



Family, friends and colleagues gathered at Memorial Hall to witness the swearing in of new Norwood Chief of Police Christopher Padden

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Padden Sworn in

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

About 140 residents, politicians, family and fellow officers crowded into the Norwood Memorial Hall at Town Hall to swear in Norwood Police Department Chief Christopher Padden on Wednesday morning, May 1.

The feeling in the hall was expectant, but relaxed. Members of the department, including former NPD Chiefs William Brooks and George DiBlasi were in attendance, as well the ever popular Officer Mustang Sally and her handler, Officer Geoff Baguma.

The only hitch in an otherwise smooth ceremony came when Padden's mother, Martha Padden, who will turn 90 in November – had some issues pinning his new badge of office on his uniform.

"She didn't bring her glasses,"



Town Clerk Mary Lou Folan swearing in Chief of Police Christopher Padden

Padden said to smiling laughter from the crowd. "But we got the job done."

Padden gave a prepared speech, both introducing himself to the Town and talking about why he went into the policing profession. He said he was deeply honored to follow in the long line of chiefs in the department – 16 in all now – and said he hopes he can live up to those expectations.

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School Comm. discusses legislative advocacy

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Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee met on May 1 and discussed numerous updates to the district, including advocacy the members want in the Massachusetts State Legislature.

Member Kate Sibbing-Dunn began by supporting changes to the Chapter 70 state funding mechanism to better follow inflation under the proposed House Bill 597. Chapter 70 funding provides state funding to public schools across the Commonwealth and the bill would account for more inflation than it does currently (right now the state determined the inflationary increase to Chapter 70 funding would be 1.35 percent, when in reality, inflation has increased costs by around 8 percent).

Member David Hiltz said he was also concerned about other changes proposed in House Bill 597, mainly focused on teacher and school conduct.

The changes proposed in H.597 include changes to what can constitute exclusion or expulsion, including removing the word "assaults" from regulations and changing it to "willfully assaults, with intent and means to harm." It also removes cannabis from the list of offenses that could get students expelled.

"The changes they have proposed are so dangerous to schools, so dangerous to safety," he said. "For the Massachusetts School Committee Association (MASC) to just endorse it, in my opinion, that just demonstrates really poor judgment. The way this went about was awful, and the changes they proposed are awful."

Member Joan Giblin said she wants to advocate for medical insurance pick-

ing up more of the tab for student transportation for required out-of-district services, usually for students with mental and intellectual disabilities being served under an individualized education plan (IEP).

The Committee agreed to continue to research these issues and formulate an official position on them.

Member Teresa Stewart said she would also like the committee to continue to write in and advocate for the Thrive Act, which aims at "eliminating the high-stakes components of the MCAS tests." Essentially, the Thrive Act is looking to take away the MCAS' graduation requirement, state receiverships of schools and establishing a new commission to create a "whole-child system of assessing our schools."

Stewart said she also wanted to continue to support a resolution from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees that would allow districts to retain Medicaid reimbursement for covered services in their respective budgets. The School Committee voted unanimously to support those priorities, since they agreed to support them last year and this is a kind of renewal of these priorities.

In other news, the Norwood School Committee voted unanimously to appoint a new Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations.

Search Committee Chair Stewart said originally, they had eight candidates apply and they invited four to interview. Three of those invited were interviewed. She said members of staff and the union participated in the interviews along with the School Committee. She said the in-

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Swap Shop needs volunteers And is a whole lot of fun

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Swap Shop at the Norwood Winter Street Compost Site and Recycling Center is in need of volunteers this year.

Volunteer organizer Debbie Holmwood said while they have some volunteers now, they need a bit more muscle to help lift some of the heavier items up for grabs at the site.

"We're lifting file cabinets and tables and I got one girl, and she's barely four feet, three inches tall," she said. "In order to keep the swap going, we need volunteers. I've got three high school girls who are all honor society kids and I think that's a good start. They all love it and they think it's great and they'll tell their friends, but we need more

help."

The Swap Shop is open every dry weekend – they do not open in the rain, since upholstered and electronic items wouldn't fare well – from May through October, and then once a month November through April.

Holmwood said the time commitment is no more than an hour, and that the volunteering can count towards community service hours for school. "I need people to help me unload the container, fill it back up and, occasionally, I'd like to be able to run back home and use the ladies room," she said with a laugh. "And I've already signed the kids' community service sheets so we've already done it and it counts. This can be your

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Evening Garden Club plant sale location changed

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Staff Reporter

The Norwood Evening Garden Club (NEGC) usually hosts its popular annual plant sale at the Hawes Pool, but this year, because the pool is undergoing extensive rehabilitation, the group had to move the sale to Adams Farm, at 999 North St. in Walpole, on May 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We're really excited we can proceed with the sale again this year," said NEGC organizer Laura Lee. "Due to upcoming renovations at Hawes Pool Park in Norwood, we were fortunate to be invited to hold this year's sale at Adams Farm in Walpole where we've maintained a vegetable garden for a number of years, donating what we grow to local food pantries." Organizer Donna Lane said

the group has used this sale – usually held the day before Mother's Day – as a way to fund their efforts for almost three decades. "This is our 26th plant sale. Our first sale was in 1998, one year after our founding, and we have held one every year thereafter – minus one that we can-

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"It's been an incredible journey serving this community for the past 28 years and I'm grateful for the trust and support that has been shown to me for this appointment," he said. "I want to assure this community I am committed to earning the trust that you have placed in me today. It means a lot to me."

Padden provided some history of his time growing up in Norwood, and said his first interactions with the police would not lead one to believe his future was in law enforcement. He said he was one of five sons growing up with just their mother Martha.

"I grew up in Norwood, and my father was an alcoholic," he said. "He left his family behind. My mother worked very hard to support her family and she raised us on her own. It wasn't an easy path, and I wasn't an easy kid. I got into a lot of trouble, and I made a lot of mistakes as a kid. Stupid things, nothing terrible, but you know."

After that, Padden joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served in Desert Storm. He said that boot camp had a big impact on him.

"When they tell you they

will change you, they are not wrong," he said emphatically. "Honest to God you go in one way, you come out another."

While he said it was tough, it instilled something in him. "I just kept going and going and eventually over the weeks I realized I could do anything so long as I had the self discipline and mental toughness to not give up," he said. "That experience taught me you can accomplish anything if you don't quit."

Padden said that despite his rocky past, he applied for the NPD and Chief DiBlasi gave him the chance he was looking for, and he tried to make the most of it.

"As a kid, I had a lot of run-ins with the police," he said. "They always treated me fairly and I thought back then that being a police officer might be a good job and maybe someday I would apply, if they'd take me. I applied to the department and Chief DiBlasi hired me. I'm eternally grateful for that opportunity. I look at kids now who come to us and have had a difficult time, and they deserve an opportunity. They do."

Padden said it wasn't his original intention to discuss this at his ceremony, but he said former Chief Brooks convinced him to do so. "He said if I shared my story, it might motivate some other kid who got from the place I've been to the place I am today," he said.

Padden thanked Brooks for his leadership and his help throughout the years. "Chief Brooks' dedication to the NPD and his contributions to the law enforcement community at large is unparalleled," he said. "He's not only a great chief for the Town of Norwood, but he's had a lot of influence on law enforcement across the board. I don't know if everybody knows that, but he's had a national impact. He's worked towards all kinds of items like the Innocence Project and statutory reform in the State of Massachusetts. I'm honored to succeed him as the next chief of police and I really appreciate his mentorship. I think he's pre-

pared me well."

Padden said Brooks helped him with his speech, which may be a bit evident from his discussion on Sir Robert Peel, the founder of the Metropolitan London Police Force in 1829, which is one of Brooks' frequent topics.

"Sir Robert Peel said in 1829 that, 'The police are the public, and the public are the police,'" he said. "It was the same back then as it is now. All people, they're all the same. And we're looking to make a human connection with the people we serve using empathy, compassion and integrity. Together we can chart a course for the future of Norwood that is grounded in our shared values. The members of the NPD will help to build a safer, stronger and more inclusive community for everyone. I think that's true, and that has been true for a number of years. We're very fortunate to have the people that we have here, and very fortunate to have the Town that we do."

Padden said policing is about people.

"We must never lose sight of the human aspect of policing," he said. "Every call for service is a chance to make a connection with a member of the community; a chance to make an impression on a citizen in either a positive or negative way, depending on how it's handled. We must never forget that every person we meet is a person with hopes, fears and aspirations. Many times, police officers see those people on their worst days. But also, behind every badge is a police officer with those same hopes, fears and aspirations."

The crowd gave Padden a standing ovation. A party was later hosted at the Old Colonial Cafe. Town Clerk Mary Lou Folan officiated the actual swearing in ceremony of Chief Padden, Town Veterans Agent Teddy Mulvehill led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and Cambridge Police Department Deputy Superintendent Pauline Wells sang the National Anthem.



On Sunday, April 28, the Society held a tour for about 15 residents of the Day House, located at 93 Day Street. Tours will continue into this summer on an irregular schedule.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

Day House brings history alive

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Staff Reporter

The Norwood Historical Society is hosting guided tours of the Day House at 93 Day St. in Norwood on an irregular schedule this summer.

On Sunday, April 28, the Society held one such tour to a group of about 15 residents as tour guide Laurie Kearney led them through the house that Day's family built and the one he grew up in.

Day was an artist and photographer and helped to pioneer Pictorialism in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Basically, he and other early art photographers were the first to use photography not to record an instance or a likeness, but to create a piece of artwork. He staged a photograph for his piece, for example, The Seven Last Words, depicting Jesus Christ as He said his seven last words while on the cross (For a few of his other pieces, go to <https://tinyurl.com/54pcwnaa>).

Society Treasurer Bryan Burns said the tours of the house are aimed at bringing history to life and giving an insight into one of Norwood's more prominent former residents. The house itself is also a feat, as it is more than likely a completely unique structure.

"It's the architectural gem of Norwood, and so we think it's important for the Day House to be accessible, both for the house and the collections," Burns said. "That's the whole reason the Historical Society exists."

Burns said they've seen more interest recently since 10th District Studios, run by resident Jerry Kelleher, released a documentary on Day last year.

"I would think if people have been here before, it's generally been a while," he said. "They might have come here as kids and then recently learned about F. Holland Day through Jerry Kelleher's film, which has sparked a lot of interest and information and we're happy to build on that."

For more information on the film, go to <https://10thdistrictstudios.com>.

Historical Society member Karen DeNapoli said she used to be a teacher and is quite interested in history, and said she comes by to help out during the tours because she believes it provides a window into the past, as well as maybe a reflection of each of us.

"I think it's important because we need support. We do tours for the children and I think it's important for them to come in and instill in them a curiosity about history," she said.

And DeNapoli said she's always had a curiosity about history, especially about the strangely built house that is the Day House.

"I think a lot of people are just unaware of the treasure that this is," she said. "When you live in a town, oftentimes you're just kind of oblivious of what goes on. When I moved to Norwood, to a very old house – over 100 years old – I was very interested in the historic aspect and somebody directed me."

Kearney moved through the different rooms of the house with her tour group. She said much of the original furniture was sold off when Day died, but they were able to replace it with as many contemporary pieces as they could find, including paintings, portraits, lights and clothing.

Perhaps the most eye-catching aspect of the house is the centralized staircase room, which has windows looking down into the house from the third and second floors, giving one the feeling of being in a medieval courtyard, perhaps ready to fend off Rochefort or Guy of Gisborne or Fernand Mondego or another nefarious rapier-wielding villain from books likely to be found on the shelves of Day's family library.

In other words, it could be easily said that the house's architect, Benjamin F. Dwight, took inspiration from medieval and renaissance styles.

"Here's this kind of piazza

our here; the outside of the house feels like an old Tudor, the pine panels in here makes it feel like some sort of castle in France or in England and also with the paneled walls," Kearney said. "There are elements of this house that are not at all cookie cutter. It's really unique."

The tour then went up the stairs through Day's study, bedroom, guest rooms and all other living areas. Kearney touched on Day's life, from his early days as a young creative child and the apple of his parents' eyes to his working day-to-day; figuring out what he wanted to show the world next. The number of desks and work areas in the house showed Day to be an avid reader and writer when he wasn't photographing.

The tours are not always scheduled, but Burns said they are typically on a Sunday afternoon. Go to <https://norwoodhistoricalsociety.org/events/> for updates.

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State Police chase ends in Norwood



MSP K9 Zigo

At approximately 2:40 AM on Monday, April 29, 2024, Acton Police requested that Massachusetts State Police patrols out of the Concord Barracks to be on the lookout for a black Audi that had been stolen in their town. Subsequently, Concord Police observed the stolen Audi pull into a parking lot in their town and saw three occupants get out of that vehicle and enter a gray BMW and speed away. Concord Officers pursued the BMW for a short distance before terminating their pursuit.

Meanwhile, Trooper Markery Flerisma, who was on patrol on the midnight shift out of the State Police-Concord Barracks, observed a gray car pass his cruiser at a very high rate of speed on Route 2 east. Trooper Flerisma attempted to catch up to the BMW, which took Exit 127A onto Interstate 95 south. Trooper Flerisma caught up to the vehicle and determined that it was a gray BMW sedan bearing a Massachusetts plate. The Trooper queried that plate and learned that it belonged to a 2008 Honda Pilot SUV, not to the BMW.

Trooper Flerisma activated his lights and siren and attempted to stop the BMW. The operator of the BMW refused to stop and continued to flee at high speed. State Police Troop A Headquarters authorized pursuit of the suspect vehicle and assumed command and control. The pursuit crossed to MSP Troop A into MSP Troop H. Troop H Headquarters took command and control and multiple MSP cruisers began to converge on the area.

A Trooper ahead of the pursuit route deployed stop sticks, which the BMW struck, causing damage to its front driver-side tire. The suspects nonetheless continued to flee on I-95 south before exiting at Exit 23.

When the BMW took the exit, Trooper Flerisma terminated pursuit but moments later observed the suspect vehicle in the median strip, near Neponset Street, where it had come to a stop after striking multiple traffic signs. The three male occupants of the BMW ran from the vehicle into nearby woods. Multiple MSP and Norwood Police patrols established a perimeter around the wood line and an adjacent residential neighborhood. MSP K9 Unit Trooper Benjamin Siok and his partner Zigo responded to the area to assist in searching for the suspects.

Trooper Siok deployed Zigo from the the off-ramp and the dog soon acquired a scent and tracked up an embankment to the tree line where the suspects had fled. Zigo's intensity increased the farther up the hill he tracked, and then he continued to pull intensely along a deer fence. Zigo stopped suddenly at a point along the fence that bordered a backyard on Ledgeview Drive and showed intense interest in the backyard. Trooper Siok and Zigo, along with Trooper James Curtain, entered the backyard, and Zigo immediately pulled to a gazebo, which connected to a swimming pool deck, and pressed his nose against the trim along the gazebo floor.

Troopers shined a flashlight on a small crawlspace between the ground and the gazebo floor and observed two of the suspects hiding in that space. Trooper Siok issued commands to surrender or face apprehension by Zigo. Both suspects came out of their hiding space and were taken into custody without incident. They were identified as MICHAEL GONZALEZ, 33, of New Bedford, who was driving the BMW, and ANGEL RODRIGUEZ, 50, of Fall River, one of the passengers. Zigo was not done yet.

Arrest

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The Norwood Evening Garden Club will be holding its annual sale at the Adams Farm, at 999 North St. in Walpole, on May 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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celebrated due to the pandemic," she said.

Lane said the organization provides activities and education for its members and fellow residents who may keep a plant or two.

"It is a labor of love for our members and the major source of revenue for club activities, one of which is a \$1,000 scholarship for a deserving graduate of Norfolk Agricultural High School. The club provides funding monthly lectures from garden experts, and maintaining many of the sites we designed and planted in Norwood," she said. "The sale takes many hours of preparation: digging, examining donations, pruning, cleaning, repotting when necessary; preparing labels

and the like. It's both a sharing and learning experience for our members and it has fostered many strong friendships over the years."

Lane said the event also provides an opportunity for members to get out and interact with residents looking to spruce up their gardens or other landscaping. She said the event has grown ever more popular since it started.

"Our members really do enjoy hosting the plant sale," she said. "People start lining up an hour before it starts, knowing that the more priceless and unusual plants will be gone a few minutes after opening."

The sale generally has items either traditionally used as Mother's Day gifts or just something many moms from

the area tend to enjoy. Lane said members take the plants directly from their gardens in most cases. The event features everything from herbs, organic vegetables and perennials. Annuals up for grabs include geraniums, hanging baskets and patio pots. This year, canna roots and dahlia tubers will also be available. Lane said they accept payment in credit cards from Mastercard and Visa now as well.

Lastly, Lane said they also offer advice on planting and gardening, so the NEGC is asking that you bring your questions and concerns as well.

For a list of what's available or to download an order form, go to www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.com

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interviews started two weeks ago and the committee decided to offer a position to Newton Public Schools current Director of Finance, Sean Mannion.

"Sean is coming to us from 22 years in the Newton School District," Stewart said. "In those 22 years, he was first a senior budget analyst, and then since 2017 has been their director of finance. He has accepted a three-year contract with us to start July 1, 2024."

Member Kate Sibbing-Dunn thanked all who participated in the search and how quickly they were able to get this done.

"It's a hugely important position and Mannion's qualifications, I mean I'm excited and it seems like he'll be an asset to

Norwood," she said. "I understand these finance folks are hard to find these days so I'm grateful."

The committee voted unanimously to approve the contract and the appointment.

J.J. Munoz discussed some recent results from the Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English language learners (ACCESS) Test, which is administered to track English language learners' (ELL) progress in English skills. He said there is a good deal of good news on that point.

"Our Director of English Language Education, Lisa Bourgeois, saw that we are going to have 14 percent of our ELL stu-

dents, which is 78 out of 576 students who took the ACCESS Test, received the minimum scores for exit status," he said. "To exit the ACCESS Test, you need to have a 3.9 composite literary score and an overall score of 4.2 in all domains as an average. So next we're going to have 78 of our students move over to monitoring status and exit the program. So that's something to celebrate."

Munoz said right now, the area of deepest concern, at least from his conversations with Bourgeois, is reading, and they will plan to be more intensive on reading and writing next year.

In a related note, Munoz also discussed the recent multilingual family fair.

"This is a fair where families get the opportunity to build community within the community with Norwood staff," he said. "They had a chance to mingle with the families, and there are also a lot of Norwood organizations that show up to this event, whether it's recreational or any type of resources the families might need. All of these organizations are continually trying to reach out to our families, and so this was kind of a one-stop-shop for everybody, and it was a really successful event."

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Norwood Town Meeting Members will be asked to appropriate funds for a number of different issues the Town is facing, not the least of which is ever increasing school department costs.

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A Town Meeting primer

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Norwood's Annual and Special Town Meetings are coming up fast, and here's a breakdown of the more significant items on the warrants.

Town Meeting is scheduled to start on Monday, May 13 at the Norwood High School at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16 has been set aside if more time is needed (which is likely) as well as Monday, May 20.

These are just quick highlights of some of the warrants on the docket. If you want to look at them in more detail, go to <https://tinyurl.com/4hn77jze>. Norwood Community Media also has recordings of two recent Town Meeting Info Sessions, held on April 29 and May 1, which can

be found at <https://tinyurl.com/mr3pkdeb>

The biggest issue is the Town Budget, an explanation of which can be found in the documents section of the first link above. The budget is encapsulated in Articles 4, 5, 6 and 7. Also, budget books are available to residents by request at the Norwood Town Hall. The biggest concern is that costs are going up and the Norwood Public Schools Budget is increasing once again. For more information on the schools, go to <https://tinyurl.com/bde63xks>

A somewhat debated topic is Article 9 of the Special Town Meeting, which would create an enterprise fund to facilitate funds collected if the Town adopts a Stormwater Fee. The fee would be based on the amount of impervious surface on the property of

each water and sewer ratepayer, commercial and residential, and would go to fund stormwater infrastructure projects like the Hennessey Drainage Basin and many other projects listed in the Meadowbrook Drainage Study (<https://tinyurl.com/mrxe9uam>).

The contention is that some residents, according to Selectman Michael Saad, would be financially affected by the fee to the point he feels they would have to move out, and he said he believes more time is necessary for the Town to weight the benefits and costs of the fee.

The establishment of the fund would not institute the fee, as that has to be done separately, but Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said it would be difficult to estab-

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community service time for school.”

Holmwood said the Norwood DPW, which facilitates and houses the Shop, has been nothing but good to her and her organizing efforts to get the volunteers in and primed to go.

“They’ve been really good to me and they tolerate my insanity,” she said with a laugh. “I ring a bell when something really fun gets picked up that

they tell me is just trash. I tell them all the time, ‘You think everything’s trash, and I think everything’s a treasure.’”

DPW Director Mark Ryan said the shop has been a pleasure to see get off the ground. Both said the Swap Shop, which started last year, has been a great success and has been very popular.

“This is something Debbie longed for, us too, but we needed volunteers to move this

forward and Debbie found those volunteers,” he said. “We wanted to do this in the past, but we couldn’t get the volunteers. So we purchased the storage sheds for the equipment, furniture and other items and it’s been a huge success. Debbie could use more help, more volunteers to help her out, but it’s a great day up there when it’s open.”

Ryan said the shop is a great place to socialize and discover

some good finds, and added he was able to grab something he needed quite unexpectedly and urgently. “I even lucked out when I tore my Achilles; there was a little knee roller that I used to get me around Town last year,” he said, adding it was a softball injury.

Holmwood said last year the shop started in the summer, and she said the DPW gave her the stats on how much of what would have otherwise been thrown away was saved and savored by Norwood residents.

“We had 10 40-yard dumpsters that we did not have to pay to put in the landfill,” she said. “That saves us money in dumping fees, which I believe is \$250 a ton... That saves you tax dollars, and I am as concerned about saving taxes as I am about not paying to throw away perfectly usable things. They can have a second life.”

Holmwood said the shop is about reusing, reducing and recycling, but it’s also about the thrill of the hunt. “They’re getting stuff you don’t have to spend money on and they’re like ‘I got this at the dump!’ and they painted it or gave it to their kid and they really use it,” she said.

All items at the shop are free and Holmwood emphasized there is no pressure to bring something so that you can take something. The name, Swap Shop, was just catchy and not indicative of any expectations. She said the DPW and her volunteers work with New Life Recycling, which is out of Walpole.

“They take truckloads of stuff and they give it to homeless people, people in need,

people like our neighbors who got burned out last year, people like that,” she said. “We opened up the shed and we’ve got pots, pans, chairs, tables, lamps, and you know what? Use it. Or if you don’t, we have a very lucrative return policy where if you take it home and you don’t like it or you don’t use it, bring it back! How’s that for a return policy?”

Holmwood said it’s especially helpful for parents, since there are always other parents with kids outgrowing toys and items their kids could use.

“Things like those play pens and jungle gyms that just snap all together, I mean people drop those off all the time after their kid outgrows them,” she said. “And then the next person comes and takes it. You just spray it off with a hose and it’s good as new. Your kid uses it for a year and then you drop it off. And the grandparents come in all the time to get strollers and those hoppy things because the parents drop off the kids for a few hours and they’re great. Those toy cars with the yellow tops and the orange or red bottoms and looks like a little car – every kid loves those, trust me – and we get those constantly and they go out, and two of them have already come back this season from people who had gotten them last season. ‘It’s too big for my grandkid because his legs are too big.’ So they step up, and good thing too because we’ve got bicycles!”

For more information and what kinds of items are accepted and likely to be available, go to <https://tinyurl.com/mur2wapx>

April Citizens of the Month



Grade 8: Raymond Cloonan, Seanne Fernandes, Jim Rodriguez, Kirk Mathews.

Grade 7: Kaylee Howard, Isla Marengi, Samantha Lee

Grade 6: Paul Battaglia, Jayka Reid, Aislin Kelly

Congratulations to the April winners of Dr. Philip O. Coakley Middle School’s Citizen of the Month. Citizens of the Month exemplify the school’s mission statement and are chosen by teachers and staff.

Letters to the Editor

DID SCHOOL COMMITTEE KEEP PROMISE?

To the Editor:

A few years back, the school department asked residents to approve a \$5 million plus operational override. As part of the override, the school department agreed to limit year over year teacher salary increases to no more than 3 1/2%. Since

then I’ve not heard a word as to whether or not the school committee kept that promise.

When the Committee this spring comes out and announces they need a 13% increase in their budget it makes one wonder if, in fact, the school committee kept that promise.

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Legal Notice: Meadow Brook Channel Improvements Project – MEPA EENF Filing

The Town of Norwood hereby gives notice that an Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF) has been filed with the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) for the Meadow Brook Channel Improvements Project. This filing was completed on or before April 30, 2024.

Access to Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF): To review the EENF document, please follow this link: <https://rb.gy/nnqts8>

Project Summary: The Meadow Brook Channel Improvements Project aims to implement stream and stormwater enhancements to restore hydraulic conveyance, mitigate local flooding, and enhance ecological functions along approximately 1,000 feet of Norwood’s Meadow Brook, located adjacent to Environmental Justice (EJ) Communities. The proposed measures include streambank stabilization to preserve the designated channel form and mitigate erosion by fortifying the stream banks against scour.

Public Comment Period: Comments on the Meadow Brook Channel Improvements Project are invited and must be submitted by June 7, 2024. Comments can be sent electronically via the MEPA Public Comment Portal at: <https://rb.gy/b1jdyz>

All interested parties are encouraged to review the project details and provide feedback during the specified comment period.

For further information or inquiries, please contact Patrick McKenna at Patrick.McKenna@stantec.com.

Widower's Retirement Stymied by Social Security's "WEP" and "GPO" Rules

Dear Rusty: My wife passed away 4 years ago. I want to retire so called SSA and was told I can collect my own SS at 62, reduced by WEP. My wife's SS was greater than mine, but they said I do not qualify for hers at age 60 because of the GPO. This seems odd that I get zero for her, however I can collect mine at the two thirds reduction at 62. Is this true? This zero dollar amount places my retirement on hold for now. I was counting on her SS.



Russell Gloor
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Signed:
Discouraged Widower

Dear Discouraged: The Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) are two of the most confusing (and unpopular) of Social Security's myriad rules. From the way you describe your conversation with the Social Security Administration, it doesn't appear to have concluded with you fully understanding how these provisions work, so allow me to elaborate.

WEP and GPO affect anyone who has a retirement pension from a federal, state, or local government agency which did not participate in Social Security, meaning neither the employee nor the employer paid into Social Security based on the employee's earnings. Obviously, you have such a pension, which means that WEP will reduce any Social Security retirement benefit you have earned from other employment where SS payroll taxes were withheld, and the GPO will affect any survivor benefit you are entitled to.

WEP affects only the SS retirement benefit you earned elsewhere; WEP does not affect any surviving spouse benefit you might be entitled to from your wife. Rather, it is the GPO which affects your survivor benefit, again because of your state retirement (called a "non-covered pension" - one earned without contributing to Social Security). The GPO will reduce any surviving spouse benefit you might be entitled to by 2/3rds of the amount of your "non-covered" state pension. Depending on the size of your state pension, that reduction may entirely eliminate your surviving spouse benefit from your wife.

Under normal SS rules, a surviving spouse does not become eligible for survivor benefits until they reach age 60 (age 50 if disabled). Normally, a surviving spouse benefit claimed at age 60 is reduced by 28.5%

and it is the GPO (not WEP) that will affect your survivor benefit whenever you claim it. However, even without GPO, your age 60 survivor benefit amount would be only 71.5% of the amount your wife was receiving (or entitled to receive) at her death. If you are already collecting your non-covered state pension when you claim your SS survivor benefit from your wife, then that reduced age 60 survivor benefit would be offset by 2/3rds of the amount of your state pension. And that (according to what Social Security told you) is what eliminated your age 60 eligibility for a surviving spouse benefit from your wife. If you don't claim it at 60 your survivor benefit will continue to grow until you reach your full retirement age (FRA) of 67, but if 2/3rds of your state pension is more than 100% of your SS survivor benefit, you still won't get any surviving spouse benefit from your wife's record.

A further consequence of your non-covered state pension is that the SS retirement benefit you earned elsewhere will be reduced by WEP. WEP will reduce, but cannot eliminate, your Social Security retirement benefit. The WEP formula is complex but, generally, your WEP-based Social Security retirement benefit will likely be roughly half of what you would get if you did not have a state "non-covered pension." You could claim your WEP-reduced SS retirement benefit as early as age 62 or, if financially feasible, delay longer to get a somewhat higher (but still reduced) amount.

Just FYI, your state employer had an obligation to fully inform you of the consequences of not contributing to Social Security while earning your state pension. It appears as though they may not have fulfilled that obligation.

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lish a fund during the fiscal year in which it is intended to be used. He said the state Department of Revenue strongly recommends getting it together the fiscal year prior. Again, this would not establish the fee, only the financial infrastructure to later implement one.

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) fund is looking for approval for more than \$1.6 million in projects submitted to the Town from inside and outside Town Government. The appropriations are requested in Article 8 of the Annual Town Meeting.

The largest of these projects is \$1 million for 20 units of income-restricted affordable housing for qualified veterans. The major issue, as of the publication of this issue, is that the Board of Selectmen voted 3-2 to not support the article (with Selectmen Michael Saad, Bill Plasko and Amanda Grow voting against the proposal) because the clawback provisions on the funds were not yet up to members' satisfaction.

The issue is that the applicant, Caritas Communities, is not a part of the Town and Selectmen were concerned that if the project goes belly up the Town may not get the funds back. Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Coordinator Kristen Phelps said at a recent meeting that they are working on a draft grant agreement that would cover this. Selectmen said they were amenable to possibly changing their minds once that gets sorted out.

The rest of the projects were recommended by the Board of Selectmen and are as follows. For historic preservation, there are requests for \$20,250 to restore and preserve annual Town re-

ports, \$55,200 to restore the Morrill Memorial Library Stained-Glass Windows, \$75,000 to restore the Memorial Hall of the Town Hall benches, \$60,000 to rehabilitate the Washington Fire Bells, and finally \$25,925 to restore the F. Holland Day House Blue Room Fireplace.

For community housing, requests include \$14,000 for the Shared Housing Services Organization (which organizes housing needs across a regional district), and the veterans housing already mentioned.

For open space and recreation, requests include \$10,000 for a transfer of funds to the Conservation Land Fund (controlled by the Norwood Conservation Commission), \$80,000 for a bridging project along the Tiot Trail, \$91,560 for the proposed Morse Hill Veterans Park Improvements and \$213,630 for the proposed Norwood Memorial Airport Playground project.

Also on the docket is Article 7, which would appropriate \$400,000 of free cash to the Norwood Recreation Department to oversee the Extended Day afterschool program. The Town took the program over from the schools to allow the Rec Department to handle the day-to-day operation, since it already provides some of the programming regardless. The funds will facilitate the start of this, since the Extended Day Revolving Fund closes at the end of the fiscal year and the new fund will not be able to take it from there in time. Any remaining balance in the school revolving fund will go to free cash and offset the transfer.

Article 8 will, if enacted, rescind the Norwood Fire Department's (NFD) use of the Civil Service testing and human resources infrastructure, basically taking hiring practices away from the state and giving more discretion to the department. The Norwood Police did this already, and former Chief William Brooks said it has been a benefit.

Next up is a \$156,000 funding request from the NPS for IT capital requests in Article 4 of the Special Town Meeting. This includes Chrombooks and other technology needs for the schools. Usually, capital requests are now handled in the fall, but the schools, perhaps understandingly, want these requests ready and delivered before the start of the 2024-25 school year, as well as allowing the district to take advantage of the E-Rate Funding Timeline and get these items at a lower cost than usual.




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GEORGE M. JR, age 92 and a lifelong resident of Norwood, Ma., left this earthly life in the early morning hours of May 1, 2024 to be reunited in heaven with his parents, George M. and Beatrice (Bauzis) Cofsky and his brothers, Robert and William. George, as his name implies, was the consummate husbandman, caring deeply for friends, family, fields, flowers and his farm. He touched and impacted the lives of all who knew him. He was the beloved husband of nearly 68 years to Alice (Geishecker) Cofsky and the devoted father to Kathryn Lemaire (Christophe), George M. Cofsky III (Margaret Ashe), James Cofsky (Christine), Thomas Cofsky (Karen), Michael Cofsky (Joan), Kristin Laverty (Christopher) and John Cofsky (Gemma Watson). He was also the loving grandfather of 17 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. He is survived by his dear sister, Patricia Dundulis, of Florida. George was a member of the Norwood Knights of Columbus and the Norfolk County Beekeepers Association. Funeral arrangements are with the Kraw – Kornack Funeral Home at 1248 Washington Street in Norwood. Burial will be private and at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital (501 St. Jude Place Memphis,

TN 38105-9959 www.stjude.org) or to Tunnels to Towers Foundation (2361 Hylan Blvd, Staten Island, NY 10306 www.t2t.org).

CULLEN



Josephine C. (Schepis) of Norwood, in her 94th year, passed away on Tuesday April 30, 2024. Born in Boston, she was the daughter of the late John and Pauline (Silipigno) Schepis. Josephine was the beloved wife of 53 years of the late Albert F. Cullen, and devoted mother of Michael and his companion Ruth of NJ, Marie and her husband Daniel Sullivan of Foxboro, Mark and his wife Kathy of Pocasset and FL, Brian and his companion Cindy of NC, and Joseph and his spouse Colleen of NH. Josephine was the sister of Joanna Baxter of FL, her late husband Russell, and Joseph Schepis and his wife Peggy of FL. She was the proud grandmother of Kerry, Maura, Mark, Timothy, Brian, Kevin, Jennifer, Joseph, and fourteen great-grandchildren. Josephine worked for many years in the Morrill Memorial Library in Norwood. She was an active member of the Norwood Senior Center. Josephine was a member of the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Ladies Sodality. She also enjoyed walking, and volunteering in the community. Josephine was very artistic and loved to paint flowers and scenes in nature. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St.

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Catherine of Siena Parish, Norwood on Monday May 6. Interment was at Highland Cemetery. Arrangements were made with Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Josephine’s memory to the MSPCA - Angell Memorial, 350 South Huntington Avenue, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 or see mspca.org.

DANIELS



Raymond E., of Norwood, died peacefully at his home on Saturday evening, May 4, 2024 at 97 years old. The son of the late John K, and Caroline (Adamczyk) Daniels, he was born, raised, and educated in Norwood, graduating from Boston Trade High School in 1948. Ray’s happiest times were spent with family and friends at the family cottage on Moose Pond in Maine. He and his late wife Peg (Margaret) were happily married for 72 years. They loved to travel, enjoyed polka dancing and together avidly followed all the Boston sports teams. He was a founding and lifetime member of the Walpole Sportsman’s Association. Mr. Daniels was employed as a salesman for the Sunshine Biscuit Company for

over 34 years before his retirement in 1992. After retirement, Ray kept busy by golfing, snowmobiling, water skiing, bowling, dirt bike riding, and repairing anything with an engine. A veteran of World War II, Ray volunteered and served in the Navy as a Coxswain aboard the USS Bradley County (LST 400) and the USS Calaveras County (LST 516). Ray is survived by his children Carol M. Daniels of Norwood, Edward G. Daniels and his wife Bernadette of Canton and Stephen Daniels and his wife Lynn of Foxboro. He was very proud of his grandchildren Kevin Daniels of Norfolk, Timothy Daniels and his wife Jessie and his great-grandsons, twins Bodie and Mack Daniels, of North Attleboro, and several loving nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late William B. Daniels and Elsie J. White. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday morning, May 10th at 11AM at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Washington Stret, Norwood. Visiting hours will be prior to services from 9 -10:30AM at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral home, 1248 Washington Street, Norwood. Interment will be at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton. In lieu of flowers, donations in Raymond’s memory may be made to the Little Sisters of the Poor, Development Office, Jeanne Jugan Residence, 964 Main St. Pawtucket, RI 02860 or www.littlesistersofthepoorpawtucket.org.

HOGAN



Robert Edward, age 69, passed away on May 1st, 2024 in the company of his son Paul. Robert was born in Norwood, Mass, in 1954. He is survived by his sister Patricia “Patty”, 4 children: Christina, Kasey, Paul, Meghan and 6 grandchildren. A special mention to his former wife, Muriel. After 33 years of service with the

Obituary Policy

The The Norwood Record publishes obituaries from information supplied by funeral homes. Relatives and friends also may supplement information by e-mailing to news@norwoodrecord.com by Monday at 1 p.m. Photos also will be accepted.

Norwood Light Dept., Bob retired to Daytona to enjoy NASCAR and be closer to his family. A Celebration of Life was held in Florida on Thursday, May 9th, with Volusia Memorial Funeral Home – Port Orange in charge of the arrangements. Visit their website for more information: www.volusiamemorialfuneral.com

LUTTAZI



PHILLIP R. of Medway, formerly of Dover, passed away on May 5, 2024 at the age of 88. Beloved husband of Marion R. (Keleher) Luttazi for over 63 years. Devoted father of Romolo Paul Luttazi and his wife Beth of Dover, Steven John Luttazi and his wife Judy of Franklin, Lori A. Sigano and her late husband Don of Attleboro and Phillip D. Luttazi and his wife Susan of Medfield. Son of the late Romolo and Gina (Giandomenico) Luttazi. Brother of Dorothy Rowean of Medfield and the late Raymond E. Luttazi. Cherished grandfather of Kelly, Christina, Erica, John, Steven, Caroline, Benjamin, and Sarah. Great grandfather of Josie. Phil was a 1953 graduate of Dover High School. He was a member of the Dover Cemetery Commission from 1968-1986. He was a US Army Korean War Veteran and a Dover Little League Coach. Phillip was a Town of Dover Board of Health Field Agent from 1987-2007. He is currently a Larrabee-Whiting Trustee member thru 2024 and has been a member since 2003. Phillip was a longtime bus driver for the Dover Public Schools driving bus #7. Phil was a lifelong resident of Dover for over 85 years and was loved by many...he was one of a kind. Wherever he went, he always knew someone, or someone knew him! He had many friends throughout his life. He enjoyed being in his garden, growing tomatoes, or just spending time by his pool with all his grandchildren. He will be deeply missed. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA Friday, May 10, 2024 at 9:30am followed by a funeral mass at 10:30am at the Most Precious Blood Church, Dover, MA. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2024 from 4-7pm. At the request of the family the burial



Thank You Novenas For Favors or Prayers Answered

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin
(Never known to fail!)
Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.
Grateful thanks. —K.B.

St. Jude’s Novena
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 9th day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude. My Prayers were answered.
In gratitude for helping me. —J.H.

Miracle Prayer
Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked You for many favours. This time, I ask you this very special one (mention favour). Take it, dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within Your own broken heart where Your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become Your favour, not mine. Amen.
Say for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted. —D.J.

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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, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

INTRODUCTION TO ANTIQUE HAND FANS

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to bring a unique program to the library called Introduction to Antique Hand Fans. It will be held in-person on Saturday May 11, at 10:30 am in the Simoni Room.

Please join our presenter Shelly Goncalves and learn all about the history of antique fans. See 100 antique hand fans from the 18th & 19th century. Explore different materials used for this art including mother of pearl, bone, ivory, & celluloid. Have an antique hand fan at home? Bring it for identification.

About the presenter: Shelly J. Goncalves has been collecting antique hand fans for over 50 years. Goncalves is a member of the Fan Association of North America (FANA) and the Fan Circle International (FCI), where she serves on the board.

NORWOOD'S SUMMER WEATHER OUTLOOK

The Morrill Memorial Library welcomes back Joe Delli Carpini, the Science and Operations Officer at the National Weather Service's Boston office in Norton, for "Norwood's Summer Weather Outlook and the Atlantic Tropical Outlook," on Tuesday, May 21 at 7:00pm in the Simoni Room of the Library.

This presentation will begin with a look at what a "normal" summer in Norwood looks like, plus a brief recap of last summer's conditions. We will take a look at some of the global weather patterns that may affect the upcoming summer in Norwood and break down the official NOAA outlook for the upcoming summer. Will it be dry and hot, rainy and cold, or something in between? Many of these factors will also have an effect on the upcoming hurricane season in the Atlantic. We'll review the impact of El Niño and La Niña, sea surface temperatures, and other factors that may influence hurricane development. Finally, we will provide tips to help you prepare for this year's hurricane season and provide online references to help you track the latest storms.

About the presenter: Joe Delli Carpini is a meteorologist, and is the Science and Operations Officer at the National Weather Service's Boston office in Norton, Massachusetts. He has over 30 years of forecasting experience. Joe's main role is to oversee the office's science program, which includes research and staff training. He also provides training for the staff of four meteorologists at the Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center in Nashua, NH, who provide direct support to the FAA. Joe's interests include aviation and coastal meteorology. He is involved with several national teams related to aviation, tropical, winter weather, and coastal inundation forecasting. Joe led the implementation of the office's Decision Support Services program, which provides information to emergency managers and other core partners and established strong working relationships with federal, state, and local partners, including the broadcast media. He has been a Norwood resident with his wife Kelly and two children since 1996.

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.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Section 81-U and Section 4 of the Rules & Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land, the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, May 20 at 7:00 P.M.** concerning a Preliminary Roadway Extension Plan entitled "50 Fales Avenue Extension" dated April 18, 2024. The proposed plan was filed with the Town Clerk on April 25, 2024. The public 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:

<https://meet.google.com/mhu-ifvs-njz>
You can also dial in using your phone:
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PIN: 517 092 088#
7:00 P.M.

The applicants are Corinne and Gregory Sullivan represented by David Hern, Jr., Esq. of Geleman and Cabral, LLC. The location of the proposed roadway extension is Fales Avenue in Norwood. The applicant proposes to extend Fales Avenue to create adequate access to the adjacent property shown on the Assessor's Maps as Map/Block/Lot 4-21-50. The plan and supporting information are on file with the Planning Board and may be reviewed during normal business hours by emailing comdev@norwoodma.gov. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

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will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the National Kidney Foundation.

POURBAIX



Claire Ann (MacDonald), of Norwood, died Thursday, May 2, 2024, at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital - Needham after a brief illness. She was 92. Born, raised, and educated in the Jamaica Plain neighborhood of Boston, she was the daughter of the late William J. and Katherine (MacGilvray) MacDonald. Mrs. Pourbaix continued her education at the Forsyth Dental School in Boston. After graduation in 1949, she joined the staff at the Forsyth Dental Infirmary as a dental hygienist. It was here that she met her husband to be, Dr. John "Jack" M. Pourbaix. A week after her marriage to Dr. Pourbaix, the couple moved to Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada for several years. She and her young family would relocate back to the United States in 1960, settling in Norwood, where she would raise her family. Mrs. Pourbaix and her husband were active communicants and parishioners at St. Timothy Church in Norwood, as well as leaders in the FA Cleveland School PTA and the

Xaverian Brothers High School Parents Council. She enjoyed spending time at the family home in East Dennis, along with traveling, reading and had a passion for antiques. She was the beloved wife of Dr. John "Jack" M. Pourbaix, DDS for 66 years, who passed in 2021. Mrs. Pourbaix is survived by her loving children John M. Pourbaix, Jr. and his wife Susan of Walpole, Michele Pourbaix Gross and her husband Donald of Sagamore Beach, Gene W. Pourbaix and his wife Noelle of Pembroke and Jill A. Pourbaix of Centerville. Cherished "Mimi" of Danielle and Jay

Pourbaix, Tyler, Christopher and Erica Hawley, Bailey Pourbaix, Torey Mecley Melia, Erin and Ryan Mecley and her great grandchildren Reagan and Rylie Hawley and Beau Melia. Mrs. Pourbaix was predeceased by her two grandchildren, Melissa and Casey Pourbaix along with her sister Mary and brother-in-law John Montgomery. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington Street, Norwood. Interment in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton. Donations in Mrs. Pourbaix's memory may be made to the Matt Brown Foundation at mattbrownfoundation.org

TOWN OF NORWOOD PUBLIC HEARING

Formal notice is hereby given, with regard to Mama's Incorporated dba Mama's, license holder and Manager of Record Elias Akiki. The Board of Selectmen, acting as local licensing authority will hold a show cause hearing, to consider whether the license to sell alcoholic beverages should be suspended, limited or revoked, on violation of M.G.L. Chapter 138, Sections 12 and 77, for failure to provide the public with the services contemplated by the license required.

Public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, May 21st, 2024 at 7:15 PM** in the Selectmen's Chambers, Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, Massachusetts.

Robert G. Donnelly, Chairman
Amanda R. Grow
William J. Plasko
Matthew E. Lane
Michael Saad
Selectmen of Norwood as
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TOWN OF NORWOOD PUBLIC HEARING

Formal Notice is hereby given, with regard to Luke Adams, Inc. dba Luke Adams, license holder and Manager of Record, Ian Davison. The Board of Selectmen, acting as local licensing authority will hold a show cause hearing to consider whether the license to sell alcoholic beverages should be suspended, limited or revoked, on violation of M.G.L. Chapter 138, Sections 12 and 77, for failure to provide the public with the services contemplated by the license required.

Public hearing on this application will be held on **Tuesday, May 21st, 2024 at 7:00 PM** in the Selectmen's Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

Robert G. Donnelly, Chairman
Amanda R. Grow
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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.

Infiniti QX60 Autograph

SUV's are everywhere and being built by all manufacturers and I will be driving them over the next few weeks. Infiniti has a few and the QX60 Autograph is a premium model. First, power comes from 3.5 V/6 295 HP, 9-speed transmission, AWD with 6,000 lb. towing capacity. Tow package is standard with transmission cooler, trailer hitch and 20" wheels. Power panorama roof, 10.8-inch heads-up display, large dash cluster, 12-inch touchscreen, Bose audio with 17 speakers, wireless charging, adaptive headlights, high beam assist, all the driver safety features and more. Base price starts at \$66,100 (destination: \$1,195). Our QX60 did have a few options, including the light package, radiant grille emblem illuminated, illuminated kick plates, complimentary and premium paint. MSRP: \$69,240, all in. EPA: 20/25. Power is instant and crisp at any speed or driving condition. The 9-speed transmission shifts positive and again, the 9 speeds keep the engine speed in what I call its sweet zone. Heated steering wheel and seats, front seats also ventilated and a massage feature. The interior is elegant and controls are in reach and easy to use. Ride and handling are good, especially over broken pavement.

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 and we will do our best to get them answered.

Monday, April 29

0730 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Investigated Location/Address: Walpole St Caller reporting an elderly female party who seems to be having a mental health episode is outside of her apartment ringing her doorbell. When asked to leave the party became combative. Verbal in nature, no weapons reported. Elderly female lost. She is reunited with her daughter. OFC spoke with son as well. They are staying at an Air BNB

1636 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Investigated Location/Address: Wilson St + Arcadia Rd 911 caller reporting 2 people with intoxicated or drugs walking on the street. Male party, shirtless and bald. Older female w/ white tank top and back pack. Baseball cap OFC's clear. Parties check out, just walking through.

1737 911 - PD-Stolen Motor Vehicle Report Follows Location/Address: Endicott St Caller believes her vehicle has been stolen. Caller states last saw the vehicle Saturday afternoon.

1857 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Beacon Park Rd + Maple St Caller stating children are riding bikes on neighbor's lawn and videotaping people's houses. Been going on for the past 2 days. Juveniles have been advised to not ride their bikes on other neighbors property. Stated they understand and will be riding on the street.

2017 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Village Rd E Calling party found a Chihuahua dog ACO Henry has been notified and is en route.

Tuesday, April 30

0148 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Lenox St Caller reporting a W/M in his

30's wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and blue shorts sitting in the vestibule of the leasing office smoking a cigarette. Officers spoke with the calling party who stated he is waiting for his mother to get home. He is going to wait near the CVS until she arrives. Units clear.

0204 Phone - PD-Assist Other Agency Services Rendered Location/Address: Engamore Ln Walpole PD requesting an officer to look for the male party who was in an accident in there town and ditched the vehicle. If found contact Walpole PD. 661 and 661 went to the residence, no answer at the door. Units will canvas the area. Walpole PD called stating they made contact with the male party and he stated he is home. Stated his vehicle was stolen, 661 & 669 en route back to the residence to speak with the male party. Walpole spoke with the male parties mother stating he is not home. Walpole is satisfied, units clear.

1005 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Report Follows Location/Address: Plymouth Dr DCF called to do a health and welfare at the residence. While officers were en route DCF called back for a possible OD at the address FD dispatched. Party transported to BI Needham Cruiser followed.

1721 911 - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: - Washington St 911-Caller states a man threatened to beat him up. Caller stated the male party "spit all over him", and was mad because he was smoking on the sidewalk. Blue baseball cap, black hoodie, blue sweatshirt, blue jeans. Caller is inside Sam's barber shop. NWD 666 reports one in custody. AR requested and assigned. Arrest: Hannon, Mark Joseph Address: 53 Irving St Norwood, Ma Age: 54 Charges: A&B on +60/Dis-

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1903 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Investigated Location/Address: Venice Cafe - Washington St White male, black t-shirt with graphics. Black ski-mask fully covering face. Putting on gloves. Business line caller said he was looking around like he was going to do something. GOA. OFC spoke with store owner. They did not see anything matching that description.

Wednesday, May 1

0809 Phone - PD-Vandalism Report Follows Vicinity of: Vernon St + Hawthorne St Call directly into the station reporting someone vandalized recently poured concrete in the area. 662 spoke with the detail officer. They were neighbor kids who vandalized the property. The parents have been advised and the children have been spoken to.

1024 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Parkway St Walk in party would like to speak to an officer in regards to an argument that took place at her residence. 661 with a courtesy transport to one female to Riverside. Female would like to receive further advice from Riverside.

1137 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Village Rd E Caller on business line reporting a male and female party yelling in the area about an eviction. Caller also reports a child crying in the home. Quite upon arrival, Address adjusted to Village Rd East, no answer at the door. Clear

1221 911 - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Devon Rd Caller states her landlord is knocking on her door and she is scared. She stated that this is an ongoing

issue. Determined as a civil matter, Parties advised.

1750 Phone - PD-Suspicious Package Report Follows Location/Address: Phillips Ave + Winslow Ave Business line caller reports bag with white powder next to a Dodge van on the street. OFC picked up item.

2059 911 - PD-Assist Public Spoke With Location/Address: Engamore Ln 911-Walpole PD contacted caller about his vehicle being involved in a car crash, yesterday. Apparently stolen Would like assistance. Followed up with Walpole. Parties vehicle was left abandoned April 30th. Walpole has the vehicle. They towed it. NWD OFC will follow up over the phone for further information. Male party being summons by Walpole for leaving the scene. He is still insisting he was not driving. He was advised to come to the station on fill out a stolen vehicle report if he so chooses.

Thursday, May 2

1050 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Granite St Rear apartment guest house, caller on the business line reporting he found a dog about 75lbs, tan and black dog. ACO Henry notified and en route.

1956 Phone - PD-Shoplifting Spoke With Location/Address: CVS Pharmacy - Nahatan St Caller on the business reports there is a white older male wearing a black jacket, blue shirt and hat actively shoplifting. Party is trespassed from this address. Will be following up with paperwork shortly.

2123 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Provided Assistance Location/Address: Edgehill Rd Caller on the business reporting a white/silver vehicle speeding down the street and ran over the trash barrels. Spoke with party.

Friday, May 3

0105 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Lincoln St Caller on the business line reporting dog has been barking for over an hour. Dog was let in. Units clear.

1135 Phone - PD-Larceny/Forgery/Fraud Report Follows Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Caller looking to speak to an officer over the phone regarding package theft at the complex. Norwood 665 clear, report to follow.

1827 Phone - Health & Wel-

May 9, 2024

fare Check Checked and Spoke with Location/Address: Norwest Dr Business line caller requesting a H+W for her sister haven't heard from her in 24 hrs and is very concerned because this is unusual for her. Spoke to calling party. Phone was off. Caller has been advised.

Saturday, May 4

1343 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Vehicle Towed Vicinity of: Dean St Caller on the business line reports he is the land owner of the area behind the apartments and there is an individual squatting in the wooded section with his old black truck. CP requesting an officer to check it out and see if we can get the individual to vacate the property. Units clear. Units spoke with the caller. Calling party will follow up with appropriate personnel. Tow took the vehicle.

2200 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Shaw's Supermarket - Nahatan St Caller on 911 reports customer yelling and hitting people with her cart. Party described as heavy set black female pink shirt and pig-tails. Party outside near CVS entrance at this time. A second caller on 911 reporting that the party is described as an older dark skinned woman wearing bundles of clothes and wearing glasses pushed a shopping cart into one of the managers this caller requested to remain anonymous. Norwood 665 reports speaking with the reporting party, does not wish to press charges, manager requests that party is verbally trespassed. All units clear.

Sunday, May 5

0320 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Stratford Rd Caller on 911 reports male party in the backyard laying on the ground. FD en route for an evaluation on a male party. That party placed into protective custody, AR assigned, all units clear.

1501 Phone - PD-Road Obstruction Services Rendered Location/Address: Pleasant Park - Pleasant St Male party stating 2 juveniles were climbing in a man hole that was uncovered. 667 checked the area, no open man holes. Kids and parents at the park.

1533 Phone - PD-Disturbance Gone on arrival Location/Address: Exclusivent - Upland Woods Cir Caller on emergency line reports that possibly a kid in a white hoodie banded/kicked on her door and ran down the stairs when she opened the door. Units spoke with the R/P. Seems to be juveniles ding dong ditching. She has been advised and is satisfied. Units walked through the complex and the juveniles appear to be GOA.

1807 Phone - PD-Assist Other Agency Services Rendered Location/Address: Myrtle St Salem PD received an email regarding a bomb threat made to multiple addresses throughout the state. This address was listed on the email with a name out of this home. Norwood 669 reports making contact with that party, he states it is an ongoing issue and was provided the contact information to Salem PD. All units clear.

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A few moments later, Trooper Siok learned that Ring camera footage from another home in the neighborhood showed another man who tried to enter a motor vehicle parked in the driveway and, when he couldn't get in, then ran across the street into a stretch of backyards.

Zigo was deployed again and began working those backyards. In one yard he showed a change in behavior and increased excitement as he pulled toward two air conditioning units on the ground between two large bushes. As Zigo approached, a rabbit ran out from one the bushes. Showing great discipline, Zigo paid no attention to the rabbit and remained focused on the bushes and the A/C units. He showed a proximity alert, and Trooper Siok located the third suspect almost completely concealed within one of the bushes.

With Zigo providing cover, Troopers removed that suspect from the bush and took him into custody. That suspect initially gave Troopers a fake name but was eventually identified as YOVANIELL SOSTRE, 29, of Providence. He was the second passenger in the BMW.

The BMW was towed to the State Police-Concord Barracks and inventoried. Troopers located multiple tools, a crowbar, and a black mask inside the car.

The men were arraigned on charges in Waltham District Court.

The investigation confirmed that the arrestees were the same men who entered the BMW in Concord after exiting and abandoning the stolen black Audi. Acton Police will seek their own charges related to the theft of the Audi and their initial pursuit of it. The registered owner of the BMW is a Rhode Island woman. It does not appear that that vehicle was stolen.

TOWN OF NORWOOD APPLICATION FOR ALTERATION OF PREMISES PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for an Alteration of Premises for Irish Brewing Boston, Inc. dba Irish Brewing Boston, under Section 12, Chapter 138 and Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of All Alcoholic Beverages to be drunk on the premises of 83 Morse Street, Building 4, Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of proposed premises is as follows: the patio sits on the paved area adjacent to the entrance to the brewery. The patio consists of 8 picnic tables, 4 umbrellas, string lights secured by whiskey barrels surrounded by concrete barriers to prevent cars from entering the area. The total square footage is 1495 square feet. Current license is 4626 square feet, 32 seats, 114 standees with restrooms in the hallway.

Public hearing on this application will be held on **Tuesday, May 21st, 2024 at 7:30 PM** in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

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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: fovart4u@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.

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. Application forms are available online at 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 with any questions.

GARDEN CLUB TO HOLD ANNUAL PLANT SALE

The Norwood Evening Garden Club will hold its annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This year's sale will be held at Adams Farm, 999 North Street in Walpole, rain or shine.

Laura Lee, co-chair of the event said, "We're really excited we can proceed with the sale again this year. Due to upcoming renovations at Hawes Pool Park in Norwood, we were fortunate to be invited to hold this year's sale at Adams Farm in Walpole where we've maintained a vegetable garden for a number of years, donating what we grow to local food pantries." Held the day before Mother's

Day, the yearly sale is an excellent opportunity to purchase a gift for Mom as well as plants for your own garden. As in past years, perennials from member gardens will be offered at reasonable prices. A large variety of locally grown herbs, organic vegetables, and annuals – including geraniums, hanging baskets and patio pots – will be offered. Canna roots and dahlia tubers will also be available. Mastercard and Visa are accepted.

Pre-orders are being accepted until May 4th. For a list of what's available or to download an order form, go to www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.com

Bring your questions to the sale, too. Many club members are also Massachusetts Master Gardeners who will be happy to answer your gardening questions.

Proceeds from the Plant Sale are used for the club's many civic beautification and education projects throughout Norwood and Walpole.

For information about the Norwood Evening Garden Club, call 781-769-3854 or visit www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.com

OPPV WORK DAYS COMING UP

The non-profit organization, Old Parish Preservation Volunteers (OPPV) will continue their spring work days on Saturday, May 11, 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. Any-

one 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>

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.

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

WOMAN'S CLUB LUNCHEON COMING UP

The Norwood Woman's Club luncheon will be at Conrad's in Walpole on May 14, at 12:00. Lunch choices are steak tips, baked haddock, stuffed chicken breasts. Checks should be made out to Norwood Woman's Club for \$30. Please put lunch choice on check and mail to Pat Cavanaugh, at 42 Windsor Road, by May 6. Hope to see you there.

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.

FREE NATURE WALK AND TALK

Come join us at Adams Farm, 999 North Street in Walpole, for a FREE Nature Walk-and-Talk guided hike on Saturday, May 11. The rain date for the hike, if needed, will be on Sunday, the day after the scheduled walk. Sponsored by the Friends of Adams Farm, the Nature Walk-and-Talk series of four guided nature hikes will focus on birds, trees, insects and flowers at the Farm.

Those attending should wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle. Binoculars would also be good to bring along, especially for spotting the birds.

The hike begins at 9 a.m. and will be led by Brian Cassie, a local naturalist and author or co-author of sixteen nature books, including "The National Audubon Society Field Guide to New England". We'll meet Mr. Cassie at the information kiosk in the parking lot at Adams Farm before setting off on our walk which will be slow-paced and mostly on level paths. He may provide some door prize giveaways during the walk.

The Nature Walk-and-Talk hikes are free of charge and will last for an hour and a half. Dates for the remaining Walk-and-Talks are June 8, August 10 and September 14.

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).

Get Out And Walk

Purpose:

The Get Out And Walk initiative was created to raise funds to help create the Norwood Emerald Necklace/Tiot Trail System.

The Norwood Emerald Necklace/Tiot Trail System:

The "Norwood Emerald Necklace, Tiot Trail System" concept was conceived by Norwood residents and the Norwood Trails Advisory Committee to promote equitable passive recreation access to Norwood's natural resources. The trails pay homage to Fredrick Law Olmstead's Emerald Necklace trail system in Boston as well as the indigenous people's term for Norwood, Tiot, meaning "land surrounded by water". The 20-plus mile trail system nearly surrounds the town, passing near and along significant stretches of the Planting Field, Germany, Hawes, Trapohole, Germany and Purgatory brooks and the Neponset River. With the Norwood Emerald Necklace/Tiot Trail System, a contiguous trail will provide residents of all social backgrounds access from nearly any point in the town, increasing healthy outdoor opportunities for all Norwood residents and creating a unique feature for a town in our region.



What's Needed:

The purpose of the Get Out And Walk initiative is to source funding for startup and preliminary estimated annual maintenance needs for the Norwood Emerald Necklace/Tiot Trail System. There is currently an effort by the Norwood Trails Advisory Committee to secure \$80,000 in Norwood Community Preservation Act funds for bridge building materials to facilitate traversing streams and wet crossings. There is a need not yet addressed for initial funds to create kiosks, a large amount of signage, and lower priority enhancements to the trails. Funds are also needed to purchase equipment such as chainsaws, leaf blowers, hand tools and supplies for volunteers such as water and bug spray. There is a start-up funding goal for these materials of \$10,000 and annual maintenance needs are estimated at \$5,000.

Method of Funding:

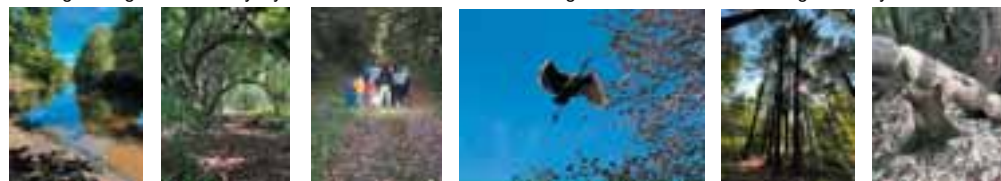
The current funding needs can be covered through local Norwood business sponsorships that will allow their brands to engage with the Norwood community and promote the well-being of it's residents.

The People Behind Get Out And Walk:

This initiative is led by local Norwood resident volunteers who are also involved with trail building as well as other local Norwood community activities focused on social and environmental justice.

Benefits Of Local Partnerships:

Norwood is fortunate to have an unusually large commercial base. By providing opportunities for businesses to engage with Norwood residents in a way that promotes their well-being, those businesses can increase their local exposure while creating strong customer loyalty. This in turn can create a strong referral network extending well beyond Norwood.



Images courtesy of Joe Barrett are from existing Norwood trails

Legal Notice

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 the Norwood Bylaw XXV, including any amendments thereto on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be conducted virtually using Google Meet. Public participation may be accessed through your computer, tablet or smartphone at the following link: <https://meet.google.com/qxr-awkv-kuj> or dial: (US) +1 402-627-0114 PIN: 610 701 599#

The Commission will hear a Notice of Intent from Andrew R. Gibbons for the construction of a driveway on Lot 2, and driveway reconstruction and completion of a single family house on Lot 1, in Isolated Vegetated Wetland, Buffer Zone and Riverfront Area.

Project Location: 320-330 Union St., Lots 1 and 2, Map 16, Sheet 4 – Lots 1A and 1B.

Carly Rocklen
Conservation Planner