



The School Committee approved a new fee structure for signing up for school buses.

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## School Committee approves new transportation fees

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood School Committee met last week and voted unanimously to approve the new fee structure for school transportation.

NPS School Business Official Sean Mannion said they are using a service fee structure to get parents to sign up as early as possible to help save the district money overall.

“If you register early, you do not pay the administrative processing fee,” he said. “We really, really want to encourage families to register early,

because it costs the district money if they don’t register early, because we can’t efficiently route our buses.”

Transportation for students will be set at a base level of \$275, which Mannion said is lower than the old fee of \$300, but the administrative processing fee will be stepped in order to encourage early sign-ups. If parents sign up before June 30, the transactional fee is \$0. If they sign up by July 31, it’s \$25, by Aug. 30, it’s \$50 and any time after Aug. 30 it’s \$100. New families to Norwood will have a \$25 fee, and kindergarten will be excepted from this structure, at least for the time

being.

“That will last, we expect, until all the schools become K-4 schools and starting that year we expect it won’t be a shuttle anymore and kindergarten students will be subject to the regular fee,” he said.

Mannion added that special education will be exempted, as well as families who apply for the financial hardship exemption. He said students who live over two miles from school will also be exempted from the \$275, but he said both two-mile students and financial hardship

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The Finance Commission considered how members would discuss the budget situation at the upcoming Town Meeting on Monday.

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## FinCom hammers home TM budget message Conflicts with Selectmen on Sped

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Finance Commission (FinCom) met last week and hashed out some final details for next week’s Town Meeting.

FinCom members discussed what they’d like to see in the committee’s regular presentation to Town Meeting. The biggest issue facing the Town right now is a structural budget deficit, which is around \$7.5 million this year. The Town is planning to present a budget to Town Meeting that uses some of the \$20 million in free cash (surplus or unexpected funds from last year’s budget) to plug that hole, but it’s been a topic of hot debate

among the Town’s boards and administrators. The general argument is you shouldn’t plug your operating budget with one-time funds. However, with such a surplus, how can you justify firing Town employees?

The Board of Selectmen recently voted to form a group of members of the School Committee, the FinCom and other boards to figure out what a real balanced budget would look like. Town Manager Tony Mazzucco has repeatedly said, along with members of the School Committee, that this in all likelihood will result in the loss of many key staff and a reduction in services.

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## Norwood Community Garden celebrates Susan Clare

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Community Garden (NCG) took a moment from sprucing up and getting the garden plots ready for prime time on Saturday to celebrate founder Susan Clare.

Clare has been a mainstay at the garden since she got permission from the Board of Selectmen and then Town Manager John Carroll back in 2012 to start the garden. She said back then, she didn’t have much experience and things

could have gone very differently if she didn’t have the help of so many community members.

“Our very first year, it was much smaller, we only had 32 plots,” she said. “Thank God though, because we were all learning how to do this and had never done anything like this before in our lives. I had never even grown food plants!”

Clare said she may have had one “sin of omission” when she asked the Board to

**NCG**

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Dozens of residents came out to celebrate Norwood Community Garden founder Susan Clare, center, a full 13 years after she first dug into the dirt at Endean Park.

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FinCom members said during their most recent meeting that they want to make this budget situation crystal clear for Town Meeting Members next week.

“I think I’d like Town Meeting to know and understand that, and not simply because it’s a financial policy, but it’s not good fiscal policy to use large amounts of free cash, which is a one-time item (for the operating budget),” said FinCom member Alan Slater. “I’m just concerned that people will see we’ll have potentially a nice free cash balance next year that it’s like, ‘We don’t have any real changes to our budget or really have to dig down because we have free cash we can use.’ I think it’s important for people to know that we’re going to have to hold a harder line next year.”

FinCom Chair Myev Bodenhofer said she felt the budget is now in an “emergency” situation, and used a home mortgage payment as a way of explaining said situation. “I think the mortgage example is a good one to think about; I think people have an easier time understanding personal finance than they do a roughly \$200 million budget for the Town,” she said. “I

think if you as a family come to the point where you realize that in order to make your mortgage payment every month you have to dip into savings then that’s an emergency right then and you don’t want to wait until the savings runs out before you make a choice to lower your living standards or find some way to get a raise or find a side job or whatever you need to do. I think the prudent thing is to recognize the problem right away.”

Slater added that using free cash to plug budget holes is ultimately a bit self-defeating and takes funds away from where they could be better used. For instance, he pointed to the fact that recently a lot of the free cash has been used for capital budget items – one-time purchases for large infrastructure or building projects – that normally the Town would have to borrow for, making the operating budget shrink.

“The debt service is going to be coming down about \$300,000 from last year to this year, and I think the reason for that is over the last two years we primarily used free cash for those (capital) things instead of borrowing,” he said. “If you use free cash in the future for some of these items, you’re going to reduce the amount of debt service, which in turn returns money to the general government, schools and facilities.”

Member Eric Flemming said repetition is the FinCom’s best tool, and these points should be made repeatedly. “I think you always have to tell people things three times,” he said, only one time. “We’ve told the Selectmen the message, we put it in the budget

book, and we have to put it in the presentation. It’s the same thing. For those who didn’t listen at the Selectmen’s meeting and didn’t open the budget book, here you go.”

In other news, the Commission voted to maintain its recommendation for the Special Education reserve fund of around \$880,000. The Board of Selectmen voted to reduce that to \$300,000, which would bring the total fund to \$1 million. The fund can maintain as much as \$1.5 million. The FinCom voted to go for the maximum because special education funding reimbursement from the state has been inconsistent and having the maximum reserve means the Town will be less likely to need to dip into the school operating budget to cover any gaps in the future.

The Town Meeting yellow sheets will reflect this difference of opinion between the two boards.

Also, the FinCom voted unanimously to recommend a \$3.5 million increase to the borrowing cost to replace the water tanks adjacent to the Norwood High School. These tanks, originally estimated to cost about \$14 million, are more than 50 years old and would cost more to repair over time than simply replace.

“The bottom line is that the tanks are well past their useful life,” said Slater. “Even though I’m concerned about the additional cost, which may be needed for a lot of reasons, it could be labor costs, it could be related to tariffs, since a lot of the tanks are going to be made out of steel. Reluctantly, I think we have to present this and let Town Meeting make a decision.”

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# Hospital TF to meet with Nashoba Homeless seniors on the rise

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday for a relatively short meeting and discussed an upcoming meeting of the Norwood Hospital Task Force (NHTF) with the Nashoba Valley Hospital Task Force.

Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said the meeting would be organized to figure out working strategies moving forward. "We're going to hear about their process and what has worked and not worked, and get an update from them, and then we're going to share the same with them," he said. "Then likely we're going to have a press release after and issue some sort of joint statement between the two task forces."

Nashoba Valley in Ayer closed over the summer due to the collapse of Steward Medical Group, which used to run both hospitals - <https://tinyurl.com/y8432ksh> - but now it looks like a deal with UMass Memorial Health has been rekindled after it looked like it was going to fall through - <https://tinyurl.com/2v84n24b>

The plan is to open a satellite facility at a new location, and there is little-to-no word of reopening the old hospital complex. The Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services released a statement in March, which detailed the issues with reopening the old site:

"Despite strong community desire for a full acute care hospital, the financial feasibility of re-establishing such a medical facility remains a significant barrier. The Nashoba Valley does not meet federal criteria for a rural designation or

critical access hospital status, both designations that would offer additional federal funding."

For the full release, go to <https://tinyurl.com/mr2c7y2y>

Mazzucco said the meeting had been in the planning stages for a while, but it has been hard to coordinate the two organizations. "There have been some scheduling challenges, of course we have 20-plus people on our side and they have 20 people in the North Shore, and we keep finding dates but somebody keeps whacking them," he said. "We've settled on a date sometime around the third week of this month."

Mazzucco said the Town has received its "first batch of data" from the state on the financial impact of the loss of Norwood Hospital. He said his office is compiling that data now and will have a report released soon.

"It's sort of like pulling teeth," he said. "It doesn't show anything we didn't expect."

Mazzucco said the Town will be pushing outreach on that report when it is released for public consumption. He said the data centers around ambulance rides and the increased financial cost of longer rides leading to fewer available ambulances and more mutual aid calls to other Towns. He said the data will include the service area of Norwood Hospital, and detail the financial impact to both Norwood and the region.

"It might be a bit controversial for some folks in the region; we know our numbers here in Norwood are terrible with the change in time, but the report will say something like, 'Hey X town, did you know that since the hospital closed,

there are now 40 minutes a day where you don't have an ambulance in your town?'" he said. "We're not trying to scare people, but the truth is scary, and so we do want people to know."

In other news, Norwood Senior Center Director Kerri McCarthy dropped by to give a report on the state of Norwood's seniors and the issues they face. She said two of the biggest issues are medical appointment transportation and a rise in homelessness.

"We're seeing increasing demand with mental health needs and evictions; we're seeing some homelessness," she said. "We're fortunate to partner with Metro West Legal Services for legal guidance."

McCarthy said originally they only had one bus for transportation, but because of increased demand over the last few years, they have the bus, two vans and an electric vehicle. "We have seen a significant increase in demand, particularly since the Norwood Hospital closed," she said. "Our out-of-town rides have definitely increased. Many of the follow-up appointments are now taken to Good Samaritan, Wellesley and Needham. We're now going to Needham, Newton, Foxborough, Dedham, Canton, all over the place. Our drivers are also busy with local rides ensuring

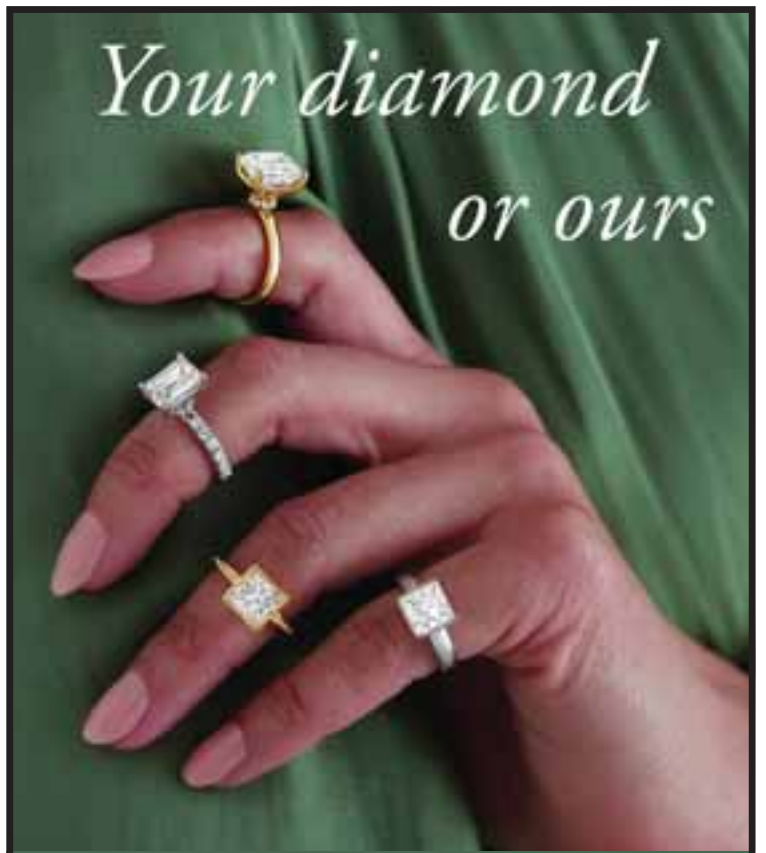
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start planting more than a decade ago. “They asked my background, which was in education, but they didn’t ask if I had any experience growing plants or gardening,” she said. “I would have answered honestly if they did, and then maybe they would have gotten someone else, but they didn’t ask. They probably figured no one was stupid enough to take on something like this if they didn’t know what they were doing!”

Clare said she had a lot of help. She said they practically had the Norwood Evening Garden Club (NEGC) on speed dial. “Every step of the way we learned together,” she said. “We had a couple of master gardeners who were members of the NEGC who joined immediately. We had that resource, and it was kind of important because I would see a gardener around here in distress because something is going on with a plant. If I didn’t know what it was I’d ask them to send a picture to me and I’d send it to one of our master gardeners... And sometimes they’d just tell me if it was straightforward and easy but if it was complex they’d send me a URL and we’d work on it together. And this always happened within 24-72 hours!”

Gardener and Trails Committee member Vic Babel said they worked with Together Yes and a few other neighbors when they started out. “It was like a full-time job for the first couple of years,” he said.

“And Vic did not blink,” Clare said, discussing the group’s origin. “It was just so rewarding because people wanted to come and grow, some because they liked it, and some because they needed it. You can’t grow too much if you live in an apartment!”

“Indian families at Windsor Gardens started coming down here as well as people from all over the world, it was like the United Nations over here,” Babel said. “Sometimes you’d have three generations here; the grandparents, the parents and the kids who would sometimes be a bit of a problem for us because they’d be running around like crazy through the garden.”

The celebration of Clare’s achievements was a surprise party for her. The NCG managed to gather about 60 residents into the garden. And Clare said she never suspected a thing. “I was very surprised, as a matter of fact,” she said. “I came out because though I don’t intend to garden myself this year, I’m going to be out frequently answering questions and figuring out problems with the Gardening Committee. And I was coming out to see if they needed help with the work party.”

Babel said they often have pot lucks with gardeners at the Morse House and people would bring dishes made with their own homegrown produce.

Gardener and Trails Committee Member Joe Barrett said Clare has been a mainstay for the garden and said this garden would not be as successful as it is without her. “I’m sure I’m speaking for many others who are present when I say knowing Susan makes us all better people,” he said. “She’s an amazing friend who advises us and is the tireless force of nature behind this garden’s success. Susan, I hope this dedication makes you realize how much you are loved and respected by all of us. So thank you Susan Clare, from all of us.”

The NCG dedicated a plaque on a large boulder at the entrance to the garden.

“It’s just perfect, thank you so much,” Clare said. “I cannot tell you how much I love rocks!”

NCG member Ann McGrath said generally the group donates its excess produce to the Norwood Food Pantry, but this year the yields have been under par. So the NCG asked members to donate \$5 and they ended up with a \$500 monetary donation to the pantry instead.

McGrath said she first got involved because when she was growing up in the United Kingdom, gardening was a staple activity.

“People in England and Ireland, we all had gardens,” she said. “For me, I’ve always grown up with having fresh produce and when we found this and were able to join it was great. It truly is a community. I do events for a living and am big into sustainability, and we’re seeing the fruit of what Susan started 13 years ago and people are starting to realize we need to take care of the earth.”

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## Letters to the Editor

### TOWN OFFICIALS SHOULD CONSIDER CREATIVE CENTERS

To the Editor:

Community input into The Norwood Comprehensive Plan is an important opportunity for residents to share their opinions and advocate for their vision of a future Norwood. I encourage everyone to participate in the process; contributions are accepted until May 16.

I have read the suggestions on the Crowdmap regarding possible uses for abandoned buildings and areas of town that are underutilized, and I am glad to see a few suggestions regarding more live musical and theater performances, and a mural. Those are great suggestions, but Norwood needs more opportunities for artists and audi-

ences, so I suggested a center for visual and performing arts that could be housed in the industrial building close to Rte. 1, one that could include practice studios, a stage, a recording studio, studio spaces for visual artists, quiet rooms for writing, classrooms, and a gallery. Norwood has bits and pieces of these opportunities, but the studios are expensive, and the visual arts are not widely supported.

I encourage our town leaders to consider incorporating creative centers when discussing use of land and buildings, and to support The Creative Space Act, bill H.3587 and S.2334, “an Act to grow and maintain space in cities and towns for the creative economy” sponsored by Rep. Dan Cahill and Sen. Liz

Miranda.

The Arts are an important economic boost to our state. In 2023, the Massachusetts arts and cultural sector generated a \$29.7 billion economic impact, representing 4.04% of the state’s economy and supporting 130,263 jobs. This includes the direct contributions of the arts and cultural industry itself, as well as the broader economic ripple effects it creates.

Norwood can use that kind of economic boost. If we are to attract more artists and artisans and keep the creative individuals that are here, we need to include them in our near and long-term planning. We need to be more welcoming.

Marypaz  
Chair, Norwood Cultural  
Council  
TMM District 6

## ON THE ROAD

In the December of his life, my father experienced a disease that slowly but relentlessly erased his past. As a twenty-year-old he had kept a 1947 cross-country green book diary, crowded with loose photographs, receipts, and pamphlets which I had decided to organize into a scrapbook as a Christmas present. During the process came the epiphany. I pulled my copy of Jack Kerouac’s *On the Road* and compared manuscripts. To astonished delight, I verified that the Sharon kid’s California experience coincided exactly with the Lowell kid’s. With my project completed, I would leaf through the pages as we sat in silent company, and though my father was incapable of recalling any of it, I felt I remembered it for him.

Their circumstances were similar. “In the month of July 1947,” Kerouac wrote, “having saved about fifty dollars from old veteran benefits, I was ready to go to the West Coast.” My father and a friend were recently released from the Navy. Similarities faded, however, when observing California’s San Joaquin Valley. Where my father struggled to describe the countryside, “Cannot think of enough adjectives to describe it—wonderful,” Kerouac did not. “The sun goes down long and red. All the magic names of the valley unrolled—Manteca, Madera, all the rest. Soon it got dusk, a grapy dusk, a purple dusk over tangerine groves and long melon fields; the sun the color of pressed grapes, slashed with



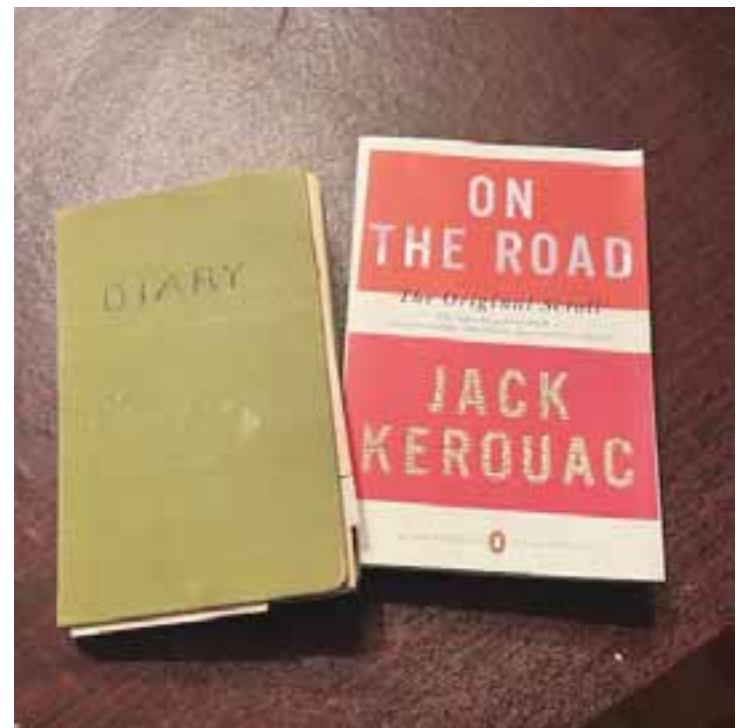
burgundy red, the fields the color of love and Spanish mysteries.”

It was traveling this stretch of California highway, both headed south and within

fast.” Three days later he wrote, “Had a swell sleep at Minner’s last night and bacon and eggs for breakfast. Left his house at 8:30 and had in mind looking for jobs as fruit pickers. Minner gave us the directions and we drove up toward Stockton. However we didn’t see any signs along the way and so headed down Rt. 99 for Los Angeles. Heading for Fresno tomorrow, again looking for a job.”

Kerouac: “We arrived in Bakersfield in late afternoon. The plan was to hit every fruit wholesaler in town...the thought of living in a tent and picking grapes in the cool California mornings hit me right.”

Reddick: Sunday, July



days of one another, that their experiences acutely coincided. On July 9th, 1947, my father wrote, “Money going pretty

13th, 1947: “Only around 50 miles to Fresno and as it was

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# Board of Health reviews newly established recovery efforts

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Health (BOH) had several appointments at its most recent meeting, including with Recovery Coach John Pike at the Connect2Recovery Team.

The program serves residents over 18 free of charge. Pike said his job is to help any resident in Town looking to start their recovery process in any way he can.

“A recovery coach is someone who helps people in the process of figuring out what they want to do in their recovery journey,” Pike said. “When they figure out what that is and what that looks like, I’m there to help them figure out goals and how to achieve those goals. Housing is a big part of that – community resources; I like to think of myself as a resource broker. We have about seven items we deal with around that, like the housing piece, spiritual life, all the goals you want to center around your recovery. That could be weekly visits in the community too. I want to make myself known as a person who is approachable.”

Pike said he’s been working in the community with Riverside for five years now.

Norwood Health Department Director Stacey Lane said the program is run in partnership with Riverside Community Care and is funded through a grant. “It’s kind of the first of its kind program,” Lane said.

“It’s insurance blind, which means that anybody regardless of if they have insurance or don’t have insurance has the



Sanitarian Kyle Simpson

opportunity to receive recovery coach services,” Pike said.

Lane said patrons don’t have to have insurance because the services provided by Pike are already paid for through grant funding and Medicaid.

Pike said they primarily deal with residents who are over 18, but he said he would not be opposed to having conversations around working with the parents of underage residents who are looking for services. “The conversations around how to do that are being had somewhat in the background now,” he said.

Lane said the program is currently being run within the shared services agreement with five other municipalities, but they are looking to expand that. “We have hired John together in our shared services arrangement,” Lane said. “Not all the towns have signed on yet. There are now I believe five towns, and we’re waiting for a couple of the others to possibly sign on. But what’s great about this program is that it’s

just starting out and we’ve hired one person (Pike) full-time, and it can grow. So as the need grows, we can add someone, and Riverside is very well aware of that and is looking to the next step. Because we think this is going to be very popular.”

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“Just know we’re behind you 100 percent,” said BOH member Joan Jacobs.

Norwood Health Department Public Health Nurse Diana Hillery also came by, and after a question from Board members, reassured them that, at least as of the date of the meeting, there have been no confirmed cases of measles in the general area. According to

BOH

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residents remain connected to essential services here in Town.”

McCarthy said residents can see the Senior Center’s full host of services on its website at <https://tinyurl.com/y9rrthdj> or by calling 781-762-1201

Selectmen Chair Amanda Grow said State Sen. Michael Rush’s Office has reached out to inform the Town that funding has been secured for a renovation of the Norwood Central MBTA Station, which has been on the radar of the Norwood Historical Commission for some time now. Grow said they are looking to have a ceremony and announcement at the station on

May 13 around 1:30 p.m., though at the time of publication that is not set in stone. Grow asked Mazzucco to reach out to the Historical Commission to plan the ceremony accordingly, to which he said he would do.

Also on the calendar is the May 9 dedication of the Bernie Cooper Memorial Park at 4:30 p.m. The ribbon cutting itself will be outside rain or shine, but the ceremony may be moved to the Balch School if the weather gets too rough.

Selectman Bob Donnelly also said the Fourth of July Committee is fundraising and information for donations can be found at Town Hall.

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Registration is required for this in-person event. Sign up at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

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Sunday nothing was open—Farm Labor information closed too. Decided to stay at a motel—washed clothes this afternoon and tomorrow hope to get a job. This is right between the picking seasons so things might be tough."

Kerouac: "There were no jobs to be had, and much confusion, with everybody giving us innumerable tips, and no job materialized."

Reddick: "Monday, July 14th, 1947: First thing this morning went to Fresno and back to the Farm Labor Board. Was told that there were no jobs today but if we waited we might get one. Decided to forego this and headed for Los Angeles. Going to look for job tomorrow morning."

Kerouac: "First we had to work to earn enough money for the trip...for two days, we read the want ads of wild LA papers."

Reddick: "Los Angeles, July 15th, 1947: Awoke early this morning after a rather cramped night, I was in the front seat. Looked through the paper and only job that we could find was laborers wanted in Glendale. Went over there and after waiting for 45 minutes was told they weren't hiring today. A gas station attendant recommended American Aircraft Corp. Went over there, filled out application and then was told sorry, no jobs available now. 100 or more also there. Decided that L.A. was definitely not the place to find a job and as it was above our means to stay there decided to head back east, looking for a job along the way. Are on Rt. 66 now."

Jack Kerouac returned east to craft the transformative jewel that beguiled a Beat Generation, and began a life of literary fame. The Sharon kid returned east to work forty years as a foreman at Bird & Son. He never knew he had traveled America on the same roads and at the same time as the Lowell kid famously had, indeed, I doubt my father even knew who Jack Kerouac was.

Christmas passes, and December ends. Today, my father's green book diary and Kerouac's masterpiece sit side-by-side on my bookshelf. I like to think that I know something about my father's life that he had never discovered, or maybe just something of my life he never knew he had bequeathed.

I remember it for him, still.

*"Don Reddick is a writer from Norwood.*

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## NFD responds to car fire on 95



The Norwood Fire Department (NFD) reported responding to a car fire on May 2 with Sharon and Walpole at Route 95. The NFD reported 10 other emergency calls that morning and thanked its mutual aid partners for the needed assistance.

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the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as of May 1, 2025, there have been confirmed cases in adjacent states Rhode Island, Vermont, and New York. There have been a total of 935 confirmed cases in 27 other jurisdictions, including Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York City, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Washington.

The CDC stated that 96 percent of the cases confirmed had an unvaccinated status or unknown vaccine status.

Also at the meeting, Environmental Health Agent Angelo De Luca and Sanitarian Kyle Simpson gave their monthly reports. The pair said there were only two followup inspections at Buffalo's Pizza and Sayar's Market.

K Cafe has passed its pre-opening inspections and is now open. De Luca said he performed the final inspection for Biddy Mulligan's, and that should be opening soon.

In other news, Mental Health Awareness Training Program Director Elizabeth Barrett came by to tell the Board the Norwood Health Department will be hosting a mental health training day on May 20 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The training can be split up to half during the day and half online. Barrett said this is for anyone over the age of 18 looking for training to help those facing mental health issues. The training is open to any resident who lives, works or has a stake basically in the Town. For more information and how to sign up, email Barrett directly at [ebarrett@norwoodma.gov](mailto:ebarrett@norwoodma.gov)

## School Transportation *continued from page 1*

exemptions will still be subject to the administrative processing fee. He said the family cap is set at 2.5 riders, meaning no family will have to pay more than \$750.

"If they register by June, they pay zero," he said.

NPS Superintendent Timothy Luff emphasized that this is actually a reduction by \$25 to the total fee, if parents sign up on time.

"Those administrative costs go up because we're re-routing every time we have to make a change and that costs us more," he said. "It really makes sense that we're increasing those costs and decreasing the cost overall for kids. I think it's a good recommendation."

The Board voted unanimously 3-0 to approve the fees as presented, effective on May 1 this year.

The committee also discussed facilities updates with Townwide Facilities Department Director Paul Riccardi, who said they are continuing the department's goal of changing all the light bulbs in the schools to LED. He said they just finished putting new

bulbs in at the Prescott School over spring break.

"That was the last elementary school where we changed all the light bulbs to LEDs," he said. "Now every school, except the high school, has LEDs," he said. "At the high school, the corridors are LEDs, but we haven't gotten to the classrooms yet. It's 73 classrooms; a lot of work, and we have to figure out how we're going to do it."

Riccardi said the department also just finished the Oldham Gymnasium and stage renovation over spring break.

"If you get a chance, go down there and see the magic the floor guys do when they redo a floor," he said.

Moving to the future, Riccardi said the department has three other gymnasiums they would like to redo this year, including the Callahan School, the Savage Center and the Willett School.

Riccardi said they are also working to get the Coakley Middle School done on time. He said the substantial completion date is June 6, with other lighter work that needs to be done after to make the

building fit for the general public.

"All the tradesmen are working a lot of hours to get it done," he said.

Riccardi pointed out that the schools are benefiting by the combined Facilities Department, which used to have the general government facilities budget and the schools facilities budget separate.

"That is a benefit to the School Department because when the splits were developed for the Facilities Department, the eight core maintenance workers and the central administrative staff, the school department paid 50 percent," he said. "For the levels we've been at for the last five years, it's a been a bargain for the school department."

Riccardi said so far, the Norwood High School (NHS) is taking up the majority of work orders for his department.

"I predict that by this time next year, the Coakley Middle School will lead the way, only because there is so much equipment in that school that has to be maintained, and so we'll see the balance of the work orders change," he said.

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**FRIENDLY PUZZLE  
FACEOFF**

Love doing puzzles? Want to test your speed against others? Come join us for a friendly puzzle face-off against other teams on Saturday May 10, at 2:30pm - 4pm in the Simoni Room.

How does the race work? Up to 8 teams will compete, with a maximum of 4 people per team. Feel free to name your team! Families are welcome to come as a team; children aged 10+ will count as a team member. One puzzle per team. Puzzles will be 500 pieces and identical in design. Race will kick off at 2:30pm and will end at 4pm. Please plan on arriving by 2:20 pm at the latest, so we can start on time. The team with the most completed puzzle by the end of the race will be the winner, but everyone gets the bragging rights!

This program is free and open to all, but please note that the difficulty level of the puzzle design is most suitable for tweens, teens and adults. Please let only one team member register for the whole team. You will be prompted to enter the number of participants in your team. Please do not register each member of your team separately.

**BE WISE: VERIFYING  
REPUTABLE SOURCES**

Morrill Memorial Library is running a monthly program series delving into the many aspects of media literacy and online engagement, with programs held on the second Tuesday of the month and focusing on a different topic. This series invites you to explore your engagement with online information and learn how to navigate the internet safely and confidently. Each session is designed as a standalone program, so while you are welcome to attend the whole series, you can also come just for the sessions that interest you!

Our third event in the series is titled "Verifying Reputable Sources" and will be held on Tuesday, May 13 starting at

7:00pm in the Simoni Room.

Join Adult Services Librarian Heath Umbreit to learn about verifying reputable sources. We'll explore what lateral reading is and why it can be helpful in verifying information; how to evaluate whether search results are reputable or not; and what the difference is between primary and secondary sources.

**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. From April onwards we will be hosting two Lego Clubs. Our May Lego club meetings will be held in-person at the library on following dates and times: Thursday May 22nd from 12:30pm -1:30pm. Wednesday, May 28th from 10:30am-11:30am. Please join us on 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.

**ROLE AND FUNCTION  
OF MOD**

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with MA Office on Disability to bring an info session about the role and function of MA Office of Disability (MOD) to the public. The program is called Know Your Government: Massachusetts Office on Disability and it will be held on Thursday May 15 at 6:30PM. Please note that this program is virtual.

MOD is a small state agency that provides information, guidance, and training on disability-related civil rights and architectural access. They help people understand their disability rights and obligations, how regulations apply to the specifics of their

situation, and practical steps they can take to assert their rights and comply with the law. There are a lot of state agencies and other organizations that serve the disability community. This presentation will help you navigate the government, have more successful government interactions, and learn more about MOD and how they can help you. It does not include legal information.

Please note that this program is virtual and is free and open to the public. Registration is required. Registrants will be sent the Zoom link. If you would like to submit any questions to the speaker beforehand, you will be prompted to do so during the registration process.

**MONDAY MOVIE  
MATINEE**

Morrill Memorial Library is excited to continue our Monday Movie Matinee, a film series starting on May 12. The series will run from May-August. 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 May through August to enjoy an eclectic mix of movies. Movie dates are: 5/12, 6/9, 6/23, 7/14, 7/28, 8/11, 8/25. May movie is: Conclave (120 mins) -PG.

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About the presenter: Varla Ventura is an author, traveler, rotten botanist, and lover of the strange. She has authored several books on bizarre and freaky things, from paranormal women's history to werewolves and banshees to plants that smell like death. She is a committed supernaturalist, folklorist, and seeker of those shadowy things that scrape at your window in the night. Her latest book, Enchanted Plants: A Treasury of Botanical Folklore and Magic, explores the gardens of fairy and folk tales, where plants and their magic and medicine are central to the story. When not writing, she can be found lurking tending her poison garden, and exploring the graveyards and forests in Minnesota.

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Coakley Middle School

Registration forms are available at the Coakley Middle School, the Morrill Memorial Library, St. Catherine's School, and the WCC Thrift Shop. 1091 Washington Street, Norwood. (Thrift Shop retail hours are Wednesday 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

According to WCC Educational Committee Chairperson, Barbara Brierley, presenters at the annual babysitting course will include the Norwood Police Department's safety officer, a NFD fire fighter, a registered nurse, a professional babysitter/nursery school teacher, and a librarian. Certificate from the WCC (an all-volunteer, non-profit community service organization) will be given to students who complete the course.

PARKWAY CONCERT ORCHESTRA ON MAY 18

Parkway Concert Orchestra presents a spring concert, 'They Came to Visit' on Sunday, May 18 at 3 p.m. at Ursuline Academy, 85 Lowder Street, Dedham. Music Director Thomas Kociela conducts the 50 piece non-profit orchestra in a varied program celebrating musicians who experienced our country firsthand. The program includes Pomp and Circumstance March No. 3 by Elgar, the Largo from Dvorak's New World Symphony, music from 'The Gladiator,' and Tritsch Tratsch Polka by Johann Strauss, Jr. The concert features soprano Aurora Martin singing Handel, Mozart and Schubert, composers performed by the legendary 'Swedish Nightingale' Jenny Lind.

Donation is \$15; \$10 for seniors and students; and free for children under 12 years old. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. For more information, please visit the orchestra's web site at www.ParkwayConcertOrchestra.org, call 781-444-5041 or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/parkwayconcertorchestra.

MAY MONTHLY BALLROOM DANCE

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging will be sponsoring their monthly Ballroom dance on Friday May 16th from 7-10 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood. Music will be provided by Tom Bruhl and the cost is \$12.00 per person for your Ballroom Dancing pleasure. Coffee, tea, water & desserts will be served & there are also door prizes. We look forward to welcoming newcomers of all ages so come one, come all and have a ball!!! 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

5TH ANNUAL PRIDE CELEBRATION

We invite everyone to join the town's fifth annual Pride Celebration on the Norwood Town Common on Saturday, May 31 from 4:00-6:00 pm. Spearheaded by Progress Norwood, the annual Norwood Pride Celebration is sponsored by a rainbow of other town departments and local organizations, including the Morrill Memorial Library.. We encourage you to support our local downtown businesses for dinner or bring your own food and

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whatever else you'll need for comfort and weather. Everyone is invited to dress comfortably and colorfully for this fun, casual celebration with neighbors and family. This is a drop-in event and no registration is required. Our rain date is June 8, 5:00-7:00 pm.. Our theme this year is planting seeds and growing together. Progress Norwood will provide craft activities and our Norwood Pride lawn signs will be available for sale. This year we will be fundraising for Out Metrowest, supporting LGBTQ+ youth in the Metro Boston area.

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP TO MEET

The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 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

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. —E.H.

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 CHICKEN BAKE

The Norwood VFW will be serving a Chicken Dinner on Sunday, May 18 at 2:00 PM. This will be served in the Post Lounge Room. The meal will include a one-half Barbequed Chicken, with Corn on the Cobb and a Baked Potato. Dessert is also included to finish the meal. The cost is only \$12.00 per person. This meal is open to the Public. Everyone is welcome. Tickets are available to purchase at the VFW. The VFW Post is located at 193 Dean Street in Norwood. The VFW Post is next to the

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court  
DOCKET No. BR22P3079GD**

<p><b>CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN</b></p> <p><b>In the Interests of: Beatrice Facchiano of Norwood, MA</b></p>	<p><b>Bristol Probate and Family Court Office of Register Suite 240 40 Broadway Taunton, MA 02780</b></p> <p><b>RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/ Protected Person</b></p>
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To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Shelly Oakes of Braintree, MA** in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: **Expand the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent**

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court before: 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **06/06/2025**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to this petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing a written appearance you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.**


Witness, Hon. Katherine A. Field, First Justice of this Court  
Date: April 30, 2025  
Thomas C. Hoye, Jr., Register of Probate

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court  
DOCKET No. NO25P0992EA**

<p><b>CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION</b></p> <p><b>Estate of: Steven Herrick Snell Date of Death: 03/09/2025</b></p> <p>To all interested persons: A Petition for <b>Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative</b> has been filed by <b>Julie A. Snell of Philadelphia, PA and Katie S. Sellitto of Roslindale, MA</b> requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.</p> <p>The Petitioner requests that: <b>Katie S. Sellitto of Roslindale, MA and Julie A. Snell of Philadelphia, PA</b> be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve <b>Without Surety</b> on the bond in <b>unsupervised administration</b>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>IMPORTANT NOTICE</b></p> <p><b>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 06/04/2025. 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.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>WITNESS, Hon. Lee M. Peterson, First Justice of this Court. Date: May 01, 2025 Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate</b></p>	<p><b>Norfolk Probate and Family Court 35 Shawmut Road Canton, MA 02021 781-830-1200</b></p>
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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.*

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Monday, April 28

0833 Radio - PD-Warrant Report Follows Location/Address: Orleans Rd Arrest: Olefsky, Lucia Mae Address: 18 Orleans Rd Norwood, Ma Age: 39 Charges: Drug, Possess To Distrib Class B, Subsq. Drug, Possess To Distrib Class A, Subsq. Drug, Possess To Distrib Class C, Subsq. Drug, Possess To Distrib Class E, Subsq. Drug, Possess To Distrib Class C, Subsq. Drug, Possess To Distrib Class B, Subsq. C94c §32a(B) Drug, Possess Class E Arrest: Orso, Sean Barrett Address: 18 Plymouth St Canton, Ma Age: 40 Charges: Drug, Possess To Distrib Class B Drug, Possess To Distrib Class A Drug, Possess To Distrib Class C Drug, Possess To Distrib Class E Drug, Possess To Distrib Class C Drug, Possess To Distrib Class B Drug, Possess Class E

1233 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Alpine Rd neighbor yelling obscenities. Spoke to those parties they were just blowing off steam. They declined services units clear

1428 911 - PD-Missing Person Services Rendered Location/Address: Village Rd E Caller on 911 reporting she has found a lost child, about 2 year old possible mixed white Nike shirt, walking around. Caller now in front of town homes. Caller states she located the child right in front of above address Child got out while mother was dealing with at home issues. Child reunited with mother at Village Rd East

1507 911 - PD-Vandalism Report Follows Location/Address: Village Rd E Caller reports that her vehicle was keyed and dented.

2015 Initiated - PD-Follow-Up Investigation Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Lansdowne Way 1 party in custody. en route back to station.

2311 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: Sturtevant Ave Upstairs neighbors acting very loud, she has two children under 7. Caller has been advised by the landlord to contact the police. NWD 662 reports ongoing issue between 2nd and 3rd

floor. 3rd floor did not answer the door. Landlord is aware of this.

Tuesday, April 29

1431 Initiated - PD-Warrant Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Norwest Dr

1503 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Morrill Memorial Library - Walpole St HQ over the intercom requesting dispatch. Calling party would like to speak to an officer regarding a male party who keeps falling asleep on their property. Letter of disinvite. The letter was served. Male party left w/o incident. There is a 30 day stay away order.

1813 Phone - PD-Assist Public Spoke With Location/Address: Hill St Caller reporting that her neighbors behind her are purposely trying to get her dogs angry by kicking a ball at her fence. States it is an on-going problem. Spoke to caller and one of the apartments is throwing scraps of food and getting her dogs riled up. Heading to the apartment building in an attempt to get land lord information. Left a message with the landlord advising her of the complaint and to tell her tenants not to throw food over the fence.

1906 Initiated - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Investigated Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy + Access Rd Older model red street bike no plate high rate of speed northbound. Op is WM with white helmet, dark clothing, and yellow backpack.

2009 911 - PD-Suspicious Activity Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: Railroad Ave Arrest: Burkett, Stephanie Address: 52 Railroad Ave Norwood, Ma Age: 36 Charges: Straight Warrant

Wednesday, April 30

0012 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: St George Ave Group of 4 juveniles on the side walk and they are talking loudly. Spoke to the parties outside. They were residents of one of the apartments. They have been advised of the complaint but no excessive noise.

0035 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: - St George Ave Caller stating that the same group of juveniles

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are outside causing too much noise. They are residents of St George Ave and they have headed in for the night.

1125 Initiated - PD-Illegal Dumping Spoke With Location/Address: Fulton St Off following up with a party that was possibly dumping grass on a different property. Spoke with the resident at the address and they were advised. Also spoke with the RP. Clear.

2147 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: Deerfield Rd Caller states about 5 or 6 high school aged juveniles are in vehicles with no lights on and one vehicle was driving up and down the street backwards. Spoke with those parties and they have been advised.

2324 911 - PD-Disturbance Report Follows Location/Address: May Institute - Commerce Way Caller on 911 reporting in building Russo is reporting an 18 y/o male party is being aggressive Male party being transported to the hospital under a Section 12. Report to follow.

Thursday, May 1

0342 911 - PD-Noise Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: - Lansdowne Way Caller on 911 reporting a noise complaint involving stomping their feet and playing loud music coming from the above location. Contact made with the resident on TV was on but was not loud. Everything else checks out.

1534 Walk-In - PD-Suspicious Activity Report Follows Location/Address: Village Rd W Walk in reports someone broke her daughter's fence and damaged the shed door.

2125 911 - PD-Disturbance Spoke With Location/Address: Convenient Food Mart - Washington St 911- couple of guys giving owner a hard time. They were asked to leave and they will not leave. Still in the store. They do not have a car. Spoke to both parties, they were advised. The involved were trying to buy alcohol with no ID.

2244 Phone - PD-Disturbance Peace Restored Location/Address: Limey's Pub - Washington St Employee reporting she has a customer causing a verbal disturbance and refusing to leave. Subject was verbally trespassed by the owner in front of 4 officers. That party has left the premise. All units clear.

Friday, May 2

0837 Phone - PD-Illegal Dumping Spoke With Location/Address: Fulton St Caller doesn't wish to charge at this time, they will follow up. Late entry- Caller on the business line reporting someone put items in his dumpster.

0922 911 - PD-Disturbance Arrest(s) Made Vicinity of: Subaru Of New England - Morse St 911- caller/passersby reports two men having a physical altercation, throwing fists. Unknown weapons. Caller no longer in area. Arrest: Luma, Sandrax Address: 2401 Village Rd W Norwood, Ma Age: 32 Charges: A&B To Collect Loan Attempt To Commit Crime

1507 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Holly Dr Caller on the business line reporting leaf blowers have been going on all day. Landscaping company wrapping up for the day. Caller advised.

1521 Phone - PD-Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: Coakley Middle School - Washington St Party will be served with a no trespass.

2037 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Hamilton Cir Caller reporting about 2-3 male juveniles rang her door bell and wandered to the side of her home by her driveway. 1 party wearing a white t shirt and 1 party in a black hoodie. Caller believes they walked towards Thompson rd. Units off at Hamilton Cir speaking w/ the juveniles. Spoke w/ the two juveniles. They misunderstood and went to the wrong address for senior assassin. All units clear.

2115 Phone - PD-Suspicious Activity Sent On Way Location/Address: Thompson Rd 911 caller reports there are 5 cars outside of residence blocking one car in. All teenage parties no fighting reported at this time. 4 cars attempting to block 1 vehicle in for senior assassin. They have been advised to stop for the night and are heading home.

Saturday, May 3

0817 Phone - PD-Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Woodbine Rd Caller reports that he got into a verbal argument over a trailer parked by a contractor. They are no longer in a verbal argument. Looking for assistance in moving the trailer to a better spot. Spoke to owner of trailer and he is on the way back to move it to a better spot. Advised RP to call back if he has any other problems.

0839 Phone - PD-Road Obstruction Services Rendered Location/Address: Fales Ave + Eisenhower Rd Caller reports that there is a bag of some kind in the roadway causing a hazard. Bag has been removed from the roadway.

1006 Phone - PD-Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Hill St Caller reports that her dog is outside and her neighbors are riling up her dog. Appears to be an issue with the dog barking. ACO to be contacted to assist with this. Any further issues Norwood Housing can be called to assist between the parties. Spoke to all parties. They have been advised not to interact with the dog and any further issues they will call and follow-up with the ACO.

1221 911 - PD-Unwanted

Party Spoke With Location/Address: Sylvia's Braiding Bar - Washington St Caller on 911 reports an employee has been sleeping there and she wants her and her belongings removed. Dropped off without incident.

1419 Phone - PD-Assist Public Spoke With Location/Address: Shaw's Supermarket - Nahatan St Caller reports a vehicle is parked with children inside. Nobody has come to the vehicle in the last 5 minutes or so. Vehicle left prior arrival. Caught up with the vehicle. Spoke to mother and children and they all check out okay.

1526 Phone - PD-Motor Vehicle Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Fairview Rd Party looking to speak with officer in regards to their vehicle being struck overnight. Party reporting minor damage to front of vehicle, possibly sustained around 01:30 hours last night. Caller is going to check footage and will call back if necessary.

1643 911 - PD-Suspicious Activity Spoke With Location/Address: St Timothy Church - Nichols St Father Boudreau reporting a male party showed up on the property and exposed himself and urinated on the pavement. Party left area in an unknown direction in an older model Chevy or Ford, grey or white in color. Parties off towards Walpole/Westwood. Information given out over South District and to Walpole and Westwood. All parties advised, and backfilled.

Sunday, May 04

1217 911 - PD-Animal Complaint Taken/Referred to Other Agency Location/Address: Hillcrest Rd 911 caller reports loose dog from Hillcrest dog is heading towards Route 1 at this time from the address. Dog is going back and forth from the rear of the dealerships and Hillcrest Rd. ACO notified and en route

1345 Phone - Health & Welfare Check Services Rendered Location/Address: - Wickham Way Caller on the business line looking for a HWC on her daughter and her partner due not hearing from them since 4/19. All units are clear, the parties are reportedly on their way to the library to try and contact the CP.

1600 911 - PD-Vandalism Report Follows Location/Address: Lenox St 911 caller reports two female teenagers kicked out his fence and are now heading towards the shopping center where Shaw's is. One female is wearing grey sweatpants long blonde hair white female dark colored t shirt 2nd female black female dark colored hoodie bonnet Off with the parties inside of CVS Units are clear, OF assigned to 661.

1642 Phone - PD-Assist Public Services Rendered Location/Address: Silvia's Braiding Bar - Washington St Language barrier, issue with previous employee (let go yesterday) trying to pick up items at the braiding salon. Caller reporting PD is needed. No active disturbance.

2243 Phone - PD-Noise Complaint Spoke With Location/Address: E Vernon St Caller on business line reporting a loud outdoor party, requesting an officer ask them to quiet down Party wrapping up now, they'll keep it down

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department**  
 Docket No. NO25P1043GD

**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**

<p><b>In the matter of:</b>                  Penelope Mary Jane Kramer                  Of: Westwood, MA</p>	<p><b>RESPONDENT</b>                  Alleged Incapacitated Person</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Norfolk Probate and Family Court</b>                  35 Shawmut Road                  Canton, MA 02021</p>
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To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Jamie L. Branco of Norwood, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Penelope Mary Jane Kramer** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Jamie L. Branco of Norwood, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **05/28/2025**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.**

**Witness, Hon. Lee M. Peterson, First Justice of this Court**  
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come to attend. To offer the family an online condolence, please visit [www.rickerfh.com](http://www.rickerfh.com) Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is assisting the family with arrangements.

## BURKE



Mary Lou (Jacobson) "ML" "SASS", The legend of Norwood passed away on April 28, 2025, at the age of 89. Devoted mother of Elizabeth Burke of Wareham, Marie Dolan and her husband, Robert of Smithfield, RI, Theresa Burke and her husband, Mark Lee of Taunton, John Burke and his wife, Marilyn of Plainville and the late Dennis Burke. Daughter of the late Alvin and Catherine (Carbone) Jacobson. Cherished grandmother of Adrian Dugre, Julie Dolan, Marissa Burke and the late Janine Burke. Visiting Funeral from the Kraw Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., NORWOOD, MA 02062. A funeral home Service was held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the MSPCA or your favorite animal shelter. For complete notice, go to [www.kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com](http://www.kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com)

## CARON



Paul John of Norfolk, formerly of Norwood, passed away suddenly on Friday, April 25, 2025, at the age of 71. Paul leaves his wife of 48 years, Donna (Mellon) Caron, three children and their spouses as well as eight grandchildren. He was the father of Gregory Caron and his wife, Maria, of Hollis, NH; Brenda McDonough and her husband, John, of Fairfield, CT; and Andrea Nouss and her husband, James, of Old Greenwich, CT. Paul enjoyed time with his eight grandchildren: Jack, Abby, Savannah, Phoebe, Daphne, Reid, Louise and Margot. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews. Paul was the son of the late John P. Caron and Margaret (Flaherty) Caron of Norwood. He was the brother of Michael Caron and his wife, Cheryl, of Walpole, and the late Maryellen Lennon-Arms and her husband, Matthew Arms, of Norwood. Paul was a member of

the class of 1971 at Norwood High School, a 1976 graduate of Northeastern University, and earned his master's degree from CW Post, Long Island University. Paul spent many years on active duty in the United States Army and retired as a Major in 1994. He was especially proud of his years as a master parachutist and rigger in the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, NC. His service included a three-year tour in Germany and several assignments in the USA. After retiring from the US Army Paul became a CPA and worked for various big consulting firms implementing Oracle software. He then went on to become a VP at State Street Corporation for many years until retirement. Paul was a man of many talents and there were no home improvement tasks he wouldn't tackle. He had woodworking skills and built a sandbox, doll beds, shoe racks, picnic tables and a locker system for his grandchildren. He would tile a backsplash, install bathroom fixtures and throw in a floor for his family. He painted, landscaped and fixed cars. Paul was always a fitness enthusiast. He swam laps at the pool, walked the neighborhood routinely and rode his bicycle many miles. He especially liked riding scenic bike trails with Donna on his e-bike. A Funeral Service was held in the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood on Monday May 5. Interment with Military Honors was at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton.

## COMEAU



COURTNEY C. of Norwood passed away on April 28, 2025 at the age of 93. Beloved husband of the late Carol A. (Farrell) Comeau. Devoted father of J. Allan Comeau and his wife Terra of WA, Catherine A. Girard and her husband Joseph of Norwood, Elise M. Comeau and her husband David Madden of Walpole and Wayne D. Comeau and his wife Stephanie of Plainville. Brother of Robert Comeau of FL and the late George Comeau. Son of the late Charles Courtney and Emilie M. Comeau. Cherished grandfather of Jackie, Jacob, Amanda, Brian (Michela) Joseph, Nicholas (Hannah), Alex and Gillian. Great grandfather of Brook, Curtis, Logan, Legend and Madeline. Cherished travel companion Michelle Gerrior. Courtney was a 1951 graduate of Waltham High School. He was a member of the Norwood Elks, the American Legion Post #440 in Newton and the Nutmeg Winnies in CT. Courtney was part of the Boy's Scout Adult Training program. He was also a member of the Local #103 Electricians Union. Funeral from

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the Kraw Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood, MA. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the Norwood Senior Center 275 Prospect Street Suite 4, Norwood, MA 02062. Courtney was a Korean War US Air Force Veteran.

## COSTELLO



Geraldine E. (Shea), age 78, of Walpole, Tuesday, February 11, 2025. Born in Jamaica Plain, she was the daughter of the late John J. and Freada (Barrie) Shea. Geraldine was the beloved wife of the late James Costello. She was the sister of John M. Shea of Groton, Robert J. Shea of Walpole, Margaret M. Shea and Christine M. Reagan, both of Norwood, and the late Ann Marie Conti and Joseph C. Shea. Geraldine was the sister-in-law of Beth Shea of Mansfield. The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to all those at Old Colony Hospice for their kind and compassionate care in Geraldine's final days. A Graveside Service will be held for Geraldine, James Costello and Ann Marie Conti, at St. Joseph's Cemetery, 990 LaGrange Street, WEST ROXBURY on Friday May 9th at 11:30 AM. Arrangements are in the care of Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Geraldine's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, see [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)

## FLAHERTY



Jacqueline F. (Nardin) "Jackie" of Norwood passed away peacefully surrounded by family on April 30th, 2025, at the age of 95. Beloved wife of the late Joseph P. Flaherty (Ret. Det. Norwood PD) Devoted mother of Kathleen Juskiewicz and her husband William of Millis, Joseph Flaherty Jr. (Ret. Norwood PD) of Norwood, Patricia Lessard and her husband Michael of Norwood, and Timothy Flaherty and his wife Barbara of Wisconsin. She was predeceased by her son Thomas Flaherty and survived by his wife Corazon of Cali-

fornia. Jackie was blessed with fourteen grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren who loved her deeply. She was the sister of the late Vera, Gloria, Doris, and late brother. Jackie was also survived by many nieces and nephews. Born on October 24th, 1929, in Norwood Massachusetts, she was the daughter of Augustus and Ella Nardin. Graduated from Norwood High School/Peabody School. Jackie was a retired data processor at Merck & Company. Jackie's greatest love first and foremost was for her family. Jackie and her husband Joe loved to spend time in Mashpee, MA and Port Charlotte, FL, with many hours spent swimming and boating with much of her family present. She was an avid self-taught jack of all trades. She had many skills in carpentry, electrical, and plumbing, having been involved in countless family projects. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., NORWOOD. A funeral home service was held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 followed by a burial in Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the Old Colony Hospice 321 Manley St. W. Bridgewater, MA 02379.

## KAPLAN



Alan S., of Sharon and Boynton Beach, Florida, died on April 30, 2025 after a short illness at the age of 75. Alan is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Leslie (Kachinsky), his adoring daughter Alyssa Abrams, and her husband David of Norwood, and his cherished grandsons, Mason Abrams of Norwood and Ethan Abrams of New Bern, NC. He is also survived by a sister, Jerilyn Glassman of Norwood. Alan was born in Brockton on August 6, 1949 to his devoted parents, Mollie (Clamon) and Nathan Kaplan, of blessed memory. Alan was a graduate of Brockton High School Class of 1967, University of Massachusetts, and Suffolk University School of Law, where he served as a staff and senior staff member of the law review. After serving as a judicial clerk to the Superior Court of Delaware, Alan practiced law in Brockton for 42 years, with the firms Goldberg & Eskenas, and Eskenas & Kaplan, P.C. Alan was a long-time member of Temple Beth Emunah in Brockton where he served as president of the Brotherhood and member of the Board of Directors. An avid golfer, he was a member of Thorny Lea Golf Club for 35 years. He enjoyed golf during his vacations and winters in Florida. Funeral services took place on Monday, May 5, 2025 at Stanetsky Memorial Chapel, 475 Washington Street, Canton. Interment followed at

Sharon Memorial Park, 40 Dedham Street, Sharon. A memorial gathering followed at Thorny Lea Golf Club, 159 Torrey Street, Brockton. Donations in Alan's memory may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute at [www.danafarber.jimmyfund.org](http://www.danafarber.jimmyfund.org)

## NARBUT



ANN R. (Kavolius) of Norwood passed away on April 27, 2025 at the age of 81. Beloved wife of the late Thomas E. Narbut. Devoted mother of Caron Spencer and her husband Gordon of Plainville, Jennifer Felizardo and her husband Joe of NH, Thomas Narbut and his wife Teresa of Attleboro, Timothy T. Narbut of Norwood and Natalie Barrows of Norwood. Sister of the late Mary Frohn. Daughter of the late Vincent W. and Regina M. (Comier) Kavolius. A graveside service was held on Friday, May 2, 2025 at St. Mary's Cemetery, Randolph St. Canton, MA. Arrangements by the Kraw Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA.

## PARISI



MARK Andrew of Norwood passed away on April 29, 2025 at the age of 70. Devoted father of Amy McDonagh and her husband Noel of Norwood, Angela Parisi Juarez and her husband Issac of Kansas and the late Joseph M. Parisi. Brother of Lynne Parisi Anderson and her husband Keith of Norwood and David Parisi and his wife Linda of WA. Cherished grandfather of Audrey, Eoin, Mikey, Carolina and Bianca. Loving Uncle of 5 nephews. Son of the late Andrew A. and Flora J. (Grillo) Parisi. Mark was a 1973 graduate of Norwood High School. He was a member of the Norwood High School Band and Jazz Band while he was in school. Mark was also a longtime Town of Norwood, Little League Coach. A celebration of Life will be celebrated on June 21, 2025 at 12noon at 35 Orleans Road Norwood, MA 02062. Arrangements by the Kraw Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the Walpole VNA 85 West Street, Suite E-208 (2nd Floor) Walpole, MA 02081 [www.nwvna.org](http://www.nwvna.org)