



The Community Preservation Committee met recently and voted to recommend all submitted projects.

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## CPC debates build now, save later — Tariffs considered for NHA roofs —

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Community Preservation Committee (CPC) voted to approve all Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding requests at its most recent hearing.

The votes were relatively speedy, save for the \$250,000-\$300,000 funding request for the roof replacements in the Washington Heights Development of the Norwood Housing Authority (NHA). The NHA is requesting \$175,000 towards the replacement of roofs, which would cover some of the \$812,000 total price tag.

The housing was originally built in 1951 with 75 units in 51 buildings, and NHA Director Sean Barnicle said at the last hearing that 90 percent of the units' roofs have reached the end of their useful lives, and the other 10 percent is only a couple years away from that. The \$812,000 will replace 26 of the roofs of the 51 buildings. Barnicle said they are working with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (HLC) on a High Leverage Asset Preservation Program (HILAPP) grant which will, at the very least, provide a one-to-one-dollar match in funds the NHA

can get its hands on.

But, he said, the grant program may be willing to go as high as a 2.5-times match if the CPC raised the funding request to \$300,000. Regardless of the amount, any expenditures will still need to go before Town Meeting for approval.

CPC member Cheryl Doyle said there is perhaps an incentive to get this work done quickly, as material costs could go up in the interim due to international issues, mainly the proposed tariffs the Trump Administration is proposing on

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The Board of Health recently discussed concerns around Bird Flu in the state.

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## Of Bird Flu concerns and grant anxiety

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Health (BOH) met recently and discussed the avian flu, more commonly known as bird flu, in the community.

Health Department Director Stacey Lane referenced a recent incident in Plymouth County where the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (DAR) depopulated and disposed of one "non-commercial, backyard flock," due to concerns around a Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreak. The state released information last month that HPAI had been found through tests in the population.

"On a lake in Plymouth there were over 60 birds that died off, so the state came out and tested the flock," Lane said, adding they

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## COC considers NPS computers

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Capital Outlay Committee (COC) met and discussed one upcoming funding request from the Norwood Public Schools District (NPS), and received an update on previously-approved projects.

NPS Educational Technology Director Joseph Kidd said the department is looking to replace computers in two technology labs in the Norwood High School totaling \$70,000. NPS tech upgrades are typically made during the Spring Annual and Special Town meetings because of the school year. This minimizes disruption to classes during the installation and avoids adding a potential new learning curve in the middle of the semester.

Kidd said they seek new computers in the NHS Norwood Community Media (NCM) media lab and the computer lab. For the me-

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The Capital Outlay Committee also looked at projects already approved in the pipeline.

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Canada. Two integral raw materials for roofs – lumber and shingles – are heavily sourced from both Canada and Mexico, with 70 percent of the crude oil the U.S. refines being imported from both countries (<https://tinyurl.com/2ue2en4h>), and 70 percent of the softwood the U.S. currently uses being imported from Canada (<https://tinyurl.com/mpmhtjic>).

“Certaineed, on April 1 (<https://tinyurl.com/4kfc355z>), I think they’re going up on their shingles, and my daughter works at the Home Depot in Westie, and they’ve already started ordering the stuff they get out of Canada because they know what’s coming down the pipe,” she said. “To make sure that there is stock in the area to supply their Home Depots in this region, they upped the ante big time.”

“The longer we wait the more expensive this is going to get,” said Selectman Amanda

Grow. “Construction costs are going all over the place which is another factor we should consider.”

There was debate over whether or not the CPC would see any excess money returned, but CPC Coordinator Kristen Phelps said that was unlikely. “I don’t know how it would work out from the accounting perspective, if it is a 2.5 match, you would still have to spend your \$300,000 and the money would just not come out of HILAPP,” she said.

CPC Member Joseph Greeley asked that they get clarification on that, and Phelps said she would, but she said her experience with HILAPP is that the local match goes out first and then the matching funds come in.

CPC member John Hall offered that they require equal share spending before coming to any overages. “I would rather have us say what we are actually voting on and how it will work,” Hall said.

CPC Chair Catherine Walsh said she didn’t feel there was a benefit to that and they could figure it out during the grant negotiation. CPC Member Joseph Greeley said they have three months to alter the recommendation before Town Meeting in May. “We can always circle back,” he said.

The CPC voted unanimously for \$300,000 which, in the worst case, would mean HILAPP would only provide one-to-one matching funds, so another \$300,000.

The CPC also voted for all other CPC projects. Those included \$248,000 for the Balch School/Eliot Field Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramp; \$73,000 of which is leftover from a previous project for Balch/Eliot and another big ticket item, is a \$200,000 feasibility study for the spillway and dam repair at Guild Pond.

Smaller projects include a funds transfer to the Conservation Land Fund for \$10,000, \$14,000 for the Shared Housing Services Organization, \$24,000 for a consultant to get Highland Cemetery and the St. Gabriel’s Chapel into the National Historic Registry, and \$25,000 for a feasibility study to improve the fields and their usage at Eliot Field.

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## LOYAL DOYLE IS READY!

Cheryl Doyle is READY and prepared to take on a seat at the Board of Selectmen and is pleased to announce her candidacy for voters consideration on the April 7th, 2025 ballot in Norwood’s local election.

No stranger to local issues, Loyal Doyle has a long-proven history of public service to the town of Norwood where she has lived for 30 years. Cheryl is a homeowner and raised two children who attended Norwood Public Schools K-12. She has served 13 years as a vocal town meeting member as well as having served 8 years on the Norwood Conservation Commission. Her outspoken advocacy for the wetlands, open space protection, and responsible development have consistently been evident. She currently serves on the Community Preservation Committee, as well as on the Norwood Historical Commission, where she continues to be an outspoken contributing member of both boards.

Cheryl holds a Commercial Construction Supervisor license issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and has worked 30 years full-time for a commercial property management company based in Norwood. She understands the importance of budgets, fiscal responsibility, and transparency in government. She knows that the town must grow and attract development, and that simultaneously, resident concerns must be weighed into the balance of any developers plans in Norwood.

Cheryl’s combination of steady involvement on town boards along with her expertise in the construction industry makes her a uniquely valued candidate worthy of your vote. She is fully aware of current issues facing Norwood. Cheryl recently said, "Norwood is a wonderful town, but there will always be challenges to deal with and we must approach them in a timely manner. Storm water management is one of those topics that needs to be addressed. Unfortunately, it was ignored for too long. Land management and how the Town responds to future developers requests is another area that will be placing ever-increasing demand on our departments. Future zoning changes, in response to State housing laws, will also challenge our town and the use of land. The Medical Properties Trust site, a/k/a, Norwood Hospital, still needs our advocacy as well. The Selectmen will be deciding on a variety of proposals and issues in the future. I have the expertise and work ethic to be part of the solution to whatever comes before the Board of Selectmen."

Cheryl is a 9-year United States Navy veteran as well, serving a 3-year assignment in South Korea. She will be a strong advocate for veterans and all residents in Norwood. She knows we are fortunate to live here where the local Town Meeting Representative Government allows residents to voice their concerns. She is loyal to Norwood and ready to give back more of her volunteer time to the Town that has served her and her family well.

Contact Cheryl: [LoyalDoyle2025@gmail.com](mailto:LoyalDoyle2025@gmail.com)

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# Selectmen review budgets, discuss cuts

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen met on Feb. 11 for its regularly scheduled meeting and Town Manager Tony Mazzucco went through the Town Administration budget, highlighting a \$9 million shortfall.

Mazzucco said the Town is looking at a 5.5 percent increase in costs this upcoming fiscal year, most of which is driven by salaries.

“Salaries are the highest budget driver. Top expenses are trash, coming in at \$3 million, our IT systems and, of course, snow removal.”

Mazzucco said one of the biggest cost upticks for the fiscal year 2026 (FY26) budget is health insurance. “It is killing us,” he said. “We are looking at about a 10.5 percent increase in health insurance costs... That’s about \$2 million. That is more than double our new growth, and it’s more than the entire levy increase in a given year.”

Mazzucco said this is through the Group Insurance Commission run by the state, and that last year it was a 9.3 increase

and the year before was about 6 percent. “Which is bearable, just not sustainable,” he said.

He said comparing to other GIC communities in the nearby area, they are seeing similar increases and self-insurance communities are seeing upwards of 10 to 15 percent increases.

Mazzucco said many of the increases in salaries are contractual, and expenses will be up \$466,500, even after delaying some capital expenses like highway maintenance.

Mazzucco also went through areas that have been underfunded or are “unmet needs,” which include software costs the Town uses. He said the costs of using software suites is always increasing, and any time the Town switches to a new software vendor, the costs start going up again in what he called a game of “whack-a-mole.”

Mazzucco then discussed potential scenarios of cuts and what it would mean for services, starting at a 1 percent cut from what’s currently proposed (the \$5.5 million increase) to 6 percent of what was proposed (a \$2.5 million in extra revenue). He said the cuts to services and Town personnel would be high.

A 1 percent decrease in funding would result in eliminating the holiday lights and the Concert Committee, close Town Hall on Fridays, reduce legal counsel services, enact strict overtime controls, freeze salaries and reduce the library’s weekend hours.

Now, he said continuing cuts would lose services on top of what was mentioned above, with a 2 percent cut resulting in the loss of five part-time positions, four full-time positions and reduce some full-time to part-time. A 3 percent cut would cut another five full-time positions on top of the four previously mentioned, a 4 percent cut would result in four public safety positions being cut, a 5 percent cut would cut another four public safety positions and a 6 percent cut – which would result in a \$2.5 million surplus, at least on the Town side, would cut another four public safety positions.

So, for the 6 percent cut, that’s a total of 21 fulltime positions cut – 12 of which are public safety positions – and five part-time positions.

Regarding public safety,

**Selectmen**

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dia lab, Kidd said originally these costs were born by NCM, which is an independent nonprofit not directly linked to Town finances.

“All the television media programs have iMac computers that the students do video editing on each day and those will be eight years old next year,” he said. “In the past, this computer lab was funded through NCM, but they felt moving forward that it’s the responsibility of the schools to replace the lab computers. They did it the last two cycles, which was very generous of them, and they maintain the equipment of the state-of-the-art television studio that the students use every day.”

Kidd said in total the district is looking to replace 21 iMac computers.

The Computer Science Lab uses Windows PCs.

Kidd said this request is actually in lieu of a request for updating wireless access points. Originally, the wireless access points were going to be part of this year’s request, but the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Office of Digital Learning E-Rate discount program is not covering that. The E-Rate discount provides school districts with a 60 percent discount on technology, and so Kidd

said to save more money, they’re switching the wireless access points request with the Windows computer science computers.

“When we go out for E-rate we get 60 percent off equipment, but it’s a five-year budget cycle and our budget is depleted,” Kidd said.

COC members asked Kidd how much of the \$70,000 is contingency money, money that is there in case the price of the equipment is more than expected. Kidd said they have a bit of contingency built in there, but when these estimates were made, the recent tariff on Chinese goods was not considered.

“That’s not factored into this number right now, but we should have enough leeway that we’d be able to get the job done,” Kidd said.

COC members agreed they could revisit this issue before the May Town Meeting if needed. The COC voted unanimously to approve the funding request.

In other business, Assistant Town Manager Michael Rosen reported on several projects currently under construction, or at least about to be.

Rosen said the Norwood Fire Department’s (NFD) new fire engine is on schedule. “It has been ordered, but the build-out for that is three

years,” Rosen said.

“That blows my mind,” said COC member Ernie Paciorkowski. “It is what it is; I guess there are only so many companies that do this. But, you know, we order it in 2024 and don’t get it until 2028? That’s cuckoo.”

Paciorkowski said they should start asking the NFD if they’re going to need new trucks within four years.

“I think your thinking is on the same page as all the departments that deal with vehicles; they’re all on that thought process right now,” said Rosen. “I can’t be sure because the FY 2026 projects haven’t been discussed yet, but you’ll probably see that (at the Fall Town Meeting).”

Rosen said they have also ordered new cruisers for the Norwood Police Department, and several tractors and maintenance trucks have been received or ordered.

Rosen also discussed the Washington Street Bridge repair, the bids for which have come in a bit higher than was estimated, and the opposite for the Downtown traffic light replacement project. Rosen said they will likely be able to move money from one project to the other to make up the difference.

He said the \$38,500 repaving of runway 17/35 at the Norwood Memorial Airport from Fiscal Year 2024 is almost complete.

## Kathryn Ahnger-Pier seeks a seat on Norwood’s Board of Health

Kathryn Ahnger-Pier is running to join the Norwood Board of Health in this year’s town election, to be held April 7, 2025.

“I have over 12 years of experience in municipal and state public health departments and am deeply familiar with how local public health functions,” said Ahnger-Pier. “I believe that my experience will help guide the health department to continue to provide excellent services and resources to the Norwood community.”

Ahnger-Pier is a career public health professional, having worked as an epidemiologist for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Boston Public Health Commission. She earned her Master of Public Health degree from Boston University and currently works for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health’s Immunization Division.

“Coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have an opportunity for the Norwood health department to expand on and protect vital services for the Norwood community including providing preventative care, supporting Impact Norwood, and maintaining strong inspectional services,” said Ahnger-Pier. “I aim to ensure that these programs, and others, can be sustainably funded and accessed by the community.”

An active member of the Norwood community, Ahnger-Pier has been involved with Impact Norwood, a community substance abuse prevention coalition, since 2022 and joined the group’s steering committee in 2024. She is a member of the Norwood Public Schools’ Health Council and helped to organize its first annual Wellness Fair last spring. She has represented District 9 as a town meeting member since 2019.

Ahnger-Pier and her husband, David, have lived in Norwood since 2015. Their daughter, Alexandra, is a first grader at the Prescott School.

For more information, visit [KathrynAPforNorwood.com](http://KathrynAPforNorwood.com).



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BY: Tony Mazzucco, General Manager

Norwood Record: 02/13/25

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Mazzucco pointed out that for the Norwood Fire Department (NFD), this would create a sort of spiral, as ambulances generate revenue and it would essentially cost more to do less. This is compounded by the loss of the hospital. NFD Fire Chief Tim Bailey and Norwood Police Department (NPD) Chief Chris Padden came in to give their regular reports to the Board before this presentation, and Bailey and Padden said the loss of the hospital is costing the Town quite a bit in ambulance services.

Bailey said they had 95 mutual aid ambulance calls – that’s ambulances coming in from other municipalities to take Norwood patients to Boston hospitals – in the last two months alone. The Town has to pay for those mutual aid calls. Selectman Michael Saad asked if the increased number of apartments is a significant driver of the overall increase in ambulance calls, to which Bailey said he didn’t have that specific data, but he did say the population of Norwood is changing and getting older.

Padden pointed out that it used to be that NPD could transport mental health emer-

gency calls themselves to the Norwood Hospital, but now they need to call an ambulance to get patients where they need to go, and a police officer generally rides in the ambulance, further compounding costs.

Selectman Plasko said the Town should be looking at services that are unessential.

“I don’t want to get into specifics, but I’ll just make a general statement that we as a community, both General Government and Schools, need to do some soul-searching as to where we are with our budgets,” he said. “We’re already projecting that we would need \$9 million using stabilization funds to do this year’s budget if General Government and Schools get what they’ve put together thus far; that just compounds going into the future years. The longer we delay making some hard decisions and making some cuts where we can, it only becomes that much harder down the road. We may get to a place where we’re cutting employees and positions. Remember, they’re not free.”

Plasko pointed out that the Town still needs to pay unemployment after removing po-

sitions. “So it’s not as easy as saying, ‘Oh you’re going to have to go,’” he said.

Plasko also floated the idea of getting rid of one of the two municipal pools. He implied the Father Mac’s Pool is a duplicate service. “We have some programs that I consider duplicate, like we have two pools,” he said. “That’s wonderful when times are great, but when they’re not we can only afford one pool. We can’t have no pools, we don’t want to get to the budget in two years where we have to cut both pools, so if we cut one pool now, and if we position ourselves appropriately we can do some of the things you showed.”

Saad agreed that hard decisions are coming down the pipeline and suggested creating a subcommittee. “I know it’s a lot of numbers in a lot of areas that you look at, but there are a lot of areas where we can cut, maybe \$20k here or \$30k there and that helps out versus cutting public safety positions,” he said. “Like they’re doing in Washington and going through and seeing what’s really in there and see what we really need.”





The proponent for the solar facility at the capped landfill adjacent to Highland Cemetery said the project is currently, "in peril."

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# Conservation continues Mt. Norwood Solar business Proponent issues delay warning

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Conservation Commission (ConCom) met recently and voted to continue deliberations for the proposed solar facility on the capped landfill adjacent to the Highland Cemetery, now colloquially known as Mount Norwood. The proponent, TES Winter St. Solar 23 LLC, is looking to top most of Mount Norwood with solar panels. Atlantic Design Engineers' Richard Tabaczynski reviewed recent changes to the plan. However, during this discussion the issue of stormwater and stormwater runoff came up.

Tabaczynski said the site, in the current plan, would add to stormwater runoff somewhat.

He said depending on the severity of the storm, .5-year, one-year, five-year, 10-year and 100-year, the additional runoff would increase from .01 percent to 1.4 percent; scaling up correspondingly.

Conservation Agent Carly Rocklen explained that in most cases, no increase in stormwater runoff is allowed, but she said building stormwater infrastructure on landfills is difficult, not to mention there are wetlands around much of the site that could be impacted by such construction.

Rocklen said the nearby Germany Brook has elevated bacteria levels and floods, and while Town Engineer Mark Ryan said in a memo that he believes the current stormwater structures around the area will

be able to handle and slow down the water flow to a manageable level, the increased water would also get into Germany Brook, and that is not ideal as it can increase bacteria levels and flooding, if only slightly.

Rocklen said they can deal with the extra runoff by increasing infiltration in another area that runs into Germany Brook. She said the idea is that Winter Street LCC contributes to increasing the stormwater structures at the Savage Education

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Center downstream so as to balance that load. However, Rocklen said this idea was just floated that day and ConCom members were hesitant to approve something that depended on an agreement that wasn't fully fleshed out. Not to mention they had yet to see it.

"My personal concern is really surrounding that peak runoff mitigation," said ConCom Chair Stephen Washburn. "I think this is a good project, it's a green project, it's a good situation, but I think any other project that came before us with any kind of applicant math and said 'We're going to exceed the peak surcharge or whatever by a thousand gallons per storm like that,' we would hold them

accountable for that. And typically we would require them to do that onsite, but the complexities of this site, particularly that it's on a capped landfill, it's impossible to do that right here and I think there is some merit to consider some offset in the catchment of the watershed."

Washburn said he'd like some more information from Ryan on this idea. It should also be noted that Town Manager Tony Mazzucco has said in other meetings that the Savage Center, being older than the under-construction Coakley Middle School, needs to be replaced in the next 10 years or so.

Resident Brian Palmateer

asked about whether or not the panels could create new waterway preference, i.e., change the flow of the stormwater to another area. ConCom member Catherine Walsh said she thought it possible, but added that regardless, it's not going to create more stormwater runoff, as the water will still be flowing off the panels to the ground.

Tabaczynski warned any delay may imperil the project. "Our schedule is in peril, this project is in peril right now," he said. "We are four years into this, and all these delays are causing an issue. That's all I'll say."

The Board voted to continue the hearing to Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. after The Record's deadline.

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## January Citizens Of The Month



**Grade 8:** Amaralee Jefferson, Dennis Leonardo Perez, Zoe Rybicki (missing), Reilly Martin  
**Grade 7:** Mason Vidinha, Gabriele De Freitas Mendes, Isabel Killion (missing)  
**Grade 6:** Michael Larkee, Lisa Siqueira Batemarque, Mila Riccardi

Congratulations to the January 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.

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## Legal Notice

**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 March 4, 2025, at 7:00 PM** on the request of **Jill Petrovick (Case #25-5)** with respect to property located at **57 Richland Rd, Norwood, MA 02062 [Map 20 Block 3 Lot 29]**, in the **Single Residence (S) Zoning 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>  
Or dial: (US) +1 941-254-1160 PIN: 402 158 920 #**

This Application requests a **Special Permit** pursuant to **Zoning Bylaw Section 5.4** to construct a **575 sf** addition to the rear of the existing residence that would increase the habitable floor area by more than 25%. The structure is pre-existing non-conforming in frontage and left 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 Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm**.

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## Setting the Record Straight on Veterans

Recently, my opponents have been spreading false and misleading claims that I am against veterans and want to shut down the Community Preservation Committee (CPC).  
**Let me be clear: nothing could be further from the truth.**

These rumors originated during discussions surrounding the 2024 Vernon Street Veterans Housing Project hearings. Let me set the record straight—I am 100% in favor of supporting veterans. My objections were not about veterans but about the specifics of a bad business deal that did not serve Norwood's best interests.

**Why I Objected to the Vernon Street Project**

To prevent future misuse of our CPC funds being granted to outside entities without sufficient oversight, I have called for the rescinding of the Community Preservation Act (CPA). Alternatively, I am advocating that CPA grants be applied exclusively to town-owned assets. This approach ensures that our funds are allocated responsibly and directly benefit the residents of Norwood.

**The Details of the Deal**

Caritas submitted an application to the CPC requesting \$800,000 of Norwood's CPA funds to help them purchase the Vernon Street building. However, under the terms of the deal:

- The Town would have no ownership, no rights, and no involvement in the management or tenant selection.
- Norwood veterans would not (at the time of the August Hearings) be prioritized over veterans from surrounding towns.

**My Actions in Opposition**

- **June 20, 2024:** I submitted an editorial opposing this deal, published in the Norwood Record ([https://norwoodrecord.weebly.com/uploads/1/1/4/8/114832579/norwood\\_record\\_pages\\_1\\_to\\_12\\_20june2024.pdf](https://norwoodrecord.weebly.com/uploads/1/1/4/8/114832579/norwood_record_pages_1_to_12_20june2024.pdf)).
- **August 28, 2024:** I voiced my objection during the CPC hearing. ([https://cms5.revize.com/revize/norwoodma/08.28.24\\_CPC\\_Minutes\\_FINAL.pdf](https://cms5.revize.com/revize/norwoodma/08.28.24_CPC_Minutes_FINAL.pdf))
- **October 24, 2024:** I delivered a speech at the Fall Town Meeting, where I once again expressed my concerns. Watch the speech on my Facebook Page (<https://fb.watch/xBVhecw145/>).

**My Family's Military Legacy**

Although my draft number was not called during the Vietnam War, I come from a proud family with deep military roots. My father served in WWII aboard the USS LST 72 on D-Day, June 5, 1944, where he made multiple round trips transporting soldiers and supplies between England and France. His service included:

- 5 round trips to Gold Beach
- 2 round trips to the Cherbourg Peninsula
- 4 round trips to Juno Beach
- 4 round trips to Cherbourg
- 10 round trips to Omaha Beach
- 2 round trips to Rouen
- 7 round trips to Utah Beach

Additionally, my uncles and grandfathers served in various wars. My 11th great-grandfather, Richard Warren, arrived on the Mayflower in 1620, and my family members have proudly served in the French and Indian War, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, World War I, and World War II.

**I Fully Support Veterans**

Let me be clear: I have always supported and will continue to support veterans. My objections have never been about reducing support for veterans but about ensuring that town resources are used wisely and effectively. I will continue to fight for responsible decisions that benefit both our veterans and our community.

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**SENSORY-FRIENDLY ART CLASSES**

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with Norwood-based Lifeworks Inc to bring a series of art classes called Sensory-friendly Art Classes for Adults to the library. The classes will be held weekly on Fridays continuing thru June 27 from 10:30 am to 11:45 am in the Simoni Room at the Morrill Memorial Library.

Join the art instructor Stephanie Enloe for sensory-friendly art classes for adults, a program specially designed for adults with all levels of cognitive abilities. The attendees will get a chance to create an art piece in a sensory-friendly and inclusive environment. The program is free and open to attendees aged 18+.

**MOVIE MATINEE MONDAYS**

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to continue our Monday Movie Matinee, a film series. The series will run from January - April. 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 January through April to enjoy an eclectic mix of movies. Movie dates are: 2/24, 3/10, 3/24, 4/14, 4/28.

**BOARD GAME NIGHT FOR AGES 18+**

Join us for Board Games and fun! If you've been looking for a casual group of fellow board gamers, the Morrill Memorial Library is your spot. This Board Game Night for adults will be held on Wednesday, February 19 at 6:00 to 8:30 pm in the library's Simoni Room on the second floor.

Games will be provided, but feel free to bring any of your own! Please contact the library with any questions. This gathering is for people aged 18 and up.

**A MIGRANT FAMILY'S SEARCH FOR HOME**

The Morrill Memorial Library is partnering with Watertown Free Public Library and other Massachusetts public libraries to host a VIRTUAL discussion with WBUR journalist Simón Rios about his journey reporting on the plight of migrants in Mas-

sachusetts on Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00pm on Zoom.

Join WBUR journalist Simón Rios as he shares his journey reporting on the plight of migrants in Massachusetts amidst changing shelter policies and shifting political climate. Rios is an award-winning bilingual reporter. At WBUR he covers the ways Greater Boston is changing, with an eye on demographics, immigration, and inequality.

His most recent work is a 3-part series supported by the Pulitzer Center that follows one family's decision to flee Caribbean nations and migrate to the US. The stories reveal the challenges the Eduards face to find home in Massachusetts. We'll listen to an 8-minute clip and hear from Rios about his reporting, with time for Q&A.

Sign up to receive the Zoom link to attend via [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar) or by calling 781-786-0200 x2. Registrants will receive a link to access the Zoom webinar via email from Watertown Free Public Library, the hosting institution. Note: This webinar will not be recorded.

**THE JOY OF JOURNALING**

Morrill Memorial Library welcomes local author Jason Rubin, who will run a journaling workshop entitled "The Joy of Journaling," on Thursday, February 27 starting at 7:00pm in the Simoni Room.

In a world of overwhelming digital content and social media apps that contort ideas and imagination into bite-size nuggets that are rarely insightful and never private, journaling is a creative and therapeutic hobby that allows for deep expression and rewarding escape. In this 90-minute, single-session workshop, local author Jason Rubin will inspire attendees to express themselves in writing using this low-tech/high-reward means of self-communication and healing.

Learn the joy of journaling and become inspired to write by yourself, for yourself, as a gift to yourself! You'll also have an opportunity to write your first journal entry during the workshop. Note: Participants

should come to the workshop with a blank journal and pen or pencil, if possible. If this is a hardship, please let us know.

**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 February Lego club meeting will be held in-person at the library on Thursday February 27, 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 cognitive abilities.

**LIVES AND TIMES OF MARTIN AND CORETTA KING**

Celebrate Black History Month with the Morrill Memorial Library as we host Boston-based tour guide and award-winning educator, Joel Mackall, on Wednesday, February 26 at 6:30 pm in the library's Simoni

Room.

Before they became icons of the civil rights movement, Martin and Coretta King built the foundation of their partnership in Boston. Learn about their journeys to the city—Martin as a theology student at Boston University and Coretta as a music scholar at the New England Conservatory. Explore their courtship, marriage, and the city's role in shaping their vision for justice and equality. This talk Celebrates their legacy as we honor their work and uncover a lesser-known chapter of their journey.

Artifacts from Joel's mobile Black history collection will be on display before and after the talk - audience interaction is encouraged!

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**LOCAL FOOD, CLIMATE CHAOS, & YOU**

Morrill Memorial Library welcomes back Kerry Kokkinogenis, Local Food Program Manager for the Sustainable Business Network of Massachusetts, to present "Local Food, Climate Chaos, and You" on Tuesday, February 25 starting at 7:00pm in the Simoni Room.

How can you impact climate chaos? Not all farming is created equal—especially in its impact on the local environment. Local farmers, fishers, and the food systems that support them are repairing much

Library

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# The Record Book

**MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP TO MEET**

The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 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. If the Norwood Public Schools close because of weather, we will also cancel our meeting. For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

**VFW MEAT RAFFLE IS BACK!**

The Norwood V.F.W. Post 2452 on Dean Street in Norwood 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 prizes are delectable, delicious, and generous portions of meat and chicken. 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).

**NORWOOD TOASTMASTERS CAN IMPROVE YOUR COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS**

The Norwood Toastmasters Club is dedicated to developing communication and leadership skills for our members and the community, regardless of ability level. We warmly welcome guests to join us and see our process in action! Our meetings take place on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. at the Norwood Civic Center, Lydon Suite, 165 Nahatan St, Norwood, Massachusetts 02062. For more information, please visit our website: Norwood Toastmasters.

**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 **March 4, 2025, at 7:00 PM** on the request of **Norwood Gulf Inc. (Case #25-2)** with respect to property located at **707 Neponset Street, Norwood, MA 02062 [Map 18 Block 1 Lots 34, 35, 41, & 42], in the Single Residence (S) Zoning 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>  
Or dial: (US) +1 941-254-1160 PIN: 402 158 920 #**

**This Application is being re-noticed for March 4th, as notice of the originally scheduled hearing date of February 11th was not received by all abutting property owners.**

The applicant requests a Special Permit pursuant to Zoning Bylaw Section 5.2 to allow expansion of a pre-existing non-conforming use in the form of an addition to the rear of the existing gasoline station and motor vehicle service facility.

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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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court  
DOCKET No. NO17P0072EA**

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

**Norfolk Probate and Family Court  
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**Estate of: John W. Locke  
Date of Death: 07/28/2016**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by

**Mary C. Prendergast of Marshfield, MA and John W. Locke, Jr. of Mattapan, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

**Mary C. Prendergast of Marshfield, MA and John W. Locke, Jr. of Mattapan, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/12/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

**A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.**

**WITNESS, Hon. Lee M. Peterson, First Justice of this Court.**

Date: February 3, 2025

Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

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## FORDE



Winnie (Connolly) 89, of Norwood, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 7, 2025. Born on the island of Inishbarra, Lettermore, County Galway, Ireland, she was the daughter of the late John and Mary (Folan) Connolly. She was a long-time member of St. Timothy's Parish in Norwood. She came to Boston, U.S.A. in 1956. For many years, Winnie worked in home health care for the elderly. She enjoyed taking trips back to the Emerald Isle with her husband and children, visiting family and traveling around the country. Winnie loved to visit Castle Island, taking a walk around the Castle and finishing with an ice cream cone at Sullivan's. Winnie was the beloved wife of the late Thomas J. Forde, and the devoted mother of Ann Marie Forde of North Attleboro, Thomas P. Forde and his wife Allison of Wrentham, and Úna and her husband Gabriel Pantazelos of Abington. She was the sister of the late Thomas, Patrick, Michael, John, Mark, Ann Connolly, and Mary Reaney. Winnie was the proud grandmother of Luke and Jack Forde, and Michaela, Keira, Brendan, and Andrew Pantazelos. She leaves behind many cherished nieces and nephews both in Boston and across the Atlantic. As dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dilís. Services from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rt. 1A) NORWOOD on Thursday (Today) February 13 at 9:30 AM. Funeral Mass in St. Timothy's Church, 650 Nichols Street, Norwood 10:30 AM, followed by Interment at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Winnie's memory to the Irish Pastoral Centre of Boston, 540 Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester, MA 02124 or Daughters of Mary of Nazareth, Saint Joseph of Nazareth Convent, P.O. Box 690789, Quincy, MA 02169.

## JUDGE



THOMAS H. of Norwood passed away peacefully surrounded by many loving family members on February 6, 2025 at the age of 98. Beloved husband for 72 years to Lois J. (Whelan) Judge. Devoted father of Marie F. Judge-Hurd of W. Roxbury, Kathleen E. Tucker and her husband Kenneth

of Norton and Alice J. Gillan and her husband Allan of Scituate. Thomas grew up in Lowell as the son of the late Harold and Katherine (Wholey) Judge, and brother of the late Paul G. Judge and Catherine T. Judge. Cherished grandfather of Rev. Wallace Hurd and his wife Alison, Michelle Tyer, Lisa Tucker, Katherine Drain and her husband Stephen, Michael, Thomas and Margaret Gillan. Great grandfather of Ayden, Luke and Maeve. As a young man, Thomas joined the Army during WWII and served as a Sergeant stationed with the Army Air Corp in the Aleutian Islands, Alaska. After his time in the Army, Thomas spent most of his professional career as an equipment specialist for the Natick Army Labs where he worked on developing and improving military survival equipment such as parachutes, bulletproof vests and MREs. At the end of his career, he traveled the country demonstrating his expertise and knowledge bulletproof suit coats. His family is very proud of his dedicated service to our country and his community. Thomas was President of TRIAD, Chair of the Norwood Airport Commission, Chairman of the Norwood Council of Aging, President of the local AARP and long-time member of the Norwood Senior Center. Funeral from the Kraw Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood, MA. Burial with US Army honors at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St, Norwood, MA 02062.

## LAMONICA



Stanley, age 98, of Norwood, formerly of Medford, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, surrounded by family. The first-born son of the late Costantino and Celestina (Di Gregorio) LaMonica, of Medford, beloved husband of the late Lois (Fulgoni) LaMonica of Norwood, formerly of Medford. Devoted brother of the late Vincent LaMonica of Medford. Loving Father of Lois (LaMonica) Norton of Walpole, Robert LaMonica and partner Bebe Karelitz of Peabody, Linda LaMonica of Norwood, and John LaMonica of Norwood. Caring grandfather of Matthew Norton of Quincy, Sarah (Norton) and Anthony Cuneo of Mansfield, and Joshua Norton of Walpole, and great-grandfather of Anthony Cuneo II. He is survived by his spouse Mary (Cieslik) LaMonica of Dracut, her children, Jane (Jurek) Demoulas, Karen (Jurek) Ash, and her grandchildren Alyssa, Shauna, Tanya, and John. Stanley was a World War II Veteran. He was drafted into the army at 18 years of age, before graduating Medford High School. He served with the 106th division of the army, as a replacement for the Battle of the Bulge. Later, he served in the Army of Occupation, as an integral

part of Operation Tally Ho. Among many medals he received, he was most proud of the Medal of Good Conduct. Upon completion of his service, Stanley returned home to finish his education. Stanley attended Northeastern University, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and Accounting. He began his career at Rust Craft Publishers and Sylvania, then found his dream job with the DCAA, a Federal DOD Audit Agency. Stan was Project Director and senior auditor of defense contracts, with companies including Raytheon, GTE Sylvania, General Dynamics, and GE. He dedicated decades of his professional service, before retiring. Upon graduating from Northeastern University, Stanley married the love of his life Lois (Fulgoni) LaMonica. They shared their faith, family values and their passion for dance. Stanley and Lois started their journey by making their home in Norwood, where they raised their four children, until Lois's untimely passing from cancer, in 1979. In the summer, Stan could always be found outside in his garden. He experimented with many types of vegetables and enjoyed sharing them with his family and neighbors. Stanley remarried in 1989, to Mary Cieslik. Upon his retirement, he was actively involved with the Sons of Italy, volunteering regularly. He and Mary enjoyed dancing and their many years of travel throughout Europe and the United States. Stanley was a man of strong faith. He remained grateful throughout his life, for his family and the numerous friends he made. He was thankful for his many blessings and for the many people who inspired and encouraged him, along the way. He never forgot them. Most of all, Stanley wants to be remembered as an honest man. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Timothy's Church, 650 Nichols St, Norwood on Saturday, February 8, 2025. Interment followed at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Stan's memory to the Pan Mass Challenge, pmc.org Donate to PMC ID # LL0072. Stanley's family wishes to thank the many Hospice caregivers dedicated to Stanley's care, especially, Antoinette, Shayla and Erica.

## NALLY



MARGARET Elizabeth (Keleher) "Bonnie" of Norwood, formerly of Canton, passed away on February 7, 2025 at the age of 85. Beloved wife of the late Thomas J. Nally. Devoted mother of Kathleen P. Nally of Norwood, Maryellen R. Forde and her husband Declan of Franklin, Patrick

J. Nally of Foxboro and Susanne Nally of France. Sister of Daniel C. Keleher of Easton, Antonia K. Lyons of Dennis and the late Thomas A. Keleher. Cherished grandmother of Ashley Pothier, Jessica Glaser Correia, Austin M. Glaser, Colleen M. Glaser and Lea Pouteau. Great grandmother of Thomas P. Pothier. Daughter of the late Daniel C. and Jennie (Forte) Keleher. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Bonnie was a 1957 graduate of Canton High School and was an active parishioner at St. Catherine of Siena Church and St. Timothy Parish in Norwood. Funeral from the Kraw Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood, MA. Burial at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to the Old Colony Hospice & Palliative Care, 321 Manley St. W. Bridgewater, MA 02379 or to Friends of the Unborn P.O. Box 692246 Quincy, MA 02269-2246 www.friendsoftheunborn.org/donate

## SHEEHAN



Gary R., age 71, of Norwood, passed away on Thursday, 6 February 2025 at the Hellenic Nursing Home in Canton, with his wife by his side. Born in Boston, Gary was the son of the late Francis X. and Winifred Joyce (McClelland) Sheehan. Gary was a 1971 graduate of Norwood High School where he was a wrestler and football player, both for all four years. He went on to earn his Bachelor's Degree in Management from UMass Boston in 1978. He served in the United States Army, Vietnam Era, in Germany. Gary was a member of the American Legion Post 70 and a member of St. Catherine's Church. Gary was a co-founder of the Friends of Norwood Wrestling. He was an avid Boston sports fan. Gary was a supervisor at the Norwood Post Office for many years before he retired in 1990. Gary was the beloved husband of 47 years to Diane (Shannon) Sheehan, devoted father of Michael F. of Fairlawn, NJ and his fiancé Mary Ortizio-Allison of Glenrock, NJ, Patricia A. Sheehan and her husband William Brown of Rockland, and Kenneth R. and his wife Lauren Hurd of Hamden, CT. Gary was also the loving "Gappa" to Beatrix Brown, Lucy, and Alice Sheehan. Gary was the brother of Susan (Sheehan) and William Graham of Scituate, Joyce Ann (Sheehan) and Robert LeBlanc of Bluffton, SC, and brother to the late Kenneth Sheehan, Gail (Sheehan) and her husband Peter Oliveri. He was a loving Uncle to many nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews. Services from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126

Walpole Street (Rt. 1A) NORWOOD on February 19 at 10 AM. Funeral Mass in St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 547 Washington Street, Norwood at 11 o'clock. Visiting Hours in the Funeral Home on Tuesday from 4-8 PM. Interment at Highland Cemetery will be at a later date. The family requests no flowers. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Gary's memory to Norwood Wrestling Booster Association, 128 Wilson St., Norwood, MA 02062 or made by credit card to <https://square.link/u/9WwLPPLJ> ; or to the Alzheimer's Association at <https://act.alz.org> . Thank you for honoring Gary's memory with your donation.

## TREMBLAY



FRANCIS R. "Deacon Frank" of Stoughton passed away on January 31, 2025 at the age of 75. Beloved husband of the late Virginia "Ginni" M. (Caldwell) Tremblay. Devoted father of Matthew D. Tremblay and his wife Melissa of Kingwood, TX, Michael F. Tremblay and his wife Catherine of East Hampton, NY and Joseph D. Tremblay and his wife Liza of Sag Harbor, NY. Brother of Rosanna Kenney of Dracut and Mary Burke of Methuen. Cherished grandfather of Jack Christopher Tremblay, Leo John Tremblay, Rose W. Tremblay and Henri S. Tremblay. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Son of the late Leo J. and Gloira A. (Boucher) Tremblay. Frank was a proud graduate of Boston College and had a long career in technology while living with his family in Canton, MA. Always a devout Catholic, Frank was an active member of the New Jerusalem Charismatic Prayer Group, meeting at St. Timothy's Parish in Norwood for 40 years. In 2002 he was ordained a Deacon and transitioned from a career in technology to managing the Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham. Upon retiring, Frank and his wife Ginni moved to Andros Island in the Bahamas where they established a Catholic ministry and served the community for seven years. They were forced to return to the US when Ginni began to show the signs of Alzheimer's and Frank cared for her at their home in Stoughton for many years while ministering at Our Lady of Sorrows in Sharon, the Chaplain at the Nassau Street Jail, and finally as deacon at St. Catherine's of Siena in Norwood. He was blessed to live a life touched by many wonderful friends and was especially fortunate to have found Marjorie Goodwin who was a cherished companion after the death of his wife and supported him through his battle with cancer. Funeral from the Kraw Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood, MA 02062. Burial at St. Mary's Cemetery, Canton, MA.



**Monday, February 3**

0730 Initiated - PD-Follow-Up Investigation Spoke With Location/Address: Douglas Cir Follow up. Firearm was found and secured in the cruiser. Units will be returning back to the station.

1000 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: Walpole St Caller reports an elderly male party looks like he is either sleeping or passing out. Units spoke with the male and he is homeless and heading to the library.

**Tuesday, February 4**

0336 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Caller reporting blackmail. He is saying he is being black mailed with explicit pictures of himself and wants to speak to an officer. 662 spoke to the caller and his mother, they were advised. OF requested and assigned, report follows. 0830 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Spoke With Location/Address: Walnut Ave Calling party requesting a welfare check on her sister who lives at this address. Checked with the sister who stated that she is ok and does not need police assistance.

2012 911 - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Vicinity of: Everett St + Washington St 911- 2yo in car seat, male party screaming on phone, standing. "Don't call aunty, don't call aunty" Standing across from Moderna. Not walking Dark skin male. Jacket, glasses, no hat, jeans. Male got into an argument with a party that he was in a car with. Currently being picked up by another person and securing the car seat in that vehicle.

2219 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Edgemoor Rd + Bos-Prov Hwy MA PC 4LRC95 (1) in custody 662 transporting to the PD Don and Wally's has the vehicle. Arrest: Cepoudy, Kyle Address: 26 Circle St Brockton, Ma Age: 30 Charges: License Suspended, Op MV With (Criminal Subsq. Off.) C90 S23 Speeding Rate Of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit \* C90 S17

**Wednesday, February 5**

1447 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Checked and Spoke with Location/Address: Albemarle Rd Caller on the business line looking for HWC for male party who is very intoxicated concerned for male party sitting in the garage.

**Thursday, February 6**

1122 911 - PD-Stolen Motor Vehicle Spoke With Location/Address: - Lenox St 911 caller who works at the above location, reports that she believes a party has stolen a motor vehicle that was left running in front of her store.

1252 Phone - PD-Assist Public Spoke With Location/Address: Puritan Pl Caller reporting that there is property damage from plows to his home. Also stating there has been a trailer parked on the roadway for a few weeks and is making it difficult for plows. Officer on scene reports damage to the mailbox of Puritan place and damage to the roadway. DPW is already on scene and has been notified.

1325 Initiated - PD-Animal Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Alden Dr Off with a sick fox. ACO has already been notified and will be en route. ACO has custody of the fox.

1339 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: Surrey Rd Homeowner is reporting that a DPW worker is speeding and not stopping at stop signs. Spoke to DPW and they will reach out the worker 1603 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: TD Bank - Nahatan St Caller on the business line reporting that a male was taking a picture of him through the window. Male party stated that he was just messing with him. Party was advised. Unit clear spoke to RP and the involved male who took the photo, both were advised.

1734 911 - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: - Wickham Way Business line caller reports ongoing issues with party inside her home jamming the Bluetooth signal from an unknown apartment. Caller states she is already working with two officers from Norwood Police, but would like to speak with someone now as well. Caller also stated that she believes someone is rapping on her window at night but is unsure who. 661 Spoke to the party via phone and advised of her options.

1814 Phone - PD-Lost/Found Property Spoken To Location/Address: Lansdowne Way Walk in to the station for stolen package.

2012 Phone - PD-Shoplifting Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Shaw's Supermarket - Nahatan St Caller on the business line reporting there are 2

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individuals in the store shoplifting. Black female in a brown jacket, Black male with black gray jacket and has a ski mask. Calling party stated these same individuals were at this location last week and shoplifting merchandise \$300-400 worth. Currently the individuals are walking around the store with carriages full with groceries. Transporting (1) male back to the station, multiple WMS in the system. Tow requested Don and Wally's en route for MA REG P58015 Arrest: Rodriguez, Erin B Address: 148 Minden St Jamaica Plain, Ma Age: 41 Charges: Default Warrant Default Warrant Straight Warrant Straight Warrant waiting for the spare key. Checks out okay.

2230 - PD Suspicious Activity Location/Address: CVS Pharmacy - Nahatan St Caller on the business line reporting a male party who has been hanging around in the area she believes has been following her since she left TJ Maxx. Male party got out of his vehicle as she was walking into CVS, and followed her into CVS. Female party is uncomfortable and nervous to exit the store. Male party is a white male wearing a dark colored jacket, blue jeans. Female party is with the manager of the store in the front area. N676 reports that party has been verbally trespassed and management will be getting a letter of disinvite.

**Friday, February 7**

1215 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Neponset St + Pleasant St BCI on this stop, MA REG 3LFS66 One male party in custody. Transporting back to station. One tow requested for MA REG 3LFS66 Center Auto has the vehicle Arrest: Cypien, Jean Address: 3600 Mystic Valley Medford, Ma Age: 32 Charges: Straight Warrant

1240 Phone - PD-Animal Complaint Taken/Referred to Other Agency Location/Address: George St Caller reports a skunk not moving by neighbor's driveway. ACO notified.

1444 911 - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Dean St Call on 911 from a resident of a neighboring

apartment reporting three juveniles in the apartment that she hears arguing and believes to be in a physical altercation.

1740 Phone - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Norwest Dr Neighbor reporting hearing arguing, banging doors and screaming. Unknown if it is physical.

1844 Phone - PD-General Info Spoke With Location/Address: Wendy's - Bos-Prov Hwy Business line caller reporting the sprinklers outside at Wendy's are spraying out into the street. Caller is concerned about the water freezing over on the roads. Water is contained to the property of Wendy's only, Manager believes it's a broken pipe. Units clear.

1903 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Rock St 3 teenagers attempting to break into vehicles. Caller saw this via ring camera. 5 min. old. Caller stated all he saw on the camera was 3 teens near the cars and talking to each other stating "What's the make and model?". Units are off side of Shaw's with 3 juveniles unknown if related. 668 confirmed with ring camera footage that the 3 juveniles were the ones in the video.

**Saturday, February 8**

0957 Phone - PD-Larceny/ Forgery/Fraud Report Follows Location/Address: Jack Madden Ford - Bos-Prov Hwy Employee on the business line reporting 4 sets of wheels were stolen overnight. RP will be in the upper service lot in a Silver Ford pickup truck. RP called back and requested for the officer to meet in sales department. Clear, report to follow.

1650 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Collision Paper Exchange Location/Address: Shaw's Supermarket - Nahatan St Caller on the business line reporting a vehicle hit her vehicle and drove away. Black Mustang. Party walked into CVS. Described to be a male party w/ white hair. RP is in a Grey Jeep Grand Cherokee. 667 located the vehicle. 2055 Initiated - PD-Follow-Up Investigation Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Fairview Rd Refer To Arrest: 25NWD-50-AR

2241 911 - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: Cameron Rd Caller reports a male party walking down the street and walking up and down people's yards. Male party, dressed all in black with something in his hand. UNK Race. Caller states he wore a hat and a hood. Male party is heading towards Eaton Rd. Party possibly located on Maxwell. Spoke to that party and he checks out. Admitted to going through yards to get out

of snow.

2350 Phone - PD-Assist Other Agency Services Rendered Location/Address: St Paul Ave Call from DPW requesting assistance in having vehicles moved so they can plow. Some vehicles were moved along and 3 vehicles were tagged.

**Sunday, February 9**

0004 Phone - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Vicinity of: Orleans Rd Caller reports female party yelling for help. Caller unsure where party is but believes she may be near Orleans road. Refer To Arrest: 25NWD-51-AR 0657 Phone - PD-Parking Violation Sent On Way Location/Address: Plymouth Dr DPW reports a vehicle parked in fire lane preventing them from plowing. 674 is requesting a tow, HQ receives. Don and Wally's is en route. The operator returned to the vehicle. Drop fee was paid to Don & Wally's. The operator has moved the vehicle, clear. 1401 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Caller on the 911 line reporting that he purchased something from Sayer Market and he is now looking to return it but they won't let him. He is going to be outside of that establishment wearing black pants, and a blue and red jacket. The calling party was upset w/ the quality of the butter. He has been advised to reach out to the manager tomorrow or contact the original manufacturer. 1941 911 - PD-Road Obstruction Services Rendered Location/Address: Home Depot Lumber DC-University Ave Large traffic jam in the area. Unsure what is going on Also received a business line call stating the same thing. All the drivers in the area are from UBER or UBER Eats. Appears to be a prank or a glitch in the system. In the process of moving everyone along. Cleared out about 200 cars. Appears to be a problem with the UBER App. Will clear for now. If they become a road hazard officers will return.

2052 911 - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Hampton Inn - Bos-Prov Hwy 911 caller states some type of disturbance at front lobby, Hung up on operator. Attempted to call back and left voicemail. Involved party is going to be a white male wearing a red sweater One party out back states she saw this party earlier and he had a back door propped open with a rug. Unknown if he is a guest at the hotel. Checking Mick Morgan's and the Chateau. The male party was gone on arrival. Verbal argument with staff. Checked the building and surrounding buildings with negative results.

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of the damage caused by industrial farming, industry, and other land use. In this talk, we will focus on hope and the many ways you can have a positive impact. We'll talk about how you can support the local food system through purchasing choices, conversations, and advocacy with local, state, and federal legislators. If you are feeling like things are out of control, this is a chance to find ways to make a difference.

## ANTISEMITISM REVISITED

Rosette and Marty Becker, along with Norwood's own Beth Goldman, will join the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, March 3 at 6:30 pm for

their presentation, Anti-Semitism Revisited.

Many people have a historical understanding of anti-Semitism in the context of the Holocaust, pogroms, and other twentieth century events. Anti-Semitism has evolved over time however, and now takes different forms than it did in generations past. Marty and Rosette will help the audience recognize anti-Semitism in the modern age, and discuss the damaging impacts of such hate on our Jewish neighbors as well as other groups that experience discrimination. Join us on March 3 to learn what we as community members can do to stand up to hate.

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About the presenters: With the exponential rise in Anti-Semitism, Marty together with Rosette and others have assembled and given presentations on this subject to local police chiefs, DEI groups and school administrators. Drs. Rosette and Marty Becker are both retired scientists who held executive roles in R&D in the medical diagnostic and pharmaceutical industries both in the United States and Israel. Rosette is a Holocaust survivor. The Beckers are residents of Sharon, MA. Beth Goldman has served as a librarian in Norwood for many years, first at the Morrill Memorial Library and then as the Norwood High School Library Director. Beth has also taught English and Drama and continues at NHS as an acting coach.

## TRAILS COMMITTEE UPDATES

Hit the trails in 2025! Join the Morrill Memorial Library on Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 pm to learn the latest updates about the Norwood Trails system.

The Norwood Trails Advisory Committee is pleased to present to the community an update on their progress of the last two years, the current status of the walking trails today and an exciting vision for a future trail system.

Committee members will provide updates on new trail development and mapping, the status of the Bernie Cooper Memorial Park project, as well as progress on the Tiot Trail concept of Norwood's trails and open space.

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found HPAI. "DAR is involved in watching the bird populations and die-offs. There is HPAI and Low Pathogenic Avian Flu. There is always avian flu going around, and it's usually this low pathogenic flu."

Lane said for the most part it has been waterfowl affected, and that residents should only be concerned if you see a die-off of five or more.

"So you don't need to worry if you see a dead bird in your backyard; birds die, things happen, but this is really large die-offs," she said. "If you see a large die-off of five or more, you can report that."

Lane said bird-to-bird infections are common and not always a cause for concern. She said what is cause for alarm is when it transfers to a person who then could infect other people. She said both those occurrences are rare, but they can happen and severely impact health.

"You don't want to get the flu, people pass away from it," she said. "You can get the avian flu from the bird. What you don't want to see, and this is what the concern is, is then when it's passed person-to-person. It's possible, but it's rare. You've probably seen some cases where someone who worked in a poultry farm caught it, that's what you'll see in the news."

Lane said another concern is there is no vaccine for this type of flu. "You don't want another strain of flu coming around, and then you'd need a different vaccine," she said. "Our vaccine doesn't cover this. They are rushing to come up with an avian flu shot and I believe Moderna is working on that right here in Norwood."

BOH member Carolyn Riccardi asked about residents keeping chickens in coops in their homes. Lane said they have

checks as part of the permitting process for coops.

"You're permitted through the Health Department and you do have this bio-security measure. We give them some information, like don't share flocks and change your boots if you visit a large flock etc. You also have to be careful of waterfowl, wild ducks and geese coming in and landing in your backyard. So just keep it in mind."

To report any large die-offs, and for more information from the Norwood Health Department, go to <https://tinyurl.com/y53jmtts>. For updated state guidance, go to <https://tinyurl.com/yvdkbzy2>

In other news, Lane said there was some concern about local health grants when the website for the federal grants was down for a day. This affects the Drug-Free Communities Grant and the Mental Health Awareness Training Grant. However, she said as of this meeting there was no indication those grants would be affected.

"Yesterday when I logged on to the website—each month I draw down money to pay for that on the federal site—it was shut down, but it was back up this morning," she said. "We didn't know."

"Just enough to rattle cages," said BOH member Joan Jacobs.

"Yes, just enough to make everybody nervous," said Lane.

Also discussed at the meeting, Environmental Health Agent Angelo De Luca gave his monthly update on local food establishments. BOH members asked about the high incidence of restaurants not changing their sanitizer when it expires. He said this is mainly because the print on the expiration notices is very, very small and many times goes unnoticed. He said he informs food establishments whenever this happens on how to check and stay up to date on that.



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