three in support and two against; the article was backed by the Ad Hoc Stormwater Committee.

According to Town Manager Tony Mazzucco, the article would have laid the groundwork for the Board of Selectmen to establish a fee — likely in September or October — for taxpayers to contribute to the fund. According to Mazzucco, the Department of Revenue requires establishing a fund prior to the fiscal year you plan to add a fee. That way, the mechanism would already be in place.

Similar to water and sewage, all the money raised would have

been devoted specifically to financing stormwater improvements, and by next year, Norwood would have had a stormwater budget to be approved by Town Meeting. According to Mazzucco, all related stormwater projects still need to go through the normal public hearing processes, and if the board creates a fee, there would have been a period of public input and informational meetings in advance.

“It’s really taking care of the accounting mechanism beforehand,” said Mazzucco. “It really just prepares us to set it up as a budget that has the same level of control everyone would have over every other budget, should we go forward with the process. We just have to take care of some of the bureaucratic underbrush now as the board works through their process over the year.”

Major projects would take anywhere from 18 months to two years before beginning construction, and would have had to come to a Town Meeting vote. Mazzucco said that without some sort of additional revenue source, some work simply cannot be done.

“We have to hit that decision point where we decide, ‘go or no go,’” said Mazzucco. “Because if we decide to go and there’s a revenue source to fund these projects, we can make it happen. If the decision is no, then it (stormwater improvements) will be in competition with everything else we have to do, and we may have to decide, ‘Do we renovate Town Hall? Do we kick that down the road for 10 years and take on a stormwater project?’ And that’s not an easy decision to make.”

TM members remained concerned about the lack of information they were given, citing no fee

set as the reason why they did not support the article.

“If we approve this article, we lose total control of how these fees will be decided on,” said one Town Meeting member. “That decision will be solely in the hands of the Selectmen... I need and want the exact information that Selectmen will use to establish these fees.”

Other representatives, some victims of the catastrophic 2020 flash flood that shut down Norwood Hospital and caused flooding throughout the Town, said that establishing the fund is the best and the only realistic option the Town has right now.

“If we have a trash fee, the amount of trash generated each year is going to be within a fairly narrow range, year after year after year, adjusting for the amount of people within this Town,” said one resident. “Same thing for water consumption. Not stormwater. We have personally experienced the fact that you can have 100-year floods, and that they tend not to wait 100 years before they happen. So that difference alone, I think, is a strong support for establishing something like this.”

Scattered applause came from the audience after the lengthy debate and the motion subsequently failed.

The other controversial Warrant Article, Article 3, narrowly passed 103-95, with 2 abstentions. The Article will move \$38,000 from free cash to St. Catherine of Sienna School’s nurse position, financing half of the position’s salary. TM members for the article’s passing

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## Public Works Department ready for a big season

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

Norwood Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Mark Ryan said they are commencing several different projects throughout Town, kicking off with the annual water main relining and repairing and the usual repaving projects.

The repaving projects, part of a five-year plan to catch up on roads that really need some attention is starting this spring. Ryan said they have a large number of streets on the plan for this year.

“What street isn’t on the docket?” he said.

Ryan said High Street, Beech Street, Vernon Street, Hawthorne Street, Upper

Vernon, Washington Street, the Bird Road neighborhood, Springvale, the Alpine Road neighborhood, Fulton Street, Endicott Street, Downing Street, Highview Street, Madeline Road, Maple Street and Neponset Street are all slated for work.

“Neponset Street is the big one, from Norwood Cadillac to Norton Drive, but that won’t happen until the summer because we want the traffic to die down a bit when school lets out,” he said. “There’s 43 streets to do, and that’s just a handful of them.”

For Endicott Street, neighbors should be seeing an upgrade. Basically, when the Endicott Woods condo devel-

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## Selectmen endorse veteran housing

**Susan Kryczka**  
Staff Reporter

After a lengthy debate, the Norwood Board of Selectmen on May 7 approved sending a revised draft agreement of an affordable housing project to the May 13 Town Meeting for review and a vote. A previous version of the agreement had been rejected with the caveat that the Board would reconsider a new draft with changes. The revised version was approved by a 3-2 vote.

Appearing before the Board to discuss the revised draft were Community Preservation Committee Project Manager Kristin Phillips, Community Preservation Chair Joseph Sheehan, and Director of Real Estate and Chief Financial Officer at Caritas Communities Greg Rittchen, as well as Town Council David DeLucca who supported the revisions made to the draft. “I had the opportunity

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The Norwood Art Association will be holding their Artist Demonstration on May 23.

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cited the longstanding tradition of “doing what’s right” and the unwanted possibility of the 175 students from the school needing to go to Norwood Public Schools (NPS) as a result of inadequate health care. Opponents stated that the school’s tuition can cover the position, and that the nearly \$40,000 could go towards supporting NPS’ nurses or special education program, as an example.

Regarding future finances, the FinCom stated that with an increase of about \$4 million in revenue from last year, and a projected \$8 million increase in projected expenses for the upcoming year, the revenue increase cannot support current operating expenses. With the options to use a portion of the Town’s free cash, to cut service or to risk future layoffs next year, the committee chose to utilize over \$2 million of the town’s \$8 million in free cash to support the budget. The FinCom warned, though, that there is a need for looking ahead, and that they will work with the budget balancing committee in future years to avoid a fiscal cliff, where they’d no longer be able to afford the expenses.

Article 1, which will internally move a sum of \$250,000 from police department salaries and holidays to the department budget, passed 189-6. Article 2, which will transfer \$20,000 from free cash to

the Norwood Lifeworks ARC, a regional non-profit organization supporting people with disabilities and covers adult disability services, passed 187-8. Opponents stated that Article 2 should return to the annual budget as opposed to being a yearly endeavor.

Article 4 will move \$156,000 from free cash to support the NPS’ IT equipment capital requests, and was passed 170-20 with seven abstentions. Article 5 will allow \$59,353 to be used by NPS for transportation for international migrants, offsetting an increase in costs for FY25, and was passed 131-61 with 8 abstentions. Article 6, which passed 153-37 with five abstentions, will allocate \$202,850 from free cash to NPS; the money was received by the Town of Norwood as a result of NPS’ acceptance to the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program, which funds schools for laptops, tablets, and internet connection hardware.

Article 7, following the decision to move the extended day after school program from NPS to the Norwood Recreation Department, will allocate \$400,000 dollars of free cash to the recreation department, filling the gap in money for operating expenses due to the inability to transfer funds directly from NPS to the department; the article passed 189-9, with one abstention. Article 8, passing 194-4, rescinded the Norwood Fire Department’s Civil Service Provisions Program. The Town and the fire department jointly decided to eliminate the last civil service requirement in the Town, stating that it makes the hiring process difficult, and that they’re no longer able to obtain enough firefighters in times of

## Artist Demonstration on 23rd

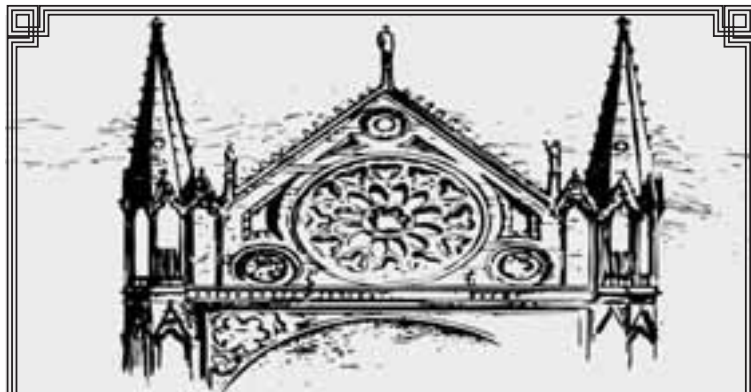
On Thursday, May 23, the NORWOOD ART ASSOCIATION will hold their ARTIST DEMONSTRATION at 5:30 p.m. in the Simoni Room of the Norwood Morrill Memorial Library, located at 33 Walpole Street in Norwood. These demonstrations are FREE to all, and members and the public are welcome and encouraged to attend! You don’t have to be an artist to attend, just have a love for the

arts. There will be a raffle with a piece of art donated by the attending artist.

This month the featured demo artist is Bill Lane. Bill is an award winning Watercolorist who holds many memberships including the Copley Society of Art, Providence Art Club, New England and Rhode Island Watercolor Societies, as well as being a member of the American and National Watercolor Societ-

ies. He is also a member of the Attleboro Art Museum, the Lyme Arts Association and the Guild of Boston Arts.

For additional information or to become a member of the NAA, please contact Frannie Downey, the Norwood Art Association Co-President, at francesadj@aol.com or visit the NAA on Facebook, Instagram or our website norwoodartassociation.com.



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# Neponset Valley Humane Society needs your help

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

Neponset Valley Humane Society (NVHS) organizer Diane Parazin is looking for help from local seniors to look after, well, feline local seniors.

The NVHS has a program that pairs senior cats with senior humans, and provides assistance for their care.

“We provide senior cats for

“There are quite a few feral cats running around, and so getting them off the streets and into a good home and getting their kittens off is really important,” she said.

The idea is to provide homes and care for cats all across the Neponset Valley, in Norwood and beyond. Parazin said it’s a great group and she loves being a part of it. And there are some fringe benefits as well.

pick it live on Facebook every night.”

And if that’s not enough, the group is hosting another raffle.

“We have another raffle, which is a \$600 Mother’s Day raffle,” she said. “Apparently, we like raffling everything off in the month of May. That includes a Coach bag valued at \$400, along with a Marshall’s gift card, a Starbucks gift card, a Market Basket gift card, some



senior citizens,” she said. “We try to take care of as much food and medical costs for those seniors as we can.”

The program pairs cats roughly seven years or older with senior citizens to provide seniors with the physical and psychological benefits of companionship from the cats. According to the NVHS, stroking a cat is calming, improves mood and lowers blood pressure.

Parazin said they need volunteer help in the program.

“We have 50 to 75 cats and not very many people,” she said. “So we run around to help out, we take the seniors to vet appointments, we go in and trim their cats’ nails for them, we do weekly visits for medications and things like that. I would love to have another volunteer come in and help with that.”

If you’d like to get involved, either as a volunteer or a participant in the program, contact NVHS at 781-769-1990 or email [nvhumanesociety@gmail.com](mailto:nvhumanesociety@gmail.com)

In general, the NVHS works to spay and neuter as many feral and pet cats as possible and provide foster care for animals in need of homes. Director Cathy Tainter has said they also sometimes take care of dogs, but that is limited based on the group’s volunteers.

“We just had a group of the cutest little kittens ever; they were found in a Home Depot gardening Center,” she said. “They are so adorable. So someone reported the mother cat and five babies, and we named them all after various Home Depot items and we got them into foster care.

From foster care – provided by NVHS volunteers – the cats are hopefully placed in forever homes throughout the area.

Parazin said the group is also fundraising for the society as a whole, and have a great deal of prizes.

“We’ve got two raffles in May; both the daily raffle, where we’ve got \$3,000 worth of prizes – we pick a new winner every day and each prize is valued at \$50 or more,” she said. “Yesterday’s raffle was \$175 for example. Our goal there is to raise \$6,000 for area cats and kittens.

Parazin added that one entry gets you a lot of tries.

“People can enter all month, and every entry is guaranteed to be in the raffle every day,” she said. “By that I mean one entry gets you into every 31 days of May’s raffle, and if you win, you get to go in again as well. It’s quite the deal. We post every morning on social media what the day’s prize is and we

coin bags, some wristlets and a bunch of other little trinkety things.”

Parazin said this is the fourth such raffle event the NVHS has put on over the years, and she said the community has been more than supportive.

“We’ve got a ton of great supporters and followers on social media, and people in the cat and kitten community,” she said. “Not only have they donated funds, they’ve donated prizes for the raffles as well, either individually or from their corporations. It’s been a tremendous response and we’re very grateful to everybody who contributed or purchased a ticket. Everything goes to cats and kittens.”

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emergency.

Article 10 increased the cost of living adjustment for retirees from \$15 thousand to \$16 thousand, and passed 164-21 with one abstention. Article 11 passed 154-31 with two abstentions, paying the federal government 37,221 dollars in reimbursement back for money granted to Norwood during the start of COVID under the CARES Act. Article 12, needing a 9/10ths majority vote, passed 181-10, authorizing 2,529 dollars to be used to pay off the Town’s remainder in unpaid bills.

The Annual Town Meeting, after being adjourned for the night, will resume on Thursday, May 16 in the Norwood High School PAC at 6:30 p.m.

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## HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

Rt. 50 in Nevada is nicknamed, "America's Loneliest Road." Leaving Reno I drove east on 80 to Fernley, where I picked up the long, desert ribbon. An hour later I pulled over to walk a pebbled pathway to observe ancient petroglyphs. It was a fascinating stroll in oppressive heat, the surrounding desert a gaunt and wounded landscape of discarded, earthly remains. As I strolled, I observed signs and markings on the rocks until I came to one defaced. Someone had painted across thousand-year-old petroglyphs the ubiquitous F-Bomb, followed by its carnal cousin, 'You.'

I once visited Joe Boyle's grave in Woodstock, Ontario. Boyle was a First World War Canadian hero, awarded medals from several countries and alleged to have been romantically involved with Queen Marie of Romania. The pair used to stroll the Queen's grounds, particularly admiring some thousand-year-old crosses that adorned her gardens. When Boyle died in London in 1925, Queen Marie had one of the crosses shipped to England to be used as his gravestone. When the Joe Boyle Repatriation Committee had his remains moved from London to Woodstock in 1980, they also brought the priceless stone. On the morning I visited Joe Boyle, I discovered that vandals had tipped the stone cross over and broken it in half.

I once ran a diner in Vermont where I hired a kid who would not pull his pants up. We'll call him Ass Boy, if only because that's what we called him. Ass Boy was twenty-ish and somewhat sensitive. A bit chubby, he tended to wear short tee shirts and beltless pants. After complaints from customers that they were observing "the plumber thang," I mentioned to Ass Boy that perhaps he should pull his pants up. When the problem persisted, I gently suggested that he wear a longer tee shirt. Then I suggested that perhaps a belt would solve the problem. Finally, I strongly suggested to Ass Boy to pull up his pants, wear a longer tee shirt, and put on a belt. Frustrated, he complained that no one had informed him of a dress code in my restaurant, that he was his own man and liked to express himself in the way he dressed, and furthermore would never have taken the job had he known there were so many unwarranted, square restrictions. Ass Boy walked out on me.



Generational lament is as American as any appropriate simile. My generation endured the "Beatle's Haircut" lament; indeed, the "hippie generation" was constant, teeth-grinding fodder for The Greatest Generation's scorn. Today's generational lament, accentuated by the avalanche of technology that many elders simply find bewildering, continues. The considered, prevailing opinion being that many young people today feel entitled. Entitled to allowances without earning them, entitled to their own TV sets and cars, entitled to well-paying jobs despite inexperience, entitled to world-flung vacations, entitled to wear their pants around their ankles while cooking in restaurants—entitled.

Recently I visited hockey historian Paul Kitchen in Ottawa. In 1997, out of his own pocket, Paul had paid \$4000 for a beautiful stone pedestal and plaque commemorating the site of Ottawa's first Stanley Cup victory. As we chatted, almost as an afterthought, he told me, "The monument was smashed by vandals two weeks ago. They stole the bronze plaque." I returned from Canada with generational lament crudely but indelibly spray-painted across my consciousness.

I followed the kid into the men's room in Charity's, a refueling stop on the access road in the ski resort of Killington, Vermont. The kid was maybe ten, twelve years old, local and rural, wearing overalls and a cowboy hat cocked on his head. He had a rigid demeanor, a workman-like body at even his tender age. We shortly stood side-by-side, both attempting to figure out the high tech paper towel dispensers before us. Peering about and seeing no handle, no paper to pull, we reacted in unison, realizing the machines must be motion

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## Letters to the Editor

### ESPS PROVIDE VALUABLE SERVICES

*To the Editor:*

Education Support Professionals (ESPs) such as teaching assistants and paraprofessionals play an essential role in our public schools, yet they are significantly underpaid and underappreciated. This needs to change. When parents and other members of our community imagine the staff at our public schools, they probably think of classroom teachers, or perhaps enrichment staff like librarians or athletic coaches. This may have been an appropriate mental picture in the past, but schools today are also home to a wide variety of ESPs. Many of us followed the heated con-

tract negotiations between local towns and their school employees that occurred over the past year; however it is not widely known that an important goal of these negotiations was to gain better pay and benefits for Education Support Professionals. Teachers and individual school administration know the value of these colleagues; in contrast, superintendents, the School Committee, parents, and other community members don't seem to understand the vital role that ESPs play in fulfilling the public school mission of educating all students. ESPs have a right to a living wage, and the same benefits as licensed public school teachers. For too long, ESPs

have not been given the respect, benefits, and appropriate compensation that they deserve.

For the general public, ESPs are often invisible. ESPs have a variety of different roles in our schools, and have a very positive impact by keeping students safe, healthy, and engaged to ensure they are ready to learn. ESPs are not only paraprofessionals, classroom aides, and school secretaries, but also maintenance, transportation, food service, custodians, trades and craftspeople, technical and health services staff. Students cannot learn if they are not brought to school safely, they cannot learn if they are

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opment was approved, the developer agreed to permit and construct sidewalks on Endicott Street, something that neighbors have been asking to have for a long time. Ryan said that's finally happening, as the Town got tired of waiting.

"One thing after another, there was a delay and so eventually we had monies encumbered from them and put in an escrow account and we elected to take that money and do the project on our own," he said. "For a number of reasons they couldn't make it happen, so we took the money and we're doing the work now."

He asked residents to be patient when encountering road work on their commuting or errand runs.

"Like they have in the past, it's worth it in the end," he said. "This is year four of a five-year plan to catch up with all our paving, and things are going well. We're getting good bid prices, we've got a good contractor on board and we're making a lot of progress."

In terms of the \$4.5 million water relining project, Ryan said they will be working on East Hoyle Street, Washington Street near the Norwood Hospital site, Broadway, Guild Street, Elliot Street, Stearns Drive, Cushing Road, Highland Street, Walnut Avenue, and Saunders Road.

Ryan said these projects shouldn't affect traffic too much. "It's all up to the attending police officer, but usually traffic can get through," he said. "We don't usually close the road, and depending on what task is at hand they will try to accommodate two lanes of traffic, but usually they have to close one lane. Washington Street, for example, is wide enough that we'll be able to keep two lanes of traffic there, but Guild will be one lane."

He's also happy that the Town is getting to many of the projects that have been in need for a while.

"Norwood's doing a real good job of catching up and being on top of things," he said. "A lot of it, (former Town Manager) John Carroll started and (current Town Manager) Tony Mazzucco is taking to a whole new level. Obviously you need Finance Commission, Selectmen and Town Meeting approval, but it's an aggressive approach and it's a good thing. Replacing the bridges is important, repaving the roads is important and making sure our water mains are operating right and at proper capacity. Fixing our drainage system has really been the black sheep of everything where people ignore it until something happens. There's a lot going on and it's all for the public good."

For instance, Ryan said the department will be putting out bids this fall for the close to \$14 million construction project to replace the water tanks in Town. "We were fortunate to make the list for the state revolving fund for low interest water loans," he said. "That was huge, and it was a very competitive process. We've got that design going forward."

Ryan said the state has informed the Town that the water pipe project at Upland Road and Prospect Street is also moving along and should be starting up in earnest in the next couple of weeks.

"Even though it's a state job, the Town paid for most of the design and we're paying for the water main improvements there too," he said. "They started with some tree work but then had to put it on hold, I think, to get some other approvals. But that will continue."

Ryan also said a couple of projects that were part of the

Meadowbrook Drainage Study are starting up. The study has about \$41 million worth of projects slated to help the basin in one of the most developed and impervious areas of Town drain slower and, hopefully, lower the instances of flooding on the surface and in people's basements. The Meadowbrook Channel Project, which is slated to clean up and maintain the channel in between Monkey Sports and Audubon Road, ending at Route 1, should be starting soon.

"It's in permitting now and we hope to have that out to bid by the fall," he said.

Ryan also said the process for the Hennessey Field Drainage Basin is at 30 percent design and he hopes it will move forward. "Hopefully we can make progress there," he said.

Ryan said two bridge repair projects are likely to go out to bid at the end of the year. The larger of the two is a \$712,000 capital project at the Washington Street Bridge over Hawes Brook. The project involves repairs to "keep the bridge in good working order," and rehabilitate the concrete in the bridge that, if you've been to the Hawes Pond area, you would see needs some attention.

"That will be getting capital funds this November," he said. "The project is ready to go, all permitted and designed."

The other is a \$710,000 bridge repair at Westover Parkway at the entrance of the Willett School.

"We're deep into the design process now, but it should be out to bid this fall," he said. "We completed grant funding on that too."

For more information on the DPW and what it's working on, go to <https://tinyurl.com/5n7wpk4y>



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hungry or sick, they cannot learn if the school environment is unhealthy or dirty, and they cannot learn if their special emotional and academic needs are not being met.

ESPs who are paraprofessionals and teaching assistants are particularly important in creating a public school system that includes and supports all different types of learners. In past times students with significant learning disabilities were sent to special classes or even to separate schools instead of being included in general education classrooms. Now, with support, these students can learn alongside their peers. This inclusion doesn't just benefit students with special needs, it also benefits all students as they learn how to honor differences and cooperate in a diverse community.

When a student with significant emotional or intellectual disabilities is in a gen ed class, they are accompanied by a teaching assistant (TA) or paraprofessional. These ESPs support the individual needs of the students they work with by helping them to work with their peers, adapting academic work to meet individual learning disabilities, providing emotional support and strategies, and probably most importantly, work-

ing with the class's main teacher to create a learning environment where every student is respected, learns and improves. Some might argue that it's expensive to provide the staff necessary to support such an inclusive environment. Actually, when students with special needs are not supported in general education classrooms and schools, they are often placed in private specialized schools, which is paid for by the school district and is much more expensive than an ESP's salary.

ESPs don't only support students with learning and behavior challenges; they also support students whose skills are ahead of their typical peers. It is a common misunderstanding that special programs only benefit the most vulnerable students. Differentiating instruction, which means developing several lessons about the same topic, to meet the needs of a variety of students, are best done with more than one educator in the classroom. ESPs are vital to these lessons, which both support struggling learners and challenge advanced learners so they can also grow and develop as students.

ESPs are not paid a living wage and many are not given essential benefits. The average ESP salary is under

\$30,000 a year, which does not match the value they add to the educational setting, or allow them to live comfortably or support their families.

Obviously, public school teachers are not earning huge salaries or living rich lifestyles! Still, most licensed teachers in metro Boston make at least twice what the average ESP makes. When teacher contracts are discussed, all of the attention is on teacher salaries and benefits and most people don't pay any attention to the proposed earnings and benefits of ESPs. This needs to change. The next time that a teacher contract comes up for negotiation in our town, be sure to pay attention to what is proposed for ESPs, and please advocate for a significant improvement in pay and benefits.

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# 2024 Home Buying Season Springs to Life in April

Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell reported that Norfolk County recordings for the month of April 2024 indicate an increase in overall real estate activity, with significant increases in property sales and mortgage activity as compared to April 2023.

The Registry of Deeds recorded 8,312 documents in April 2024. This was 9% more than in April 2023 and an 8% increase compared to March 2024.

"Spring is the first half of the traditional home-buying season and typically marks the beginning of a busy period for the real estate market," said Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell. "The rise in property sales and mortgage activity compared to last year reflects a strong demand for housing in Norfolk County."

The total number of deeds recorded for April 2024, which reflects both commercial and residential real estate sales and transfers, was 1,250, up 12% from April 2023 and up 6% from March 2024. Looking at just commercial and residential real estate sales, the number was up 15% from last year.

"Despite some difficult market conditions, the total number of commercial and residential property sales in April 2024 showed a significant increase compared to the previous year," stated Register O'Donnell. "This may be an indication that March's increase in property listings, while still not enough to counteract the overall lack of available property inventory is beginning to attract more buyers, leading to more property

sales."

The average sale price of commercial and residential properties for April 2024 rose to \$1,036,735, a 12% increase compared to April 2023 but a decrease of 1% from March 2024. The total dollar volume of commercial and residential sales is up, increasing 28% from last year and up 13% from last month.

O'Donnell noted, "With a limited supply of available properties on the market, any increase in demand is likely to cause an increase in the average property sales price. Unfortunately, when prices rise without an equivalent rise in inventory, it may result in increased competition among buyers. This makes it harder for homebuyers in general, but especially for first-time homebuyers."

For the month of April, lending activity showed an increase compared to the same month a year ago. A total of 1,243 mortgages were recorded in April 2024, up 12% from April 2023 and 14% more than last month.

"The increase in lending activity this month is likely a product of the increase in the number of property transactions compared to 2023," stated O'Donnell. "This may suggest that while some homeowners are still hesitant to make moves with average mortgage interest rates above 7%, others are not dissuaded by current interest rates, but time will tell if this trend holds out."

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has been closely monitoring the foreclosure market. In April 2024, there were 6 foreclosure deeds recorded as



Register of Deeds

William O'Donnell

a result of mortgage foreclosures taking place in Norfolk County, whereas in April 2023, there were 10 recorded. However, in April 2024, there were 43 notices to foreclose, the first step in the foreclosure process, more than the 30 recorded in April 2023.

"The substantial increase in the number of these notices is troubling. It suggests that more of our neighbors may have financial difficulties in the future," said O'Donnell. "If you are having difficulty paying your monthly mortgage, please consider contacting one of these non-profit agencies for help and guidance," said Register O'Donnell.

For the past several years, the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has partnered with Quincy Community Action Programs (617-479-8181 x376) and NeighborWorks Housing Solutions (508-587-0950) to help anyone facing challenges paying their mortgage. Another option for homeowners is to contact the Massachusetts Attorney General's Consumer Advocacy and Response Division (CARD) at 617-727-8400.

O'Donnell concluded, "It is good to see that the increase of property listings in March re-

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**SECTION A – ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
 TOWN OF NORWOOD, MA**

The Town of Norwood is accepting proposals from a qualified consultant or team of consultants to provide professional services for a Student Services Audit for Norwood, MA Public Schools.

Sealed proposals will be received up until June 3, 2024 at 11:00am, on Projectdog.com project code: **862234**.

Proposers must be qualified to perform the work described in these specifications in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 30B.

The complete proposal package may be obtained digitally on Projectdog.com using the project code **862234**. The proposal must be filled out and signed as directed herein, endorsed with the name and address of the proposer, and marked, "NSD-24-01 Student Services Audit". No physical copies will be accepted.

An award will not be made to a Contractor who is not properly equipped to undertake and complete the work. The right is reserved to waive any informality and to reject any or all proposals in accordance with the provisions of MGL as amended. The contract will be awarded to the proposer offering the most advantageous proposal, taking into consideration all evaluation criteria as well as price.

The Town of Norwood notifies all proposers that it will affirmatively ensure that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals or to accept any part of a proposal or the one deemed best for the Town.


BY: Tony Mazzucco, General Manager

*Norwood Record: 05/16/24*


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# Norwood Public Schools Fine Arts showing fine work

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Public Schools (NPS) Fine Arts Department is on a roll this year.

Director Jeffrey Kerr said he and the department are riding high after the annual Fine Arts festival earlier in the spring, as he said it was a great success for the schools and the department.

“It was actually the first one that I was able to get through, since this is my second year. Last year, due to some unfortunate timing, I caught COVID-19 for the first time,” he said. “So this was my first time actually seeing it.”

Kerr said the festival did not disappoint.

“You’ve got artwork all the way from kindergarten to 12th grade, lots of families coming out to view and support not only their students but the arts in general and we had a nice showing of different performing groups,” he said. “It was a full four hours of performances and gallery walks. It carried a little of each grade and a little of each discipline, so it was really nice.”

Kerr said coming up, the Coakley Middle School is preparing for its performances of the musical “Mean Girls Jr.” at the Norwood High



The Norwood Public Schools Fine Arts Department had a banner festival this spring.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

School starting on May 17 and going until the 19th. After that, there are two elementary concerts on May 22 and May 23, with May 22 being at the Norwood High School, and May 23 will be at the Coakley.

Kerr said for these upcoming shows, the students have been working with Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association (MICCA) Director Jeff Leonard to tweak their performance during the concerts.

“The kids played and then we had a professional musician, Jeff Leonard, go up on

stage with them and give them some feedback on their performance and what to look forward to as a musician and how to improve upon the good work they’ve already done,” he said. “That’s something we added this year that’s a little bit different.”

Kerr said also that on May 10, MICCA came to the Norwood Pops Concert and honored Director of Instrumental Music at NHS Steven Conant as the 2024 Paul Smith MICCA Hall of Fame recipient.

“And they sent representa-

tives to acknowledge Steve for his work here,” he said. “Also, for the second year in a row, the Town of Norwood was recognized as what is called a Best Community for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation. Basically what they do is take a comprehensive look at everything you do, from funding to student teacher ratios to extracurriculars to what the community involvement is like and they give designations to certain districts. We were one of the Massachusetts

designees for the second year in a row which is kind of nice.”

Here’s a listing of upcoming shows from Fine Arts:

**May 17:** CMS Spring Musical “Mean Girls Jr.” 7:00pm @ NHS

**May 18:** CMS Spring Musical “Mean Girls Jr.” 7:00pm @ NHS

**May 19:** CMS Spring Musical “Mean Girls Jr.” 2:00pm @ NHS

**May 22:** Music Concert: Callahan, Oldham, Prescott @ NHS 7:00pm-9:00pm

**May 23:** Music Concert: Cleveland, Balch @ CMS 7:00pm-9:00pm

**May 28:** NEMMY Awards NPS Fine Arts Performance Event @ NHS 7:00am-9:00am

**May 28:** CMS Grade 6 Music Concert @ CMS 7:00am-9:00pm

**May 29:** NHS Dramatic Reading Original Plays @ NHS 5:00pm-7:00pm

**June 5:** CMS Grade 7 & 8 Music Concert @ CMS 7:00am-9:00pm

**June 6:** NHS Spring Drama Performance “A Few Good Men” 7:00pm

**June 7:** NHS Spring Drama Performance “A Few Good Men” 7:00pm

**June 8:** NHS Spring Drama Performance “A Few Good Men” 2:00pm



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

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on June 4, 2024, at 7:00 PM** on the request of **Amanda Groszek (Case #24-11)** with respect to property located at **486 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062 [Map 1 Block 1 Lot 9], in the Central Business Zoning District (CB) and the Mixed Use Overlay District.** The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/xsu-pnjz-wua>  
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This Application requests a **Special Permit** pursuant to **Zoning Bylaw Section 3.1.5 F9**, Table of Use Restrictions, Commercial Kennel, for the purpose of operating a dog-care services business.

Any zoning relief that may be required in adherence to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw shall be considered by the Board. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeals and may be requested by emailing [comdev@norwoodma.gov](mailto:comdev@norwoodma.gov) Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Norwood Record: 05/16/24, 05/23/24

**BROWN**



MARGARET F. (Childs) of Norwood passed away on May 6, 2024 at the age of 95. Beloved wife of the late Robert J Brown. Devoted mother of Robert W Brown, Edward J Brown, George P Brown all of Norwood, Margaret P Brown-Foley of Plainville and the late Sharon Brown Peterson and Susan D. Oakes. Sister of Barbara Greer of Tewksbury and the late Catherine Roebuck and Dorothy Ahlin-Marengi. Cherished grandmother of 11 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and dear friends. Daughter of the late William and Margaret (Jackson) Childs. Margaret was born, raised, and educated in Everett and has been a Norwood resident for the past 71 years. Peg was a retired receptionist for the Faxon Company in Westwood working there for many years. She also worked at the customer service desk of Sparks Department Store in Norwood and the Preview Video Service. She was also a substitute cafeteria worker for the Norwood Public Schools. Margaret was known by many as “Powerful Peg”. Peg loved Sunday dinners, family gatherings, cooking and baking. She always had coffee on the table as well as baked goods ready to serve to whoever stopped by. Peg’s door was always open. Funeral from Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood. Interment at the Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to a charity of your choice or do an act of some kindness in her memory.

**DWYER**



John Patrick of Dedham passed away on Wednesday afternoon, May 8, 2024, after a brief illness. He was 69. Born, raised, and educated in Norwood, he was the son Bar-

**Deaths**

bara T. (Meyer) Dwyer of East Walpole and the late John L. Dwyer. A graduate of Norwood High School he had also attended Northeastern University. In addition to his beloved mother Barbara, John is also survived by his loving sisters Maureen Dwyer of Londonderry, NH and Jo-Ann Dwyer of Hyde Park and brother Michael Dwyer of East Walpole. He is also survived by many cousins and dear friends. John had retired from the Fay Paper Company in Norwood where had had been employed as the plant manager for many years. He had previously worked at Quad Graphics in Lexington. A car aficionado, he was a proud member of the eastern Massachusetts Corvette Club. He enjoyed watching stock car racing and was an exhaustive reader who also did some writing. He was the proud owner of a 1971 Ontario Orange Corvette “The Beast” and often wrote articles from the Beast’s viewpoint. John was an “honorary” member of the Dedham Italian American Social Club. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington Street, Norwood. A private burial will be held at Highland Cemetery in Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in John’s memory the Shriner’s Children’s Hospitals at [www.shrinerschildrens.org](http://www.shrinerschildrens.org).

**SULLIVAN**



Barbara L. of Walpole passed away on Tuesday May 7, 2024 at age 91. With profound sadness, we mourn the loss of Barbara Louise Sullivan, affectionately called Louise to those closest to her and Ahma to her cherished grandchildren. She passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones at the age of 91, leaving behind a legacy of love that will endure for generations. Louise was born on August 5, 1932, the only child to her beloved late parents, Harold “Red” and Eva Bennett Hobart, of Holbrook. From an early age, she had a talent and love of interior decorating. Although she never pursued a professional career in that field, she shared her insight and ideas with many who sought her input. After high school, she

worked for American Girl Shoe in Boston where she met her future husband. In 1955, Louise married Eugene Sullivan and raised a beautiful family of four children: the late Barbara Sullivan, Nancy Zuccarini and her husband Joe, Gene Sullivan and his wife Julie, and Leslie Browne and her husband Michael. After spending her childhood years in Holbrook then living in Norwood and Sherborn, Louise and her family settled on Clapboardtree Street in Westwood in 1974, where they built a loving home filled with warmth and cherished memories. During her golden years, Louise was fortunate to live with her daughters and their families - Nancy in Medfield and later with Leslie in Walpole - where memories continued to be made. Louise took great care in everything she did, always going the extra mile to ensure perfection and thoughtfulness. Whether it was adding a delicate bow to a gift, arranging flowers with precision, or crocheting a blanket for a baby on the way, she poured her heart into every detail. A talented baker, Louise was famous for her chocolate chip cookies, brownies and fudge. She was the original “Martha Stewart.” Louise was a longtime member of the Westwood Evening Garden Club, where she formed many special friendships. A lifelong and dedicated fan, Louise was the true #1 fan of the Boston Red Sox. Through the team’s highs and lows, she remained steadfast in her support, cheering on her team with unwavering loyalty and passion for decades. Louise’s greatest joy came from her family. She was a source of unwavering love and support for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, leaving an indelible mark on their lives that will be cherished always. In addition to her living children, ‘Ahma’ will be immensely missed by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. JC Cocoris and his wife Elizabeth Arnold Cocoris, along with their children Elena and Natalie. Molly Zuccarini Bickerton and her husband Steve Bickerton, along with their daughter Charlotte Louise. Jamie Cocoris and his son William, Max Zuccarini and his fiancée Amanda Aditays, Ryan Sullivan, Christopher Taggart, Caroline Louise Power, Jack Browne, Tommy Browne, and Shayla Sullivan. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Norwood on Saturday May 11. Interment was at Highland Cemetery. Arrangements were made with the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Louise’s memory to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215 or see [jimmyfund.org/gift](http://jimmyfund.org/gift).



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to work with Ms. Phelps regarding the development of this agreement. It's very much a standard form agreement and it does have, I think, provisions that protect the Town," said DeLuca. Concerns were raised about the recapture of funds if anything went wrong, as a significant amount of money (\$1 million) is being committed to what DeLuca called "a worthy project." The property would be purchased and then developed to house veterans in a funding partnership with the state and other entities. In order to protect the investment, DeLuca recommended the Town get a mortgage on the property and continue to negotiate the details.

"Have you got a purchase and sale on this property currently?" Selectman Michael Saad asked Rittchen. Answering yes, Saad then asked, "So why do you need our money? What is it being used for?"

"The money is being used to acquire the building," said Rittchen, explaining that state funds would be used for gap financing of the property. As it is affordable housing, these projects require a non-profit as a partner and an agreement before any additional funding can be sought.

"How many people from Norwood are going to use this building?" asked Saad. Rittchen explained that it would house 20 veterans who would be chosen by the Regional Housing Authority. "It can't be guaranteed that they would be current Norwood residents. It's based on the residents and how the wait list is structured. It's a regional rather than a town-by-town decision." Caritas Communities has similar projects throughout eastern Massachusetts from New Bedford to Salem, particularly in the Boston area. The big-

gest unit is in Cambridge which also received community preservation money. "The vast majority of the funding will come from the state, which is pretty standard, but they want to see a local match or they're not going to fund it," said Rittchen.

"It's going to be a hard sell at Town Meeting," warned Saad, suggesting that the money could be allocated to the schools or to other Town needs. "That's a huge number for the Norwood taxpayers to absorb...the Town's putting a million dollars up. It could be like a Steward situation where something happens, and we're stuck losing a million dollars."

Selectman William Plasko also questioned if the funding is specific for veterans. Rittchen said they are focusing on veterans housing in partnership with the Department of Veterans Services and the MA Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC). It can be restricted for veterans when the deed is recorded. DeLuca reiterated that the agreement is still a work in progress. "Caritas is amendable to some of the changes in the details that the Town would require," DeLuca said.

Phelps addressed the concerns about using Town money for housing. "The way that CPA is set up, money is appropriated for certain spending, one of which is community housing. No undesignated money has been spent on community housing. When CPA was set up, it was always contemplated...to create and support community housing. We have to have an application before us."

The Caritas application represents one such application.

DeLuca said Board authorization was needed to go to Town Meeting to get approval to further continue discussions re-

garding the agreement. The Board then voted 3-2 to support.

In other business, the Board heard an update from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) from Kerry Snyder of the Neponset River Water Association and Martin Pilsbury, Director of Environmental Planning of MAPC. "The project we're working on right now is about flooding. It is the primary issue for communities," said Pilsbury. He gave a high-level summary of the consequences of increased heat, causing sea level rises, wind, precipitation changes and public health impacts. "When people think climate change, they think, well it's an environmental issue. Well, the source of the problem is environmental. The consequences are social, economic...as well as on infrastructure."

Now in phase two of a regional project, Snyder said that the increase in flooding is distributed throughout the region, not in just one area. An online model is available showing on average that the watershed will experience a 22 percent increase in inundated areas for the 2070 10-year storm event.

"Where are we going with all this?" asked Saad. "Are we looking for money from the Town?"

"This has been funded by a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) grant," said Snyder.

Board Chairman Robert Donnelley asked if other areas are going through the same issues with flooding capacity as was experienced in 2020.

"Absolutely. The infrastructure system in the northeast is ancient and it just wasn't built for today's storms. Everyone is looking at that and how can they expand capacity," Snyder said. More information is available at [Neponset.org](http://Neponset.org).

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## Legals

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. NO24P0989EA

Estate of: David M. Silverman  
Date of Death: February 10, 2024

Norfolk Division

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of

**Petitioner: Daniel G. Silverman of Ashland, MA**

**a Will has been admitted to informal probate**

**Daniel G. Silverman of Ashland, MA**

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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TOWN OF NORWOOD  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
Revised PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on June 4, 2024, at 7:00 PM** on the request of **Mark Pannes (Case #24-12)** with respect to property located at **70 Winter Street, Norwood, MA 02062 [Map 2 Block 13 Lot 6]**, in the **Single Residence (S)**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

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This Application requests a **Special Permit** pursuant to Zoning Bylaw **Section 5.4.4** to construct a replacement deck and screened, roofed, porch structure that would increase the nonconforming nature of the structure. The structures are pre-existing non-conforming in side-setback.

Any zoning relief that may be required in adherence to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw shall be considered by the Board. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeals and may be requested by emailing [comdev@norwoodma.gov](mailto:comdev@norwoodma.gov) Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on June 4, 2024, at 7:00 PM** on the request of **Douglas Vautour (Case #24-10)** with respect to property located at **15 Johnson Court, Norwood, MA 02062 [Map 7 Block 6 Lot 14]**, in the **General Residence (G) and General Business (GB) Zoning Districts**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/xsu-pnjz-wua>  
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This Application requests a **Special Permit** pursuant to **Zoning Bylaw Section 5.4** to construct an addition to the existing single-family residence that would expand the habitable floor area by more than 25%. The structure is pre-existing non-conforming in area, frontage, and front set back.

Any zoning relief that may be required in adherence to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw shall be considered by the Board. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeals and may be requested by emailing [comdev@norwoodma.gov](mailto:comdev@norwoodma.gov) Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

*Norwood Record: 05/16/24, 05/23/24*



## Ask The Doctor

*Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns an 8-bay center in Middleboro, MA. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.*

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Junior Damato, the "Auto Doctor," has agreed to field auto repair questions from Bulletin and Record readers. Please send your questions to [news@bulletinnewspapers.com](mailto:news@bulletinnewspapers.com) and we will do our best to get them answered.



**Monday, May 6**

0757 911 - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: The Commons at Windsor Gardens - Walpole St 911- fighting going on 8-10 people fighting. Caller does not see any weapons. Ages stated approx in their 20's. Caller wishes to remain anonymous. PD requested FD for evaluation of juvenile for facial injuries. OF requested and assigned. OFC's spoke with all parties involved. Conflicting stories. All advised of rights.

1238 Phone - PD-Disturbance Investigated Location/Address: Walpole St 2 high school age kids were being rude to the owner. Kids have left the scene. Spoke with calling party. Nothing damaged. No product taken. Will follow up with SRO to try and identify juvenile.

1939 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Railroad Ave Caller reporting a male party came up to her door stating he is with pest control; asked him if he had a permit and he looked confused and walked away. Solicitor with Moxey Pest control. They have been advised to register with the town. Units clear.

2039 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Holiday Inn Express & Suites - Norwood Pk S Caller/hotel worker utilizing a Haitian Creole interpreter reports there is a party in the hotel lobby that is not welcome. Caller reports he comes into the hotel at night and tries to sell merchandise. Caller is requesting police presence to escort him off the property. PD spoke with both parties, seemed to have been miscommunication between staff and management. The male party stating he was told he is allowed to transport guests back and forth. Male party will be emailing management to show he is allowed to be transporting. Individual will be clear for the night.

**Tuesday, May 7**

0931 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Investigated Location/Address: - David Terrace Ongoing noise issues. A female party in this apartment yelling and screaming. NWD units responded earlier this morning. OFC's spoke with female party. No yelling. Just on a zoom call.

1414 Phone - PD-Vandalism Report Follows Location/Address: - Nichols St House vandalized at 2 am. with a bottle of urine and a dead bird.

1620 Phone - PD-Disturbance Investigated Location/Address: Cedar St Group of kids at the end where the tunnel is. They came down from the train tracks. Caller reports they are yelling and causing a disturbance. OFC reports no active disturbance but sees them on other side of tracks. Will go by and speak to them. Juveniles went away prior to arrival. OFC

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clear.

1945 Phone - PD-Assist Public Report Follows Location/Address: Norwood Memorial Airport - Access Rd Caller reporting a female party approx 50 y/o has been waiting at the airport since 8am claiming she has a flight coming. They close at 8pm and the party is still there. 1 female party in custody for 1 in hand. Arrest: Molloy-Emerson, Cheryl Anne Address: 7 Marble St Apt. #12 Whitman, Ma Age: 42 Charges: Default Warrant Drug, Possess Class B Drug, Possess Class E

2102 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Yarmouth Rd Caller reports a white male was trying to gain entry into her vehicle. When the person was confronted, another vehicle pulled up to the home and picked up the suspicious party. The vehicle is a silver Honda. The caller also mentioned there may have been another involved party operating a moped. Both vehicles left and headed to Nichols St. Officers stopped the Silver Honda for questioning. Parties were located. They are solicitors selling pest control. Advised to register w/ the PD.

2111 911 - PD-Robbery Report Follows Location/Address: Fr Mac's - Vernon St 911 call reporting a male party was in park when he was jumped by 2 males and a female wearing masks. Caller states no weapons were used and they took his car keys and cell phone. Parties left in a grey Scion 2 door. No plate description was given. Don and Wally's is en route to tow MA REG: 4VHV77.

**Wednesday, May 8**

1551 911 - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: Hillside Ave Father is chasing 13 year old male who is running away last seen on Sunnyside towards Dean Street. 13 year old is wearing all black clothing black hoodie with purple lettering on the pants. 5'9 W/m black hair, no scars. Last scene on Dean Street towards Dominoes MBTA notified of a possible party on the tracks by Norwood HQ 661 reports 666 and 663 as that party stopped on Alandale Parkway. 666 transporting the juvenile back to his home.

1906 911 - PD-Disturbance Investigated Location/Address: CVS Pharmacy - Nahatan St Report of a male party at the pharmacy causing a scene. 911-Male party at the pharmacy giving them a hard time, yelling. Called in by staff at front of store. Male party refused to speak with OFC's. Management did not want any trespass or anything done. OFC's clear.

1922 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Investigated Location/Address: Sunnyside Rd Called in by Riverside. Mom at address called. Saying her 9 year old was trying to climb out the window. Lots of yelling heard. Phone then disconnected. Units clear. Children are going to bed. Mom satisfied and will call if she needs police.

2030 911 - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: - Beacon Ave 911-caller is having a problem with

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her roommate. OFC's clear. It was an argument over blinds. Parties spoken with and advised.

**Thursday, May 9**

0606 911 - PD-Noise Complaint Investigated Location/Address: Endicott St Caller on 911 did not want to leave any information, nor speak to an officer or be contacted. He stated that the construction crew has been working and making lots of noise since 5:45. In the area of 5-7 Endicott. OFC spoke with crew. Unfounded. No noise, just prep. Crew advised of noise ordinance. Lorusso Heavy Equipment LLC

1207 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: Folan Ave Caller reports that tenant upstairs is playing loud music and the caller below needs to sleep for his night shift Above tenant advised

1219 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Report Follows Location/Address: Walpole St Grey Toyota Corolla no license plates, 85 year male. DR has recommended that the license should be taken away soon and advised the family he shouldn't drive after his recent hospital visit. Sister of RP is driving around trying to locate her father as well. RP is at work at this time Daughter has taken custody of the male party. Immediate threat to be filed.

1441 Radio - PD-Assault Offenses Report Follows Location/Address: Monroe St E Walk-in party reports that his son got assaulted on the walk home from school. Follow up at the Callahan tomorrow.

1527 Other - PD-Repossessed Motor Vehicle Towed Location/Address: Florence Ave MA PC 4CJW21 repossessed by G.L. LaPierre.

1803 911 - PD-Disturbance Investigated Location/Address: Washington St + Neponset St 911 caller reports male party is running around swearing, going into yards and into traffic. Described as a white male, bald, no shirt, black jeans and sunglasses. Spoke with party. Agitated over bike broken. Bike is good to go now. Male party advised on his behavior. OFC clear.

**Friday, May 10**

0352 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Investigated Location/Address: East Coast Ruckus - Melville Ave RP calling for first floor apartment. Says a male party is, dark skinned male, black hoodie, banging on first

floor apartment. Arrived in a dark mercedes sedan. OFC's spoke with male party. He was not banging on door. On going child custody issues. Male party leaving for night. All is settled down.

1112 Phone - PD-House/Building Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller on the business line requesting an officer check his home to make sure no one is staying there. He reports he was transported to the hospital last Friday and states he had 2 friends staying with him that should have left by now. Calling party is still in the hospital. Norwood 665 reports checking the home, no answer at the door. All units clear.

1204 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Gone on arrival Location/Address: Walpole St Caller on the business line reporting a white female described wearing a grey sweater and red pajama pants, walking up the drive way and taking pictures of the home. Last known heading towards Bond St. Norwood 665 reports checking the area, that party is gone on arrival.

1504 911 - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Village Rd W Caller reports that there is a 17 year old female at her door trying to fight the caller's 13 year old daughter. Caller was extremely irate over the phone and screaming at other parties while on the phone. Norwood 662 reports all parties were advised and are satisfied with the outcome. This is a part of an ongoing issue with these parties. All units clear for now.

2012 911 - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Village Road W Caller has a loose dog in his yard and is looking for assistance. Brown and white pit bull male puppy. ACO en route ACO has the dog.

**Saturday, May 11**

0136 911 - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Report Follows Location/Address: - Dean St e911 caller reporting erratic operation from Nahatan St towards Dean St. Caller states party is all over the road, and hit a guard rail on the highway. Cruisers checking area. MA REG 5JBT11. Center Auto en route 1 male party in custody. 661 will transport. Arrest: Anderson, Michael Joseph Jr Address: 72 E Main St Avon, Ma Age: 21 Charges: OUI-Liquor OR .08% Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Marked Lanes Violation

1138 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Carmax Auto Superstore - Bos-Prov Hwy Employee reporting a customer standing closer to the Volkswagen side of the parking lot, is attempting to test drive a vehicle and appears under the influence. Caller concerned for his wellbeing. Norwood 669 reports that party was taken into protective custody and transported to the hospital by FD, 669 following the ambulance. All units clear.

1704 911 - PD-Trespassing Report Follows Location/Address: Access Rd 911-employee reports an intruder on field, last

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seen at gate #2, WM wearing dark clothes. Staff looking for him now. Boston Executive vehicle (helicopter company) did speak with him earlier, and now he is on Airport property NWD 669 Reports one male party in custody. Arrest: Irving, Joshua Allen Address: 64 Jefferson Dr Norwood, Ma Age: 19 Charges: Trespass

1811 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: McDonalds - Broadway As NWD 662 was picking up a prisoner meal, he met with a male party and staff-male party knocked things over and staff would like him to not return. NWD 662 will be speaking with party's mother at later time.

2250 911 - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Morse St Caller is at the Magic Room and states she's been there about an hour and dog is in the car with no windows open. White van GMC plate is MA REG 3XLH43. Dog is okay. Spoke to owner of the vehicle- dog does have water and owner checks on him very often. Units clear.

**Sunday, May 12**

1351 Phone - PD-Vandalism Spoke With Vicinity of: Walnut Ave + Washington St Caller stating 3 juveniles are trying to tear down the Walnut street sign. 662 on scene stating the juveniles are waiting for the bus stop and heading north within 20 minutes. No sign of any damage to the sign, 662 will stay in the area.

1454 Phone - PD-Harassment Spoke With Location/Address: Folan Ave Caller on emergency line reports that her downstairs neighbor has been harassing her via anonymous text messages and she recently discovered it was him. He also was verbally harassing her when she got home from vacation today. Officers spoke with the calling party and she stated this is an ongoing neighbor issue. The calling party was advised to go to the courthouse to get an HPO. No actual threats, just verbal remarks.

1824 Phone - PD-Mental Health Transported to Hospital Location/Address: Riverside Community - Lenox St In the front lobby, 54 year old female feeling suicidal, making Q5 statements. Norwood 665 reports that party was transported to the hospital by FD, all units clear.

2200 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Franklin St Party in the lobby looking to speak to an officer regarding a well-being check on his son. Norwood 665 reports speaking to the mother. Her son has been missing for about 30 minutes. Units will be checking the area for this juvenile. Norwood 665 reports a black male with braids, last known wearing blue sweatshirt with the lettering "Mental health matters", black sweatpants. Unknown direction of travel but frequents the area of Melville/Norwest. Norwood 661 reports checking the area of Cedar St, both sides of the tracks and adjacent areas, nothing showing for that juvenile at this time.



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# Morrill Library Events

Registration is required and free for all events below unless otherwise indicated. Sign up at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

## SENSORY-FRIENDLY LEGO CLUB FOR ADULTS

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with the L.E.A.D. program affiliated with Norwood High School to host a Sensory-friendly Lego Club for Adults. Our May Lego club meeting will be held in-person at the library on Thursday May 23, from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

Please join the L.E.A.D. students in this creative adventure. Just bring your imagination - we will provide the Legos. The Club is free, inclusive, and open to anyone ages 18+. It is specially designed for adults with different levels of abilities.

## SENSORY-FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHT

The Morrill Memorial Library is offering an in-person sensory-friendly movie on the 4th Friday of the month for adults with different levels of cognitive abilities.

Join us for our Sensory-friendly Friday movie at the Library! This program will be held in-person in the Simoni Room on Friday May 24, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our May movie in the Sensory-friendly Friday movie series is Universal's Migration, rated PG.

The Morrill Memorial Library and Lifeworks Inc of Norwood are excited to bring this program series to the Norwood community.

## LGBTQIA+ REPRESENTATION ACROSS HISTORY

In honor of Pride Month, the Morrill Memorial Library is pleased to host Cashman Kerr Prince for an in-person talk called "LGBTQIA+ Representation Across History: A Personal Perspective" on Monday, June 3 starting at 6:30pm in the Simoni Room.

LGBTQIA+ people have existed throughout our culture's history, as demonstrated by their presence in many stories, novels, and other forms of media across time. Cashman will narrate the power of this historical LGBTQIA+ representation from a personal perspective, touching on popular culture and its ability to reach across time and space, and across cultures, to broaden viewers' or readers' horizons. While this talk is partly a memoir or personal history, Cashman will also offer reading and viewing suggestions for works which have had a lasting impact on his mind and outlook.

## MONDAY MOVIE MATINEES ARE BACK!

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to continue our Monday Movie Matinee film series. The series will run from June - September, 2024. The films will be shown on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Showtime at 1PM.

If you love movies and want to immerse yourself in unforgettable cinematic experiences, Morrill Memorial Library is the place to be! Join us on the 2nd and 4th Monday afternoons from June through September to enjoy an eclectic mix of movies. Movie dates are: 6/10, 6/24, 7/8, 7/22, 8/12, 8/26, 9/9, and 9/23. June movies are: June 10: Stillwater (114 mins) - R- Starring Matt Damon - June 24: Devotion (138 mins)- PG13 - Starring Jonathan Majors, Glen Powell.

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# For the Record

## MEMORIAL DAY AT OLD PARISH CEMETERY

Old Parish Preservation Volunteers (OPPV) will be at Old Parish Cemetery from 1-3 pm on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, for those interested in learning about the cemetery's history and those interred there.

The graves of Veterans from the Colonial Wars, the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Civil War are interred in this sacred ground. Each will have a flag and flowers placed on his grave.

Old Parish Preservation Volunteers will be in the cemetery to answer questions.

Anyone interested in helping preserve this site can join the group working in the cemetery, or visit the group's web site: <https://www.oldparishpreservationvolunteers.com>

## ART ASSOCIATION TO HOLD ARTIST DEMONSTRATION

On Thursday, May 23, the NORWOOD ART ASSOCIATION will hold their ARTIST DEMONSTRATION at 5:30 p.m. in the Simoni Room of the Norwood Morrill Memorial Library, located at 33 Walpole Street in Norwood. These demonstrations are FREE to all, and members and the public are welcome and encouraged to attend! You don't have to be an artist to attend, just have a love for the arts. There will be a raffle with a piece of art donated by the attending artist.

This month the featured demo artist is Bill Lane. Bill is an award winning Watercolorist who holds many memberships including the Copley Society of Art, Providence Art Club, New England and Rhode Island Watercolor Societies, as well as being a member of the American and National Watercolor Societies. He is also a member of the Attleboro Art Museum, the Lyme Arts Association and the Guild of Boston Artists.

## MAY MONTHLY BALLROOM DANCE

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging will be sponsoring their monthly Ballroom Dance, on Friday, May 17th from 7-10 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood. Music will be provided by Dan Mackowiak & Friends and the cost is \$12.00 per person for your Ballroom Dancing pleasure. Coffee, tea, desserts & water are served and there are also door prizes. We look forward to welcoming newcomers of all ages.

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activated. We began a pantomime waving, good-byeing, hand-shaking attempt at triggering the mechanisms until finally, after simply too long, the kid found his motion sensor and paper rolled out. The kid snatched the paper from the machine, quickly wiped his hands and flung the crumpled paper towel into the trash. I finally triggered my dispenser. As paper rolled into my hands the kid turned and with all the heft and authority of one five times his age and ten times his experience, jerked the door open and uttered with perfect Vermont disgust, "Damn this newfangled crap!"

All of which delighted me; there is hope for the future.

There is a Facebook page so you can check the status of events offered by the Friends: Friends Of The Norwood Council On Aging | Facebook

## FREE BABYSITTING COURSE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS!

Open to Grades 6, 7 & 8, sponsored by the Women's Community Committee (WCC). The course runs from May 20-24th from 3:30-5:00 each day at the Coakley Middle School. Register by May 17 at the Morrill Memorial Library, Coakley Middle School or the WCC Thrift Shop.

## COMMUNITY ARTMAKING WORKSHOP

Show your Norwood pride and ingenuity during the 3rd annual Yard Art event. If you sign-up by May 20th (it's Free!), you will receive a Yard Art lawn sign and be added to an interactive map of Yard Art participants. All Yard Art will be on display from June 8th - 15th. Need Inspiration? Join the Community Artmaking Workshop at the Morrill Memorial Library on Saturday, May 18th from 10 - Noon in the Simoni room. Assistance and free, weather-resistant art supplies are available. Follow FOVA Norwood (Friend of Visual Arts Norwood) on Facebook and Instagram (@fovanorwood) for information and ideas. To sign-up, email: [fovalt4u@gmail.com](mailto:fovalt4u@gmail.com)

## PRESCOTT GRADUATE AWARD APP. NOW OPEN

The Prescott School Parent Teacher Organization and Principal Bryan Riley are excited to announce the application for the 2024 Prescott School Graduate Award is now open. Class of 2024 graduates are encouraged to apply for one of the two \$500 scholarships if they graduated 5th grade at Prescott School. Applications are available in the Norwood High School Guidance Office or by visiting the Prescott School webpage at <https://www.norwood.k12.ma.us/prescott/index>. If you have questions or problems accessing the application, please reach out to Principal Riley at [briley@norwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:briley@norwood.k12.ma.us).

## BALCH GRADUATE AWARD APP. NOW OPEN

The Balch School is currently accepting applications for the Balch School PTO Graduate Award. This award is presented to two deserving high school seniors who graduated from the Balch Elementary School. Appli-

cation forms are available online at [www.norwood.k12.ma.us/balch](http://www.norwood.k12.ma.us/balch). The application deadline is May 17. Please email me, Courtney Brewer, school secretary, at [cbrewer@norwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:cbrewer@norwood.k12.ma.us) with any questions.

## OPPV WORK DAYS COMING UP

The non-profit organization, Old Parish Preservation Volunteers (OPPV) will continue their spring work days continuing on Saturday, May 18, from 8:30 to 10:30am at the Old Parish Cemetery, located off Washington Street near Railroad Avenue. Volunteers will clean grave markers, reset stones, and repair those that are broken. Spring, 2024 work days include: May 18, and 25. Anyone interested in helping preserve this important historic site can join the group working in the cemetery. The cemetery is open to the public during the time volunteers are working. For more information about OPPV, visit the web site: <https://www.oldparishpreservationvolunteers.com>

## MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP TO MEET

The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 21, at The Grange, 28 Rockwood Road (Route 115) in Norfolk, MA from 7-9 pm. Mask if you will.

Mental illness is a label for a variety of diseases of the brain. Often it strikes in late adolescence, devastating the afflicted person and the family. The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group is composed of such families who find mutual support and join together to advocate for their loved ones. We welcome all families in the South Norfolk Area who are dealing with mental illness and their loved ones. For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

## VFW MEAT RAFFLE

The Norwood V.F.W. Post 2452 hosts a Meat Raffle every Saturday from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The Meat Raffle is open to the Public and everyone is welcome. The price for each Drawing is only \$2.00. Ten Drawings are conducted each Saturday. A Pre-Buy for \$20.00 is available during the week at the Post. This Pre-Buy allows for entrance in all Ten Drawings conducted on Saturday. The winners of the Pre-Buys need not be present to win.

The Drawings also include a 50/50 Money Raffle. A separate Winner Takes All Raffle is conducted at the end for an additional \$5.00. The Norwood VFW is located at 193 Dean Street in Norwood. The Meat Raffle will continue every Saturday thru May.

The Norwood VFW is looking for new members. Veterans of the Gulf War, and personnel who have served overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan are welcome to visit the post at any time or come to one of the Monthly Meetings which are held on the Fourth Wednesday of each Month from September thru May (Except December).